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### Fuel-Saving Measures

## J&K HC Orders Virtual Hearings, Suspends LTC

KO Correspondent

Srinagar: In view of the nationwide call for "Economic Self-Defence" amid concerns over rising crude oil prices and energy security, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Tuesday issued a series of administrative measures aimed at conserving fuel and ensuring efficient judicial functioning.

According to a circular issued by the office of the Registrar General, virtual hearings and virtual appearance of advocates will be encouraged in the High Court from May 21, subject to prescribed decorum and protocol for online proceedings.

The circular further states that during the vacation period commencing from June 8, 2026, nominated Vacation Benches shall hear matters through virtual mode. However, advocates unable to join through video conferencing for unavoidable reasons may appear physically before the court wherever it is functioning physically.

The High Court has also directed that no physical administrative inspections or district



visits shall be conducted till further orders, with all such meetings to be held virtually.

In another significant measure, the Leave Travel Concession (LTC) facility for judicial officers and High Court staff has been suspended till further orders, except in cases where it has already been granted. The circular, however, clarifies that the relevant LTC block period would stand extended by one month for every month during which the facility remains unavailable.

The J&K Judicial Academy has also been directed not to conduct any | More on P6

### CUK Cuts Physical Operations With Online Fridays, Green Saturdays

The Central University of Kashmir has announced a series of austerity measures, including online classes and work from home arrangements on Fridays and Green | More on P6

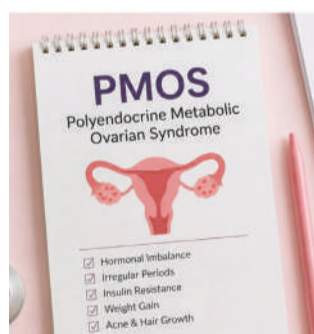
### What's in a Name?

## Indian Scientists Oppose Global Renaming Move

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A proposal to rename Polycystic Ovary Syndrome has triggered fresh debate within the global medical community, with Indian researchers arguing that the suggested terminology fails to adequately reflect the condition's complexity, diversity and disease burden in countries like India and China.

The controversy emerged after a proposal to rename PCOS as "Polycystic Ovary Syndrome" (PMOS) was announced at the European Congress of Endocrinology and published in The Lancet. While supporters of the move say the new name better captures the metabolic and endocrine nature of the disorder, India's leading researchers have formally objected to the proposal, calling



it scientifically incomplete and globally unrepresentative.

At the centre of the opposition is the Indian Council of Medical Research's PCOS Task Force, led by Mohd Ashraf Ganie along with researchers Neena Malhotra and Rakesh K Sahay. In their response, the group argued Full story on kashmirobserver.net



Women carry on daily chores along the banks of Panzath, Qazigund, in a scene that now serves as a reminder of a vanishing river culture. KO Photo by Abid Bhat

## 'Threats Hide In Plain Sight': LG Sinha To New JKP Constables

### Hands Appointment Letters To 3,200 Constables; Says New Age Threats Demand 'Constant Vigilance'

Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday handed over appointment letters to newly recruited constables of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and urged them to remain vigilant against evolving security threats while upholding the force's legacy of courage and service.

Addressing the recruits during the appointment letter presentation ceremony in Jammu, Sinha said the nature of terrorism and law and



order challenges had changed, requiring constant alertness from the police force. "We must remain

**TERROR DOES NOT SUSTAIN ITSELF; IT NEEDS MONEY, networks, and support systems. Using the full force of the law, we must trace and neutralize sources of funding."**

constantly alert and vigilant. The nature of law and order threats and terrorism has evolved, demanding a

constant, unyielding vigilance and alert to threats that hide in plain sight," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the newly inducted personnel must dedicate themselves to defending the unity and integrity of the country and strengthen the proud legacy of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Stressing coordination among agencies, Sinha said the security challenges faced by Jammu and Kashmir demanded teamwork and intelligence-sharing.

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## Over 3.39 Lakh Added to J&K Panchayat Rolls

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The State Election Commission (SEC) of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday published the Final Panchayat Electoral Rolls 2026 after completing the annual revision exercise with April 1, 2026 fixed as the qualifying date.

The exercise began with the publication of the draft electoral rolls on March 27, 2026, followed by a 40-day period for filing claims and objections till May 5. All submissions were examined and disposed of by Electoral Registration Officers by May 14, following which the final rolls were published on May 21.

According to the SEC, the revision process recorded significant voter activity across the Union Territory. A total of 3,39,384 new voters were added to the rolls, while 1,13,344 names were deleted due to | More on P6

### NEET Paper Leak

## Court Sends 5 Accused To Judicial Custody

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Wednesday sent five accused in the NEET paper leak case to judicial custody till June 2 and extended the CBI custody of another accused.

Special Judge Ajay Gupta allowed the agency's plea seeking judicial custody till June 2 of five accused persons — Mangilal Khatik, Vikas Biwal, Dinesh Biwal, all three arrested from Jaipur; Yash Yadav, arrested from Gurugram; and Dhananjay Lokhande, arrested from Ahilyanagar in Maharashtra.

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## PM To Chair Key Ministers' Meet Amid Reshuffle Buzz

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the Union government's Council of Ministers on Thursday to review the functioning of ministries, key policy decisions, their outcomes and future plans, official sources said.

The meeting, the first of the Council of Ministers this year, assumes significance amid speculation over a possible cabinet reshuffle.

All Cabinet ministers,

Ministers of State with independent charge and other Ministers of State are expected to attend the meeting.

According to sources, the discussions will focus on the functioning of various ministries and departments, implementation of government schemes and programmes, and strategies to improve delivery and effectiveness.

The Prime Minister is also likely to address the ongoing West Asia crisis and its economic Full story on kashmirobserver.net

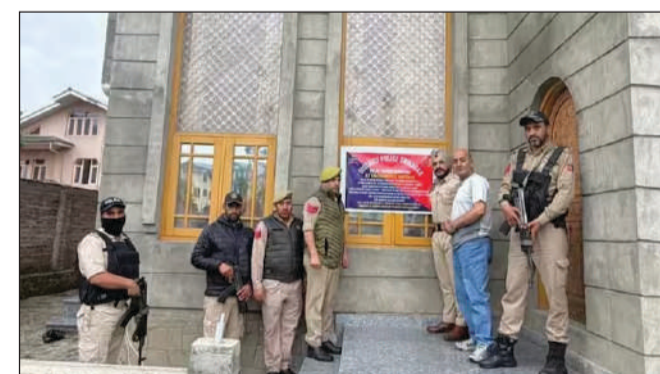
## Demolitions, Arrests & Crop Destruction

### Drug Networks Face Heat Across Kashmir

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday intensified the ongoing "Nasha Mukh J&K Abhiyan" across Kashmir by destroying illegal poppy cultivation, arresting alleged drug peddlers, attaching properties and vehicles linked to narcotics trade, and launching awareness programmes in several districts.

Officials said coordinated anti-drug operations were carried out in Anantnag, Baramulla and Handwara with the assistance of magistrates and officials



from the Excise, Revenue and Agriculture departments. In Anantnag district, police

destroyed illegally cultivated poppy crops in Batagund Verinag and | More on P6

## Why Kashmir's Businesses Rarely Reach Dalal Street

Kashmir's corporate footprint remains tiny despite decades of successful family-owned enterprises and growing local brands.

Irshad Mushtaq

Srinagar: When investors gathered in Mumbai in recent months to discuss India's booming SME listings, Kashmir barely entered the discussion.

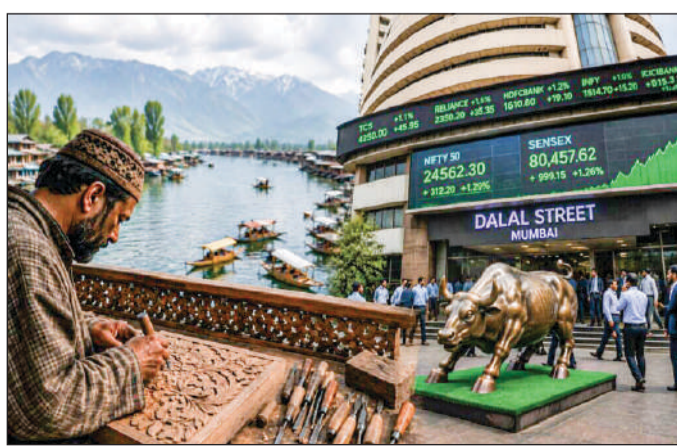
A region filled with established business families, profitable enterprises and widely recognized local brands still has almost no presence on India's stock exchanges.

The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited remains the valley's best-known listed corporate institution on the National Stock

Exchange and the Bombay Stock Exchange. Another breakthrough came in 2018, when Sarveshwar Foods became the first company from Jammu and Kashmir to list on NSE Emerge, the exchange platform designed for small and medium enterprises.

That limited representation reveals how differently Kashmir's business culture evolved from India's expanding corporate ecosystem.

Businesses in the valley traditionally grew through tightly controlled family structures



built on personal trust, local reputation and informal management systems. Traders, hoteliers, healthcare operators, transport firms and handicraft exporters built commercially successful enterprises without public shareholders, institutional investors or complex governance frameworks.

Stock markets demand far more than commercial success.

A company seeking public capital must maintain audited financial statements, legal compliance, tax discipline, transparent disclosures and governance

systems capable of surviving regulatory scrutiny. Promoters must explain business risks, ownership structures, related-party transactions and intended use of investor money before exchanges approve listing.

"Many businesses remain profitable and respected locally, though public markets require institutional discipline," said a Srinagar-based chartered accountant who advises companies on restructuring and compliance. "Listing readiness depends on systems, documentation and governance quality."

India's securities market functions under the supervision of Securities and Exchange Board of India, widely known as SEBI. The regulator oversees investor protection, disclosure standards, public issue norms and market intermediaries. Companies cannot simply raise money from the public through reputation or commercial standing. The process requires due diligence, approvals, filings and continuing compliance after listing.

