

Illegal Appointments Case

Court Clears Trial of 2 Ex J&K Bank Chairmen

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Srinagar: The Court of the Special Judge Anti-Corruption Srinagar has ordered framing of charges against former Chairmen and several officials of the J&K Bank Ltd. in connection with alleged illegal appointments of Bank Attendants and Assistant Bank Associates.

The Special Judge Anti-Corruption Tasleem Arief held that sufficient prima facie material exists to proceed against the accused for offences punishable under Section 5(1)(d) read with Section 5(2) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Ranbir Penal Code.

According to the prosecution, the Anti-Corruption Bureau registered FIR No. 10/2019 on the basis of a complaint alleging "backdoor" appointments in different branches of the bank.

It said that the accused including former Chairmen Mushtaq Ahmed Sheikh and Parvez Ahmed Nengroo along with some senior officials conspired to appoint certain beneficiaries without identifying vacancies, issuing advertisements, or following prescribed norms under the Officers Service Manual, 2000.

Other accused officials and beneficiaries mentioned in the charge sheet include Abdul Rouf Bhat, Mohd Maqbool Lone, Mohd Yahya Rafiqi, Syed Irfan Lateef, Mohd Iqbal Wani,



Arshid Hussain Dar, Shakoor Ahmed Bhat, Waseem Mehraj, Vagish Chander Sharma, Mohd Ayoub Wanchoo, Fayaz Ahmed Bhat, Asif Iqbal Raja, Showkat Ahmed Bhat, Parvaiz Ahmed Baba, Anjum Ara, Faizan Ayaz, Mushtaq Ahmed Mir, Abdul Rashid Shigan, Mohd Aslam Ganie, Imran Matoo and Hameem Nusrat.

The ACB alleged that the appointments were initially made on a temporary basis for 89 days and later regularised, despite the absence of sanctioned vacancies.

The ACB has alleged that the two Chairmen adopted an identical modus operandi in making the appointments, accommodating their respective favourites — including relatives — in a similar manner. It has further alleged that, during their respective tenures, they acted in conspiracy and in league with other bank officials to create an unprecedented and illegal practice of clandestinely absorbing undeserving candidates.

According to the ACB, this deprived more | [More on P10](#)



Visitors walk along a snow lined road in Doodhpathri after authorities ordered the reopening of the destination on Monday. KO Photo By Abid Bhat

AI Should Amplify Human Capability, Not Replace It: LG Sinha

Says India Must Become a Leader in the Technology Revolution

'Campuses Are Now Factories of Ideas, Not Just Degree Institutions'

Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday called for transforming educational campuses into dynamic innovation ecosystems to realise the vision of Developed India@2047, asserting that Artificial Intelligence must augment human intelligence and not replace it.

He was addressing the valedictory function of the 48 hour national level Hackathon "Innovathon 1.0" at the



University of Jammu. The Hackathon was organised by the Skill, | [More on P10](#)

Interacts With IDES Probationers At Lok Bhavan

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday interacted with the Indian Defence Estates Service (IDES) Probationers at Lok Bhavan. During the interaction, the Lieutenant Governor | [More on P10](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING are reshaping the trajectory of human civilisation and that nations which master these technologies will determine the rules of the coming century.

Digital Platforms Transforming Justice Delivery: Meghwal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal on Tuesday said the use of digital platforms has transformed justice delivery by bringing legal services closer to citizens, asserting that access to justice is a constitutional right of every individual.

Addressing a Regional Event-cum-Workshop under the Tele-Law Initiative of the DISHA scheme, the minister said the Constitution of India remains the cornerstone of



justice, equality and dignity. "According to the Constitution, every citizen has a right to seek and get justice. This is also the objective of this workshop," he said, adding that digital interventions | [More on P10](#)

'Decision On J&K Statehood Soon'

Union Minister for Law and Justice Arjun Meghwal on Tuesday said statehood to Jammu and Kashmir would be restored soon, prompting a quick response from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah who said that he hoped that the wait is not too long. After attending a function at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) here, Meghwal told reporters that while it | [More on P10](#)

No Lapses In Power, Water Or Essential Supplies: CM

Directs All Depts To Ensure Seamless Services During Ramadan

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review arrangements for the holy month of Ramadan across Jammu and Kashmir, directing all departments to ensure seamless public services and coordinated action throughout the sacred month.

Stressing that people must not face any inconvenience



during Ramadan, the Chief Minister called for intensified sanitation drives, | [More on P10](#)

Tele-Law Can Reduce Court Burden: CM

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday called for strengthening the Tele-Law service in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure timely justice, reduce avoidable litigation and | [More on P10](#)

Chaos In Assembly After BJP MLA's Statement Congress, NC Demand Apology; BJP MLA Offers Clarification

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Tuesday witnessed uproarious scenes for nearly half an hour after Question Hour as Congress, National Conference and an Independent MLA protested remarks made by BJP legislator Vikram Randhawa regarding alleged encroachments on Jammu Development Authority land.

The protest stemmed from Randhawa's February 13 statement claiming that 90 per cent of the encroachers on 688 kanals of JDA land in his Bahu constituency were from Kashmir.

As soon as Question Hour ended, Congress MLAs Irfan Hafiz Lone and Iftikhar Ahmad stood up demanding



an apology. Raising slogans of "Chor Machaaye Shor" and accusing the BJP of defaming Kashmiris, the legislators alleged that the remarks had maligned an entire community.

Independent MLA Sheikh Khurshed Ahmad also joined the protest, asserting that the member who accused Kashmiris of being land grabbers was himself facing

allegations of land occupation. Members displayed placards and moved towards the Well of the House but were stopped by marshals. PDP and National Conference legislators extended support to the protesting members, leading to heated exchanges between treasury and opposition benches.

Earlier, when the House assembled after | [More on P10](#)

'Radicalising Youth Through SM'

SIA Files Chargesheet Against Two

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant crack-down on anti-national activities, the State Investigation Agency (SIA), Kashmir on Tuesday filed a detailed chargesheet before the competent court against two individuals allegedly involved in propagating secessionist and pro-terror content linked to the proscribed outfit Hizbul Mujahideen.

In a statement, SIA Kashmir has today filed a comprehensive charge sheet before the Competent Court against two accused persons Altaf Hussain Wagay, resident of Reban Gund Behram, | [More on P10](#)

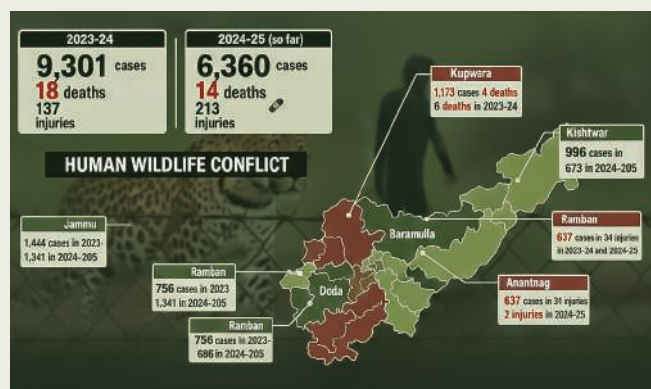
32 Killed In 2 Yrs In J&K Human Wildlife Conflict Over 15,600 Cases Reported; 350 Injured

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: A total of 15,661 cases of human wildlife conflict were recorded across Jammu and Kashmir between 2023 and 2025, resulting in 32 deaths and 350 injuries, the Assembly was informed on Tuesday.

Forest Minister Javed Rana disclosed the figures in a written reply to a question by National Conference MLA Mubarak Gul.

According to the data shared in the House, 9,301 cases were registered during 2023-24 alone, leading to 137 injuries



and 18 deaths. Jammu district reported the highest number of incidents at 1,444, followed

by Kupwara with 1,173 cases, Kishtwar 998, Baramulla 950, Doda 826 and Ramban 756.

Kupwara recorded four deaths during the year, while Doda and Anantnag reported three deaths each.

For the current fiscal year 2024-25, 6,360 cases have been reported so far, resulting in 213 injuries and 14 deaths. Jammu district again topped the list with 1,341 cases, followed by Ramban 686, Kishtwar 673, Anantnag 637 and Doda 609. Anantnag recorded the highest number of injuries at 34, while Pulwama reported 30 injuries.

In terms of fatalities during 2024-25, Doda and Kupwara reported three deaths each, while

Anantnag recorded two deaths.

The minister informed the House that in the Jammu region, the age profile of affected persons ranges between 15 and 60 years, while in the Kashmir region it ranges from 4 to 70 years.

Replying to a separate query, the minister said incidents of human wildlife conflict have not increased significantly in recent years. He added that mitigation measures are being integrated into development planning to ensure long term coexistence.

Rana said 42 wildlife control rooms have been established across the | [More on P10](#)

J&K GST Collections Cross Rs 24,000 Cr In 3 Yrs

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir recorded a steady rise in GST collections, with total revenue amounting to Rs 24,080.79 crore over the past three financial years, reflecting improved compliance and a widening tax base, the UT government said on Tuesday.

Replying to a written question by National Conference MLA Pirzada Farooq Ahmed in the Assembly, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said GST collections in J&K stood at Rs 7,272.15 crore in 2022-23, increased to Rs 8,128.44 crore in 2023-24 and further rose to Rs 8,680.20 crore in 2024-25.

The Chief Minister said that the Union Territory also received Rs 15,795.13 crore as its share of Integrated GST (IGST) from the Centre during the same three-year period. He said J&K received Rs 4,922.57 crore in 2022-23, Rs 5,183.62 crore in 2023-24 and Rs 5,688.94 crore in 2024-25 as IGST settlement.

The government | [More on P10](#)

Early Bloom Risk As Dry Spell Continues In J&K Glacier Melt May Rise; Paddy Cultivation Could Be Hit

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir is likely to remain under a prolonged dry spell for the rest of the month, with no significant rainfall or snowfall expected, weather experts said on Tuesday, warning that the seasonal precipitation deficit may deepen across the region.

According to independent weather forecaster, Faizan Arif, day temperatures are expected to stay above normal, with the ongoing warm spell potentially challenging some late winter temperature records. The rise in temperatures has already begun triggering early blooming of trees in several areas.

However, meteorologists cautioned that early blossoms could be vulnerable if fresh Western Disturbances bring sudden cold conditions in March. A late frost or abrupt temperature dip during the flowering phase may damage blossoms and fruit bearing trees, posing a risk to the horticulture sector.

Experts also pointed out that higher temperatures are likely to accelerate melting of glaciers and snowpacks, leading to a temporary increase in river and spring discharge. While this could offer short term relief, continued dry conditions into March may affect paddy cultivation if water levels drop during | [More on P10](#)

CM Thanks Shah For Reopening 14 Tourist Destinations

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah for reopening 14 tourist destinations across Jammu and Kashmir, including Asia's largest Tulip Garden, which were shut after last year's Pahalgam terror attack.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function, the Chief Minister said he had raised the issue of reopening the closed tourist spots during his recent meetings with the Union Home Minister in Jammu and earlier in Delhi.

"My request was that the areas which have been closed should be reopened. I was assured by the home minister that these places would be reopened and orders have | [More on P10](#)



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Tender No.	Name of Work	App. Cost (Rs.)	Cost of Tender form (Rs.)	Date & Time for submission of tender	Earnest Money # (Rs.)	Completion Period	Opening of Tender	Website Particulars
763-TRD-JAT-2025-26	TRD work in c/w Sectioning improvement in BAH-BrML section & SVDK Station over Jammu division.	3,04,24,122.59	NIL	Up to 10.03.2026 15:00 Hrs.	3,02,100/-	Twelve (12) Months	10.03.2026 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

Note: # Tenderer (s) may please note that offers received without Bid Security either in cash through e-payment gateway or as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents (as per Annexure-21) valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period, will be considered as incomplete & Invalid offer and for which contractor shall have no claim on Railway.

No.: 763-TRD-JAT-2025-26 Dated: 16.02.2026

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OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

This office has received a written application from Ghulam Mohammad Wagay S/O Mohd Sabir Wagay R/o Wadoora , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Dob Insha Jan 18/05/2013.. Aadil Mohammad Wagay Dob 12/03/2012

and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

This office has received a written application from Javid Ahmad Mir S/O Ghulam Mohideen Mir Ro Nowpora Tujar , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Aabid Javid Mir Dob 15/01/2014 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

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

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

This office has received a written application from Aabida Bano S/O Sonullah Bhat Ro Goripora Darpora , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Aabid Bano. Dob 24/11/1980 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

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

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

This office has received a written application from Farooq Ahmad Dar S/O Ghulam Mohd Dar R/o Wadoora , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Rabal Farooq Dob 13/11/2013 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

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

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

This office has received a written application from Mohd Shafi Lone S/O Abdul Khaliq Lone R/o Zaloora , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Farhan Shafi Lone ..15/03/2023 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the B.A. LL.B Degree Certificate of Farhat Mursaleen Qadri, daughter of Haji Sonaullah Qadri, resident of Raipora, Pahallan issued by the University of Kashmir, and the 10th Marks Card and 12th Degree Certificate, issued by the Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education, were destroyed in a fire incident that occurred at the residence on 29 October. The undersigned is in the process of applying for duplicate certificates/documents from the respective issuing authorities.

If anyone has any objection or claim regarding the said documents, they may contact the relevant authority of the University of Kashmir and the Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, the concerned authorities may proceed with issuing the duplicate documents without further reference.

Tehsildar Executive Magistrate Bomial fko

The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education

Sub Office Budgam

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th) under Roll No.: 121022060 Session: Session AR-2025 (Oct-Nov 2025) through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/Board/parent against my mother's name as Mimona" UIDAI" instead of the correct name "Mimoonah Mushtaq Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education Sub Office Budgam , if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Sub Office Budgam within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

Name: Zaid Bin Ashraf Meer
Father's Name: Ashraf Ali Meer
Mother's Name (Correct): Mimoonah Mushtaq
Address: Katibugh, Kunzar, Baramulla
Mobile: 6005642767

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My name has been wrongly written in my adhaar card as Gh Mohd Tantry while my correct name is Gh Mohamad Tantry . Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Adhaar Centre Jammu/Srinagar within Seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained..

Gh Mohamad Tantry S/o Ab Gani Tantry R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan fko

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عنوان درخواست مناجب ہلال احمد شیخ ولد عبدالرشید شیخ ساکنان وترڈ وائل
بمراو عطا شیخ RBA بجن ساکن

اشتبہا براد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر کے نسبت رپورٹ پٹواری حلقہ یوں ہے کہ ساکلا ن ہلال احمد شیخ پیر افشان علی دختر علی محمد شیخ ساکن وترڈ وائل تحصیل خا صاحب RBA حاصل کرنا چاہتا ہے۔ اس بارے میں بذریعہ اشتہار ہر خاص و عام مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ اگر RBA اجرا کرنے میں کسی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر دفتر کی اوقات کے دوران دفتر بذرا کو پیش کریں۔ میعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی بذریعہ اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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ہر خاص و عام کو بذریعہ اشتہار مطلع کی جاتا ہے کہ مجھے اپنے بچے کی ایگر بیسٹ زیر کنٹرول نمبر 0206050004576 جو کہ میرے والد کے نام پر یعنی خواجہ حبیب ڈار کے نام پر ہے۔ اب اسکو میرے نام یعنی خورشید احمد ڈار کے نام پر کروانا مطلوب ہے۔ اس بارے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر سب ڈوٹرن فی ڈی ڈی مارہ بل یا ڈوٹرن فی ڈی ڈی بد گام کے دفتر میں پیش کریں۔ میعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

خورشید احمد ڈار ولد خواجہ حبیب ڈار ساکن ٹوٹی پورہ بد گام۔ فون 7889730377 MBC۔

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میری گاڑی (Tipper) زیر نمبر JK03D-0243 کے نمبر پلٹ کین گم ہو گئے ہیں۔ بہت ڈھونڈ رہی ہوں۔ اگر کسی نے اٹھائی ہو تو وہ میرے اے اسٹیت پیجے دے ہوئے نمبر پر فون کرے۔ بصورت دیگر اسکی ڈیپلیٹ کرائی مطلوب ہے۔ اس بارے میں اگر کسی کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندر اندر ARTO اسٹیت ٹاگ کے دفتر میں پیش کریں۔ بعد از میعاد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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Government Of Jammu And Kashmir Jammu And Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB)

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Subject: Provisional Selection List for the post of Assistant Programmer, UT Cadre under Item No. 096 advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated 16.12.2020 of Election Department.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, vide Indent No. 4568/CEO/Estt/SSB/2nd/2775 Dated 28.09.2020 among other posts, received the request for making direct recruitment to the 01 post of Assistant Programmer as per the following breakup:

S. No.	Advt No	Item No.	Name of the post	Cadre	OM	SC	ST	O ALC/SC	B	RBA	PSP	EWS	Total
1.	04 of 2020	096	Assistant Programmer	UT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Whereas, as per the Indent/Advertisement Notification, the prescribed qualification for the post is/was as follows:

"Bachelor of Engineering/ B.Tech Information Technology or Electronics & Communication or Computer Engineering or Computer Science Engineering or MCA from a recognized University/ Institution."

