

'Zero Tolerance, Tech Surveillance, Funding Crackdown'

India Unveils Its First Counter-Terrorism Policy



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The government on Monday unveiled the country's first counter-terrorism policy, "Prahaar", setting out a multi-layered strategy based on "zero tolerance", intelligence-led prevention and disruption of extremist violence that aims to deny terrorists, their financiers

and supporters access to funds, weapons and safe havens.

The policy unveiled by the home ministry is based on seven key pillars to counter the terror threats emanating from India or abroad -- prevention, responses, aggregating internal capacities, human rights and "Rule of Law"-based processes, attenuating

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— **Kishtwar Encounter**

6 Terrorists Killed In 20 Days: Army Only 3 Local Terrorists Remain In Kishtwar: IGP

KO Web Desk

Security forces have dismantled a seven-member module of Jaish-e-Mohammed in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, concluding a year-and-a-half-long pursuit that saw 17 engagements across the Kishtwar-Udhampur belt. Three remaining members of the self-styled "Israel Group", including its commander code-named Saifullah, were | [More on P6](#)

Khelo India Winter Games At Gulmarg Now A True National Festival LG

» Says, Barriers of Language & Culture Dissolve Before Sporting Spirit'

» Sports Bind Every Citizen, Forge Unbreakable Character

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday inaugurated the sixth edition of the Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg, describing the event as a true national festival that celebrates unity, resilience and the transformative power of sports.

Welcoming around 1,000 athletes and officials from various states and Union Territories, the Lieutenant



Governor conveyed his best wishes to the participants

WINTER GAMES AT GULMARG MIRROR LIFE'S RAW CHALLENGES, BUILDING the resilience that propels future triumphs. Falling, analysing errors and rising improved are sports' true lessons, and these are lessons the skiers will live here."

and said the Winter Games have grown beyond a sporting competition into a platform that strengthens national integration.

"The mega winter sports event is a celebration of our nation's sporting legacy, its unity and the transformative power of sports that binds every citizen and athlete, igniting their drive and forging unbreakable character," he said.

Emphasising the broader objective of | [More on P6](#)

CM Calls For Investment In Artificial Snow Generation Systems

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday reaffirmed that the government is making sustained and consistent efforts to develop Gulmarg into an international

ski destination, saying the vision will create long term opportunities and strengthen sectors linked to sports and tourism. Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the sixth edition of the Khelo India Winter Games, formally opened | [More on P6](#)

Kashmir Records 11°C Above Normal As Dry Spell Persists

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Several parts of Kashmir on Monday recorded maximum temperatures 10 to 11 degrees Celsius above the seasonal average, even as the Meteorological Department forecast largely dry weather across Jammu and Kashmir till the end of February.

Data showed that Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 21.0°C, which is 10 degrees above normal for this time of the year.

Qazigund registered 21.2°C, 11.1 degrees above normal, while Pahalgam recorded 17.3°C, nearly 9.8 degrees above average. Kupwara settled at 20.6°C, 10.5 degrees | [More on P6](#)

Kashmir Schools Reopen After Winter Break

9th-12th Classes Resume Classes

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Schools across the Kashmir division and winter zones of the Jammu division resumed academic activities for classes 9th to 12th on Monday after a winter break of more than 70 days.

According to officials, the School Education Department had ordered winter vacations for students of class 9th and above from December 11, 2025 to February 22, 2026. Teaching staff were directed to report back to their respective schools on February | [More on P6](#)

War Clouds Over Gulf

India Urges Nationals To Leave Iran

Observer News Service

New Delhi: The Embassy of India in Tehran on Monday issued a fresh advisory asking Indian nationals currently in Iran to leave the country by available means of transport, including commercial flights, in view of the evolving situation there.

In the advisory dated February 23, 2026, the embassy said the direction was issued in continuation of an earlier advisory released on January 5, 2026. Indian nationals in Iran, including students, pilgrims, business persons and tourists, have been advised to depart at the earliest.

According to official estimates in January, little over 10,000 Indians, including students, were living in Iran.

"In continuation of the advisory issued by the government of India on January 5 and in view of the evolving situation in Iran, Indian nationals who are currently in | [More on P6](#)

Iran: Initiators Of War Won't Determine Its End

A senior Iranian diplomat warned on Monday that Iran would "stand firmly against any conspiracy — whether military or political" against the country, declaring that while its adversaries might be able to ignite a war, "they will not determine how it ends." | [More on P6](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE GUARANTEE ACT

HC Seeks Govt's Response To PIL

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Monday issued notice to the J&K administration on a Public Interest Litigation seeking effective implementation of the Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA), 2011 and its Rules.

The PIL has been filed by Sheikh Ghulam Rasool, a doctor by profession and environmentalist, who has alleged non-compliance of the Act by various government departments.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal issued the notice after hearing Rasool's | [More on P6](#)

J&K Road Accidents Drop 13.6% In 3 Yrs

Incidents Decline From 6,120 In 2023 To 5,287 In 2025

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government has reported a sustained decline in road accidents over the past three years, with incidents falling by 13.6 percent from 6,120 in 2023 to 5,287 in 2025.

Official figures indicate a steady downward trajectory. Accidents dropped to 5,726 in 2024 before declining further in 2025. Authorities attribute the reduction to tighter enforcement, expanded awareness campaigns and the strengthening of institutional road safety mechanisms across the Union Territory.



During 2024 and 2025, more than 10,000 road safety awareness programmes were conducted annually. These included health and eye check-ups for drivers as well as first aid training initiatives. The administration also operationalised the Good Samaritan scheme and the Road Accident Victim Fund, ensuring cashless treatment for victims. Compensation under the fund remains Rs 1 lakh in cases of death, Rs 75,000 for permanent disability, Rs 50,000 for grievous injuries and Rs 10,000 for minor injuries.

Traffic enforcement has shifted entirely to the e-challan | [More on P6](#)

Hydropower Control Back To J&K?

Resolution Set For Debate In J&K Assembly

Agencies

Jammu: A crucial resolution seeking the transfer of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation-owned projects in Jammu & Kashmir to the Union Territory Government is set to be taken up in the J&K Assembly during the second leg of the budget session, beginning March 27.

The resolution, submitted by NC MLA Sajad Shaheen will be listed in business of the House on April 2-one



of the two days fixed for Private Member Resolutions. The resolution is | [More on P6](#)

HC Reserves Order On Doda MLA's PSA Plea

KO Correspondent

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K Ladakh High Court on Monday reserved its order on a petition challenging the detention under Public Safety Act of AAP MLA Mehraj Malik.

Malik, who is the MLA Doda, was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) on September 8 last year for allegedly disturbing public order and was subsequently lodged in the Kathua jail. | [More on P6](#)

1.66 Crore Free Rides: J&K's Free Women Travel Scheme Costs Rs 47 Cr

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Free Women Travel Scheme introduced by the Jammu and Kashmir government has cost the exchequer approximately Rs 47.42 crore in its first 10 months of implementation, the Assembly was informed during the ongoing budget session.

The disclosure came in response to queries regarding the utilisation and fiscal impact of the scheme, which



was announced by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in his maiden Budget for 2025

to 26 and formally launched on April 1, 2025. According to figures

placed before the House, between April 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026, as many as 34.95 lakh women travelled free of cost in buses operated by the Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation. The financial implication for JKRTC alone stands at Rs 19.96 crore.

In addition, 1,31,25,262 women availed themselves of the facility in Smart City buses operating across urban centres during the same period. | [More on P6](#)

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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 Ferooz Ahmad Mir S/o Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Mir R/o Sagipora for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of Taja Begum D.O.B: 26-05-2021 who died on D.O.D: 22-10-2024 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.
In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.
Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate Bomal
fko

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 Pervaiz Ahmad Malik S/o Mohammad Javed Malik R/o Edipora, Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of Son Namely (Raaziya Pervaiz) who was Born on D.O.B: 22-10-2024 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.
In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.
Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate Bomal
fko

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan
Sub. Application of Zeeshan Manzoor Bhat s/o Manzoor Ahmad Bhat R/o Pattan for issuance of legal heir certificate..
PUBLIC NOTICE..

IT is inform to general public that applicants father's legal heir certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants father namely Manzoor Ahmad Bhat s/o Gh Nabi Bhat R/o pattan Died on 16/01/2026 and left following legal heirs..

Name	Age	Relationship with the Deceased	Marital Status
HAFEEZA BEGUM	68	WIFE	WIDOW
AARIF MANZOOR BHAT	54	SON	MARRIED
ZEESHAN MANZOOR BHAT	50	SON	MARRIED
AFSHAN MANZOOR BHAT	45	SON	MARRIED
SHABNUM MANZOOR	40	DAUGHTER	MARRIED

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.
Sd
Naib Tehsildar Pattan
fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Incorrect Particulars Appearing in Records
Name: Muhammad Aahil Shaksaz
S/o: Jabeena Akhter
R/o: Khun Haran, Tulmulla
This notice is published for record correction purposes. If any person has any objection to the above-mentioned correction, he/she may submit the same to the concerned authority along with valid documentary proof within the stipulated period. After that, no objection shall be entertained.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that I, Ghulam Hassan Bhat S/O Mohd Hussain Bhat R/O Gazergund district Budgam have applied for enlistment as Class D civil Contractor. If any person has any objection in this regard, they may submit their objections (if any) in writing to the office of Chief Engineer, CID wing JKSPDC Bemia Kashmir or Secretary Technical PWD (R&B), Civil Secretariat Jammu within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter
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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub. Application of Manzoor Ahmad Wani s/o Sunaullah Wani R/o Goolipora Hanjiwera for issuance of income dependency certificate..

