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Cancer Cases In J&K Cross 10,000 In 2025

32,425 Cases In 3 Yrs;
SKIMS Alone Records 16,000



Location	2022	2023	2024	2025
SKIMS SOURA	5,108	5,387	5,791	5,791
GMC SRINAGAR	1,159	1,640	1,659	1,558
GMC JAMMU	1,767	2,206	2,569	2,569

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that a total of 32,425 cancer cases have been recorded across J&K over the past three years, with around 10,000 cases registered in 2025 alone.

In a written reply to a question by MLA Waheed-ur-Rehman Para, the Health and Medical Education Department said 6,804 cases were reported in the Jammu division between 2023 and 2025, while 25,621 cases were recorded in the Kashmir division between 2022 and 2024.

The most commonly detected cancers include lung, breast, oral, cervical, prostate and pancreatic cancers.

The government said comprehensive cancer care is being provided at the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences Soura and the State Cancer Institute at Government Medical College Jammu. Facilities include medical, surgical and radiation oncology services along with advanced diagnostics such as PET CT, CT

scan and MRI.

Specialised oncology services are also available at Government Medical Colleges in Jammu and Srinagar, though such facilities are not currently present at district hospitals or community health centres. PET scan services are presently limited to SKIMS Soura.

In a separate reply to a question by MLA Ahsan Pardesi, Health and Medical Education Minister Sakina Itoo said over 16,000 cancer cases were registered at SKIMS over the past three years. The institute recorded 5,108 cases in 2023, 5,387 in 2024 and 5,791 in 2025.

At Government Medical College Jammu, 1,767 cases were reported in 2023, 2,206 in 2024 and 2,569 in 2025. Government Medical College Srinagar registered 1,159 cases in 2022, 1,640 in 2023, 1,659 in 2024 and 1,558 in 2025.

The minister said the 100 bedded State Cancer Institute at SKIMS was established with central funding under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular **| More on P10**

3,982 Kanals Of Custodian Land Illegally Occupied: J&K Govt

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that 3,982 kanals and 1.5 marlas of custodian land in the Kashmir division are under illegal occupation or litigation.

Replying to a question by MLA Abdul Majeed Bhat, the Revenue Department said the total notified evacuee (custodian) land in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions stands at 1,44,932 kanals and 6 marlas.

Of this, 55,960 kanals



and 15.25 marlas fall in the Kashmir division, out of which 3,982 kanals, 1.5 marlas and 97 square feet are under illegal occupation or subject to litigation, it said.

The government said

the Evacuee Property Department has initiated action under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Evacuee (Administration of Property) Act, 2006 and the rules framed **| More on P10**

Grants Worth Rs 6,779 Cr Approved For 4 Deptts

The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Friday passed grants worth Rs 3,241.77 crore for public health engineering, Rs 1,524.82 crore for forest, ecology and

environment, Rs 1,606.99 crore for irrigation and flood control and Rs 406.01 crore for tribal affairs. The grants for the departments were passed through a **| More on P10**

12,000 Kg Rotten Meat Destroyed In J&K

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that more than 12,000 kilograms of rotten and unsafe meat has been seized and destroyed across the Union Territory during the current financial year 2025-26 till December.

Replying to a question in the House, the Health and Medical Education Department said that incidents relating to the sale and seizure of rotten or unsafe meat were reported in the Kashmir Valley during routine surveillance and special enforcement drives. However, it clarified that food adulteration was not a generalised phenomenon.

According to official data, 1,676 inspections were conducted and **| More on P10**

India Contributes 16% To Global Growth: PM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said India contributes more than 16 per cent to global growth today and expressed confidence that the country will emerge as a new engine of world economy.

In this decade of the 21st century, he said, India is riding on the 'Reform Express', and its biggest specialty is that "we are accelerating it not out of compulsion, but with conviction and with reform commitment".

Modi made the remarks while speaking at the ET Now Global Business Summit 2026.

"India accounts for 16 per cent of global growth, and I am confident that our contribution will continue to increase in the future. India



is poised to drive the world's economic growth and emerge as a new engine of global growth," he said.

In his address, the Prime Minister spoke on host of issues, including how India is moving towards becoming the world's third largest economy.

Observing that at the start of the last decade, India was the 11th largest economy, he said "amid so much **| More on P10**

J&K Govt Rules Out Waiver For KCC Loans

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that there is no proposal to waive Kisan Credit Card (KCC) loans for farmers affected by recent floods or blockades.

The reply, provided by the Agriculture Production Department to a question raised by an MLA, said KCC is a central government-backed financial scheme that provides soft loans at lower interest rates to benefit farmers across the country.

Officials noted that the scheme is designed to support agricultural and horticultural activities, and the government does not have a mandate to grant loan



waivers under its provisions. Farmers can, however, continue to access credit under the scheme for various crop and horticulture-related purposes.

The government said it remains committed to supporting the agriculture sector through existing financial instruments and other schemes aimed at mitigating losses caused by natural events or infrastructural disruptions.

Stormy First Leg Of Parliament's Budget Session Ends

LS To Meet Again On March 9 After Recess



KO Web Desk

New Delhi: The tumultuous first leg of the Budget session concluded on Friday amid sustained confrontations between the government and the Opposition over the India US interim trade agreement and references to the unpublished memoir of former Army Chief M M Naravane. Parliament will now

reassemble on March 9 after a three week recess, during which standing committees will scrutinise allocations to various ministries under the Union Budget.

The session began on January 28 with President Droupadi Murmu addressing a joint sitting of both Houses. However, proceedings in the Lok Sabha turned acrimonious **| More on P10**

7 GMCs Approved For J&K: Ministry

Agencies

New Delhi: The Government of India on Friday informed the Lok Sabha that seven Government Medical Colleges have been approved for Jammu and Kashmir under a centrally sponsored scheme aimed at establishing new institutions attached to existing district or referral hospitals.

Replying to unstarred question No. 2500, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel said a total of 157 Government Medical Colleges have been approved across the country under the scheme, which is being implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The minister **| More on P10**



Boys play roadside cricket as others watch from the rocky hillside on a clear winter afternoon. KO Photo By Abid Bhat

"Hearath Poshte! Grand Mufti, CM Extend Greetings

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Grand Mufti of Kashmir Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam Farooqi has extended greetings to the Kashmiri Pandit community and the wider Hindu population on the eve of Hearath (Maha Shivratri), describing the festival as a symbol of Kashmir's long tradition of co-existence and shared culture.

In a statement, Farooqi, who is also chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Personal Law Board, said Maha Shivratri represents not only a sacred spiritual occasion but also a living reminder of the Valley's historic ethos of mutual respect and brotherhood. He said the festival reflects the idea of Kashmiriyat, a cultural identity rooted in compassion, pluralism **| More on P10**



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Tiny Pollution Particles Pose Bigger Threat To Mental Health: Study

Press Trust of India

Exposure to PM2.5 pollution can increase chances of depression and anxiety, with aerosol constituents of the pollutant particles more strongly linked with the mental health effects compared to other constituents, according to a study. Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, and National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, also found that the cumulative effect due to PM2.5 constituents exceeded that due to total mass of PM2.5 particles.

Findings published in the journal iScience indicate that relying solely on weight of PM2.5 particles can undermine mental health effects, the team said. The study supports emission controls targeted at sectors producing the most toxic species which may result in greater health benefits, they said. The researchers said exposure to PM2.5 is known to influence mental disorders, but the varying effects due to chemical components remain poorly understood, especially in low- and middle-income countries.



They looked at links between PM2.5 components and depression and anxiety among 34,802 adults from the National Mental Health Survey (2015-2016). Data from satellite and models were combined to relate one-year-long exposures to PM2.5 components with residential addresses of the participants. Mental health of the participants was assessed using standard diagnostic interviews. The authors found that an increase of 14.44 micrograms per cubic metre in

PM2.5 "raised the odds of depression and anxiety by eight per cent and two per cent, respectively." "Secondary inorganic aerosols and carbonaceous aerosols showed stronger associations than other constituents," they said. "Our analysis is the first of its kind in India, providing strong epidemiological evidence that exposures to total PM2.5 and its constituents are associated with depression and anxiety among adults, and the association varies with exposure to individual species," the team said.

Office Of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Baramulla

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Allotments Cancellation Notice

Allotments Cancellation Notice

- Subject:** 1. Providing Fitting of 1.5 HP priming pump at LIS Dangiwachha.
2. Providing, laying, Handling, Installation and testing of 200mm ND 4.5mm thick ERW welded pipes for rising main at LIS Dangiwachha.
- Reference:** 1. This office Allotment Order No:18C of 2022-23 Dated:09-06-2022 and 17C of 2022-23 dated:09-06-2022.
2. Chief Engineer Kashmir I&FC Department Srinagars Letter no:CE/I&FC/DB/17386-97 Dated:05-02-2026.
3. Superintending Engineer Mechanical Circle,Kashmir I&FC Department Srinagar authorization Letter No:MCO/T/9008-09 Dated:10-02-2026.

Apropos subject and references and in view of non execution of work in time and undersized material received at site which stands rejected abinitio,the subject work orders issued vide Allotments orders reflected at refrence s.no 1 are herewith cancelled and accordingly CDR no:254345 Dated:13-05-2022 amounting to Rs300/- and CDR No:254343 Dated:13-05-2022 amounting to Rs3900/- stands forfeited.

No: MIDB/Tech/3704-10
DIPK-10885/25
DATED: 13-02-2026

Executive Engineer
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Baramulla

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPEMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT KAKAPORA.

Subject:-Provisional Selection List of Anganwadi Workers (Sanginis) advertised vide no: CDPO/Kak/Adv/2025/319-34 Dated:-31-12-2025 and followed by extension date through corrigendum vide no. : CDPO/Kak/Adv/2026/346-61 Dated:-14.01.-2026 and inviting of objections/appeals thereof.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuance of Government Order No. 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 dated 28.04.2023 issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, and approvals accorded by the Mission Director Poshan J&K vide communication No. MD/Poshan/47234-41 dated:-24-12-2025 an Advertisement Notice was issued under notification No. CDPO/Kak/Adv/2025/319-34 Dated:-31-12-2025 followed by the extension date through corrigendum vide No:CDPO/Kak/Adv/2026/346-61 Dated:-14.01.-2026 for the engagement of 03 Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) for 03 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) of Poshan Project Kakapora. In response to the said advertisement,09 applications were received within the stipulated cut-off date against the notified vacancies. The merit of all eligible applicants has been determined strictly in accordance with the criteria prescribed under Government Order No. 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 dated 28.04.2023. On the basis of the merit thus derived, the Provisional Selection List of 03 Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) has been prepared by the duly constituted Selection Committee. The Provisional Selection List (Annexure "A") is hereby published for the information of the general public and to the concerned candidates. Submission of Objections: Candidates, if aggrieved, may submit objections/appeals, if any, in writing to the office of the Child Development Project Officer Kakapora against proper receipt within (10) days from the date of publication of this notice, during office hours. No objection or appeal shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.

Sd/-
Child Development Project Officer
Poshan Project Kakapora.

No: CDPO/POSHAN/Recruit/Kak/2026/407-16

Dated: - 13 -02-2026

Government of Jammu and Kash. mir

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPEMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT KAKAPORA (Annexure-A)

Merit Panel of the candidates applied for engagement of AWW's advertised Vide
Notification No:-CDPO/Kak/Adv/2025/319-34 Dated:-31-12-2025

Panchayat Halqa Ratnipora-B PC-II											
S No	Name of the candi-date	Parentage	Date of Birth	Residence	Pan-chayat/ Muncpal Ward No	Name of AWC Ap-plied for	Total Marks (10+2)	Marks Obtained (10+2)	Percent-age	Relation with re-tired aww Yes/No	Total Weight-age
1	Azra Altaf	D/o M.Altaf Mir	21.05.2004	Ratnipora	Ratnipora-B	Ratnipora-C	500	424	84.80	No	84.80
2	Mehvish Maqbool	W/o Towheed Shakeel	24.01.2000	Ratnipora	Ratnipora-B	Ratnipora-C	500	423	84.60	No	84.60
3	Najmus Saqib	D/o M.Yousuf Mir	05.08.1999	Ratnipora	Ratnipora-B	Ratnipora-C	500	268	53.60	No	53.60
Panchayat Halqa Nowpora Nowgam PC-I											
1	Nadia Nisar	D/o Nisar Ah Wani	20.12.2002	Nowpora Nowgam	Nowpora Nowgam	Lonepora	500	413	82.60	No	82.60
2	Nuzhar Qayoom	D/o Abdul Qayoom Bhat	25.09.2006	Nowpora Nowgam	Nowpora Nowgam	Lonepora	500	407	81.40	No	81.40
3	Aasifa Yousuf Wani	W/o Javid Ah Wani	10.03.2002	Nowpora Nowgam	Nowpora Nowgam	Lonepora	500	378	75.60	No	75.60
4	Rubiya Akhtar	W/o Lateef Ahmad Malik	16.04.1988	Nowpora Nowgam	Nowpora Nowgam	Lonepora	600	356	59.33	No	59.33
5	Rohi Jan	W/o Jahangir Ah Wani	15.02.1994	Nowpora Nowgam	Nowpora Nowgam	Lonepora	500	191	38.20	No	38.20
Panchayat Halqa Inder PC-II											
01	Aurooj Avub	D/o M. Ayoub Mir	16.06.2002	Inder	Inder	Inder-A	500	413	82.60	No	82.60

Sd/-
CDPO Kakapora

Government of Jammu and Kash. mir OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPEMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT KAKAPORA (Annexure-B)

Provisional selection list of the Applicants applied for engagement of Anganwadi Workers (sanginis) advertised vide
Notification No:- CDPO/Kak/Adv/2025/319-34 Dated:- 31.12.2025

S No	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Residence	Pan-chayat/ Muncpal Ward No	Name of AWC Ap-plied for	Total Marks (10+2)	Marks Obtained (10+2)	Percent-age	Relation with re-tired aww Yes/No	Total Weight-age
1	Azra Altaf Mir	D/o M.Altaf Mir	21.05.2004	Ratnipora	Ratnipora-B	Ratnipora-C	500	424	84.80	No	84.80
2	Nadia Nisar	D/o Nisar Ah Wani	20.12.2002	Nowpora Nowgam	Nowpora Nowgam	Lonepora	500	413	82.60	No	82.60
3	Aurooj Ayub	D/o M. Ayoub Mir	16.06.2002	Inder	Inder	Inder-A	500	413	82.60	No	82.60

No:- CDPO/Kak/2026/406
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ishfaq Shamas, resident of Hardi Bani, Kunzer, hereby inform the general public that I have applied for the renewal of Fertilizer Wholesale Licence in the name and style of M/S Ishfaq Fertilizers. If any person has any objection in this regard, he or she may submit the same in writing to the office of the Department of Agriculture, Jammu and Kashmir, Lal Mandi, Srinagar, within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the said period, no objection shall be entertained.

Name.Ishfaq Shamas
R/o Hardi Bani Kunzar

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (old name) MUGLI BANO W/O GHULAM MUSTAFA GAZI to (New name) MUGLEE BIBI W/O GHULAM MUSTAFA DARZI . In future I will be known as (new Name) MUGLEE BIBI W/O GHULAM MUSTAFA DARZI. If any body having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.
MUGLEE BIBI W/O GHULAM MUSTAFA DARZI
R/o BEMINA BUDGAM..
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NOTICE

I want to change the name in the electricity connection from Bashir Ahmad Shah bearing Consumer ID No.: 0204020003298 to Shah Muzaffar, S/o Bashir Ahmad Shah, R/o Madina Colony Rangpora Illahi bagh, Hazratbal, Srinagar.

If anybody has any objection, he/she may contact office of the Assistant Executive Engineer PDD Sub-Division Rainawari Srinagar within 7 Days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Shah Muzaffar

S/O: Bashir Ahmad Shah

R/o :- Madina Colony Rangpora Illahi bagh, Hazratbal, Srinagar.

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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 Aleeza Basharat D/o Basharat Nazir R/o Palhallan with verified date of birth 25/09/2020 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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FKO Naib Tehsildar Pattan

PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name on electricity bill bearing Consumer ID No: 0206050001018 From Abdul Ahad Dar S/o Late Abdul Razaq Dar to Ab Majeed Dar S/o Abdul Ahad Dar R/o Gund Khalil Narbal. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the Sub Division Narbal within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ab Majeed Dar
S/o Abdul Ahad Dar
R/o Gund Khalil Narbal

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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 Humaira Jan D/o Showkat Ahmad Wani R/o Wanigam Bala with verified date of birth 10/10/2023 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Mohammad ILhaan Pandith s/o Mohammad Ashraf Pandith R/o Aglar Tehsil Pattan with verified date of birth 03/03/2022 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Seerat Jan D/o Manzoor Ahmad Najar R/o Kanloo Tehsil Pattan with verified date of birth 10/07/2012 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that Ms. Ehsana Ashiq, D/o Ashiq Hussain Dar, R/o Deegam, Tehsil and District Shopian (UT of J&K), has applied for correction of her name in official records. That her name has been wrongly recorded as "Ashiyana Dar, D/o Ashiq Hussain" in certain records, including Aadhaar, due to a clerical/typographical error. The correct and actual name is "Ehsana Ashiq, D/o Ashiq Hussain Dar."