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) advertised the aforesaid post among other posts of Election Department vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated 16.12.2020 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 31.01.2021; and

Whereas, the Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted written examination for the above mentioned post on 29.06.2020; and

Whereas, the JKSSB, vide Notification No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/23/2025-03 (7699962) dated: 04-08-2025, issued the result/Score Sheet of the candidates who appeared in the OMR Based Written Examination held on 29.06.2025 for the said post. Thereafter, schedule for

Documents Verification (D.V.) of the Candidates falling under the consideration zone was notified vide Notification No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/23/2025-03 (7699962) dated: 24-09-2025 and Supplementary Document Verification (D.V.) vide No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/23/2025-03 (7699962) dated 07.10.2025; and

Whereas, the Selection Committee for preparing the selection to the aforementioned post was constituted vide Order No.01-SSB of 2026 dated 01.01.2026; and

Whereas, the provisional selection list for the aforementioned post prepared as per the merit/eligibility of the candidates and having regard to the extant rules /regulations was placed before the Board in its 338th Meeting held on 13.02.2026, which, after deliberations and consideration of the matter, approved its notification.

Now, therefore, the Provisional Selection List for the above-mentioned post of Assistant Programmer, UT Cadre under Item No. 096 advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated 16.12.2020 of Election Department is hereby notified as per **Annexure-A** to this Notification. It is further notified that:

- (i) This Provisional Selection List shall be subject to outcome of the OAs/Writ Petition(s), if any, pending in any competent court of law.
- (ii) This shall also be subject to the outcome of any pending inquiry, if any, involving candidate(s), figuring in this Provisional Selection List.
- (iii) This is a Provisional List and shall be subject to the change(s) as per the objections as may be received against it and mere figuring in it shall not confer any right to selection, which shall be finalized after examination of the objections based on merit.
- (iv) In case any candidate/s is(are) aggrieved with this Provisional Selection List or intend(s) to furnish any document/clarification regarding his/her withheld candidature, he/she may represent through the email address **usselection-jkssb@jk.gov.in** within **Ten (10) days** from the date of this Notification, **beyond which no representations whatsoever shall be entertained.** The representations in this regard shall necessarily include complete details of the candidate including Name, Address, Roll Number and an active Contact Number.

By Order.

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

No. JKSSB/Scry/2/2026-03 (E-7839027)

Dated: 16.02.2026

Annexure-"A"

Provisional Selection List for the post of Assistant Programmer, UT Cadre, Election Department, Advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated 16.12.2020, Item No. 96														
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll No.	Applicatio n No.	Candidate Name	Father Name	DOB	Category	TOTAL	Selection Category	Address	Qualification	Year of Passing	Name of Institute/ University	Remarks/Deficiency
Selection List under Open Merit														
1	1-JMU	1050735	317475	NAVDEEP SINGH	SUDERSHAN SINGH	01-04-1994	OM	95.00	OM	H.No. 696, W.No. 21, Ramnagar Colony, Kathua, 184102	B.Tech(Electronics & Communicaiton)	2017	SMVDU, Katra	
Waiting under Open Merit														
1	1-KMR	2030207	145201	MOHAMMAD RAQIB PALA	ABDUL QAYOOM PALA	25-02-1999	OM	90.25	OM	H.NO. 10, Dangam,Shopian,192303	B.Tech(Information Technology)	2020	NIT, Sringar	

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dated: 17-02-2026

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Name in my Service records under Belt No.15, PID No.911388 has been wrongly entered as MOHD AYOUB HAJAM while my correct Name as per Aadhar Card is MOHD AYOUB HAJAM. Now I want the same to be corrected if anybody has any objection in this regard He/ She may file his / her objection in the Office of the D.P.O Khanabal Anantnag, within a period of seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohd Ayoub Hajam S/O Ab Gani Hajam R/O Naidpora Kulgam JNA7780878931

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Father's Name in my Service records under PID No.984055 has been wrongly entered as ABDUL AZIZ RATHER while my correct Father's Name is AB AZIZ RATHER. Now I want the same to be corrected if anybody has any objection in this regard He/ She may file his / her objection in the Office of the D.P.O Khanabal Anantnag, within a period of seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Irshad Ahmad Rather S/O Ab Aziz Rather R/O Panzath Anantnag JNA7780878931

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

The registrar Death BDO Lalpora has submitted a case file pertaining to death of Ab Khaliq Sheikh s/o Mohd Sheikh R/o Mamoosa with verified date of death 12/05/2005 occurred at home in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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 Arwa Zarmeen D/o Zubaid Ahmad Bhat R/o Checki Tapper pattan with verified date of birth 03/07/2020 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE..

I have applied for the issuance of Fertilizer /Seeds/ Pesticides licence . If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office /Chief Agriculture Office Baramulla within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Bilal Ahmad Dar S/o Ali Mohammad Dar R/o Harwan Baramulla fko

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

Public Notice..

The registrar birth BDO Pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Zeenat Nazir D/o Nazir Ahmad Lone R/o Ganiepora Buran Tehsil Pattan with verified date of birth 25/08/2009 occurred at home in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

Public Notice..

The registrar birth BDO Sherabad Khore has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Salman Bhat s/o Ashiq Sultan Bhat R/o Hanjiwera Bala with verified date of birth 02/07/2010 occurred at home in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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Jahangir Ahmad Lone S/o Mohammad Ramzan Lone R/o Latishat fko

Ujala Cygnus Amandeep BR Medicity Launches Privilege Cards



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards enhancing access to affordable healthcare in Kashmir, Ujala Cygnus Amandeep BR Medicity on Tuesday launched its much-anticipated Privilege Cards at a function held at Amandeep Hospital here.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who formally unveiled the cards in the presence of hospital management, medical professionals, patients, and other dignitaries.

The newly introduced Privilege Cards aim to ease the financial burden on patients by offering a range of exclusive benefits. These include a 20 per cent discount on OPD consultations under the family health card scheme, a 50 per cent concession on OPD consultations for senior citizens, 10 per cent discounts on laboratory tests, radiology and MRI services, and room rent, along with free ambulance services within a 15-kilometre radius.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Avtar Singh, Director of Amandeep Hospitals, said the initiative reflects the institution's commitment to making quality healthcare both accessible and affordable. "We are dedicated

to providing patient-centric services. The launch of our Privilege Cards is a testament to our mission of ensuring that no one is deprived of medical care due to financial constraints," he said.

Addressing the gathering, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq welcomed the initiative and described it as a timely step for the community. "I am pleased to inaugurate the Privilege Cards at Amandeep Hospital. Such initiatives will go a long way in making quality healthcare more accessible, particularly for the underprivileged sections of society," he said.

The event concluded with the formal unveiling of the Privilege Cards, marking what the hospital termed as a new chapter in its outreach efforts in the Valley.

The Amandeep Group has grown into a healthcare network of over 750 beds with more than 170 expert doctors serving across six locations — two in Amritsar and one each in Pathankot, Ferozepur, Srinagar, and Tarn Taran. Over the years, the group states it has transformed the lives of more than 25 lakh patients and continues to expand its footprint while setting new benchmarks in quality healthcare delivery.

Erratic Power Supply in Batmaloo Triggers Public Outcry

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Residents of the Batmaloo area in Srinagar have lodged a formal complaint with the Managing Director of Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department over frequent unscheduled power cuts and irregular electricity supply in the locality.

In a written representation, the residents said that despite scheduled load shedding hours, they have been facing repeated unannounced and prolonged power outages over the past one month in Feeder-5. They alleged that the erratic supply is severely disrupting daily life. The signatories to the complaint stated that

with the holy month of Ramadan approaching, the frequent outages are likely to cause serious inconvenience, particularly to senior citizens and families observing fasting.

The residents have urged the Managing Director to personally intervene in the matter and direct the technical staff to adhere strictly to the announced power schedule, avoiding unannounced cuts.

They expressed hope for an early resolution of the issue and restoration of stable power supply in the area. According to KNT, The complaint has been submitted by the Intezamia Committee of Masjid Imam Azam Abu Hanifa, Baran Pather Batmaloo.

MRI Services Disrupted at SMHS; Authorities Promise Early Repair

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Patients visiting SMHS, an associated hospital of GMC Srinagar, are facing immense hardship as the main MRI machine at the hospital has remained non-functional for several days. This has disrupted critical diagnostic services and forced many to either wait endlessly or seek scans in private facilities, where it is very costly.

The issue has particularly affected patients requiring urgent neurological, orthopaedic, and abdominal imaging, leading to long queues and confusion witnessed in the hospital corridors since the machine stopped working.

"I was referred here from Baramulla after weeks of pain," Abdul Rashid, a 56-year-old patient suffering from severe back problems, told KNO. "Doctors told me an MRI is necessary to decide further treatment, but now they say the machine is not working. Every day I come hoping it will start, but I return disappointed."

Attendees accompanying patients expressed frustration over the uncertainty and financial burden.



"My father is a heart patient and also has brain-related complications," said Farooq Ahmad, an attendant from Pulwama. "Private MRI centres are charging Rs 6,000 to Rs 8,000, which we simply cannot afford. Government hospitals are meant for poor people like us, but when machines don't work, where should we go?"

Another patient, Shazia Begum, who had been waiting for an MRI scan for her teenage son following a head injury, said delays could prove dangerous. "Doctors warned us that timely scanning is important to rule out internal damage. It's been four days now.

Every passing day increases our anxiety," she said.

Hospital officials, however, said efforts are underway to manage the situation and restore the machine at the earliest.

"We have another MRI facility available at the Psychiatry Department, and patients are being shifted there for necessary scans," he said. "The main MRI machine at SMHS developed a technical fault, and a crucial part is being sourced from outside. It will be made functional soon."

Patients, however, complained that the alternate facility is insufficient to handle the heavy rush.

DC Reviews Preparations for Forthcoming Ramzan

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In connection with forthcoming Holy month of Ramzaan ul Mubarak, Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Tuesday chaired a comprehensive meeting of District and Sectoral Officers here at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex to review preparedness and finalize arrangements to ensure smooth and hassle-free observance of the auspicious month across the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Superintendent of Police, Umar Shah, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Superintending Engineer R&B, Shabir Ahmad, Superintending Engineer SMC, Sajad Ahmad Kawoosa, SDM, West, Irfan Bahadur, SDM East, Zubair Ahmad, Executive Engineers of KPDC, PHE, SMC, R&B, all Tehsildars, Senior Officers from all concerned Departments and representatives from J&K Wakf Board.



At the outset, the DC sought a detailed action plan from the concerned departments regarding arrangements related to electricity, water supply, essential commodities, sanitation, transport, parking and medical facilities during the holy month.

The DC directed the KPDC engineers to ensure uninterrupted power supply, particularly during Sehri and Iftari hours. The PHE Department was asked to make proactive arrangements for adequate drinking water supply across all areas of the district.

NIA Conducts Raid in Uptown

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency on Tuesday conducted searches at a residential house in Mehjoor Nagar area of Srinagar in connection with case RC-18/2024.

Official sources said the raid was carried out at the residence of an individual, an inhabitant of Gulshan Abad Mehjoor Nagar. The elderly individual is a retired government employee who previously served in the Agriculture Department.

According to KNT, the searches were part of ongoing investigations linked to the NIA case. Officials did not immediately disclose further details regarding the nature of the allegations or items seized during the operation. Security personnel were deployed in the area during the search proceedings, while investigation into the matter is underway.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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



PRAYERS

FAJR	5:52
ZUHR	12:45
ASR	4:37
Magrib	6:19
ISHA	7:41

From KO Archives

- 749- Smoke Shell ascends to the throne of the Maya city of Copan
- 1219- Jerusalem re-taken by the Christian Crusader kingdom in a peace treaty between Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II and Egyptian ruler Al-Kamil
- 1268- The Livonian Brothers of the Sword are defeated by Dovmont of Pskov in the Battle of Rakovor.
- 1332- Amda Seyon I, Emperor of Ethiopia begins his campaigns in the southern Muslim provinces.
- 1478- George, Duke of Clarence, convicted of treason against his older brother Edward IV of England, is privately executed in the Tower of London (allegedly by being drowned in a butt of Malmsey wine).
- 1503- Henry Tudor (later Henry VIII) appointed Prince of Wales, heir apparent to the English throne
- 536- Francis I, King of France and Suleiman I of the Ottoman Empire sign military and trade agreement against King Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor
- 1713- French invade under Jacques Cassard on Curacao
- 1814- The Battle of Montereau; victory of French under Napoleon Bonaparte against Austrians and Württembergers under the King of Württemberg.
- 1879- Arabs capture Egyptian premier Nabar Pasha
- 1879- French Sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi is awarded a US patent for his design for the Statue of Liberty [1]
- 1884- Russian police seize all copies of Leo Tolstoy's book "What I Believe In"

NOTICE

Correction is sought in the parent name as Tahir Mehraj in place of Mohd Tahir Mehraj Mir and spelling of Mothers name as Fehmeeda instead of Fahmeeda in the School Admission records of my son namely Jaazib Tahir Mir of class 9th C" .As the same was submitted wrongly by me at the time of admission of my ward.Anybody having any objection for said correction should report to the Principal Burn Hall Higher Secondary School Sonwar Srinagar within a week's time failing which no objection shall be entertained.

Tahir Mehraj
R/o Baba Nund Ganai Kalashpora.

AJUL

PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to correct few particulars in my adhaar card bearing No: 623254224789 from Ghulam Mohammad Mir S/o Abdul Ahad Mir DoB 17.02.1965 to Gh. Mohd. Mir S/o Ab. Ahad Mir R/o Tujar Teh. Zingair Distt. Baramulla DoB 08.04.1952. Now I am applying for its correction, if anybody have any objection in this regard, he may contact the same at concerned authority within 07 days from the publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Gh. Mohd. Mir S/o Ab. Ahad Mir R/o Tujar Teh.
Zingair Distt. Baramulla | 9149649526

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JAMMU AND KASHMIR FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER SALES & MARKETING CIRCLE KASHMIR RAJBAGH SRINAGAR-190008

ABBREVIATED TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

e-NIT No. 01 of 2026-27 /S&M/K/JKFDCL Dated: 16/02/2026.

For and on behalf of Managing Director, JK Forest Development Corporation Limited, General Manager Sales & Marketing Circle Kashmir, Rajbagh Srinagar, invites e-tenders for the year 2026-27 from "C" & "D" class Contractors registered with JK Forest Development Corporation Ltd. for providing experienced skilled/un-skilled labours for carrying out of various activities of depot handling (subsidiary) operation such as loading, un-loading, rolling, lotting, sorting, stacking etc. of timber stocks in the timber sale depots of PC, Shalteng I & II(Saw Mills), Sangam/Hamag, Kakapora & Kunjoo as per details given in **Annexure-I** to the General Tender Notice (SBD & BOQ) issued vide this office e-NIT endorsed vide No. 2938-55/GM/S&M/K dated: 16/02/2026. The tenders shall be submitted online on J&K State e-Procurement portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The calendar of events shall be as under: -

#.	Activity	Date	Time
1.	Publishing Date	20.02.2026	1800 Hrs
2.	Document Download start date	23.02.2026	1800 Hrs
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting	24.02.2026	1400 Hrs
4.	Bid submission start date	25.02.2026	0900 Hrs
5.	Document Download End date	10.03.2026	1800 Hrs
6.	Bid submission end date	10.03.2026	1800 Hrs
7.	Technical Bid opening date	11.03.2026	1100 Hrs
8.	Uploading of Technical Bid Evaluation Sheet	To be notified later	
9.	Financial Bid opening date	To be notified later	
10.	Uploading of Financial Bid evaluation Sheet	Immediately after completion of financial evaluation	
11.	Declaration of the Successful Bidder	To be notified later	

A Pre-bid meeting shall be held on 24/02/2026 at 1400 hours in the Office of the General Manager (S&M) Circle Kashmir, JK Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Rajbagh Srinagar, to clarify the queries of prospective bidders if any. All intending bidders should attend the said meeting to clarify matters related to this tender enquiry, if any.

The tenders (Technical Bids) will be opened online in the office of the **General Manager Sales & Marketing Kashmir Circle, JK Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Sheikh-ul-Alam Complex Rajbagh, Srinagar**. In case of unforeseen circumstances, the date of opening will be next working day or else notified separately. The detailed tender documents (SBD) with terms and conditions are available on www.jktenders.gov.in.

DIPK-NB-3344-25
DT: 17/02/2026

Sd/-
(M.Ayub Dar)
General Manager (S&M) K
JK Forest Development Corporation Ltd.
Rajbagh Srinagar

All praises to Allah,
the Most Merciful and the Most Generous.

Ramzan Appeal 2026~

Ration Kits for Needy Families

Feeding a fasting family is among the most beloved deeds in the sight of Allah.

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Alamgari Bazaar, Srinagar

India, France Forge 'Special Global Strategic Partnership'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi/Mumbai, Feb 17 (PTI) India and France on Tuesday elevated their relations to a "special global strategic partnership" and vowed to boost cooperation in key sectors of defence, trade and critical minerals with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel



Macron describing the bilateral ties as a "force for global stability" in the face of increasing geopolitical turbulence.

The two leaders, following their talks in Mumbai, also virtually inaugurated an assembly line in Karnataka's Vemagal to build Airbus H125 helicopters that is expected to enhance India's aerospace manufacturing capabilities.

The two sides inked a total of 21 agreements and documents providing for deepening of co-operation in an array of areas including critical minerals, defence, high technology, renewable energy, and health.

The pacts included one on defence cooperation and another on a joint venture between Bharat

Electronics Ltd and French defence giant Safran to produce Hammer missiles in India. A separate pact was inked for reciprocal deployment of officers at Indian Army and French Land Forces establishments.

The Modi-Macron discussions largely touched on a range of issues including cooperation in defence and security, trade and investment, joint manufacturing, critical minerals supply chain, research and development, and education, among others.