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT is inform to general public that applicants income dependency certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicant is residing in village Goolipora Hanjiwera and applicant is private teacher by profession. The annual income of applicant is Rs 72000 and the dependents on applicant's income are as under

Name of Dependent	Age (In Years)	Occupation	Relationship with the Applicant
SALEEMA BEGUM	65	HOUSEWIFE	WIFE
MUZAMIL MANZOOR WANI	30	LABOUR	SON
SHABNUM MANZOOR	20	STUDENT	DAUGHTER

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.
Sd
Naib Tehsildar Pattan
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from old name Shabbir Ahmad to New Name Shabir Ahmad Mir. In future I will be known as (New Name) Shabir Ahmad Mir. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the Passport Office Srinagar within seven days. After that no objections shall be entertained
fko

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI
(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of JAVID AHMAD GANAIE S/O ABDUL SAMAD GANAIE R/O SALOOSA Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 15/03/1974 and event has been shown to be occurred at HOME for issuance of delay order. In this connection,

if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained
Executive Magistrate 1st Class
KREERI
fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that the [Front/Rear] vehicle registration number plate of my Tipper, bearing Registration No. RJ39GA4106, registered with RTO Balotra DT0, Rajasthan, has been lost while travelling from Mirgund to Narbal on 20-02-2026.

Despite best efforts, the same could not be traced. If anyone finds the above-mentioned number plate, they are requested to kindly contact:

NKC Project Pvt. Ltd.
Mobile: 8882338515 / 7889725288

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)
Department of Urban Local Bodies Kashmir Srinagar
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE HANDWARA

Subject: Auction of Entry Fee / Terminal Tax Collection contract for next Two years w.e.f 01-04-2026 to 31-03-2028.

AUCTION NOTICE.
NIT No: MC/Hnd/2026/2297-2300
Dated: 21/02/2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, term e-tenders (in O2 cover system) are invited from the interested persons / parties for Auction of Adda/Entry Fee / Terminal Tax of Municipal Committee Handwara, for one (01) year w.e.f. 01-04-2026 to 31-03-2027 (Extendable by one more years if terms and conditions/Payment schedule is fulfilled strictly) The Minimum reserved bid for initial year i.e 01-04-2026 to 31-03-2027 is fixed as Rs. 1,01,62,805/- (Rupees one Crore One Lac Sixty-Two Thousand and Eight Hundred Five Only) and shall be further extendable for one more year viz; 2027-28 (w.e.f 01-04-2027 to 31-03-2028) with increase of 10% on compound basis (i.e., H1 Bid price of 1st year plus 10% increase on the H1 Bid amount shall be the auction amount for the 2nd year) The Tax Schedule of the vehicles is as under and the successful highest bidder is bound to recover Entry Fee as per the same schedule.

S.No	Name of Vehicle	Rates per day	S.No	Name of Vehicle	Rates per day
01	Govt. Vehicles / Security Forces Vehicles	Exempted	09	Mini Load Carriers / Chota Hathi/ Auto Load carriers (Loaded)	Rs. 30/- per Trip
02	All Private Light vehicles	Exempted	10	Mini Load Carriers / Chota Hathi/ Auto Load carriers (Un-Loaded)	Rs. 20/- per Day
03	Buses	Rs. 20/- per trip	11	Tipper/ Truck (Loaded)	Rs. 40/- per Trip
04	Trucks/ Troller above 06 Tyers (Loaded/Unloaded)	Rs. 100/- per Trip	12	Tipper/ Truck (Un-Loaded)	Rs. 20/- per Trip
05	Container With Loaded Maruti, Scotty, Motor cycles etc.	Rs. 300/- per Trip	13	Tractor (Loaded)	Rs. 40/- per Trip
06	Tata 407/207 / Matadors / Tata Mini Buses (Passenger)	Rs. 20/- per day	14	Tractor (Un-Loaded)	Rs. 20/- per Day
07	Sumo / Scorpios / Tavera / Toyota etc.	Rs. 20/- per day	15	JCB/Crane/Roller	Rs. 100/- per day
08	Passenger Tempo / Auto/Magic/ Eco etc.	Rs. 20/- per day	16	Private School Buses	Rs. 20/- per day

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.gem.gov.in, as per the schedule of dates given below:

1	Pre- Qualification Submission Start Date and Time (Documents)	24.02.2026 from 11.00 am
2	Pre- Qualification Submission End Date and Time (Documents)	02.03.2026 to 09.03.2026
3	Pre- Qualification assessment start Date and Time	03.03.2026 from 11.00 am
4	Pre- Qualification assessment End Date and Time	04.03.2026 up to 4.00 pm
5	EMP Payment Start Date and Time	05.03.2026 from 10.00 am
6	EMP Payment End Date and Time	06.03.2026 up to 04:00 pm
7	Auction Start Date and Time	07.03.2026 from 10:00 am
8	Auction End Date and Time	09-03-2026 up to 02:00 pm
9	Submission of Call Deposit Receipt (CDR)	The bidders shall be bound to accompany the bid offers with call deposit receipt (CDR) of Rs. 2,03,256/- (Rupees Two Lac Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six Only) drawn from any Nationalized Bank, pledged to the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Handwara, without which offers shall be liable for rejection.
7	Mode of Payment	10% to be deposited on spot as token money 65% to be deposited before taking over the possession. 25% after three months from date of taking over the possession for which the successful bidder is bound to produce an irrevocable bank guarantee from Nationalized Scheduled Bank.

- Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender document in shape of Bank Challan / Receipt (Credited to A/c No. 0131040100009743 maintained at Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Branch Main Handwara Municipal Committee Handwara amounting to Rs. 4000/- (Four Thousand Only)) and Bid securing declaration instead of EMD as per format Appendix -1, below on stamp paper duly attested by Notary in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Handwara, failing which tender will be rejected.
 - The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.gem.gov.in. The bids of the responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Handwara.
 - The bids for the tender shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
 - BID SECURITY.**
 - Bid Security Declaration: If the successful bidder fails to sign the contract or to submit the performance security before the deadline defined in the request for the bid documents, the bidder will be suspended for the participation in the tendering process for the works / tenders for a period of one year from the bid due date of this Auction. The bid security declaration shall be submitted as per the Format appendix - 2 (format for the bid security declaration).
 - Any bid not accompanied by the BID security declaration shall be summarily rejected by the Authority as non-responsive.
 - The contract of collection of Entry Fee / Terminal Tax shall be for the year 2026-27 and 2027-28 w.e.f 01-04-2026 to 31-03-2028, and no claim for extension on any pretext will be entertained beyond the allotted period.
 - That, the successful bidder has to execute an agreement duly registered in the Hon'ble court of law with the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Handwara before issuance of allotment and taking over the possession of the collection posts and no permission shall be granted for recovery fees until agreement / allotment is made in favour of successful contractor.
 - The successful Bidder shall be bound to effect recovery of Entry Fees as per approved schedule of MC Handwara, which is available with this office as mention above. In case of any violation to the approved schedule, legal action against the contractor / Allottee will be initiated.
 - That, the successful bidder shall have to bear /provide/arrange Manpower, Stationary, furniture, Sanitation, Toll posts etc. without claiming any compensation thereof, from the office of the undersigned.
 - The Highest Bid offered shall be exclusive of all applicable taxes.
 - After expiry of the contract i.e. on 31-03-2028, the successful bidder shall hand over the possession of the Entry posts to the MC Handwara in its original position without any damage.
 - That, the successful contractor shall have to collect Entry Fee on the following toll Posts only:
01. Chotipora, 02. Baripora 03. Kachiwari, 04. Talari as per the approved schedule of this institution and the realization of the entry fee / terminal tax shall be in a public friendly manner without causing any inconvenience to visitors, and also the display of schedule of rates shall be visible at each Post in the Town.
 - The contractor shall be responsible to maintain entry fee collection posts with special care to sanitation / hygiene of the environment and surroundings.
 - That, the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof;
 - In case of any dispute arising between the parties with respect to any of the conditions as laid down herein above or any ambiguity will be referred to arbitrator and the decision of the arbitrator, Director Urban Local Bodies shall be final and binding upon the parties.
 - Instructions to the Bidders regarding E- Tendering process:
 - That the approved contractor shall repair and renovate the existing posts by way of installation of ACP sheets and paints with the proper lighting and sign aggies at his own cost for which no compensation/payment will be made from this office.
 - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.gem.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.
- No: MC/Hnd/Tax/2026/2297-2300
DIPK-NB-3393/25 Dated: 23/ 02/2026
Executive Officer
Municipal Committee Handwara

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI
(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Application MEHRAJ GANI MIR & RASHID GANI MIR S/O ABDUL GANI MIR R/O KAKOTHAL for issuance of RBA certificate in favour of self for the issuance of RBA in his /her / their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of KAKOTHAL of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the MIR community having annual income 696560 // the details of family of the applicant are as follows

- 1..ABDUL GANI MIR Father 65 years Retire employee
- 2..TASLEEMA BEGUM MOTHER 55 years House wife
- 3...YASMEENA sister 25 years student
- 4...RASHID GANI MIR Applicant 19 years student
- 5....MEHRAJ GANI MIR Applicant 19 years do

if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained
fko
NAIB TEHSILDAR KREERI

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 Haniya D/o Showkat Ahmad Pandith R/o Hanjiwera Bala with verified date of birth 14/02/2021 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.
Sd

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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has a case file pertaining to birth of Arhan Javid Dar s/o Javid Ahmad Dar R/o Wailoo kralpora Tehsil kunzer with verified date of birth 20/11/2020 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.
Sd

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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR, SARIWARAPORA
PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Application for issuance of orders regarding Birth Registration

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the Registrar of Births and Deaths (Block Development Office, Pattan) has submitted a case file regarding the birth of Alib Nabi Najar, S/o Ghulam Nabi Najar, R/o Sariwarapora, whose date of birth is 18/04/2009.

If any person has any objection to the issuance of the said Birth Certificate, he/she may file the same in this office within 02 days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the stipulated period, no objection shall be entertained.
Sd/-
Naib Tehsildar
Sariwarapora
fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Hadi Irfan Reshi, S/o Irfan Hussain Reshi, R/o Goom Ahmadorpora, hereby inform the general public that I have lost my Class XII (12th) Provisional-cum-Character Certificate issued by Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Magam, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no claim or objection shall be entertained.

