

## PM Integrated J&K Into National Mainstream: LG

Says Vande Mataram Is Our Identity, Strength & Vow

'Patriotism Must Translate Into Responsibility & Contribution'



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that Jammu Kashmir has been integrated into the national mainstream under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, setting new benchmarks in development and showcasing patriotism through initiatives like Vande Mataram and Har Ghar Tiranga.

He was addressing the closing ceremony of the special phase marking 150 years of Vande Mataram at Abhinav Theatre here.

"Vande Mataram is our identity, strength, and vow.

It is not just verses but a profound experience woven into our civilization's fabric," Sinha said.

"Vande Mataram singing and related events revives memories of immortal martyrs, honors their sacrifices, and renews our commitment to India's glory," he added.

He called upon every section of society to share one dream of making India the world's greatest nation.

"We must unite to realize it. When every citizen of J&K UT dedicates themselves to building a developed India, I believe that collective spirit will become an unstoppable force," he said.

The special | [More on P6](#)

**Q** **VANDE MATARAM INSPIRES US TO HONOR OUR PAST,** empower our present, and pledge a bright future. This was a UT-level introspection, reviving cultural roots through public participation and enlisting every citizen in nation-building."

## PM Modi Can Play Key Role In Ending West Asia War: CM

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday called for an immediate end to the ongoing conflict in West Asia, saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi is uniquely positioned to facilitate de-escalation given his relations with key countries in the region.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function and outside the Assembly complex here, Omar said, "We want the war to end as soon as possible. The role that the Prime Minister can play may not be possible for anyone else because of his good relations with all these

countries."

He said India's ties with countries such as Iran, Israel and the United States could be leveraged to help ease tensions. "If those relationships can be used to make some progress and help de-escalate the situation, it would be a good thing," he added.

Referring to the complexities of the conflict, Omar said that any escalation would be difficult to manage. He also cautioned that any aggressive move by Donald Trump, given Iran's history of resisting external pressure, would not be easy to handle.

On the possibility of Pakistan playing a mediating role, Omar said any | [More on P6](#)

## J&K Assembly: 6 Private Bills Withdrawn, 2 Rejected

Para's Pvt University Bill & BJP MLA's Temple Protection Bill Voted Down

Observer News Service

Jammu: Nine private members' bills were introduced in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Monday, with six withdrawn after government assurances and two rejected by voice vote following discussion in the House.

Among those withdrawn was a bill moved by legislator Qaysar Jamshaid Lone seeking amendments to the Cooperative Societies Act, 1989. Mir Saifullah introduced a bill mandating reservation in private educational institutions for children from Below Poverty Line and Antyodaya Anna Yojana families across agriculture, paramedical, law, and skill development colleges.

MLA Nizam-ud-Din Bhat brought a bill advocating



equitable employment opportunities in civil services, taking into account the region's socio-economic and geographic complexities. Altaf Ahmad Wani proposed amendments to the Jammu

and Kashmir Preservation of Specified Trees Act, 1969, including provisions allowing landowners to cut walnut trees under regulated conditions.

MLA Mubarak Gul

introduced a bill concerning salaries and allowances of the Chief Whip of the majority party, while Dr Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri proposed legislation aimed at restoring and safeguarding River Jhelum through waste management measures and stricter penalties for pollution.

All six bills were withdrawn after the government assured the House that existing legal and regulatory mechanisms were sufficient to address the concerns raised.

Para's University Bill Rejected

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) legislator Waheed Ur Rehman Para's bill seeking establishment of a residential and technical university in Jammu and Kashmir was rejected by the House.

Para said the proposed Sheikh-ul-Alam | [More on P6](#)

## Bills Assessed On Merits, Not Opposed Routinely: CM

Press Trust Of India

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said the government does not oppose any private members' bills without due

consideration, emphasizing that all proposals are examined in detail before a view is taken.

Opposing a private member's bill tabled by Congress legislator Nizam-ud-Din Bhat in

the Assembly seeking equitable opportunity of employment in the civil services, Abdullah said remarks made during the discussion could give an impression that bills are not read | [More on P6](#)



KO Photo: Abid Bhat

## Rain In Plains, Snow In Higher Reaches Continue Across Kashmir

Wet Spell Reduces March Deficit; Landslides, Road Disruptions Reported, MeT Issues Advisory

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Rain in the plains and fresh snowfall in the higher reaches of Kashmir continued for the second consecutive day on Monday, bringing down

temperatures and disrupting normal life across several parts of the Valley.

Light to moderate rainfall lashed most areas, while upper reaches, including Gurez and Tulai, received | [More on P6](#)

## JKCA Case: Farooq Pleads Not Guilty, To Face Trial

M Ahmad

Srinagar: National Conference (NC) president Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Monday pleaded not guilty to the charges of alleged fund misappropriation in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

The three-time Chief Minister appeared through virtual mode before the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Srinagar, Ms Tabassum, who formally read out the contents of the chargesheet filed by CBI against him.

Farooq Abdullah responded in the affirmative when asked by the court whether the contents of the chargesheet had been explained to him and whether he had understood them.

When asked if he pleaded guilty to the charges, Abdullah replied, "No, I am not guilty of any of the charges."

To the court's final query on whether he wished to say anything further, he stated, "I have nothing more to say except



that these charges are false and fabricated."

The case relates to alleged misappropriation of funds within the JKCA. The CBI has filed a chargesheet accusing Abdullah and several others of siphoning off more than Rs 43 crore from grants provided by the Board of Control for Cricket in India to the association.

On the previous date of hearing on March 12, the court had recalled the non-bailable warrant issued against the patron of the ruling National Conference, shortly after rejecting his plea for exemption. The 88-year-old had cited | [More on P6](#)

## Kashmir Man Held As LeT Operative In Delhi

Agencies

Srinagar: Delhi Police's Special Cell on Monday said it has arrested a suspected operative of the Lashkar-e-Taiba from the Ghazipur area. The accused has been identified as Shabbir Ahmad Lone, a resident of Kangan area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

After his arrest, Shabir was produced before a court in Delhi, which sent him to five days of police custody.

Addressing a press conference here, Delhi Police Special Cell Additional CP Pramod Kushwah said Shabir was arrested from Ghazipur area last night in the recently busted LeT module in Metro Poster Case.

"Earlier, 8 people were arrested in this module and Rs 2,300 Bangladeshi taka were also recovered from his possession. He is a highly trained terrorist. He was working as a sleeper cell member and had pasted anti-national posters at multiple locations," he said.

He added that Shabir was in touch with two handlers. His team has done | [More on P6](#)

## Act Against Arbitrary Fee Hikes By Pvt Schools: Itoo

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The government on Monday directed the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education to take strict action against private schools found indulging in arbitrary fee hikes or violating prescribed norms.

The directions were issued by Education Minister Sakeena Itoo while chairing a review meeting at the Civil Secretariat to assess the Board's performance, administrative functioning, and ongoing academic reforms, an official spokesperson said.

During the meeting, the minister reviewed JKBOSE's preparedness for upcoming examinations, timely declaration of results, implementation of curriculum, and the effectiveness of grievance redressal mechanisms.

Expressing concern over complaints of unjustified fee increases by certain private institutions, Itoo called for constant monitoring and regular inspections.

"Take firm action against private schools indulging in

arbitrary fee hikes and found violating prescribed norms or imposing unjustified financial burdens on parents," she said. She directed the formation of joint committees comprising officials from the School Education Department and JKBOSE to carry out regular inspections of private schools across Jammu and Kashmir, including those affiliated with Central Board of Secondary Education. "Schools must function with responsibility and transparency. Any attempt to exploit students or parents through unauthorized fee structures will not be tolerated," the minister asserted, stressing the need for strict enforcement of existing regulations.

Itoo also called for stronger coordination between district education authorities and regulatory bodies to ensure compliance with government guidelines.

Emphasising systemic improvements, she underlined the importance of establishing a robust | [More on P6](#)

## LS Passes Insolvency Law Amendments Bill Will Help Maximise Value For Stakeholders: FM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Lok Sabha on Monday passed a bill to amend the insolvency law to provide for strict timelines, an out-of-court settlement option and enable the framework for cross-border insolvency processes.

Piloting the bill in the Lok Sabha, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that 12 amendments are being made in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), which came into force in 2016, that would help maximise the value for stakeholders and improve the governing process itself.

Amendments seek to strengthen the existing insolvency framework, as well as address practical challenges, and incorporate evolving global best practices, the minister said, and added that the law has been a major factor in improving the health of the country's banking sector.

The Lower House cleared the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025,



as reported by the Select Committee. On August 12, 2025, the government introduced the bill in the Lok Sabha to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), proposing a raft of changes, including provisions to reduce the time taken for admission of insolvency resolution applications. The bill was referred to a select committee of the Lok Sabha, which submitted its report in December 2025. Sitharaman stated that all the committee's recommendations have been accepted.

IBC has been amended seven times so far.

The bill replaces the under-utilised fast-track process with a new creditor-initiated insolvency framework, featuring out-of-court initiation, debtor-in-possession and creditor-in-control model, where management continues to vest in the existing Board of Directors or partners with safeguards, and defined timelines.

Also, there is an enabling framework for group insolvency and cross-border insolvency to promote investor confidence and align domestic practices with best international practices, Sitharaman said.

Stricter timelines will be put in place to ensure the timely resolution of stressed companies, and there will be penalties to deter vexatious and frivolous complaints that delay the process.

Among other changes, an application for initiating the insolvency resolution process has to be admitted within 14 days if the default by a company has been established, and appeals | [More on P6](#)

## HC Constitutes Judges' Panel On Shetty Commission

KO Correspondent

Srinagar: In compliance with directions of the Supreme Court, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has constituted a three-member committee of judges to examine and recommend measures for implementing the Shetty Pay Commission recommendations in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

According to an official order issued by the Registrar General, M.K. Sharma, the panel has been constituted pursuant to the Supreme Court's order dated March 18, 2026, passed in SLP (Civil) No. 15460/2024 titled Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir vs. Saif Din & Others.

The committee comprises Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sanjay Dhar, and Justice Shahzad Azeem.

The panel has been tasked with formulating recommendations on how the High Court should take up the matter with the UT Governments to ensure effective implementation of the Shetty Commission's recommendations, which relate to pay scales and service | [More on P6](#)



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GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
**TRIBAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF WARDEN GUJJAR & BAKARWAL BOYS HOSTEL BANDIPORA**

Advt. Notice No. 01 of 2026  
Dated: 27 /03/2026

Subject: Advertisement for the engagement of Tutors on part time basis in Gujjar & Bakerwal Boys Hostel Bandipora for the academic Session 2026.

Application on plain paper are invited from the desirous unemployed/retired Trained Graduate/Post Graduate Candidates for engagement as part time tutors for teaching classes 6th – 12th in Gujjar & Bakerwal Boys Hostel Bandipora, for the Academic Session 2026 for a period of 06 months only.