The prime minister hosted Macron for the talks hours after the French leader landed in Mumbai on a three-day India visit.

"The world is going through a period of uncertainty. In such an environment, the India-France partnership is a force for global stability. We are combining France's expertise and India's scale," Modi said in his media statement.

The prime minister said the two countries share a "very special relationship" and that France is one of India's oldest strategic partners.

"And together with President Macron, we have given this strategic partnership unprecedented depth and energy. Based on this trust and shared vision, today we are establishing our relationship as a 'special global strategic partnership'," Modi said.

"This partnership is not just strategic. In today's turbulent era, it is a partnership of global stability and global progress," he said.

Modi also made a reference to the H125 helicopter assembly line.



Geneva Talks Unfold as Iran-US Tensions Deepen

Trans Asia News

Geneva – Iran's foreign minister used a high-level UN disarmament forum in Geneva to defend Tehran's nuclear program as peaceful and non-negotiable, while parallel nuclear talks with the United States unfolded under the shadow of military threats and a growing American troop buildup in the region.

Addressing the Conference on Disarmament at the European headquarters of the United Nations, Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said Iran's right to develop and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is "inherent, inalienable, and non-negotiable," rejecting what he described as attempts to politicise that right. He warned that the global security architecture is under "unprecedented pressures", pointing to rising armed conflicts, weakening multilateralism, and renewed reliance on nuclear deterrence.

The Conference on Disarmament, established in 1978 and comprising 65 member states including nuclear-armed powers, is widely regarded as the world's sole multilateral negotiating forum on disarmament. Araghchi noted that more than 12,000 nuclear warheads remain in global arsenals and cautioned that high-alert deployments and doctrines allowing potential first use undermine commitments under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Reiterating that Iran is not seeking nuclear weapons,

Araghchi said such arms have no place in the country's security doctrine. He stressed that any durable agreement must rest on reciprocal obligations and respect for the rights of all parties, adding that Tehran remains committed to diplomacy



in its ongoing negotiations.

In a pointed criticism of Washington, Araghchi described the United States' withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), as a blow to multilateral trust that carried significant humanitarian and economic consequences for Iranians. He also condemned what he called a military aggression against Iran last June, arguing that attacks on safeguarded nuclear facilities could have severe environmental and regional repercussions and might be examined under international law as potential war crimes.

He said responsibility for such actions could extend beyond direct perpetrators to

states providing political, military, or intelligence support, under principles governing internationally wrongful acts.

Araghchi reaffirmed Iran's cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), saying the country's nu-

clear activities remain under extensive verification. He insisted that engagement with the agency must remain technical and free of political pressure, adding that Tehran and the IAEA are working on a framework to address inspections of facilities targeted in attacks — a scenario he described as unprecedented in safeguards practice.

The minister also accused Western governments of applying double standards by ignoring Israel's undeclared nuclear capabilities while portraying Iran's civilian programme as a threat. He linked regional instability, including the war in Gaza, to what he called broader failures in the international security system.

Imran Khan Enduring 'Unimaginable Mistreatment': Family

Press Trust Of India

Lahore: Pakistan's incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan's family claimed on Tuesday that he is enduring "unimaginable mistreatment" in prison under the directives of Field Marshal Asim Munir as the country is under "illegitimate and un-Islamic rule".

Khan's lawyer, Salman Safdar, told the Supreme Court last week that the 73-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician had lost 85 per cent of vision in his right eye in jail.

His party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, has cut off Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province from the rest of the country by road blockades



demanding that Khan be immediately shifted to the hospital and allowing his doctors to see him. Khan has been in jail since August 2023 in multiple cases.

"Imran Khan, a global celebrity, a philanthropist, and former prime minister of Pakistan, has endured unimaginable mistreatment in prison under the directives of 'Asim Law,'

now facing irreversible damage to his right eye as a direct consequence," Khan's sister Noreen Niazi said in a post on X, referring to Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Munir.

She said it has been established that Khan's medical complaints were ignored "unduly and unjustly" for three months while he was kept in "illegal solitary confinement".

"The jail's poor conditions have severely impacted his health, leading to devastating effects on his eye, now diagnosed as retinal vein occlusion. This isn't mere negligence. It's deliberate cruelty, executed through an evil and conniving master plan of Gen Asim Munir.

Tarique Rahman Sworn In as New Prime Minister of Bangladesh

Press Trust Of India

Dhaka- BNP leader Tarique Rahman was on Tuesday sworn in as Bangladesh's new prime minister, marking a new beginning for the country after a nearly 18-month period of political uncertainty and lawlessness under the rule of the interim government led by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, accompanied by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, represented India at the ceremony held at the open space of the South Plaza of the Jatiya Sangsad in presence of Bangladesh's top political and military brass.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath of office to 60-year-old Rahman at the South Plaza instead of Bangabhaban, in a departure from a long-standing tradition.

"I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of prime minister of the government in accordance with the law," said Rahman, who led his party to a forceful victory in the crucial general elections.

After the swearing-in, Rahman signed the oath of office and oath of secrecy. He will serve as the prime minister for the next five years.

Rahman, the son of late President Ziaur Rahman and former prime minister Khaleda Zia, returned home in December after living in London in self-exile for 17 years.

Rahman has become the prime minister for the first time. He replaced the interim government chief Yunus, under whose tenure Dhaka's

relations with New Delhi witnessed a significant downturn. Yunus took charge in August 2024 after the collapse of the Awami League regime.

Earlier in the day, Rahman was elected as leader of the parliamentary party by the



BNP lawmakers.

President Shahabuddin also administered the oath to 25 ministers and 24 state ministers at the ceremony, attended by several leaders from neighbouring countries, including India and Pakistan.

The new cabinet includes two minority community members, BNP Vice President Nitai Roy Chowdhury of the Hindu faith and Dipen Dewan, a Buddhist.

In a surprise development, the new cabinet also inducted the outgoing interim regime's security adviser, Khalilur Rahman, as a technocrat minister, while several senior BNP leaders were left out of the new cabinet.

Cabinet division officials said the portfolios of the ministers and junior ministers would be announced later, though several mainstream media outlets named the portfolios of several of them, quoting unconfirmed sources.

Fasting month of Ramzan gets underway in Gulf region

UAE-RAMZAN-GULF

Dubai, (PTI) Several countries in the Gulf region announced the sighting of the new crescent moon on Tuesday, marking the beginning of the holy and fasting lunar month of Ramzan.

Saudi Arabia was the first to announce the news, with its moon-sighting committee announcing the sighting of the moon.

"The crescent for the month of Ramadan was seen in Saudi Arabia today. Subsequently, tomorrow i.e. Wednesday (February 18) will be the first day of Ramadan," the committee announced via X.

Following this announcement, the UAE's moon-sighting committee also confirmed on Tuesday that Ramadan will officially begin on Wednesday.

This means Muslims across the nation will start their fasts and mark the beginning of the

holy month on Wednesday.

However, local media reports said that the moon was not sighted in countries such as Oman and Türkiye, and the fasting month will begin in these countries on Thursday.



In Bahrain, however, Wednesday will be the first day of Ramadan. According to reports, astronomical projections in Kuwait point to Wednesday as the likely first day of Ramadan, pending an official announcement by religious authorities.

NEWS MAKERS

Macron Kicks Off India Visit with Morning Jog in Mumbai

Mumbai, Feb 17 (PTI) Hours after landing in Mumbai, French President Emmanuel Macron surprised morning walkers by jogging along Mumbai's iconic Marine Drive.

Dressed in a navy blue athletic T-shirt, black shorts and running shoes, he almost blended into the morning crowd, while security personnel followed at a discreet distance.

In a refreshing start to his India visit and just before official meetings and tight schedules took over, the French President was seen jogging at a brisk pace.

A senior police official said Macron stepped out for the morn-



ing jog, accompanied by his security personnel, after 10.30 am.

There was adequate police deployment on his jogging route.

Starting from the iconic Hotel Taj Mahal Palace near the Gateway of India, the French President went to Marine Drive near Coast-

al Road. He passed from Maharshi Karve Marg near Churchgate station, Oval Ground, Regal Chowk before returning to the hotel, the official said.

Videos of his exercise regimen went viral after onlookers captured it in their smartphones.

Suspect Identified in Theft at IndiaAI Summit

New Delhi, Feb 17 (PTI) Delhi Police has identified a person involved in theft of devices at India AI Impact Summit that took place after Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the expo, a senior official said on Tuesday.

Homegrown wearables startup NeoSapien Co-founder and CEO Dhananjay Yadav had complained about theft of his devices that he left at his booth allegedly under instruction of security personnel.

Yadav said that the theft of his products was "difficult and painful," noting it occurred during a security shutdown for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit.

Manish Kumar Agrawal, Special Commissioner of Police (Intelligence Division) said the local police are investigating and there are CCTV cameras in place.

"There was a time when the gentleman

left the items unattended, this was despite the fact that a locker was provided. It was expected that the exhibitor would put the items in the locker.

"But nevertheless for whatever reasons he left (it) unattended, but we have proof, the local police have proof as to who has done it and we are working on that case," Agrawal said.

Agrawal said that Delhi Police asked Yadav to get the case registered.

"We have registered an FIR. We shall be able to work that out," Agrawal said.

Yadav shared that initially, one security team had allowed him to stay back after his request, he said, adding, "We have built a patented tech, which is India's first AI wearable. I wanted to showcase myself."

However, another security team later on asked him to vacate as the area needed to be "sanitised", Yadav recollected.

Tina Ambani Skips ED Summons for Second Time

New Delhi, Feb 17 (PTI) - Reliance Group chairperson Anil Ambani's wife Tina Ambani on Tuesday skipped the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summons for the second time on Tuesday.

The former actor, summoned in connection with a money laundering case, did not appear before the federal probe agency on February 10 following which she was issued the fresh notice.

It was not immediately known if she furnished some grounds to the investigating officer of the case for her non-appearance. The ED may issue her fresh dates, officials said.

Once she deposes, Tina Ambani will be questioned and her statement will be recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), they said.

Over 14.29 Lakh Kanals of State Land Retrieved in J&K: CM Omar

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir has retrieved more than 14.29 lakh kanals of state land across the Union Territory, while nearly three lakh kanals continue to remain under encroachment, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah informed the legislative assembly on Tuesday.

In a reply to a starred question raised by BJP's Sham Lal Sharma, Abdullah who incharge of the revenue department, said a total of over 17.27 lakh kanals of state land had been identified as encroached across Jammu and Kashmir.

Of this, over 14.29 lakh kanals have been successfully retrieved by the authorities, the chief minister said.

In Jammu division, out of 14 lakh kanals of encroached land, the government has retrieved 12.12 lakh kanals, leaving approximately 1.87 lakh kanals still under illegal occupation, he said.

In Kashmir division, Abdullah said authorities reported 3.27 lakh kanals under encroachment. So far, 2.16 lakh kanals have been reclaimed, while about 1.10 lakh kanals remain to be retrieved.

According to the figures, approximately 2.97 lakh kanals of state land remain encroached in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

According to PTI, In addition to this, there are forest land which remains under illegal occupation

The figures indicate that over 82 per cent of the identified en-



croached land has been retrieved across the UT. However, close to three lakh kanals are yet to be cleared, with Jammu accounting for the larger share of both encroachment and recovery.

Meanwhile, the forest minister Javed Ahmad Rana informed the house that 19,496 hectares, i.e. 3.85 lakh kanals, of forest land in Jammu and Kashmir remain under encroachment as of December 31, 2025.

The minister gave the information in a written reply to a question raised by BJP's Rajiv Jasrotia.

He said the department has initiated a series of measures to retrieve forest land from illegal occupation and prevent fresh encroachments.

Detailed surveys and demarcation of forest boundaries are being carried out to identify encroachments, and notices are issued to encroachers under the relevant provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, directing them to vacate

the land, the minister said.

He said vigilance has been intensified through joint monitoring by the Territorial Wing and the Forest Protection Force, and modern technologies such as remote sensing, GPS mapping, and drone surveillance are being used to strengthen protection of forest land.

The government emphasized that apart from eviction, restoration and preventive mechanisms are being prioritized to ensure that reclaimed forest land is safeguarded against future illegal occupation, the minister said.

With nearly 19,500 hectares still under encroachment, the department continues its enforcement and monitoring efforts across the Union Territory, he said.

No Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Construction Workers Welfare: Govt

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday said that no Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) is presently being implemented by the Labour and Employment Department exclusively for the welfare of building and construction workers in the Union Territory.

Replying to a question in the Legislative Assembly tabled by MLA Chadoora Ali Mohammad Dar regarding welfare schemes, the government, as reported by KNO, said that welfare of building and other construction workers (BOCWs) is being ensured through the Jammu and Kashmir Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board under the provisions of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, which now stands subsumed under the Code on Social Security, 2020, enforced with effect from November 21, 2025.

"The Welfare Board is mandated to implement welfare-oriented measures for registered construction workers and provide assistance related to health, safety, education, social security, and welfare of dependent family members," it said. (Observer News Service)

No Proposal for Upgradation of Schools in Khansahib: Govt

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday said there is presently no proposal for upgradation of schools to the next higher level in Khansahib constituency.

Replying to a question in the Legislative Assembly tabled by MLA Khansahib Saif-ud-Din Bhat regarding upgradation of schools, the government, as reported by KNO said Khansahib constituency is economically backward, with a predominantly scattered population comprising tribals, Paharis, and Gujjars.

Regarding students from the Kichwari belt, the government said a Higher Secondary School at Dragger is functioning at a distance of about 3.25 kilometres. The area is also served by one high school, three middle schools, and seven primary schools, catering to approximately 825 students.

On issues raised about students from Poskar, Falchil, and Rawalpura, the government said the availability of nearby secondary and higher secondary institutions has facilitated continued access to education. It added that High School Falchil caters to 72 students from classes 6th to 10th, while the nearest higher secondary school for Rawalpura is HSS Hardpanzo, located about 4 kilometres away. (Observer News Service)

Budgam-Katra Special with 360° Views Sees Massive Response

Observer News Service

JAMMU: In a significant step towards enhancing passenger convenience and promoting tourism, the Jammu Division of Northern Railway has successfully operated special train number 04688/04687 between Budgam and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, with the service extended beyond Banihal from February 11.

The extension of the special train from Banihal to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra has strengthened connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the Jammu region, offering a seamless and comfortable travel option for pilgrims and local commuters alike. The train has quickly emerged as a preferred mode of transport for those travelling between Budgam and Katra.

Between February 11 and February 17, more than 4,000 passengers travelled on the special service in the general class category



in both directions – from Budgam to Katra and vice versa. In addition, over 400 passengers availed the Vistadome coach facility, which features a glass roof and wide windows offering panoramic 360-degree views of the picturesque landscapes along the route.

Railway officials said the introduction of the Vistadome coach has added a unique travel experience, allowing passengers to enjoy the scenic beauty of the mountains, tunnels, and valleys that define the railway corridor between Budgam and Banihal.

The service has also proved beneficial for resi-

dents of intermediate stations including Khari, Subar, Sangaldan, Sawalkot, Duga, Bakkal, and Reasi. Over 2,000 passengers boarded or deboarded the train at these stations during the week, underscoring the growing popularity of the service and the positive response from local communities.

Commenting on the successful operation, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Uchit Singhal said the extension of the special train to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra has significantly facilitated local travel and provided a reliable option for both tourists and residents.

Nearly 15,000 Posts Vacant in J&K's Education Dept

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Nearly 15,000 teaching posts are lying vacant in Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department—raising a question on functioning of the department and quality of teaching in government-run schools.

The official figures available with KNO reveal that 14,943 teaching posts including 12,977 teacher and 1946 masters posts were lying vacant in Jammu and Kashmir.

It also said that at least 4992 teacher posts in Kashmir division and 7985 posts in Jammu division were lying.

The minister concerned revealed the figures in Legislative Assembly.

The house was however informed that "All the

available and anticipated vacancies of teachers are being utilized for the transition of Teacher Grade-II and Grade-III."

The government in the house also revealed that 1722 Master posts in Kashmir and 224 in Jammu division were lying vacant.

"All the promotional vacancies of masters are being filled through divisional level DPC in accordance with the rules," the government informed Legislative Assembly.

Furthermore, the house was informed that 130 Principal posts, 1931 Lecturer posts, 66 Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) post and 556 Headmaster posts were lying vacant in the department.

The education minister on a query whether the

government intends to regularize services of Adhoc, or contractual academic arrangement lecturers who have rendered five years of uninterrupted service in schools said that "The School Education Department in the recent past had engaged Contractual Lecturer and Teachers on academic arrangement basis for the academic sessions."

"But since 2019 no Contractual Lecturers or Teachers have been engaged by the department. However, to cope up the shortage of staff the department hired Cluster Resource Coordinators (CRCs) and Subject Specific Teachers under Samagra Shiksha Scheme, which is a centrally sponsored scheme having funding pattern of 90:10," the government said.

GOC 16 Corps Reviews Security in Rajouri sector

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Top Army Commander on Tuesday visited the general areas of Potha and Thanamandi to undertake a comprehensive review of the prevailing security environment in the border district of Rajouri.

According to the details available with KNO, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the White Knight Corps (16 Corps), Lieutenant General P K Mishra, accompanied by the GOC Counter Insurgency Force (CIF) Romeo, assessed the ground situation and was briefed on the latest operational developments and counter-infiltration measures being undertaken in the region. He interacted with commanders at various levels and reviewed the operational preparedness of units deployed in the area.