- Name of Certificate Holder: Hadi Irfan Reshi
- Parentage: Irfan Hussain Reshi & Firdousa
- Date of Birth: 14/05/2008
- Residential Address: Goom Ahmadorpora
- Passing Year: Regular 2025
- Class Roll No.: 113/Sci.
- Board Roll No.: 321002097

I have applied for issuance of a duplicate certificate. If anybody has any objection or has found the said certificate, he/she may kindly contact the Admission Department/Principal, Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Magam, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no claim or objection shall be entertained.
Sd/-
Hadi Irfan Reshi
fko

NOTICE

I, Muhammad Arif Shora, F/o: Muhammad Zuhab Shora R/o:Nalabal Nowshera, Srinagar, do hereby certify that I am applying for the correction of the mother's name in the school records of my son, who is studying in Standard public high school Alamgari bazar srinagar.
Incorrect Mother's name: ishrat
Correct Mother's name: irshada akhter.
If anybody having any objection to the said correction, he/she may contact the office of the Principal Standard public high school Alamgari bazar Srinagar. within 7days of this notice. After that no objection will be entertained.
Muhammad Arif Shora
F/o Muhammad Zuhab Shora
R/o Nalabal Nowshera, Srinagar.
Media line add

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Muhammad Arif Shora
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R/o Nalabal Nowshera, Srinagar.
Media line add

از نیابت بڈگام

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Save Kashmir's Shamilat Land

Village commons in Jammu and Kashmir are turning into garbage sites, exposing failures in governance, waste management, and civic responsibility.



Mohammad Amin Mir

“Kashmir confronts a moment that will determine the fate of its common lands. The way we treat these shared spaces reveals how deeply we value our collective future. When citizens and authorities act in partnership, these lands can reclaim their true purpose: strengthening community life and serving the common good.”

help everyone understand why Shamilat land is important. People can come together for clean-up days to restore these places and feel proud again.

And most importantly, we should report violations and push our local leaders to act.

The government also has clear work to do. They need to clearly mark and record all Shamilat land so there is no confusion. Revenue officials should inspect these sites regularly.

There must be real penalties for those who dump waste there. Putting land records online would bring more transparency.

We also need better ways to handle our waste. Every household should separate wet and dry waste at home. Kitchen waste can easily turn into compost for farms. Towns and villages need proper treatment plants instead of just dumping everything openly.

And we must keep teaching people simple habits for responsible waste disposal.

Our ancestors had a synergic and sustainable system. Village elders and community norms protected common lands through cooperation and mutual understanding. We should bring back that spirit and blend it with modern rules and technology.

Schools, youth groups, and social media can play a big role by teaching the next generation why public property and a clean environment matter.

When our children grow up caring about shared spaces, real change becomes possible.

At its heart, Shamilat land is our shared inheritance from the past, something we must pass on to our children. Protecting it is about clean air, good health, and a stronger community.

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The way we treat these shared spaces reveals how deeply we value our collective future.

When citizens and authorities act in partnership, these lands can reclaim their true purpose: strengthening community life and serving the common good.

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KO VIEW

Downtown's Micro-entrepreneurs

Micro-entrepreneurs are giving Downtown Srinagar a new identity.

The old city once revolved around copper shops, bakeries, and family-run stores that served walk-in customers. That world still exists, though a different energy now moves through the same lanes.

Young Kashmiris are building small ventures with phones, data packs, and strong ambition, and their work is constantly changing how downtown functions.

Step into any mohalla and the shift becomes visible. A graduate manages an online thrift store from his bedroom, turning social media into a storefront. A young woman sells homemade baked goods through messaging apps and ships them to customers in major Indian cities. Two friends handle digital marketing for neighbourhood businesses, helping them list products online and attract new buyers.

These enterprises begin small, though together they signal a broader transformation.

Technology has lowered entry barriers in the ancient city. A payment code now replaces a cash counter. A courier partner stands in for a physical shop. And a simple product video can reach thousands of potential customers within hours.

Young entrepreneurs speak the language of branding, engagement, and online reviews with ease. Discussions in homes now include talk of packaging design and customer feedback.

Economic momentum is spreading through the old quarters. Printers handle regular label orders, wholesalers move materials in smaller batches, and delivery workers manage regular assignments that keep the cycle of trade moving.

Traditional shopkeepers are experimenting with online listings after seeing the traction their younger neighbours achieve. The old and the new are blending in practical ways.

This wave of micro-enterprise is altering social patterns as well. Women are entering business from within their neighbourhoods and gaining financial agency. Youth who once focused solely on government recruitment are testing independent ideas. Families are encouraging experimentation instead of waiting for a single career path to open.

Policy discussions about Kashmir often highlight large infrastructure projects and investment summits. Ground-level enterprise in downtown Srinagar tells a different story, one built on initiative and adaptability.

With easier credit access, skill training, and reliable connectivity, this sector can expand further and strengthen local commerce.

Downtown Srinagar's micro-entrepreneurs are fusing tradition with technology and redefining business in the old city. Their ventures show belief in local potential and a determination to create opportunity at home.

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Women At The Center

Thoughtful reform and focused skills can help Kashmiri women reclaim income and influence.

Irshad Mushtaq

Kashmir once flourished through the labour and imagination of its women, whose artistry in pashmina weaving, embroidery, carpet making, and food processing sustained households and defined cultural identity.

Orchards, saffron fields, and vegetable farms thrived with their participation, and many women managed earnings with wisdom that gave them influence within family and community life.

Productive work gave them recognition, authority, and a sense of ownership that strengthened social bonds.

Economic shifts unsettled that foundation as traditional crafts lost stable markets and formal employment failed to expand alongside rising education levels.

University classrooms now graduate thousands of young women each year, but limited government recruitment and a modest private sector leave many searching for meaningful engagement. Aspirations have grown, and the desire for independence has deepened, but pathways toward sustainable enterprise require stronger support.

Existing welfare platforms offer a base that can evolve into engines of growth. The Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana organizes women into self help groups that access credit and business training. Financial inclusion initiatives linked to Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana provide banking access and open doors to formal finance. Skill certification under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana equips women with training in information technology, retail services, tailoring, food preservation, and entrepreneurship.

Educated women can establish online tutoring, digital design studios, agri consulting services, and home based enterprises that blend technology with tradition.

Universities can host incubation hubs that link graduates with investors and experienced entrepreneurs, creating ecosystems of support rather than isolated schemes. Kashmiri women have long practiced enterprise within their homes, and modern policy can transform that legacy into structured opportunity.

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Land is everything in Jammu and Kashmir. It feeds families, keeps economy going, and shapes who we are.

Every village is built around its fields, orchards, and open spaces. And among all these, Shamilat land is special.

It belongs to the entire village. Shamilat land is meant for grazing cattle, for walking paths, for ponds and streams, and for everyone to use together.

Our old revenue laws treat it as common property. The government is supposed to protect it so that it serves the whole community.

The idea is simple: some land should stay open for everyone's benefit instead of being divided into private pieces.

But today, many of these common lands have become garbage dumps.

In villages and towns across Kashmir, you see plastic bags, household waste, and construction rubble piled up on them. Places that were once for animals to graze, for kids to play, and for people to gather are now covered in trash.

This shows a serious breakdown in how we take care of what belongs to all of us.

So, how did we get here?

First, many people do not fully understand what Shamilat land is or why it matters. They see open ground and think it is just empty space.

Second, proper waste collection is still missing in many areas, so people throw garbage wherever they find room.

As our population grows, we produce more waste, but the systems to handle it have not kept up.

And because the land belongs to everyone, sometimes no one feels truly responsible for protecting it.

The damage is real and it spreads fast.

Trash leaks poisons into the soil and ruins it for future use. Chemicals flow into our groundwater and streams. Rotting waste fills the air with harmful gases and makes breathing difficult.

The fields and ponds that once supported birds, insects, and plants lose their life. Even the climate

suffers because open dumps release methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

This garbage also hurts our health by drawing flies, mosquitoes, and rats that carry diseases.

Families living nearby get sick more often. Children playing around these sites face real danger, and older people struggle with the bad air.

Over time, these dirty spaces make the whole community feel neglected and sad.

There are economic losses too, as land that could become a park, a better grazing ground, or a community space stays useless. Houses near these dumps also lose value.

The government has to spend our money cleaning up the mess, which takes away from other important work.

And these sites often create fights between neighbours about who should fix them.

The good news is that we already have laws to protect these lands.

Revenue rules clearly say Shamilat land must serve the public good. Environmental laws punish illegal dumping. Officials have the power to mark boundaries, remove encroachments, and take action against violators.

But laws alone will not save anything without us getting involved.

Village committees can keep a regular eye on these common lands. We need awareness drives to

Letter to Editor

The Safer Dream Taking Root in Kashmir

Young people in Kashmir still believe in the classic idea of ambition. They still want what many would call conventional success. But what has changed is the meaning of that success.

Grand visions of building something bold or exploring the unknown now rest on the idea of stability. A secure job, a steady income, and the ability to support a family feel like strong achievements.

Spend time with students and this becomes clear. Discussions about the future revolve around government posts, bank exams, teaching jobs, and other reliable careers. Security guides their choices.

Life here has moved through many disruptions. Education has halted more than once. Job openings have remained limited. Travel has often felt complicated. Professional paths have come with uncertainty. Through all this, ambition

has adapted.

Bright and capable young minds fill classrooms. They think deeply and work hard. They also understand the cost of risk. Starting something new feels heavy when opportunities seem few.

A position with guaranteed income feels wiser than a path filled with unknowns. Familiar routes begin to feel more practical than exciting ones.

Some people see this as reduced drive, but it is something else.

Years of adjustment have taught young people to value continuity. Many focus on becoming dependable earners for their families. Exploration takes a back seat to stability.

Over time, thinking shifts. Big questions about limitless possibility turn into practical questions about what can be sustained. Assurance becomes the goal.

Young women face additional pres-

ures. Family traditions and social expectations influence their decisions. Many choose careers that align with household responsibilities and accepted norms. Their talents often reach much further than the options they finally select. Personal goals blend with collective expectations.

These choices help maintain harmony at home. Aspirations adjust to protect relationships. Many women balance dreams with shared responsibilities.