Public-market scrutiny intensified further after regulators detected concerns | More on P6



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# Weekend Athlete Syndrome Triggers Rise in Sports Injuries Among Professionals

Press Trust Of India

From marathons and cycling clubs to pickleball courts and weekend football leagues, India's urban corporate workforce is increasingly embracing high-intensity fitness activities, but orthopaedic experts are warning of a sharp rise in sports injuries linked to "weekend athlete syndrome". Doctors say many young professionals who spend weekdays sitting for long hours are suddenly subjecting their bodies to intense physical activity over weekends without adequate conditioning, warm-ups or recovery. Sports injury specialists said that ligament tears, stress fractures, Achilles tendon injuries, slipped discs and knee damage are becoming increasingly common among people in their late 20s to early 40s, especially in metropolitan cities. "The biggest issue is that people are trying to compensate for an entire week of inactivity in one or two days. The body does not adapt instantly to sudden bursts of strain," Dr Skand Sinha, a senior orthopaedic surgeon and professor at the Sports Injury Centre of VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital,

Monday P.T.I. "We are coming across many such patients in our OPD," he said. He said many patients are influenced by social media fitness trends, marathon culture and corporate wellness challenges, but often ignore gradual progression in training and conditioning. Several international studies have highlighted the growing risks associated with sedentary work patterns and sporadic high-intensity exercise. A 2022 review published in The American Journal of Medicine noted that "weekend warriors" - recreational athletes who compress physical activity into one or two weekly sessions - are more prone to acute and chronic sports injuries because of relative deconditioning and inconsistent training. Dr Abhimanyu Kumar, senior consultant of orthopaedics at Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research, said modern corporate wellness culture, though well-intentioned, is contributing to injury patterns among officegoers. "Employees constrained by long work hours often cram intense workouts into weekends. This 'weekend warrior' behaviour, marked by minimal week-

day movement followed by extreme exertion, leaves people vulnerable to tendon strain, ligament injuries and back pain," he said. Kumar said the answer lies in shifting from sporadic bursts of exercise to a "corporate athlete" mindset focused on regular movement and sustainable fitness habits. Research published in BMC Public Health also found that office workers spend nearly 10.6 hours a day sitting, underlining the sedentary lifestyle increasingly linked to musculoskeletal problems and poor physical conditioning. Senior orthopaedic surgeon Dr O P Meena of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital said preventive measures and proper warm-up routines play a crucial role in reducing sports injuries. "It is encouraging that urban populations are embracing physical activity, but the value of proper warm-up and stretching protocols should not be underestimated," he said. According to Meena, warm-ups should ideally be done within 15 minutes before activity and should be intense enough to induce mild sweating without causing fatigue.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of the general public that my name has been wrongly written in my Driving Licence bearing DL No. JK13 20230003678 as "Mir Danish Shakeel" instead of my correct name "Mir Danish Shakeel" as recorded in my Aadhaar and other official documents. Now, I have applied for the correction of the same. If anybody has any objection in this regard, he/she may file the same before the concerned office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Mir Danish Shakeel  
 R/o Peth Gama, Gopora, Pulwama pd

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information for the general public that in Adhar card bearing No 388366861781 the name is entered as Memoona while my actual name is Mymoona. Now I want its correction, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact Concern department with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that.

MYMOONA  
 W/o ABDUL RASHID LONE mcb  
 R/O GOGOO HUMHAMA

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to inform the general public that due to an inadvertent error, the particulars in my daughter's 10th marks certificate have been mentioned incorrectly as:  
 Name: Zarka Anjum  
 D/O: Iftikhar Hussain  
 Mother's Name: Haleema Akhter  
 Whereas the correct particulars are:  
 Name: Zarka Anjum  
 D/O: Iftikhar Hussain Zargar  
 Mother's Name: Haleema Akhtar  
 Henceforth, the above corrected particulars may be treated as true and correct for all official purposes.  
 Iftikhar Hussain Zargar (Father)  
 Date: 19/05/2026 ird

## 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 (Class 10th.) under Roll No. 213455 Session Year June 1994. Through the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. The error has been committed by the Parents against my name as JAVID MOHI-UD DIN instead of JAVID MOHI UD DIN DAR. 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: JAVID MOHI UD DIN DAR,  
 Fathers Name: GH MOHI UD DIN DAR,  
 Mothers Name: AZI BEGUM  
 Date of Birth: 01-04-1977,  
 Residence- HANDJAN. mcb  
 MOBILE: 7006966834

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ridwan Rashid S/O Abdul Radhid Nazami R/O Chandpora harwan hereby inform the general public that I have registered/ proposed the name "The Karvan Holidays" for my travel agency business. If any person, firm, company, or organization has any objection or claim regarding the use of the said name, they may submit their objection within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it shall be presumed that no objection exists and the name will be used accordingly.

Ridwan Rashid  
 R/o Chandpora harwan  
 S/o Abdul Rashid Nazami jm

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Fozia Akhtar, D/o Peer Shamas Ud Din, R/o Gul Neelofar Kralawat, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla, hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 5513 0721 0618 as "Faziya Jan" instead of my correct name "Fozia Akhtar." That my correct name is Fozia Akhtar as per my school records and other official documents, and henceforth the same shall be treated as my valid and correct name for all purposes. If anybody has any objection in this regard, he/she may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.  
 Fozia Akhtar  
 D/o Peer Shamas Ud Din  
 R/o Gul Neelofar Kralawat, Kunzer  
 District Baramulla fko\_r

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Hajra W/O Abdul Majid Mir R/O Batapora, Tehsil & District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly entered as HAJIRA in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4220 9332 7352. That my correct and actual name is HAJRA, which is recorded in all my personal and official documents. Henceforth, I shall be known and identified as HAJRA for all official and legal purposes. If anybody has any objection regarding this notice, he/she may contact the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication.  
 HAJRA W/O Abdul Majid Mir  
 R/O Batapora, Shopian fko

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that in my service record, my caste has been wrongly entered as "Zarger" instead of "Zargar". Now, I intend to get the same corrected in the official records. If anybody has any objection in this regard, they may contact the office of the Additional Superintendent of Police, Budgam within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the stipulated period, no objection shall be entertained.  
 Rouf Ahmad Zargar  
 S/o Abdul Ahmad Zargar fko  
 R/o Alamdar colony charar-i-sharief budgan

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ifshana Hassan D/O Ghulam Hassan Mir R/O Goom Ahmadpora, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, hereby inform the general public that my name and date of birth have been wrongly recorded in my Aadhaar Card as Afshana Bano and 01-01-1998. That my correct name is IFSHANA HASSAN and my actual date of birth is 02-09-2000. Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name IFSHANA HASSAN for all official and legal purposes. If anybody has any objection regarding this notice, he/she may contact the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication.  
 IFSHANA HASSAN bmg  
 D/O Ghulam Hassan Mir  
 R/O Goom Ahmadpora, Pattan, Baramulla

## Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan Public Notice

Sub... issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth.. The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Mahira Nazir D/o Nazir Ahmad Kohru R/o Gopalan Palhallan Tehsil Pattan with verified date of birth 13/11/2020 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained. Sd Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

## Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan Public Notice..

Sub... issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth.. The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Zayaan Ahmad Mir s/o Javid Ahmad Mir R/o Wangam Tehsil Qazibad district Kupwara With verified date of birth 08/03/2021 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained. Sd Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

Annexure A  
 JKSG01-001624-2026  
**Form No. Sessions Judge IN THE COURT OF Mr. Manjeet Rai Additional Sessions Judge TADA/POTA**  
 Cr. Misc. Applications/138/2026  
 UT OF J AND K THROUGH SIA KASHMIR FIR NO. 56/1990 PS NIGEEN VS KHURSHED AHMAD CHALKOO  
**PROCLAMATION**  
 WHEREAS complaint has been made before me that Khurshad Ahmad Chalkoo S/o Ali Mohammad Chalkoo R/o Hatlanga Uri, Baramulla has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offences punishable under sections 364, 341, 302 r/w 34, 120B RPC, 7/27 I.A. Act, and 3(2) TADA and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Khurshad Ahmad Chalkoo S/o Ali Mohammad Chalkoo R/o Hatlanga Uri, Baramulla cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Khurshad Ahmad Chalkoo S/o Ali Mohammad Chalkoo R/o Hatlanga Uri, Baramulla is evading arrest and has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant); Proclamation is hereby made that the said Khurshad Ahmad Chalkoo S/o Ali Mohammad Chalkoo R/o Hatlanga Uri, Baramulla is required to appear before this Court on 20-06-2026 at 10:00 AM, failing which further action as contemplated under law shall follow.  
 Dated, this day of 19-05-2026  
 DIPK-1499/26  
 dated: 20-05-2026  
 Additional Sessions Judge TADA/POTA

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**Office of the Floriculture Officer NMBG Cheshmashahi Srinagar. Department of Floriculture Email:- fo.nmbg12@jk.gov.in**  
 Gist of Short Term Tender Notice No. 03 of 2026-27  
 Dated: 20 -05-2026  
 For and on behalf of Lt. Governor U.T of J&K, Sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs. 6/- are invited from dealing authorized Agencies/Suppliers having GST Registration for supply of Turf Slabs (Doob Grass/ Bermuda Grass) of the below mentioned sites as per the details given below.  

S.NO	Name of Job	Tentative Requirement	Value of CDR/FDR	Cost Of tender Document.	Remarks
1	Providing/laying of Turf Slabs (Doob Grass/ Bermuda Grass) for Development of Chrysanthemum Theme Garden at NMBG Cheshmashahi Srinagar	50000 Sqfts	Rs. 10000/- pledged to Floriculture Officer, NMBG Cheshmashahi Srinagar.	Rs.200/- (non-refundable)	The quantity may increase or decrease subject to actual requirement/availability of funds.

The bidding document (s) consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, terms and conditions and other details can be had from office of the undersigned as per scheduled date given below.  

1	Date of issue of tender document	20.05.2026
2	Last Date of issue of tender document	30.05.2026 up to 2.00 PM
3	Last date and timing of tender submission	30.05.2026 up to 04 PM
4	Date and timing of opening of Tender	01.06.2026 at 11.00 AM

The tenders shall be opened on 1st of June 2026 at 11.00 AM, in the office of undersigned by the committee constituted for the purpose in front of tenderers who may wish to remain present. In case of any eventuality/ Government Holiday, the tender opening date will be considered on other convenient working day.  
 Note: The terms and conditions can be had from office of the Floriculture officer NMBG Cheshmashahi.  
 Sd/-  
 Floriculture Officer,  
 Department of Floriculture  
 NMBG, Cheshmashahi  
**No: FO/NMBG/GS-18/304-05 DIPK-1484/26 Dated: 20 /05/2026**

आइआरईएल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड IREL (India) Limited  
 Formerly Indian Rare Earths Limited.  
 (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)  
 (A Government of India Undertaking)  
 CIN : U15100MH1950G01008187 Website : www.irel.co.in  
 ISO 9001: 2015, ISO 14001: 2015 & ISO 45001 : 2018 Company  
 संदर्भ - विज्ञा 26-27/3 निविदा नोटिस दि. 16.05.2026 /Ref: ADVT.NO.26-27/3 TENDER NOTICE Date: 16.05.2026  
 IREL (India) Limited, Chavara Invites Bid for the following items / job descriptions.  

कार्य नं./Event No. (GeM)	काम/मद विवरण / Job / Item Description
GEM/2026/B/7548510	Collection, Loading and Transportation of Dredged out mineral sand from Edathuruthu area to IREL Chavara Plant- For 1,00,000 MT

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 ह. प्रधान, चवरा / -Sd/- Head, Chavara  
**CBC 48139/11/0004/2627**

अज्ञात बिरु  
 درخواست منجانب اشفاق احمد پرہ و تکمیل حبیب پرہ پیران حبیب اللہ پرہ ساکنہ رتھون ہماراد عطائی EWS سرٹیفکیٹ  
 اشتہار ہماراد گاہی ہر خاص و عام  
 معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست ثبت اجرائی EWS سرٹیفکیٹ وچ گزارش کی ہے کہ ساکن ساکن کے آبا اجداد دھندلے کے بھتیجے ہائے شہسائے اورنگی بھی ترک سکونت یا ترک وطن اختیار نہیں کی ہے اب ساکن ساکن کے EWS سرٹیفکیٹ کے کاغذات دفتر جدا میں زیر کاروائی ہے جس کے نسبت پیادری ملحقہ وگردار علاقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس کے مطابق ساکن ساکن کے افراد خات کی تفصیل ذیل ہے۔  

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		تعلیم	22 سال	دختر	یاسمین حبیب
		--	24 سال	پرہ	سٹیسی حبیب
		--	18 سال	--	اشفاق حبیب

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 تحریر الصدر  
 نائب تحصیلدار

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 اشتہار ہماراد گاہی ہر خاص و عام  
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## Circuit House Gets Major Upgrade with Additional Accommodation Facility

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Hospitality & Protocol, Avny Lavasa, conducted a detailed on-spot inspection of the newly constructed Additional Accommodation Facility at Circuit House Srinagar in view of its likely inauguration during the month of June, 2026.