The GOC evaluated the co-ordination mechanisms among security forces and examined the effectiveness of area domination patrols and surveillance grids aimed at maintaining peace and stability in the sensitive sector.

Commending the troops for their professionalism and high morale, Lieutenant General Mishra emphasized the need for sustained vigilance and seamless synergy among all stakeholders to counter emerging security challenges. He reiterated the Army's commitment to ensuring a secure environment for the local population.

Over 5,700 Dental Surgeons Jobless in J&K

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department Minister Sakeena Itoo on Tuesday said there are approximately 5,753 registered unemployed dental surgeons in Jammu and Kashmir.

As per KNO, replying to a question in the Legislative Assembly by MLA Hasnain Masoodi, she said the government is fully conscious of the unemployment concerns faced by dental surgeons, as well as the urgent need to strengthen oral healthcare services across all levels of healthcare institutions.

"A proposal for the creation of new dental surgeon posts, based on actual and assessed requirements, is currently under active consideration in the department," Itoo said.

The minister clarified that the proposal is being worked out strictly in line with General Financial Rules (GFR)-2017 and the Finance Department's circular instructions issued in July

2021. "The matter is under detailed examination in the Health and Medical Education Department to ensure financial sustainability and adherence to established service norms," she said.

Itoo said that it remains a vital component of holistic healthcare, and the government is committed to ensuring quality dental services across the public health system.

Providing details of existing manpower, the minister informed that the sanctioned posts of dental surgeons at various healthcare levels are largely filled.

She said that at the District Hospital level, all sanctioned posts are filled; at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) and New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) levels, only one post is currently vacant. Across the UT, only three posts are sanctioned at the NTPHC level, of which two are filled, while one post remains vacant at NTPHC Shamthi. At the Sub-Centre level, no posts of dental surgeons have been sanctioned so far.

The minister further dis-

closed that the UT already has a surplus number of dental surgeons, prompting the government to create temporary supernumerary posts to accommodate them. These include six temporary supernumerary posts in the Jammu Division and 137 in the Kashmir Division.

"These temporary arrangements were made to manage the surplus workforce while ensuring uninterrupted healthcare services," she explained.

Responding to queries about alternative recruitment models, Sakina Itoo clarified that no proposal on the analogy of Rehbar-e-Taleem or Rehbar-e-Ziraat is under consideration for the health sector.

"Appointments in healthcare are governed by established service rules, IPHS norms, and financial sustainability considerations. The government's approach remains focused on regular, need-based creation of posts to strengthen institutions and ensure quality healthcare delivery," the minister said.



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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER SRINAGAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Requirement of Special Tutors(Special Educators) .
Department of Social Welfare J&K runs Abhedananda Home for Specially Abled Children, located in Solina, Rambagh Srinagar. Through the medium of this notice it is hereby notified/ informed to the public that the institute requires 06-need based special educators for smooth functioning of academic activities and to safeguard the educational interests of the students. Therefore, simple applications along with documents from eligible candidates are sought for the purpose. Only graduate having B.ed in special education with recognition of Rehabilitation Council of India is eligible for this purpose. Pertinent to mention that in case more than required applications are received the requirement will be fulfilled as per academic merit of the eligible qualification. The simple applications along with documents should reach the Office of District Social Welfare Officer Srinagar within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice during office hours.

(Issued by approval of competent authority)

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DT: 17/02/2026

District Social Welfare Officer
Srinagar

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION DOORU

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT NO 55 OF R&B/Dooru/2025-26 / E-TENDERING/ EED/HD/ 4586-91 DATED: 17-02-2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Dooru invited e-tenders on % age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of Completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of additional works for establishment Pasteurized Composit Making Unit (Capacity 35MT) at verinag	10.08 lacs (8.56 + 1.52)	600	20160	2 Months	UT Capex	HADP
2	Construction of Girls Toilet at girls Middle school Chowgund	1.75 lacs (1.49+ 0.26)	200	3500	30 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE class only
3	Construction of Girls Toilet at High school Koot	1.75 lacs (1.49+ 0.26)	200	3500	30 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE class only
4	Construction of Girls Toilet at Middle School Ringmundo.	1.75 lacs (1.49+ 0.26)	200	3500	30 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE class only
5	Construction of Boys Toilet at High School Koot.	2.34 lacs (1.99 + 0.35)	200	4680	30 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE class only
6	Construction of Boys Toilet at Girls Middle school Chowgund.	2.37 lacs (2.01 + 0.36)	200	4740	30 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE class only
7	Construction of Boys Toilet at Girls Middle school Mehmoodabad.	2.37 lacs (2.01 + 0.36)	200	4740	30 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE class only
8	Construction of Boys Toilet at High school Shankerpura	2.34 lacs (1.99 + 0.35)	200	4680	30 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE class only
9	Construction of CWSN at Girls Higher secondary School Dooru.	2.37 lacs (2.01 + 0.36)	200	4740	30 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE class only
10	Construction of Girls Toilet at Girls Middle school Mehmoodabad.	3.46 lacs (2.94 + 0.52)	200	6920	30 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE class only
11	Construction of Girls Toilet at High school Shankerpura	5.21 lacs (4.44 + 0.79)	300	10420	45 days	Samagra Shiksha	DEE and CEE Class only

Position of AAA ; Accorded.
The date of completion is subject to the availability of funds.
The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S.No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	17-/02/2026
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 18 /02/2026 (09:00 Am) To 26-02-2026 (06:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 18 /02/2026 (09:00 Am)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 26/02/2026 (06:00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	27/02/2026 (11:00AM) In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division DOORU.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division DOORU [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt)(Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date (NIT No and Name of work/ Item No. should be mentioned on Treasury Challan) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division DOORU (Tender receiving Authority).
- All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.
- The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division DOORU (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor for a period of 03 Year be forwarded to Higher Authorities.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.
- Note: a. MSME's are required to pay only 50% of Tender Document Cost or Rs 500/- whichever is lower. MSME's are required to pay only 50% of the amount of EMD/ Bid Security or Rs 5000/- whichever is lower.
- The bidders are requested to quote their rates excluding 18% GST.
- The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division DOORU.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Opening of Technical bids.
- The Earnest Money/Performance Security shall be forfeited If:
a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid.
b) Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period before issue of letter of intent.
c) Successful Bidder fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
d) If at any stage of work, the Bidder back up from the contract, again the Performance security/EMD as well as work done claim will be forfeited.
e) The tenders shall be opened and allotted to 1st lowest responsive bidder only when the funds are released/ available on Banks.

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KO VIEW

Kashmir
Heritage Warriors

In the Old City of Kashmir, the cultural guardians are stepping up and handling things themselves. Oversight has been spotty, so they're catching shipments of machine-made goods and destroying them right there.

You see this happening in markets all over downtown Srinagar. Groups of craftsmen walk into shops, check the shelves, and spot factory-made items being sold as real Kashmiri hand-made stuff. They question the traders in front of customers and neighbours. And those moments get captured on video, spreading fast on social media.

Copperware is at the heart of this pushback. A true handmade samovar shows those fine hammer marks from days of tough work. But the machine versions have that perfect shine and identical shapes that hide the factory origin.

The big price difference tempts sellers to mix them together on the same shelf. Making a clear difference builds trust for buyers and keeps the real workshops going strong.

These artisans tie their craft to the spiritual heritage of Mir Sayyid Ali Hamdani [R.A.]. He came centuries ago and sparked these traditions in Kashmir. Elders in the workshops share this as fresh stories, rather than classic chronicles. Young apprentices pick up the skills along with respect for that history.

That pride is what's driving this stand today. Around the world, people want more Kashmiri handicrafts. Tourists grab authentic souvenirs in busy seasons. Online shops send out copper items, walnut carvings, carpets, and papier-mâché to buyers everywhere. Families living abroad buy pieces that link them back to their valley roots. This growing demand brings chances but also risks in the supply chain.

Local makers are pushing for clear certification, regular checks in markets, and real penalties for fake labels. Things like geographic tags and traceable records would build stronger trust between creators and customers. Open standards would boost the worth of handmade goods at home and abroad.

These workshops anchor whole neighbourhoods in the Old City. Families count on constant work to keep apprenticeships alive and bring in income. Young artisans stay in the game when pay matches their skill and hard work.

Protecting what's real supports jobs and keeps the culture alive. This cultural campaign points to a bigger comeback. Craftsmen are claiming their reputation and saying no to anything that waters it down.

When public watchfulness meets good policies, it can lock in trust for Kashmir's handmade world for the long haul.

The Old City sets a strong example. Real craft needs solid safeguards and community support.

Right now, global interest matches local drive. With smart rules, aware buyers, and bold artisans, we can keep the Kashmir name true and strong.

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Read This Before You Buy Anything

Savings Trap

Why sticking to cash and gold holds back real wealth in the valley.

Irshad Mushtaq

Kashmiris know how to save. Families set aside money in cash, fixed deposits, gold, and small pieces of land. That habit comes from caution and lived experience.

It feels safe and secure, but this same habit silently limits how much wealth the valley can actually build.

Let's look at the bigger picture in simple terms. GDP means the total value of everything produced in a year. In our case, it is GSDP, which includes apples, tourism, trade, construction, and government services. Jammu and Kashmir's GSDP stands at roughly 2.5 to 2.9 lakh crore.

Now compare that with how much people invest in mutual funds, which put money into growing companies and markets. Across India, mutual fund assets equal about 20 percent of GDP. That means for every 100 the country produces, 20 is invested in markets. In countries like the United States, that number is around 140 percent, and in Australia it is even higher at about 185 percent.

Kashmir tells a very different story. Mutual fund investments here total around 7,200 crore, barely 2.5 to 3 percent of GSDP. Compare that with Maharashtra, where the figure ranges between 70 and 100 percent. Delhi and Goa stand near 45 to 60 percent. Even large states like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka fall between 10 and 25 percent. Kashmir remains stuck in the single digits.

This gap shows how we think about money. As a result, long term goals such as education, retirement, or wealth creation rarely connect to diversified investments. Savings stay parked in assets that grow slowly or lock up liquidity.

A balanced shift can change this pattern. Families can keep their safety cushion in traditional forms while directing surplus money into regulated mutual funds through disciplined SIPs in equity or hybrid schemes.

That approach links household savings with the wider economy. Wealthy societies combine caution with calculated risk. Kashmir can follow the same path and let its savings work harder for the future.

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The Crescent Over Kashmir

A slender crescent will soon rise over Kashmir, and with it an entire region will reset its clock, its kitchens and its spirit in one shared act of faith.

Vedicaa Manoj Sawal



Winter brings a distinct mood this year. February air in Kashmir holds a biting chill. Worshippers continue to fill mosques late into the night, their breath rising in the cold as they stand together in prayer. Faith meets the frost with resolve and gentle joy.

A thin crescent will soon appear above the mountains of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. People will scan the western sky with focus. That delicate arc of light will decide when Ramzan begins, and once it does, daily life in this region will shift in a single sweep.

This annual moment holds a rare beauty. Technology tracks the moon's birth with precision, and astronomers expect it on February 17, 2026.

Visibility in India, including Kashmir, will likely come on the evening of February 18, which places the first fast on February 19.

Still, communities wait for confirmation through human sighting.

Religious scholars confer, mosques prepare to announce the news, and anticipation builds through shared expectation rather than automated alerts.

Ramzan stands at the heart of Islamic life. About 1.8 billion Muslims observe this month worldwide. Fasting runs from the first light of dawn until sunset for 29 or 30 days. Food, water and smoking stop during daylight hours. Prayer, reflection and generosity take center stage.

Sehri sets the tone each morning in Kashmir. Homes awaken around 4 or 5 a.m. Lamps glow in kitchens while families gather around simple plates that will sustain them through the day.

The Fajr prayer follows, and then work, school and routine responsibilities continue with renewed intention.

Sunset brings a powerful release. The Maghrib call to prayer reverberates through neighborhoods, and Iftar begins with a date and water. Tables fill with home-cooked dishes. Invitations travel easily between homes.

Hospitality expands during this month, and sharing becomes second nature.

Nights keep their own energy. Taraweeh prayers extend late into the evening, filling mosques with rows of worshippers standing shoulder to shoulder.

The final ten nights hold special significance because believers honour Laylat-ul-Qadr within them, the Night of Power, when tradition holds that the Holy Quran was first revealed.

Many devote these nights to extended prayer and reflection, drawing strength from the collective atmosphere.

Ramzan transforms public life in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh because of the region's demographics. More than 85 lakh Muslims live in the Union Territory, forming about 68 percent of its population. The valley itself counts roughly 97 percent Muslims.

When Ramzan begins here, market hours change, school schedules adjust and evenings become the busiest part of the day.

Srinagar captures this transformation vividly. Old city lanes stir before dawn with the aroma of the pink salted tea that defines Kashmiri mornings, and a crisp bread often enjoyed at Sehri. Evening paints a different scene.

Streets around the historic Jama Masjid, which has stood for over six centuries, fill with vendors arranging dates, samosas, sharbat and dry fruits. Families move through these streets with faith and warmth. Neighbours exchange delicacies as a gesture of closeness that defines the sacred month.

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Kargil in Ladakh presents another

powerful image. Situated more than 2,700 meters above sea level, the district holds a Muslim population of about 76.9 percent, largely Shia.

High altitude and severe cold intensify the physical challenge of fasting. Community bonds grow stronger during these weeks, as families gather indoors and mosques glow with late-night devotion beneath towering peaks.

Leh tells a complementary story. Buddhists form the majority there, while Muslims account for around 14 percent of the population.

Ramzan unfolds within a multi-faith setting where mosques and monasteries share the same skyline. Daily interactions reflect mutual respect that has long defined Ladakh's social fabric.

Ramzan in this region holds meaning that extends beyond ritual observance. Jammu and Kashmir has experienced decades of political change and public debate. Collective fasting and collective prayer reinforce a sense of belonging that feels deeply rooted in history.

Iftar tables serve as daily affirmations of shared identity. Mosques become spaces where community spirit finds renewed expression.

A slender crescent will soon rise over the valley and the mountains. That moment will herald a coordinated turning of time, as families reorder their days and communities embrace a tradition that has guided generations.

People will look up and spot a thin curve of light in the sky. Kashmir will step into Ramzan, bringing a time of faith, warmth, and fresh purpose.

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Letter to Editor

Rush Hour Crush Inside Srinagar Smart Buses

Srinagar smart city buses arrived with promise and polish. Fresh paint, digital boards, CCTV cameras, and a modern design gave a glimpse of an urban future that looked confident and organized. The service aimed to ease daily travel and present a city ready for growth. Evening hours now tell a different story.

Office closing time turns many of these buses into moving pressure chambers. Commuters line up at Lal Chowk, Dalgate, Hyderpora, and other busy stops, waiting for a ride home. Doors open and a wave of bodies pushes inward. Conductors shout, drivers turn desperate, and passengers squeeze into every available inch. Space collapses, tempers flare, and voices rise.

The scene mirrors the old private buses that once defined chaotic travel in the city.

The smart tag loses meaning when a ride feels like a daily battle. Men and women stand pressed against each other in a crush that erases personal space. Heated exchanges erupt over foot space.

Videos circulate online, showing passengers pleading for relief and calling the service a burden rather than a benefit. Many commuters now choose shared cabs or smaller vehicles despite higher fares because the bus ride feels suffocating.

Revenue pressure plays a role. Drivers and conductors often pack buses beyond capacity to increase collections. That choice chips away at the very purpose of the service.

Authorities invested in these buses to project order and comfort. Overloading converts them into replicas of the very system they sought to replace. A polished exterior cannot hide a daily or

deal inside.

Technology already sits inside these vehicles. CCTV cameras record every trip. Control rooms can review footage, track passenger load, and flag violations.

Oversight demands active monitoring and swift action. Penalties for overloading must become real and visible. Route planning must respond to peak hour demand. Fleet strength needs expansion on busy corridors during office hours. Extra buses on high traffic routes would ease pressure and restore confidence.

Srinagar stands as a tourist city that promotes beauty and hospitality. Visitors who step into a jam packed bus witness a scene that clashes with the image of a modern destination.

Smart initiatives demand sustained vigilance. Launch events create headlines, but daily supervision creates trust. Authorities can deploy inspectors

at major stops during peak hours. Real time passenger count systems can alert officials when capacity crosses limits. Public grievance portals can respond within hours instead of weeks. Clear signage inside buses can spell out maximum capacity and passenger rights.

A city that aspires to modern status must treat public transport as a public good. Smart cannot become a label painted on metal. Smart must translate into space, comfort, and accountability.

Srinagar deserves buses that deliver relief after a long workday instead of a struggle that drains energy before one even reaches home.

Sincerely,

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Kashmir in India's AI Hour

A window in Jammu and Kashmir frames a larger question: can India's AI revolution truly include every valley and every voice?

Samiksha Mishra

My phone lights up with updates from the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi. World leaders gather under bright chandeliers. I sit in Jammu and read their words on a small screen.

I study at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication. Lectures fill my afternoons, while deadlines crowd my evenings. Headlines about artificial intelligence fill the spaces in between.

The summit feels grand and distant at the same time. That distance settles inside me like an imposing question.

The who's who in the capital conversation move through the news feed. Emmanuel Macron is stepping off a plane with a practiced smile, while Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is joining the circle. Sundar Pichai and Sam Altman are likely to speak about code and consequence.

PM Narendra Modi frames the theme in Sanskrit: Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya. Welfare and happiness for all.

The phrase sounds ancient, but the promise sounds modern.

India stands tall in this tech summit. Eight hundred million people live online here. Digital rails such as Aadhaar and Unified Payments Interface move identity and money with speed and scale. Startups rise fast, data flows wide, and policy follows ambition with steady steps.