Terms & Conditions:

- The engaged candidates shall have no right of confirmation, regularization, or continuation and shall stand automatically disengaged after the culmination of academic session.
- The honorarium will be paid subject to the availability of funds.
- The applications should be accompanied with attested copies of the qualification certificates, recent passport size photograph, and other relevant testimonials.
- The applications should reach to this office by or before 05-04-2025 up to 02:00 PM.
- The date of interview will be notified after the last date of submission of application forms.
- The candidate found negligent during teaching the inmates of the hostel shall be terminated without any prior notices.
- The details regarding honorarium and teaching timings can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Warden,  
Gujjar & Bakerwal, Boys Hostel  
Bandipora

No.:GBBH/Bpr/026/

DIPK-12249/25

Dated:30/03/2026

**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 Shabir Ahmad Bhat S/o Gh Qadir Bhat R/o Edipora, Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Shayan Shabir Bhat born on 20-03-2020 Mehveen Shabir born on 25-02-2017 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE**  
**1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI**

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat S/o Gh Mohd Bhat R/o Logripora, Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Mohammad Usmani Bhat born on: 02-08-2018 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE**  
**1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI**

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Arshad Ahmad Dar S/o Ab Rashid Dar R/o Harwan, Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Ehsaan Irshad Dar born on 26-04-2022 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE**  
**1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI**

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Mushahid Bashir S/o Bashir Ahmad Reshie R/o Yemberzalwari, Marbal, Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Mushahid Bashir born on : 10-06-2004 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE**  
**1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI**

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Irfan Ahmad Reshie S/o Gh Ahmad Reshie R/o Marbal, Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Irfan Ahmad Reshie born on 05-03-2002 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE**  
**1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI**

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Mohammad Sultan Lone S/o Khazir Mohd Lone R/o Zalloora, Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of Mohammad Sultan Lone BORN ON 11-05-1966 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE**  
**1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI**

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Ashaq Jamal S/o Mohammad Jamal Hanjam R/o Latishat, Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Mohammad Abu Bakar Born on 21-12-2016 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE**  
**1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI**

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

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Lateef Akther D/o Gh Hassan Dar R/o Latishat, Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of Lateef Akther BORN ON : 01-02-1993 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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**Public Notice**

This is to inform the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my Aadhaar Card bearing Aadhaar No. 9796 3809 9598 Now I want to change my name from SALIKA SHAFQAT (Old Name) to SALEEQA SHAFQAT (New Name). In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he or she may approach the concerned authorities within a period of seven days. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Name:- SALEEQA SHAFQAT  
D/O:- SHAFQAT HUSSAIN inf  
R/O:- BATOGRA, DODA, Jammu And Kashmir- 182203

**Public Notice**

This is to inform the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my Aadhaar Card bearing Aadhaar No.9515 2026 2874 Now I want to change my name from INSAR AHMAD MALLA (Old Name) to ANSAR HUSSAIN MALLA (New Name). In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he or she may approach the concerned authorities within a period of seven days. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Name:- ANSAR HUSSAIN MALLA  
S/O:- BASHIR AHMAD MALLA inf  
R/O:- NASSOO, Tehsil BEERWAH, District BUDGAM, Jammu And Kashmir- 193411

**Public Notice**

This is to inform the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my Aadhaar Card bearing Aadhaar No 9183 9515 9572 Now I want to change my name from AQIB FAROOQ (Old Name) to AQIF FAROOQ SHEIKH (New Name). In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he or she may approach the concerned authorities within a period of seven days. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Name:- AQIF FAROOQ SHEIKH  
S/O:- FAROOQ AHMAD SHEIKH inf  
R/O:- Village ICHGAM, Tehsil BUDGAM, District BUDGAM, Jammu And Kashmir- 191111

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR Tilgam**

Subject: Application for issuance of order regarding births and deaths registration

Public Notice

The register birth& Deaths BDO Pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to the birth of Sakeena Rashed D/o Abdul Rasheed Lone R/o Wanigam Bala who was born on 20-08-2004 in this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 02 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Naib Tehsildar

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Name:- ANSAR HUSSAIN MALLA  
S/O:- BASHIR AHMAD MALLA inf  
R/O:- NASSOO, Tehsil BEERWAH, District BUDGAM, Jammu And Kashmir- 193411

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE M/S NASIR AHMAD ADVOCATE AT BUDGAM**

IN THE CASE:

- Shah Sameed
  - Safora
  - Aalia
  - Masoona Akther W/O Mohammad Yaseen Shah
- Son and Daughters of Mohammad Yaseen Shah  
Residents of Charisharief Budgam A/P Sanatnagar Srinagar  
Vs  
Public at large

In the matter of:

Be it known to the public at large/interested persons that the caveators have reasons (apprehensions) to believe that the Non-Caveators may file any suit/petition/proceedings before the Hon'ble court of jurisdiction against caveator on the grounds of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked up story and may succeed in obtaining some order ex-parte against the caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It is prayed before the hon'ble court that in the event of any petition or other case being filed by any manner of public at large/interested person, no interim order or any protective order be passed without granting the caveator an opportunity of hearing.

MCB M/S Nasir Ahmad Advocate at Budgam  
Dated 30-03-2026

**NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC**

**THE JAMMU & KASHMIR STATE BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION**

CERTIFICATES-KD, NEW CAMPUS BEMINA SRINAGAR ATTENTION PLEASE

I have passed /appeared in SSE/HSE-I/HSE-II (Class 10th.) under Roll No. 117005274 Session Bi-Annual Year 2025. Through the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. The error has been committed by the Institution records against my Name as TRSHAD instead of IRSHAD.

Now I have applied for correction / rectification of error in the Jammu & Kashmir board of School Education, New campus Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Deputy Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained. This is published for the information of the general public. The Correct particulars be recorded as under:

Name: IRSHAD HUSSAIN MALIK,  
Fathers Name: BASHIR AHMAD MALIK,  
Mothers Name, SAFIYA BANOO  
Date of Birth: 23-09-2009, MCB  
Residence:- PALLER .MOBILE: 7006295711



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate as the same has been registered sofar in the records of Concerned Registrar Births and Death. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Tawheeda Akber DOB 09-02-2001 FKO  
D/o Mohd Akber Malik  
R/o Krishama Tehsil Kunzer Baramulla

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Javed Akbar Awan, S/o Akbar Ali Awan, resident of Gingal, Tehsil Uri, District Baramulla, hereby inform the general public that I intend to change the name of my son and also correct the names of the parents in the school records of New Era Public School, Rajbagh, Srinagar. Details are as follows:  
Old Name of Student: Eshaan Javed  
New Name of Student: Furqan Javed  
Corrections in Parents' Names:  
Javed Akbar Javed Akbar Awan  
Wajida Tabassam Wajida Tabbasum  
He is studying in class 2nd (c) under admission no 4779 and roll no 5.  
If any person has any objection to the above-mentioned changes, they may file the same before the concerned authorities within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Sd/- Javed Akbar Awan (R/o Gingal, Tehsil Uri, District Baramulla) Ph.no 9906395004

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**Office of Advocate Ishfaq Rasool & Associates**

- In the case of
- Mohd Lateef War
  - Mohd Muzaffar war Both Sons of Mohd Sultan war
  - Fareeda Begum W/o: Abdul Gani Rather D/o: Mohd Sultan War All Residents of Chandsuma Baramulla Tehsil and District Baramulla.
  - Tanyvera Begum W/o: Mohd Lateef Dar R/o: Ashpora Handwara
  - Masrat Begum W/o: Abdul Rashid Bhat R/o: Sheeri Baramulla Both Daughters of Mohd Sultan war

V/s Public at large Non Caveators

In the Petition in terms of Section 14B-A

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

fko Sd/advocate

**NOTICE**

I have changed my name from (old name) Jozia Javid to (new name) Jozia. In future

I will be known as Jozia.

If anybody having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office Srinagar, within 7 days. After 7 days no objection

will be accepted.

media line advt

**NOTICE**

I, Firdous Ahmad Sangtarash R/o: Nalabal, Nowshera, Srinagar, do hereby inform the general public that I had opened a Savings Account with Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Baghi Ali Mardan Khan Branch, bearing Account No. 0356040100029581, under the name Firdous Ahmad .I now intend to change my name from "Firdous Ahmad " to "Firdous Ahmad Sangtarash" as per Aadhaar in the records of the said bank.

If any person has any objection to this change, he/she may approach the concerned bank branch or the relevant authority within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the said period, no objection shall be entertained and the change shall be deemed final.

media line advt

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that Ms. Saimah Rashid, D/o Abdul Rashid Mir, R/o Zalloora, Sopore, District Baramulla, has lost her original School Leaving Certificate issued by Govt. High School Zalloora (now Higher Secondary School Zalloora).The said student had studied up to Class 10th in the above-mentioned institution. Despite thorough search, the certificate could not be traced and is presumed to be lost. She has now applied for the issuance of a Duplicate School Leaving Certificate from the concerned institution.

If any person has any objection or claim regarding the issuance of the duplicate certificate, he/she may submit the same in writing before the Principal, Higher Secondary School Zalloora, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received within the stipulated period, the duplicate certificate shall be issued in favour of the applicant.

Applicant Ms. Saimah Rashid R/o Zalloora, Sopore District Baramulla

Sd/-

media line advt

**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Sariwarpora**

Sub.. Application of Momin Hameed s/o Abdul Hameed Yattoo R/o Dandoora Tehsil Pattan for issuance of EWS certificate.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is inform to general public that applicants EWS certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicant is residing in village Dandoora with his father the residential plot along with residential house of applicant is 1538 sq ft and annual Income of applicant family is Rs 84000 . The applicant's family consists of 05 members . 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 Sariwarpora

fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly write in my adhaar card as Israr Rayaz S/O Rayaz Ahmad Wagay DOB 04-02-2007 while my correct name is Asrar Ahmad Wagay S/O Riyaz Ahmad Wagay DOB 15-06-2010. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Adhaar Centre Jammu/Srinagar within Seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained..

Asrar Ahmad Wagay DOB 15-06-2010 FKO  
S/O Riyaz Ahmad Wagay  
R/o Wadoora Bomial

**Office Of The Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The registrar birth BDO pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Amina Youf D/o Mohammad Yousuf Mir R/o Nihalpora Tehsil Pattan with verified date of birth 02/11/2008 occurred at home in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Sd Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR Tilgam**

Subject: Application for issuance of order regarding births and deaths registration

Public Notice

The register birth& Deaths BDO Pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to the death of Ghulam Mohammad Paray S/O Ali Mohammad Paray R/O Cherh dargam Pattan Who died on 19-11-2019. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 04 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Naib Tehsildar

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**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR Tilgam**

Subject: Application for issuance of order regarding births and deaths registration

Public Notice

The register birth& Deaths BDO Pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to the death of Shabir Ahmad Sheikh S/O Ab Ahad Sheikh R/O Rashipora whos died on 18-07-1991 in this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 04 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Naib Tehsildar

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## Paras Performs Complex Single Surgery to Treat Advanced Colon Cancer

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Paras Health Srinagar has successfully managed a highly complex case of advanced sigmoid colon cancer with synchronous liver metastases through a coordinated multidisciplinary approach, combining advanced oncologic surgery with intraoperative interventional radiology techniques. The patient was diagnosed with carcinoma of the sigmoid colon with metastatic lesions in the liver, a condition that

The primary sigmoid tumor resection with lymphadenectomy was performed by Dr. Shah Naveed, Surgical Oncologist, ensuring oncologic clearance with appropriate margins. Subsequently, surgical liver metastatectomy was carried out collaboratively by Dr. Shah Naveed, Surgical Oncologist and Dr. Hamza Wani, Surgical Gastroenterologist. The resection strategy was carefully planned to achieve complete macroscopic disease clearance while preserving maximum



requires meticulous planning and seamless collaboration across specialties to achieve optimal oncologic outcomes. Following a detailed tumor board discussion and staging evaluation, the clinical team adopted an upfront curative-intent strategy integrating radical resection of the primary sigmoid tumor, surgical liver metastatectomy, and intraoperative ultrasound-guided microwave ablation (MWA) of selected liver metastases. This integrated approach enabled complete oncologic management in a single operative setting, minimizing treatment delays while maximizing disease control.

functional liver parenchyma, which is critical for recovery and further treatment. Highlighting the complexity of such cases, Dr. Shah Naveed said, "When colorectal cancer spreads to the liver, treatment becomes significantly more complex, and timing is critical. The challenge is not just removing the primary tumor, but also managing liver lesions while preserving enough healthy liver tissue. Through detailed tumor board planning, we were able to address both the primary cancer and metastases in a single surgical setting with curative intent."



## ₹15 Crore Plan to Revive Brari Nambal Lagoon in Srinagar: Govt

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Lake Conservation and Management Authority (JKLCMA) has executed various projects under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and PMDP for preservation, conservation, beautification and development of Tourist facilities at Brari Nambal.