Director, Hospitality & Protocol Department, Ashwani Khajuria, Deputy Director, Assistant Director Hospitality & Protocol Kashmir and officers, and other executing and allied agencies associated with the project were present.

During the inspection, the Secretary reviewed the overall progress and preparedness of the newly constructed accommodation block comprising 12 suites and 6 guest rooms equipped with modern amenities and allied infrastructure aimed at augmenting the hospitality capacity of the department.

While reviewing the final finishing arrangements, Avny Lavasa directed all the concerned executing and allied agencies to undertake and complete the remaining minor landscaping, beautification

and allied works on a war-footing basis so as to ensure seamless commissioning of the facility well ahead of its proposed inauguration next month.

Director, Hospitality & Protocol Department, briefed the Secretary about the salient features and present status of the project and informed that the commissioning of the Additional Accommodation Facility would substantially enhance the lodging capacity at Circuit House Srinagar and significantly ease the operational burden on the existing accommodation infrastructure, particularly during high-level visits and peak occupancy periods.

Avny Lavasa appreciated the concerted efforts put in by the Hospitality & Protocol Department and all the allied executing agencies in ensuring the completion of the prestigious project and observed that the commissioning of the Additional Accommodation Facility would significantly augment the existing hospitality infrastructure and further strengthen the quality of hospitality services being extended to visiting dignitaries and guests.

## Garbage Piles Outside Kashmir University Raise Health, Civic Concerns

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Accumulated garbage and unattended waste outside the University of Kashmir in Srinagar have triggered concern among morning walkers, students and members of the academic community, with complaints surfacing over foul smell and absence of timely garbage lifting.

Mounds of waste, including plastic, food leftovers and other refuse, were seen scattered near roadside collection points outside the university premises, creating an unpleasant environment along the busy stretch.

The situation has drawn attention because the area witnesses regular movement of students, professors, commuters and morning walkers.

People frequenting the locality said garbage had remained unattended, resulting in foul odor and deteriorating sanitation conditions.

Several morning walkers described the accumulation of waste as both an environmental and public hygiene concern, saying the condition undermined the academic surroundings and affected routine movement along the road.

According to KNT, students and faculty members also voiced concern over the absence of regular waste clearance, saying the overflowing trash had become an eyesore outside one of Kashmir's major educational institutions.

Those using the road appealed to the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to immediately intervene and ensure regular garbage lifting and improved waste management in the area.

They urged civic authorities to address the matter at the earliest and prevent further deterioration of sanitation conditions around the university surroundings.

## Minister Sakeena Reviews Healthcare Services at SKIMS

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo on Wednesday visited Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Sura and took assessment of healthcare services, patient care facilities and overall medical infrastructure at the premier tertiary care institution.

During the visit, the Minister undertook a comprehensive tour of various departments and wards of the hospital and inspected the quality of healthcare facilities being provided to patients. She assessed the functioning of emergency services, diagnostic units, specialized treatment facilities and patient support systems besides taking stock of the availability of medicines and essential medical equipment.

The Minister also interacted with doctors, healthcare professionals, nursing staff, paramedics and administrative officers regarding the overall functioning of the institution and sought feedback about the existing healthcare delivery mechanism. She appreciated the dedication and commitment of the medical fraternity in providing quality treatment and care to patients despite increasing healthcare demands.

Interacting with patients and their attendants, the Minister enquired about the medical facilities being extended to them and listened to



their concerns and suggestions. She assured them that the Government remains committed towards strengthening the healthcare sector and ensuring better patient care facilities across Jammu and Kashmir.

Sakeena Itoo emphasized the need for maintaining high standards of patient care, cleanliness, discipline and timely medical services within the institution. She directed the concerned authorities to ensure prompt redressal of public grievances and further improve healthcare infrastructure for the convenience of patients visiting the hospital from different parts of the Union Territory.

The Minister highlighted that

the Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is committed to upgrading healthcare institutions and enhancing accessibility to advanced and affordable medical treatment for the people.

She also stressed upon the importance of coordinated efforts among doctors, administrators and support staff for ensuring efficient functioning of the institution and delivering patient-centric healthcare services.

Director SKIMS, Dr. Ashraf Ganie; Medical Superintendent, SKIMS, Dr. Farooq Jan; Heads of different specialities, senior doctors and other officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

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- 1420 - Treaty of Troyes: Henry V of England and his heirs would inherit the throne of France upon the death of King Charles VI of France
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## Police Register Case After Liquor, Fuel Seizure

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police in Srinagar have registered a case following the recovery of illicit liquor, beer and illegally stocked fuel during an operation in the Batmaloo area, officials said on Wednesday.

According to officials, FIR No. 48/2026 was registered at Police Station Batmaloo under Section 48 of the Jammu and Kashmir Excise Act and Sections 3/7 of the Essential Commodities Act.

The case was registered against Kaiser Hameed Sofi, a resident of Firdousabad Batmaloo.

Police said the case per-

tains to the recovery of a substantial quantity of liquor and fuel allegedly stocked in violation of legal provisions.

During the operation, officials recovered 200 bottles of illicit liquor, each containing 750 ml, along with 100 bottles of beer.

In addition, police seized approximately 130 litres of allegedly illegally stocked diesel and petrol.

Officials said further investigation had been initiated to ascertain the source, intended distribution and possible violations linked to the seized material.

No additional arrests or recoveries were immediately reported.

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# When the SSP Opened His Door

A Maharashtra police officer fluent in Kashmiri shows that real authority flows from accessibility.



Sahil Parry



### KO VIEW

## Clean Like Panzath

Each spring, villagers near Panzath gather at the local spring with big baskets. They wade into cool waters, catching fish while clearing weeds, silt, and plastic.

The fish festival serves as cover for something deeper: collective care for shared waters.

People show up together, restoring life to the spring, making waters sparkle again. This annual ritual keeps the spring alive through direct participation.

Kashmir could borrow this spirit. Neighbourhoods, mohallas, or village clusters could set dates for cleaning local streams, springs, and streets. Schools, shopkeepers, housewives, farmers, and students could join hands, turning cleanup into celebration.

The valley possesses hundreds of springs, each one central to local identity, each one worth saving through regular group effort, and each one capable of hosting its own Panzath day.

A fixed calendar for such drives would turn sporadic goodwill into regular practice. Local committees could post dates at mosques, temples, markets, and bus stops.

Eco-tourism depends upon clean air, pure water, and green surroundings. Tourists seek destinations where nature remains untouched, streets smell fresh, and water runs clear.

Kashmir sells beauty. Dirty alleys, clogged drains, and plastic-strewn riverbanks destroy that product. The valley earns through its environment. Protecting that asset makes plain economic sense. A dirty street drives visitors toward cleaner hill stations elsewhere.

Personal cleanliness at home matches clean streets outside. One supports the other. You wash hands inside while sewage runs past the front gate. That picture calls for matching standards inside plus outside.

Domestic hygiene surrounds personal hygiene. Both rise together, both fall together. Kashmiris understand this connection deep in their bones.

Government plans help, official projects matter, and municipal trucks serve a purpose. Citizens meanwhile hold equal power.

Waiting for sweepers, trucks, or budgets wastes precious months. People generate trash daily, and they must manage it everyday with proactive sense and sensibility.

Households, market associations, and religious groups could adopt a water body, a street patch, or a park corner. Ownership produces faster results.

We live in climate shock times, and pressure mounts everywhere. Glaciers melt, floods surge, and earthquakes shake the Himalayas. Environmental impacts grow more frequent. Kashmir sits right in that zone.

Preparing means strengthening natural defenses today, keeping springs open, forests thick, soil anchored, and birds returning. Community cleanups build that readiness through simple direct action. Healthy springs absorb shocks better than blocked ones.

The Panzath festival gives a living template: gather, work, celebrate, and repeat. Kashmir possesses the social cohesion, the village networks, the religious gatherings, the youth energy, and the neighbourhood bonds. Channel all of it toward regular cleaning drives.

Make spring restoration a monthly habit in every district. Turn bazaar cleanup into weekly routine.

The valley remains gorgeous beneath the grime. Peel away the layers of neglect, Kashmir shines again.

Start tomorrow, pick a stream, bring a basket, and invite a neighbour. The fish will thank you, so will every child born here.

Amod Ashok Nagpure walked into his new office as Senior Superintendent of Police in Anantnag and made a decision that sounds almost too simple to be worth mentioning.

He opened his doors. Residents walked in without appointments. They spoke to him directly, bypassing the layers of gate-keeping, procedural delays, and anxious waiting outside closed chambers that normally define meetings with senior police officers.

Nagpure published his personal phone number. Citizens soon lined up outside his office with complaints, requests, and frustrations that had remained bottled up for years.

One encounter revealed why that gesture cut so deep.

An elderly Kashmiri man entered the office and spoke only in Kashmiri. Nagpure, an officer from Maharashtra, responded fluently in the same language.

That single interaction had more impact than many official campaigns ever could.

A language spoken with ease can soften the distance between citizen and state within seconds.

Kashmir has spent decades living through political upheaval, violence, and deep public anxiety. Police personnel have worked under conditions that demanded extraordinary endurance and personal sacrifice. Hundreds lost their lives tackling turmoil. Thousands spent years operating under relentless pressure, balancing security duties with ordinary law enforcement in an environment charged with fear, grief, and suspicion.

That reality forms an essential part of this conversation.

Another truth sits beside it. A police force gains lasting strength through public confidence rather than force alone. Trust creates cooperation, stability, and legitimacy that survive long after a crisis passes.

Kashmir still struggles with that relationship.

Many residents enter police stations with visible discomfort. A summons often brings them there before trust does. The architecture of law enforcement in India frequently reinforces that emotional distance.

Tall gates, guarded entrances, rigid hierarchies, and harsh administrative culture can leave ordinary citizens feeling small inside institutions that exist to serve them.

Kashmir's political history gives those experiences greater emotional depth. People remember interactions with institutions for years here.

Tone matters, so do conduct and access.

Community policing enters this discussion as something far more serious than a public-relations punchline.

Policymakers frequently present it through ceremonial language and symbolic outreach programs. Real community policing functions as a hard-headed strategy rooted in practical policing realities. Officers solve crimes more effectively when neighbourhoods trust them enough to speak honestly.

That principle holds particular significance in Kashmir's worsening drug crisis.

**“ Women benefit enormously when police stations appear approachable. Elderly citizens feel greater comfort while filing complaints. Young people begin viewing law enforcement as part of civic life rather than as a distant structure associated mainly with fear or punishment. Ordinary interactions slowly redefine institutional culture.**

Drug abuse has entered homes throughout the valley with frightening speed. Families speak about young sons disappearing into addiction, debts consuming households, and entire neighbourhoods watching helplessly as narcotics networks spread through villages and towns.

Police crackdowns remain essential, though enforcement alone rarely dismantles sophisticated trafficking systems.

Information dismantles them. Reliable intelligence rarely emerges through fear. People share information when they believe they will be treated with fairness, seriousness, and respect.