This shift unfolds gently, almost silently. A society grows stronger when young people imagine widely. New ideas expand opportunity. Confident leaders emerge when experimentation feels possible. Encouragement opens doors to wider thinking.

Kashmiri youth continue to study with focus and determination. They adjust to changing conditions and keep

moving ahead. Faith in opportunity still exists, even when expressed with caution.

Real progress starts with reliable systems. Education must run without disruption. Job structures should clearly reward effort and skill. Young people need environments where ambition can grow beyond the search for security.

Kashmir is full of talent. With stronger foundations, confidence can grow wider. Stability can become a base to build on instead of the ultimate aim. Solid ground can support bigger dreams for the next generation.

Sincerely,

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A Mother's Grief on a Road of Death

A grieving single mother demands answers after her only son dies in a crash involving a minor driver, turning a personal tragedy into a broader call for road reform.

Raqif Makhdoomi

“They didn't let me touch him for the last time.”

Inna Makan says this while pressing her palms to her cheeks, as if she hopes to feel her son's face once more.

Her voice shakes through every recollection.

Her only son, Sahil, was 23. Speed ended his life on a road that many young men treat as a proving ground.

“His head needed support. They picked him up without proper care,” she says, her words breaking into cries. Tears run down her face as she asks for justice.

Sahil grew up with a single mother who raised him after losing her husband.

She worked, faced social pressure, and poured her earnings into her son's education.

The mother speaks openly about the struggles she faced as a widow. Sahil stood at the center of her world.

“I have no reason to wake up. I have no reason to go to work,” she says, dark circles marking nights without sleep.

Sahil rode out on his sports bike and never returned. A minor driving a Scorpio hit him at high speed. The impact tore the bike into three pieces.

Witnesses saw him lying on the road without swift medical help. His mother believes timely care could have saved him.

Her anger also targets the hospital response.

She says staff pushed her aside while she demanded treatment. She says they stopped her from hugging her son's body and forced her out while he lay motionless on a bed.

Access to medical care stands as part of the right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution.

Fifteen days later, the minor's father offered an apology. He said he was out of the city at the time.

Sahil's mother calls the apology hollow.



SHE LOOKS AT HIS PICTURE AND SPEAKS AS IF HE CAN HEAR HER.
“If strict action had been taken earlier in cases like this, my son would be alive today,” she says. “I want justice for Sahil. I want roads where mothers do not fear the sound of speeding cars.” Her words hang in the room long after the cameras leave.

A letter from the University of Manchester arrived at Sahil's home days after his cremation. It confirmed his admission to an MBA program.

The envelope carried a future that now exists only on paper.

This case echoes the Pune Porsche crash, where a 17-year-old driving a Porsche killed two riders.

Public outrage surged when bail followed conditions that included writing an essay.

Many accused in that case now remain on bail, while families of victims continue to wait for closure.

Government data lays bare the scale of a crisis that continues to claim lives at reckless speed.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways recorded 4,80,583 road accidents in 2023. Those crashes claimed 1,72,890 lives and injured 4,62,825 people.

Parliament heard that fatalities rose to more than 1.77 lakh in 2024, with 485 deaths each day.

Kashmir's roads tell the same story. Powerful vehicles, young drivers, weak enforcement, and delayed care combine into a lethal mix.

Sahil's mother sits beneath a wall of framed certificates and photographs, each one marking a milestone he reached and a future he planned.

The house now feels heavy with his absence. His bike helmet rests in a corner, and his admission letter lies folded on a table.

“I sent him out with prayers,” the mother says, her voice breaking. “I never thought I would receive him lifeless.”

She looks at his picture and speaks as if he can hear her. “If strict action had been taken earlier in cases like this, my son would be alive today,” she says. “I want justice for Sahil. I want roads where mothers do not fear the sound of speeding cars.”

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—The author is a rights activist and a law student.

Kashmir's Silent Sons

Young men balance family expectations, economic stress, and personal dreams while burying emotions they were taught never to show.

Sadam Bin Jameed

I grew up in Srinagar hearing the same words boys everywhere hear: “Be strong. Don't cry. Be a man.”

At first, it felt like guidance, a way to survive in a world full of rules and expectations. Over time, it became a weight.

A silent, invisible weight that follows you into adulthood, shaping how you speak, laugh, and even breathe.

Men in Kashmir, including my friends, classmates, and neighbours, carry burdens no one asks about. There's the pressure to provide for the family, to perform at school or work, to protect loved ones from harm.

Fathers work long hours, often juggling multiple jobs, so the household runs smoothly. Sons push themselves to excel in exams, sports, or careers, trying not to disappoint their parents. And brothers act as anchors when the storms of life hit, silently taking on problems that never belong to them alone.

But rarely do we pause to ask how they are coping.

I've seen the subtle signs of men breaking silently in hallways of hospitals, on streets, and in classrooms. A long stare into nothingness, withdrawal from friends, late-night scrolling through old messages, laughter that seems a shade too loud.

These moments are expressions of the pain we teach men to bury.

Global reports show men are far more likely to die by suicide than women. This is reflected



in the young Kashmiri men who juggle the expectations at home with dreams they cannot speak aloud. Society rewards endurance and strength while punishing vulnerability. We celebrate men as providers and protectors but rarely as humans who need care, love, and understanding.

I know men cry. I've cried. We cry in showers, in dark rooms,

through work, sarcasm, or anger. Our emotions don't disappear. They wear masks. Many of my peers carry these invisible scars, often alone.

I've watched friends joke through exhaustion, laugh off stress, and hide behind stoicism because we are told that showing emotion is weakness. We internalize these lessons, turning our hearts into vaults of unspoken pain.

The pressure can feel amplified in the valley. Political instability, economic uncertainty, and social expectations shape the environment in which men grow.

A young man might dream of leaving for higher education, but worry about supporting his family financially. A husband might feel exhausted from try-

ing to be everything at home, while a father might carry generations of expectation on his shoulders.

Each silent struggle contributes to a pattern where men break alone, their pain invisible to those around them.

Mental health conversations exist, but men are often left out. Campaigns speak of hope, hashtags spread awareness,

but the young man who works three jobs or the student hiding tears behind textbooks rarely sees himself reflected.

Husbands smile at dinner tables while carrying the weight of unspoken failures. Sons sit beside their mothers, longing to confess loneliness and fear but remembering the lessons of childhood: men must endure.

Real courage lies in facing these struggles, sharing them, and asking for help. Emotional health is not gendered. Pain does not discriminate between male or female. Permission to express it often does.

If you are a man reading this, your pain is valid. You don't have to carry it alone. Speak to someone: a friend, a family member, or a counselor. Let your words breathe. And if you love a man, including a father, brother, partner, and friend, look beyond the surface. Ask how he is doing, and listen. Your question could be the lifeline he needs.

Redefining manhood in Kashmir starts with permission: permission to feel, cry, break, and heal. The bravest thing a man can do is admit he is hurting and still choose to live. That honesty, finally, is strength. And when we allow that, we create a culture where men, too, can grow, recover, and live fully.

At the end of the day, strength is not silence. Strength is honesty. And in Kashmir, it is time for men to be heard.

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Wangchuk Detention: SC Defers Hearing To February 26

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday adjourned to February 26 the hearing on a plea filed by Gitanjali J Angmo, wife of jailed climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, against the latter's detention under the National Security Act.

A bench of Justices Arvind Kumar and P B Varale deferred the matter as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta was not available. Earlier, the top court had

asked the Centre if there was any possibility for the government to relook at the detention of Wangchuk, considering his health condition.

Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj had submitted that Wangchuk was responsible for violence in Leh on September 24 last year, in which four people died, and 161 were injured.

The Centre and the Ladakh administration had told the apex court that Wangchuk was detained for instigating people

in a border area where regional sensitivity was involved.

Justifying Wangchuk's detention, Mehta had told the bench that all procedural safeguards were followed while ordering his detention under the National Security Act (NSA).

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

The Centre had said that Wangchuk tried to instigate the Gen Z for protests similar to Nepal and Bangladesh.

Mehta had said that Wangchuk even referred to an Arab Spring-like agitation, which led to the overthrow of multiple governments in countries in the Arab world.

On January 29, Wangchuk, who is lodged in the Jodhpur Central Jail, denied allegations that he made a statement to overthrow the government like

the Arab Spring, emphasising that he had the democratic right to criticise and protest.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Angmo, submitted that police relied on "borrowed material" and selective videos to mislead the detaining authority. Angmo has termed Wangchuk's detention illegal and an arbitrary exercise violating his fundamental rights.

Wangchuk was detained on September 26 last year, two days after violent protests

demanding statehood and Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh left four people dead in the Union territory.

The government accused him of inciting the violence.

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

Ladakh and across India.

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

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

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6 Terrorists Killed

killed in an encounter in the Chatroo area on Sunday, officials said.

The Army described the development as a "massive blow to the terror network" and said it marked the culmination of a relentless 326-day high-altitude joint operation conducted in extremely challenging terrain.

In a statement, the White Knight Corps said troops of Counter-Insurgency Force Delta, in close coordination with Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Central Reserve Police Force, had eliminated all seven terrorists operating in the region over multiple operations during the past year.

"Relentless and painstaking high-altitude joint operations were conducted over 326 days in the Kishtwar region. Forces tracked terrorists in challenging conditions of cold, wet and freezing weather across daunting terrain, leading to multiple contacts," the Corps said.

It added that six Pakistan-sponsored terrorists had been neutralised in the past 20 days in the area of responsibility, underscoring intensified counter-insurgency efforts across the belt.

According to Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti, the group infiltrated into Indian territory in April 2024 and had since been engaged 17 times.

"Over the last year and a half, we have successfully neutralised all seven members. Sunday marked the culmination of this prolonged operation," the IGP said.

He described the module as a hardcore terrorist group that had inflicted significant damage on security forces and caused harm to civilians. Action would also be taken against those who provided shelter and logistical support to the militants, he added.