This was stated by Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, in the Legislative Assembly while replying to a question of Legislator Shamim Firdous on behalf of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah regarding beautification of Brari-Nambal.

The Minister informed the House that under AMRUT an amount of Rs. 876.024 Lakh is being spent on rejuvenation and revival of Brari-Nambal Lagoon through various means like dredging of main water body, dredging of its connected channels viz.

Rainawari and Nowpora Channels, construction of 1000 meters walkway and slope stabilization, improvement to temple, removal of solid waste, restoration of damaged electric poles, repairs and renovation of existing grill fencing and installation of aerators.

It was also informed that for integrated development of Tourist facilities at Brari-Nambal Lagoon, Rs. 627.122 Lakh is being spent under different initiatives like construction of food court near MP School, installation of fountain near Shehri Khas Gate, construction of central verge, construction of Jetty near Shehri-Khas Gate, construction of inner and outer pathways and providing of ornamental grill fencing.

In addition, the JKLCMA has proposed to frame a DPR for further development and beautification of the Brarinambal for which RFP is under preparation and shall be floated in the next financial year.

The Minister also informed the

House that for tackling pollution and encroachment issues/factors affecting the Dal Lake's ecosystem, Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) actively monitors water quality of Dal Lake on a monthly basis with samples collected and analyzed for various physico-chemical and biological parameters like DO, BOD, COD, pH, Fecal and Total coliform.

It was also informed that during April-December 2025, water quality monitoring at Dal Lake's 21 locations revealed that none met the 'Class B' criteria for BOD while 19 locations met the criteria for fecal coliform.

It was further informed that approximately 3108 families shifted from inside Dal Lake had been rehabilitated at designated housing colonies as a conservation measure. Besides, continuous de-weeding and cleaning is being undertaken throughout the year both manually and mechanically for conservation of Dal Lake.

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FAJR 4: 56  
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
FIRST CORRIGENDUM  
For Tender No.: 764A-TRD-JAT-2025-26 due on 15.04.2026  
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TR), Northern Railway, Jammu Tawi has invited the above tender. The Tender Notice was published in leading newspapers on 25.03.2026 to be opened on 15.04.2026. The following changes have been made in the above tender and may be read as below:  
1) Change in Mandatory document is done. Previous Mandatory documents have been deleted. New Mandatory documents have been uploaded. Annexure-1 (First Sheet) in the mandatory documents were changed. 2) Earnest Money is updated as per latest ACS 11 of GCC Apr-2022 3) Old Tender Form (First Sheet) As per Annexure-1, Part-1 of Indian Railway Standard GCC for Works of April-2022 has been deleted and New is added in Mandatory Document. 4) Change in Tender document is done. Previous Tender document 764A TRD-JAT 2025-26 is deleted and New Tender document 764A TRD-JAT 2025-26 is added. 5) New ACS (Advance Correction Slip) 11 for GCC APR 2022 is added. All the changes are made due to ACS 11 for GCC APR 2022, Dtd. 13.03.2026. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.  
No.: 764A-TRD-JAT-2025-26 Dated: 30.03.2026  
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Muthi, Akhnoor Road, Jammu/Zamzam Complex Rambagh Srinagar.

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#### NOTICE

Subject: Provisional Answer Key for the OMR Based Written Examination for the post of FPF Guard, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, J&K held on 29.03.2026.

The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted the OMR Based Written Examination for the post of FPF Guard, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, J&K advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2022 under Item No's 86 to 92 on 29th March, 2026.

The Provisional Answer Key of the question paper (Series A, B, C, D) for the above said examination is provided at Annexure "A" to this notice for the information of the candidates.

Any candidate having objection(s) to the answer key, may submit his/her objection(s)/representation(s) in respect of such question(s) on prescribed format/proforma annexed herewith as Annexure "B" along with the documentary proof/evidence substantiating the claim (hard copies only) and a fee of \*200/- (in the form of demand draft) per question (refundable in case of genuine/correct representation/objection) in favour of the Accounts Officer, J&K Services Selection Board.

In case, the objection is found correct, the Answer Key will be revised accordingly in respect of all candidates. No candidate will be informed about the acceptance/non-acceptance of his/her objection individually.

The objections/representations can be submitted in offline mode only, in the office of JKSSB, Muthi, Akhnoor Road Jammu/ JKSSB, Zamzam Building, Rambagh, Srinagar on three working days starting from 30.03.2026, from 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM only. The Board shall not entertain any such representations/objections after the expiry of the stipulated period or through any other mode.

(Reyaz Ahmad Malik) JKAS  
Controller of Examinations  
J&K Services Selection Board

No.: JKSSB-COEEXAM(UT)/14/2026-03 (7842028) DIPK-12241/25 Dated: 30.03.2026

#### ANNEXURE - "A"

Provisional Answer Key of the Written Examination for the post of FPF Guard conducted on 29.03.2026.

Text Question No.	Booklet	Series A	Series B	Series C	Series D
Q01	D	C	B	A	
Q02	B	D	C	D	
Q03	B	A	B	D	
Q04	B	A	D	D	
Q05	C	A	D	D	
Q06	B	B	A	C	
Q07	D	D	D	C	
Q08	B	B	A	D	
Q09	B	A	B	D	
Q10	C	D	C	B	
Q11	B	A	B	C	
Q12	B	A	B	A	
Q13	A	A	C	B	
Q14	B	C	B	D	
Q15	D	B	C	A	
Q16	C	C	C	A	
Q17	D	B	D	C	
Q18	A	C	B	C	
Q19	B	B	A	A	
Q20	B	A	C	C	
Q21	B	C	A	C	
Q22	A	C	B	C	
Q23	A	B	A	D	
Q24	D	B	A	A	
Q25	B	A	C	C	
Q26	B	A	B	A	
Q27	C	C	D	D	
Q28	A	B	D	C	
Q29	A	D	A	B	
Q30	A	A	A	D	
Q31	C	B	A	D	
Q32	D	C	D	B	
Q33	A	B	D	B	
Q34	A	D	D	B	
Q35	A	D	D	C	
Q36	B	A	C	B	
Q37	D	D	C	D	
Q38	B	A	D	B	
Q39	A	B	D	B	
Q40	D	C	B	C	
Q41	A	B	C	B	
Q42	A	B	A	B	
Q43	A	C	B	A	
Q44	C	B	D	B	
Q45	B	C	A	D	
Q46	C	C	A	C	
Q47	B	D	C	D	
Q48	C	B	C	A	

Q49	B	A	A	B
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Q51	C	A	C	B
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Q53	B	A	D	A
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Q77	D	C	D	B
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Q79	A	A	B	B
Q80	C	C	B	A
Q81	A	C	B	C
Q82	B	C	A	C
Q83	A	D	A	B
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Q116	A	B	A	B
Q117	D	C	C	D
Q118	C	A	B	D
Q119	B	A	D	A
Q120	D	A	A	A

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#### ANNEXURE - "B"

Representation regarding objection(s) to Answer key pertaining to Written Examination for the post of FPF Guard on 29.03.2026. (NOTE: USE SEPARATE FORMS FOR SEPARATE QUESTIONS)

Name of the Applicant :  
Exam Name :  
Advertisement No(s) :  
Application No(s) :  
Roll No. :  
Date of Exam :  
Exam Centre Division (Jammu/Kashmir) :  
Correspondence Address :  
Contact / Mobile No. :  
Demand Draft No. date :  
Candidates Account No. (16 digit) & IFSC Code:

Question No. & Series	Details of the Objection	Resource (copy to be enclosed)	Material	Remarks
Correct Answer/Option as per candidate:				

Date of Application: - -2026  
Signature of the Candidate  
Note: Application for each question/answer shall be made on separate page in the given format, otherwise the first question entered in the format shall only be considered.

**THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION**  
NEW CAPUS, BEMINA, SRINAGAR  
Public Notes  
I have passed/appeared in SSE/HSE-I/HSE-II (Class 10th /11th /12th) under Roll No. 112011004 Session ANNUAL-REGULAR Year 2024 through the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. The error has been committed by the self-error against my NAME AND FATHER'S NAME as Aqib Hussain Souathi Gojar s/o Gulam Rubani  
Instead of Aqib hussain Gojar Souathi s/o Gulam Rubani Gojar Souathi  
Now I have applied for correction in the Jammu & Kashmir Board of school Education New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Assistant secretary Certificates Kashmir division. Within Seven Days from the date of publication of this notice, offer the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained  
This is published for the information of the general public  
The correct particulars be recorded as under  
Name :- AQIB HUSSAIN GOJAR SOUATHI  
Father's Name :- GHULAM RUBANI GOJAR SOUATHI  
Mother's Name :- MUNEEZA - BEGUM  
Date of Birth :- 09 - 10 - 2008  
Residence :- BADI BATH BONAKOOT - Bandipora  
Mobile No. :- 9103225303  
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**From Office of the Adv Ishfaq Rasool**  
In the case of  
1. Fayaz Ahmad Najar S/o Abdul Ahad Najar R/o Najar Mohalla, Goushbugh, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla (Kmr)  
2. Gulam Nabi Wani S/o Mohd Sidiq Wani R/o Lolipora Tehsil Pattan Distt: Baramulla ... Caveators/Applicants  
Versus  
Tariq Ahmad Parray S/o Gulam Ahmad Parray Sabreena Yousuf W/o Tariq Ahmad Parray Both residents of Chanderhama, Pattan ... Non-Caveators/Non-Applicants  
In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A  
The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seek in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa- rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.  
fko Sd/advocate  
Executive Magistrate Bomal

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE**  
1ST CLASS ZAINGER BOMAI  
Subject: Issuance of registration order in respect of delayed Birth & Death  
Public Notice  
This office has received a written application from Mohd Shafi Lone R/o Ab Ahad Lone R/o Tujar Shareef, Tehsil Zainger for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward Namely Farid Shafi Lone born on 07-05-2010 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.  
Tehsildar  
fko Executive Magistrate Bomal

**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)/ chok- dar has submitted case file pertaining to death of ALI MOHAMMAD MIR S/O GH MOHAMMAD MIR R/O. KHISIPORA KREERI Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of death as 13/02/2024 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 death certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained  
Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
fko KREERI

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### KO VIEW

## Bottle the Bloom

Kashmir holds abundant blooming resources, but weak direction keeps that potential from becoming lasting value. Pampore's saffron proves the point. Its deep aroma draws global perfumers and earns premium prices, though a strong ecosystem around it still waits to take shape.

Saffron tells only part of the story.

Roses bloom in village gardens with little attention. Chameli grows in backyards without formal cultivation. Wild herbs spread along hillsides, offering a wide range of natural scents that remain largely undocumented.

Such diversity would anchor a thriving fragrance sector in many parts of the world. Kashmir still treats it as a scattered resource rather than a foundation for growth.

Generations in the valley have worked closely with these materials. The craft of attar making continues through small, patient practices that rely on heat, water, and time. Distillation happens drop by drop, capturing the pure essence of flowers and herbs. Artisans then blend these oils into bases like almond or sandalwood, creating fragrances with depth and lasting character.

This process reflects knowledge refined over decades, grounded in both skill and observation.

Global demand now leans strongly toward natural ingredients and clear sourcing. Consumers want products with a traceable origin and a human story behind them. Kashmir already offers both. Fields, traditions, and people form a complete narrative that many brands try to imitate. A missing link prevents this story from reaching shelves beyond the region.

That link requires focus and intent.

Young entrepreneurs can lead this shift by building on existing strengths. Improved farming methods can increase consistency and output. Small distillation units can adopt better tools while preserving traditional techniques. Strong branding can turn anonymous oils into identifiable products with a clear origin. A bottle can present a place, a process, and a community.