A shopkeeper who trusts local police notices suspicious activity differently. A parent worried about drug peddlers speaks sooner, while a neighbourhood begins cooperating instead of remaining silent.

Nagpure's approach in Anantnag appears to recognize this reality instinctively.

His office projects accessibility rather than distance. Citizens who meet senior officers directly often gain confidence that their grievances will move somewhere meaningful. Lower-ranking personnel also become more conscious of public conduct when people possess visible access to senior leadership.

That type of accountability rarely needs dramatic confrontation. Presence itself changes behaviour.

A larger point deserves attention here because

debates about policing often flatten police personnel into faceless instruments of state power.

Officers in Kashmir work exhausting schedules under enormous stress. Many spend months separated from family life while managing volatile security conditions, public anger, and immense professional expectations. Cynicism can easily take root in such circumstances.

Public cooperation changes that environment substantially.

Police personnel who feel respected by communities usually perform their duties with greater patience and better judgment. Citizens who understand the pressures surrounding policing also approach institutions differently.

Mutual understanding creates healthier conditions for everyone involved.

Women benefit enormously when police stations appear approachable. Elderly citizens feel greater comfort while filing complaints. Young people begin viewing law enforcement as part of civic life rather than as a distant structure associated mainly with fear or punishment. Ordinary interactions slowly redefine institutional culture.

Democracy grows stronger through those daily experiences rather than through speeches.

Security realities in Kashmir remain serious. Threat perceptions continue shaping policing strategy in the region. Strong counterterrorism operations will remain necessary for the foreseeable future.

Experienced security officials and conflict scholars, however, have long argued that durable peace depends heavily on public trust in governance.

People support institutions that treat them fairly and consistently during ordinary moments rather than only during emergencies.

Police officers stand at the center of that relationship because they represent the state more directly than almost any other institution.

A resident might never meet a cabinet minister or senior bureaucrat. A resident will eventually meet the police.

That interaction often becomes the public's most immediate understanding of governance itself.

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Tajamul Farooqi

**“ The repeated invocation of “appropriate time” increasingly resembles a strategy of indefinite postponement rather than governance. People need clarity, and they need institutions that hear their voices. They also need political engagement that goes beyond slogans and stunts.**

The phrase “appropriate time” has become the most exhausted expression in the political vocabulary surrounding Jammu and Kashmir.

Ask about statehood, democratic rights, political representation, or any meaningful return to normalcy, and the answer comes like clockwork: decisions will come at the appropriate time.

The words sound polished, but they mean emptiness.

People in Jammu and Kashmir have heard this promise too many times. They have waited through years of suspended governance, watched timelines dissolve, and seen promises pile up like unpaid debts. The phrase has stopped sounding like reassurance.

It now signals something else entirely: a holding pattern designed to keep power concentrated elsewhere while the people of the region remain spectators in their own political future.

The question on the ground has sharpened into something direct and uncomfortable: appropriate for whom?

Does this timeline serve the aspirations of Kashmiris, or does it serve the political calculations of those issuing statements from distant offices?

The distinction matters, as a population that has lived through decades of discord understands the difference between genuine democratic outreach and

## The Time Is Now

Kashmiris have waited through years of shifting timelines and suspended promises. What many now demand is not rhetoric, but certainty.

carefully managed political theatre.

They have seen both, and know which one this is.

Many Kashmiris view these exercises with deep scepticism, seeing them as tools for image management rather than honest attempts to address political grievances.

Behind the slogans and the photo opportunities, the difficult questions about representation and self-governance remain unanswered.

This failure of democratic engagement rests partly with Delhi. The political leadership inside Jammu and Kashmir bears its own share of responsibility.

Internal rivalries, personal ambitions, and the absence of a unified democratic voice have weakened the region's ability to push back collectively. A fractured opposition has allowed confusion to deepen and public trust to erode.

When local leaders spend more energy attacking one another than articulating a shared vision, the vacuum gets filled by those who prefer silence to accountability.

The repeated invocation of “appropriate time” increasingly resembles a strategy of indefinite postponement rather than governance. People need clarity, and they need institutions that hear their voices. They also need political engagement that goes beyond slogans and stunts.

What they receive instead are vague assurances, and the same tired phrase recycled through press releases and official statements.

Sincere engagement would mean fixed timelines, transparent processes, and leadership that places public trust above political calculation. It would mean acknowledging that the people of

Jammu and Kashmir have waited long enough. It would mean recognising that democratic certainty cannot remain a distant promise forever.

The appropriate time for accountability, representation, and political clarity is some abstract future convenience to be scheduled at Delhi's discretion. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have endured generations of polemics and political manipulation. They have watched their institutions hollowed out and their voices marginalised. They have seen their region treated as a problem to be managed rather than a population to be heard.

Through all of this, they have held onto something remarkable: a continued belief in the possibility of justice, a refusal to let hope become collateral damage.

That spirit calls for a political class willing to meet the moment with honesty rather than evasion.

The clock has stopped in Kashmir. The people know it. The only ones still pretending otherwise are the ones holding the hands in place.

The time is now.

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# The Eid Question Kashmir Must Confront

The way meat is distributed during Eid exposes deeper truths about class, faith and compassion in Kashmiri society.



Mohammad Ilyas Bhat

Still picture him clearly in our Srinagar neighbourhood.

Every year before Eid, this man raised a pure Australian breed lamb with immense care. He fed it barfi, corn and special mixes. He applied henna to make the animal shine. He recorded proud videos of the creature he would sacrifice on the day itself.

The display felt complete, almost theatrical.

One day a friend put a direct question to him: "You perform Qurbani every year, so why do you skip the prayers that form a basic duty?"

The man answered with striking pride: "If my cap ever falls into the mosque courtyard, I pull it back with a stick, yet I never step inside myself."

His response stays with me because it captures something widespread around us. People pour energy into visible rituals and social signals while the inner core of faith stays distant.

Bakr Eid, or Eid ul Zuha, returns each year as a call to faith, moral courage, generosity and responsibility. The Quran makes the point plain: meat and blood do not reach Allah, but piety does.

Sincerity, righteousness and devotion give the act weight. Without humility, compassion and obedience, the sacrifice turns into public performance.

Religion runs deeper than decorating an animal or showing off wealth. The heart of faith lives in sincere prayer, strong character and full submission to Almighty Allah. External gestures may impress neighbours, but only inner change transforms a person.

The spirit of Eid al-Adha reaches beyond ritual slaughter and meat shared among families who already have plenty. Its real purpose centres on sacrifice, gratitude and attention to those who go without meat most



of the year.

True sacrifice means surrendering ego, desires, greed and attachment. It reminds believers that everything belongs to Allah. Wealth, land, animals and life itself come as trusts.

We act as caretakers, never absolute owners.

Problems surface when large amounts of meat cycle repeatedly among relatives who have already performed their own sacrifices. Freezers fill beyond need, some meat spoils, and poorer families receive small symbolic shares even though the distribution holds deepest meaning for them.

Islamic guidance divides the meat into portions for family, relatives and the poor so underprivileged homes gain proper nourishment and respect. Wisdom lies in reading the society around us.

In areas marked by poverty, focus shifts naturally toward widows, daily labourers, orphaned children and families who taste meat rarely.

A more meaningful path appears clearly in our times.

Direct larger shares to poor households, distribute fresh meat



**EID UL ZUHA CALLS US TO EXAMINE PRIORITIES.** We rear animals with care, and perform

the sacrifice with proper procedure. But beyond that we ask what changes inside us and around us. Does a neighbour sleep better because of our choice? Does a child gain strength from the protein? Does our community grow more compassionate through the distribution? These questions move the debate from display to substance. They turn annual ritual into living practice.

fast instead of storing excess, organise community efforts in villages and mohallas, and set aside social formalities that turn meat exchange

into empty custom.

These steps let a person achieve far more. The act moves past the animal and cuts into arrogance,

selfishness, hatred, greed, dishonesty and cruelty.

Without moral growth, ritual loses its power.

In today's world, the spirit of Eid sacrifice expands further. People sacrifice personal comfort for justice.

They help those in need, serve humanity, master selfish impulses, and stand for truth when pressure mounts.

Feeding a hungry home fulfils the essence more fully than adding another loaded freezer in a comfortable kitchen.

Kashmir knows hardship in its bones. Families here carry memories of conflict, economic strain and daily uncertainty. In such soil, the message of sacrifice lands with extra force.

We see lavish processions and decorated animals on one side. On the other side stand homes where meat remains a rare luxury. The gap challenges comfortable believers.

Do we honour the prophet Ibrahim's example through outward show, or through choices that ease real suffering?

I walk our streets during Eid and notice the patterns. Some com-

pounds buzz with activity as meat moves between well-off relatives. A few lanes away, hushed homes wait for any portion at all.

The contrast sharpens the original lesson. Piety reaches Allah through care shown to creation. Generosity proves hollow when it stays inside closed circles.

Community leaders and local mosques could guide this shift. They might map needy households before Eid. They could coordinate collection points so meat reaches distant villages quickly.

Families might decide together to limit exchanges among themselves and redirect resources outward. Small changes compound.

One household gives an extra share, another skips the imported breed for a local animal and donates the difference. A third organises delivery to labour colonies.

Together these acts rebuild the social fabric that faith intends.

The man with the Australian lamb voiced a separation many feel but few admit. Ritual feels controllable, while deep obedience feels costly.

But the Quran ties sacrifice directly to inner state. Allah looks at the heart behind the blade.

We face this truth against a backdrop of resilience and loss in Kashmir. Our festivals gain beauty when they bind us to one another, especially across lines of comfort and want.

Eid ul Zuha therefore calls us to examine priorities. We rear animals with care, and perform the sacrifice with proper procedure. But beyond that we ask what changes inside us and around us.

Does a neighbour sleep better because of our choice? Does a child gain strength from the protein? Does our community grow more compassionate through the distribution?

These questions move the debate from display to substance. They turn annual ritual into living practice.

In our Srinagar lanes and across the valley, the deeper sacrifice waits for those willing to meet it.

The lamb teaches surrender and the meat tests generosity, but the real test lies in whether we answer with open hands and transformed hearts.

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## A Marriage of Memory

Inside a migrant camp wedding, centuries-old Kashmiri traditions echoed with longing for reunion and return.



Syed Majid Gilani

January 2024 arrived with its usual winter chill, but in my inbox, a wedding invitation glowed with colour.

It came from Ravi, my young colleague, along with a call. His voice was warm, insisting that Mushtaq Ahmed and I attend. Neither of us had ever witnessed a Kashmiri Pandit wedding.

The invitation was an entry into a living tradition, one that had survived decades of absence.

We left Srinagar before sunrise, boarding the train that ran only as far as Banihal. Outside, the valley stretched in serenity. Apple orchards, paddy fields, and the slow curves of rivers painted the landscape.

In Banihal, we stepped down among other passengers and crossed to the bus stand. The place hummed with the rhythm of travel. Buses honked, vendors called, and people steered suitcases and parcels.

We found a cab, a Tavera, and began the highway stretch to Jammu.

Nagrota appeared with the routine bustle of the highway, and Rajiv, Ravi's cousin, greeted us with a smile. Every detail of our reception had been arranged by Ravi.

From there, the journey led to the TRT Migrant Camp, a space that carries decades of exile in its walls.

Standing among the rows of temporary homes, I was transported back to ninth grade, when Kashmiri Pandits left the valley almost overnight.

