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## US-Iran Peace Deal Likely Within 24 Hrs: Pak PM

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday said a US-Iran peace deal could be finalised within the next 24 hours, raising hopes of a diplomatic breakthrough after months of conflict and negotiations.

"We are closer to a peace deal than ever before. With finalisation likely expected in the next 24 hours, Pakistan is preparing for the electronic signing of the peace deal immediately after, followed by technical-level talks next week," Sharif said in a post on X.

He thanked the United States and Iran for their "ongoing commitment" during the negotiations and expressed appreciation for support from countries in the region.

"We are confident that this historic peace deal will form a strong foundation

for lasting peace," he said in the post in which he tagged US President Donald Trump, Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and the country's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi.

Trump later shared a screen grab of Sharif's post on Truth Social.

However, there was no immediate confirmation from the White House or Iranian authorities regarding Sharif's latest assertion on the timing of the agreement.

Sharif's remarks came a day after he said the US and Iran had agreed on the text of a peace deal and that Pakistan was working closely with both sides to finalise the next steps.

"Setting aside the noise, we can confirm that a final, agreed-upon text of the peace deal has been reached, and Pakistan is now working closely with both sides to finalise | More on P6

## LG Sinha Urges Kashmiri Pandits to Reclaim Role in J&K Future

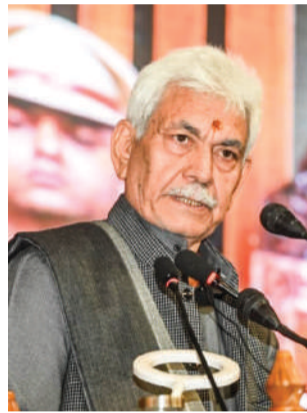
Says Renewed Confidence In J&K Fuels Hope For Homecoming

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that the time has come for Kashmiri Pandits to reconnect with their roots and contribute to the future of a transformed Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said the community's journey from displacement to global success stands as a remarkable example of courage, resilience and determination.

Addressing the Global Kashmiri Pandit Conclave, titled From Exile to Excellence, at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) here, the Lieutenant Governor said the gathering reflected both the achievements of the Kashmiri Pandit community and its enduring bond with its homeland.

"I see before me the sons and daughters of this soil. We are witnessing a historic moment in Srinagar," Sinha said. Recalling the migration of



Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s, he said the community had endured immense suffering after being uprooted from its homeland but refused to allow adversity to define its future.

"The Kashmiri Pandit community suffered deeply during the 1990s. Families were displaced overnight, but despite the pain and uncertainty, they chose to return. Full story on kashmirobserver.net

## J&K's 4-Year Industrial Push Tops 7-Decade Record: LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said industrial investments attracted by Jammu and Kashmir over the past four years have surpassed the cumulative investments received during the previous seven decades, describing it as a reflection of the Union Territory's rapid economic transformation.

The Lieutenant Governor made the remarks while attending the launch ceremony of the e-edition of the collected works of renowned nationalist,

educationist and social reformer Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in Srinagar.

Addressing the gathering on the theme, "Viksit Bharat and Jammu Kashmir: The Relevance of Mahatma's Vision", Sinha highlighted Malaviya's contributions to education, self-reliance and nation-building and linked his vision to contemporary development initiatives in the country.

"A historic industrial revolution, catalysed by the 2021 New Industrial Policy, has

Full story on kashmirobserver.net

## Rains Bring Relief; More Wet Weather Ahead

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Fresh rainfall across the Kashmir Valley and light snowfall in the higher reaches on Saturday brought temperatures down significantly, keeping weather conditions pleasant and well below normal for this time of the year.

According to data released by the Meteorological Centre Srinagar, maximum temperatures across most parts of the Valley remained several degrees below the seasonal average. Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 23.8 degrees Celsius, 4.2 degrees below normal, while Pahalgam registered 17 degrees Celsius, nearly seven degrees below the average.

The fresh spell of rain, coupled with reports of light snowfall from higher-altitude areas, contributed to the sharp drop in temperatures and interrupted typical summer conditions across Kashmir.

The Meteorological Department has forecast continued wet weather across Jammu and Kashmir over the coming days.

Officials said intermittent rain, thunderstorms and gusty winds are likely to continue till June 17, with scattered places expected to receive light to moderate rainfall. Brief intense showers accompanied by lightning and thunderstorm activity may also occur at isolated locations.