Economic impact would extend well beyond perfumery. Farmers gain a stronger market for their crops. Artisans find renewed purpose in their craft. Young people see a future tied to local resources rather than distant opportunities. A clear value chain can connect land, labour, and market in a way that supports both income and identity.

The valley does not need a new story. It needs the will to bottle the one it tells every spring.

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## Social Reset

Rebuilding society starts with personal responsibility and collective awareness.

Irshad Mushtaq

Real change in Kashmir will come when we take charge of how we live, treat others, and understand the systems that govern us. That starts with three things: knowing the law, building self-respect, and taking responsibility.

Too often, we wait for institutions to fix themselves. We forget that a healthy society begins with informed citizens. When people understand their rights, and their duties, they are harder to fool, quicker to act, and stronger in the face of injustice.

Accountability isn't just for those in power. It belongs in homes, schools, and workplaces. When people are held responsible for their words and actions, trust grows. Systems work better. And leadership starts to mean something.

Kashmir also needs a revival of self-respect. That doesn't mean pride. It means living with integrity, doing honest work, and choosing the harder right over the easier wrong.

Discipline matters too. Without it, good intentions collapse. Discipline is what pushes someone to finish school, stay out of trouble, and keep going when things are tough. It turns dreams into action.

And there's power in being financially aware. When young Kashmiris learn to manage money, they protect themselves. They also gain the freedom to build lives with less fear, more focus, and real stability.

This isn't theory, it's a path, a practical one. One person starts, others follow. And slowly, a stronger Kashmir begins to form from the ground up.

The author is a Srinagar-based reputed financial educator.

# Across the Bend

For decades, weather and terrain dictated movement in Kashmir. Now, tunnels and roads are beginning to shift that balance, though not without cost.



Uzma Qadir Mir

The road to Kashmir's high-altitude villages often begins with a single bend in a mountain.

One moment you pass through a busy market filled with arguments over crop prices, and the next you are on a cliffside road with the Jhelum shining far below.

Travel in Jammu & Kashmir has always depended on roads like these. People grow up reading weather reports for survival. A sudden snowfall can turn a 20-minute trip into an overnight wait. A landslide can cut off an entire tehsil from the rest of the world.

These disruptions were once accepted as part of the landscape, woven into conversations and expectations.

Families planned weddings around weather forecasts. Students kept buffers of days while preparing to leave for exams in Jammu. Farmers held their breath while trucks full of apples trundled through the mountains, hoping the road ahead stayed open long enough to reach a mandi.

Life moved forward, though often on a timetable that the mountains controlled.

A shift began when the region witnessed an unprecedented push in building and modernizing roads. Villagers speak about the macadamization drives the way one might recount the arrival of electricity decades ago.

Over 41,000 kilometers of roads now run across the Union Territory, three-quarters of them black-topped. Administrators point to the remarkable pace of construction, an average of more than 20 kilometers a day.

What once took seasons of negotiation and approvals now moves with a momentum that feels new to the region.

In hamlets tucked deep into hillsides, this progress has reshaped daily life. Students from remote areas reach schools without worrying if the bridge ahead survived last night's storm. Pregnant women are no longer carried for miles on makeshift stretchers to reach district hospitals. Banking vans, ration trucks, and ambulances appear in places where they were once rare visitors.

Under rural schemes aligned with the national PMGSY program, nearly every eligible habitation has been connected, bringing essential services within reach for families who once lived beyond the map's edges.

Still, the story of connectivity in Jammu & Kashmir has never been just about laying asphalt.

A region marked by steep slopes and delicate soil requires more than wider roads. The real breakthroughs have come from tunnels that pierce winter blockades and bypass avalanche traps.

The recent opening of the 6.5-kilometer Z-Morh tunnel near Sonamarg has already transformed a notorious stretch of road into a dependable passage. Residents say the valley feels closer now, as if time itself has been compressed into minutes.

Officials expect a jump in winter tourism, and local shopkeepers echo this optimism.

A hotel owner in Sonamarg described the tunnel as "a second chance," recalling years when an early snowfall wiped out half the season.

Several more tunnels, including those on the Mughal Road, in Kupwara, and along NH-701, are under construction, each carrying the promise of linking communities that have spent generations negotiating with nature for passage.

The strategic significance of this transformation remains clear in every discussion.

Border districts depend on uninterrupted movement for supplies and security logistics. All-weather connectivity strengthens the confidence of people living near the frontlines.

For these communities, a tunnel is more than infrastructure. It is a lifeline, a guarantee that help can arrive when it matters most.

Economic life has also shifted. Tour guides speak of winter travelers as a new source of income. Small businesses in Gurez and Karnah, once isolated for months, now participate in markets with modest regularity. Freight costs have



come down in places where reliable access allows traders to plan shipments without bracing for unpredictable closures.

Even with this progress, the road network carries its own burdens.

Himalayan roads age faster than planners expect. A single night of heavy rain can undo months

of work. Engineers describe maintenance as a continuous battle against gravity and water. Newly built stretches show cracks within a season if drainage is inadequate.

Without a steady budget for upkeep, these achievements remain vulnerable.

Environmental stresses add another layer of concern. Construction through forests and slopes disrupts drainage channels, disturbs wildlife routes, and shifts soil that has held its shape for centuries.

Residents in some villages speak of springs drying or streams turning murky after heavy excavation nearby. Development here demands constant balance, with every tunnel and corridor raising questions about ecological cost.

Some of the highest regions still wait for dependable links. Seasonal roads, especially those leading to border villages, freeze or wash away for long periods. Families keep stockpiles of essentials, aware that help may not arrive quickly when the road gives way. Progress has reached these places, though not evenly.

The deepest gap in the region's connectivity puzzle remains the absence of seamless rail travel linking Kashmir to Delhi.

For years, the public has hoped for a single uninterrupted journey that carries passengers across mountains without the uncertainty of the highway.

The ongoing USBRL project marks one of the most ambitious engineering efforts in the country, but daily travelers continue to depend on a combination of trains, taxis, and buses, with mandatory stops at Jammu or Katra.

This disjointed travel pattern carries enormous economic consequences.

Apple growers, who form the backbone of Kashmir's rural economy, lose income every season to transport delays. A highway blockade during peak harvest can trap fruit-laden trucks for days. Spoilage rises, market prices fall, and entire families bear the brunt of the loss.

A simple, direct rail freight corridor could change this calculus, reducing transport time and giving growers the stability they have long demanded.

The absence of such a link keeps the region tethered to an older vulnerability.

Policy discussions signal a long-term vision centered on all-weather corridors, improved governance, and better maintenance.

A future built on resilient infrastructure calls for multimodal thinking: integrating road, rail, tunnels, aviation, and environmental stewardship into a single strategy.

Road expansion alone cannot carry the weight of a region that battles snow, rain, landslides, and economic pressures with equal intensity.

The past few years have reshaped mobility in Jammu & Kashmir in visible and meaningful ways.

Life moves faster, safer, and with more certainty. Even as progress carves new pathways through the mountains, a complete transformation depends on connecting every mode of travel into one dependable system.

When that happens, the mountains will stand less as barriers and more as gateways, linking Kashmir to the rest of India in ways that feel long overdue.

The author studies public administration in New Delhi. She writes on policy, infrastructure, and the lived realities of people in Jammu & Kashmir.



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### Letter to Editor

## The Attention Crisis in Kashmir

There was a time when waiting was a way of life. People had space to breathe, think, and truly be. Today, every silence feels unbearable. Every pause is filled with scrolling. And every question demands an instant answer.

We live inside a constant rush, feeding a hunger that never ends.

From one-minute reels to chatbots that respond before we finish typing, impatience has become our silent disorder. We are so used to the fast lane that stillness now feels like failure.

This change is everywhere in Kashmir. The hum of conversation has faded under the tap of screens. The habit of reading, once a proud part of Kash-

miri culture, is slipping away. Libraries stand still while reels race ahead. A story that once took days to read is now reduced to seconds of content. We crave speed, not understanding.

Even our tables have lost their warmth. The Kashmiri meal, once a space of laughter and gratitude, has become another screen-lit ritual. We eat without tasting, scroll without thinking, and talk without listening.

The zaiga of food lies in presence, but presence is what we've surrendered.

The loss runs deepest in prayer. Focus during salah feels fragile. The heart tries to connect while the mind drifts toward the phone outside. What was

once an act of surrender now feels like a race against distraction.

One afternoon at Jahangir Chowk, I saw a mother scrolling reels as her child leaned dangerously from an electric auto. She didn't notice. That moment said everything. We are losing awareness itself. Our screens have become more real than the world around us.

Psychologists call it the attention economy. Companies no longer compete for money, but for focus. Each click and swipe teaches an algorithm how to keep us restless. The result is a generation that cannot wait, reflect, and feel deeply.

Patience once defined our culture.

It built the poetry of Habba Khatoon, the craftsmanship of pashmina, and the pulse of the seasons that shaped our orchards. That patience gave meaning to everything we created. Losing it means losing ourselves.

If we don't learn to pause again — to read slowly, eat mindfully, and pray with intention — speed will consume the very soul of our lives.

The cure lies in reclaiming attention. True intelligence, at the end of the day, is all about how deeply we can stay still.

Sincerely,

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# The Rise of High-Value Farming in Kashmir

Munazah Naseer Wani is building a science-led mushroom venture that connects farming with health and opens a new path for Kashmir's economy.



Aashiq Hussain Andrabi

Munazah Naseer Wani is part of a new generation that is rethinking what agriculture in Kashmir can become.

As the Founder of NOORSA Innovations, and a student of B.Sc. Horticulture at SKUAST-K, she is building a venture that brings science, nutrition, and enterprise into the same domain.

Her work rests on a clear idea: beyond filling our plates, food can support health in everyday life.

Through NOORSA Innovations, she focuses on functional and nutraceutical mushrooms, a space that is still emerging in the region but holds strong global demand.

Munazah cultivates high-value varieties such as Cordyceps, Lion's Mane, and Ganoderma, and turns them into products that fit easily into daily routines.

The model draws strength from Kashmir's natural conditions while applying scientific methods that ensure quality and consistency.

Her work also highlights a wider shift. Many young people in the region are beginning to see agriculture as a field for innovation and enterprise rather than tradition alone.

Munazah's approach adds a new dimension by linking agriculture with preventive healthcare, turning farms into spaces that contribute to both income and wellbeing.

She speaks with clarity and focus, and her ideas move from discipline and research to rural livelihoods and women's leadership. Each part connects to a larger vision where agriculture creates value at many levels.

In this chat with Kashmir Observer, Munazah talks about the promise of functional mushrooms, and her vision for a more progressive and high-value agricultural future in Kashmir.

**You are balancing a horticulture degree at SKUAST-K with leading NOORSA Innovations. How do you handle both without losing focus?**

It comes down to discipline and clarity. I keep my academic work closely connected with what I am building. That way, what I learn in class feeds directly into the venture.

Time management plays a big role, along with setting clear priorities. A strong team also makes a real difference, since it allows me to stay consistent and focused on both responsibilities.

**Agriculture in Kashmir often follows familiar patterns. What pushed you toward functional mushrooms instead of conventional crops?**

I wanted to explore a space that brings higher value and stronger innovation. Functional mushrooms sit at a very interesting point where agriculture meets biotechnology and healthcare. They need less land, offer strong economic returns, and match the rising interest in preventive health.

That combination made them a natural choice for me.

**Your brand speaks about "Food That Heals." How does NOORSA Innovations connect farming with preventive healthcare?**

We look at agriculture as something that can contribute directly to better health. Our focus stays on cultivating functional mushrooms that have strong scientific backing.

Then we turn them into products that people can use in their daily routines.

The idea is simple: Make health-supporting food easy to access and easy to include in everyday life.

**You grow varieties like Cordyceps, Lion's Mane, and Ganoderma. What should people know about their benefits, and how do you**



**maintain quality in Kashmir's climate?**

Each of these mushrooms offers something specific. Cordyceps is linked with energy and stamina. Lion's Mane supports brain function. Ganoderma is known for its role in immune support.