Houses were locked, orchards abandoned, and cattle untended. Families carried what they could: a few belongings, documents, and hope.

Here, at the camp, history and celebration collided. Sorrow lingered beneath the welcome, but resilience and warmth were immediate.

Ravi's parents received us in the Janj Ghar. Noon chai arrived, salty and steaming, accompanied by small snacks. The flavor carried memory of home, ritual, and shared heritage. A sense of belonging grew in the warmth of their smiles, and the familiarity of gestures that spoke louder than words.

The wedding rituals mirrored those in the valley. Wanwun, gyawun, the soft cadence of prayers and songs, and the saffron-tinted kehwa created continuity across time and displacement.

Small differences existed, but they were subtle. The threads of shared culture remained unbroken.

The main ceremony moved to Eden



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Farm, a large hall buzzing with preparation. Ravi guided us to the kitchen, where cooks from Kishtwar arranged the feast.

The air filled with aroma: nader yakhyn, chuk wangan, chaman tamatar, dum aloo, and haakh. Stalls offered aloo paratha, papads, champ, gol gappa, sweets like gulab jamun and layered pastries.

Each scent and sight became part of the celebration, as essential as the rituals themselves.

The matamaal ceremony followed in the afternoon. Maternal relatives were welcomed with reverence, the hall alive with Kashmiri gawun singers and a full orchestra from Srinagar.

Their voices, rising and falling, carried language, memory, and a collective identity.

I watched guests, children, elders, and felt that culture is more than ceremonies. It is persistence, carried forward through song, food, and gesture.

When the wedding ended, as Mushtaq and I prepared to leave, the camp seemed to speak.

On the road back to Srinagar, I thought of the valley and its missing Pandit community. Homes, orchards, streets, even rivers seemed to hold their memory. When they come back, it won't just be a homecoming. It will be the valley becoming whole again.

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## Army's Northern Command Chief Reviews LoC Security Situation In Rajouri

### Agencies

Jammu: General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C) of the Indian Army's Northern Command, Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, on Wednesday reviewed the prevailing security situation and operational preparedness of troops along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, an official said.

The Udhampur-headquartered Northern Command said in a post on X: "Gen Pratik Sharma, #ArmyCdrNC, reviewed the prevailing security situation and operational preparedness of the forward areas of #Sunderbani Sector along the #LoC.



"He interacted with the troops, including personnel from the BSF, commending them for their battle-hardened resilience, indomitable courage and unwavering commitment to duty. He encouraged all for rapid absorption of emerging technologies with an aim to upskill and always remain combat ready."

Jammu and Kashmir has a 740-km-long LoC located in Rajouri, Poonch and parts of Jammu district in the Jammu division, and in Baramulla, Bandipora and Kupwara districts of the Kashmir Valley.

The Army is deployed along the LoC, while the 240-km-long International Border is located in Samba, Kathua and Jammu districts.

## School Renamed in Memory of Ponywallah Killed Saving Tourists in Pahalgam Attack

### Press Trust Of India

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday re-named a high school here in the memory of pony ride operator Adil Hussain Shah, who lost his life while protecting tourists during the Pahalgam terror attack last year.

Shah was a ponywallah who, along with 25 tourists, was killed in the attack by a group of terrorists in the Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam tourist resort in the south Kashmir district here on April 22, 2025.

The renaming ceremony of the Government High School Hapatnar to Shaheed Adil Memorial High School Hapatnar was presided over by Education Minister Sakeena



Itoo, along with Shah's family, who attended the occasion.

Itoo said the renaming of the educational institute was a tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of Shah, who laid down his life while saving several tourists.

"When Chief Minister Omar Abdullah visited the family to express condolences, he had announced that the high school would be named after Adil (Shah) as a tribute to his

sacrifice," she told reporters. The minister said Shah's sacrifice proved how hospitable the people of Kashmir are.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially the Kashmir Valley, are eyed with suspicion. However, his sacrifice proved how sensitive the people of Kashmir are about their hospitality. No one can forget his role in saving tourists, and this is a small attempt to keep his name alive," Itoo said.

## Dowry Death: Bhopal Court Rejects Plea for 2nd Autopsy of Twisha Sharma

### Press Trust Of India

Bhopal: A local court on Wednesday rejected the plea for a second autopsy of Noida woman Twisha Sharma, who was found hanging at her marital home here following alleged harassment for dowry, but directed the police to check if the facility to preserve her body for a longer period was available in Madhya Pradesh.

Twisha's parents had moved the court seeking a second post-mortem examination of their daughter, who died on May 12, at AIIMS Delhi, alleging lapses in the investigation by police and expressing apprehension that a person related to her in-laws could have influenced the procedure conducted in Bhopal.

In her order, Judicial Magistrate First Class Anudita Gupta said the conscience of the court must be satisfied that there is a need for a second post-mortem for the purpose of arriving at the truth. "Minor infirmary of procedure will not impel the court to order re-post-mortem," she said.

The investigation and the process of collecting evidence was ongoing, the court noted, adding that the first post-mortem examination was conducted at "a prestigious medical institution AIIMS Bhopal".

"There is nothing on record which indicates any collusive or suspicious relationship of

accused persons & the medical team of AIIMS Bhopal who conducted the post-mortem. Videography of first post-mortem was done. Case is not triable by this court," the magistrate said.

The court also said that it can not order a post-mortem examination outside its jurisdiction.

"The applicant is praying for a second post-mortem at AIIMS Delhi through the station House officer (SHO) Katara Hills, Bhopal which is prima facie appears to be outside the jurisdiction of this court," the judge said.

The body is currently kept in the mortuary at AIIMS Bhopal at -4 °C, but it needs to be kept at -80 °C for longer preservation and "there is no facility available anywhere in Bhopal for low-temperature preservation", the court noted.

"Therefore...a letter be issued to the Station House Officer (SHO), Police Station Katara Hills, directing them to immediately obtain written information from medical institutions as to whether low-temperature preservation facility is available in other higher medical institutions of Madhya Pradesh and medical institutions of other metropolitan cities of Madhya Pradesh and to submit a written report to this Court without any delay," the judge said.

She also ordered that the case diary be returned to police.

Earlier in the day, police urged

the woman's family to take custody of her body as it could begin decomposing.

On Tuesday, the court had called for the case diary before deciding on her parents' application for a second post-mortem examination.

In their plea, Twisha's family claimed there were flaws in the investigation and pointed out, among other things, that the FIR was registered three days after she was found dead.

The investigators did not provide the "ligature" (the belt allegedly used in the hanging) when the first post-mortem examination was conducted at a hospital here, the plea said.

According to their lawyer Ankur Pandey, the parents apprehended that as Twisha's mother-in-law, retired additional district judge Giribala Singh's sister is a Bhopal-based surgeon, she could influence the second autopsy if it was conducted at a city hospital.

Twisha Sharma was found dead on the night of May 12 at her marital home in Bhopal's Katara Hills area. Police registered an FIR, charging her husband, advocate Samarth Singh, and her mother-in-law Giribala Singh, with dowry death and harassment.

Police have announced a cash reward of Rs 10,000 for information leading to the arrest of the husband, who has been absconding.

## Musk Sued OpenAI & Lost, But Core Question Remains Unanswered

### Agencies

Auckland- On Monday, a nine-member federal jury in Oakland, California took less than two hours to dismiss Elon Musk's lawsuit against OpenAI and its chief executive Sam Altman.

Crucially, the jury did not rule on the core claims of the case. These included whether OpenAI, the company behind the popular artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot ChatGPT, strayed from its founding mission and whether Altman and OpenAI's co-founder Greg Brockman enriched themselves at the expense of a charitable purpose.

It decided only that Musk had waited too long to sue in relation to his core claims about breaches of a founding contract or breach of charitable trust.

A victory for Musk could have neutered OpenAI, which in turn would have probably sent shockwaves through the entire AI sector given the company's dominant position developing the technology.

Now, however, OpenAI has a clear path to take its next big step in the AI race, even though the key question at the core of the case remains unanswered: is OpenAI a nonprofit dedicated to humanity or a corporation dedicated to its shareholders?

How it all started OpenAI was founded in

December 2015 as a nonprofit entity - an AI research lab.

Musk and a group of prominent entrepreneurs pledged USD 1 billion to develop AI for the benefit of humanity, free of commercial pressure. Alongside Musk, the founding group included Altman, Brockman and computer scientist Ilya Sutskever.

The organisation's charter committed to two key principles. First, developing artificial general intelligence safely and for the benefit of all of humanity.

Second, developing the technology openly, meaning it would be open source. This would allow others to use their underlying models, code, and research freely.

This was the deal Musk says he signed up for. And OpenAI claims it continues to honour this deal even today, despite more than USD 20 billion in revenue in 2025.

Since 2015, a lot has happened. And understanding these events is key to interpreting the jury's verdict.

A very different deal By 2019, the original deal looked different. Given that training frontier AI models was extraordinarily expensive, Altman started to seek more cash.

OpenAI created a capped-profit subsidiary where investors could earn up to 100 times

their initial investment, with any extra money flowing back to the nonprofit parent.

One of the first investors was Microsoft, which initially invested USD 1 billion and more than USD 13 billion over time. The nonprofit retained formal governance, the usual nonprofit rules applied, but the commercial subsidiary became the decision-maker.

That same year, OpenAI released GPT-2. The model was released partially, in stages, rather than published as open source. This was the moment the "open" in OpenAI began to read differently.

GPT-3 followed in 2020, and it was available only via a paid subscription. The inner workings of the model also remained secret. ChatGPT launched in November 2022, and reached 100 million users in a few days.

Twelve months later, OpenAI's nonprofit board fired Sam Altman, citing a loss of confidence in his candour. This was what the governance structure was meant for: to protect the organisation's humanity-first mission, the board had the power to remove the chief executive.

Yet, within five days, after pressure from Microsoft and the employees, Altman was back and the board was out. A new board that aligned with the commercially-driven enterprise took their seats.

The mechanism built to keep OpenAI accountable to its charter was the one that lost. Whatever the "humanity claim" of the founding mission was supposed to mean, commercial interests prevailed.

A sweeping reorganisation In October 2025, after nearly a year of negotiation with the attorneys general of California (where OpenAI is headquartered) and Delaware (where it is incorporated), the organisation completed a sweeping reorganisation.

The nonprofit became the OpenAI Foundation, with the same mission: "to ensure artificial general intelligence benefits all of humanity". The for-profit became a public benefit corporation, called OpenAI Group PBC. Unlike a conventional corporation, it is required to advance its stated mission and consider the broader interests of all stakeholders.

The OpenAI Foundation holds a 26 per cent stake in the new public benefit corporation and retains some contractual and special shareholder governance rights. Microsoft owns 27 per cent and the remaining 47 per cent is owned by other investors and employees.

Thus the Foundation controls the public benefit corporation in form. Yet in practice, OpenAI is now a profit-seeking enterprise with a charitable shareholder.

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### J&K HC Orders

physical training programmes, with all workshops, orientations and academic activities to be organised through virtual mode only.

Additionally, officers of the Registry have been advised to pool official transport facilities wherever feasible in order to minimize fuel consumption and ensure optimal utilisation of government resources.

### Cuts Physical

Saturdays, amid the prevailing situation. According to an official order issued by the university administration, online teaching and Work From Home (WFH) for both teaching and non-teaching staff will come into effect from May 22, 2026.