If any person has any objection to the said correction, he/she may submit the same in writing, along with valid proof, to the concerned authority within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it shall be presumed that no one has any objection to the said correction.

Date: ____
Place: Shopian
Ashiq Hussain Dar
F/o Ehsana Ashiq

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the name of the undersigned has been wrongly recorded in the Aadhaar records as Muzamil Jan. The correct and actual name is Muzaeena Akhter, W/o Fayaz Ahmad Alie, R/o Nildoor, Tehsil Hermain, District Shopian (J&K UT).

An affidavit to this effect has already been sworn before the competent authority. All concerned authorities are requested to kindly record and reflect the correct name as Muzaeena Akhter in their official records.

In case of any objection regarding the above correction, the same may be submitted before the concerned authority.

Muzaeena Akhter
R/o Nildoor, Tehsil Hermain,
District Shopian

fko

SWD Conducts Awareness Programme on Maternal Health

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Social Welfare Department, Srinagar, through SANKALP-Hub for Empowerment of Women (Mission Shakti), successfully organized an awareness cum training programme on Maternal Health with FMPHW's of District Srinagar today at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School Kothi Bagh, Srinagar.

The programme was aimed to educate women, families, and the broader community on the importance of prenatal care, institutional deliveries, postnatal support, and maternal nutrition. During the programme, healthcare professionals raised awareness about preventable maternal complications and the importance of timely medical intervention.

The programme commenced

with an interactive discussion underscoring that safe motherhood is not merely a health concern but a shared community responsibility. It was stressed that through awareness, education, and early intervention, maternal risks can be significantly minimized, ensuring healthier outcomes for both mothers and newborns.

Reaffirming its commitment to strengthening maternal health services at the grassroots level, the SANKALP-Hub for Empowerment of Women (Mission Shakti) emphasized that FMPHWs serve as the backbone of primary healthcare delivery in communities. Their dedication, regular field visits, and close engagement with families play a vital role in ensuring that every expectant mother receives timely care, guidance, and support.

Mirwaiz Stresses Centrality of Jama Masjid in Ramzan

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, has said that as the blessed month of Ramzan approaches, the historic Jama Masjid Srinagar and the holy month share a deep spiritual and historic bond. For centuries, the mosque has remained the central place of collective worship, reflection, repentance, and supplication during this sacred month.

Addressing the Friday congregation at Jama Masjid Mirwaiz expressed hope that the authorities will not impose restrictions as witnessed in previous years on significant occasions such as Shab-e-Qadr, Juma-tul-Vida, and Eid-ul-Fitr. He said that Ramzan is not only about individual devotion but also about collective 'ibadah, when thousands gather in unity for prayers and spiritual renewal. It deeply hurts the sentiments of people when, without reason, the largest mosque of the Valley is forcibly closed on such sacred occasions.



He emphasized that closure of a central place of worship during the most sacred days of the Islamic calendar causes anguish among the faithful and undermines the spirit of the holy month.

He appealed to the people— young and old, men and women—to come to Jamia Masjid in large numbers during Ramzan, as they have always done, and make the most of this blessed month, which is a month of mercy, forgiveness, self-purification, unity, and drawing closer to the Almighty.

Mirwaiz also welcomed that after free and fair elections, a new government is coming to office in Bangladesh. He congratulated the winning BNP and the people of Bangladesh. He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir pray for peace, stability, and prosperity for the people of Bangladesh. He expressed hope that good relations among all neighbouring countries are established that could help usher peace, progress and lasting stability in the region.

Training Programme on PC&PNDT Act Held

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Social Welfare Department, Srinagar, through SANKALP-Hub for Empowerment of Women (Mission Shakti), successfully organized a Training-cum-Sensitization Programme on the PC&PNDT Act for owners of diagnostic centres in District Srinagar at the Conference Hall of Amar Singh College, Srinagar.

The programme aimed to strengthen compliance with the provisions of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act and to sensitize representatives of diagnostic centres about their legal and ethical responsibilities. Representatives from ultrasound clinics, genetic counselling centres, genetic laboratories, and imaging centres across the district participated in the programme.

The initiative focused on reinforcing the objectives of the PC&PNDT Act, which was enacted to prevent sex selection and address the issue of declining

child sex ratio.

Ruqaya Ashraf, District Mission Coordinator, Mission Shakti Srinagar, inaugurated the session with a detailed discussion on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative and the implementation of the PC&PNDT Act. She emphasized the collective responsibility of stakeholders in ensuring strict adherence to the law.

Resource Person from Health Department, highlighted the critical role of diagnostic centres in upholding the law and safeguarding the rights of the girl child. It was stressed that strict adherence to the provisions of the PC&PNDT Act, including proper maintenance of records and mandatory registration requirements is essential to prevent misuse of diagnostic technologies.

Resource Person from District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar, elaborated on the legal perspectives of offences under the PC&PNDT Act and other related provisions, sensitizing participants about the consequences of non-compliance.

Handicapped Association Protests, Demands Implementation of Disability Act



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Members of a Handicapped Association on Friday staged a protest at the Press Enclave here, demanding effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in Jammu and Kashmir.

Raising slogans and holding placards, the protesters said that despite repeated representations, the provisions of the central legislation have not been fully enforced in the Union Territory.

They called for strict adherence to the Act, including reservation in jobs, educational institutions and welfare measures guaranteed under law.

The association members alleged that they had earlier held a similar protest in Jammu but claimed that no representative from the government came forward to engage with them or address their grievances.

The protesters said persons with disabilities continue to face hardships due to lack of proper

infrastructure, employment opportunities and timely assistance. They urged the administration to ensure that all departments comply with the mandate of the 2016 Act and frame necessary rules wherever required.

According to KNT, they further appealed to the government to initiate structured dialogue with representatives of the disabled community and put in place monitoring mechanisms to safeguard their rights. The protest concluded peacefully.

Search Operation Conducted at Lal Chowk, Hotels Checked

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Special Operations Group and other security forces on Friday carried out a flash cordon and search operation at Lal Chowk in Srinagar as part of intensified security measures in the city centre.

Officials said multiple hotels and lodges in and around the busy commercial hub were checked during the operation. Security personnel collected details from hotel owners and verified the credentials of guests staying at various establishments.

The exercise was conducted as a precautionary measure in view of the sensitive nature of the day and ongoing security concerns. Lal Chowk, being a high-profile and strategically significant location, remains under close surveillance



during important occasions and anniversaries.

Security forces maintained a visible presence in the area while checks were carried out in a systematic manner. Traffic movement was regulated for a brief period, though normal activity resumed shortly thereafter.

According to KNT, sources indicated that the operation was aimed at preventing any potential security threat and ensuring that no suspicious activity goes unnoticed. Such surprise inspections are part of routine preventive measures undertaken to maintain law and order in vulnerable zones.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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



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From KO Archives

- 1747- Astronomer James Bradley presents his discovery of the wobbling motion of the Earth on its axis to the Royal Society, London
- 1794- 1st US textile machinery patent granted, to James Davenport, Philadelphia
- 1797- Battle of Cape St. Vincent: British fleet under Admiral Sir John Jervis defeats larger Spanish fleet under Admiral Don José de Córdoba y Ramos near Cape St. Vincent, Portugal. Captain Horatio Nelson distinguishes himself.
- 1803- Apple parer patented by Moses Coats, Downington, Pennsylvania
- 1803- Chief Justice John Marshall declares that any act of U.S. Congress that conflicts with the Constitution is void
- 1804- Karadjordje leads the First Serbian Uprising against the Ottoman Empire
- 1831- Ras Marye of Yejiu marches into Tigray and defeats and kills Dejazzmach Sabagadis in the Battle of Debre Abbay
- 1849- In New York City, James Knox Polk becomes first serving US President to have his photograph taken (by Matthew Brady).
- 1876- Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray apply separately for telephone patents, the Supreme Court eventually rules Bell the rightful inventor
- 1879- Chilean troops occupy Antofagasta
- 1894- Venus is both a morning star & evening star

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GOVERNMENT OF UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

DEPARTMENT OF URBAN LOCAL BODIES KASHMIR SRINAGAR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE HAJIN

INTERVIEW NOTICE

Subject: Engagement of Self-Help Group as Community Mobilizers in MC Hajin
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.

Interview of the shortlisted candidates received from Mission Director SBM(U)-2.0 office for engagement of Self Help Groups (SHGs) as Community Mobilizer in MC Hajin shall be held as per below mentioned roster:

S. No.	Candidates from S. No.	Date of Interview	Venue	Time
1	1672-1743	25/02/2026	Office of the Executive Officer, MC Hajin	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/marksheet, Aadhar Card, Endorsement Form, SHG Pass Book/SHG Member Card and SHG Registration Certificate (LoKOS Certificate) at the time of interview.

No. MC/H/SBM/2025-26/434-40
Dated:10/02/2026

DIPK-NB-3313-25
DT: 13/02/2026

Executive Officer
Municipal Committee
Hajin



10 Month Old Kerala Girl Saves Four Lives

Press Trust Of India

Kochi: A 10-month-old girl became the youngest organ donor in the state after her parents consented to donate her organs following brain death, officials said on Friday.

According to a statement issued by Amrita Hospital, Aalin Sherin Abraham was critically injured in a road accident on February 5 while travelling with her mother and maternal grandparents at Pallam near Kottayam on the MC Road.

She was the daughter of Arun Abraham and Sherin Ann John, residents of Mallappally in Pathanamthitta district.

The child was first admitted to hospitals in Changanassery, and later in Thiruvalla before being shifted for advanced treatment to Amrita Hospital, Kochi, on February 6, officials said.

Despite intensive medical efforts, doctors confirmed brain death on Thursday afternoon, the statement said.

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child's heart valve was sent to Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram; the liver to KIMS Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram; and the kidneys to Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, officials said.

The eyes will be donated to the eye bank.

The organs were transported to Thiruvananthapuram by road, with police arranging a smooth passage.

Doctors described the parents' decision, taken amid profound grief, as a rare and inspiring example of organ donation, the statement added.

AIIMS Delhi Launches Face Transplant Programme



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has become the first in the country to announce the introduction of face transplantation, a highly advanced and complex reconstructive procedure.

The Department of Plastic, Reconstructive and Burns Surgery at AIIMS has initiated the process of setting up a registry of patients having severe facial deformity along with the loss of vital functions of the face like breathing, mouth opening and blinking and have not benefited despite multiple surgical procedures.

The department is also organising an intensive cadaveric workshop and academic training programme from February 11 to 15 at the Burns and Plastic Surgery Block. As part of the workshop, facial skin was harvested from a brain-dead patient on Thursday.

To lead this advanced training initiative, AIIMS hosted Dr Indranil Sinha, Associate Chief of Plastic Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital (Harvard Medical

School), Boston, an internationally recognised expert in composite tissue allotransplantation and face transplant surgery.

Dr Maneesh Singhal from the Department of Plastic Surgery will lead the programme with other faculty members, Dr Shashank Chauhan, Dr Raja Tiwari, Dr Rajkumar Manas, Dr Shivangi Saha and Dr Aparna Sinha.

The programme included hands-on cadaveric workshops, focused academic lectures, interdisciplinary discussions with the ENT, Maxillofacial Surgery, Nephrology, Immunology, Pathology, Psychiatry, Critical Care, Anatomy and Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO).

Dr Singhal, Head of the Department, Plastic, Reconstructive and Burns Surgery, AIIMS, said that there are a large number of patients suffering from devastating facial deformities due to acid burns, gunshot injuries and trauma even after 10 to 12 surgeries.

"Identifying the right candidate and counselling becomes essential before considering them for face transplantation.



BNP Sweeps Bangladesh Polls, Prepares to Reclaim Power

Press Trust Of India

Dhaka: The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) on Friday secured a sweeping victory with more than two-thirds majority in the landmark parliamentary elections and is making a spectacular return to power after a gap of two decades.

The 13th Parliamentary elections assumed significance as they were held after a period of tumultuous political vacuum, instability and fragile security situation, including widespread attacks on minorities after the student-led protests brought down the 15-year rule of Sheikh Hasina in August 2024.

According to the unofficial results announced by the Election Commission (EC), the BNP has bagged 209 out of 297 seats, while right-wing Jamaat-e-Islami, known to be close to Pakistan, secured 68 seats. The Awami League party of Hasina was barred from contesting the polls, which recorded 59.44 per cent voter turnout.

The EC postponed the announcement of results in two seats - Chattogram-2 and Chattogram-4. The election in one seat was postponed due to the death of a candidate.

BNP's top leader Tarique Rahman is set to become the prime minister for the first time. He will replace the interim government chief Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, under whose tenure Dhaka's relations with New Delhi witnessed a significant downturn.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Rahman and congratulated him on BNP's spectacular victory.

"Delighted to speak with Mr. Tarique Rahman. I congratulated him on the remarkable victory in the Bangladesh elections," Modi said on social media.

"I conveyed my best wishes and support in his endeavour to fulfil the aspirations of the people of Bangladesh. As two close neighbours with deep-rooted historical and cultural ties, I reaffirmed India's continued commitment to the peace, progress, and prosperity of both our peoples," he said.

In an earlier social media post, Modi said India will continue to stand in support of a democratic, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh.

"I look forward to working with you to strengthen our multifaceted relations and ad-

vance our common development goals," he said.

On its part, the BNP thanked Modi for recognising the verdict of the elections and hoped that the relations between the two countries would be strengthened under the new government.

"We thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for congratulating our leader, Tarique Rahman. It is great that a democratic country is supposed to recognise the verdict of the people, and Mr Narendra Modi has done this. We thank him," senior leader Nazrul Islam Khan said.

India-Bangladesh relations witnessed a severe strain after the collapse of the Hasina-led government.

The US Embassy in Dhaka has congratulated the people of Bangladesh in advance on what it described as a successful national election, extending special recognition to BNP and Rahman for their "historic victory."

"The US looks forward to working with you to realise shared goals of prosperity and security for both our countries," its social media post read.

China and Pakistan also congratulated the BNP chairman on the party's victory.

Iran Puts 'Jam-e Jam I' Into Orbit In Milestone For National Broadcasting

Trans Asian News

Tehran: Iran's national broadcaster has successfully launched its first dedicated geostationary satellite "Jam-e Jam I", internationally registered as "Iran DBS", marking a strategic step toward strengthening the country's space-based media infrastructure.

The satellite, owned by the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB), was launched into space from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Jam-e Jam I was placed into orbit minutes after liftoff aboard a Proton-M carrier rocket, alongside a Russian meteorological satellite.

According to IRIB's Media

Development and Technology Department, Jam-e Jam I represents the first technical and operational step toward implementing next-generation interactive radio and television broadcasting technology.

The satellite has been designed to transmit interactive audio and video signals to ground-based public broadcasting stations, laying the groundwork for interactive mass broadcasting services.

Based on the scheduled plan, Jam-e Jam I will be transferred and stabilized at its final orbital position at 34 degrees East within less than three weeks. The designated orbital slot is expected to provide optimal coverage for IRIB's com-

munications requirements.

Officials stressed that Jam-e Jam I is application-oriented in nature. Unlike direct-to-home (DTH) broadcasting satellites designed for household receivers, signals from this satellite require professional and specialized equipment and cannot be received through ordinary home satellite receivers.

The project guarantees the necessary communications framework for consolidating interactive broadcasting technology within the national broadcaster and opens what officials described as a new chapter in the technical independence of Iran's national media in the space-based domain.

CDS Chauhan Flags Blurred Global Alliances

Press Trust Of India

Pune: Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan on Friday said assumptions about permanent friends or adversaries are increasingly becoming unreliable in the current global order and asserted India must remain prepared - mentally, structurally, materially - to act independently when required.

Emphasising the need for pursuing strategic autonomy, the CDS noted partnerships are valuable when aligned with national interest, but they cannot substitute for indigenous capability or the power to exercise freedom of choice.

"In today's world, it is difficult to define who are your friends, who are your allies, who are your enemies and who are your adversaries. Strategic alignments have become fluid and transactional," General Chauhan observed.

He was speaking at the 'JAI' (Jointness, Aatmanirbhar Innovation) seminar organised by the Southern Command here.

"India must, therefore, be prepared to act independently when required. That preparedness has to be mental, structural and material," he stressed.

General Chauhan pointed

out that the global security environment was undergoing dramatic shifts marked by uncertainty and flux.

He referred to the rise of coercive nationalism and economic weaponization, where trade, supply chains, tech-



nology access and critical resources are increasingly used as tools of strategic leverage.

The CDS flagged the erosion of established norms of state behaviour, including the questioning of sovereignty and territorial integrity, and added advances in precision and long-range targeting have lowered the threshold for the use of force.

"Declared wars are becoming obsolete. Competition is increasingly manifesting through proxies, sub-threshold operations and cyber activities," he said, adding that cognitive and information warfare has emerged as a central battlespace targeting societies rather than armed forces.

Epstein Files: Cong Seeks Minister Puri's Resignation

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Congress on Friday demanded Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri's resignation as his name figures in the "Epstein files" released in the United States and asked on whose behalf was he interacting with Jeffrey Epstein, who was convicted for sexual crimes with children.

Addressing a press conference here, Congress's media and publicity department head Pawan Khera asked under whose authority was Puri meeting Epstein and alleged that the needle of suspicion points towards only one direction.