Leaders speak about artificial intelligence as a public tool, a shared engine, a bridge between worlds.

I listen and feel pride. I also feel a tug from the mountains outside my window.

Kashmir holds talent that rarely makes national or international headlines. Classrooms in Srinagar and Jammu nurture coders, mathematicians, designers, writers. Young people here scroll through the same platforms as students in Bengaluru. They learn the same programming languages. They dream in the same digital grammar.

Cold air in mountains offers natural cooling for data centers. Tourism here could lean on AI to protect lakes and manage visitors with care. Local crafts could find new markets



through smart tools that translate, promote, predict demand.

These ideas feel practical, and they also feel personal.

Life in Kashmir teaches a certain clarity. Tools exist to serve people, community stands at the center of every decision, and technology earns respect when it strengthens daily life.

That instinct belongs in every policy paper drafted in Delhi.

Wisdom grows in places that adapt through seasons of change. Such wisdom can guide code as surely as any technical manual.

Officials speak about training programs and research grants. I imagine those opportunities landing in our universities.

I picture high speed internet reaching villages that still wait for steady signals. I see small startups in Srinagar pitching ideas with the same confidence as founders in Hyderabad.

Inclusion becomes real when geography stops deciding access.

India speaks about leadership in global AI governance. That leadership gains depth when every region stands inside the frame. Ethics grows richer when it listens to many

landscapes. Innovation gains strength when it draws from many cultures.

Kashmir forms part of that cultural intelligence.

Evening approaches, light shifts on the mountains, and the summit halls in New Delhi glow with tech talk.

Delegates exchange cards and commitments. I close my laptop and step outside. Cool air touches my face. The view feels clear, and stretching far beyond the moment.

I write this as a student who believes in India's digital future. I write this as someone



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It can also deepen divides when access stays uneven.

PM Modi's words, Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya, return to me as the sky darkens: welfare for all, happiness for all.

The phrase asks for courage and creativity. Kashmir stands ready with both.

India's AI revolution will feel complete when the view from my window stands inside the national vision, clear and unmistakable.

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The Prestige Problem

A chance remark at a social gathering reveals a deeper truth about how society values professions over perspective, and why education is far more than a title or government job.

Afreen Manzoor

A few days ago, I attended a gathering where a guest casually asked what I was doing.

I replied that I was studying. She then asked which degree I was pursuing, and I told her I was completing my Master's in Political Science.

What followed was an unsettling silence and a look that suggested my choice of discipline was somehow inadequate.

It felt as though pursuing a degree in the social sciences was a misstep, while degrees in science or commerce were considered inherently superior.

The reaction reflected a familiar mindset in Kashmir, where certain professions are still placed on a pedestal.

In many conversations across the valley, becoming a doctor or an engineer is seen as the ultimate mark of intelligence and success. A government job is often viewed as the highest proof of competence and stability. Titles such as "Dr." before one's name hold immense social value.

While these professions deserve respect, the assumption that they alone define education or wisdom is limiting.

That encounter made me think: Is education merely a pathway to a secure government job? Does respect in society depend solely on professional labels?

If that is the case, then we risk reducing education to a narrow outcome rather than appreciating it as a lifelong process.

Education goes far beyond literacy or formal qualifications. It nurtures moral awareness, ethical judgment, analytical ability and critical thinking.



A degree represents a journey of learning and growth, but it does not define the entirety of a person's intellect or potential. An individual's profession may differ from

their academic background, and that divergence does not diminish their capability or success.

People think in multidimensional ways,

and each person possess unique interests, passions and stories.

Many well-known figures illustrate this reality.

Kriti Sanon holds a degree in electronics and telecommunication engineering and later built a successful entrepreneurial venture alongside her acting career.

Mukesh Ambani, a chemical engineer by qualification, leads one of the largest business conglomerates in Asia without holding an MBA. Arnab Goswami earned degrees in social sciences and went on to establish a major media network. Gautam Adani left college to pursue business and built one of India's largest corporate empires.

Their journeys demonstrate that education equips individuals with creativity, curiosity and courage. It strengthens the ability to question, innovate and contribute meaningfully to society.

We Kashmiris often blur the line between literacy and education. Literacy enables one to read and write, while education builds character, sharpens intellect and cultivates empathy.

Recognizing this distinction is essential as we move forward in a rapidly changing world.

True education empowers individuals to think independently, act ethically and pursue their passions with confidence.

When society begins to value learning in all its forms, rather than ranking disciplines by perceived prestige, we create space for genuine growth.

Education is a lifelong transformation that makes us wiser, more compassionate and more capable of shaping a better future.

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AI Quietly Rewriting Grammar Of Cinema

Press Trust Of India

Artificial Intelligence is quietly rewriting the grammar of cinema - and for filmmakers chasing scale and spectacle, the future is already playing out before the first camera rolls.

AI now allows creators of big-impact films to almost watch their movies before a single frame is shot, actor Rana Daggubati said on Monday, underscoring how the technology is reshaping storytelling from the ground up.

What once lived only in imagination or rough storyboards can now be visualised in striking detail - scenes blocked, worlds built, action choreographed - long before production begins.

For large-scale cinema, that shift is transformative. It compresses uncertainty, sharpens creative decisions and gives filmmakers a near-finished window into their own vision.

But, as AI tools become more accessible, Daggubati drew a clear line between users and builders.

The next big divide in the industry, he suggested, will not be between those who adopt AI and those who resist it - but between those who build intellec-

tual property on top of these tools and those who merely use them.

Addressing a session on 'AI x Creativity: Skilling for Innovation in the Intelligent Economy' on the first day of the five-day AI Impact Summit, Daggubati reiterated the impact AI is having on films, but suggested that certain core human skills cannot be substituted.

"In the visual effects world, earlier, getting a shot done used to take 3-5 days. But now that has come down to just 2-3 hours...Besides, a filmmaker can now watch his movie even before shooting really begins," he said.

However, he highlighted certain qualities and skills that will not be replaced.

"Storytelling, understanding of cultural context, and social literacy are such skills," he said, adding that "the construct of repeatability is gone now, and a key differentiating factor would be between those creating IP (on AI tools) and those just using it".

The actor, known for movies like 'Baahubali', 'Kalki 2898 AD', 'The Ghazi Attack', among others, further said, "Ownership will change dramatically. Earlier, big studios were the only ones to develop big IP, universe. Today it is in the hands of independent directors".

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Nisar Ahmad Lone S/O Late Abdul Jabar Lone R/O Edipora , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward— Abdul Jabar Lone. Death' On 23-12-2016) and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

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Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate Bomial

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Abdul Hameed Mir S/O Mohd Sultan Mir R/O Brata , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward— Towseef Hameed) Date Of Birth: 17-06-2009 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

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Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate Bomial

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Sweeta Akhter D/O Ghulam Ahmad Ganie R/O Harwan , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward— Sweeta Akhter Date Of Birth: 02-03-1991 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

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Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate Bomial

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Shamikh Shehnawaz D/O Shamikh Mastan Sultani R/O Edipora , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Shamika Shehnawaz Sultani) Date Of Birth: 03-05-2007 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

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Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate Bomial

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Fatima Begum D/O Mohammad Sutan Khaja R/o Seelot , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Fatima Begum..02/02/1978 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

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Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate Bomial

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Mohd Shaban Ganaie S/O Abdul Ahad Ganaie R/O Harwan , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Dob Mohammad Shaban Ganaie. . 01/10/1961 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

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Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate Bomial

ازنیابت بومی

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب : شوکت احمد تقی ولد غلام محمد تقی ساکنہ نوپورہ تھمر ادرائی

OBC سرٹیفکیٹ تحت 176 SRO بقیہ نگفنیہ شوکت

اشتہار ہرخاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن/ساکنہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض obc سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن/ ساکنہ واقعی نوپورہ تھمر میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ساکن/ساکنہ کا کنید بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

شوکت احمد تقی ولد غلام محمد تقی زمینداری 50 سال

شامینہ بیگم زوجہ شوکت احمد گھریلو کام 45 سال

ثاقب شوکت دختر زیر تعلیم 27 سال

عاقب شوکت پسر -- 25 سال

نگفنیہ شوکت دختر -- 23 سال

ساکن/ساکنہ مذکورہ OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کنید کی مہوار آمدنی 8000 روپے تک ہے ۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد مشتمہ اخبار سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندر یا اعتراض عدالت حد اکوفتری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میا کو کوئی مندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

فکو

نائب تحصیلدار

ازنیابت بومی

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب غلام نبی ریشی ولد علی محمد ریشی ساکنہ بھر زلوری بمراد

عطا علی RBA تحت 176 SRO بقیہ زینب نبی دختر غلام نبی ریشی

اشتہار ہرخاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن/ساکنہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض RBA سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن/ ساکنہ واقعی بھیر زلوری میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ساکن/ساکنہ کا کنید بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

غلام نبی ریشی ولد علی محمد زمینداری 38 سال

روشن بیگم زوجہ غلام نبی گھریلو کام 36 سال

زینب نبی دختر زیر تعلیم 17 سال

صنوبر نبی دختر -- 15 سال

ریان نبی بھر -- 10

ساکن/ساکنہ مذکورہ RBA سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کنید کی مہوار آمدنی 7000 روپے تک ہے ۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد مشتمہ اخبار سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندر یا اعتراض عدالت حد اکوفتری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میا کو کوئی مندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

فکو

نائب تحصیلدار

ازنیابت بومی

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب محمد شفیع ریشی ولد نبی محمد ریشی بمراد عطا علی RBA تحت 176 SRO بقیہ اطہر شفیع

اشتہار ہرخاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن/ساکنہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض RBA سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن/ ساکنہ واقعی بھیر زلوری میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ساکن/ساکنہ کا کنید بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

محمد شفیع ریشی ولد نبی محمد ریشی مزدوری 50 سال

حفیظہ بیگم زوجہ محمد شفیع گھریلو کام 45 سال

شا کر شفیع پسر زیر تعلیم 20 سال

اطہر شفیع -- 17 سال

فاضل شفیع -- 15 سال

ارشاد شفیع -- 12 سال

ادکام شفیع -- 06 سال

ساکن/ساکنہ مذکورہ RBA سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کنید کی مہوار آمدنی 7000 روپے تک ہے ۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد مشتمہ اخبار سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندر یا اعتراض عدالت حد اکوفتری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میا کو کوئی مندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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نائب تحصیلدار

ازدفتر نائب تحصیلدار کریری

دعوت منجانب سہمی اللہ لون ولد محمد اسلم لون بمراد اجرتی EWS سرٹیفکیٹ بقیہ خود

اشتہار بمراد اگاہی ہرخاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخوست ساکن دفتر میں زیر کاروائی ہے اس نسبت پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ معلومات رکازہ طلب کے لئے جس سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ ساکن/ساکنہ تھنڈم میں رہائش پذیر ہے ۔ اور کنید ساکن بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

محمد اسلم لون والد 52 سال مزدوری

شامینہ بیگم والدہ 50 سال گھریلو کام

سیرت اسلم بہن 20 سال زیر تعلیم

سبع اللہ لون ساکن 21 سال --

اسکے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کو نہیں بتلایا گیا ہے مطابق رپورٹ پٹواری ساکن کے ہیں 15 بکڑے زائید رہائشی ہیں ہے ساکن کا مکان رہائشی ایک حرا رشت سے رہائشی ہیں ہے ساکن کو کوئی بھی ایسا میں کوئی مکان یا پلاٹ موجود نہیں ہے دھندا میں ساکن کا رہائشی مکان 100 مربع گزے زائید نہیں ہے کنید کی سالانہ آمدنی آٹھ لاکھ سے تجاوز نہیں کرتی ہے ۔

سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی مندر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا مندر یا اعتراض ساتھ یوم کے اندر پیش کریں ۔ میا گزرنے کے بعد کوئی مندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

فکو

نائب تحصیلدار

ازنیابت بومی

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب غلام محمد کار ولد عبد الرحیم کار ساکنہ زونی پورہ بمراد عطا علی OBC تحت 176 SRO بقیہ اولاد انبال احمد و رضیہ اختر و رفعت آرا و انشا اختر

اشتہار ہرخاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن/ساکنہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن/ ساکنہ واقعی زونی پورہ میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ساکن/ساکنہ کا کنید بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

غلام محمد کار ولد عبد الرحیم مزدوری 50 سال

افروہ بیگم زوجہ غلام محمد گھریلو کام 48 سال

رفعت آرا دختر زیر تعلیم 29 سال

انشاء اختر -- 23 سال

بال احمد کار پسر 21 سال

رضیہ اختر دختر 18 سال

ساکن/ساکنہ مذکورہ OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کنید کی مہوار آمدنی 5000 روپے تک ہے ۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد مشتمہ اخبار سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندر یا اعتراض عدالت حد اکوفتری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میا کو کوئی مندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

فکو

نائب تحصیلدار

ازنیابت بومی

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب عبد المجید قاجام ولد عبد الحمید قاجام ساکنہ سیلو بمراد عطا علی OBC تحت 176 SRO بقیہ پسر نصر اللہ مجید

اشتہار ہرخاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن/ساکنہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن/ ساکنہ واقعی سیلو میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ساکن/ساکنہ کا کنید بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

عبد الحمید قاجام ولد عبد الحمید تجارت 50 سال

حسینہ بیگم زوجہ عبد الحمید گھریلو کام 45 سال

سادہ مجید دختر زیر تعلیم 17 سال

ناغمہ مجید دختر -- 19 سال

نصر اللہ مجید پسر -- 21

ساکن/ساکنہ مذکورہ OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کنید کی مہوار آمدنی 10000 روپے تک ہے ۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد مشتمہ اخبار سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندر یا اعتراض عدالت حد اکوفتری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میا کو کوئی مندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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نائب تحصیلدار

ازنیابت بومی

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب فہمیدہ بیگم زوجہ رشید احمد قاجام ساکنہ ڈالورہ بمراد عطا علی OBC تحت 176 SRO بقیہ اولاد ان عادل خورشید و فادیہ جان

اشتہار ہرخاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکنہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکنہ واقعی ڈالورہ میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ساکنہ کا کنید بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

فہمیدہ بیگم زوجہ رشید احمد قاجام گھریلو کام 50 سال

عادل خورشید پسر زیر تعلیم 20 سال

فادیہ جان دختر -- 18 سال

عازم خورشید پسر -- 17 سال

ساکنہ مذکورہ OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کنید کی مہوار آمدنی 5000 روپے تک ہے ۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد مشتمہ اخبار سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندر یا اعتراض عدالت حد اکوفتری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میا کو کوئی مندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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ازنیابت بومی

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب محمد شفیع نجار ولد محمد سبحان نجار ساکنہ گنگی پورہ بمراد عطا علی OBC تحت 176 SRO بقیہ اولاد ان امین شفیع و ابیقہ شفیع

اشتہار ہرخاص و عام

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محمد شفیع نجار ولد محمد سبحان مزدوری 55 سال

روضیہ بیگم زوجہ محمد شفیع گھریلو کام 50 سال

سبزا احمد پسر زیر تعلیم 10 سال

امین شفیع دختر -- 16 سال

ابیقہ شفیع دختر -- 14 سال

فاطمہ شفیع دختر -- 12

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E-Tender Notice

Sr.DEE/G/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders (www.ireps.gov.in) against below titled Tenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.

Tender No. : 251-Elect-T-22R-2025-26

Name of work : Electrical work in c/w Augmentation/Upgradation of Transformer, HT, LT and APFC panels in existing substation and other associated works over Firozpur Division.

App. Cost (in Rs.) : Rs. 1,36,26,912.02/-

Earnest Money (in Rs.) : Rs. 2,18,100.00.00/-

Completion Period : 06 Months

Opening of tender : 09.03.2026 after 15:00 hrs.

Website Particulars : www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 251-Elect/T. Notice No. 24R-Elect/2025-26 Dated: 16.02.2026 522/2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I Adeena Muneer want to change my name in my adhaar card bearing no 9221 1485 4205 from Adeeba Muneer to Adeena Muneer . If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned centre within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I Aamina yaseen Mir want to change my name in my adhaar card bearing no 7870 4476 2823 from Sumaira yaseen to Aamina yaseen Mir . If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned centre within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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ازنیابت بومی زینگیر

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب نذیر احمد شیخ ولد غلام رسول شیخ ساکنہ گوری پورہ بمراد اجرائی انکم ڈیپنڈنٹ سرٹیفکیٹ بقیہ خود

اشتہار ہرخاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض انکم ڈیپنڈنٹ سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن موقع گوری پورہ میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور ساکن کا کنید بذیل افراد پسر مشتمل ہے

نذیر احمد شیخ ولد غلام رسول شیخ مزدوری 52 سال

مصرہ بیگم زوجہ نذیر احمد گھریلو کام 50 سال

شارق نذیر پسر زیر تعلیم 26 سال

اطہر نذیر پسر -- 18 سال

جانب بیگم زوجہ غلام رسول عمر رسیدہ 70

اس کے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کنید نہیں ہے سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد مشتمہ اخبار سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندر یا اعتراض عدالت حد اکوفتری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میا کو کوئی مندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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نائب تحصیلدار

Pampore Poised To Become Next Tourism Hotspot: Govt



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Pampore, known as the Saffron Town of India, is steadily emerging as a vibrant tourism hub with a mix of cultural heritage, eco-tourism, pilgrimage circuits and adventure activities, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah informed the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

Replying to a question by MLA Hasnain Masoodi, Abdullah said the Tourism Department has been organising the annual Saffron Festival in Pampore to promote saffron-based tourism and showcase local heritage. He added that the Spring Festival and Wild Tulip celebrations held on the Pampore Karewas have become key seasonal attractions, drawing domestic and out-of-state tourists.