The decision was taken following recommendations made during a Dean's Committee meeting held on May 13 under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor.

As part of the measures, the university said all practical components and laboratory classes scheduled on Fridays would be shifted to Thursday afternoons to ensure continuity of academic activities without disruption.

The administration further directed that PhD viva examinations and workshops shall also be conducted through online mode wherever feasible.

However, the order stated that offline mode may be permitted in unavoidable circumstances subject to approval from the competent authority.

The university has termed the measures part of its austerity initiative aimed at reducing physical operations and ensuring efficient use of resources.

### Over 3.39 Lakh

death, shifting, duplication and other admissible reasons. Besides, corrections were carried out in the particulars of 17,664 voters and 31,590 voters were transposed during the exercise.

With the latest revision, the total number of electors in Jammu and Kashmir has reached 72,24,131, including 36,62,502 male voters, 35,61,488 female voters and 141 third gender voters.

The Commission said this reflected a net increase of 2,26,040 voters compared to the previous revision concluded in January 2025, when the rolls contained 69,98,091 electors.

A total of 5,10,285 forms were received

during the revision period and processed by Panchayat Election Booth Officials, Assistant Electoral Registration Officers and Electoral Registration Officers in accordance with prescribed procedures and timelines.

To enhance voter awareness and participation, the SEC carried out extensive SVEEP campaigns through print and electronic media, including radio jingles, newspaper advertisements and voter appeals by State Election Commissioner Shantmanu.

District administrations also used hoardings, mobile awareness vans and other outreach measures to ensure maximum enrolment of eligible voters.

The State Election Commissioner appreciated the efforts of District Panchayat Election Officers, Electoral Registration Officers, Assistant Electoral Registration Officers, Panchayat Election Booth Officials, officials of the State Election Commission, the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, and representatives of political parties for the successful completion of the exercise.

He also thanked the public for their participation and particularly lauded the enthusiastic response from youth, whose enrolment significantly contributed to the addition of over 3.39 lakh new voters to the Panchayat Electoral Roll 2026.

### Drug Networks

registered FIR No. 76/2026 under relevant sections of law at Police Station Dooru.

In Baramulla, police teams along with officials from the Excise and Agriculture departments conducted operations in Tangmarg and Kunzer areas, where illegal poppy cultivation spread across agricultural land was identified and destroyed on the spot. Cases under the NDPS Act were registered and investigations initiated.

In Uri, police arrested one Faisal Ahmed Khan after recovering charas-like sticks wrapped in corn husk from his possession during naka checking at Zero Morh Daragutlian.

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, Anantnag Police also installed a GPS-enabled tracking anklet on an accused released on bail in an NDPS case to monitor his movements and ensure compliance with court directions.

In Handwara, police destroyed illicit poppy cultivation in Mangwalpora Kralgund and registered FIR No. 31/2026 under Section 8/18 of the NDPS Act against an accused identified as Reyaz Ahmad Wani.

Police also secured cancellation of 14 driving licences and two vehicle registration certificates of persons allegedly involved in NDPS cases as part of the crackdown on narcotics networks in Handwara.

Officials said police carried out anti-drug awareness programmes, public rallies, naka checking and community outreach campaigns in Handwara and Awantipora, urging people to cooperate in efforts to eradicate drug abuse and trafficking from society.

Meanwhile, police arrested five alleged drug peddlers in Anantnag, Baramulla and Ganderbal and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Anantnag, police arrested a wanted heroin supplier identified as Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar alias Christian during naka checking at Chechripora bypass crossing in Dialgam. Officials said heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession.

In Ganderbal, three persons travelling in a Scorpio vehicle were arrested after police recovered heroin-like substance during naka checking at Dumkadal Chowk. The accused were identified as Jahangir Ahmad Jan alias Jana, Junaid Zahoor Bhat and Jahangir Ahmad Bhat. The vehicle used in the alleged crime was also seized.

Police said cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective police stations and further investigation was underway.

In another major action, Srinagar Police demolished an alleged illegal two-storey structure built on state land at Haka Bazar in Lal Bazar area, which officials said was linked to a wanted drug peddler involved in multiple NDPS cases.

The property, spread over around nine marlas and estimated to be worth Rs 1.5 crore, was allegedly linked to Arshid Ahmed Sheikh. The demolition was carried out in the presence of an Executive Magistrate and officials of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

In Pulwama, police also attached a vehicle allegedly used in narcotics trafficking in connection with an NDPS case registered at Pulwama Police Station.

### Why Kashmir's

in parts of the SME segment involving inflated revenues, diversion of issue proceeds and manipulative trading practices resembling pump-and-dump schemes. SEBI subsequently tightened oversight of disclosures, related-party transactions and fund utilization.

That environment presents a difficult transition for many regional firms.

A Mumbai-based investment banker who advises mid-sized Indian companies said promoter-led businesses often struggle while adapting to institutional systems.

"Family-managed companies frequently depend on informal decision-making," he said. "Public investors expect audited processes, independent oversight and transparent reporting quarter after quarter."

Smaller companies generally pursue listing through SME platforms such as NSE Emerge. Published eligibility conditions include incorporation under the Companies Act, a three-year operating track record, positive net worth and operating profit of at least Rs. 1 crore during any two of the previous three financial years. Companies also need positive free cash flow to equity during at least two of those years, while post-issue paid-up capital must remain within prescribed limits.

Financial advisers in Kashmir say several sectors possess stronger listing potential if firms maintain proper governance and accounting standards. Food processing companies, healthcare providers, logistics operators, retail businesses, agribusiness ventures and technology-enabled service firms increasingly maintain structured financial systems suitable for institutional funding.

A food-processing entrepreneur in Pulwama recently spent months preparing internal records while exploring SME listing possibilities with auditors and legal consultants. Contracts underwent review, tax filings received closer examination, and inventory systems shifted toward standardized reporting.

"The business starts functioning differently once public capital becomes a possibility," he said. "Documentation enters daily operations."

Companies raise public money by issuing shares through an IPO or SME public issue. Investors purchase ownership stakes in exchange for capital, giving businesses access to expansion funds without fixed-interest repayment obligations attached to bank loans. Companies can then use proceeds for machinery, technology upgrades, working capital, marketing campaigns, new branches or expansion projects disclosed in issue documents.

SME rules also place restrictions on misuse of proceeds, including repayment of loans linked to promoters, promoter-group entities or related parties.

The listing process unfolds through several

structured stages. Businesses first formalize corporate records under the Companies Act and organize audits, tax records, legal filings and internal controls. Merchant bankers, legal advisers and auditors then prepare detailed offer documents explaining financial statements, promoter background, business risks and intended use of funds. Exchanges review those filings before approving the public issue and subsequent trading.

Before approaching investors, companies effectively pass three broad examinations.

The business itself must demonstrate credible operations, visible market demand and a sustainable model. Financial eligibility requires audited statements, positive net worth, profitability and positive free cash flow conditions under SME norms. Governance standards examine promoter credibility, tax compliance, legal discipline and transparency.

Promoters gain several advantages through listing. Public capital supports expansion without fixed interest burdens. Listed status often improves visibility, credibility and institutional image while creating future fundraising opportunities.

Public markets also bring permanent scrutiny.

Quarterly disclosures expose financial performance and business decisions to shareholders, analysts and regulators. Compliance expenses continue long after listing, ownership dilution reduces promoter control, and weak governance can trigger regulatory action and reputational damage.

Retail investors face risks as well, as SME counters often witness sharp price fluctuations and thinner liquidity than larger listed companies. Promotional hype and speculative activity can disconnect valuations from business fundamentals.

Financial planners in Srinagar nevertheless believe wider equity participation could gradually diversify investment patterns in Kashmir, where land, gold and bank deposits dominate household savings.

Kashmir's absence from India's listed-company landscape therefore reflects more than a shortage of entrepreneurship.

The valley possesses established businesses, ambitious promoters and commercially successful brands. But public markets demand another layer entirely, built through audited discipline, transparent governance and institutional credibility strong enough to withstand the glare of public investors.

# Heatwave Scorches Jammu as MeT Predicts Thunderstorms, Hail

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Heatwave continued to sweep parts of Jammu division on Wednesday as the Meteorological Department forecast thunderstorms, gusty winds and hailstorms across Jammu and Kashmir over the next two days.

According to the Meteorological Centre Srinagar, scattered to many places in both Kashmir and Jammu divisions are likely to witness light rain, thunderstorms and gusty winds during the afternoon and evening hours on May 21.

The weather office also issued an advisory warning of thunder, lightning, hailstorm and gusty winds with speeds of 40-50 kmph, gusting to over 60 kmph, at a few places during the period.

Officials informed KNO



that generally dry weather is expected between May 22 and 25, although isolated scattered areas may receive brief afternoon showers. The weather is likely to remain hot and dry from May 26 to 28.

Jammu recorded a maximum temperature of 42 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, nearly four degrees above normal, while Kathua emerged as the hottest

30.2 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara recorded 28.3 degrees Celsius.

Pahalgam, one of the Valley's tourist destinations, recorded a maximum temperature of 22.4 degrees Celsius and Gulmarg settled at 21.6 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar was recorded at 17.8 degrees Celsius, over six degrees above normal, indicating warmer-than-usual nights across the Valley.

The MeT office advised people, particularly in vulnerable areas, to remain cautious during thunderstorms and avoid open spaces during lightning activity.

Authorities also warned of possible disruption in outdoor activities due to gusty winds and isolated hailstorms in some districts.

# KVK Srinagar Strengthens "Yellow Revolution"

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Srinagar has undertaken a major initiative of Cluster Frontline Demonstrations (CFLDs) for the promotion and popularization of oilseeds under the umbrella of Krishonnati Yojana, particularly through the National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO) and the National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Oilseeds, aimed at strengthening the "Yellow Revolution" in the country.

A series of Field Day programmes were organized during the month of April-May 2026 to evaluate the performance, crop growth, and yield potential of the

newly introduced Brown Sarson variety, Shalimar Sarson-2, demonstrated on farmers' fields during Rabi 2025-26. The programmes, spearheaded by Prof. & Head Dr. S.A. Simnani, conducted across various villages of district Srinagar including Theed, Harwan, Khonnoh, Balhama, Tailbal, Chaterhama, and Ranbirgarh, ensuring wider outreach and effective dissemination of improved oilseed production technologies among the farming community. The awareness resulted in a nearly 30 percent increase in yield over the previous year, with productivity rising from 7-8 quintals to 10-12 quintals per hectare. Furthermore,

the oil recovery after mechanical extraction ranged between 32 and 38 percent of the seed weight, indicating enhanced oil quality and improved economic returns for the farmers.

The events witnessed enthusiastic participation of farmers, who were sensitized about scientific oilseed cultivation practices, improved high-yielding varieties, integrated nutrient management, and effective pest and disease management strategies demonstrated at the field level.

Experts from the Kendra including Dr. I.A. Mir, Dr. Haseeb Ur Rehman, and Dr. Owais Bashir emphasized the importance of balanced fertilization and sci-

entific crop management to enhance both productivity and oil quality. Special focus was laid on the use of soil amendments and critical nutrients such as gypsum, for improving oil content, seed quality, and overall crop performance.

The initiative forms part of the broader national objective of promoting self-reliance in edible oil production and reducing dependence on costly imports. Continuing this vision, KVK Srinagar is making sustained efforts to popularize improved oilseed technologies and motivate farmers towards diversification and adoption of oilseed-based farming systems.