"In 2017, Hardeep Puri was the president and chairman of the Governing Council of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a Delhi-based think tank funded by the Government of India. Why was a representative of the Government of India e-mailing Epstein in 2017? Why was he communicating with Epstein - a convicted sex offender and criminal?" Khera asked.

Even earlier, between 2014 and 2016, under whose authority and instructions was Puri interacting with Epstein, the Congress leader asked.

"Even more disturbing, Hardeep Puri spoke about Digital India seven months before the programme was officially announced in India. Why was Digital India being discussed

with Epstein at all? On whose behalf?" he asked.

Puri has, however, denied the charges levelled at him by the opposition party.

Earlier in the day, Congress MPs held a protest in the Parliament House complex, demanding Puri's resignation.

Several Congress MPs



lined up outside the Parliament building. They raised slogans against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and demanded answers from him.

They also held a banner with pictures of Puri and Epstein.

Puri slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday for "passing innuendo" against him, asserting that he had met Epstein on a "few occasions" but his interactions with him had nothing to do with the crimes the convicted American sex offender was involved in.

N E W S M A K E R S

Who is Tarique Rahman, Bangladesh's New Face?

Dhaka, Feb 13 (PTI) Tarique Rahman, who lived in London in self-exile for 17 years, has emerged as the new face of Bangladesh, with the party founded by his father set to return to power after a 20-year gap.

The 60-year-old leader's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has bagged 209 out of 297 seats, while right-wing Jamaat-e-Islami, known to be close to Pakistan, secured 68 seats. The Awami League party of Hasina was barred from contesting the elections, which recorded 59.44 per cent voter turnout.

The result is a major turnaround for the BNP, long targeted under the 15-year rule of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government which collapsed following nationwide student-led protests in August 2024.

The BNP was founded by Rahman's father Ziaur Rahman, a military ruler turned politician. The party was led by his mother Khaleida Zia for nearly four decades after the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman in 1981.

Five days after his return to Bangladesh amid a massive welcome in December last year, Rahman was struck by a personal tragedy as Khaleida Zia died after a prolonged illness.

Rahman became the chairman of the BNP in the absence of his mother at a time when the party was facing a state of political wilderness ahead of the polls.

The evolving scenario did not allow him to spend some private days amid personal loss, as events unfolded so quickly, he scarcely had time to reflect.

Rahman is widely seen as a product of dynastic politics, but his family's political background earned him a sort of acumen. He is credited with manoeuvring his party in a complicated scenario to ensure its key stake in the politics ahead of the general elections.

A soft-spoken Rahman drew massive crowds as he spearheaded the campaign for his party.

Since his return, Rahman noticeably adopted an approach of avoiding inflammatory rhetoric and calling instead for restraint and



reconciliation despite the bitter relations of his family and himself in particular with the deposed Awami League regime. BNP eventually won the landslide victory, and Rahman is set to be the next prime minister.

Rahman was born on November 20, 1965, in Dhaka. As a boy, he witnessed Bangladesh's liberation struggle in 1971.

He was arrested along with his mother and brother, only to be released on December 16, 1971, when Bangladesh gained independence from Pakistan.

He studied international relations at the University of Dhaka, dropped out, and later started businesses in textiles and agro products. He was elected Senior Vice-Chairman of the BNP in 2009 and gradually became involved in the party's reorganisation.

Under the Awami League rule, Rahman became a central target of several corruption and criminal cases. He was convicted in absentia in some of the cases. He was sentenced to life in connection with a 2004 grenade attack on Hasina's rally that killed 24 people and wounded dozens.

He has always denied the allegations, calling them politically motivated. He was acquitted in all cases during Muhammad Yunus' interim rule following Hasina's ouster.

In 2018, when Khaleida Zia was jailed on graft charges, Rahman was nominated as the Acting Chairman of the party. After her death, he became the chairman.

According to analysts, the election results marked a remarkable reversal of fortune for Rahman, who left the country in 2008, saying he needed medical treatment after his release from detention under a military-backed caretaker administration.

Yet, they said uneasy doubts and speculations accompanied the enthusiasm.

"I have a plan for the people of my country and for my country," Rahman said, hours after his return to Bangladesh in December, referring to US civil rights activist Martin Luther King's remark, "I have a dream."

He later gradually unfolded the plan, pledging to recalibrate Bangladesh's international partnerships to attract investment without tying the country too closely to any single power.

He aims to expand financial aid for poor families, offering "family cards", reduce reliance on garment exports by promoting industries such as toys and leather goods, and introduce a two-term or 10-year limit for prime ministers to deter autocratic tendencies.

Higher Education Conundrum....

‘61% Seats Vacant in J&K Colleges’

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: At least 61 per cent seats remain unfilled in Government Degree Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir due to lack of student enrolments—raising a question on functioning of higher education department.

The official figures reveal that the total admissions during the previous session stood at 45,438 with officials claiming that it was higher than the enrolment figures recorded in earlier years.

According to KNO, the government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that the enrolment trend in Government Degree Colleges of the



Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has shown an improvement during the last admission session.

“The total admissions during the previous session stood at 45,438, which is higher than the enrollment figures recorded in earlier years. However, it is pertinent to mention that the existing Government Degree College across the UT have a cumulative sanctioned intake capacity of 1,16,767 seats,” the government said.

It also informed that house that “The admissions achieved, despite the upward trend, remain well below the available capacity of the exist-

ing institutions.”

The government accordingly ruled out establishing any new Degree College in Jammu and Kashmir for now.

“In view of the matter, it is submitted that there is, at present, no immediate or compelling requirement for opening new Degree Colleges in the Union Territory,” the government said.

It also informed the house that the present focus remains on optimal utilization of existing infrastructure, enhancement of academic facilities, further improvement in enrolment levels, and the provision of quality, globally competitive education to our students.

‘Gateway of Kashmir’ Set for Modern Makeover

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Friday said that Qazigund town, popularly known as the “Gateway of Kashmir”, is being developed on modern and sustainable lines under a phased development plan.

Replying to a question by MLA Abdul Majeed Bhat in the Assembly, the Housing and Urban Development Department, as per KNO said that Qazigund holds strategic geographical importance as the southern entry point to the Kashmir Valley and serves as a major road and rail transit hub.

The government informed the House that the town has been brought under the urban planning framework and various development activities are being carried out through the concerned Urban Local Body and line departments.

“The contours of the



development plan include strengthening and widening of roads and streets, improvement of drainage and footpaths, augmentation of water supply schemes, development of sewerage and sanitation facilities and implementation of solid waste management systems,” the reply reads.

It added that public amenities, civic infrastructure, and urban services are being upgraded, while beautification and landscaping works are also underway in view of Qazigund's status as the gateway town of the

Valley.

“The works are being executed or proposed under various Central and Union Territory schemes, subject to approved norms, technical feasibility and availability of funds,” the department said.

The government added that the development is being undertaken in a phased manner to ensure balanced growth, environmental sustainability and improved quality of life for residents, besides catering to the needs of commuters and tourists entering the Valley.

Northern Railway to Run Holi Special Trains

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: To manage the expected rush during Holi, Northern Railway will run special reserved trains from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to New Delhi and Varanasi, officials told KNO on Friday.

According to the officials from Jammu Division, special train numbers 04081/04082 will run between New Delhi and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, while train numbers 04603/04604 will operate between Varanasi and Katra.

Train number 04081 will depart from New Delhi Railway Station at 11:45 pm from February 21 to March 8, completing 16 trips, and reach Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra railway station at 12 noon the following day. En route, it will halt at Panipat, Kurukshetra, Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana, Jalandhar Cantt, Pathankot Cantt, Jammu and Udhampur.

The return service, train number 04082, will operate from Katra to New Delhi from February 22 to March 9 with 16 trips. It will leave



Katra at 9:20 pm and arrive in New Delhi at 10 am the next day, with stoppages at the same stations.

Similarly, train number 04603 will run from Varanasi Junction railway station to Katra with four trips between February 24 and March 8. The train will depart Varanasi at 5 am and reach Katra at 6 am the next day. It will halt at Pratapgarh, Rae Bareilly, Lucknow, Bareilly, Moradabad, Saharanpur, Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana, Jalandhar Cantt, Pathankot Cantt, Jammu and Udhampur.

The return service, train number 04604, will operate from Katra to Varanasi with four trips from February 22 to March 6. It will depart at 6:15 pm and arrive in Varanasi at 7 pm the next day.

Officials said the special trains are aimed at facilitating smooth and convenient travel during the festival period, when regular services witness heavy rush.

Meanwhile, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has also introduced a full-fare tourist train, number 00913, from Pratapnagar in Gujarat to Katra. The train departed on February 11 and is scheduled to reach Katra on February 14 via Amritsar. It will return on February 16 and arrive back in Pratapnagar on February 18.

Passengers can book tickets through the official IRCTC website, mobile application, or access train information through the 139 helpline and the National Train Enquiry System.

Syed Mohalla Moves Petition Over Persistent Jio Disruption

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Residents and subscribers of Syed Mohalla Thakrie in Kishtwar district have jointly submitted a public petition alleging prolonged failure of Jio mobile network services in their locality, leaving internet connectivity virtually non-functional for an extended period.

According to the collective complaint, internet speeds in the entire area have dropped to “bytes level”—below 1 KB per second—rendering mobile data unusable for education, professional work, communication, and access to essential online services. Residents said the connectivity crisis has severely disrupted daily life, particularly for students and working professionals who rely heavily on stable internet services.



The subscribers stated that multiple complaints were lodged through customer care services, the Public Grievance (PG) Portal, the National Consumer Helpline (NCH), and other official channels. However, they alleged that the issue remains unresolved and previous complaints were closed without restoration of usable service or any field-level technical inspection in the area.

Locals said the continued service breakdown has forced several subscribers to port their numbers to other telecom operators, resulting

in growing dissatisfaction across the locality.

In their petition, residents indicated that the persistent connectivity failure suggests possible tower congestion, capacity overload, or backhaul infrastructure malfunction. They have demanded immediate engineering-level intervention, including a comprehensive on-site technical inspection and, if necessary, capacity upgrades or deployment of additional telecom infrastructure.

The residents have collectively urged the concerned telecom authorities to ensure prompt restoration of stable and reliable network services in Syed Mohalla Thakrie (182205), emphasizing that uninterrupted connectivity is essential for education, livelihoods, and access to digital governance services. Top of Form

No Proposal under Consideration to Upgrade Kargil Hospital: Centre

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Centre on Thursday said that no proposal has been received from the Union Territory Administration of Ladakh regarding the upgradation of District Hospital Kargil from 75 beds to a 200-bed facility.

Replying to an unstarred question raised by MP Mohammad Haneefa in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Prataprao Jadhav, according to KNO informed the House that the Ministry has not received any such proposal in the Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under the National Health Mission for consideration by the National Programme Coordination

Committee. The reply stated that no proposal is currently under consideration for upgrading District Hospital Kargil into a 200-bed or multi-specialty hospital.

The Minister said that health is a State subject and the primary responsibility for strengthening healthcare infrastructure lies with the respective State or Union Territory Governments. However, under NHM, need-based technical and financial assistance is extended to States and UTs, including Ladakh, based on proposals submitted in their Programme Implementation Plans and approved by the National Programme Implementation Committee.

The Government further informed that support has

been provided for transforming Sub-Health Centres and Primary Health Centres into Ayushman Arogya Mandirs to deliver comprehensive primary healthcare services.

Additionally, the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) 2022 guidelines provide relaxed population norms for establishing healthcare facilities in remote, tribal and hard-to-reach areas such as Kargil.

The Minister also said that 15th Finance Commission Health Grants are being utilised for construction and strengthening of building-less Sub-Health Centres and Primary Health Centres in underserved regions, including high-altitude districts like Kargil.

Court Restrains 16 In Rs 1,100 Cr Defamation Suit

SRINAGAR: A court in Srinagar has restrained 16 individuals and social media handles from posting, sharing, or circulating any defamatory or derogatory content against social activist Sandeep Mawa.

In a civil suit seeking Rs 1,100 crore in damages for alleged defamation, Mawa alleged that the defendants—sixteen individuals—launched a coordinated campaign to tarnish his reputation through defamatory remarks, videos and social media posts. He contended that false and derogatory imputations were made against him and his family, causing irreparable damage to his public image. According to Mawa, the statements were widely circulated without his consent, adversely affecting his standing in society.

He further claimed that despite requesting the defendants to desist, they continued to publish and amplify the allegations. After hearing counsel for the plaintiff and examining the record, Additional District Judge Srinagar Farooq Ahmad Bhat observed that a prima facie case was made out and that the balance of convenience lay in favour of Mawa. The court held that failure to grant interim relief could result in irreparable loss.

The court subsequently restrained the defendants (16 individuals and social media platforms) from issuing or circulating any defamatory or derogatory content against Mawa until the next date of hearing. However, it granted liberty to these defendants to seek modification, variation or cancellation of the order before the next hearing.

The restrained individuals include Sheikh Ghulam Rasool (alias Hami), Rakesh Handu, Karwan Info Centre (through Yousuf Khake), Tariq Vlogs, Towseef Raza Qadri (through Towseef Ahmad), Sameer-ul-Azam (handler Sameer), Parwaz News Hub (through Editor Muheet), Abdul Ahad Mir (alias Maqdoomi), Jamal Kashmiri, Kashmir Pride (through Editor Shabir Bashir), Yawar Nabi, Mirwaiz Moulana Hassan Firdousi, Vijay Bakaya, Sanjay Saraf, Firdous Ahmad Bhat and Rafiq Ahmad Bhat. (KO Correspondent)

Over 200 Officers Trained in Cybercrime Investigation in Central Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The Range Police Headquarters Srinagar on Friday concluded a five-day specialised training programme on cyber security and modern investigation techniques under the supervision of DIG Central Kashmir Range Rajiv Omprakash Pandey.

According to KNT, the programme, which commenced on February 9 at the Jammu and Kashmir Police Public School Srinagar, brought together more than 200 police personnel from across the Central Kashmir Range, with a focus on Investigating Officers posted in Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts. The training was imparted by a professional team associated with ‘Guide the Professional’—a training agency of high repute..

Officials said the initiative was aimed at strengthening the professional capabilities of officers in tackling emerging cyber threats and handling technology-driven crimes. The sessions covered digital evidence preservation, cyber forensic procedures, online fraud detection, social media analysis and data privacy issues.

Resource persons and subject experts delivered detailed lectures on financial frauds, identity theft, hacking incidents and digital financial crimes, while also underlining the importance of inter-agency coordination and preventive policing strategies. (Observer News Service)

SBI Fulfils ₹1 Crore Insurance Commitment to Late BSF Constable’s Family

SRINAGAR: In a simple function held at BSF Campus Humhama, Sh Mir Mohammad Akbar, Regional Manager, State Bank of India, handed over insurance claim cheque of Rupees one Crore to Sh Sanjay Kumar Singh Comdt 41 Bn BSF Humhama for onward delivery to the family of the late Constable Panduri Pradeep, a native of Guntur Andhra Pradesh who died recently in an unfortunate accident. State Bank of India provides free accidental insurance cover of Rs 1 Cr to its Corporate Salary Package customers and late Constable Panduri Pradeep was maintaining his salary account under CAPS Package with State Bank of India. Sh Sanjay Kumar Singh, Comdt 41 Bn BSF appreciated the management of the Bank for paying the claim amount to the family of the deceased constable without any delay. Sh Mir Mohammad Akbar Regional Manager assured him that Bank is committed to provide hassle free services to its customers and special care is being taken in settlement of claims of customers belonging to army and paramilitary forces to ensure timely payment to the families in distress. Besides Sh Saurabh Bakshi, Branch Manager SBI Airfield Branch, Dy Comdts of BSF Sh Anand Prakash Verma, Sh Pawan Kumar Sharma, Sh Umar Singh Daryal and Sh Sanathan Mandal attended the function. (Observer News Service)

DJMC Celebrates World Radio Day

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC),

Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), commemorated World Radio Day on Friday by hosting an interactive session with veteran broadcaster, Syed Humayun Qaisar, former Director, Radio Kashmir Srinagar, a prominent station of All India Radio. The theme of the programme was ‘Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice.’

With a distinguished career spanning over three decades and more than 10,000 programmes to his credit, Mr. Qaisar shared his professional journey and reflected on the transformative power of radio as a medium of information, education and social connection.

Drawing from his experi-



ences, he emphasized that while private radio often leans heavily toward music-driven formats, content creation and socially relevant programming remain the backbone of meaningful broadcasting. “Today, as we discuss ‘Radio and Artificial Intelligence,’ we must remember that technology can assist us, but the human voice and human sensitivity remain irreplaceable,” he said.

Earlier, while welcom-

ing the guest, Head, DJMC, Dr. Rabia Noor, said, it was an honour to host a broadcaster, “whose voice, I am sure, we all have grown up listening to.” “His journey mirrors the growth of radio in Kashmir and his experiences continue to inspire young media professionals,” she said. Qaisar spoke extensively about the evolution of broadcasting in Kashmir, recalling milestones such as the launch of the first phone-in

programme in 1996, which marked a new era of audience interaction and participatory communication. He also highlighted iconic programmes, like Yuva Vani, which provided a vital platform for youth expression and engagement.

He underlined that aptitude and creativity are extremely important to pursue a career in radio. “This medium demands passion, presence of mind and the ability to connect authentically with listeners. Whatever you have, use it to the best of your ability,” he advised students.