Similar weather conditions are expected on June 18 and 19, with generally cloudy skies and isolated spells | More on P6



## Iran Sets Khamenei Funeral During Muharram

KO Web Desk

Iran has announced a series of farewell, funeral and burial ceremonies for Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, more than four months after the country's supreme leader was assassinated in an Israeli airstrike during the opening phase of the US-Israeli military campaign against the | More on P10

## NC Pushes For Revival Of Panel On KPs' Return

Advisor to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Nasir Aslam Wani, on Saturday called for the revival of the apex committee constituted to oversee the return and rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits, saying the time has come to evolve a roadmap for their safe and dignified return to the Valley. Addressing a conclave organised by overseas

Kashmiri Pandits in Srinagar, Wani said dialogue and sustained engagement between representatives of the community and the government were essential to finding a lasting solution. "This conclave is fine, but beyond it, we have to sit together and talk. Some representatives from your side and some from our side will have to talk to each other and | More on P6

## NCLT Orders Takeover Of Siraj-ul-Uloom Shopian

Appoints provisional liquidator, freezes assets

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has appointed a provisional liquidator to take charge of the affairs and assets of Shopian-based Siraj-ul-Uloom Welfare Foundation after observing that material placed before it prima facie disclosed activities "prejudicial to the sovereignty, security and integrity of India".

The Chandigarh Bench of the NCLT, comprising Judicial Member Khetrabasi Biswal and Technical Member Shishir Agarwal, passed the interim order on a petition filed by the Registrar of Companies (RoC), Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, under Sections 271(b) and 272 of

the Companies Act, 2013.

The tribunal directed freezing of the company's assets and restrained it, its directors and officers from selling, transferring or alienating any property or funds without prior permission of the Bench.

Siraj-ul-Uloom Welfare Foundation, incorporated as a Section 8 company on April 18, 2025, has its registered office at Hillow Imam Sahib in Shopian and was established for charitable and educational activities.

According to the tribunal order, proceedings were initiated following a report submitted by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Jammu and Kashmir, on March 6 this year.

The Bench | More on P10

## Shah Orders Study of Demographic Shifts In Border Districts

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday directed a high-level committee on demographic change to undertake a detailed study of shifts in population structure in border districts and conduct field assessments in areas witnessing significant demographic changes, officials said.

Chairing a meeting of the committee, Shah asked its members to visit border regions, metropolitan cities and industrial towns to examine changes in population patterns caused by illegal migration and other factors.

The committee was constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs last month to assess demographic changes across the country due to "illegal immigration and other unnatural causes" and recommend



measures to address the issue.

The panel is headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar. Its members include Census Commissioner Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, former IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, former IPS officer Balaji Srivastava and economist Dr Shamika Ravi. The Joint Secretary (Foreigners-I) in the Ministry of Home Affairs serves as the

member secretary.

According to officials, Shah emphasised the need for a comprehensive and scientific assessment of demographic shifts occurring in different parts of the country and asked the committee to closely examine population changes in sensitive border districts.

Announcing the formation of the committee last month, the Home Minister had described | More on P6

## Tech-Driven Security Reviewed Ahead Of Yatra

Authorities stress enhanced surveillance, real-time monitoring and operational readiness

Observer News Service

Jammu: Security arrangements for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra were reviewed at a high-level meeting in Jammu, with authorities emphasising technology-driven security measures, enhanced surveillance and robust coordination among agencies to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the annual pilgrimage beginning July 3.

The security management and coordination meeting was chaired by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu Joginder Singh and attended by senior officers of the district police, CRPF, BSF, SSB, ITBP, intelligence agencies, civil administration and disaster management authorities.

According to a police spokesperson, deliberations focused on ensuring seamless coordination

among all stakeholders for the 57-day pilgrimage.

During the meeting, the SSP stressed the need for heightened vigilance and directed all agencies to intensify patrolling, conduct surprise checking and ensure strategic deployment of Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) for prompt response to any contingency.

Detailed discussions were held on law and order management, traffic regulation, crowd management, border security, emergency response mechanisms and inter-agency coordination.

Special emphasis was laid on technology-driven security measures, including enhanced CCTV surveillance, real-time monitoring through integrated control rooms and strengthening communication networks to facilitate swift information sharing and response.

The SSP | More on P6

## Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth Named Next Army Chief

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth will be the next Chief of the Army Staff, the defence ministry announced on Saturday.

Lt Gen Seth, currently serving as the Vice Chief of Army, will take charge of the top position on June 30 when the incumbent Gen Upendra Dwivedi retires.

The senior military officer is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, and was commissioned into the Armoured Corps in December 1986.

Over a distinguished military career spanning nearly four decades, | More on P6

## Runway Repair At Srinagar Airport Overdue By 5 Yrs: AAI

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Saturday said the maintenance of the runway at Srinagar International Airport was necessary as the last major repair work had been carried out 15 years ago, exceeding the recommended maintenance cycle.