To strengthen eco-tourism, a Birding Festival has been introduced in the Pampore wetlands to promote awareness about avian diversity and wetland ecosystems while encouraging nature-based travel. These festivals are now permanent features of the department's promotional calendar and are contributing to destination branding and the local economy, he said.

The Chief Minister said cu-

rated digital content highlighting Pampore and adjoining areas is being promoted through official tourism social media platforms to enhance visibility.

For holistic tourism growth, pilgrimage tourism is also being tapped through the development and upgradation of facilities at prominent religious sites, including Wahab Sahib Shrine, Jawala Mata Temple in Khrew, and Sheikh-ul-Alam Shrine in Laddu, under the Capex Budget 2025-26, he said.

Abdullah further said a comprehensive proposal for tourism development in Pulwama district, including Pampore under the VIH1 (Village Industry and Heritage Integration) District plan, is under consideration. The proposal includes trekking routes linking destinations such as Shar/Baten Nagberan to Tarsar and Marsar lakes, Narastantral to Aru and Pahalgam, and the Shar-Baten-Zantrag route towards Dachigam National Park.

On-ground initiatives across the VIH1 District area include installation of tourist signages, upgradation of the Tourist Facilitation Centre and historic park at Shar-i-Shali, and paragliding trial runs from the Wasturwan hills to assess adventure tourism potential, he added.

Locals, Tourists Welcome Reopening Of Doodhpathri After 10 Months

Tea Stall Owners, Pony Walas, Traders Thank LG Admin; Visitors 'Feel Safe & Happy'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The scenic tourist destination of Doodhpathri in central Kashmir's Budgam district reopened on Tuesday after remaining closed for nearly 10 months, bringing relief and renewed hope to hundreds of families dependent on tourism.

The reopening was announced by the Lieutenant Governor through a post on his official X handle, following which tourists began arriving at the meadow destination.

Locals, including tea stall owners, pony walas, guides, and small traders, welcomed the move and expressed gratitude to the LG-led administration for resuming tourism activities.

Several residents said the prolonged closure had severely affected their earnings, as the majority of families in the area rely directly or indirectly on tourism. "We are highly thankful to the LG administration for reopening Doodhpathri. For the past 10 months, we had no source of income. Our livelihood depends entirely on tourists," said a local tea stall owner, as per news agency KNO.

Pony service providers said the decision has brought hope



to many families. "We earn only when tourists visit. With the reopening, we expect our income to improve. We assure the administration that we will follow all rules and cooperate fully," a pony wala said.

A couple from Maharashtra, who were among the first visitors to reach Doodhpathri after the reopening, said they were happy to see the destination accessible again.

"We feel safe and very happy to be here. We thank the Government of India and the Jammu and Kashmir administration for reopening this beautiful place," the couple told KNO, adding that the atmosphere was peaceful and security arrangements ap-

peared satisfactory.

Local shopkeepers shared similar sentiments, stating that the reopening will revive economic activity in Doodhpathri.

They said there is no need to politicise the issue and credited the administration for taking the decision in the interest of the public. "We welcome this step wholeheartedly and will ensure that all guidelines are strictly followed to maintain safety and discipline," another local said.

With the reopening of Doodhpathri, residents hope tourist footfall will increase in the coming days, helping the area's tourism sector regain momentum.

Tourism Resumes At Wular Lake, Locals Eye Economic Recovery



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Wular Lake in north Kashmir's Bandipora district has reopened to tourists after nearly ten months, bringing relief to locals and raising hopes of economic revival for hundreds of families dependent on tourism-related activities.

The reopening follows an announcement by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha that 14 tourist destinations across Jammu and Kashmir would be reopened in a phased manner. The sites had been closed after last year's attack in Pahalgam, which impacted tourist inflow and local businesses.

Residents around Wular Lake said the move has brought relief to hundreds of families reliant on shikara rides, eateries, handicrafts,

and guiding services.

"For months, there was no work and no income. We survived on savings and loans. Now we are hopeful that tourists will return," said Fayaz Ahmad, a Shikara operator, as per news agency KNO.

Manzoor Ahmad, who runs a tea stall near the lakeshore, said the closure had brought business to a standstill. "The day the lake was shut, our earnings stopped. Reopening means we can restart our lives again," he said.

Another boatman, Ghulam Nabi, said the local economy is directly linked to visitor numbers. "If tourists come in good numbers during the summer, it will compensate for the losses we suffered," he added.

Shabir Hussain, a handicrafts seller, said many artisans were forced to look

for daily-wage work during the shutdown. "Tourism is our primary source of livelihood. We want consistent policies so that such long closures do not happen again," he said.

Visitors also expressed optimism. "Wular is one of the most beautiful lakes in Kashmir. It should remain accessible with proper security and facilities," said Ruksana Bano, a local visitor.

Residents urged authorities to improve road connectivity, sanitation, and visitor amenities around the lake to unlock its full tourism potential.

"We need better infrastructure so that tourists stay longer and spend more time here," said a local hotel owner, adding that steady footfall would help restore economic stability in the region.

Trade Deal With US Won't Cause Losses To India's Farmers: Agri Minister

Press Trust Of India

JAIPUR- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday said the India-US interim trade deal was finalised after careful consideration, with the government ensuring that no decision harms the farming community.

Speaking at a programme here, the former Madhya Pradesh chief minister said, "I am speaking with full responsibility as the agriculture minister of India. In the trade agreement, we have taken complete care of the interests of Indian farmers. There will be no losses for India's farming community," he said.

On imports, Chouhan said the country has to bring in the things it needs.

"We are not self-sufficient when it comes to pulses even today. If something that we need comes from another country, what is the objection?" he asked.

Similarly, he said, India imports around 5.5 lakh metric tonnes of apples.

"They come from countries like Turkey and Iran. If one lakh metric tonnes (of apple) come from the United States, after ensuring that it does not affect our farmers, what is the problem?" he asked.

On cotton, he said the textile industry faces shortages.

"When cotton production falls short, we have to import,"



the minister said.

Without taking any names, Chouhan also accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of levelling false allegations daily.

"There is one leader who is a part-time politician and a full-time dramatist. He neither understands trade nor tradition. Those who have never seen villages and farms are making allegations every day," he claimed.

The Union minister also asked why the erstwhile UPA government refused to implement the Swaminathan Committee report, which recommended fixing the minimum support price (MSP) at 50 per cent above the cost of production.

"The UPA government filed an affidavit saying that it (fixing MSP) would distort the market. It was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who decided that MSP will be given at 50 per cent above production cost," he said.

Chouhan also asked why the Congress did not create a buffer stock when there was record sugar production in 2006-07.

Silver, Gold Prices Decline Up To 2 % On Muted Demand, Weak Global Cues

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Precious metal prices declined 2 per cent in the national capital on Tuesday, with silver slipping to Rs 2.45 lakh per kilogram and gold dropping to Rs 1.57 lakh per 10 grams due to subdued demand amid weak global cues.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, the price of white metal decreased Rs 5,000, or 2 per cent, to Rs 2,45,000 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) from Monday's closing level of Rs 2,50,000 per kg.

In the bullion market, gold of 99.9 per cent purity depreciated Rs 2,200, or 1.4 per cent, to Rs 1,57,000 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes). The yellow metal settled at Rs 1,59,200 per 10 grams in the previous session.

"Gold and silver prices fell on Tuesday as low liquidity from Asian market holidays combined with softer US inflation data fuel expectations of future Federal Reserve rate cuts," Kavveri More, Commodity Analyst at Choice Broking, said.

In the international market, spot silver slipped USD 1.65, or 2.15 per cent, to USD 74.96 per ounce, while gold was trading 1.04 per cent lower at USD 4,938.70 per ounce.

"Spot gold extended its decline for the second straight day as investors adopted a cautious stance ahead of the US-Iran talks beginning in Geneva on Tuesday," Praveen



Singh, Head of Commodities and Currencies, Mirae Asset ShareKhan, said.

Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said gold's "fragile hold" above the USD 5,000-mark gave way to renewed selling pressure on Tuesday, as support for the metal weakened with the start of China's Lunar New Year holidays.

He noted that the absence of Chinese participation -- one of the key demand drivers -- has reduced buying interest and left prices vulnerable to downward pressure.

"Liquidity conditions remain thin across metals, and unless speculative sentiment re-emerges decisively, price action is likely to stay confined within relatively narrow ranges in the near term," Gandhi added.

Market participants' focus is now shifting to the US ADP employment report and key geopolitical developments, including US-led negotiations between Russia and Ukraine. The outcome will have important implications for risk sentiment and the demand for safe-haven assets, he said.

Reserve Bank Proposes Easing Foreign Exchange Transaction Norms

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank on Tuesday proposed greater flexibility to authorised persons to undertake foreign exchange transactions for hedging their exposures, balance sheet management and market-making, as well as to ease reporting obligations, after a review of the current regulations.

Authorised banks and standalone primary dealers access the foreign exchange market for market making, balance sheet management and hedging of risks.

On Tuesday, the central bank issued draft directions on 'Foreign Exchange Dealings of Authorised Persons' aimed at providing greater flexibility to authorised persons to deal in products and undertake foreign exchange transactions for hedging their exposures, balance sheet management and market-making, as well as to ease reporting obligations.

It proposes that an authorised dealer may undertake permitted foreign exchange transactions with other authorised dealers for hedging its exposures, balance sheet manage-

ment, market-making and proprietary positions. They can borrow and lend in foreign currency, it said.

Further, an authorised dealer may undertake non-deliverable derivative contracts (NDDCs) involving rupee with other authorised dealers, said the draft on which the RBI has invited comments by March 10.

"An authorised dealer may undertake foreign exchange derivative contracts and foreign currency interest rate derivative contracts on electronic trading platforms (ETPs) authorised by the Reserve Bank," it said.

An authorised dealer may also undertake transactions on ETPs outside India subject to certain conditions, including that the ETP operator should be incorporated/set up in a country which is a member of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), it said.

The draft further said that a designated bank under the Gold Monetisation Scheme, 2015 and a bank which is allowed to enter into forward gold contracts with its constituents in India may hedge its price risk of gold using exchange-traded and OTC hedging products in overseas markets.

Rupee Ends 2 Paise Higher At 90.72 Against US Dollar

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- The rupee gained 2 paise to settle at 90.72 against the US dollar on Tuesday, backed by positive domestic equity markets and lower crude prices overseas.

A firm American currency, however, weighed on the Indian currency and capped its gains, forex traders said.

In the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 90.72 against the US dollar and moved in a tight range, touching a high of 90.64 and a low of 90.78 in intraday deals.

The unit finally ended the session at 90.72 against the greenback, registering a gain of 2 paise from its previous closing level.

On Monday, the rupee settled 8 paise lower at 90.74 against the US dollar.

Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan, said that the rupee traded with a slight negative bias on FII outflows and a positive dollar. However, a positive tone in the domestic markets and soften-

ing of crude oil prices cushioned the downside.

"Investors may now watch out for housing market and GDP data from the US this week. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 90.50 to Rs 91," Choudhary said.

Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said: "The US-India trade deal has not translated into meaningful support so far, and limited intervention has kept the currency range-bound. Immediate support remains near 90.90, while resistance is placed around 90.25."

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.22 per cent higher at 97.03. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 0.83 per cent lower at USD 68.08 per barrel in futures trade.

On the domestic equity market front, Sensex rose 173.81 points or 0.21 per cent to settle at 83,450.96, while the Nifty went up 42.65 points or 0.17 per cent to 25,725.40.

Air India, Lufthansa Group Plan Joint Biz Agreement To Deepen Collaboration

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Air India and the Lufthansa Group plan to enter into a joint business agreement wherein the two sides will collaborate on multiple strategic areas, including coordinated route planning and flight schedules in specific markets.

On Tuesday, both sides entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for a joint business agreement, which will cover Air India, Air India Express, as well as Lufthansa Group carriers and subsidiaries. Those include Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, ITA Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) and other affiliated airlines.

The proposed deeper collaboration with Germany's Lufthansa Group is also aimed at tapping opportunities from the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement that was finalised in January.

"Subject to requisite regulatory and anti-trust approvals, the carriers intend to collaborate across multiple strategic areas, including

coordinated route planning and flight schedules in specific markets for greater customer convenience and enhanced connectivity, as well as joint sales, marketing and distribution initiatives.

"Further cooperation would encompass the joint development and coordination for improved customer experiences in areas such as frequent flyer programmes, IT infrastructure - customer journey, quality assurance, and other mutually beneficial initiatives - to enhance the ease of travel for our customers," Air India said in a release on Tuesday.

The MoU would initially focus on increasing passenger traffic flows between India and Lufthansa Group's core home market region, encompassing Germany, Austria, Belgium, Italy, and Switzerland. They would also look to include the rest of Europe and the Indian subcontinent.

Air India said the precise scope, including specific routes and markets, would be finalised upon the formation of a comprehensive joint business agreement, subject to regulatory approvals.

Over One Lakh Daily Wagers Registered In J&K CM Omar Assures Fair Action On Regularisation

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: More than one lakh daily wagers and casual labourers are currently engaged across government departments in Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah informed the assembly on Tuesday, assuring that a legally sustainable approach is being adopted on the issue of their regularisation. In a written reply to a clubbed question of 15

members from both treasury and opposition benches, the chief minister, who is in-charge of General Administration Department, said a total of 1,00,501 workers have been registered through the online Aadhaar-based biometric identification and skill profiling system.

He said the registered workforce includes 69,696 casual labourers, 8,836 daily rated workers, 8,534 seasonal labourers, 5,757 food and civil supplies helpers,

2,153 part-time sweepers and 1,929 persons engaged through hospital development fund.

The highest concentration — 38,585 workers — is in the Public Health Engineering and Irrigation & Flood Control Department. This is followed by 13,616 in the Power Development Department, 12,646 in Education, 8,317 in Forest and 6,801 in Public Works (R&B).

Significant numbers are also engaged in Health & Medical

Education (4,868), Agriculture (4,776), Animal & Sheep Husbandry (2,170), Housing & Urban Development (1,702) and other departments, the chief minister said.

Of the 57,390 registered workers in Kashmir division, the highest 11,825 are in Srinagar district followed by 8,823 in Anantnag, 7,724 Baramulla, 5,772 Budgam, 5,547 Kupwara, 4,056 Ganderbal, 3,321 Kulgam and 2,771 Bandipora, Abdullah said.

J&K Govt Announces Development Of ‘Viksit Village’ In Every Assembly In Rural Areas

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday announced the launch of a ‘Viksit village project’ aimed at holistic development of rural areas across all assemblies in the Union territory, with a substantial budgetary allocation under the 2026-27 capex.

Winding up the discussion on the grants to his

department, Agriculture Minister Javed Ahmed Dar said, “I am happy to announce that in this budget we are introducing a Viksit village project fund, which will be given to all MLAs. We are announcing one ‘Viksit Village’ in every constituency”.

He said the project is aligned with the model village framework. “We propose to establish one model village in each legislative constituency in rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir,

equipped with modern infrastructure, quality education facilities, healthcare services, and sustainable livelihood opportunities to ensure holistic upliftment of rural communities.”

Dar said the initiative builds on the earlier model village concept of the previous government, under which every constituency had received a model village fund through the concerned MLA, with additional components added over time.

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competent and aspiring candidates of employment opportunities. The agency has also alleged that the Chairmen failed to ensure fair competition, did not properly identify or ascertain vacancies, did not advertise the posts, and disregarded the prescribed norms and rules governing appointments.

The investigating agency further alleged that the appointees drew salaries amounting to over Rs 41 lakh till August 2019, causing financial loss to the bank and conferring undue pecuniary advantage.

Counsel representing the accused sought discharge of the accused, contending the FIR was based on a pseudonymous complaint later disowned by the alleged complainant.

The J&K Bank, they said, is a private entity and its officers are not “public servants” under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Temporary appointments were made under Rule 310 of the Officers Service Manual in view of administrative exigencies, they said. The Board of Directors had ratified the appointments through resolutions, they added.

The court, however, held that at the stage of framing of charge, it is required only to assess whether there exists sufficient material to presume commission of offences, not to conduct a mini-trial.

Relying on settled principles laid down by the Supreme Court, the court observed that conspiracy is often proved through circumstantial evidence and that the material on record indicates “a thread of concerted common course of action and commonality of design appear prima facie to qualify the entire transaction here.”

The court also upheld the validity of the prosecution sanction granted by the Chairman/CEO of J&K Bank Ltd. under Section 6 of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, observing that he was the competent authority to remove the in-service officials and, therefore, duly empowered to sanction their prosecution.

Holding that the prosecution has placed sufficient preliminary material on record indicating criminal misconduct and conspiracy, the court declined to discharge any of the accused.

“Consistent with the settled legal position and the foregoing discussion, this Court finds from a perusal of the material on record and the preliminary evidence that the prosecution has produced sufficient material furnishing grounds to proceed against the accused,” the court observed.

The material on record gives reason to hold that the accused have prima facie committed offences punishable under Section 5(1)(d) read with Section 5(2) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 120-B of the Ranbir Penal Code, the court said.