Based on intelligence inputs from police, the Intelligence Bureau and Army sources, a joint counter-terror operation codenamed Operation Trashi-I was launched on January 14 in the Chatroo belt.

Contact was first established on January 18, leading to the busting of a well-stocked hide-out. On February 4, one terrorist code-named Adil was eliminated in the snow-bound region. The remaining militants were tracked through rugged mountain slopes and dense forests before being re-engaged around 11 am on February 22. The final encounter site was cordoned off during the intervening night, resulting in the elimination of the last three terrorists.

Officials said the large-scale operation showcased seamless coordination among the Army, JKP and CRPF. Technology including FPV drones, satellite imagery, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, UAVs and advanced communication systems was extensively used to track terrorist movement and prevent escape.

Despite rain, snowfall and landslides in the high-altitude terrain, security forces reported zero casualties.

Preliminary assessments suggest Saifullah had infiltrated nearly five years ago and was allegedly involved in masterminding several attacks on security forces, including a July 2024 incident in which four soldiers were killed.

Search operations led to the recovery of three AK-47 rifles and other war-like stores from the encounter site.

The IGP said only three local terrorists now remain active in Kishtwar district and credited public cooperation for the operational success.

"The public stands with us. Most intelligence inputs come through civilians. This fight will continue until the entire terror network is dismantled," he said.

The Army reaffirmed that intelligence-driven counter-terror operations would continue to maintain operational dominance in the region.

Khelo India Winter

the Games, Sinha said that Khelo India Winter Games revive the sporting spirit's ideals of peace, equality and camaraderie. "In our vibrant and diverse nation of myriad languages, cultures and traditions, the Winter Games at Gulmarg are serving as a universal language and shared heritage," he said.

He underlined that intense rivalry on the ski slopes fosters shared conversations and lasting friendships, proving that healthy competition and mutual respect can coexist. "As you race on these slopes, remember diversity is our strength, not division. Our language may differ, but our goals and values unite us," he said.

Highlighting the distinct challenges of winter sports, the Lieutenant Governor observed that the Games pit skiers against nature itself, where excelling demands extraordinary prowess. "Winter Games at Gulmarg mirror life's raw challenges, building the resilience that propels future triumphs. Falling, analysing errors and rising improved are sports' true lessons, and these are lessons the skiers will live here," he said.

He told the athletes that on the ski slopes of Gulmarg their identity would hinge solely on performance. "Every result reflects your skills, discipline and grit, crafting new champions," he said.

Referring to disciplines such as alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowboarding and ski mountaineering, Sinha said the athletes' rigorous

training, technical mastery, poise developed over years of practice, unyielding resolve and endurance would be on full display in the coming days.

The Lieutenant Governor also spoke about the transformation in the sporting sector across Jammu and Kashmir in recent years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the establishment of modern sports infrastructure under the Prime Minister's Development Package and the creation of 100 Khelo India Centres have redefined the sporting landscape of the Union Territory.

He emphasised that modern infrastructure, combined with the talent and dedication of Jammu and Kashmir's youth and the proactive support of officials, has provided a major impetus to the sector.

Calling upon the participants to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, the Lieutenant Governor said true character reveals itself not just in victory but also in adversity. A real athlete, he said, remains humble in triumph and dignified in defeat.

He added that when the Games conclude on February 26, success would not be measured by medals alone but by the spirit of unity, mutual respect and relentless pursuit of excellence displayed throughout the tournament.

The four day Winter Games at India's premier winter sports destination will witness competitions across multiple snow disciplines, drawing athletes and officials from across the country.

Among those present at the inaugural ceremony were Chief Minister Omar Abdullah; Satish Sharma, Minister for Youth Services and Sports; Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to the Chief Minister; Farooq Ahmad Shah, Member of Legislative Assembly from Gulmarg; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Youth Services and Sports; V K Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Anshul Garg, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Maj Gen Puneet Doval, Commandant, High Altitude Warfare School; Minga Sherpa, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J and K Sports Council; senior officials, representatives of the Sports Authority of India, various sports organisations, prominent sports personalities and sports enthusiasts in large numbers.

CM Calls For

earlier in the day by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the Chief Minister welcomed athletes, officials and guests from across the country to what he described as the "beautiful flowery valley" of Gulmarg.

"In this sixth Khelo India Winter Games, I welcome all players, team members, ladies and gentlemen to Gulmarg. A few weeks ago we witnessed intense cold here. We had no idea that when the Games begin there would be such warmth that skiing would become challenging. We may have to make some adjustments," he said, referring to the unexpected rise in temperatures.

Drawing a parallel with international events, Abdullah said that in recent days many had watched the Winter Olympics in Cortina, Italy. He congratulated Indian skier Arif Khan for representing the country and waving the national flag with pride. "I hope that from this edition of Khelo India Winter Games, a new Arif Khan will emerge," he said.

The Chief Minister expressed concern over India's record in global winter sporting events. "It is a matter of regret that despite our vast population, we have not yet secured a medal in the Asian Winter Games or the Olympic Winter Games. Whether you are a skier, skater or associated with any winter sport, I hope one among you will change that narrative," he said.

Highlighting the challenges posed by climate variability, Abdullah stressed that dependence solely on natural snowfall is no longer viable. "We decide the dates for the Games at the beginning of the year without knowing when snowfall will occur or how much snow will be there. I request the organizers not to fix dates in advance. Let us decide to hold the Games ten to fifteen days after sufficient snowfall," he said.

He also called for long term infrastructure planning, particularly artificial snow generation systems. "The time has come for us to move towards artificial snow generation. I understand concerns about water and electricity usage, but if we do not create this infrastructure, a day may come when we will not even be able to ski in Gulmarg. That would be truly unfortunate," he said.

Reiterating his government's commitment, the Chief Minister said developing Gulmarg as an international ski resort is not merely an intention but a focused effort. "This will strengthen sports and provide economic security to all those connected with tourism," he added.

Abdullah underscored the livelihood dimension of winter tourism, noting that sledge operators, ski guides, ski instructors and ATV drivers depend heavily on the snow season. "It is our duty to provide the means and infrastructure that promote tourism and ensure its sustenance," he said.

Encouraging participants, he told the athletes that while winning is important, participation carries equal value. "You have come here to participate, and we thank you for that.

I hope the next three days are wonderful for you," he said.

The four day Winter Games at Gulmarg have drawn around 1,000 athletes and officials from different states and Union Territories, competing in various snow disciplines.

India Urges

Iran (students, pilgrims, business persons and tourists) are advised to leave Iran by available means of transport, including commercial flights," the embassy said.

The embassy also reiterated its January 14 advisory, urging all Indian citizens and Persons of Indian Origin to exercise due caution, avoid areas witnessing protests or demonstrations, and remain in contact with the Indian mission in Tehran. Citizens have been asked to closely monitor local media for further developments.

All Indian nationals in Iran have been requested to keep their travel and immigration documents, including passports and identification papers, readily accessible. The embassy said individuals may contact the mission for any assistance in this regard.

The advisory provided emergency helpline numbers: +989128109115, +989128109109, +989128109102 and +989932179359. Assistance can also be sought via email at cons.tehran@mea.gov.in.

The embassy further urged Indian nationals who have not yet registered with the mission to do so through the designated online portal available on the embassy website. In case of internet disruptions in Iran, families of those residing in the country have been requested to complete the registration process from India.

The development comes amid reports that a potential US strike on Iran could be imminent, although negotiations between Tehran and Washington aimed at reaching a nuclear deal are ongoing, with the next round of talks scheduled for Thursday in Geneva.

Iran: Initiators

The remarks were delivered by Kazem Gharibabadi, Iran's deputy foreign minister for legal and international affairs, during the high-level segment of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva. His speech, sharply critical of Western governments, underscored Tehran's combative posture amid heightened regional tensions and renewed scrutiny of its human rights record.

Kazem described the Islamic Republic as "a responsible and accountable country in the field of human rights," asserting that the 1979 revolution was itself a movement for liberation from dictatorship and the establishment of democracy. He said that tens of millions of Iranians had recently taken to the streets to support the country's independence — a reference to annual state-organised commemorations of the revolution.

Throughout his address, Kazem accused Western nations, particularly the United States, Britain and France, of hypocrisy. He said they had supported Iraq during the eight-year war between the two countries in the 1980s, which Iran refers to as the "imposed war", and bore responsibility for casualties that Iranian officials say exceeded 830,000 people killed or injured. He also cited the use of chemical weapons during that conflict.

He further accused Western governments of harbouring Iranian opposition groups responsible for attacks that, he said, killed more than 25,000 civilians over the past decades. He blamed unilateral sanctions imposed by the United States and its allies for widespread economic hardship, calling them "crimes against humanity" that have violated the right to life of millions of Iranians.

In one of the speech's most pointed passages, Kazem Gharibabadi referred to what he described as a "twelve-day war" in June 2025 involving the United States and Israel. He claimed that more than 1,000 people were killed in Iran during that conflict and accused Western governments of blocking condemnations of the attacks in international forums. U.S. and Israeli officials have not publicly acknowledged a conflict described in those terms.

He also criticised Western responses to Israel's military campaign in Gaza, asserting that more than 244,000 people had been killed or injured there and accusing what he called "false claimants of human rights" of shielding Israel from accountability.

"The Human Rights Council has become a tool in the hands of false claimants of human rights," Gharibabadi said, arguing that the body had been politicised.

Invoking Iran's ancient heritage, he pointed to the Cyrus Cylinder, often described by Iranian officials as an early declaration of human rights, to argue that the country's civilisational record predated modern Western democracies.

He also took aim at exiled opposition figures, in what appeared to be a reference to supporters of the son of Iran's last monarch, who was overthrown in 1979. Without naming him, Kazem criticised "the pampered child of the deposed and fugitive dictator", calling efforts to promote political change in Iran through such figures an insult to democracy.

Iran, he said, does not seek war but would defend its territory and dignity decisively. "The

consequences of war will not be limited to two sides; they will engulf the region," he warned. "You have tested sanctions and war against Iran and achieved no results. Now it is time to experience diplomacy and respect."