On the cultivation side, we follow standardised protocols and use controlled environments. We also select strains carefully so they suit local conditions.

Everything is built on consistency and scientific validation.

**You also work on nutraceutical products. What makes your approach different from typical supplements?**

Our products come from whole food sources and go through minimal processing. That helps preserve the natural compounds that make them effective.

Many conventional supplements rely on synthetic inputs. We focus on natural forms that the body can absorb more easily. It builds both effectiveness and trust.

**Agriculture remains a male-dominated space. What has your experience been like as a young woman leading in this field?**

It brings its own set of challenges, but it also opens space to shape new ways of leading. I have focused on building credibility through knowledge and consistent results.

Within the company, we encourage more women to step into this space. We create opportunities for skill building and make sure there are clear paths into leadership roles.

**You speak often about rural livelihoods and youth engagement. How can the mushroom sector become a serious career option?**

It already has the right ingredients. It scales well, does not need very high initial investment, and offers faster returns than many traditional crops.

What matters is building the right support systems. Training, value addition, and strong market connections can turn it into a solid entrepreneurial path.

Young people need to see it as a business opportunity, rather than just farming.

**Many people still see mushrooms as just a food item. What is the biggest gap in understanding, and how are you addressing it?**

The biggest gap is awareness. Functional mushrooms carry strong health-supporting properties, but most people are not familiar with that side.

We focus on clear communication and education. Our products also help bridge that gap by making these benefits easy to experience in daily life.

**You want Kashmir to become a hub for functional mushroom production. What makes the region suitable for this vision?**

The region already has a lot going for it. The climate supports cultivation, and there is plenty of agricultural residue that can be used as substrate.

That reduces the need for heavy external inputs.

We are building systems that use controlled environments, efficient resource use, and circular practices like waste recycling. It creates a model that is both scalable and sustainable.

**Looking ahead, what comes next for NOORSA Innovations, and how do you see agriculture in Jammu and Kashmir evolving?**

The next steps include expanding production, growing our product range, and building stronger partnerships.

We are also putting more focus on research and standardisation so we can meet global benchmarks.

Over the coming years, agriculture in the region can move toward high-value and technology-driven systems.

With the right support in skills, infrastructure, and markets, Kashmir can grow into a strong centre for specialised agri industries.

— The interviewer is a Pulwama-based senior scribe.

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# Love Without Witnesses

A man's devotion lives in moments unseen, beyond the reach of doubt and dispute.



**ROLLED BANDAGES AND HALF-USED OINTMENTS RECALLED SCRAPED knees tended at dusk, cuts cleaned and sealed, tiny fingers gripping his hand with trust.**



Syed Majid Gilani

That evening, Hashmat climbed the narrow stairs to the attic, the wood creaking beneath his weight, carrying a small lantern. He was searching for old photographs, hoping to stumble upon fragments of memory tucked away in dusty corners.

His fingers brushed against something solid, a first aid box, slightly worn, its edges dulled with years. It seemed almost alive, waiting to be opened, waiting to speak.

The lid lifted with a faint squeak, and the smell of antiseptic rose, sharp and familiar. Inside, every item carried a story, a small piece of a life lived in devotion.

A polythene bag held his children's vaccination cards: polio, measles, meningitis, and boosters. Each mark was a testament to sleepless nights and careful planning.

Next to them were prescriptions for ordinary childhood illnesses:



coughs, colds, and stomach cramps. None were grave, but each had stolen hours from his sleep, leaving him by their side until relief arrived.

Every folded paper, scribbled note, was a memory of attention given when no one else was watching.

Rolled bandages and half-used ointments recalled scraped knees

tended at dusk, cuts cleaned and sealed, tiny fingers gripping his hand with trust.

A jar of Betadine and a pair of scissors evoked evenings when medicine ran low but care never wavered. This was the work of a father who measured love in the constancy of presence, the invisible labour of keeping

his children safe.

Months later, in a courtroom, those memories seemed almost unreal. Salma's voice rose, accusations flying, painting him as negligent, a father who had failed to provide and protect. Her words sought to erase the evidence of years spent at the bedside, the vigilance that had de-

finied his life.

Hashmat remained still. The heart aches in a father are deep and unspoken. He remembered the nights spent leaning over fevered children, the prayers whispered while wiping away sweat and tears, and the soft sighs of relief when coughs eased and breathing steadied.

All these moments had been acts of love, invisible to most, but tangible in every beat of his heart.

He trusted the law and Allah, the All-Seeing, the Most Merciful. Lies fade, but truth lasts.

The medicine he gave, the gentle touches, and the sleepless nights by a sick child left marks no court could erase and no voice could deny.

In that attic, Hashmat imagined little feet running, tiny hands holding his, and eyes searching for reassurance. Love needed no witnesses. It only needed sincerity. His children showed it, living proof of his care.

He breathed deeply, letting the memories steady him. Others could speak, argue, or lie. He could not stop them.

He held fast to what he had done and given. Faith gave him strength. Memory brought comfort. Invisible, enduring love brought joy, the love that defined his heart as a father.

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## LG Notifies Detailed Secretariat Subordinate Service Recruitment Rules, 2026

### Agencies

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has notified introducing the Jammu and Kashmir Secretariat (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2026, establishing a comprehensive legal and administrative framework governing subordinate staff in the Civil Secretariat.

As per the notification, the rules have been framed under the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Government Gazette.

The rules formally constitute the "Jammu and Kashmir Secretariat (Subordinate) Service" and provide for the inclusion of existing employees holding substantive posts within the sanctioned cadre, subject to eligibility conditions. It clarifies that only those holding regular posts under competent authority will be considered, excluding ad-hoc, deputation, or stop-gap

arrangements.

The notification elaborates key definitions including "Government," "Union Territory," "Cadre," "Post," "Administrative Department," and "Board," with the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board designated as the primary recruitment agency. It further states that undefined terms shall carry meanings as per the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Rules and Regulations, 1956.

Regarding cadre strength and composition, the Government will determine the number and nature of posts as specified in Schedule-I, with the provision to create temporary posts as required. A mandatory review of cadre strength and composition will be undertaken every five years or earlier if deemed necessary.

The rules clearly outline that appointments to the service shall be made either through direct recruitment or by promotion. All vacancies under direct quota will be referred to the Jammu and Kashmir Services

Selection Board, while promotions will be processed through the Departmental Promotion Committee in accordance with existing rules.

Eligibility criteria for appointment and promotion have been prescribed in Schedule-II, making it mandatory for candidates to fulfil qualifications and other recruitment conditions as specified.

The notification mandates a probation period of two years for direct recruits, during which their performance and confirmation will be governed by the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956. Pay and service conditions shall be regulated under the Civil Services Regulations and other applicable rules.

Reservation in appointments will be implemented strictly in accordance with the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act and the rules in force.

Further, all appointees—whether through direct recruitment or promotion—will be required to undergo prescribed

training and pass departmental examinations during the probation period as determined by the Government.

The rules also provide for maintenance of seniority strictly as per the Civil Services Rules, while matters not specifically covered shall be governed by general service regulations applicable to UT employees.

In case of any ambiguity or interpretation issues, the matter will be referred to the General Administration Department, whose decision shall be final and binding.

The notification also includes a repeal and savings clause, stating that all previous corresponding rules stand repealed; however, any appointments or actions taken under earlier rules will be deemed valid under the new framework.

The introduction of these rules is aimed at streamlining recruitment, ensuring transparency, and strengthening administrative functioning within the Civil Secretariat.(KNC)

## Over 11,000 Cases Pending in Armed Forces Tribunal in 5 years: Govt in RS

### Press Trust of India

New Delhi: A total of 44,622 cases were registered with the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) from 2021 to January 2026, with 11,097 -- about 24 per cent -- cases pending, the government informed Parliament on Monday.

Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth was asked in a query in Rajya Sabha about the total number of cases registered and pending in the AFT during the last five years, and year-wise data on the number of cases disposed during this period.

In his written response, Seth shared data for the cases registered, pending and disposed.

According to the year-wise data shared by him, the number of cases registered in 2021 stood at 7,609 with a pendency of 3,431, while the corresponding figures for 2022 was 8,014 and 2,087.

In 2023, a total of 9,856 cases were registered with the AFT and pending cases had dropped to 534.

In 2024, the number of cases



registered and pending stood at 9,837 and 1,844, respectively, according to the data shared. Similarly, in 2025, the number of cases registered and pending stood at 7,921 and 2,795, respectively.

For year 2026 as of January, the number of cases registered stood at 1,385 with a pendency of 406.

The total number of cases registered over this period stood at 44,622, with 11,097 cases pending, the data showed.

The Armed Forces Tribunal was inaugurated in August 2009.

The Armed Forces Tribunal Act 2007, passed by the Parliament, led to the formation of AFT with the power

provided for the adjudication of trial of disputes and complaints with respect to commission, appointments, enrolments and conditions of service in respect of persons subject to the Army Act, 1950, the Navy Act, 1957 and the Air Force Act, 1950, according to its website.

It can further provide for appeals arising out of orders, findings or sentences of court-martial held under the said Acts and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, it said.

The defence ministry was also asked the number of benches of the AFT, sanctioned positions and vacant positions.

According to the data shared, several regional benches -- including at Jabalpur, Guwahati and Srinagar (Jammu) -- are functioning with two vacant positions each, against the sanctioned position of two each, while other benches at Chandigarh, Lucknow, Kochi, Chennai, and Kolkata have a vacant position each.

The Principal Bench in Delhi does not have any vacant positions, the ministry said.

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### PM Integrated

phase organised from March 23 to 30, 2026 was held to commemorate Shaheed Diwas and honor the great martyrs of the freedom struggle whose sacrifices paved the way for India's independence.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the devotion and fervor in Jammu Kashmir towards Vande Mataram reflects how the Union Territory has shed painful chapters and embraced the ideals worked upon over the last five-six years.

Referring to earlier phases of the programme, he said that in the first phase (November 7-14, 2025), nine of India's top ten performing districts were from Jammu Kashmir, with Kishtwar at number one. In the second phase (January 19-26, 2026), six districts were from Jammu Kashmir, led by Poonch.

"The overwhelming participation of people of Jammu Kashmir in the previous two phases of Vande Mataram event and embrace of its values signal a transformative power for the future," he said.

"I firmly believe a region's greatest strength lies in its ability to envision its future. In Jammu Kashmir, I'm witnessing that potential flourish," he added.

"It's vital to spread the message that true patriotism is the bedrock of peace and progress. It's a sense of responsibility, a spirit of contribution, assuring us that we can better the world together," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said Vande Mataram symbolized the dream, goal and resolve generations fought for and the special week-long phase offered moments to reflect at the confluence of history and aspiration.

"Vande Mataram inspires us to honor our past, empower our present, and pledge a bright future. This was a UT-level introspection, reviving cultural roots through public participation and enlisting every citizen in nation-building," he said.

Referring to global developments, including Ukraine and West Asia, he said India has emerged resilient and continues to sustain its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy under the leadership of the Prime Minister.

"Let us draw strength from his resolve and stride shoulder-to-shoulder toward a strong, prosperous India," he said.

He also called upon political parties, civil society members and all sections of society to join the fight against drug menace and transform the Nasha Mukta campaign into a people's movement in Jammu Kashmir.

Earlier, the Lieutenant Governor paid tribute to freedom fighters and visited a photo exhibition depicting their contributions.

The event featured patriotic performances by artists of the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and students of Cluster University of Jammu.

Among those present were MLAs Yudhvir Sethi, Vikram Randhawa and Arvind Gupta; Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo; Additional Chief Secretaries Shaleen Kabra and Shailendra Kumar; Principal Secretary Culture Brij Mohan Sharma; Commissioner Secretary School Education Ram Niwas Sharma; Vice Chancellors of various universities and senior officials.