He further added that radio has evolved with time, and evolution is essential for survival.

From covering historic moments like the Green Revolution to reporting during the 2014 floods in Kashmir, radio has been a constant companion in every major event, he remarked.

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It is hereby notified for the information of all shortlisted candidates that the interviews for engagement of Self Help Groups (SHGs) as Community Mobilizers in Municipal Council Pulwama shall be conducted as per the following schedule:

S. No.	Candidates (Serial No.)	Date of Interview	Venue	Time
1	3180 to 3254	19-02-2026	Town Hall, Pulwama	11:00 A.M.
2	3255 to 3327	20-02-2026	Town Hall, Pulwama	11:00 A.M.

All shortlisted candidates are directed to report at the venue at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time.

The candidates shall bring the duly filled Personal Interview Application Form (Annexure-3) along with the following original documents for verification:

- Educational qualification certificates / mark sheets
- Aadhaar Card
- Endorsement Form
- SHG Passbook / SHG Member Card
- SHG Registration Certificate (LOKOS Certificate)

Failure to produce the requisite original documents at the time of interview shall render the candidature liable for rejection without any further notice.

No separate call letters shall be issued.

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KO VIEW

Mosque Sparks
a Movement

A mosque in Bradford, England, is turning heads around the world. It combines daily prayers with health and fitness programs for seniors.

The initiative has quickly racked up over two million views on TikTok and other social media platforms. Major media outlets have also picked up the story.

Seniors who attend say the mosque has changed their lives. They feel more connected, make new friends, and enjoy a sense of community.

Many of them are migrants. The mosque welcomes them in, and lets them connect with others and strengthens their mental well-being.

This mosque model keeps an old tradition alive, especially in Kashmir, where these faith centres once brought people together through prayer, wellness, and community

Today, seniors often stay indoors, especially during long winters. Cold weather limits movement and social interaction. The English template offers a healthy solution.

Kashmiri elders, especially those who regularly attend mosques, can take part in gentle workouts alongside their prayers. These sessions help boost energy, improve balance, and offer a chance to socialize with peers.

Group exercises have a bigger impact than individual activity. They encourage seniors to support one another, exchange experiences, and build confidence. Families notice the difference, as elders become more active and engaged. Communities benefit when seniors contribute to public life.

Such initiatives are exactly what Kashmir needs.

Over the years, new neighbourhoods have brought people from different areas together. Mosques could introduce routines that combine prayer, gentle exercise, and social interaction, reviving the warmth and community spirit of the old Mohallas.

This approach clearly respects tradition while serving today’s needs. Mosques can be places where faith, energy, and connection grow together.

Bradford has shown the way. Kashmir can follow and turn its mosques into true centers of community life once more.



The West Chases Freedom

Wars, exploitation, and ideological control reveal the limits of modern ideals. Islam offers a system where intellect and justice shape human life and governance.

Imran Al-Mohammadi

Civilizations talk about truth, justice, and reason. History shows how these ideals can serve power more than people.

European empires claimed to bring “civilization” and “Christian charity” while exploiting lands, enslaving populations, and erasing cultures. They promised progress but replaced indigenous systems of justice and spiritual balance with domination and control.

In the twentieth century, overt colonialism transformed into ideology. Capitalist states promoted freedom while enforcing control and extracting resources. Communist regimes promised equality while suppressing thought and belief.

Promises sounded grand, but societies often endured oppression and deceit.

The United States de-

clared that “all men are created equal” while practicing segregation, conducting foreign interventions, and waging wars under the banner of democracy.

Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan suffered destruction rather than liberty.

In Europe, secular humanism freed people from religious authority but replaced one standard with another: human worth measured by productivity and pleasure.

Interventions framed as humanitarian often advanced political, ideological, or economic objectives instead of human welfare.

Islam, in its full expression through the Thaqalain, puts intellect and justice at the center of life. Humans follow reason that aligns with fitrah, the innate nature that recognizes truth, balance, and fairness.

The Qur'an teaches that corruption and ignorance re-



The struggle between Islam and Western thought reflects two moral architectures. One values intellect, justice, and alignment with human nature. The other prioritizes power, desire, and deception. Islam unites mind and spirit, providing clarity, fairness, and purpose. Western systems advance rhetoric while ignoring human conscience. Truth continues to exist, and falsehood may use words to appear appealing, but people instinctively seek honesty, reason, and justice.

spond to intellect with either humility or arrogance. History records repeated defiance of reason and moral equality.

Islam arrived to complete previous revelations and asked Jews and Christians to recognize the truth and justice promised in their scriptures, embodied in Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). Many refused.

This refusal reflects a deeper pattern: rejecting intellect and fairness.

Modern Western systems mirror this pattern, favouring self-interest over human conscience.

Modern Western civilization builds itself on competition and domination. Material gain replaces moral purpose. Freedom becomes a rallying cry while desire defines human life.

Rights exist in name without meaning. Peace exists in claim while exploitation thrives. Global markets, military

campaigns, consumer culture, and scandals reveal a civilization organized around appetite rather than intellect. The Qur'an describes this reality:

«زُخِرْتُ الْقَوْلَ غُرُورًا»

“Embellished discourse meant only to deceive.” (43:6)

Words like “progress,” “freedom,” and “human rights” sound noble but often justify inequality, exploitation, and spiritual decline.

What claims to liberate humanity often binds it to fleeting pleasure and endless consumption.

Islam presents an alternative.

Life revolves around knowledge, balance, and justice in the self and society. Reason works with revelation, while intellect illuminates faith. Leaders demonstrate how intellect turns ethics into governance, justice into law, and unity into society.

Freedom connects with truth, and justice reflects human conscience.

Current events confirm this contrast. Palestine faces occupation, wars prioritize profit and control, and sanctions reward convenience for powerful states.

These actions favour self-interest while human solidarity takes a backseat. Evil appears refined, institutional, and persuasive.

Islam exposes this refinement, revealing deception in its most polished form.

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Truth continues to exist, and falsehood may use words to appear appealing, but people instinctively seek honesty, reason, and justice.

Islam offers a framework that restores society and the individual to natural balance. Intellect and justice become living practices, guiding governance, social life, and human behaviour.

The vision of Islam brings coherence, moral clarity, and a path that allows humans to thrive with fortitude and fairness.

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These days the world swims in revelations. Documents, photos, names, and stories pour out constantly. Scandals feel almost ordinary. We have truth in abundance. What has grown rare is the moral response to that truth.

The Epstein scandal was one among many, but the deep silence that followed turned it into something larger.

In earlier times, a scandal created a true moral moment. People saw the truth, passed judgment, and felt shame.

The old story of the naked king made sense because the nakedness of power could actually bring the whole thing down.

Today, the king stands completely naked. Every document, name, detail is out in the open. He keeps standing because judgment itself has stepped aside. We see everything, but the urge to confront what we see has faded.

This is the Epsteinization of power: power that no longer needs ethics to survive.

Epsteinized power understands that exposure no longer threatens it. Society no longer shares a common standard for judgment. Accountability has become simple scandal management. Ethics has moved from the heart of politics to a small, tolerable side note.

When this pattern spreads across the globe through politics, money, and media, we meet neocolonial Epsteinemia: a living outbreak of public immorality in which the ability to stay untouched has itself become contagious.

The Epsteinemia of immorality grew from deep structural shifts that settled into the late liberal-democratic world over many years.

What has silently slipped away is the very possibility of moral judgment.

Ethics built only on rules, laws, and outside watchdogs works well when people carry an inner sense of duty. In post-shame politics, the rules remain in place and the inner sense of duty has faded.

Laws are still enforced, but they simply no longer command deep respect.

Breaking the rules has become part of the normal calculation of power. Rule-based ethics loses its strength when power already accepts the price of violation.

With sacred values and external authorities weakened, people were expected to rely on their own conscience. What faded instead was a clear standard for judgment. Piety shifted into personal preference, and conscience slipped into a passing feeling.

In this godless world, people did not become more evil. They simply lost the ability to judge clearly. Ethics no longer tells us what to do. It only explains what we see.

In this setting, Machiavellianism is no longer a personal choice or a grand theory. It works like the default operating

The Naked King
Beyond Shame

Power absorbs outrage, converts dissent into noise, and continues without meaningful institutional or moral consequence.

Mohammad Akhgari



system of daily life. Power moves away from ethics because distance feels efficient. Harm gets renamed as a manageable cost.

The Epsteinization of power lives exactly here: ethics is silently removed from the decision-making equation.

The real shift centers on pleasure and wealth taking the place of moral standards. Success, visibility, and enjoyment now define value. A scandal matters only when it disrupts

consumption or social mobility.

In every other case, it gets absorbed and normalized.

This acceptance is Epsteinfatigue: the moral numbness that comes from seeing too much, too often.

People speak powerfully against power when they are on the outside. The moment they step inside, the same logic takes over. Rebellion without an inner sense of right simply

swaps the players. It does not change the game.

This is where EpsteinFaustianism appears: the clear, conscious exchange of ethics for security, status, or survival.

Even criticism now follows the same pattern.

Exposés, protests, and strong language are welcomed, handled, and circulated. As long as criticism stops short of real, binding judgment, it poses no danger. Power therefore lets it flow freely. In fact, criticism without clear standards actually helps the system keep running.

The critic, willingly or not, becomes part of the loop: writing, revealing, expressing anger, but never turning judgment into action. Criticism separates from ethics and becomes a gesture that restores balance rather than creating change.

Today, the very possibility of human judgment hangs in suspension. External authorities hold little weight. Inner conscience feels worn thin. The human being grows smaller rather than freer. He accepts lower standards out of simple exhaustion from judging.

Power no longer needs to hide. People have already stopped standing against it. Ethics is gently set aside, and this may be the most lasting kind of defeat.

This view of the human being as a moral judging subject highlights the humanistic tradition of Johann Gottfried Herder, who rooted moral judgment in our shared history, feelings, and responsibility. It stands in contrast to the rule-focused ethics of the Enlightenment, especially Immanuel Kant’s.

The difference here is not a rejection of Kant but a simple recognition that, in our time, the real problem is the weakening of judgment itself.

The idea of “evil without a devil” fits comfortably with today’s debates about how evil becomes normal inside large systems and institutions. It keeps personal responsibility alive without turning evil into something supernatural.

In this frame, evil stops looking like a rare exception. It appears as the natural outcome once human judgment falls aside.

Terms like Epsteinization of power, Epsteinfatigue, and EpsteinFaustianism are precise names for conditions that older political and ethical writing often left scattered and unnamed.

This critique of late democracy simply points to the silent weakening of the judging citizen inside democratic institutions. Power now holds built-in protection instead of facing clear ethical responsibility.

Criticism in contemporary times easily becomes a performance, a product, or a tool that ends up supporting the very order it claims to challenge.

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The Flea Fair of Forgotten Men in Kashmir

Between carts of jackets and stacks of scarves, the market hums with human desire, fleeting victories, and the muted poetry of lives pressed against circumstance.



Jamsheed Rasool

My friend Kamran introduced me to the flea market in Srinagar twelve years ago, though perhaps reintroduced would be the more accurate word, as I had experienced a few fleeting encounters with the “Sunday market” during childhood.

This market provides the most basic human necessity, attire, to those in the valley who can ill afford upscale showrooms or online stores. It is hope against hope, protection against the biting cold, a source of original international brands for wardrobes otherwise filled with their imitations, a silent guardian of self-respect for the downtrodden, and a livelihood for those who trade within its crowded lanes.

Coming back to Kamran, then a 24-year-old, unassuming uptown boy, he would rummage through the carts like a desert fox, determined to unearth an original H&M turtleneck sweater or perhaps a Canada Goose jacket.

“Here is your original Baracuta sweater, donated by some kind Christian Samaritan in Europe,” Kamran would exclaim in triumph, lifting the prized piece in his hands like a trophy. He insisted his clothing be different from what everyone else wore.

The showrooms in Srinagar largely stocked variations of the same men’s attire, while women, even then, seemed to have far more choices at their disposal.

“It smells like forgotten goods in the basement of my home,” I chimed in.

“Of course it does! Where do you think we are? This is a flea market, brother,” Kamran said, laughing.

“Don’t pluck them out one by one, that wastes time. Feel the fabric as your hands dive into the pile of clothes. The smoothest fabric is always the foreign brand,” Kamran suggested, pointing at my forehead.

They come in waves — the losers nursing unspoken defeats, the averages counting every rupee twice, the poor with folded lists in their pockets, daily wagers with dust still clinging to their cuffs, blue-collared men smelling of engine oil and cement, idlers drifting without pressing need, boys hunting brands they cannot pronounce, fathers measuring sweaters against growing sons, widows fingering wool for warmth not fashion, dreamers bargaining like generals of small wars — all threading through the narrow lanes of the Srinagar flea market, for survival, shield, and something that lasts another winter.

The countryside shopkeepers and the owners of the shops that have sprouted at the fringes of Srinagar city arrive early, elbows sharp, eyes sharper, pushing through the lanes before the real crowd swells. They do not browse, they seize. Fists clamp around stacks of jackets, arms sweep trousers under hurried piles, voices cutting through the air: “This one is taken... that one is taken... all of these are mine.”

A lone buyer reaches for a single piece and is waved off without ceremony. The claims are loud, territorial, and terse. Commerce is stripped to instinct. Around them the market roars. Customers call out sizes, prices, curses, and bargains. A hundred negotiations collide at once. Dust rises with every scuffle of sandals and boots, hanging thick in the afternoon light. The smell is a mix of sweat, damp wool, old fabric, cheap perfume, and fried snacks drifting from somewhere unseen.

Salesmen, shirts darkened under the arms, sweat beading and sliding down their temples, shout at full throttle over the din, their throats raw but relentless. Money changes hands in crumpled notes, jackets fly from cart to sack, and for a few frantic hours the flea market becomes less a place of trade and more a battlefield of survival.

Miserly women squat beside rolled stacks of second-rung machine-made carpets, fingers pressing into the synthetic weave as though testing truth itself, voices sharp, relentless: “Too thin... too faded... last price.” These carpets are for the spare rooms where hardly anyone visits, and the curtains are bought just because you have to. Their colours are too bright, and the threads are cheap.

Above the bargaining din rises the still, indifferent silhouette of Shankaracharya mountain, watching the ritual below: rupees counted twice, thrice, withheld. Around them, cars honk impatiently, vehicles soon to be packed tight with second-rate goods and the faint, stale mingling of sweat, plastic, and damp fabric.

Hopeless idlers linger near pirated book stalls, flipping through glossy covers to see the printed faces of pretty girls. Greying bachelors drift through the crowd, seeking only proximity: a hint of perfume, a brush of fabric, a reminder of warmth in the crush.

Teenagers from the countryside stand wide-



KAMRAN AND I CLIMB THE WORN STEPS TO THE BUND AND STAND LOOKING AT THE RIVER AS IT MEANDERS ON, SLOW AND SELF-ABSORBED.

In our thirties now, half-amused and half-desperate, we mark imaginary destinations on a mental world map: Dubai, Doha, Istanbul, New York, San Francisco, London, places where we tell ourselves we might begin again or at least grow bored more elegantly. Then comes the persistent question: what would men like us do on Sundays in those cities?

eyed at first, taking in so many bodies and so much noise, the city unfolding like a spectacle. Soon, they burst into motion, gamboling through the lanes, laughing too loudly, touching everything, hill boys tasting the frenzy of urban life for the first time.

Among them, the stalls display their wares: jackets that are almost branded, sweaters that survive winter, trousers with city cuts at village prices, sneakers full of ambition, shawls to keep warm in the cold, pirated novels full of love and crime, kitchenware that’s dented but works, toys made of plastic dreams.

The men who sell these things move with practiced skill. Part-time labourers by dawn, mechanics by afternoon, porters between seasons, or entirely untethered to any schedule, their throats are trained to shout and their palms trained to calculate, living from one crowded Sunday to the next.

When rain falls on the flea market, it does not cleanse but reveals. Dust turns into a slick paste underfoot, tarpaulins sag and drip, woens darken and cling, and the lanes shrink into narrow, glistening corridors where bodies press closer for shelter.

The scene begins to resemble Dickens’ London, with “narrow streets and courts, at length so close and filthy, that the air would seem too tainted even for the dirt and squalor which they shelter,” where damp brick and human fatigue share the same odour.

Carts stand like broken carriages in a poor quarter. Water trickles along the uneven ground as if it were the refuse-laden gutters of Bleak House, where “fog everywhere” blurred both the skyline and the destinies of those trapped beneath it.

Salesmen, coats soaked and collars darkened, shout through the downpour. Their voices are raw, and their goods are protected by thin sheets of plastic that flap like surrender flags. The crowd thickens rather than disperses, shoulders hunched, eyes wary, transactions hurried but desperate, as if retreat were not an option.

In such weather, faces appear carved by fatigue: pale, strained, and watchful. They recall Dostoevsky’s prisoners in The House of the Dead, men condemned to labour in Siberia, “crushed, as it were, under the weight of some inevitable misfortune,” their existence reduced to endurance.

Here too are men who seem condemned without any formal sentence: luckless husbands abandoned by circumstance, suitors unable to earn enough to marry, drifters who once rode campaign buses waving party flags only to be forgotten the morning after victory.