The diplomat also accused foreign adversaries of fomenting unrest inside Iran, saying that protests over economic conditions had been turned into violent riots. He claimed that more than 3,000 people were killed in those incidents, including security forces and civilians, and rejected alternative casualty figures published by opposition groups as fabricated.

Kashmir Records

above normal, and Kokernag recorded 19.0°C, more than 10 degrees above the seasonal norm.

The ski resort of Gulmarg recorded a maximum of 11.2°C, over 9 degrees above normal.

In the Jammu region, Jammu city recorded a high of 25.0°C, 2.7 degrees above normal. Banihal registered 20.2°C, Batote 19.4°C and Bhandarwah 20.1°C, all above their respective normal limits. Katra also recorded 25.0°C, nearly five degrees above average.

In Ladakh, Leh recorded a maximum of 7.0°C, Kargil 9.3°C and Nubra Valley 11.1°C.

The Meteorological Department said no major rain or snowfall is expected across the Union Territory till the end of February. Weather is likely to remain generally dry from February 23 to 26.

On February 27 and 28, partly to generally cloudy conditions are expected, with light rain or snowfall at isolated places. For the first week of March, the department forecast partly to generally cloudy weather from March 1 to 3, with chances of light precipitation over higher reaches at isolated locations. From March 4 to 7, weather conditions are expected to remain partly cloudy.

The department advised farmers to continue farm operations, stating that further rise in both minimum and maximum temperatures is likely at most places over the next five days.

Kashmir Schools

20 to make necessary arrangements for the reopening.

The department had announced the winter break in a phased manner on November 25. As per the order, pre-primary classes, including Balvatika, were scheduled to observe vacations from November 26 to February 28, 2026.

For middle classes up to 8th standard, vacations commenced from December 1 and will continue till February 28. Senior secondary classes from 9th to 12th standard were placed on vacation from December 11 to February 22.

The School Education Department had also directed the teaching faculty to remain available for any academic activity during the vacation period, if required.

Meanwhile, colleges in the Kashmir valley resumed academic activities earlier this month after a 52-day winter break. The Higher Education Department had announced winter vacations for degree colleges in the Kashmir division and winter zones of Jammu from December 24, 2025 to February 14, 2026.

With senior school classes now reopening and colleges already functional, academic activity across the Valley has gradually returned to normal, while middle and primary sections are scheduled to reopen later this month.

J&K Road

system. In 2024, authorities issued 40,197 e-challans, seized 429 vehicles and suspended 2,259 driving licences. Enforcement intensified in 2025, with 52,543 e-challans issued, 1,528 vehicles seized and 1,641 licences suspended. In addition, 10,439 vehicles were blacklisted and 1,192 registration certificates were cancelled during the year.

Preventive checks were expanded. Of the 4,545 registered school buses audited in 2025, 472 were found defective. Following notices, 450 rectified the deficiencies. Authorities also inspected 102 driving training institutes, of which 81 were found compliant while 21 were served notices. Speed limiting devices are being examined during vehicle fitness certification to ensure compliance.

The road safety policy, originally notified in 2016, was revised in 2025 in line with national standards and recommendations of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety. To strengthen enforcement capacity, the government procured 213 motorcycles, 19 mobile interceptor vehicles, 16 highway patrol vehicles, 23 cranes, 685 body worn cameras and 64 breath alcohol analysers through the Road Safety Fund, along with other traffic control infrastructure.

The Legal Metrology Department inspected 218 helmet sellers to ensure the sale of BIS marked helmets. A total of 69 cases were booked and 4,750 substandard helmets were seized.

Intelligent Traffic Management Systems are operational in Jammu and Srinagar under the Smart City Mission. A Rs 107.32 crore project covering 25 junctions and 188 corridors has been planned for other parts of the Union Territory. Road safety audits have also been made mandatory for new road projects.

Meanwhile, the Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation continues to operate

services in remote and interstate areas. While an e-bus service between Jammu and Patnitop and Sudhmahadev Mantalaj has been proposed, officials said it is currently not feasible due to lack of charging infrastructure beyond Udhampur. At present, JKRTC runs 20 electric buses on city routes with a range of 100 kilometres, and a proposal to procure 200 additional electric buses under the PM e Drive scheme is under consideration.

HC Seeks Govt's

counsel who submitted that despite repeated government circulars mandating compliance, several departments including Home, Revenue and Transport have failed to maintain records of inspections, awareness programmes and penalties under the Act.

He further submitted that RTI replies revealed that even the General Administration Department (GAD) has conceded that no records are available regarding expenditure on training, awareness programmes and mandatory inspections. The petition also alleges that the Public Service Management Cell, constituted in 2012, has not performed its mandatory functions under Rule 17 of the PSGA Rules.

The Government Advocate accepted notice on behalf of the authorities and sought time to seek instructions and file a response. The Bench adjourned the matter to March 4 for further hearing.

Resolution Set

among the 14 resolutions selected through balloting for listing it in business of the House.

"This House resolves to recommend that the Government of India may be urged to consider, in consultation with the Union Territory Government and other stakeholders, a phased and mutually agreed transfer of operational control and/or ownership rights of the hydro-electric power projects presently operated by NHPC within the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to the UT Government, in accordance with constitutional provisions and existing inter-governmental arrangements," reads the resolution.

The mild-worded resolution is expected to be the centre of attention during the second part of the budget session, given its significance for the economy and polity of J&K.

"I expect that all parties would support my resolution," NC's Sajad Shaheen said.

In the past, J&K's regional parties made the return of power projects a top priority in their manifestos but failed to achieve anything substantial. In their Agenda of Alliance, the PDP-BJP coalition promised that the "State Government will work with the Union Government to explore modalities for transfer of Dulhasti and Uri hydro power projects to J&K as suggested by the Rangarajan Committee Report and the Round Table reports."

The issue also featured in the manifesto of the National Conference for the 2024 Assembly polls, which states: "Impress upon the Union of India to implement the recommendations of the C. Rangarajan Committee report in letter and spirit. All other hydro power projects be transferred to Jammu and Kashmir as per agreement (sic)." (KNO)

HC Reserves

AAP's Jammu and Kashmir unit president, Malik had on September 24, filed a habeas corpus petition in the High Court, challenging his detention and seeking Rs 5 crore as compensation.

Malik's case came up for hearing before Justice Mohammad Yousof Wani through virtual mode and the bench heard the counsel for parties. Advocates Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Appu Singh Slathia and Zulkernain appeared on behalf of Malik while Monika Kohli, senior AAG, represented the government.

The counsels from both sides have been given one week's time to file a written synopsis or any additional submissions, if they wish to do so.

1.66 Crore Free

leading to a further financial impact of Rs 27.46 crore.

Taken together, a total of 1,66,20,262 women beneficiaries have used the zero ticket facility across JKRTC and Smart City buses within 10 months, pushing the cumulative cost to Rs 47.42 crore.

The government informed the Assembly that the entire fleet of diesel and electric buses operated by JKRTC is currently covered under the scheme across Jammu and Kashmir. However, it was also disclosed that while Rs 19.96 crore is due towards JKRTC for free ridership during the period under review, no funds have been released so far against this component.

The scheme entitles all women in Jammu and Kashmir to travel free on government-operated public transport, including JKRTC buses and Smart City e-buses. It was introduced as a welfare measure aimed at improving women's access to education, employment and essential services by removing fare-related barriers.

The government has previously stated that transport operators would be compensated for the revenue foregone under the policy. The latest figures indicate both significant uptake of the scheme and a growing fiscal commitment tied to its implementation.

From Lake Restoration to Panchayat Powers: 14 Resolutions Listed for J&K Assembly

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly is set to witness a diverse range of private member resolutions during the second leg of the budget session, ranging from environmental to cultural issues.

The Assembly Secretariat has selected 14 resolutions through a draw of lots, which will be listed in the business of the House on March 31 and April 2.

As per details with KNO, MLA Gurez Nazir Ahmad Khan has submitted a resolution linking promotions in the Education and Health Departments with mandatory service in far-flung areas.

MLA Pampore Justice (Retd.) Hasnain Masoodi has urged the government to regularise possession of State and Shamilat



land used by registered educational institutions, allowing them to continue functioning without objections until the process is complete.

MLA Eidgah Mubarak Gul has called for the establishment of a dedicated lakes and waterways development authority to re-

store and protect Khushal Sar, Gilsar, Shallabugh and other water bodies.

Shamim Firdous has pressed for a blanket ban on polythene and allied products to safeguard the environment.

NC's Sajad Shaheen has sought expeditious regularization of

long-standing residential colonies in Jammu District, while his party colleague Salman Sagar has submitted a resolution seeking de-notification of the Phaaak area and Rural Block Harwan from the Srinagar Master Plan to protect local rights and livelihoods.

MLA Bandipora Nizam-Ud-Din Bhat has demanded a uniform, full-fledged healthcare system across all districts of the Union Territory.

Two resolutions on cultural and educational initiatives are also on the table. PDP's Waheed-Ur-Rehman Para has urged the government to mandate Kashmiri language use in official communications, signboards, and school curricula up to Class XII in Kashmiri-speaking areas, while BJP's Narinder Singh Raina has called for the establishment

of a Veterinary & Animal Sciences University in Jammu as part of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Javid Hassan Baig has had two resolutions selected-one urging the government to accord Priority One Status to disaster management, with special focus on earthquake preparedness and mitigation, and another seeking the declaration of Baramulla town as a heritage town.

Meanwhile, BJP's Sunil Bhardwaj has moved a resolution seeking the upgradation of Ramnagar Tehsil as a district, and Independent MLA Muzaffar Iqbal Khan has called for full implementation of Panchayati Raj Rules (1996) and related government orders, ensuring that works up to Rs 3 lakh are executed directly through Halqa Panchayats rather than contractors.

Mass Fish Death Reported in Sher Bagh Spring

ANANTNAG: Hundreds of fish were found dead in Sher Bagh spring in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, prompting concern among locals and triggering an inspection by the Fisheries Department.