Padma Shri awardees Dr Jitendra Udhampuri and Dr S P Varma, along with citizens from different walks of life and youth in large numbers, also attended the ceremony.

### J&K Assembly:

University Bill for Pulwama (Bill No. 9 of 2025) aimed to set up the region's first private university using surplus funds of the Kashmir Creative Educational Foundation.

"It is with deep regret that I inform you that the J&K government has rejected our Bill on Sheikh-ul-Alam University in today's Assembly session," Para said, adding that National Conference legislators voted against it.

Highlighting the absence of private universities in Jammu and Kashmir, Para said the Union Territory has none, while the rest of the country has over 500 such institutions.

"Our students face immense challenges, including safety concerns and high costs of education," he said, adding that nearly two lakh

students from J&K are studying outside, many spending over Rs 1 lakh annually.

Temple Protection Bill Voted Down  
The second rejected bill, moved by BJP MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, sought protection and restoration of temples, including retrieval of allegedly encroached land.

The government opposed the bill, with Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary asserting that adequate safeguards already exist. He said Jammu and Kashmir's strength lies in its tradition of communal harmony and equal respect for all religions.

"No religion or community has the right to encroach upon any sacred place of another," he said, adding that existing institutional mechanisms are sufficient to address such concerns.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also opposed the bill. With Mankotia refusing to withdraw it, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather put the matter to a voice vote, leading to its rejection.

Additionally, MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta introduced a bill seeking compassionate appointments for the next of kin of deceased government employees, security personnel, and civilians affected by militancy or cross-border hostilities.

### Bills Assessed

and are opposed routinely without application of mind, which he described as "some-what unfair".

"It may appear as if we pick up a slip marked 'oppose' and stand up to reject a bill, but that is not the case," the chief minister said.

He said whenever a proposal reaches the government—whether through the Assembly or any other route—it is scrutinised in detail.

"We examine its feasibility and weigh its advantages and disadvantages. If the benefits outweigh the drawbacks, we do not oppose it," the chief minister said.

Nearly a dozen of the 33 private members' bills listed in the Assembly were introduced, with most later withdrawn by their sponsors and some rejected by voice vote following the government's response.

Referring to Bhat, Abdullah said his private member's bill, after examination, appears to have more disadvantages and potential problems than advantages.

Acknowledging the genuine concern of the MLA, the chief minister said confining recruitment or postings to the local level would create administrative difficulties, including additional cadres, shortage of suitable candidates at the block level and the need for relaxations, which could lead to arbitrariness.

It would also make it difficult to meet reservation requirements and limit promotion avenues in smaller blocks, leading to disparities among employees recruited at the same time, Abdullah said.

He said while the issue raised by the member requires attention, the bill was not an appropriate solution and urged its withdrawal, adding that the government would explore alternative measures to address the concern.

### J&K Govt Orders

Competitiveness Improvement Project (JKCIP), relieving Sandeep Kumar, IFS (AGMUT: 2011), of the additional charges, who shall await further orders of posting in the Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.

Shreya Singhal, IAS (AGMUT: 2020), Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation, holding additional charge of the post of CEO, JK ERA, shall also hold the charge of the post of Director, Information, J&K, in addition to her own duties. She shall assume the charge of the post of Director, Information, J&K on April 1, 2026.

Mahima Madan, IAS (AGMUT: 2021), Additional Secretary to the Government, Information Technology Department, holding additional charge of the posts of CEO, J&K and Additional Secretary, Resident Commission, New Delhi, is divested of the additional charge of Additional Secretary, Resident Commission, New Delhi.

Amit Gupta, IAS (AGMUT: 2023), awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Pahalgam vice Qaiser Mehmood, JKAS, who shall await further orders of posting in the General Administration

Department.

It further says, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, JKAS, Special Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs Department, is transferred and posted as Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Jammu vice Rifat Kohli, JKAS, who shall await further orders of posting in the General Administration Department. By order of the Lieutenant Governor.

### PM Modi Can

effort aimed at ending the conflict should be welcomed. "If any country can play a role in preventing this war, no one should have any objection to it," he said.

He added that Pakistan has been leveraging its relations with Iran and the United States, and if such engagement helps in stopping the war, it should not be opposed. "We want the war to stop. If any country can play a role in that, it should. And if we can play an even better role, then we should do so," he said.

Omar also referred to concerns flagged in a United States report, stating that attacks by terror groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed in India are not unlikely.

On domestic issues, the Chief Minister said unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir cannot be resolved overnight and that government jobs alone are not sufficient to address the problem.

He stressed the need to explore alternative avenues, highlighting the role of Mission Yuva in promoting entrepreneurship. "Mission Yuva provides not just funding but also support in preparing DPRs and post-startup assistance, such as marketing," he said.

"In just nine months, distributing Rs 1,000 crore and approving numerous schemes is a significant achievement," Omar added, crediting coordination between the government and Jammu and Kashmir Bank for the progress of the initiative. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday called for an immediate end to the ongoing conflict in West Asia, saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi is uniquely positioned to facilitate de-escalation given his relations with key countries in the region.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function and outside the Assembly complex here, Omar said, "We want the war to end as soon as possible. The role that the Prime Minister can play may not be possible for anyone else because of his good relations with all these countries."

He said India's ties with countries such as Iran, Israel and the United States could be leveraged to help ease tensions. "If those relationships can be used to make some progress and help de-escalate the situation, it would be a good thing," he added.

Referring to the complexities of the conflict, Omar said that any escalation would be difficult to manage. He also cautioned that any aggressive move by Donald Trump, given Iran's history of resisting external pressure, would not be easy to handle.

On the possibility of Pakistan playing a mediating role, Omar said any effort aimed at ending the conflict should be welcomed. "If any country can play a role in preventing this war, no one should have any objection to it," he said.

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### Rain In Plains,

fresh snowfall. The ongoing wet spell, accompanied by gusty winds, has impacted both north and central Kashmir, officials said.

Precipitation Deficit Narrows  
The recent spell of rain and snow has helped reduce the precipitation deficit for March in Jammu and Kashmir from 50 per cent to 45 per cent, officials said, offering some relief after a largely dry winter.

The intensity of the current weather system is expected to remain moderate, though heavy rainfall is likely at isolated places over the next 24 hours.

Road Disruptions, Rescue Operation in Gurez  
The inclement weather triggered landslides and snow accumulation along the Bandipora-Gurez road, particularly near Razdan Top, leading to the stranding of several vehicles.

In a coordinated rescue operation, the Bandipora district administration, along with teams from the Mechanical Engineering Department and the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), evacuated 22 stranded vehicles carrying tourists and other passengers.

Officials said vehicles were stuck at multiple locations due to snow accumulation, mudslides and falling rocks, while strong winds further complicated rescue efforts.

Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, monitored the operation and directed departments to ensure safe evacuation. All stranded passengers were safely rescued and provided necessary assistance, including medical aid.

Meanwhile, a landslide in Uri area of Baramulla also blocked a road, prompting authorities to deploy men and machinery to clear debris.

Advisories, Avalanche Warning Issued  
The Meteorological Department has warned of continued erratic weather, including light to moderate rain in plains and snowfall in higher reaches, accompanied by thunder, lightning and gusty winds reaching speeds of 40-50 kmph.

Authorities in Ganderbal, Anantnag and Kupwara districts have issued avalanche warnings in vulnerable areas, advising residents to avoid unnecessary movement. Travellers have also been urged to follow traffic advisories due to the risk of landslides at sensitive locations.

Farmers have been advised to suspend agricultural activities till Tuesday.

Weather to Improve, More Spells Likely  
The MeT department said weather conditions are expected to improve from Tuesday, although brief spells of light rain or snow may occur on April 1 and 2.

From April 3 to 7, isolated to scattered light rain and snowfall are likely, followed by partly cloudy conditions. Another spell of light precipitation is expected at scattered places between April 8 and 10.

Independent weather observers said the current system is likely to weaken from Tuesday morning, with largely dry conditions expected by mid-week, though isolated showers may persist.

### JKCA Case: Farooq

multiple age-related ailments and stated that he had been placed under a "high-risk medical category."

Abdullah had also referred to a "traumatic and life-threatening murderous attack" on him in Jammu on March 11.

Earlier, on March 2, the court observed that the essential ingredients of offences under Sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 406 (criminal breach of trust), and 409 (criminal breach of trust by a public servant) of the Ranbir Penal Code were prima facie made out against him.

Besides Abdullah, the accused include Mohammad Saleem Khan (then general secretary of JKCA), Ahsan Ahmad Mirza (then treasurer), Manzoor Gazar Ali, Bashir Ahmad Misgar (an executive with Jammu & Kashmir Bank), and Gulzar Ahmad Beigh. The court framed charges against other accused. Manzoor Gazar Ali and Gulzar Ahmad Beigh, have been granted pardon in the case.

### HC Constitutes

conditions of judicial officers.  
The move follows the apex court's directive aimed at expediting long-pending issues concerning judicial service benefits and bringing uniformity in the implementation of pay commission recommendations across jurisdictions.

The panel is expected to deliberate on the matter and submit its recommendations to facilitate further action by the High Court in coordination with the concerned governments.

### LS Passes Insolvency

related to IBC before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) have to be decided upon within three months. Sitharaman said the primary cause of delay is extensive litigation and that various steps are being proposed in the bill to address the issue, including new provisions for penalties ranging from Rs 1 lakh to up to Rs 2 crore on persons initiating frivolous proceedings to prevent abuse and delays.

The Adjudicating Authority (AA) has to approve or reject a resolution plan within 30 days of receipt, and there will also be the creditor-initiated resolution process, which is a new out-of-court initiation mechanism with a compressed 150-day timeline, the minister said.

Responding to concerns related to the efficiency of the IBC framework, Sitharaman asserted that companies have been doing well post-resolution and cited a study to mention that the market capitalisation of such firms grew from Rs 2.8 lakh crore to Rs 9 lakh crore in five years after resolution.

Noting that the IBC is a major and very crucial factor in improving the health of the country's banking sector, the minister said Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) have recovered a total of Rs 1,04,099 crore through various channels and out of the total amount, the IBC channel alone contributed a significant Rs 54,528 crore, accounting for 52.3 per cent of the total recoveries.

She also stressed that workmen's dues are not ignored under IBC and that such dues are given higher priority and are equivalent to secured creditors. "It (workmen dues) is about the unsecured financial creditors and even government dues. This proves that the IBC regime wants to ensure workmen are not short-changed," she said.

### Act Against Arbitrary

feedback and grievance redressal mechanism to address concerns and improve service delivery.

The minister further stressed the adoption of technology-driven solutions to enhance operational transparency and streamline coordination between schools and JKBOSE.

### Kashmir Man

recee of several locations and sent those image and videos to Pakistan. "A hardcore terrorist, he has established a launchpad in West Bengal. He also visited Delhi to identify and build new recruits," he said.

He said that the module was supposed to get task from Lashkar and they wanted to target commercial areas. "In order to merge with local population, he got married again in Bangladesh. Out of 8 arrested, seven were Bangladeshi and one was Indian. Earlier, this module was busted so he was planning to create another module and we again busted it," the officer said.

He also said that so far Shabir's connection with the Delhi blast case has not been established. "We have just arrested him, once we will get police custody then more details will come out in questioning. We have also recovered Rs 5,000 Pakistani currency and Rs 3,000 Indian currency," he said.

Shabir Ahmad Lone alias Raja Kashmiri son of Mohammad Akbar Lone of Kangan was previously arrested by Special Cell in 2007 along with a heavy cache of Arms and Ammunition including Ak-47 and grenades.