They return every Sunday, hopeful but uncorrected, their upward mobility stalled like a clock that has forgotten how to tick. In many cases, the family line has sloped downward for generations. Some from the inner quarters carry the frailty of poor inheritance and poorer nourishment, lacking the strength for manual toil, but too proud to admit defeat.

They resemble Gogol’s forgotten figures in

Dead Souls, names counted but never valued, men who traded their agency for illusions and mistook the two-minute privacy of a voting booth for emancipation.

The rain, indifferent and unrelenting, binds them into one damp mass, the underbelly not of London, nor Siberia, nor provincial Russia, but of democracy’s unkept promises, where survival persists, hope flickers, and history repeats itself in wet wool and tired eyes.

“Take these solar-powered lamps,” the greying cart owner would call out whenever a fresh cluster of customers gathered around him. “They’re rechargeable. They won’t vanish like twelve free gas cylinders, and they’re certainly not free electricity. That manifesto was a fairy tale your grandmothers once told you.” His voice conveyed both mockery and fatigue, built by years of watching promises dissolve.

Among the most relentless bargainers are the widows, and there seem to be so many of them. I once overheard one explaining to a shopkeeper how her carpenter husband had fallen from a rooftop while reaching for a matchbox to light a cigarette. “He loved cigarettes and died with one in his mouth,” she said, miming the act of smoking, as if grief could be folded into anecdote.

There are also women who were never brides, their faces mapped with early wrinkles, buying imitation dresses with the modest wages they earn as low-paid computer operators or sweepers in office buildings.

On Sundays, they purchase cheap copies of party wear and rehearse bridal gestures before cracked mirrors. And once, Kamran told me, he saw a woman buying clothes for her dead son!

She was particular about the colour, though he no longer remembers which one, only that she would not compromise on it.

These days, the calls of the cart owners are lively shouts of price and fabric, mixed with twisted Bollywood hits and whatever meme is trending on Instagram. When women approach with children in tow, the vendors break into filmi lines, urging mothers to buy something for their little ones and turning salesmanship into street theatre.

Kamran, meanwhile, plays the role of resident expert. He warns that many brands arriving from Southeast Asia are inferior, sometimes poorly stored, sometimes suspect. “Always go for American or European labels,” he says, phone in hand, cross-checking names with quick, practiced swipes. “This one was made for a fishing company in Ireland, meant for deep-sea winds, so it must be water-resistant and warm. This jacket was used by skiers in France. It will hold up in our bleakest winter.”

To the mostly illiterate cart owners, he is like a walking encyclopedia, even guiding them on where to find sacks of donated second-hand clothing. He insists on one rule above all: arrive early.

Those who come at dawn claim the best pieces, while the rest make do with what remains.

Amid the frenzy stand the movie CD sellers,

relics of an earlier appetite, their tables spread with faded covers and sun-bleached titles. People whispered that there was a time when they supplied the city’s idling bachelors, men resigned to lives without marriage, with “hot” films discreetly wrapped in newspaper.

In a town said to hold tens of thousands of women above marriageable age, these men drifted through crowded Sundays alone, their loneliness louder than the market’s din.

Overpowered by restless desire and idle afternoons, they turned to flickering screens for borrowed intimacy, mistaking pixels for companionship. The CDs spun in dim rooms long after the market shutters fell, offering the illusion of warmth in lives otherwise pared down to habit and waiting.

These cart owners grow paler with every passing season, their faces thinning into the colour of unpaid dues. They carry debts older than themselves, from reckless spending by fathers and grandfathers, loans never settled, and interest compounding silently until it rose higher than the single-storey homes they inhabit. They speak, almost stubbornly, of beginning the climb upward, of correcting the arc of a family history that has bent downward for generations.

One young aspirant shopkeeper, dazzled by bumper-to-bumper traffic, once clicked a photograph of a passing Scorpio, mistaking it for the Range Rover of a revered scholar-turned-politician. Later, it emerged that his great-grandfather had donated an acre of orchard land to that religious leader’s grandfather, holding him in profound esteem. “We still invite him to our feasts,” the young man says with pride. “He comes with his entire entourage. We feel blessed when he honours us.”

In that blessing lies both devotion and the faint, unspoken hope that proximity to power might one day tilt fortune in their favour.

After leaving the flea market, many of the men drift toward the nearby shrines, as if commerce must end in confession. They stand silently before the sealed donation boxes and slip in folded notes, sometimes more than they had planned to spend, grateful simply for having had enough money to buy something at last. Their murmured thanks rise softly, almost shyly, into the cool air scented with incense. Faith for them is an anchor that steadies what earnings cannot.

In lives measured by shortage and uncertainty, belief often nourishes more deeply than bread, offering a sense of worth where circumstance withholds it.

Shabbily dressed men and small-town dandies from distant districts pull jackets over their shoulders, peel them off, try again, hunting for that rare “purple squirrel” hidden somewhere in the heap of torn, greasy, faintly sour misfits. They examine collars, stretch sleeves against thin wrists, turn toward fractured mirrors in search of a version of themselves slightly improved.

Around them, the crowd thickens with older men and women who have just stepped

out of the nearby chest-disease hospital, prescriptions folded carefully into pockets. A persistent wheeze punctuates the market’s roar, coughs cut through bargaining calls, and breath comes in measured, reluctant drafts.

The cold makes pulmonary illness crueler, with phlegm heavier in the lungs and each inhalation negotiated like a truce.

Many of them perhaps understand that the antibiotics, bronchodilators, corticosteroids, and mucolytics prescribed that morning may be among their final courses. The sweaters and coats they purchase here, after long hesitation and careful counting of notes, might be the last garments they will ever buy, chosen for one more winter of breath.

Their breaths in the bustling bazar arrive late, whistle faintly, and leave with a tired rattle. Phlegm clings stubbornly to the chest, and coughing is a vicious cycle: gather air, choke, clear, repeat.

The flea market becomes an expedition of careful steps. Three steps, and lean against the wall. Five steps, and bend forward and summon breath again.

The winter air feels metallic, slicing into lungs already lined with fire.

This is preceded by a long wait at the chest-disease hospital. In the queue, they stand with pro-forma prescription slips clutched like permits to survival, eyes flicking nervously toward the desk.

There is always the silent fear that an influential man will arrive, flip the pile, rearrange the order, and slide his own paper to the top, turning hours of waiting into nothing.

Answering the call of nature in this flea market is no small ordeal. The public washrooms stand nearly half a kilometre away from the main hub, and restaurant owners rarely welcome men with muddied shoes and untrimmed beards into their tiled interiors. It is common to see people weaving through the crowd asking for directions in hushed compulsion, some patting or pointing toward their bellies to explain what words need not.

The search becomes another small struggle layered over the day, bargaining for space, for warmth, for a sense of worth, and now for relief. In a market bursting with goods and noise, even something as simple as a restroom feels distant, rationed, and almost something to be bartered for.

These are the undisguised commoners, belched from the underbelly of a city that prides itself on an unbroken civilization of two millennia. They gather in this nameless, temporary sprawl of tarpaulin and cartwood, pitched defiantly beside the city’s permanent, polished market, a boulevard of glass fronts and measured smiles where permanence, pedigree, and upmanship are etched into every façade.

The upscale shopkeepers resent the Sunday market. It siphons off what remains of their local clientele. Most have long since exported their ambitions, trading in the Gulf, Europe, Southeast Asia, their sons and daughters settled in villas in Dubai, standalone homes in Los Angeles, condominiums in New York City.

And yet, every Sunday, thousands of haggard, wind-burned faces flow in and out of the flea market’s lanes. Overpowered by capitalism and bruised by democracy’s unkept promises, they arrive once or twice a month with skeletal purchasing power and stubborn hope. They count their notes carefully, bargain fiercely, and when they finally secure a jacket or sweater, they lift it like a trophy, proof of acquisition and endurance.

For a brief moment, holding up that fabric against the indifferent skyline, they appear victorious before a world that has long since disowned them without apology.

After a day of trade, when purchases are done and bargains settled, the cart owners fold their worlds back into coarse sacks. The heavier the sacks, the thinner the profits, a muted arithmetic of disappointment that hangs in the evening air.

Kamran and I climb the worn steps to the Bund and stand looking at the river as it meanders on, slow and self-absorbed. In our thirties now, half-amused and half-desperate, we mark imaginary destinations on a mental world map: Dubai, Doha, Istanbul, New York, San Francisco, London, places where we tell ourselves we might begin again or at least grow bored more elegantly.

Then comes the persistent question: what would men like us do on Sundays in those cities? Kamran answers it himself, letting out a small giggle. “Those cities have flea markets too. Men like us live everywhere. And where men like us live, flea markets thrive.”

Below us, the river curves on indifferently, as if instructed by the city’s power corridors, calm, unconcerned, and immune to the small miseries of undisguised commoners who stand upon its banks and imagine elsewhere.

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Liver Follows Body Clock; Irregular Eating Throws Its Rhythm Off: Study

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An analysis has found that the liver releases proteins into the bloodstream in timed waves, in line with the body clock – findings point to how working in shifts and irregular eating habits can affect liver function and disrupt its circadian rhythm, researchers said.

“These are important findings, because they challenge the idea that the liver releases proteins into the blood at a consistent pace,” author Meltem Weger, from the University of Queensland in Australia, said.

“This means disruptions to daily routines such as shift work or irregular eating can affect liver function,” she said.

Weger said the liver operates its own body clock, releasing proteins in a 24-hour rhythm, with disruptions to the cycle linked to chronic conditions such as obesity.

The study, published in the journal Nature Metabolism, uncovers a liver metabolic process as a body clock-linked regulator of protein secretion, the authors said.

The researchers used proteomics – a comprehen-

sive analysis of proteins, including structures, functions and interactions – of the liver to understand processes that govern protein secretion.

The liver is important for the body's functioning, producing and exporting most major proteins circulating in the blood, Weger said. This is critical to varied body functions, including regulating metabolism, inflammation and energy balance, but these liver proteins aren't released at the same levels all the time, she said.

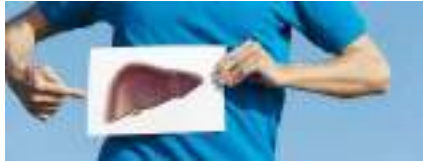
The researchers found that timing of food intake is critical to maintaining the natural rhythm of the liver in secreting proteins – people eating regular meals were seen to maintain healthy rhythms, but those who sipped nutritional drinks every hour lost the rhythms.

“Having a greater understanding of the liver's body clock could reshape our knowledge about nutrition, shift work, and disease prevention,” Weger said.

Author Benjamin Weger from the University of Queensland said the research is an important step towards understanding how the liver's body clock

might be linked to obesity.

The study is the first to “describe rhythms in protein secretion and explain how they form at the molecular level, helping us understand how they are affected by daily routines,” he said.



NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Engineer/Bridge Line/Jammu Tawi for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open-tender under for the under noted works:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Date of Opening	Bidding Start Date	Cost of Tender Form(₹)	Completion period of work
1.	OT-03/JAT/25-26	Fabrication & Erection of top chord inspection arrangements of Br. No. 85 (Ghambir Bridge) and Br. No. 186 (Jajihar Khad) in JAT-SVDK Section	₹94,28,428.96	₹1,88,600/-	09.03.2026	23.02.26	0	06 Months
2.	OT-09/JAT/25-26	Painting of various bridges in BHRL-JAT, ASR-PTK, JUC-PTK and PTK-JDXX sections under jurisdiction of SSE/Br/MP/K	₹98,89,393.53	₹1,97,800/-	09.03.2026	23.02.26	0	06 Months

Date & Time for submission of Tender and opening of tender

Up to 15:00 hrs. on dates show against each and opening of tender thereafter at 15:00 hrs. on same date.

Website Particulars where complete details of Tender can be seen & Downloaded

The details e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 2-DYCEBL/JAT-2025/26 Dated: 12.02.2026

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Directorate of Economics & Statistics, J&K
SDA Colony Bemina Srinagar/Janipur Jammu
Fax(K) 2493376, (J) 2531731, (K) 25389807, (J) E-mail: jandkdes@jk.gov.in

Subject: - Tentative seniority list of Junior Scale Stenographers of J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on 01.01.2026.

CIRCULAR NO. 04 - DES OF 2026
DATED: 13-02-2026

Subject: - **Tentative seniority list of Junior Scale Stenographers of J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on 01.01.2026.**

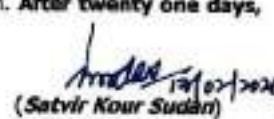
CIRCULAR NO. 04 - DES OF 2026
DATED: 13-02-2026

WHEREAS, the Directorate of Economics & Statistics has issued the Seniority List of Junior Scale Stenographers (UT/ KDC/ JDC) of J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on 01.06.2015 vide Order No. 354-DES of 2024 dated 21.12.2024;

AND WHEREAS, a number of changes have taken place in the seniority list maintained by the Directorate by effecting placements, promotions and retirements etc. and as such need has been felt to revise and update the seniority list.

Now therefore, the Tentative Seniority List of Junior Scale Stenographers (UT/ KDC) borne on the J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on **01.01.2026** is hereby notified as per **Annexure I & II** to this Circular for inviting objections, if any, from the members of the service. The Tentative Seniority List is also available on the Official Website of Directorate of Economics and Statistics, J&K i.e. www.ecostatjk.nic.in for information of concerned members of the service.

Accordingly, the Junior Scale Stenographers figuring in the tentative seniority list are advised to file their objections, if any, to the **Directorate of Economics & Statistics, J&K, SDA Colony Bemina, Srinagar /Ashok Vihar, Janipur, Jammu (email: jandk-des@jk.gov.in)** within a period of **21** days from the date of issuance of this Circular with documentary proof in support of their claim. **After twenty one days, no objection shall be entertained.**


(Satvir Kour Sudan)
Director General,
Economics & Statistics, J&K
Dated: 13.02.2026

No. DES-HRM/30/2025-08/9056-63

Annexure " I " of Circular No: 04 - DES of 2026 Dated: 13-02-2026
Tentative Seniority list of Junior Scale Stenographers (UT Cadre) borne on J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on 01-01-2026

S.No	Name	D.O.B	Date of entry in to Govt. service	Date of Appt. to the present post
1	2	3	4	5
S/Shri/Ms				
1	Shaista Ali	15-04-1980	02-07-2009	02-07-2009

Note:
1. The Date of Birth will be subject to verification with reference to Matriculation certificate(s) issued by the respective Boards of School Education.
2. The reserved category certificate(s) recorded in the seniority list are subject to further updation/ verification from the concerned competent authorities as per rules.

Joint Director (Central)

Annexure " II " of Circular No: 04-DES of 2026 Dated: 13-02-2026
Tentative Seniority list of Junior Scale Stenographers (Divisional Cadre Kashmir) borne on J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on 01-01-2026

S.No	Name	D.O.B	Date of entry in to Govt. service	Date of Appt. to the present post
1	2	3	4	5
S/Shri/Ms				
1	Bashir Ahmad Mir	19.04.1978	02.07.2009	02.07.2009
2	Mudansir Anjum	25.07.1976	02.07.2009	02.07.2009
3	Fotai Nazir	04.04.1966	10.04.2012	10.04.2012

Note:
1. The Date of Birth will be subject to verification with reference to Matriculation certificate(s) issued by the respective Boards of School Education.
2. The reserved category certificate(s) recorded in the seniority list are subject to further updation/ verification from the concerned competent authorities as per rules.

DIPK-10922/25 dated: 13-02-2026
Joint Director (Central)

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No:- 233-2025-26-DEN-HQ-FZR
DEN/HQ/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 09.03.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information login to www.ireps.gov.in

Date:12.02.2026

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Packet System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Tender Closing Date/Time
11.02.2026	23.02.2026	09.03.2026 & 15:00 Hrs

SN	Tender Number	Details of Tender	
1	233-2025-26-DEN-HQ-FZR	Improvement in the infrastructure of 11 nos. L-xings of the traffic department in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ/FZR in C/with Improvement in the infrastructure of 33 nos. L-xings of the traffic department over the FZR division.	
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
1,03,11,205.97	2,01,600.00	60 Days	12 Months

Similar Nature Work:-"Any civil work other than track work."

Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD
Muthi, Akhnoor Road, Jammu/ZamZam Complex, Rambagh, Srinagar
(www.jkssb.nic.in)

Subject: Final Selection List for the posts of Veterinary Pharmacist, Item No. 135 (District Cadre, Kishtwar), Item No. 145 (District Cadre, Baramulla), Item No. 146 (District Cadre, Budgam), Item No. 147 (District Cadre, Anantnag), Item No. 148 (District Cadre, Pulwama), Item No. 149 (District Cadre, Srinagar), Item No. 150, (District Bandipora) and Item No. 151 (Division Cadre, Kashmir) of Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No.04 of 2022 dated 27.07.2022.