“Thus, this Court would find sufficient material on record which warrants the framing of charge against the accused and try them for the commission of the aforesaid offences.” The matter has been listed for formal framing of charges on March 10.

AI Should Amplify

Incubation, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre and aimed at promoting technology driven solutions and fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among youth.

Emphasising India's global technological ambitions, the Lieutenant Governor said the country must move beyond mere participation in the technology revolution and position itself as a leader. He noted that Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are reshaping the trajectory of human civilisation and that nations which master these technologies will determine the rules of the coming century.

“Young generation must pursue transformative innovations because Developed India@2047 is not merely a slogan but represents a commitment and a promise made to ourselves and to future generations,” he said.

Describing youth as architects of the future, he said they are not watching change from the sidelines but actively shaping what comes next. Pathbreaking innovation, fresh ideas and cutting edge research, he observed, possess the power to alter the nation's destiny.

The Lieutenant Governor remarked that campuses have evolved beyond mere degree granting institutions and have become factories of ideas and workshops of innovation where possibility takes tangible form. He lauded the University of Jammu for bridging the gap between classroom theory and authentic learning through Innovathon 1.0.

He said the five thematic pillars of the Hackathon, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Physical Systems, Sustainability, Health Tech and Responsible Tourism, reflect the real challenges and opportunities confronting India on its journey towards becoming a developed nation.

Calling for structural changes in education, the Lieutenant Governor urged institutions to cultivate entrepreneurial spirit, strengthen startup ecosystems and close the gap between prototypes and products, and concepts and companies.

He cautioned that skills which guaranteed employability just five years ago are already fading into obsolescence. Technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Blockchain, Quantum Computing and Synthetic Biology are no longer distant horizons but defining the present and evolving rapidly.

“Classrooms must pivot from passive learning to active creation. The real question is not what

students know but what they can build,” he said, stressing the importance of interdisciplinary teamwork over individual brilliance.

On the ethical dimension of technology, he underlined that AI tools should amplify human capability rather than displace it. As emerging technologies blur the boundaries between digital and physical worlds, he stressed the need to build secure and robust solutions that genuinely improve the lives of ordinary citizens.

He urged youth and entrepreneurs to focus on priority areas and convert pertinent ideas into viable commercial tools that uplift society, key sectors and national progress.

“Transform knowledge into creation, silos into synergy, and aspirations into achievements. Do not just participate in the future but be ready to define it,” he told the gathering.

Vice Chancellor Prof Umesh Rai, Director SIIEDC Prof Alka Sharma, Prof Anil Gupta, Dr Jatinder Manhas, faculty members, innovators and startup entrepreneurs attended the valedictory ceremony.

J&K GST Collections

said that GST is a destination-based tax under which revenue accrues to the state where goods or services are consumed rather than where they are produced.

“The GST regime, implemented in 2017, replaced a multi-layered indirect tax system with a unified structure, reduced cascading of taxes and improved compliance through technology-driven processes such as online registration, return filing, refunds and e-way bill generation.”

The Chief Minister said that the single-tax system has eased compliance for taxpayers, strengthened tax administration and expanded the tax base, leading to a significant rise in monthly GST revenues in the Union Territory.

The steady growth in GST collections and IGST receipts indicates improved revenue mobilisation and more efficient tax administration in Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

He said that the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the Union Territory since July 2017 has simplified the indirect tax regime, improved compliance and widened the tax base.

He said that GST replaced the earlier multi-layered tax structure with a unified system, reduced cascading taxes and leveraged technology for registration, return filing, refunds and e-way bill generation. “The reforms have eased compliance for taxpayers and strengthened tax administration, leading to a significant rise in average monthly GST revenue.”

While the shift to an online compliance system initially posed challenges for small and rural businesses, these were largely addressed through measures such as the Composition Scheme, quarterly return options and the QRMP scheme, along with the establishment of GST Suvidha Kendras in every district, he said.

Abdullah said that GST reforms have particularly benefited the handicrafts sector through rate rationalisation, placing most handicraft items in the 5 per cent tax slab and easing interstate trade.

“In horticulture, farm income remains outside GST, with only value-added activities attracting tax, while concessional rates apply to key inputs. In the tourism sector, subsuming of entry tax and lower GST rates for hotels have made travel to J&K more affordable,” he said.

However, the chief minister acknowledged challenges for small, unorganised and home-based producers, including compliance burdens, delayed payments and IGST refunds, and said these issues are being addressed through continued simplification and support measures.

Interacts With

encouraged the young IDES officials to uphold the highest standards of public service and institutional integrity in their future assignments, contributing effectively to Defence land administration and governance.

Sonam Yangdol, Principal Director, Defence Estates, Northern Command; Ramswaroop Haritwal, Defence Estates Officer, Jammu Circle and Dr Nitish Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Cantonment Board were also present.

Early Bloom Risk

the pre sowing stage.

Weather analysts emphasised that the combination of unseasonal warmth and prolonged dry weather requires close monitoring to mitigate potential agricultural losses and manage water resources effectively.

With no major weather system forecast in the immediate future, officials said the region could witness further intensification of the dry phase in the coming days.

Digital Platforms

are helping bridge gaps in access to legal services, particularly for people in remote and underserved areas.

Meghwal emphasised that initiatives such as Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu and Legal Literacy programmes are instrumental in realising Dr B R Ambedkar's vision of social and economic justice. He said these principles must remain central to all access to justice programmes so that citizens in villages, mountainous regions and other remote locations are not left behind.

Highlighting the need for robust legal support systems, the minister referred to the Veer Parivar

Sahayata Yojana 2025 and shared an account of a soldier's family to underline the importance of timely legal assistance.

He encouraged the organisation of smaller, focused workshops to expand the network of pro bono lawyers and interacted with village level entrepreneurs, advocates and students. Expressing confidence in collective efforts, Meghwal said Jammu and Kashmir could emerge as a model region for access to justice and further strengthen the Tele-Law programme.

The workshop was convened as part of ongoing efforts by the Department of Justice to enhance technology enabled legal services and foster deliberations among key stakeholders, including Common Service Centres, law schools, judicial officers, advocates, administrators and civil society representatives.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who also addressed the gathering, appreciated the Department of Justice for strengthening legal awareness and access through technology.

Emphasising that “justice delayed is justice denied,” Abdullah highlighted growing pendency in courts and stressed the need to reduce unnecessary litigation through timely disposal of cases and promotion of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

He noted that the Tele-Law initiative has reached over 7.5 lakh beneficiaries across nearly 4,000 panchayats in the Union Territory and plays a vital role in resolving disputes at the pre litigation stage.

While acknowledging progress, the Chief Minister said more could be achieved through continued collaboration with the Department of Justice and adoption of best practices, expressing confidence that the workshop would further strengthen Tele-Law and help ease pressure on courts.

'Decision On J&K

was a “very sensitive issue”, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said in the Lok Sabha that J-K's statehood would be restored.

“You will get it but there is a process for it. I feel you will soon get to hear about a decision in this regard,” he said.

Reacting to Meghwal's comment, Abdullah, who was also present at the function, said, “I heard on the sidelines that the (Union) minister said that we will be hearing good news soon.

“It has been one and a half years of wait. We hope we do not have to wait much longer,” Abdullah told reporters.

The chief minister said no one in Jammu and Kashmir will be satisfied till it is done.

“The process is on, (though) it is taking longer. We were expecting to get it by now but we have not got it yet. We have not given up hope, we are talking to the Centre on it continuously,” he added.

Home Minister Shah, while speaking in Lok Sabha on February 13, 2021, said Jammu and Kashmir's Union territory status was temporary and its statehood would be restored.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre abrogated Article 370, which accorded a special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. The government also divided Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. (PTI)

No Lapses In

especially around major mosques, shrines and congregation sites. He instructed authorities to increase the frequency of garbage collection and maintain cleanliness in and around places of worship.

The meeting reviewed preparedness across key sectors including power, drinking water, essential commodities, healthcare, transport and security. The Chief Minister directed the Power Development Department to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply, particularly during Sehri and Iftar hours. He asked officials to plan curtailments carefully, if unavoidable, undertake timely maintenance of transformer banks and designate nodal officers to monitor supply.

Reviewing water supply arrangements, he directed the Jal Shakti Department to ensure adequate availability of drinking water, including deployment of tankers in water-distressed areas well before Iftar so that people can break their fast without disruption.

On essential commodities, the Chief Minister stressed strict market checking to prevent hoarding, black marketing and profiteering. He called for ensuring adequate stocks of rice, atta, sugar, LPG, poultry, vegetables, fish and other daily necessities, along with proper display of rate lists to guarantee fair pricing.

Health services will remain on high alert during the month, the meeting was informed. Emergency medical arrangements and ambulances will be stationed at major congregation points. The Chief Minister directed the Health and Medical Education Department to ensure deployment of doctors and paramedical staff during Iftar hours, noting that staff shortages during this time often leave patients unattended.

Security arrangements will be strengthened through round-the-clock patrolling, anti-sabotage checks and crowd management, particularly during Friday prayers. Fire tenders will be positioned at prominent locations, and traffic management plans will be implemented around major mosques and shrines to prevent congestion.

Addressing transport concerns, the Chief Minister directed preparation of proper rosters for RTC services and e-buses, observing that public transport availability tends to reduce during Iftar hours. He emphasized ensuring adequate services for commuters.

He also called for priority distribution of assistance to underprivileged families, widows and orphans, and directed strict monitoring of donation collections to prevent fraud and ensure genuine welfare support.

The meeting was attended by senior administrative and police officials, including advisors to the Chief Minister, additional chief secretaries, divisional commissioners, inspectors general of police, deputy commissioners and heads of key departments, with several officers participating through video conferencing.

Reiterating the need for close inter-departmental coordination, the Chief Minister said the focus must remain on sanitation, uninterrupted utilities, healthcare readiness, security and smooth traffic management to ensure a peaceful and comfortable Ramadan for the people across Jammu and Kashmir.

Tele-Law Can

ease mounting pressure on courts.

Addressing a Regional Workshop on Tele-Law at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre, the Chief Minister said that pendency remains a major challenge for the judiciary and stressed that only those cases requiring judicial intervention should reach courts.

“Justice delayed is justice denied. If it takes more time to get justice, it is equivalent to not getting justice,” he said.

The workshop was organised by the Ministry of Law and Justice under the Tele-Law initiative of the DISHA scheme, implemented by the Department of Justice.

Outlining a three fold strategy to tackle backlog, Omar called for speedy disposal of cases being filed, reduction of existing pendency and, most importantly, curbing the inflow of avoidable new cases.

“Only those cases should come to court where judicial hearing is necessary. Tele-Law helps by explaining the law, informing people about their rights and promoting mediation. If disputes are resolved before reaching court, the burden on courts will automatically come down,” he said.

The Chief Minister highlighted that Tele-Law connects citizens, particularly in rural and remote areas, with qualified lawyers through digital platforms, enabling them to access legal advice without travelling long distances.

He urged expansion of pro bono legal support under the initiative. “We must connect more lawyers on a pro bono basis so that everyone gets justice at the right time and in the right place. After this workshop, together with the Government of India, we should see how the scheme can be strengthened and expanded further,” he said.

Omar noted that while urban residents have relatively easier access to legal services, people in far flung areas often lack awareness about their rights and available remedies. Tele-Law, he said, bridges this gap by bringing legal assistance to citizens through technology.

Sharing data on the scheme's progress in the Union Territory, he said Tele-Law, which initially covered two districts, has now expanded to all 20 districts. More than 4,000 panchayats are currently covered and over 7.5 lakh legal advices have been delivered so far.

However, he cautioned that numbers alone do not define success. “We must assess whether this outreach is sufficient in proportion to our population and whether we can do more. The purpose of this workshop is to evaluate our performance, compare it with other states and adopt best practices,” he said.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the role of Common Service Centres in implementing the initiative, noting that Tele-Law has provided them with additional work opportunities and enhanced sustainability.

Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Justice Arun Palli, Secretary Law and Justice Niraj Verma and other senior officials and stakeholders were present at the workshop.

Chaos In Assembly

a three day break, Khurshheed attempted to raise the issue but was asked to resume his seat by Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather, who began proceedings with obituary references. The House paid tributes to former minister Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Shah and former MLC Brij Mohan Sharma, followed by a two minute silence.

Responding to the protests, Randhawa sought to clarify his statement, saying he had not targeted any particular community as a whole but was referring to certain individuals who had allegedly encroached on land in his constituency.

“If, in my words, it is proven that I have opposed or insulted any particular community, I am willing to withdraw those words,” he said.

The Speaker said the member had clarified that there was no intention to target the entire Kashmiri community and assured that appropriate action would be taken, including expunging any words found to be unparliamentary.

CM Thanks Shah

now been issued. I am thankful to him for that,”

Omar said.

He said no purpose was served by keeping these destinations closed, particularly when they had remained open even during difficult periods in the past. “The local people have borne losses due to the closure. Now, I hope people will visit these beautiful places,” he added.

On Monday, the Lieutenant Governor ordered the reopening of 11 tourist destinations in the Kashmir division and three in the Jammu region. Among the prominent sites reopened is the Tulip Garden on the banks of Dal Lake, which attracts thousands of visitors annually.

Other destinations reopened in the Kashmir division include Yousmarg, Doodhpathri, Dandipora Park in Kokernag, Peer Ki Gali, Dubjan and Padpawan in Shopian, Astanpora, Thajwas Glacier, Hung Park in Ganderbal, and Wullar and Watlab in Baramulla.

These spots were among nearly 80 places closed to visitors in the aftermath of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack last year that left 26 persons, mostly tourists, dead.

Responding to questions on controversial remarks by BJP MLA Vikram Randhawa regarding alleged illegal occupation of Jammu Development Authority land, the Chief Minister said the truth had come out. He said a case had been filed against Randhawa himself for alleged illegal occupation of government land.

“There is always a difference between the words and deeds of BJP leaders,” Omar alleged, adding that a nominated Rajya Sabha member from Jammu and Kashmir had spent a majority of his MPLAD funds outside the Union Territory.

On preparations for the holy month of Ramzan, the Chief Minister said he would chair a meeting of officials to review electricity supply and other arrangements to ensure minimum inconvenience to the public.

Addressing protests by daily wagers demanding regularisation, Omar said there was no need for street protests as the government had already announced on the floor of the Assembly that they would be regularised this year in a time bound manner. He said the government had verified around 66,000 daily wagers for the process and urged them not to be influenced by political provocation.

“We have said they will be regularised this year. If they have something to say, they should come and tell me,” he said.

32 Killed In 2 Yrs

Union Territory to provide round the clock response to wildlife emergencies. These centres are equipped with tranquillising guns, medicines, capture nets, cages, rescue equipment and vehicles, and are manned by trained personnel.

He added that regular patrolling, surveillance and deployment of quick response teams are being carried out at identified hotspots, while warning signages and preventive measures are being installed where required.

“Long term interventions such as scientific zoning of conflict hotspots, habitat improvement and protection of wildlife corridors are also being undertaken,” the minister said.

The government further informed that several compensation cases are pending for disbursement, with Kupwara reporting 46 pending cases, Anantnag 41 and Baramulla 28.

SIA Files Chargesheet

Shopian, and Shabir Ahmad Sheikh, resident of Rampora, Qaimoh, Kulgam (presently operating from across the border) for their involvement in unlawful and anti-national activities linked to the proscribed terrorist organisation Hizbul Mujahideen- HM.

The case pertains to the dissemination and propagation of anti national, secessionist, and pro terrorist content through various social media platforms with the intent to radicalize youth and disturb public order in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, it reads.

The FIR (No. 01/2025) was registered at Police Station CIK/SIA Kashmir under relevant provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) after credible inputs revealed that Pakistan based proscribed terrorist organisations, including Lashkar e Toiba and Jaish e Mohammad along with their proxies and sympathizers, were engaged in a coordinated conspiracy to disseminate anti India and secessionist propaganda through online and offline channels, it reads.

The objective of this campaign was to challenge the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India, incite disaffection, and radicalize impressionable youth to further terrorist activities, it reads.

Statement further reads, During the investigation, SIA Kashmir successfully identified multiple social media accounts operated under pseudonyms by the accused persons to evade detection by law enforcement agencies.

Their active role in spreading secessionist ideology, promoting terrorism, and attempting to undermine the lawful administrative framework has been established, it reads.

Further investigation in respect of other suspects and associated conspirators is continuing under the relevant provisions of law, it reads.

SIA Kashmir reiterates its firm commitment to identify, investigate, and prosecute individuals involved in activities prejudicial to the sovereignty, integrity, and security of the nation, particularly those exploiting digital platforms to radicalize youth and promote terrorism, reads the statement.(KNC)

Gavaskar, Kapil Bat for Proper Medi Care for Jailed Khan

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Indian great Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev have joined 12 other former captains to express "deep concern" about jailed cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan's deteriorating health, urging the Pakistan government to provide him adequate medical attention and dignified conditions in line with international standards.

There have been reports that the 1992 World Cup-winning skipper Imran has lost approximately 85 per cent of vision in his right eye due to medical neglect while in custody at Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail.

As many as 14 former captains wrote a letter titled "Appeal by former International Cricket Captains" to the Pakistan government asking for fair treatment for Khan.

The appeal also found support of another former India captain Sourav Ganguly, who wasn't a signatory but voiced his concern for Imran while speaking to media in Kolkata.

"We, the undersigned former captains of our national cricket teams, write with deep concern regarding the reported treatment and incarceration conditions of Imran Khan, the distinguished former Captain of Pakistan and a legendary figure in world cricket," the letter said.