An official said that he was in Tihar Jail till 2018. "At the time of his arrest in 2007, Shabir had direct links with head of Jamat-Ut-Dawa - terrorist Hafiz Saeed and his terror deputy Zaki Ur Rehman Lakhvi," he said. (KNO)

# Decline in Road Accidents Due to Effective Safety Measures: Govt

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday said that road accidents in the Union Territory have shown a declining trend over the past three years due to effective implementation of road safety measures.

Replying to an unstarred question tabled by MLA Ali Mohammad Sagar, the Transport Department, as reported by KNO, informed that the number of road accidents has decreased from 6,120 in 2023 to 5,726 in 2024 and further to 5,287 in 2025.

The government said multiple road safety initiatives were undertaken, including 10,698 awareness programmes in 2024 and 10,145 in 2025. Health and eye check-ups of drivers and conductors stood at 374 in 2024 and 394 in 2025, while first-aid and emergency response training were 87 in 2024 and 33 in 2025. Under Good Samaritan and accident victim schemes, 1,379 beneficiaries were covered in 2024 and 1,495 in 2025.

It further said that school buses and driving training schools are being regularly audited. In



2025, out of 6,271 registered school buses, 4,545 were audited, 472 were found defective, and 450 defects were rectified. Similarly, out of 141 driving training schools, 102 were inspected, 39 were found non-functional, 81 operating as per norms, and notices were served to 21.

The government said Speed Limiting Devices are being ensured at the time of vehicle fit-

ness. It added that the Road Safety Policy, initially notified in 2016, was revised in 2025 in line with national parameters and shared with all stakeholders for implementation.

Giving details of enforcement infrastructure, the government said various equipment have been procured, including 213 motorcycles (Pulsar), 69 Royal Enfield bikes, 19 intercept-

tor vehicles, 16 highway patrol vehicles, 23 cranes, 685 body-worn cameras, 1,625 night safety belts, 560 iron barricades, 687 LED traffic batons, 687 safety jackets, 437 movable barricades, 231 fixed barricades, 562 traffic cones sets, 64 breath analysers and 100 first responder kits.

The Transport Department said enforcement agencies have shifted to a 100 per cent e-challan system. In 2024, a total of 40,197 challans were issued, 429 vehicles seized, 2,259 driving licences suspended, 6,340 vehicles blacklisted, 1,040 RCs cancelled, and 173 route permits cancelled. In 2025, challans increased to 52,543, with 1,528 vehicles seized, 1,641 licences suspended, 10,439 vehicles blacklisted, 1,192 RCs cancelled and 300 route permits cancelled.

To ensure the sale of standardised helmets, the Legal Metrology Department inspected 218 sellers, booked 69 cases and seized 4,750 helmets.

The government further said Intelligent Traffic Management Systems (ITMS) have been installed in Jammu and Srinagar under the Smart City Mission, while a similar project costing

Rs 107.32 crore, along with Rs 21.46 crore for five-year O&M, has been proposed for the rest of J&K covering 25 junctions and 188 corridors.

It said road safety audits have been made mandatory in DPRs of new roads and are also conducted periodically on existing roads to remove engineering defects.

The government also informed that compensation is being provided under the Road Accident Victim Fund (RAVF), with Rs 1 lakh awarded in case of death, Rs 75,000 for permanent disability, Rs 50,000 for grievous injuries and Rs 10,000 for minor injuries.

Providing district-wise details, the government said a total of Rs 1,153.10 lakh has been released to districts, out of which Rs 914.90 lakh has been utilised, leaving a balance of Rs 238.20 lakh. Major allocations include Rs 204 lakh to Jammu, Rs 135 lakh to Doda, Rs 134 lakh to Kishtwar and Rs 111 lakh to Rajouri, among others.

Overall, total funds received under RAVF stand at Rs 1,226.10 lakh, while Rs 1,153.10 lakh have been released to RTOs/ARTOs, leaving an available balance of Rs 73 lakh.

## PSAJK Baramulla Elects Dr. Abrar Mir as District President

**BARAMULLA:** In a scheduled Executive Body meeting of PSAJK District Baramulla, Dr. Abrar Mir was elected as the new District President. The meeting was attended by all Zonal Coordinators and Executive Members, reflecting strong organizational participation.

The election process was conducted under the supervision of the Convener of the Election Commission, Mr. Farooq Ahmad Ashai, along with Election Commission member Mr. Majid Bhat, ensuring a fair and transparent procedure.

The event was held under the leadership of Mr. Anayatullah Hajni, Chairman SRM Welkin, and State President PSAJK, Dr. Baba Nazrul Islam, who were present on the occasion.

On the occasion, the exemplary contributions of the outgoing District President, Mr. Mubeen Ahmad, were acknowledged. His leadership and coordination skills were widely appreciated by all members. Following the announcement of the results, Dr. Abrar Mir formally assumed charge and was entrusted with the responsibility of leading PSAJK Baramulla, taking over the reins of district affairs with immediate effect. (Observer News Service)

## Former CM Mehbooba Makes Appearance in Assembly after 8 Years

**JAMMU:** Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti made her maiden appearance in the Legislative Assembly on Monday after a gap of eight years.

As per KNO, this was her first appearance in the Assembly since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) withdrew support to her government in 2018.

All four PDP MLAs were seated in the House when Mehbooba Mufti made appearance in the Speaker's Gallery.

Talking to reporters outside the Assembly, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said key legislations can be enacted even without statehood, asserting that a Union Territory government has the authority to pass bills concerning daily wagers, creation of new administrative divisions and districts and land rights.

She said it is the government's responsibility to deliver on its promises, particularly employment for one lakh youth and rationalisation of reservation. (Observer News Service)

## No Proposal to Resume HDF-Based Engagements in J&K Health Institutions: Sakina

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Health and Medical Education Department on Monday clarified that there is currently no proposal to resume or expand engagements under the Hospital Development Fund (HDF) in government health institutions across the Union Territory.

Replying to a question raised by MLA Shabir Ahmad Kullay in the Legislative Assembly, Health and Medical Education Minister



Sakina Itoo as per KNO said that prior to the issuance of Government Order No. 43-F of 2015 dated March 17, 2015—which imposed a ban on such engagements—educated and technically skilled local youth were hired in various hospitals under the HDF mechanism.

## Kargil Raises Big for Iran: Chicken Auctioned at ₹1.25 Lakh, Egg at ₹6,000

Observer News Service

**LADAKH:** In a striking display of humanitarian solidarity, residents of Gundmangalpure in Kargil district came together during a community-led donation drive for the people of Iran, turning modest contributions into powerful symbols of compassion.

The relief campaign, organised at the local level, witnessed an overwhelming response as community members donated items for auction to raise funds. In a moment that drew widespread attention, a chicken contributed by a resident was auctioned for an extraordinary ₹1.25 lakh, reflecting the depth of public generosity and collective spirit.

In another remarkable instance, a single egg offered during the drive fetched ₹6,000, further underscoring the enthusiasm and commitment of participants toward the humanitarian cause.

Community leaders and organisers hailed the response as emblematic of Kargil's long-standing tradition of standing with people in distress, transcending



ing borders and differences. They noted that the auction demonstrated how even the simplest of contributions can take on profound meaning when backed by a shared sense of purpose.

Residents said the initiative highlighted the strength of collective action, where small gestures—when supported wholeheartedly—can translate into significant support for those in need.

Observers believe the event once again reflects the deeply ingrained humanitarian ethos of Kargil's people, with grassroots efforts in the region continuing to set inspiring examples of empathy and global solidarity.

## Tea Unit Sealed After Viral Video Exposes Unhygienic Processing

**SRINAGAR:** The Food Safety Department has taken cognizance of a viral video circulating on social media, which depicted tea blending being carried out under unhygienic manner. Acting promptly on the matter, a team of Food Safety Officers conducted a raid in at the location. During the inspection, it was observed that the blending and packing of tea were being carried out on the floor in an extremely unhygienic manner. Additionally, non-food-grade equipment was found to be in use during the blending process, posing serious

risks to public health. In view of these violations, the processing area where tea blending was being conducted has been sealed until further orders. Two samples of tea—one loose and one packed—have been collected from the premises and sent for laboratory analysis. All Food Business Operators are hereby directed to maintain high standards of hygiene at their premises. Failure to comply with the prescribed norms will invite strict action under the relevant provisions of the Food Safety and Standards. (Observer News Service)

## 'Go Green' Initiative Sees Growing Participation across Kashmir

Dabirah Hassan

**SRINAGAR:** A plantation appeal issued by a South Kashmir based religious institution has, over the past week, drawn participation beyond its immediate circle, with residents across Kashmir joining in amid growing concern over environmental degradation in the region. The "Go Green Initiative," started by Khanqah e Hydari under the supervision of Dr Muhammad Sameer Siddiqui, was initially directed at members of the Khanqah's fraternity.

In a post on X, Dr Siddiqui called on followers to plant a tree over the course of a week and share their participation online. "I request all the members of @khanqahlhydari fraternity to plant a tree this week beginning from this Monday till the next one as a part and parcel of our efforts to create environmental awareness for the sake of Almighty and in fond remembrance of our cherished and admired ones. Let everyone concerned post a video or photo next to his planted sapling mentioning Khanqah I Hydari's X, FB or Instagram handles, so as to serve a message for others to do the same as a goodwill gesture for the entire humanity," he wrote.

While framed as a community specific call, the campaign has seen a broader response. Social media posts indicate participation from individuals outside the Khanqah's immediate network, with people planting saplings in private spaces such as home gardens

and courtyards. The development comes at a time when Kashmir has been experiencing noticeable environmental changes. Residents and environmental observers have pointed to shifting weather patterns and a steady rise in deforestation in recent years, raising concerns about long term ecological balance.

Participation in the initiative has varied in scale and intent. Many posts appear to link plantation with personal or religious sentiment, while others frame it in environmental terms. Tooba Khurshid, in a social media post, said she planted pomegranate trees in her garden, dedicating the act to a religious figure and describing such efforts as necessary.

Dr Hameem Siddiqui stated that she planted a plum sapling in his courtyard, dedicating it to victims of an incident in Iran, adding that he hoped the tree would benefit both birds and people. Other participants offered brief expressions of support. Sajjad Ganie wrote, "Planting today for a greener tomorrow," while Shabir Ahmad Kanue, who identified himself as an environmentalist and social activist, described plants as "the lifeline of our future" and called for collective action. Burhan Mir, another participant, said the act of planting a tree reflected "our responsibility to protect the Earth." Siddiqi Shajina, who also planted a pomegranate sapling, expressed hope that its fruit would be shared across communities, "irrespective of caste, colour, creed or religion."

**PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE  
IN THE COURT OF MR OM PARKASH BHAGAT  
PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE, BUDGAM, BUDGAM  
SUMMONS FOR DISPOSAL Suit for Recovery/5/2020  
OF SUIT J&K Bank vs Abdul Rouf  
Order 5 Rule 20 CPC Bhat  
Next Date: 01.04.2026**

**To,  
Abdul Rouf Bhat S/o:Ali Mohammad Bhat  
R/o: Court Road Lalchowk at present Bonpora  
near Ahli Hadees Masjid Batmaloo Srinagar  
Whereas J and K Bank has instituted a recovery  
suit against you for Rs 3,08133.00, you are  
hereby summoned to appear in this Court in  
person or by a pleader duly instructed (and able  
to answer all material questions relating to the  
suit, or who shall be accompanied by some  
person, able to answer all such Questions, on  
the 01-04-2826 11:00 clock in the forenoon, to  
answer the claim; and as the day fixed for your  
appearance is appointed for the final disposal of  
the suit, you must be prepared to produce on  
that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence  
and all the documents upon which you intend to  
rely in support of your defence.  
Take notice that in default of your appearance on  
the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard  
and determined in your defence.  
Given under my hand and the seal of the Cont,  
this 17.02.2026**

**Principal District Judge, Budgam**

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE KUNZER

**Subject: Auction of Entry Fee / Terminal Tax Collection contract for the year 2026-27.**

**AUCTION NOTICE.**  
NIT No: MC/KZ/11 of 2026 | Dated:- 28-03-2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, term e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited from the interested persons / parties for Auction of Adda/Entry Fee / Terminal Tax of Municipal Committee Kunzer, for the year 2026-27w.e.f. 01-05-2026 to 31-03-2027 (11 Months) The Minimum reserved bid is fixed as Rs. 858000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Only). 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.