Notification No. 08 - Selection of 2026
Dated: 12th of February, 2026

Whereas, the Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department, vide indent No. ASHF-SHOGAZ/105/2021-03 dated: 04.04.2022 and ASHF- CORD/92/2021-03 dated: 04.04.2022, forwarded the requisition for making direct recruitment to the below-mentioned 52 posts under item Nos. as mentioned as per the following break up:

S. No.	Advt No	Item No.	Name of the post	Cadre of the post	OM	SC	ST	OSC	ALC/IB	RBA	PSP	EWS	Total posts
1	04 of 2022	135	Veterinary Pharmacist	District Kishtwar	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
2	04 of 2022	145	Veterinary Pharmacist	District Baramulla	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
3	04 of 2022	146	Veterinary Pharmacist	District Budgam	7	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	14
4	04 of 2022	147	Veterinary Pharmacist	District Anantnag	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	8
5	04 of 2022	148	Veterinary Pharmacist	District Pulwama	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
6	04 of 2022	149	Veterinary Pharmacist	District Srinagar	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	5
7	04 of 2022	150	Veterinary Pharmacist	District Bandipora	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
8	04 of 2022	151	Veterinary Pharmacist	Division Cadre Kashmir	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	15

Whereas, as per the Indent/Advertisement Notification, the prescribed qualification for the post(s) is/was **"B.Sc from a recognized University having Zoology as one of the subject"**; and

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) advertised the aforesaid posts among other posts of Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27.07.2022 and the cut-off date, i.e., the last date for applying for the aforementioned posts and for determining the eligibility/academic qualification and validity of category certificates and other such documents of the candidates which may be required as per indent was **20.09.2022** for the above mentioned notification; and

Whereas, as per the Notification, the selection to these posts was to be made on the basis of Written Examination only and, accordingly, the JKSSB conducted the OMR Test for these posts on 02.03.2025 and after holding the exams, the Result/Score-sheet of the candidates was notified vide notification No JKSSB-COESEXAM(UT)/11/2025-03 (7655961) dated 14.05.2025; and

Whereas, on the basis of merit obtained by the candidates, the Document Verification was conducted vide Notice No. JKSSB- COESEXAM(UT)/11/2025-03(7655961) dated 30.05.2025 both at Jammu and Srinagar by the DV Committees. Supplementary DV for the left-out candidates was also conducted vide Notice No. JKSSB- COESEXAM(UT)/11/2025-03(7655961) dated 15.06.2025; and

Whereas, the Selection Committee for preparing the selection to the aforementioned posts was constituted vide Order No.221-SSB of 2025 dated 14.07.2025 and the selection stands framed by the Selection committee strictly in accordance with the indent received from the Indenting Department. It is pertinent to mention that the horizontal reservation in this particular selection could not be implemented due to less number of posts in the items for the block as required for ESM and PwDs; and

Whereas, the provisional selection list for the aforementioned posts, prepared as per the merit/eligibility of the candidates and having regard to the extant rules /regulations was approved by the Board in its 312th Meeting held on 05.08.2025 and subsequently notified vide Notification No. JKSSB-Scry/25/2025-03(E-7732106) dated 24.09.2025, seeking objections from the candidates; and

Whereas, after examination of the representations received regarding the Provisional Selection List, the Board, in its 337th Board Meeting held on 11.02.2026, deliberated and approved the proposal for notifying the Final Selection List for the above said posts.

Now, therefore, the Final Selection List of the candidates for the aforementioned posts of **Veterinary Pharmacist**, Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27.07.2022 is hereby notified as **Annexure-A** to this Notification. It is further notified that:

1) The above Final Selection List shall be subject to the outcome of OAs/Writ Petition(s), if any, pending adjudication before any Competent Court of law.

2) The List shall also be subject to the outcome of such inquiry, involving any candidate(s), as figuring in this List.

3) The formal recommendations to the concerned Indenting Department shall be made separately.

4) The candidates(s), whose recommendations are kept withheld, shall submit the requisite documents/certificates within a period of one month.

5) The Selection of the candidates has been made on the basis of *Self-declaration/Certificates* submitted by them and if at any stage, it comes to the light that any candidate(s) has submitted false information or has secured selection on the basis of fake documents/certificates, the selection shall be liable to cancellation at any stage.

By Order.

No. JKSSB-Scry/25/2025-03(E-7732106)
DIPK-10893/25
Dated: 13.02.2026

Sd/-
(Atul Kumar) JKAS
Secretary,
J&K Services Selection Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the name and personal particulars of the below-mentioned child have been recorded incorrectly in the concerned records and are required to be corrected as under:

Correct Particulars

Name of Child: Ahmed Bin Aadil S/o: Aadil Majeed Shaksaz
Mother's Name: Jabeena Aadil Address: Yatoo Mohalla, Hazratbal
Date of Birth: 04-09-2018
Aadhaar No.: 7613 2865 8845

Incorrect Particulars Appearing in Records

Name: Muhammad Aahil Shaksaz
S/o: Jabeena Akhter
R/o: Khun Harran, Tulmulla

This notice is published for record correction purposes. If any person has any objection to the above-mentioned correction, he/she may submit the same to the concerned authority along with valid documentary proof within the stipulated period. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

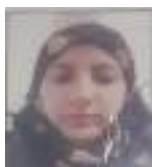
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The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar
Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No.: 107020059
Class: 10th
Name: Rizwana Riyaz
Father's Name: Riyaz Ahmad Mir
Mother's Name: Naseema Begum
Session/Year: Annual Regular – 2024
Registration No.: 2207010001990019
Date of Birth: 05-10-2006
Residence: Kreeri



According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

(Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 5200 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F/Cer is-I-DQC/B/KD/

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Assistant Secretary
Certificates, KD.

Investors' Wealth Slumps By Rs 7.02 Lakh Cr As Stock Markets Tumble

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- Investors' wealth eroded by Rs 7.02 lakh crore in a single day on Friday as stock markets faced heavy drubbing, with the BSE Sensex tumbling 1,048 points due to a broad-based selloff, especially in metal, IT and commodity stocks, tracking sluggish global markets.

A weaker-than-expected earnings season and emerging pressure on technology stocks amid concerns about AI-led disruption also dampened sentiment, traders said.

In a volatile session, the 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 1,048.16 points, or 1.25 per cent, to close at 82,626.76. During the day, the benchmark tanked 1,140.37 points, or 1.36 per cent, to hit an intraday low of 82,534.55.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms eroded by Rs 7,02,017.71 crore to Rs 4,65,46,643.20 crore (USD 5.13 trillion).

Meanwhile, equity investors' wealth has been depreciated by Rs 9,52,648.51 crore in the last two trading sessions.

On Friday, foreign institutional investors offloaded equities worth Rs 7,395.41 crore, while domestic institutional investors bought stocks worth Rs 5,553.96 crore, according to the exchange data.

"Indian equities on Friday came under significant selling pressure, weighed down by weak global cues and sharp declines in index heavyweights, particularly metals and IT



stocks," Siddhartha Khemka - Head of Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.

The fall in the benchmark was led by a steep correction following weaker-than-expected results, along with continued pressure in technology stocks amid concerns around AI-led disruption, he added.

"The sector continues to face headwinds amid rising concerns that rapid AI advancements could disrupt traditional service models and weigh on future revenue visibility," Khemka said.

All sectoral indices ended lower. Metal declined the most by 3.21 per cent, followed by Realty and Commodities by 2.27 per cent each, Utilities by 2.26 per cent, Energy by 1.94 per cent, Oil & Gas by 1.86 per cent, Power by 1.85 per cent, FMCG by 1.74 per cent, and Services by 1.72 per cent.

From the Sensex pack, Hindustan Unilever, Eternal, Titan, Tata Steel, Adani Ports, Tata Consultancy Services, PowerGrid, Reliance Industries, Bharat Electronics Ltd, Asian Paints, Mahindra & Mahindra, HDFC Bank and HCL Technologies were the major laggards.

Passenger Vehicle Dispatches In Fast Lane In Jan As Demand Remains Robust: SIAM

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Domestic passenger vehicle dispatches from companies to dealers rose 13 per cent year-on-year to 4,49,616 units in January with demand remaining robust owing to GST rate rationalisation and subsequent dip in prices, industry body SIAM said on Friday. The overall passenger vehicle dispatches stood at 3,99,386 units in January 2025.

The sales growth last month was aided by utility vehicles. The segment wholesales rose 13 per cent year-on-year to 2,46,844 units last month as compared with 2,12,995 units in the year-ago period, a growth of 16 per cent. Similarly, vans sales rose to 11,914 units in January as against 11,250 units in the same month last year. Passenger car dispatches, however, declined 5 per cent year-on-year to 1,20,636 units in January.

Maruti Suzuki led the segment in January with a dispatch of 1,74,529 units. The auto major sold 1,73,599 units in the year-ago period. Two-wheeler sales rose 26 per cent to 19,25,603 units last month as against 15,26,218 units in January last year, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) said in a statement. Scooter dispatches increased



37 per cent year-on-year to 7,50,580 units while motorcycle wholesales rose 20 per cent year-on-year to 11,26,416 units in January. Three-wheeler dispatches to dealers rose 30 per cent year-on-year to 75,725 units as against 58,167 units in the year-ago period, it added.

"Passenger vehicles, two-wheelers and three-wheelers posted their highest-ever sales of January in 2026, with double digit growth, compared to January 2025," SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon stated. The new year has begun on a positive note, extending the strong momentum seen in the previous quarter, supported by sustained demand following the GST rate reduction, he added. The initiatives announced in the Union Budget 2026 to strengthen India's manufacturing base, along with existing policy tailwinds, are expected to deliver long-term benefits for the sector and support growth in the medium term, Menon added.

Govt Approves Startup India Fund Of Funds 2.0 With Rs 10,000 Cr Corpus

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The government on Friday approved the second tranche of Startup India Fund of Funds Scheme with a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore.

This will encourage startups in early stages and deep-tech research, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a social media post.

On his first day at Seva Teerth, the prime minister's new office, Modi signed files that are connected with the empowerment of the poor, downtrodden, farmers, Yuva Shakti and Nari Shakti.

The key decisions include "approval for a Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 with a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore," said the post.

The Prime Minister on Friday shifted to his new office Seva Teerth from the colonial-era South Block building near Rashtrapati Bhavan on Raisina Hill. The shift came on a day -- February 13 -- that marked 95 years since the formal inauguration of New Delhi as India's modern capital in 1931.



The government in 2016 had constituted a Fund of Funds worth Rs 10,000 crore to provide seed capital and enable startups take calculated risks.

Following the successful utilisation of the first tranche, a second phase of Rs 10,000 crore was sanctioned in the Union Budget for 2025-26.

So far over 2 lakh entities are recognised as startups by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). These entities are eligible for incentives under the startup India action plan.

The scheme was set up to catalyze venture capital investments and is operationalized by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), which provides capital to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)-registered AIFs, which in turn invest in startups.

AIFs supported under Fund of Funds Scheme (FFS) are required to invest at least two times the amount committed under FFS in startups.

DPIIT is the monitoring agency and SIDBI is the operating agency for FFS.

J&K Fish Production Touches 29.4K MT

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has said that the fisheries sector has recorded a fish production of 29,40 thousand metric tonnes during 2024-25, with an additional 20.68 thousand metric tonnes produced up to November 2025.

The government said that trout farming has made a significant contribution to the overall output, reflecting steady growth in cold-water fisheries across Kashmir.

The administration outlined an ambitious roadmap to double fish production in the coming years. The strategy includes modernisation of existing hatcheries and adoption of advanced aquaculture technologies such as recirculating aquaculture systems and bio-



floc systems to enhance efficiency and sustainability.

The government said the proposed technological interventions are expected to improve productivity, reduce water consumption and enable year-round fish farming. The government also emphasised strengthening post-harvest management infrastructure to minimise losses and

improve quality standards.

The expansion plan is aimed at boosting income opportunities for fish farmers, enhancing nutritional security and promoting fisheries exports from Jammu and Kashmir. Authorities expressed confidence that the sector would play a greater role in rural livelihood generation and economic diversification.

DGCA Puts Stricter Breath Analyser Test Norms In Place For Pilots

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- Aviation safety regulator DGCA has put in place stricter breath analyser test requirements for pilots, wherein those found repeatedly violating the norms could even face cancellation of their pilot license, according to a source.

Under the revised norms, which came into effect from February 9, FATA (Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorisation) of an expatriate pilot operating in India will be cancelled and not considered again if that cockpit crew tests positive for alcohol consumption

during pre-flight breath analyser examination.

Among other provisions, the license of a pilot who tests positive in a Breath Analyser (BA) test before operating a flight on three occasions will be cancelled, the source said.

In September last year, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had proposed changes to the Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) on the procedure for medical examination for crew members for alcohol consumption before and after operating a flight.

"For confirmatory BA readings up to 0.009 per cent BAC or mg/dl for the first time,

the crew shall be off rostered and subjected to counselling. For scheduled operators, the counselling shall be carried out by the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief of Flight Safety on the adverse impact of alcohol and subsequently released for flight.

"In case of operators other than scheduled operators, the counselling shall be carried out by the Accountable Manager and Chief of Flight Safety/CFI. All such cases shall be reported to DGCA; however, this shall not be endorsed on crew license/approval," according to the revised DGCA norms.

Spectrum Allocated To Telcos Not Asset, Can't Be Subjected To Insolvency Process: SC

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court on Friday held that the spectrum allocated to telecom service providers is not an asset to be subjected to proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

The decision will have ramifications in the telecommunication sector where telecom firms such as Aircel Group of Companies have invoked moratorium on the basis of voluntary corporate insolvency resolution process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) for restructuring of their assets.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar ruled that the Union government is the owner and trustee of spectrum on the one hand, and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is the regulator on the other, and taken together, they occupy the "entire province of telecommunications".

It said while a licence and allocation of spectrum may, in abstract terms, constitute an intangible asset, it is always subject to the telecommunication laws of the nation like the Telegraph Act, 1885, Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1993, and the TRAI Act, 1997, followed by rules and regulations.

"We hold that spectrum allocated to telecom service providers (TSPs) and shown in their books of account as an 'asset' cannot be subjected to proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016," the top court ruled.



The bench said the regulatory jurisdiction for the telecommunication sector through TRAI extends to making recommendations to the Union government and discharging the functions under the TRAI Act.

"The statutory regime under the IBC cannot be permitted to make inroads into the telecom sector and re-write and restructure the rights and liabilities arising out of administration, usage, and transfers of spectrum which operate under the exclusive legal regime concerning telecommunications.

"The disharmony caused by applying IBC to the telecom sector, which operates under a different legal regime, was never intended by Parliament," the bench said.

It added that the statutory interpretation adopted by the corporate debtors like Aircel Group entities for applying IBC to the material resource of the nation, the spectrum by referring to it as an "asset" in its books of account, the licence agreement, tripartite agreement (between DoT, banks and TSPs), or the spectrum trading guidelines of 2015, is like the "tail wagging the dog".

Silver Declines 5% To Rs 2.55 Lakh/Kg, Gold Drop To Rs 1.58 Lakh/10g

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Precious metals prices declined more than 5 per cent in the national capital on Friday, with silver declining to Rs 2.55 lakh per kilogram, while gold dropped to Rs 1.58 lakh per 10 grams amid subdued demand in the local market.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, the white metal slumped Rs 13,500, or 5.03 per cent, to Rs 2,55,000 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes). It ended flat at Rs 2,68,500 per kg on Thursday.

Gold of 99.9 per cent purity also dived Rs 2,400, or 1.5 per cent, to Rs 1,58,500 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) from the previous close of Rs 1,60,900 per 10 grams.

"Gold and silver fell sharply on Friday amid a broader market sell-off and remained under pressure on Friday, as investors adopted a cautious stance ahead of the highly anticipated US consumer inflation data," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst, Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

In the international market, spot silver gained USD 2.01, or 3 per cent, to USD 77.30 per ounce, while gold was trading



nearly 1 per cent higher at USD 4,968.40 per ounce.

"Silver has rebounded to trade near USD 79 per ounce, while gold has also recovered to USD 4,990 per ounce as markets turn their focus to upcoming US Consumer Price Index (CPI) data," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP Commodity Research, Kotak Securities, said.

She added that softer inflation readings could revive expectations of policy easing and provide much-needed stability to bullion prices while persistent inflation and a resilient labour market could keep the Federal Reserve on a "higher-for-longer" trajectory, keeping prices under pressure.

Meanwhile, easing geopolitical tensions, particularly around Russia-Ukraine and renewed US-Iran nuclear discussions, have dampened safe-haven demand.

India's Forex Reserves Drop USD 6.7 Bln To USD 717.06 Bln



Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- India's forex reserves dropped by USD 6.711 billion to USD 717.064 billion during the week ended February 6, the RBI said on Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the kitty had jumped by USD 14.361 billion to an all-time high of USD 723.774 billion.

During the week ended February 6, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by USD 7.661 billion to USD 570.053 billion, the data released by the central bank showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effects of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units, such as the euro, pound, and yen, held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Value of the gold reserves dropped by USD 14.208 billion to USD 123.476 billion during the week, the RBI said.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 132 million to USD 18.821 billion, the apex bank said.

India's reserve position with the IMF was also down by USD 32 million to USD 4.715 billion in the reporting week, according to the apex bank's data.

DGCA Slaps Rs 1-Cr Fine On Air India

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI- Aviation safety watchdog DGCA has imposed a fine of Rs 1 crore on Tata Group-owned Air India for operating an Airbus A320 neo plane without the requisite airworthiness certification on at least eight routes last year, according to sources.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), on December 2 last year, said it was probing the incident of Air India operating an A320 neo plane without having a requisite airworthiness certification on at least eight routes.