Officials said a departmental team visited the site on Monday following reports of large-scale fish mortality. During the inspection, the team observed what it described as signs of water contamination and concluded that the deaths were likely caused by the presence of harmful pollutants.

According to officials, the source point of the spring at Nagabal has seen activities that may be contributing to the contamination. The department alleged that wastewater from nearby facilities, including washing activities and the discharge of used water containing soap and other chemical substances, may be entering the spring system.

The team noted that detergents and similar chemical agents can significantly reduce dissolved oxygen levels and introduce toxic elements into freshwater bodies, adversely affecting aquatic life. Officials said preliminary observations suggest that such contamination may have led to the mass fish deaths.

Locals expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of the spring, which serves as an important water body in the area. They urged authorities to take immediate corrective measures to prevent further ecological damage.

According to KNT, the Fisheries Department said further scientific analysis of water samples would be conducted to confirm the exact cause and determine the extent of contamination. (Observer News Service)

Over Rs 487 Crore Utilised on Flood Management Post 2014 Deluge in Kashmir

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government has expended over Rs 487 crore on a series of flood management initiatives under various phases of the flood management programme, in the aftermath of the catastrophic 2014 deluge that ravaged the valley.

The investment has been directed towards strengthening embankments, dredging rivers and nullahs, upgrading pumping stations, and reinforcing critical flood control infrastructure to enhance preparedness and mitigate the impact of future flooding events, officials of the Jal Shati department said.

Following the devastating 2014 floods, the Union Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR), RD&GR constituted a three-member core group on September 18, 2014 to prepare a roadmap for flood management in the valley.

The recommendations were categorised into immediate, short-term and long-term measures, the officials said.

While Phase-I of the Flood Management Programme, sanctioned at Rs 399.29 crore, has seen an expenditure of Rs 327.04 crore and is largely complete with improvements such as enhanced carrying capacity of the Jhelum and Flood Spill Channel, the progress under Phase-II (Part A) remains markedly slow.

Against a much larg-



er sanctioned cost of Rs 1,623.43 crore approved in March 2022, only Rs 220.97 crore has been released and Rs 160.563 crore spent, the officials said.

Under immediate measures, the officials said department restored 4,555 breach and vulnerable spots -- 3,320 temporarily and 1,235 permanently -- using funds from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and other sources.

For short-term measures, aimed at mitigating a flood threat of 60,000 cusecs at upstream Sangam in south Kashmir, the government submitted a comprehensive project for the Jhelum river and its tributaries at a cost of Rs 2,083.90 crore under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), sanctioned in 2015.

PMDD Phase-I, with a sanctioned cost of Rs 399.29 crore, was implemented from 2015-16 and stands substantially completed. The safe flood carrying capacity of the Jhelum river in the Srinagar reach was enhanced from 31,800 cusecs to 41,000 cusecs, an increase of 22 per cent, the department said. The officials said the ma-

ior bottlenecks in the flood spill channel at Shariefabad and Nadihal in north Kashmir were removed, doubling its carrying capacity from 4,000 to 8,700 cusecs. An expenditure of Rs 327.04 crore (Rs 223.96 crore Centre's share and Rs 103.08 crore UT share) has been incurred under Phase-I till date.

PMDD Phase-II (Part A), approved in March 2022 at a cost of Rs 1,623.43 crore, includes 31 bank protection and anti-erosion works worth Rs 276.61 crore, of which 16 have been completed.

Two regulatory gates in the Hokersar wetland have also been completed and commissioned at a cost of Rs 28.45 crore. So far, Rs 160.563 crore has been spent under Phase-II, the officials said.

According to PTI, they said against Phase-II, funds amounting to Rs 220.97 crore (Rs 174.705 crore Centre's share and Rs 46.27 crore UT share) have been released.

The department said the flood management works are being carried out in a phased manner to strengthen flood mitigation infrastructure in the valley.

DC Budgam Inaugurates Hybrid Learning System at BHSS Kanir

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat (IAS), on Monday inaugurated the newly installed Hybrid Learning System at Boys Higher Secondary School (BHSS) Kanir, marking a significant milestone in the district's mission to strengthen technology-enabled and inclusive education.

On the occasion, the DC also delivered an inaugural academic lecture to the students of BHSS Kanir on the Periodic Table and Semiconductors, highlighting the importance of scientific temperament and conceptual clarity in foundational subjects. The session, conducted through the hybrid platform, demonstrated the practical utility of the system in enabling high-quality, interactive learning.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, the Chief Education Officer, along with other officials and faculty members.

The hybrid learning initiative represents a transformative step towards modernization of the education sector in Budgam. With the launch of this system, more than 15 schools across the district have been successfully connected through an innovative digital platform. Additionally, 55 ICT laboratories established in various schools have been integrated with the hybrid smart classroom learning system, substantially enhancing the district's digital education infrastructure.

The Hybrid Learning System operates on a Hub-



and-Spoke model, wherein centralized studios (Hubs) equipped with advanced digital infrastructure enable subject experts and best-performing teachers to deliver live lectures. These lectures are relayed in real time to connect schools with a two-way communication interface, allowing students to interact directly with teachers, ask questions, and actively participate in discussions. This model ensures optimal utilization of expert faculty and equitable academic access across geographically dispersed institutions.

During the visit, the DC interacted with students both virtually through the hybrid interface and physically with those present on campus. Students enthusiastically shared their experiences, aspirations, and feedback regarding the new system. Their confidence and adaptability to modern educational tools were widely appreciated.

On the occasion, the DC stated that integration of technology into the education system is being actively pursued to ensure that no student is left behind due to geographical or infrastructural limita-

tions. He emphasized that access to quality education is a fundamental pillar of inclusive development, and the administration remains committed to bridging learning gaps through innovative and sustainable interventions.

The DC observed that the hybrid model has been envisioned as a scalable and sustainable solution to promote academic collaboration among schools. He highlighted that through this platform, subject experts can simultaneously deliver lectures to multiple institutions, thereby optimizing resources, improving academic outreach, and ensuring uniform quality standards.

To ensure measurable academic progress, a Learning Management System (LMS) software has also been integrated with the hybrid platform. The LMS will facilitate monitoring of attendance, tracking of lesson delivery, assessment of student performance, and measurement of learning outcomes through structured digital evaluation tools, thereby strengthening accountability and outcome-based education.

Market Checking Drive Conducted in Handwara

KUPWARA: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, the Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC), Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi along with officials from the Revenue Department, Food Department, Municipal Committee, Police and members of the Traders Federation Handwara, conducted a special market checking drive across the sub division today.

During the inspection, several violations related to market regulations and hygiene standards were detected. A fine of approximately ₹6,800 was imposed on erring shopkeepers, while one shop was sealed for serious violations.

Speaking on the occasion, The ADC stated that such inspection drives will continue regularly to ensure strict compliance with rules and to safeguard public health. He also directed bakery unit owners to install CCTV cameras in their processing units within two days.

Meanwhile, the General Secretary of the Traders Federation Handwara, appreciated the administration's initiative and urged all shopkeepers to maintain proper hygiene and strictly follow regulations. (Observer News Service)

Ashwani Kumar Assumes Charge as Additional Chief Secretary PDD

JAMMU: Ashwani Kumar on Monday assumed the charge as Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) of Power Development Department at Civil Secretariat here today. The ACS held an introductory meeting with senior officers to review the functioning, ongoing projects and key issues of the department.

Ashwani Kumar had detailed discussion with the Chief Engineers and senior functionaries, focusing on strengthening power infrastructure, improving transmission and distribution efficiency besides ensuring reliable and quality power supply to consumers across Jammu and Kashmir. "Power sector has a critical role in driving economic growth and public welfare", asserted the ACS.

He underscored the need for enhanced coordination, timely execution of projects and adoption of modern technologies to improve the operational efficiency. He stressed on the importance of minimizing transmission and distribution losses, accelerating implementation of ongoing power projects and ensuring prompt redressal of public issues. (Observer News Service)

Budgam Adopts Tech-Driven Governance with Launch of 'e-Nigrani App'

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, IAS, on Monday launched the 'e-Nigrani App', a Constituency Development Management Information System (CDMIS), developed for effective management and real-time monitoring of development projects across the Assembly Constituencies of District Budgam.

The 'e-Nigrani App' (CDMIS) has been conceptualized as a dedicated digital portal to streamline tracking, supervision, and reporting of constituency-level developmental works. The system aims to establish stronger coordination between Government officials and Legislators, ensuring efficient execution and timely completion of projects.

On the occasion, the DC said that the digital platform has been introduced to bring greater transparency and accountability in implementation of developmental works. Through this system, Legislators will be enabled to monitor ongoing projects in their respective Assembly Con-

stituencies in a structured and systematic manner.

The DC further informed that the portal has been designed to collect, compile, and securely store detailed information related to development projects, including project descriptions, funding sources, implementing agencies, timelines, financial allocations, and progress reports. Real-time monitoring features have been incorporated into the system to facilitate continuous oversight and minimize delays.

It was highlighted that the CDMIS-based 'e-Nigrani App' will streamline communication between departments and public representatives, promote better planning, and support data-driven decision-making. The platform is expected to significantly enhance transparency in project implementation and strengthen institutional monitoring mechanisms across the district.

"With the launch of the 'e-Nigrani App', District Budgam has taken another step towards technology-driven governance and efficient delivery of developmental initiatives," said the DC.

Govt Aims to Develop Gulmarg as International Skiing Hub: CM's Advisor

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani on Monday said the government is working to develop Gulmarg into an international skiing destination as the sixth edition of the Khelo India Winter Games got underway with participation from across the country and abroad.

Addressing athletes, officials and spectators at the opening ceremony, the Advisor, as per KNO, said hosting the games for the sixth time reflects Jammu and Kashmir's growing stature in winter sports.

"It is a moment of pride for us. Our aim is to take Gulmarg to such heights that it hosts more international sporting events in the future," he said.

He said sustained efforts are being made to establish Gulmarg as the country's premier skiing hub, though weather conditions occasionally pose challenges to winter sports activities.