# Institutions Must Lead Anti-Drug Fight: Ram Niwas Sharma



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Commissioner Secretary, Higher Education Department, J&K UT, Shri Ram Niwas Sharma (IAS) on Wednesday inaugurated a plantation drive under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBAA) at Cluster University Srinagar.

Shri Ram Niwas planted tree saplings along with Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Mobin, marking the symbolic beginning of the drive aimed at promoting environmental consciousness alongside social awareness against substance abuse.

Among other officials, Shri Ram Niwas Sharma was accompanied by Dr. Subash Chander, Special Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary emphasized the crucial role of educational institutions in the fight against drug abuse.

He said the plantation drive symbolises growth, resilience, and the collective commitment towards creating a safe, healthy, and sustainable environment for students and society at large. He urged universities and colleges across Jammu and Kashmir to remain actively engaged in the larger campaign of building a drug-free society.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Mobin reiterated the university's commitment towards sustained awareness and institutional engagement under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan.

# No Genuine Houses Touched' in Jammu 'Anti-Encroachment' Drives: BJP's Ashok Koul

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) general secretary Ashok Koul on Wednesday said the ongoing anti-encroachment drives in Jammu are being carried out strictly against illegal occupations of government and forest land, asserting that no genuine residential structures have been touched during the process.

Speaking during a party function in Srinagar, BJP's Ashok Koul, as reported by KNO said the exercise is part of a lawful process aimed at removing unauthorised encroachments from state and forest land.

"No house of genuine residents has been touched. Action is being taken against those who have encroached on government or forest land without permission," he said.

Koul said the drive is not arbitrary but is being conducted

in accordance with legal and judicial directions issued in 2020, which are now being implemented on the ground as part of a structured exercise to retrieve public land.

"The court directions issued in 2020 are being implemented now," he said, adding that such steps are necessary to ensure protection of public resources and prevent further illegal occupation of land meant for public use.

The BJP leader said the ongoing action is focused only on unlawful constructions and encroachments, and reiterated that the interests of genuine residents have been fully safeguarded.

He further said the recent political engagement and joining of new members reflect a visible shift in public sentiment. "We welcome everyone who is joining the Bharatiya Janata Party. This shows that the party is growing in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in Kashmir," he said.

# Eminent Oncologist Dr Asim Rizvi, Dies Following Heart Attack

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Renowned surgical oncologist and robotic cancer surgeon Dr Asim Rizvi, originally from Nabidpora Hawal area of Srinagar, passed away suddenly in Noida following a suspected heart attack, reports said on Wednesday.

His untimely demise sent shockwaves through the medical fraternity and among hundreds of patients and admirers who remembered him not only as a highly accomplished cancer surgeon but also as a compassionate and dedicated doctor.

Dr Rizvi was serving as Principal Director of Surgical Oncology and Robotic Surgery at Yashoda Medicity, where he had earned widespread recognition for handling complex cancer surgeries with precision and care. He was particularly known for his expertise in gastrointestinal, colorectal, liver and pancreatic cancer surgeries, including advanced minimally invasive and robotic procedures.

According to reports, Dr Rizvi suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. However, an official statement regarding the exact cause of death had not been issued till the filing of this report.

A respected name in the field of surgical oncology, Dr Rizvi had received advanced international training in laparoscopic and robotic cancer surgery. He had completed fellowships in Colorectal and Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary OncoSurgery, including specialised training at Yonsei University.

Over the years, he built a reputation for successfully performing complicated cancer surgeries and adopting patient-focused treatment approaches that brought hope to many battling life-threatening illnesses.

Dr. Mohammad Momin Khan of the FAIMA Doctors Association said Dr. Rizvi died in Delhi after suffering a sudden heart attack.

Describing the deceased as a noted and helpful surgical oncologist, Dr. Khan said the news had deeply saddened colleagues and members of the medical fraternity.

"He was very close to me and was a famous and helpful surgical oncologist working with me at Apollo Hospital Delhi," Dr. Khan said while expressing grief over the doctor's demise.

Dr. Khan has appealed to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to intervene and facilitate the return of Dr. Rizvi's mortal remains to Kashmir.

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## DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT I)

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Case No. OA/1385/2025

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

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**JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED  
VS  
M/S BRANDS**

To,  
1) Hilal Ahmed Khan S/o: Mohammad Ibrahim Khan  
R/o: Naqashpora Darbarashah  
Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir-190001

**SUMMONS**

Whereas, OA/1385/2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 08.05.2026

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs 19005825.09/- (application along with copies of documents etc, annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 31.07.2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date : 12.05.2026

**Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue  
summons**

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

## OFFICE OF THE JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR UNION TERRITORIES OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH

Regd. Office: Railway Road, Ambedkar (Panama) Chowk, Jammu 180016  
Phone No.: 0191-2959191, 0191-2470160  
Email: secretary-jercjkl@gov.in  
website: http://jercjkl.nic.in/

No: JERC/ Estt/127/2026/228 Dated: 14-05-2026

### VACANCY CIRCULAR

Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh a statutory body constituted by, Ministry of Power, Government of India invites application from officers under Central Government / State Government / Union Territories / Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies, for appointment on deputation on Foreign Service terms. The details of the post: viz. scale of pay, required qualifications/qualifying service and experience etc is given below:-

S. No.	Post	Level in pay Matrix/Pay scale (as per 7th CPC)	Minimum Educational Qualification	Nature of Experience	Qualifying Service
1.	Secretary	Level-13 (Rs. 1,23,100-2,15,900)	Graduate Degree from a Govt. recognised Institution/University.	Must have experience in Secretariat functioning in the Central Govt./State Govts./ Union Territories. Prior experience & exposure to regulations & infrastructure management will be preferable.	Officers under Central Government / State Government/ Union Territories:- I. Holding analogous posts on regular basis; (OR) II. With 5 years regular service in the scale of Level-12.
2.	Director Engg	Level-13 (Rs. 1,23,100-2,15,900)	Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering or equivalent from a Govt. recognised Institution/ University.	Familiarity with the latest technological development in generation, transmission, distribution, system planning, designing and operation.	Officers under Central Government / State Government/ Union Territories / Public sector undertakings/ autonomous bodies:- I. Holding analogous posts on regular basis; or II. With 5 years regular service in the scale of Level-12.
3.	Director Tariff	Level-13 (Rs. 1,23,100-2,15,900)	MBA (Finance) CA from a Govt. recognised Institution/ University.	Must have experience in: Tariff formulation/ Costs Analysis/ Financial Management.	Officers under Central Government / State Government/ Union Territories / Public sector undertakings/ autonomous bodies:- I. Holding analogous posts on regular basis; or II. With 5 years regular service in the scale of Level-12.
4.	Director Law	Level-12 (Rs. 78,800-2,09,200)	Bachelors Degree in Law from a Govt. recognised Institution/University.	Judicial/Quasi-Judicial legal matters including conducting of hearings, record keeping of proceedings, handling of petitions, pleadings, listing of the case files etc candidate having experience of working in Electricity Regulatory Commission shall have added advantage.	Officers under Central Government / State Government/ Union Territories / Public sector undertakings/ autonomous bodies:- I. Holding analogous posts on regular basis; or II. With 5 years regular service in the scale of Level-11.
5.	Administrative Cum-accounts officer	Level-8 (Rs. 47,600-1,51,100)	Graduate Degree from a Govt. recognised Institution/University.	Must have Accounts related experience in the Central Govt./state Govt./Union Territories. Additional experience in General administration matters and personnel management shall be preferred.	Persons under Central Govt./ State Govt./Union Territories/ Public sector undertakings/ autonomous bodies:- I. Holding analogous posts on regular basis; or II. With 5 years regular service in the scale of Level-7.

**General Terms and Conditions for post are as under:**

- Pay and Allowances and other conditions of service shall be governed by the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh (Recruitment, Control and Service Conditions of Officers and Staff) Regulations, 2024 and as amended from time to time. Copy of the Regulations is available on the JERC website viz. <http://jercjkl.nic.in/>.
- JERC reserves the right not to fill up the above positions, without assigning any reasons, whatsoever.
- JERC reserves the right to cancel/amend the entire/part of this advertisement / recruitment process/condition of recruitment, at any given time, without assigning any reasons, whatsoever.
- The age limit of the candidates will be calculated on the basis of the Matriculation Certificate/Date of Birth Certificate issued by a recognized Authority/ Board/Council. No other document shall be accepted in lieu thereof for the purpose.
- Candidates may also note that for any lapse/shortfall in submission of application due to any reasons, this Commission will not be responsible.
- No TA/DA will be admissible for attending the interview.

**Additional terms and conditions are as under:**

- The appointment on deputation on Foreign Service terms shall be made for a period of five years and further extension beyond this period would be done in consultation with the Central Government.
- The appointment on deputation and willing to get permanently absorbed in the Commission on completion of two years of deputation on the said post may exercise their option for permanent absorption in the Commission on the said post and the Commission may in its discretion take such decision, as it considers appropriate.
- The application routed through proper channel and submitted in prescribed format shall only be accepted.
- The age of the candidates shall not exceed 55 years as on the date of the advertisement of the vacancies.
- The application in prescribed format duly completed, signed, along with requisite documents and addresses to Secretary JERC for UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh Railway Road, Ambedkar (Panama) Chowk, Jammu 180016 Application form for the above posts are available on the website of the commission i.e. <http://jercjkl.nic.in/>.
- The last date for receipt of applications, in the prescribed format is 17-07-2026 (up to 5 PM). Applications received after due date/time or without supporting documents will not be considered. No TA/DA shall be admissible for attending interview/ joining the assignment or its completion.

**ANNEXURE-I**

PROFORMA FOR BIO DATA (for the post of \_\_\_\_\_)

1	POST APPLIED FOR	
	a) Name	
	b) Present Designation & Organization	
	c) Office Address	
	d) Residential Address	
	e) Tele Ph. No. / Mobile No.	
	f) E-mail ID	
2	Date of Birth (in Christian era) *	
3	Date of retirement under Central/ State Government rules	
4	Educational Qualification	Please fill up Format- "A"
5	Whether Educational and other qualifications required for the post are satisfied (if any qualification been treated as equivalent to the one prescribed, in this rule, state the authority for the same)	
6	Details of Experience	
7	Please state clearly whether in the light of entries made by you above, you meet the requirements of the post.	
8	Details of employment, in Chronological order. Enclose a separate sheet, duly authenticated by your signature, if the space below is insufficient	Please fill up Format- "B"
9	Nature of present employment, i.e ad-hoc or temporary or permanent	
	In case the present employment is held on deputation/contract basis, please state:	
10	a) Date of initial appointment	
	b) Period of appointment on deputation/contract	
	c) Name of the parent office /organization which you belong	
12	Additional details about present employment, whether working under:	
	a) Central Government	
	b) State Government	
	c) Autonomous Organization	
	d) Government undertakings	
13	Are you in revised scale of pay? If yes, give the date from which the revision took place and also indicate the pre-revised scale (falling in the Pay level as per 7th CPC)	
	Total emolument being drawn (per month)	
14	a) Basic Pay	
	b) Grade Pay	
	c) DA @%	
	d) HRA	
	e) Transport Allowance	
	f) Any other allowances	
15	Additional information, if any, which you would like to mentioned in support of your suitability for the post. Enclose a separate sheet, if the space is insufficient.	
16	Whether belongs to SC/ST/OBC/any other category (please specify)	
17	Remarks (if any)	

Signature of the candidate  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For the post of \_\_\_\_\_  
S. No. 4: Educational Qualifications:

Degree & Any other Diploma / Course etc.	Name of Institute/ University	Year of Admission	Year of (passing)	Prescribed Duration of Course	Percentage/ Grade	Specialization, if any	Whether done full Time or Distance Learning

Note: please attach certified copy of Degree/Marksheet/Certificate.