The sources on Friday said the regulator has slapped Rs 1 crore fine on Air India for the violations.

"Air India acknowledges the receipt of a DGCA order in relation to an incident that was voluntarily reported

back in 2025. All identified gaps have since been satisfactorily addressed and shared with the authority," the airline said in a statement.

On November 26, 2025, the airline informed the DGCA about the flying of the A320 aircraft with the expired airworthiness review certificate (ARC) on eight revenue sectors.

ARC is issued annually in respect of an aircraft after a comprehensive review of its maintenance records, physical condition and verification of compliance with all airworthiness standards. It is a validation of an aircraft's main certificate of airworthiness.

Under the norms, Air India has been delegated the powers to issue the ARC for an aircraft.

Tata Group-owned Air India has previously faced regulatory actions for certain violations as well.



Modi Govt Created Rs 1 Lakh Cr Infrastructure For Agri Storage: Chouhan

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The government has created infrastructure worth Rs 1 lakh crore to preserve fruits, vegetables and other farm produce, which has helped reduce crop damage by up to 15 per cent, Agriculture minister Shwraj Singh Chouhan informed the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

Replying to supplementary questions during Question Hour, he targeted the previous Congress-led government for "failing to work in this regard".

"The Congress never created any infrastructure to preserve farm produce. PM Modi realised this and created infrastructure to the tune of Rs 1 lakh crore to preserve the produce of farmers.

"I have pride in telling this House that 44,243 customs hiring centres, 25,854 primary processing centres, 25,565 farm harvest automation, 17,779 warehouses, 4,200 grading units and 3,549 infrastructure for smart agriculture and 2827 cold storage," the minister told the members.

"Due to this infrastructure creation, the loss of produce of fruits and

vegetables has seen a reduction of 5 to 15 per cent and our fruits, vegetables and other produce can now be stored properly," he also said.

Chouhan said the BJP workers like him do not do politics only to enjoy the fruits of power and occupy a chair, "but do politics for helping in national rebuilding and doing politics for serving the society and farmers welfare, for building a self-reliant and Viksit Bharat."

"Keeping this aim in view, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are trying to resolve all issues of farmers. Farmers are not God, but no less than God either," the minister said.

In his written reply to the question, the Agriculture Minister said Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) is a demand-driven, Central Sector scheme with uniform operational guidelines applicable across all States, including Punjab.

"As on 09.02.2026, Rs 7425.99 Crores have been sanctioned for 32014 projects under AIF scheme to Punjab. The details of number and nature of projects Sanctioned in Punjab under AIF Scheme are at Annexure.

Bharat Pavilion Launch

India Showcases Cinema and Innovation at EFM 2026

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Marking a powerful and multidimensional presence at the European Film Market (EFM) 2026, held alongside the Berlin International Film Festival, India formally inaugurated the Bharat Pavilion, its official platform at the market, underlining the country's expanding global role across cinema, culture, and creative technologies. The Pavilion was inaugurated by H.E. Ambassador Shri Ajit Vinayak Gupte, Ambassador of India to Germany, in the presence of prominent international market leaders, cultural representatives, and the Indian film and innovation delegation.

The inauguration ceremony reflected the growing depth of India-Germany engagement in the creative and cultural sectors. Among the distinguished attendees were Ms. Tanja Meissner, Director of Berlinale Pro and Head of the European Film Market, who leads one of the world's most influential film markets; Mr. Peter Domsch, Head of Sales & Design, EFM, instrumental in shaping international participation and strategic industry engagement; and Ms. Trisha Sakhlecha, Director of the Tagore Centre, whose work has been central to strengthening



artistic and cultural dialogue between India and Germany. The event was also attended by senior officials from the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), members of the Embassy of India in Berlin, and a diverse Indian delegation representing the country's evolving creative ecosystem.

Indian Filmmakers Expand Global Partnerships

India's presence at EFM this year stands out for its strong blend of storytelling excellence and innovation-led participation. A major highlight is the participation of nine Indian filmmakers, who are actively engaging with international producers, sales agents,

distributors, and festival programmers. Their presence reflects India's growing integration into global co-production networks and the rising international appetite for Indian stories across languages and genres. Through structured market meetings and project discussions, these filmmakers are exploring partnerships that extend beyond traditional film trade, into cross-border collaboration and long-term creative alliances.

Equally significant is the participation of a delegation of four emerging start-ups representing India's rapidly expanding media-tech and creative-tech sectors. These companies bring forward solutions that

intersect storytelling, technology, and digital production, demonstrating how India's creative economy is increasingly being shaped by innovation. Their presence at EFM signals India's transition from being seen solely as a major content-producing nation to being recognized as a hub for technological advancement in the global entertainment ecosystem.

Young Innovators Represent India

The delegation also includes two winners of the Create in India Challenge (CIC), spotlighting breakthrough ideas and young creative entrepreneurs whose work embodies the spirit of innovation-driven storytelling.

UN Approves Panel to Study Impact of AI Despite US Objections

Agencies

United Nations: The UN General Assembly has voted overwhelmingly to approve a 40-member global scientific panel on the impacts and risks of artificial intelligence, with the United States strongly objecting.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who established the panel, called the adoption "a foundational step toward global scientific understanding of AI".

"In a world where AI is racing ahead," he said on Thursday, "this panel will provide what's been missing — rigorous, independent scientific insight that enables all member states, regardless of their technological capacity, to engage on an equal footing."

He has described it as the first fully independent global scientific body dedicated to bridging the knowledge gap in AI and assessing its real-world economic and social impacts.

The vote in the 193-member assembly was 117-2, with the United States and Paraguay voting "no" and Tunisia and Ukraine abstaining. America's allies in Europe, Asia and elsewhere voted in favour along with Russia, China and many developing countries.

US Mission counsellor Lauren Lovelace called the panel "a significant overreach of the UN's mandate and competence" and said "AI governance is not a matter for the UN to dictate."

As the world leader in AI, the United States is resolved to do all it can to accelerate AI



innovation and build up its infrastructure, she said, and the Trump administration will support "like-minded nations working together to encourage the development of AI in line with our shared values".

"We will not cede authority over AI to international bodies that may be influenced by authoritarian regimes seeking to impose their vision of controlled surveillance societies," Lovelace said, adding that the Trump administration is concerned about "the non-transparent way" the panel was chosen.

Guterres said the 40 members were selected from more than 2,600 candidates after an independent review by the International Telecommunications Union, the UN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies and UNESCO, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. They will serve for three-year terms.

Members are predominantly

AI experts but also come from other disciplines and include Maria Ressa, a Filipino journalist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate in 2021.

There are two Americans on the panel: Vipin Kumar, a University of Minnesota professor focusing on AI, data mining and high-performance computing research, and Martha Palmer, a retired University of Colorado professor and linguistics expert whose research includes capturing the meaning of words for complex sentences in AI.

There are two Chinese experts on the panel: Song Haitao, dean of Shanghai Jiao Tong University and the Shanghai Artificial Intelligence Research Institute, and Wang Jian, an expert in cloud-computing technology at the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

Ukraine said it abstained because it objected to Russia's Andrei Neznamov, an expert in AI regulation, ethics, and governance, being on the panel. (AP)

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Cancer Cases

Diseases and Stroke at a sanctioned cost of Rs 120 crore for infrastructure. Though commissioned in December 2020, infrastructure development is still underway and around 80 percent of the facility is currently functional with manpower deployed from the main hospital.

She said a proposal for creation of dedicated staff, including doctors, nurses and technical personnel, is under active consideration of the government.

The State Cancer Institute at Government Medical College Jammu has been made operational in phases since February 2023, she added.

Addressing the apparent rise in cases, Itoo said the increase cannot be conclusively interpreted as a rise in incidence and is largely attributable to improved diagnostic capabilities and enhanced detection rates.

To manage the growing patient load, the government is augmenting diagnostic services. PET scans at SKIMS increased from 1,410 in 2024 to 2,250 in 2025. Administrative approval has also been granted for procurement of a new PET scan machine for Government Medical College Srinagar at an estimated cost of Rs 16 crore through the Jammu and Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation Limited.

The government said awareness and screening programmes are being conducted through outpatient departments, health camps and under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases to strengthen early detection and treatment across the Union Territory.

3,982 Kanals Of

thereunder to retrieve such land.

"In the Kashmir division, during the last few years, a substantial chunk of evacuee property measuring 2,441 kanals, 1.5 marlas and 97 sq ft has been retrieved through eviction of illegal occupants and cancellation of illegal leases or allotments," the rep said.

It added that some evacuee land remains under litigation and further retrieval will be undertaken strictly in accordance with the law.

Grants Worth Rs 6,779 Cr

voice vote after a daylong debate by the members.

Winding up the discussion on the Demands for Grants, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs Javed Ahmed Rana expressed gratitude to all the

legislators for their active participation and valuable suggestions.

He said the feedback and recommendations would form the basis for further strengthening the policy decisions, ensuring effective execution and impactful implementation of projects on the ground.

"The proposed allocations reflect the government's commitment towards balancing development with sustainability, ensuring resilient ecosystems, reliable water resources and targeted socio-economic empowerment of tribal communities across Jammu and Kashmir," the minister said.

Uproar Over BJP

under any circumstances. He claimed that habitations of people from the Valley had come up on encroached JDA land and alleged that authorities had failed to remove such encroachments.

"There are over 16,000 kanals of JDA land under encroachment in Jammu. Let the government probe it and take action," he said, adding that he had repeatedly sought a list of encroachers.

Responding on behalf of the chief minister, Social Welfare Minister Sakina Itoo rejected the regional framing of the issue and said encroachment, whether in Jammu or Kashmir, was unlawful and subject to action under the law.

Citing official records, Itoo informed the House that 688 kanals and 17 marlas of land in Tehsil Bahu and 579 kanals in Tehsil Jammu South were under illegal encroachment. She described these as old encroachments and said they were being addressed under the Public Premises Act and other relevant laws.

The minister said that since January 2025, 34 anti encroachment drives had been conducted in the two tehsils, resulting in retrieval of 140 kanals and 11 marlas of JDA land. She added that fencing and signboards had been installed to prevent fresh encroachments and that field teams regularly monitored the land.

Itoo asserted that enforcement agencies acted strictly in accordance with legal provisions and without regional or communal considerations. She said the JDA had adequate manpower and that the Jammu Municipal Corporation, Revenue Department and police extended cooperation during eviction drives.

On accountability, the minister said warnings, departmental proceedings, red entries, suspensions and withholding of increments had been initiated against erring officials. Red entries were made in the service books of two

officials for alleged involvement in encroachment cases in Jammu South, she added.

Randhawa's remarks triggered sharp reactions from treasury benches, with ruling members objecting to what they described as a divisive narrative. The exchanges led to noisy scenes in the House, and Randhawa later moved towards the Well demanding immediate action.

The Speaker urged members to maintain decorum and declared the end of Question Hour. Normal proceedings resumed shortly thereafter.

Later, speaking to reporters outside the House, Randhawa alleged that the government was withholding the list of encroachers and questioned why it had not been shared with him.

Dry Weather

towards the night of February 16. On February 17, generally cloudy skies are forecast, with the possibility of light rain or snowfall at scattered locations. Thereafter, from February 18 to 21, dry weather is expected to prevail across the Union Territory.

The forecast suggests relatively stable conditions for travel and routine activities, though authorities have advised caution in higher reaches.

Meanwhile, maximum temperatures remained above normal at several places on Friday.

In Kashmir, Srinagar recorded a high of 15.6 degrees Celsius, 5.6 degrees above normal. Qazigund registered 15.5 degrees Celsius, 5.8 degrees above average, while Kokernag settled at 13.5 degrees Celsius, 5.3 degrees above normal. Pahalgam recorded 11.8 degrees Celsius, 4.8 degrees above average. Kupwara reported 16.0 degrees Celsius, 6.6 degrees above normal, and Gulmarg recorded 9.0 degrees Celsius, 7.3 degrees above the seasonal average.

In the Jammu region, Jammu city recorded 24.2 degrees Celsius, 3.2 degrees above normal. Banihal registered 19.6 degrees Celsius, 7.5 degrees above average, followed by Batote at 19.1 degrees Celsius, 7.2 degrees above normal. Bhaderwah recorded 18.6 degrees Celsius, 5.4 degrees above normal, while Katra settled at 23.4 degrees Celsius, 4.3 degrees above the seasonal average.

12,000 Kg Rotten

144 samples were lifted, of which 18 were found to be of Non Standard Quality. In total, 2,139 kg of meat was seized and 12,183.5 kg destroyed, with the value of the destroyed stock estimated at Rs 29.19 lakh.

District wise figures showed Srinagar recorded the highest destruction at 4,220 kg, followed by Jammu with 3,881 kg and Kupwara with 1,520.5 kg. Other districts where seizures were reported include Anantnag at 700 kg, Ganderbal at 770 kg, Pulwama at 450 kg, Budgam at 234 kg, Bandipora at 162 kg, Baramulla at 125 kg and Shopian at 121 kg.

Additionally, 7,665 kg of paneer was seized or destroyed in Jammu and Samba, valued at Rs 16.32 lakh.

The government said samples were analysed at food testing laboratories within and outside the Union Territory, including facilities recognised by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories.

J&K currently has two NABL accredited Food Testing Laboratories, one each in Jammu and Srinagar, along with 12 fully functional mobile food testing labs.

However, the department acknowledged a shortage of technical staff. Of the 19 sanctioned posts each at the Jammu and Srinagar laboratories, 11 posts in each lab are presently vacant.

The government said enforcement under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 is being strengthened through regular inspections, sampling, suspension or cancellation of licences, imposition of penalties and prosecution of violators. Special drives during festivals and tourist seasons, public awareness campaigns and inter departmental coordination are also being undertaken to safeguard public health.

India Contributes

upheaval, there was apprehension that India would slip even further down. But today, India is rapidly moving forward and heading towards becoming the world's third largest economy".

Referring to the Covid pandemic and supply chain disruptions, Modi said a country's true potential emerges during times of crisis.

"I am proud that, despite numerous disruptions, this decade has been marked by unprecedented development, remarkable delivery, and strengthening of our democracy," he said.

Modi further said numerous free trade agreements were being signed now.

"Have you ever wondered why this wasn't the case before 2014, even though the country and its circumstances largely remained the same? The key difference lies in the government's vision, as well as changes in its intentions and policies," he said.

Previously, Modi said when India was considered part of the 'Fragile Five', "the prevailing environment of policy paralysis, frequent scams, and widespread corruption discouraged other nations from entering into agreements with us".

"Back then, who would have had confidence in India?"

The Prime Minister said India is making trade deals with the world, because the country is filled with confidence and is ready to compete with the world.

"Today, we are entering into trade deals with the world because today's India is confident and ready to compete globally," he said.

Talking about the Union Budget presented in Parliament on February 1, he said the Budget has propelled the Reform Express forward.

Modi said the capital expenditure (capex) has been raised to about Rs 17 lakh crore and it will have significant multiplier effect on the country's capacity and productivity, and also generate employment across multiple sectors.

He also took a dig at previous Congress-led governments, saying earlier the focus of budget discussions used on outlays -- how much money was allocated, what became cheaper, what became more expensive. There was hardly anyone asking what happened to the schemes afterwards.

"We have made the Budget outcome-centric along with outlay," Modi added.

Grand Mufti, CM

and collective harmony.

"Our shared history teaches us to stand together in times of joy and adversity alike," he said, adding that preserving this pluralistic spirit remains essential to the region's social fabric.

Meanwhile Chief Minister Omar Abdullah extended his warm greetings and good wishes to the Kashmiri Pandit community on the sacred occasion of Herath.

In his felicitation message, the Chief Minister conveyed heartfelt greetings to all celebrating the festival and prayed for peace, blessings and prosperity for everyone.

"Herath Poshtel! On the auspicious occasion of Herath, I extend my heartfelt greetings to all our Kashmiri Pandit brothers and sisters. May this sacred festival bring peace, prosperity and happiness to every home, and further strengthen the bonds of harmony and brotherhood in our society," the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that the festival would continue to promote the spirit of Kashmiriyat and communal harmony across Jammu and Kashmir.

7 GMCs Approved

said the scheme gives preference to underserved areas and aspirational districts where no Government or private medical college exists. It seeks to strengthen tertiary healthcare facilities at the district level and enhance the availability of MBBS seats nationwide.

As per the details placed before the House, five medical colleges in Jammu and Kashmir were approved in Phase I of the scheme at Anantnag, Baramulla, Rajouri, Doda and Kathua.

In Phase III, two more colleges were sanctioned for Udhampur and Handwara in Kupwara district, taking the total number of medical colleges approved for J&K under the scheme to seven.

The minister said the funding pattern under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme follows a 90:10 Centre State sharing ratio for North Eastern and Special Category States, and 60:40 for other States and Union Territories.

The government said the initiative aims to reduce regional disparities in medical education and healthcare services, particularly in remote and underserved districts. (KNO)

Stormy First Leg Of

from February 2 afternoon after the Chair disallowed Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi from quoting excerpts of Naravane's memoir related to the 2020 India China border conflict.

The House witnessed repeated adjournments and noisy protests in the days that followed. Seven Congress members and one CPI M MP were suspended for the remainder of the session's first phase for unruly conduct, including climbing onto officials' tables and throwing torn papers at the Chair.