The Advisor added that the government is focusing on promoting multiple sporting disciplines to strengthen the overall sports ecosystem in the Union Territory.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER B.K. PORA

(PUBLIC NOTICE)

Subject: Provisional Merit List of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) of Poshan Project B.K. Pora (Phase-4th).

In pursuance to Government order No 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: - 28-04-2023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar Vide No: - MD / Poshan/41147-56 Dated: 24-12-2025 & DPO/Bud/2026/4135-36 dated: 15-01-2026 Accordingly posts were Advertised Vide No: No CDPO / Poshan / BKP / 2026 / Adv/139-51 Dated: - 9-01-2026 for selection of two (02) Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) for two (02) Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project B.K.Pora In response to said Advertisement Notice, nine (09) application forms were received, and merit list of candidates were prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government Order No.103JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023.

Thus, Provisional Selection list has been framed on the merit basis as appended at Annexure-A, comprising of 02 candidates selected as Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers). The Provisional Merit List of each ward has been thoroughly scrutinised by the selection committee members and the most eligible candidates in accordance with mer-it have been provisionally selected against the vacant posts.

The Provisional Merit List is hereby published for information of public and inviting objections/appeals (if any) which shall be received in the Office of the District Programme Officer Poshan Budgam or Child Development Project Officer B.K. Pora within 10 days of the Publication. No objections/appeal will be entertained afterwards.

No: - CDPO/Poshan/BKP/2026/258-69

Child Development Project Office

B.K. Pora

Subject: Tentative Selection List of candidates who have applied for engagement as A.W. Worker (SANGINIS) for AW Centres of Poshan Project B.K. Pora Vide this office advertised Notice No.: CDPO/Poshan/BKP/2026/Adv/139-51 Dated: 19-01-2026 published in Daily Newspaper Kashmir Observer & Srinagar News on 20-01-2026 arranged in order of Merit as shown below (Phase-4th)

S.No	Index No.	Name of the Candidate with Parentage and Residence	Name of Anganwadi Centre	Name of Panchayat / Halqa / M.C Ward	Name of Panch Ward / MC Ward	Date of Birth	Qualification	Married / Un-Married	12th Merit				To-tal Merit
									Max. Marks	Marks obtained (10+2)	%age	Add-(02) points as per HR policy	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	14
1	11	Gowhar Farooq W/o Irshad Ahmad Malik R/o Lasjan	Lasjan (H)	Lasjan "A"	Panch Ward No (08)	05-06-1990	10+2	Married	750	471	62.80	0	62.80
2	9	Asmat Jan W/o Ifaroz Ali Dar R/o Rakhshalina	Rakhshalina E	Rakhshalina	Panch Ward No (02)	09-05-1991	10+2	Married	750	591	78.80	0	78.80

Copy for information and necessary action to the selection committee for the approval of selection for the post of Sanginis (AWW) constituted vide Govt Order No.: 222-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated 30-11-2022 and Govt Order No.: 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated 28-04-2023. However, this shall be strictly conditional and is subject to objections, if any, as received from the general public within 10 days after publication of the tentative selection list in the newspaper.

Child Development Project Officer B.K. Pora
(Member Secretary)

District Social Welfare Officer Budgam
(Member)

Assistant Director Employment Budgam
(Member)

General Manager DIC Budgam
(Member)

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District Programme Officer Poshan Projects
District Budgam (Chairperson)

Khelo India Winter Games Open in Gulmarg

1,000 Athletes to Compete in 4-Day Event

Muhammad Mudassar

GULMARG: The sixth edition of the Khelo India Winter Games was inaugurated on Monday at the snow-covered slopes of Gulmarg, with around 1,000 athletes and officials from across the country set to compete over four days in alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowboarding and ski mountaineering.

The event was formally opened by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in the presence of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, along with senior civil and security officials.

Addressing athletes and spectators at what is widely regarded as India's premier winter sports destination, Sinha said the Games had grown beyond a competitive sporting fixture into "a true national festival".

"The Khelo India Winter Games revive the sporting spirit's ideals of peace, equality and camaraderie," he said. "In our vi-



brant and diverse nation of many languages, cultures and traditions, the Winter Games at Gulmarg are serving as a universal language and shared heritage."

He described the slopes of Gulmarg as a metaphor for life's challenges, noting that winter sports test athletes not only against competitors but also against nature itself. "Falling, analysing errors, rising improved — these are sport's true

lessons," he said, urging participants to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship.

The LG emphasised that the broader aim of the games was to strengthen national unity. He said intense rivalry on the slopes often leads to lasting friendships off them, reinforcing the idea that healthy competition and mutual respect can coexist.

"When athletes from diverse

states train together, compete fiercely and cheer one another, barriers of language, culture and region dissolve before the sporting spirit," he said. "Diversity is our strength, not division."

Over the next four days, competitors will vie for medals in disciplines that demand technical mastery, endurance and resilience in harsh winter conditions. Organizers said the event is expected to further cement

Gulmarg's reputation as the country's winter sports hub.

Sinha also pointed to what he described as a transformation in the sporting landscape of J&K in recent years. He cited the establishment of modern sports infrastructure under the Prime Minister's Development Package and the setting up of 100 Khelo India Centres across the region, which he said had provided new opportunities for

young athletes.

"The success of these Games will not be measured by medals alone," he said, referring to the closing ceremony scheduled for Feb. 26. "It will be measured by the spirit of unity, mutual respect and the relentless pursuit of excellence."

Among those attending the inaugural ceremony were senior government officials, representatives of the Sports

Authority of India, members of the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, and prominent figures from the sporting community.

With fresh snowfall carpeting the Pir Panjal range and high expectations from athletes and organisers alike, the Games are poised to showcase not only competitive excellence but also the growing prominence of winter sports in India's sporting calendar.

Ranji Final: Karnataka Hold All Aces Against Resilient J&K

Press Trust of India

HUBBALLI: Jammu and Kashmir's entry into their maiden Ranji Trophy final is a heartwarming tale of grit and passion, but to grab the title, the underdog side would need to pull off a giant-sized miracle against eight-time former champions Karnataka over the next five days, starting Tuesday.

The tag of favourites is attached to Karnataka not merely because of their rich legacy, but it is a well-earned one after a season in which they consistently rose above opponents, conditions and injuries to key players at various junctures.

Karnataka have dominated teams both at home and away after a stuttering start against Saurashtra at Rajkot, where they conceded a narrow first-innings lead to lose points.

However, eternal nemesis Mumbai and tricky newcomers Uttarakhand were dealt away with confidence and ease, indicating the growing belief within the side.

Central to that dominance has been the form of their star batters — KL Rahul, Karun Nair, Devdutt Padik-



kal, and Ravichandran Smaran.

Rahul (3 matches: 457 runs, Avg: 91.40), Karun (8 matches: 699 runs, Avg: 63.54), Devdutt (5 matches: 532 runs, Avg: 66.50), and Smaran (8 matches: 950 runs, Avg: 95.00) have fired on all cylinders through the season.

It has helped Karnataka overcome a middling season from Mayank Agarwal, who eventually stepped away from captaincy as Devdutt took over the team's reins.

To his credit, the left-hander has led well both with the bat and his tactically sharp mind.

This strong batting unit, however, will meet its match here at the KSCA Stadium in a capable Jammu and Kashmir bowling attack, led by pacer

Auqib Nabi. The team is at the biggest stage of India's domestic calendar for the first time since making its tournament debut 67 years ago.

Nabi has taken 55 wickets this season and has been the go-to bowler for J&K this season. The status would not change on a pitch here that is expected to give some assistance to quick bowlers, at least initially.

However, limiting Karnataka's strength to their batting will be naive. They have a varied bowling attack led by India pacer Prasidh Krishna.

The support cast of Vidwath Kaverappa, Vidyadhar Patil, Vysakh Vijaykumar, Shikhar Shetty and Mohsin Khan has done exceedingly well in various situations.

Shreyas stands tall

But one man stands head and shoulders above the rest — Shreyas Gopal. The leg-spinner has taken 46 wickets and made 442 runs at an average of 45 — golden numbers for an all-rounder.

Shreyas has lifted Karnataka from the brink on more than one occasion this season, and he will continue to be a key figure in the title clash as well.

"Shreyas has been very good this season, as he has often supported front-line batsmen and bowlers, and that has made Karnataka a stronger team in all conditions," former Karnataka skipper R Vinay Kumar had told PTI.

Big-match experience

Apart from their overall cricketing strength, Karnataka can also lean on their players' big-match temperament. Rahul, Karun, Shreyas and Mayank were a part of the state team that did the Ranji Trophy double in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

The young tyros of then are now the senior statesmen. The quartet can give some sage advice to the younger colleagues on how to tackle the pressure points of a title clash.

Spinners Key as England, Pakistan Chase Super 8 Points

Press Trust of India

PALLEKELE: On a surface expected to assist slow bowlers, both England and Pakistan will lean heavily on their spin resources in their Super Eights clash in the T20 World Cup here on Tuesday.

England may not have hit top gear yet, but the two-time champions have found ways to win.

They kicked off their Super Eights campaign with a commanding 51-run victory over Sri Lanka, a result that significantly boosted their net run rate and took them to the top of the standings.

Defending a modest total against Sri Lanka, England played according to the conditions perfectly. Their spinners did the bulk of the work along with pacer Jofra Archer to trigger a dramatic



Sri Lankan batting collapse.

The ever-reliable leg spinner Adil Rashid and left arm spinner Liam Dawson have combined well to get the wickets.

Meanwhile, Will Jacks has emerged as an unlikely match-winner. His off-spin has been handy, but it is his contributions with the bat, 39 against Nepal, 16 against Scotland and 53 versus Italy, that have repeatedly bailed England out of trouble.

Opener Phil Salt returned to form with a match-

winning knock against Sri Lanka, as he batted beyond the powerplay for the first time in the tournament.

However, Jos Buttler's form remains a concern. But the veteran batter has got the backing of his captain Harry Brook, who himself is yet to find runs.

England also hold the advantage of familiarity with the venue, having swept a three-match T20I series here 3-0 earlier this month and also winning the Super Eight game against Sri Lanka.

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