"Recent reports concerning his health -- particularly the alarming deterior-



ation of his vision while in custody -- and the conditions of his imprisonment over the past two and a half years have caused us profound concern.

"As fellow cricketers who understand the values of fair play, honour, and respect that transcend the boundary rope, we believe that a person of Imran Khan's stature deserves to be treated with the dignity and basic human consideration befitting a former national leader and a global sporting icon."

The letter has also been signed by Michael Atherton, Allan Border, Michael Brearley, Greg Chappell, Ian Chappell, Belinda Clark, David Gower, Kim Hughes, Nasser Hussain, Clive Lloyd, Steve Waugh and John Wright.

In 2023, Khan, the former Pakistan Prime Minister, was sentenced to 14 years in prison in a corruption case.

In the letter, the group of former captains asked for proper medical attention, transparent legal procedures and dignified treat-

ment for the 73-year-old Khan.

"We respectfully urge the Government of Pakistan to ensure that Imran Khan receives: Immediate, adequate and ongoing medical attention from qualified specialists of his choosing to address his reported health issues.

"Humane and dignified conditions of detention in line with international standards, Including regular visits by close family members. Fair and transparent access to legal processes without undue delay or hindrance.

"Cricket has long been a bridge between nations. Our shared history on the field reminds us that rivalry ends when the stumps are drawn-and respect endures. Imran Khan embodied that spirit throughout his career."

The letter called on authorities to uphold the principles of "decency and justice".

"This appeal is made in the spirit of sportsmanship and common humanity, without prejudice to any

legal proceedings."

The letter highlighted Khan's contributions to cricket and also as a politician.

"Imran Khan's contributions to the game are universally admired. As captain, he led Pakistan to their historic 1992 Cricket World Cup victory a triumph built on skill, resilience, leadership, and sportsmanship that inspired generations across borders.

"Many of us competed against him, shared the field with him, or grew up idolizing his all-round brilliance, charisma, and competitive spirit. He remains one of the finest all-rounders and captains the sport has ever seen, earning respect from players, fans, and administrators alike.

"Beyond cricket, Imran Khan served as Prime Minister of Pakistan, leading his nation during a challenging period. Regardless of political perspectives, he holds the honour of having been democratically elected to the highest office in his country."

Later in the day, Ganguly said Imran deserves to be looked after for his contributions to Pakistan as both captain and Prime Minister.

"They (former skippers) have done the right thing, I hope he gets the right treatment because he has taken Pakistan to the world map being captain of the Pakistan cricket team and then Prime Minister so he should be looked after and I expect him to," Ganguly said.

Asia Cup Rising Stars

Tanuja, Minnu Shine as India A Beat Nepal, Seal Semis Berth

Press Trust of India

BANGKOK: Senior India national team bowlers Tanuja Kanwar and Minnu Mani dished out a dominating display to guide India A to a seven-wicket victory over Nepal and seal their semi-final spot in the Women's Asia Cup Rising Stars, here on Tuesday.

Left-arm spinner Tanuja ran through Nepal with 4/12, while Minnu wreaked havoc with 3/8, as the two spinners bundled Nepal out for just 78 in 18 overs.

India A, powered by an unbeaten 39 off 18 balls from Dinesh Vrinda, chased down the target in just 7.5 overs for the loss of three wickets, securing two points and topping Group A with four points and a strong net run rate of +3.042.

The second semifinal spot from the group will be decided after UAE face Pakistan A later in the day.

UAE sit on four points,



but a Pakistan win would tie both teams on four, leaving net run rate to decide who advances.

If UAE win, they'll top the pool with six points, pushing India to second.

India dominated in all departments, with their spinners weaving a web around a struggling Nepal batting lineup.

Openers Bindu Rawal

(11) and Samjhana Khadka (28) offered a brief resistance, but it disappeared once they were dismissed.

After reaching 56 for 3 in the 10th over, Nepal collapsed to 65 for 9 by the 16th, with left-arm spinner Radha Yadav adding 2 for 17 to the carnage.

It was only a matter of time before India chased

the target, doing so with ease as Dinesh Vrinda played daring strokes, hitting nine boundaries to finish the job with eight overs to spare.

Brief scores: Nepal 78 all out; 18 overs (Minnu Mani 3/8, Tanuja Kanwar 4/12, Radha Yadav 2/17) lose to India A 82/3; 7.5 overs (Dinesh Vrinda 39 not out) by seven wickets.

Pakistan Face Must-win Against Winless Namibia for Super 8s Berth

Press Trust of India

COLOMBO: With their backs against the wall, former champions Pakistan will rely on their fragile batting to come good after the jolt against India and seal a Super 8s spot when they face struggling Namibia, in their final league fixture, here on Wednesday.

In Group A, title favourites India have already sealed their Super 8s berth after their handsome 61-run win over Pakistan the other day.

The second spot is now up for grabs, with the United States having their nose ahead of Pakistan.

Both teams have four points each but Pakistan are behind on Net Run Rate -- Pakistan have a negative NRR of -0.403, while the USA are comfortably placed at 0.788.

Pakistan's equation is simple -- win against the winless Namibia and make the cut as any slip-up could leave them relying on other permutation and combinations.

Led by Salman Ali Agha, Pakistan's campaign has suddenly entered a tense phase after what was meant to be a straightforward progression turned into a battle for survival following the defeat to India.

The spotlight will firmly be on their fragile batting -- including stalwart Babar Azam, openers Sahibzada Farhan and Saim Ayub and their skipper Agha -- which was exposed in their defeat to India in Colombo.

Former Azam has been under pressure, especially after his seven-ball five against India, with calls for his exclusion growing louder.

After being reduced to 13 for 3 by India's pace duo of Jasprit Bumrah and Hardik Pandya, Pakistan's middle order offered no resistance -- worrying sign even against a side like Namibia.

Openers Sahibzada and Ayub, along with the middle order, will also need to show greater application.

Pace spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi also struggled,

claiming just one wicket while conceding over 31 runs in his two overs.

The only bright spot was Ayub, who had India's top order in a spot of bother with his three-wicket haul.

Pakistan's key worry is Afridi's inconsistency; his struggle with rhythm and control was glaring when he leaked 15 runs in the crucial final over, handing India the late momentum.

Against Namibia, Afridi must strike early as removing key batters in the first six overs will let Pakistan dictate the match.

Pakistan's powerplay frailties also remain a worry -- they managed barely 40 runs while losing four wickets in the last game.

Frequent middle-order shuffles have created a muddle, putting late-order acceleration in doubt.

Namibia, though winless in three matches so far, have shown flashes of discipline and tactical awareness.

The smart tactics of their skipper Gerhard Erasmus paid dividends against India when the experienced off-spinner cleverly released the ball halfway through his run-up and delivered from well behind the stumps to fox Tilak Varma during his splendid 4/20 spell.

He claimed the prized wickets of Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya and Axar Patel, and his battle against Pakistan's struggling batters could be a key match-up.

Namibia, often thriving in the underdog role, will look to bow out with pride. If they can drag Pakistan into a low-scoring contest, nerves could once again come into play in what has become a crucial fixture for the 2009 champions.

Left-arm pacer JJ Smuts is also a constant thorn for batsmen, Namibia have the firepower to pull off an upset.

Opening batter Louren Steenkamp has delivered two encouraging knocks, including a half-century, in the previous games, while Jan Nicolaas Frylinck and Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton have added much-needed stability to Namibia's top order.

No Internal Panic in Pak Team After India Defeat: Usman



Press Trust of India

COLOMBO: Pakistani players copped heavy criticism from fans and former players after their humiliating defeat to India in the T20 World Cup but off-spinner Usman Tariq on Tuesday said that the team is not under any pressure after the loss.

The 28-year-old mystery spinner, who has an unusual stop-start bowling action, also defended senior batter Babar Azam and pace spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi after their below-par show against India, saying they have won many matches for Pakistan earlier.

"To be honest, this pressure is mostly created by spectators and outside opinions. People feel there is panic, but inside the team, I haven't felt any such pressure. Winning and losing are part of the game," Usman said at the pre-match press conference ahead of Pakistan's last group match against Namibia.

"We believe in our strengths, and we'll use them in the upcoming matches. At the moment, there's no clarity about the playing XI. We'll see who plays on the day," he said when asked if there will changes in the playing XI for the Namibia match.

Pakistan will have to win against Namibia to make it to the Super Eight stage of the tournament.

"After the match (against India), we had a meeting. We discussed where our plans didn't work, about the areas where we had lapses, and how we could revise them to make sure we don't repeat those mis-

takes.

"We'll work on those mistakes and that will definitely help in getting better results," said Usman who was inspired by iconic former India captain MS Dhoni to take up the game. Asked if Babar Azam and Shaheen Afridi's confidence took a hit after their poor show against India, Usman said, "There's no doubt that Shaheen and Babar have won many matches for Pakistan. One game doesn't define their capability or calibre.

"If something like this happens, they know how to recover because they are senior players. There's nothing like they are shattered or under extra pressure. It's part of the game. Some days you do well, some days you don't. The main thing is how you come back and perform again."

He said playing against India was always a high-intensity affair but there was no "special pressure".

"Playing against India is always high intensity, so whatever pressure is there is normal -- it's something every human being feels. The important thing is how you overcome it, and we prepared for that.

"So there wasn't any special pressure. We were just trying to execute our plans. Performances depend on the day. If the bowling unit missed their lines, we'll focus on those things and work to improve in the next match."

Usman, who impressed with figures of 1/24 from his quota of four overs against India, admitted that playing in the marquee clash was a career-defining moment.

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Roll No	Name of the candidate S/Shri	Parentage	Remarks
1	SHOWKAT HUSSAIN MATTÀ	ABDUL KHALIQ MATTÀ	Passes in Papers A, C & F. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
2	ANIL KUMAR	KASTURI LAL	Passes in Papers A & C. Fails in Papers D & E. Did not apply for Papers B & F.
3	MUKHTAR AHMAD WANI	GH QADIR WANI	Passes in Papers A & D. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
4	ANIL KUMAR	RAMESH LAL	Passes in Papers B & C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
5	SHALINI MEHRA	BIRBAL MEHRA	Passes.
6	JAIPAL SINGH JAMWAL	SUKHDEV SINGH JAMWAL	Passes.
7	FAISAL TAHIR BEG	TAHIR HUSSAIN BEG	Passes in Papers A, C, E & F. Absent in Papers B & D.
8	AJAY KUMAR	SURINDER PAL SINGH	Passes in Papers D, E & F. Absent in Papers A, B & C.
9	TARIQ HUSSAIN	FEROZ DIN KHAN	Absent in Papers A, D, E & F. Did not apply for Papers B & C.
10	KULBHUSHAN SHARMA	KRISHAN LAL SHARMA	Passes in Papers A, B & D. Absent in Paper C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
11	VIJAY SHARMA	LATE R P SHARMA	Absent.
12	IMRAN MIR	MOHAMMAD ISHAQ MIR	Passes in Papers B, D, E & F. Absent in Paper C. Did not apply for Paper A.
13	MOBASHAR ALTAF	SHEIKH MOHAMMAD ALTAF	Absent in Papers A, C & E. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
14	MUSHTAQ AHMAD SHEIKH	GH MOHD SHEIKH	Passes in Papers A, C & D. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
15	SURINDER SINGH PAWAR	TARSEM SINGH PAWAR	Passes in Papers A & C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
16	MUZAMIL RASHID	AB RASHID MALIK	Absent in Papers A & D. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
17	TOWSIF MUSTAFA	GH MUSTAFA WANI	Absent in Papers A, C & E. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
18	MAHMOOD UL HASSAN	GH HASSAN RATHER	Passes in Papers A & C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
19	MANZOOR AHMAD MISGER	AB RASHID MISGER	Absent in Papers A, C, D & E. Did not apply for Papers B & F.
20	VIRENDER SINGH	SANTOKH RAJ	Passes in Paper F. Absent in Papers A & D. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
21	SHOWKAT AHMAD BHAT	MOHD SHAFI BHAT	Passes with 7 grace marks in Paper C.
22	MOHD PERVAIZ	WAZIR MOHD	Absent in Papers A, B, C & D. Did not apply for Papers E & F.
23	FAHEEM MEHRAJ	MEHRAJ UD DIN SHAIKH	Passes.
24	ARJUN SINGH SAMBYAL	BALWAN SINGH SAMBYAL	Passes in Papers A, D, E & F. Absent in Papers B & C.
25	AMIR AMAN	AMANULLAH	Passes in Papers C & E. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
26	GULREZ MALIK	MOHD SADIQ MALIK	Passes.
27	BALWAN SINGH	JAGIR SINGH	Passes in Papers A, C, D & E. Did not apply for Papers B & F.
28	MOHD SHAKEEL KHAN	NAZIR HUSSAIN KHAN	Passes in Paper F. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
29	DARVINDER KUMAR	PARAS RAM	Passes in Papers B, C, D & F. Fails in Paper E. Did not apply for Paper A.
30	MEHAK MAHAJAN	ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA	Passes.
31	WAQAR RASHID	MOHD RASHID	Passes in Papers A, B, D & F. Absent in Papers C & E.
32	SUNIL SHARMA	SHRI SHAMBU DATT UPADHYA	Absent in Papers B & D. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
33	RATTAN SINGH SLATHIA	SWARAN SINGH	Passes in Papers A, E & F. Fails in Paper C. Absent in Papers B & D.
34	AMAN KUMAR	SUDHIR KUMAR	Passes.
35	NAZIA SADEEQI	MOHD SADIQ	Passes with 8 grace marks in Paper C.
36	DHARMVIR	SAT PAUL	Passes in Papers A, C, D, E & F. Absent in Paper B.
37	ANSHUMAN MAGOTRA	V K MAGOTRA	Fails in Paper C. Passes in Paper E. Absent in Paper A. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
38	AQIB RIAZ MALIK	RIAZ UL GHANI MALIK	Passes in Papers A & E. Absent in Paper C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
39	ASHISH SINGH MANHAS	BEHARI LAL MANHAS	Absent in Papers A, C & E. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
40	UJJEVE RAMZAN RATHER	MOHAMMAD RAMZAN RATHER	Absent in Papers A, D & E. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
41	WASIM AHMAD WAGAY	BASHIR AHMAD WAGAY	Absent.
42	ARSHEED AHMAD MALIK	ASSADULLAH MALIK	Absent.
43	MONISAH	RAFIQ AHMAD	Passes in Paper C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
44	MAHEEP SHARMA	MOHAN LAL SHARMA	Passes.
45	IMRAN UL HASSAN	GHULAM HASSAN RATHER	Passes.
46	SHAFQAT NAVEED AZAD SOFI	MOHD YOUSUF SOFI	Passes in Papers A, C, D, E & F. Fails in Paper B.
47	MILAN GUPTA	HANS RAJ GUPTA	Passes.
48	SAMI ULLAH MALIK	BASHIR AHMED MALIK	Passes in Papers B, C, D, E & F. Did not apply for Paper A.
49	AADARSH THAKUR	ROMAIL SINGH	Passes in Papers A & C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
50	SAJEEV KUMAR	HARIKRISHAN SHARMA	Absent.
51	SUMIT KHAJURIA	B N KHAJURIA	Passes in Papers B & E. Absent in Papers A & C. Did not apply for Papers D & F.
52	SHEIKH ISHTIYAQ AFZAL	MOHMMAD AFZAL SHEIKH	Absent in Papers A & C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
53	ROMESH KUMAR	BEHARI LAL	Passes in Papers D & F. Absent in Paper E. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
54	BIKRAMJEET SINGH	HARCHARAN SINGH	Passes in Papers A & D. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
55	AKSHAY CHOPRA	ANIL CHOPRA	Absent.
56	NARESH SHARMA	CHOWDHARY MAL SHARMA	Passes in Papers A, B & C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
57	MUKUL SHARMA	V K SHARMA	Absent.
58	KHALID AMIN MALIK	ABDUL SATTAR MALIK	Absent.
59	SONALI SHARMA	RAM RATAN SHARMA	Passes in Papers A, B, C & E. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
60	RAJESH SINGH	GIAN SINGH	Passes in Papers A, B, D, E & F. Absent in Paper C.
61	SAJAD AHMAD DAR	GH HASSAN DAR	Absent.
62	SANJEEV SINGH SEN	FULAIL SINGH SEN	Passes.
63	UDAY VIR SINGH BALOURIA	VIRENDER SINGH BALOURIA	Passes with 9 grace marks in Paper C.
64	ROHIT SINGH	JAGDISH SINGH	Absent.
65	SUNIL SHARMA	PREM NATH SHARMA	Passes in Papers A, D, E & F. Absent in Papers B & C.
66	INDAN AHMED MIR	MOHD ASLAM MIR	Passes in Paper E. Absent in Papers A, B, C, D & F.
67	FAIZAN AHMED SHEIKH	H U SHEIKH	Passes in Paper F. Absent in Papers A, B, C, D & E.
68	RAJNEET SINGH	MR AMARJEET SINGH	Passes in Papers A, C, E & F. Absent in Papers B & D.
69	AMRIK SINGH	LATE S SURJEET SINGH	Absent in Paper B. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
70	BIANT SINGH	AMRIK SINGH	Absent.
71	RAJINDER SINGH	BAJ RAM	Absent in Papers B, D & F. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
72	MOHD RUBBANI	MM AMIN	Passes in Papers A & E. Absent in Papers B & C. Did not apply for rest of the papers.
73	HANKAR SINGH	PREM SINGH	Absent in Papers A, B, C, E & F. Did not apply for Paper D.
74	RAVINDER PAL	MADAN LAL	Absent.

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