Opposition members also raised slogans demanding the resignation of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and staged protests over the interim trade agreement with the United States.

Amid fears of further disruption, Speaker Om Birla requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi not to attend the Lok Sabha when he was scheduled to reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address. The Prime Minister later responded to the debate in the Rajya Sabha instead.

The Opposition has submitted a notice seeking Birla's removal as Speaker. Citing moral grounds, Birla chose not to preside over proceedings until the issue of the removal resolution is settled. The motion is likely to come up during the second part of the session beginning March 9.

An anguished Birla informed the House that disruptions had resulted in a loss of 19 hours and 13 minutes of parliamentary time until last week.

Participating in the debate on the Union Budget, Gandhi accused the government of failing to safeguard India's interests in the interim trade agreement with the United States. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman rejected the charge, countering that it was the previous Congress led government that had compromised the country's position at the World Trade Organization.

Despite the disruptions, Parliament passed a Bill amending the Industrial Relations Code to provide legal clarity and prevent future complications over the continuity of laws replaced by the Industrial Relations Code of 2020. It was the first legislation introduced and cleared during the session.

The Budget session is scheduled to conclude on April 2.

Italy Want More After Fairytale Chapter

Agencies

On hitting the winning runs, Anthony Mosca raised his arms to the heavens and let out a cry. He kissed his crest, shed a tear. It was a celebration befitting an ICC T20 World Cup breakthrough. And entirely Italian.

Tournament debutants Italy proved that they were not here to make up the numbers or an entertaining intrigue. At Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium on Thursday, they put on a polished, dominant performance against fellow Associate nation Nepal, beating them by 10 wickets to register their first victory in a T20 World Cup.

"I don't think you'll see many players cry on the field after a win in the group stages," acting captain Harry Manenti said in the post-match press conference.

"I think you've got to appreciate what Italy cricket is bringing to the game, understand that the passion is slightly different with the Italians and we will bring that everywhere we go, no matter the level of the tournament or the level of the opposition."

Italy is famous for a lot of things – its music, its food and its football. Its cricket team made a mark by qualifying for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 through the European qualifiers last year.

Though the world at large is just taking notice, Italy's cricket breakthrough has been brewing for a



while. An affiliate member since 1984, they were awarded Associate status in 1995.

Over the last few years, they have created an eco-system for cricket. The team is a mix of expats and players of Italian heritage, who have found a common cause in the Azzurri shirt. The coaching team consists of John Davison of Canada and Kevin O'Brien of Ireland – O'Brien himself has been an architect of a few World Cup surprises with Ireland.

Having narrowly missed on qualification for the 2024 T20 World Cup, the Italian team regrouped and overcame that hurdle by defeating teams like Scotland and Ireland to make the cut in 2026.

"I'm hoping what we've managed to do, not just today but in the last few weeks and the last few years, has built a reputation in Italy that we are a federation who are working hard," added Manenti.

The Italian team is a cultural melting pot, draw-

ing talents from Australia, South Africa, England, India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Of the 15-member squad, none were born in Italy.

"I hope that we also bring the group together," said Manenti. "We are willing to bring a group of people who do come from across the world to bring them in and welcome them. As a good example, JJ Smuts (who played for South Africa) has just come into our group and he will say the first thing that he feels at home in our group."

"He feels like an Italian straight away and a part of Italian cricket. And we do that with anyone, whether it's a staff member or a player or a person who is helping us here in India with the World Cup. They enjoy spending time with us and I think that's a pretty special thing to be able to bring a group of people from all over the world and have a real connection."

Apart from the geographical distance, the players also have to con-

tend with the fact that they have to manage their day jobs with their passion and don't play together as often as they would like.

"If you look at the squad, there's 12 out of the 15 players who have to work outside of cricket," Manenti said.

"Cris (Crishan Kalugamage) is a good example, he just got the Player of the Match in a World Cup game, winning game, and he makes pizzas for a living back home to try and earn enough money to train. He spins the pizzas."

"Hopefully, in a few years' time, if not sooner, the game grows big enough in Italy that we can play. That's on us as a playing group currently, to create those opportunities by winning games and showing the world what we can do. Then it's on other people, the Federation, the ICC and other teams to be willing to play us."

Leg-spinner Kalugamage, who works in a pizzeria in Tuscany, weaved a web of mystery around the Nepal batters on Thursday, finishing with 3/18. Benjamin Manenti, Harry's brother, meanwhile set the tone with 2/9 in his four overs. Even as the Italians were stingy in bowling, they were sharp in fielding, holding on to every catch and even effecting two run outs, including an incredible direct hit by Manenti to run out Nepal's last player Lalit Rajbanshi to curtail them to 123 in 19.3 overs.

Zimbabwe Pull Off Shock Win Over Australia At T20 World Cup



AFP

Zimbabwe beat a depleted Australia by 23 runs on Friday in Colombo to pull off the biggest shock of the T20 World Cup so far.

After posting 169-2 in their 20 overs, thanks mainly to Brian Bennett's classy 64 not out, Zimbabwe had Australia 29-4 before dismissing them for 146 in 19.3 overs.

The Zimbabweans, ranked 11th were always in control against their second-ranked opponents in the Group B game at R. Premadasa Stadium after opening bowlers Blessing Muzarabani and Brad Evans ripped out Australia's top order.

There were sensational scenes at the venue as a group of Zimbabwe fans dressed in their team jerseys celebrated the win with a traditional dance.

"It is a huge win for us," said Bennett.

"There are fans who have come all the way from Zimbabwe and they have en-

joyed the game and it is a special feeling today to get a win here."

Muzarabani was the pick of the bowlers finishing with 4-17.

"I was really happy that today really came off," said Muzarabani, who was named player of the match. "I also believe that everyone really bowled well. We missed Richi (Ngarava), but Brad (Evans) really bowled well."

THE NEXT STEP

"It's really good to beat Australia, but it will also be nice to qualify for the Super Eights. So we'll be thinking about the next step."

Australia retained hope of a rear-guard victory when Glenn Maxwell and Matt Renshaw put on 77 for the fifth wicket.

But once part-time leg-spinner Ryan Burl induced one of the short game's great players, Maxwell, to drag on to his stumps for 31, they were never in the hunt and tumbled from 106-4 to 146 all out.

Gavaskar Backs Kuldeep for Pakistan Showdown

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar expects leg-spinner Kuldeep Yadav to come in for pacer Arshdeep Singh in the national team's high-profile T20 World Cup game against arch nemesis Pakistan on Sunday.

Arshdeep was at the receiving end of some punishment from Namibian batters here on Thursday even though the defending champion home side prevailed by 93 run to maintain its winning streak. He did not complete his full quota of four overs either.

"All our bowlers picked up wickets. Arshdeep did not complete his four overs, while Shivam Dube bowled two and Hardik completed his quota. This hints that Kuldeep Yadav could replace Arshdeep against Pakistan."

"Sri Lanka pitches help spinners and India have history of playing three spinners. Expect Kuldeep in the XI against Pakistan in Colombo," Gavaskar said on Star Sports' Amul Cricket Live.

Gavaskar said the Indian skipper Suryakumar Yadav juggled his bowling with the Pakistan game in mind.

"Hardik bowling the first over suggests Arshdeep may not play in the next match against Paki-



stan. Varun Chakaravorthy bowled only two overs and would have taken five or six wickets if he bowled his full four overs.

"The best part about Varun is that he gets wickets whenever he is asked to bowl. Axar Patel took two wickets in three overs, it's a good sign," he said.

Gavaskar also explained how batter Sanju Samson, who came in for an unwell Abhishek Sharma, is being hurt by his deep crease movement. Samson was dismissed after a eight-ball 22, which included three maximums.

"Sanju Samson has a technical problem. He goes too deep in the crease and plays that flick shot. You can only hope he times it in the gap or it goes for a six. He needs to make improvements, especially when he opens against the new ball."

Atletico Rout Barca In Copa Del Rey Semi-Final First Leg

Agencies

Atletico Madrid hammered Copa del Rey holders Barcelona 4-0 on Thursday in the first leg of their semi-final.

After an Eric Garcia own goal sent Diego Simeone's side ahead early on, Antoine Griezmann, Ademola Lookman and Julian Alvarez struck to give Atletico a landslide lead by half-time.

Barca defender Garcia was sent off in the final stages, with Atletico maintaining their significant advantage on the record 32-time winners, which they will take into the second leg at Camp Nou on March 3.

Both sides missed good chances in the second half, with Barca's Pau Cubarsi



having a goal disallowed before Garcia was sent off in the final stages.

Atletico were able to preserve their significant advantage on the record 32-time winners, which they will take into the second leg at Camp Nou on March 3.

"In the first 45 minutes we got a great lesson for us. Sometimes it's good to get

(that) in the right moment, maybe today is the right moment," Flick told reporters.

"The second half was much better and we have one game more and we will fight (to win) that."

Well off the pace in La Liga and not showing the quality of a side likely to go deep in the Champions League, the Copa del Rey represents At-

letico's best chance of silverware this season.

With that motivation in mind, the Rojiblancos conjured the best football of their season to completely dismantle the Spanish champions in the first half, as the fans lapped it up.

"I think our fans need these games, they've been coming for years, pushing, they're always there, they need big matches," said Simeone.

"We had a great first half, reading the game very well, we were very efficient and calm in the final third."

The hosts took the lead after seven minutes when Garcia's pass, on the uneven Metropolitan stadium pitch, bobbed towards Joan Garcia and then under the goalkeeper's foot and into the net.

Ashwin Advises India: Move Away When Tariq Pauses

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Spin great R Ashwin has a simple suggestion for Indian batters as they gear up to deal with the unique side-arm action of Pakistan off-spinner Usman Tariq come Sunday -- just move away when he pauses before delivering the ball.

The 30-year-old Tariq, whose stop and pause action has created quite a stir, has played four T20 Internationals and taken 11 wickets at an astonishing economy rate of less than six runs per over. He could play a decisive role in Sunday's T20 World Cup clash between the bitter foes on a slow Premadasa track.

"If he stops before delivering the ball, the batsman has the right to move away. He can say that 'I thought he is stopping'. That will be an interesting case and a huge headache for the umpire," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel 'Ash Ki Baat'.

"If I was there I would have done it. One should do everything to win a game within rules. I would simply say I don't know when he will release the ball and I would step away. If I move



away, it is the umpire's responsibility.

"Imagine the pressure on Usman Tariq in the middle of the match. It would be an incredible joyride. He is the ace up their sleeves, imagine what he becomes if the batsman reacts like that," he added.

Tariq's unique action has divided the cricket world but Ashwin had earlier supported him.

Pakistan are using Tariq sparingly. He has become the talk of the cricketing universe with former England skipper Kevin Pietersen terming his

stop and pause action illegal.

Ashwin called for real time competition testing tool to check if his side-arm action falls within the permissible 15 degree limit as per ICC's rulebook. The rule allows 15 degree straightening of the elbow joint for all bowlers in international cricket.

"...there is a 15 degree rule under which a bowler needs to keep his elbow and straighten it and to judge if a bowler is bowling within that 15 degree mark by the on-field Umpire is impossible."

← KIND ATTENTION RAIL PASSENGERS! → MORE HOLI FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2026

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during the upcoming Holi Festival, Northern Railway has decided to run the following additional Holi Festival Special Trains as per details given below :-

04054/04053 New Delhi-Barauni Jn-New Delhi Reserved Special Express (Daily)					30 Trips	
Train No. 04054		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04053			
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.		
---	19:50	New Delhi	03:50	---		
22:00	---	Barauni Jn.	---	00:45		

Days of run : 04054 Ex. New Delhi from 20.02.2026 to 06.03.2026 (Daily) and 04053 Ex. Barauni Jn. from 22.02.2026 to 08.03.2026 (Daily).

Composition: Sleeper & General.

Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah Jn., Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn., Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn. & Shahpur Patoree Stations.

04060/04059 New Delhi-Supaul-New Delhi Reserved Special Express (Daily)					30 Trips	
Train No. 04060		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04059			
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.		
---	21:35	New Delhi	16:10	---		
04:00	---	Supaul	---	07:00		

Days of run : 04060 Ex. New Delhi from 20.02.2026 to 06.03.2026 (Daily) and 04059 Ex. Supaul from 22.02.2026 to 08.03.2026 (Daily).

Composition: Sleeper & General.

Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah Jn., Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn., Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn., Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria Jn., Mansi Jn., Simri Bakhtiyarpur & Saharsa Jn. Stations.

04066/04065 Anand Vihar(T.)-Khurda Road Jn.-Anand Vihar(T.) Reserved Special Exp. (Daily)						10 Trips
Train No. 04066		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04065		Trips	
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.		
---	00:30	Anand Vihar(T.)	08:15	---		
12:30	---	Khurda Road Jn.	---	15:30		

Days of run : 04066 Ex. Anand Vihar(T.) from 27.02.2026 to 03.03.2026 (Daily) and 04065 Ex. Khurda Road Jn. from 28.02.26 to 04.03.26 (Daily).

Composition: 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General.

Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya Jn., Paharpur, Koderma, Hazaribagh Road, Parasnath, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Gomoh, Chandrapura, Bokaro Steel City, Purulia Jn., Barabhum, Chandil Jn., Tatanagar Jn., Ghatshila, Hiji, Balasore, Bhadrakh, Jaipur Keonjhar Road, Cuttack & Bhubaneswar Stations.

04070/04069 Anand Vihar(T.)-Sheikhpura-Anand Vihar(T.) Reserved Spl Exp. (Bi-Weekly)						10 Trips
Train No. 04070		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04069		Trips	
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.		
---	00:20	Anand Vihar(T.)	19:00	---		
20:30	---	Sheikhpura	---	22:30		

Days of run : 04070 Ex. Anand Vihar(T.) and 04069 Ex. Sheikhpura from 20.02.2026 to 06.03.2026 (every Friday, Tuesday).

Composition: 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC.

Stoppages: Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna Jn., Rejendranagar Terminal, Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Bihar Sharif Jn., Asthwan & Barbiga Stations.

04081/04082 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Reserved Spl. Exp. (Daily)						32 Trips
Train No. 04081		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04082			
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.		
---	23:45	New Delhi	10:00	---		
12:00	---	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	---	21:20		

Days of run : 04081 Ex. New Delhi from 21.02.2026 to 08.03.2026 (Daily) and 04082 Ex. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra from 22.02.2026 to 09.03.2026 (Daily).

Composition: 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper and General.

Stoppages: Panipat, Kurukshetra Jn., Ambala Cantt., Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar Cantt., Pathankot Cantt., Jammu Tawi & Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Stations.

04010/04009 Delhi Jn.-Sitamarhi-Delhi Jn. Reserved Special Express (Weekly)					04 Trips	
Train No. 04010		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04009			
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.		
---	23:05		Delhi Jn.	23:20		---
22:30	---		Sitamarhi	---		23:55

Days of run : 04010 Ex. Delhi Jn. on 26.02.2026 & 06.03.2026 (Thu.) and 04009 Ex. Sitamarhi on 27.02.2026 & 06.03.2026 (Friday).

Composition: 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & General.

Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjehanpur, Sitapur, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn., Sikta, Raxaul Jn. & Bairagnia Stations.

Train No. 04014		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04013	
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.
---	15:40	Anand Vihar(T.)	03:40	---
20:15	---	Laukaha Bazar	---	21:30

Days of run : 04014 Ex. Anand Vihar(T.) from 27.02.2026 to 06.03.2026 (Daily) and 04013 Ex. Laukaha Bazar from 28.02.26 & 07.03.26 (Daily).

Composition : 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper and General

Days of run : 04014 Ex. Anand Vihar(T.) from 27.02.2026 to 06.03.2026 (Daily) and 04013 Ex. Laukaha Bazar from 28.02.26 & 07.03.26 (Daily).

Composition: 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper and General.

Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur Jn., Kaplaganj Jn., Siwa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatiaganj Jn., Sikta, Raxaul Jn., Bairagnia, Sitamarhi, Shisho, Sakri Jn. & Jhanyharpur Jn. Stations.

04022/04021 New Delhi-Gorakhpur-New Delhi Reserved Special Express (Weekly)						06 Trips
Train No. 04022		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04021			
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.		
---	14:00	New Delhi	23:10	---		
05:00	---	Gorakhpur	---	07:00		

Days of run : 04022 Ex. New Delhi from 20.02.2026 to 06.03.2026 (every Friday) and 04021 Ex. Gorakhpur from 21.02.2026 to 07.03.2026 (every Saturday).

Composition: 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General.

Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjehanpur, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gonda Jn. & Basti Stations.

04203/04204 Lucknow-New Delhi-Lucknow Reserved Special Express (Weekly)					04 Trips
Train No. 04203		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04204		
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.	
---	08:05	Lucknow	06:35	---	
18:30	---	New Delhi	---	20:20	

Days of run : 04203 Ex. Lucknow and 04204 Ex. New Delhi on 23.02.2026 & 02.03.2026 (Monday).

Composition: 1st AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General.

Stoppages: Shahjehanpur, Bareilly, Moradabad & Ghaziabad Stations.

04209/04210 Varanasi-Delhi Jn.-Varanasi Reserved Special Express (Daily)					22 Trips
Train No. 04209		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 04210		
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.	
---	22:30	Varanasi	09:40	---	
13:30	---	Delhi Jn.	---	19:25	



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