Signature of the candidate  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For the post of \_\_\_\_\_  
S. No. 8: Details of employment

Office /institution / organization	Post held	From	To	Scale of pay & basic pay (pay in pay Band & with Grade Pay) in corresponding 7th CPC level in Pay Matrix	Basic Pay	Nature of Duties	Whether on deputation

Secretary,  
JERC J&K and Ladakh

# Iran Warns of 'New Fronts' as Trump Sets New Deadline

Trans Asia News

**TEHRAN/WASHINGTON** – US President Donald Trump's renewed threats of possible military strikes on Iran injected fresh uncertainty into already stalled diplomacy, prompting sharp responses from Tehran and raising concerns over a broader regional escalation as peace efforts remained in limbo. Trump signalled that Washington could launch another military strike against Iran, saying he had not ruled out further action and suggesting any operation could occur within days. "I hope we don't have to go to war, but we may have to give them another big hit. I'm not sure yet," Trump told reporters, adding that strikes could come "maybe Friday, Saturday, Sunday," or next week.

The comments drew swift responses from Iranian leaders, who warned that any renewed attack would trigger wider consequences beyond the Gulf region.

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said Washington should not assume Tehran had exhausted its military capabilities.

"The American-Zionist enemy... must know that despite the offensive carried out against us using the full capabilities of the world's two most expensive armies, we have not deployed the full power of the Islamic Republic," the IRGC said in a statement.

The exchange underscored how fragile diplomatic contacts between Washington and Tehran remain, with both sides publicly discussing negotiations while simultaneously issuing military warnings.

U.S. Vice President JD Vance later sought to balance pressure with diplomacy, saying Washington remained prepared for action but believed Tehran wanted an agreement.

"What I think is that the Iranians want to make a deal," Vance said. "Iranians recognise



that a nuclear weapon is the red line for the United States."

"But we're not going to know until we're actually putting pen to paper," he added, while stressing the United States remained "locked and loaded."

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi also accused Washington of sending mixed signals, saying contradictory US positions had become a major obstacle to diplomacy. Writing on X, Araqchi warned Tehran had

"many more surprises" in store should Washington resume what he described as unprovoked aggression, adding that Iran had drawn important lessons from previous confrontations.

Araqchi also pointed to a re-

cently released Congressional report that he said highlighted the costs of earlier military exchanges. According to Iranian officials, the report acknowledged extensive US material losses during the conflict.

According to the report, the US Air Force lost at least 42 aircraft during the 40-day war, with estimated losses already reaching roughly \$2.6 billion.

American lawmakers warned that the actual financial cost could be significantly higher because it remains unclear whether the Department of War has fully accounted for all combat losses, Araqchi added.

The renewed war rhetoric has also refocused attention on the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a key energy chokepoint through which a significant share of global oil shipments passes. Iranian officials reiterated the waterway's strategic importance, reviving market concerns that any broader confrontation could disrupt global energy sup-

plies and fuel price volatility.

Military officials in Tehran also maintained a hard line. Major General Ali Abdollahi said any future attack by the United States or its allies would be met with overwhelming force, while army spokesman Brigadier General Muhammad Akraminia warned that Iran could open "new fronts" using new tools and methods if hostilities resume.

Meanwhile, regional tensions continued elsewhere. Israeli media reported expanded Hezbollah drone activity in southern Lebanon, while Pakistan's defence minister, Khawaja Muhammad Asif, said a return to large-scale U.S.-Israeli military operations against Iran appeared unlikely given broad international opposition and limited domestic support within the United States.

These additions add geopolitical depth, military context, energy implications and regional spillover without turning the piece into a chronology dump.

## Meloni Thanks Modi for 'Melody' During Italy Visit

Press Trust Of India

**ROME** – Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for gifting her 'Melody' toffees, reviving the light-hearted "Melodi" wordplay associated with the two leaders on social media.

In a social media post, Meloni shared a video in which she could be heard saying, "Prime Minister Modi brought as a gift, a very, very good toffee – Melody."

"Thank you for the gift," the video caption read. Modi, who was also seen in the video uploaded on Wednesday, burst into laughter as Meloni jokingly referred to the "Melody" toffee while showcasing the gift.

The hashtag "Melodi", a blend of Modi and Meloni's



names, was coined by the Italian prime minister during COP28 in Dubai in 2023 and later went viral on social media following the warm interactions between the two leaders at global events.

"Good friends at COP28," Meloni had posted on social media with the hashtag "Melodi", captioning a photograph with the Indian leader.

Modi, who arrived in Rome on Tuesday, is on the

final leg of his five-nation tour to the UAE, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Italy from May 15-20.

He is visiting Italy at the invitation of Meloni to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in areas such as trade, defence, clean energy and technology.

The two leaders have maintained close engagement in recent years, with Meloni also visiting India for the G20 Summit in 2023.

## Delhi's Pappi: 24-Year Run Ends for Fugitive Life Convict

KO Web Desk

**NEW DELHI** – He disappeared without a trace after stepping out on parole. For 24 years, he escaped prison bars, changed his identity, built a new life and quietly blended into society – until his past finally caught up with him.

In a dramatic end to a decades-long manhunt, Delhi Police have arrested Rakesh Patel alias Pappi, a life convict in a murder case who vanished after jumping parole in 2002 and spent nearly a quarter of a century on the run.

But Pappi wasn't just hiding – he had allegedly become someone else.

According to police, Patel had reinvented himself as "Nandlal Verma" and was living in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj, where he had built a seemingly ordinary life. He was running an auto spare parts business, interacting with customers daily and keeping his dark past buried beneath a new identity.

Investigators say the story began in 1990 in Delhi's Jahangirpuri area, where Patel and two associates allegedly stabbed a neighbour to



death. Five years later, in 1995, the trio was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Years into his sentence, Patel was granted parole by the Delhi High Court in 1999 for his marriage. He returned to jail after the parole ended.

But the second chance changed everything.

In 2002, he was again granted parole after the birth of his second child. On June 3 that year, he walked out of prison – and never

returned.

June 24 came and went. Prison authorities waited. Days passed. Weeks passed. Then months turned into years.

Pappi had vanished.

For over two decades, he managed to stay ahead of authorities while reportedly changing locations and carefully maintaining a low profile. But Delhi Police never completely shut the file.

The breakthrough came after investigators launched a fresh op-

eration involving technical surveillance, analysis of old records, mobile tracking and raids across multiple locations in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

Piece by piece, the puzzle came together.

The trail finally led police to Prayagraj.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team moved in and cornered the suspect. But even then, the fugitive allegedly made one last attempt to outsmart investigators.

He insisted his name was "Nandlal Verma".

Police, however, weren't buying the story.

Under sustained questioning, Patel finally broke down and allegedly admitted who he really was – the life convict who had disappeared 24 years ago after jumping parole.

Officials later confirmed that Tihar Jail records showed Patel had indeed been released on parole in June 2002 and never returned.

After living a double life for over two decades, the man who thought he had escaped the system now finds himself back in custody – with his long run finally over.

# MI Securities

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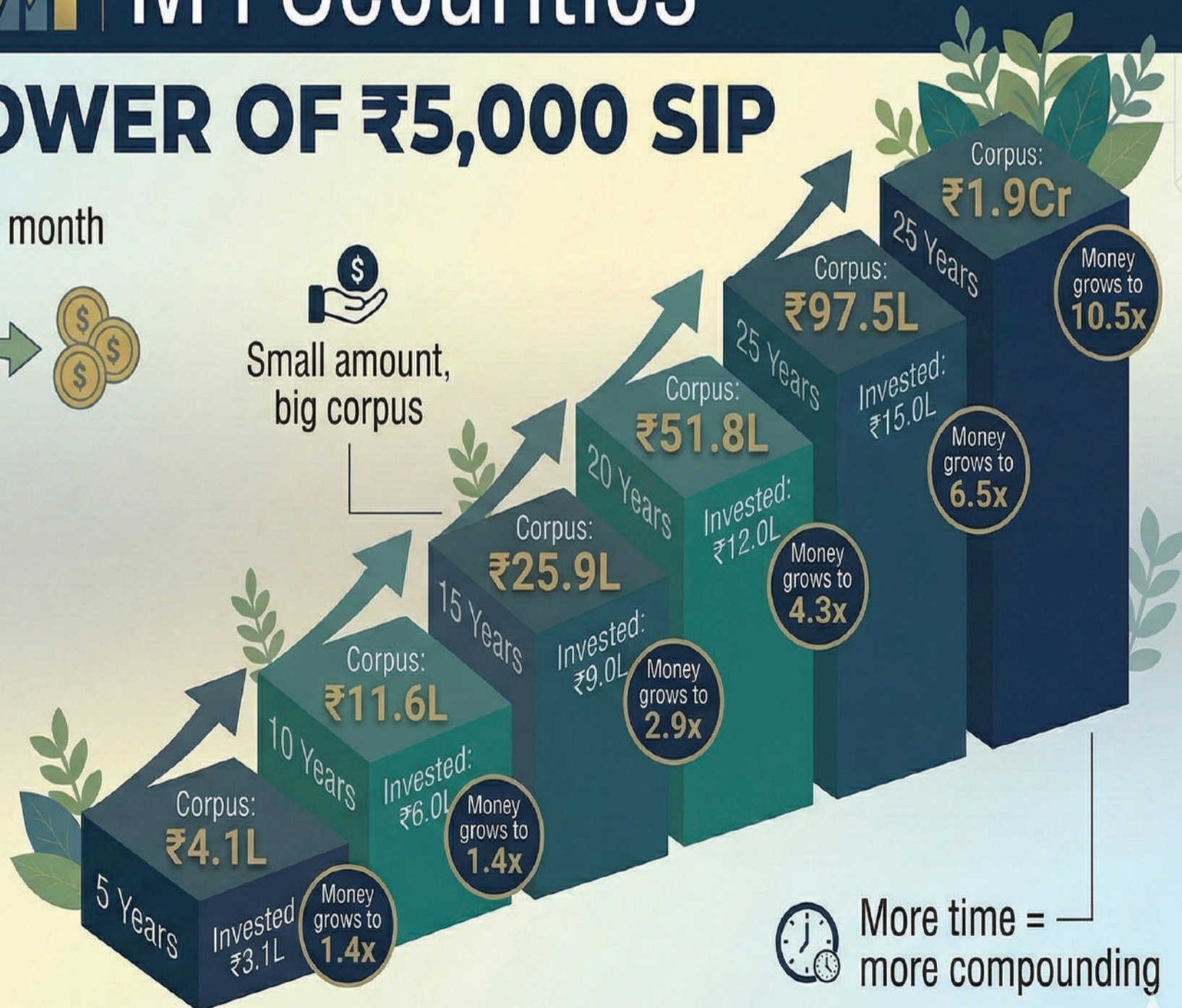
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15	9.0L
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25	15.0L
30	18.0L

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