ANNEXURE-A		
Rate list for collection of Entry fee/Terminal Tax w.e.f 01/05/2025 to 31/03/2027		
S.No.	Type of Vehicle	Rate per day
01	Bus/ School Buses	Rs.20/-
02	Truck/ Tipper	Rs.20/-
03	Load carrier	Rs.20/-
04	Mataadar	Rs.10/-
05	Load carrier auto	Rs.15/-
06	Tata Sumo	Rs.15/-
07	JCB/Tractor	Rs.20/-
08	Taller (Heavy Truck)	Rs.50/-

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](http://www.gem.gov.in), as per the schedule of dates given below:

1	Pre-Qualification submission Start Date & Time (Documents)	29.03.2026 from 10:00 am
2	Pre-Qualification Submission End Date & Time (Documents)	From 7.04.2026 upto 01:00 pm
3	Pre-Qualification assessment Start Date & Time	09.04.2026 from 11:00 AM
4	Pre-Qualification assessment End Date & Time	10.04.2026 upto 4.00 PM
5	EMD Payment Start Date & Time	11.04.2026 from 10:00 a.m
	EMD Payment End Date & Time	13.04.2026 upto 04:00 p.m
	Auction Start Date & Time	14.04.2026 from 10:00 a.m
	Auction End Date & Time	16.04.2026 upto 10:00 a.m
6	Submission of Call Deposit Receipt (CDR)	The bidders shall be bound to accompany the bid offers with call deposit receipt (CDR) of Rs. 17160/- (Rupees Seventeen Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Only) drawn from any Nationalized Bank, pledged to the Executive Officer Municipal Committee Kunzer, without which offers shall be liable for rejection. 10% to be deposited on spot as token money 65% to be deposited before taking over the possession.
7	Mode of Payment	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 Charges in shape of Bank Challan / Receipt (Credited to A/c No. SB. 054604050000005 Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Kunzer amounting to Rs. 1000/- (One 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 Kunzer, failing which tender will be rejected.
- The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website [www.gem.gov.in](http://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 Kunzer.
- 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 2026-27w.e.f.01-05-2026 to 31-03-2027, 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 Kunzer 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 Kunzer, 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 31-03-2027, the successful bidder shall hand over the possession of the Entry posts to the MC Kunzer in its original position without any damage.
- That, the successful contractor shall have to collect Entry Fee on the following toll Posts only;
- Chungi Post on Kralwet Road 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 therefor;
- 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 signage as 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](http://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.
- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Bank Receipt/ challan in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Kunzer and bid securing declaration must be uploaded with the bid.
- The Bidder must have to upload (soft copies) of the following documents (Photostat/Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):-
- Valid original Bank Challan / Receipt
- BID Securing Declaration on stamp paper duly attested by Notary.
- Valid GSTIN/ PAN Card No.
- The Bidder should upload the Tender Document form attached below (Not Mandatory).
- Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including
- BID Securing Declaration and tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has / have not been uploaded shall not be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- The Highest Bidder will have to submit hard copies of all documents uploaded on e-tending portal before issuance of Allotment.

No: MC/KZ/2026/518-21  
Dated:- 28-03-2026

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Executive Officer  
Municipal Committee Kunzer

# Trump Mulls Seizing Kharg Island; Iranians Say, 'We're Waiting'

Trans Asia News

**DUBAI**—A rapidly escalating regional war involving the United States, Israel, and Iran is pushing the Middle East toward a broader conflict, with rising casualties, threats of ground invasion, and growing fears of a global energy crisis.

In remarks that underscored the volatility of the situation, President Donald Trump openly suggested the possibility of seizing Iran's strategic Kharg Island oil terminal in the Persian Gulf. "Maybe we take Kharg Island; maybe we don't," he said, adding that such a move would require a prolonged US presence, though he claimed the island could be captured "very easily".

His comments came as US and Israeli forces continued sustained aerial bombardments of Iran into the fifth week of the war, while reports indicated the deployment of an additional 2,500 US Marines to the region,

with a similar number en route.

Trump also stated that Washington was engaged in both direct and indirect negotiations with Tehran, although Iranian officials have denied any such talks. "We're doing extremely well in that negotiation," he said, before adding bluntly, "you never know with Iran... we negotiate with them, and then we always have to blow them up." Iranian leadership dismissed diplomatic efforts as a façade. Parliament speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf warned that Tehran was prepared to retaliate decisively, while military officials issued stark threats against any US ground invasion.

Military spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Ebrahim Zolfaqari declared that Iranian forces were "counting down the moments" for a confrontation, warning that American troops would face catastrophic consequences. He described US ambitions as a "pipe dream" and



accused Washington of leading its forces into a "quagmire of death".

"Any US ground invasion would end in catastrophic con-

sequences, and invading American troops would become good food for the sharks of the Persian Gulf," he declared.

Military analysts note that

even if seized, Kharg Island would be difficult to hold, given its proximity to the Iranian mainland and exposure to missile, drone, and artillery strikes.

Meanwhile, the conflict has widened across the region. Sirens sounded near Israel's nuclear research centre, while Israeli forces reported intercepting drones launched from Yemen. Iran and its allies have struck US-linked assets across the Gulf, with missile alerts in Bahrain, interceptions in Saudi Arabia, and explosions reported over Dubai.

In Kuwait, an Iranian strike hit a power and desalination facility, killing one worker and injuring several soldiers. Israeli forces also launched new strikes targeting military infrastructure inside Iran, including sites near Tehran and a petrochemical facility in Tabriz.

In Lebanon, where Israel has expanded ground operations against Hezbollah, over 1,200 people have been killed and more than one million displaced. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to widen the invasion further.

The war's economic impact is

already being felt globally. Oil prices have surged, with Brent crude rising to around \$115 per barrel—up nearly 60% since the conflict began—amid fears over disruptions to the Strait of Hormuz, a critical chokepoint for global oil supplies.

Diplomatic efforts remain uncertain. Pakistan has announced plans to host talks between the US and Iran, though details on whether negotiations will be direct or indirect remain unclear.

The human toll continues to climb. More than 1,900 people have been reported killed in Iran, 19 in Israel, over 1,200 in Lebanon, and dozens more across Iraq, Gulf states, and the occupied West Bank. Thirteen US service members have also been killed and over 300 injured.

As military posturing intensifies and rhetoric hardens on all sides, the conflict shows little sign of de-escalation, raising fears of a prolonged and far more devastating regional war.

## Iran Drafts Law to Impose Tolls on Hormuz Transit

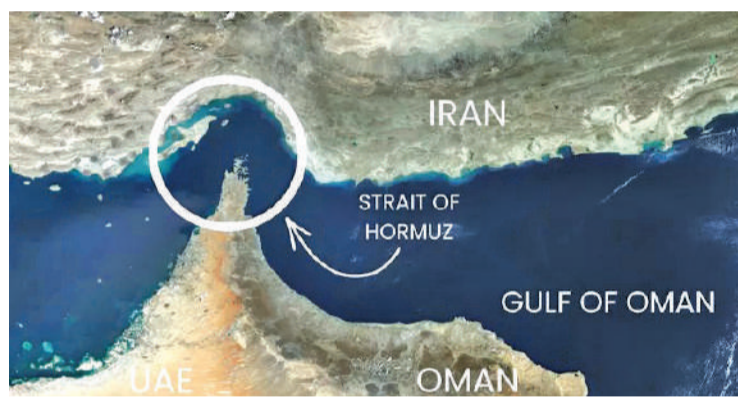
Trans Asia News

**TEHRAN**—Iran, is moving to formalise its control over the Strait of Hormuz, the world's most critical oil transit chokepoint, by introducing legislation that would effectively turn the waterway into a regulated, fee-based passage under its authority.

The proposal signals not just administrative oversight but a strategic bid to institutionalise Iran's leverage over global energy flows at a moment of heightened geopolitical tension.

Iranian communications to international maritime bodies, along with reports from vessels transiting the strait, suggest the emergence of a de facto "toll system". Ships are being required to enter Iranian-controlled waters, undergo naval vetting, and reportedly pay for safe passage. Since March 1, around 150 vessels—including oil tankers and container ships—have navigated the route under these conditions, according to shipping intelligence sources.

Iranian lawmakers have framed the move as part of a broader regulatory framework aimed at ensuring maritime security while generating revenue. Officials have emphasised that Iran already exercises full control over the strait and is now seek-



ing to codify that authority through formal legislation. The plan would establish a structured system governing transit, oversight, and service provision in one of the world's most strategically vital waterways.

Ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz will be subject to a toll under the new law that the Iranian Parliament will adopt soon, said a member of the Iranian parliament's Committee for Foreign Policy and National Security Alaeddin Boroujerdi, according to Iranian media.

"We have complete control over the Strait of Hormuz. A new system will govern this waterway soon once a bill is adopted by the Majlis [parliament]. Security and services

for ships will be ensured through fees [for passage through the strait] stipulated by the bill," he said in an interview.

The U.S. and Israel launched war against Iran on February 28, claiming that Tehran was developing a nuclear weapon and posed a threat—an allegation Iran has denied. In response, Iran launched counterattacks, firing missiles and drones at Israel, as well as at U.S. assets and other targets across the Middle East. Iranian authorities also decided to close the Strait of Hormuz to vessels linked to the U.S., Israel, and countries that supported the attacks. During the conflict, several tankers were attacked for transiting the

strait without Tehran's permission. On March 25, Iran announced that it had allowed its friendly countries, including Russia, India, Iraq, China, and Pakistan, to pass through the Strait of Hormuz.

The US-Israeli war against Iran has thrust the Middle East into crisis and sent the price of oil surging by more than 50 per cent in a month. Brent crude rose above \$116 a barrel on Monday morning in Asia, near its highest level since the conflict began.

At the same time, political signals from Tehran suggest a wider shift in posture. Lawmakers are reportedly considering withdrawing from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, arguing that continued compliance is untenable amid ongoing military pressure. Iranian officials maintain that while the country does not seek nuclear weapons, it cannot adhere to international constraints while facing direct attacks.

Meanwhile, traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has reportedly dropped by as much as 90% in the wake of escalating conflict involving the United States and Israel. The disruption has sent shockwaves through global energy markets, with oil prices surging sharply and supply shortages hitting Asian economies particularly hard.

## PM Modi Speaks to Dutch PM on West Asia Situation

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday spoke with his Netherlands counterpart, Rob Jetten, and exchanged views on the situation in West Asia, underscoring the need for an early restoration of peace and stability in the region.

During the telephonic conversation, the two leaders also discussed ways to further strengthen the India-Netherlands ties. "Pleased to speak with Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Rob Jetten, today. We discussed ways to further strengthen India-Netherlands ties," Modi said on X.

The leaders highlighted the potential for cooperation in key areas such as semiconductors, mega water projects, green hydrogen and talent mobility. "Also exchanged views on the situation in West



Asia and emphasised the need for early restoration of peace and stability in the region," he said.

The prime minister has spoken to several world leaders ever since the West Asia conflict started on February 28. These include leaders from Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, Iran, France, Israel and Malaysia.

US President Donald Trump has also spoken with Modi, after which the

prime minister said they had a "useful exchange of views" on the situation in West Asia.

The conflict started with attacks on Iran by the US and Israel, following which the Persian nation also targeted its neighbours and Israel.

Iran controls the Strait of Hormuz, a key shipping route through which 20 per cent of the world's energy is transported. Since the conflict, very few ships are allowed by Iran to cross it.

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