Speaking to reporters, Srinagar Airport Director Javed Anjum said runway maintenance was essential to ensure safe aircraft operations.

"Every runway needs maintenance. Here, the last maintenance was done 15 years



ago. Maintenance of a runway is necessary every 10 years. So, we have taken up the maintenance of the runway at the airport here," Anjum said. The AAI has planned a phased maintenance schedule

and decided to suspend flight operations on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning in July to facilitate the work.

Anjum said the repair process would be carried out in sections | More on P6

## EOW Conducts Searches In DOB Manipulation Case

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Kashmir of the Crime Branch J&K on Saturday conducted searches in Shopian and Pulwama districts in connection with an ongoing investigation into an alleged date-of-birth manipulation case aimed at securing undue service benefits.

According to officials, the searches were carried out following the registration of an FIR under relevant provisions of law pertaining to the alleged fraudulent insertion and alteration of date-of-birth entries in official service records. As part of the investigation,

teams of the EOW searched the office of the Deputy Chief Medical Officer (DCMO), Shopian, and also conducted a search at his residence in the Thamuna area of Pulwama district.

Officials said the searches were conducted in accordance with legal procedures and in the presence of independent witnesses.

Documents and other materials linked to the case were seized and are being scrutinised to ascertain the extent of the alleged irregularities and identify the persons involved, officials said.

The investigation pertains to allegations | More on P6

## Modi, Trump Meet On June 17

Press Trust Of India

Washington: US President Donald Trump will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G-7 meeting in France on Wednesday, local media reported quoting US officials.

This will be the first meeting between the two leaders since February last year in Washington and comes against the backdrop of concerns over the death of Indian mariners on commercial ships targeted by the US navy in the Strait of Hormuz.

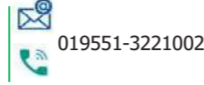
The meeting between Trump and Modi will also be the first face-to-face interaction since the India-US relationship hit a rough patch | More on P6



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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
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No: I&FCDK/CS/968-79  
Dated: 13/06/2026.

**Extension No. 02**

**Subject:** - Extension of dates.

**Reference:** This office e-NIT No IFCDK/01 of 2026-27 Dated. 01.06.2026 issued vide endstt. No. IFCDK/CS/717-29 Dated.01.06.2026 & corrigendum No. I&FCDK/CS/ 906-17 Dated: - 10-06-2026.

Due to poor response for Tender Id No. **2026\_IFC\_311285\_1** of above referred e-NIT No, the Bid submission end date is hereby further extended as per following breakup: -

| Bid Submission end date is hereby further extended | Date and time of opening of Tender |
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| 15/06/2026 (16:00 Hrs.)                            | 16/06/2026 (11: 00 AM)             |

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the e-

NIT.

Sd/-

**Executive Engineer  
Irrigation and FC Division  
Kupwara**

DIPK-2098/26

dated: 13-06-2026

**OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL  
TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM**

Subject:- Necessary Correction/change in address in data to the License No. JK-0420080003543 issued in favour of BILAL AHMAD DAR Parentage ALI MOHAMMAD DAR Whereas an application has been received by one BILAL AHMAD DAR Parentage ALI MOHAMMAD DAR wherein he claimed that the fathers Name has been wrongly recorded in the records of Driving Licenses as ALI MOHD DAR Which needs to be changed as ALI MOHAMMAD DAR.

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any in this regard shall reach in written in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper. After expiry of stipulated time no objection will be entertained.

Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir  
fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Jawhara Akhter W/o Nazir Ahmad Yattoo, R/o Wanigam Bala, Tehsil Pattan, Post Office Kreeri, District Baramulla, J&K (UT), hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Jawhira Begum" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4226-0904-6624. My correct and actual name is "Jawhara Akhter".

Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name Jawhara Akhter for all purposes. If any person has any objection to this correction, the same may be conveyed to the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Jawhara Akhter  
W/o Nazir Ahmad Yattoo  
R/o Wanigam Bala, Tehsil Pattan,  
P.O. Kreeri, District Baramulla, J&K (UT)  
FKO

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Shaikat Naiku S/o Mohd Yousuf Naiku, R/o Laddi, Tehsil Imam Sahib, District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Shokat Ahmad Naiku" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 7636-0188-7394. My correct and actual name is "Shaikat Naiku", which is duly recorded in all my other personal and official documents.

Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name Shaikat Naiku for all purposes. Any person having any objection to this correction may file the same before the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Shaikat Naiku  
S/o Mohd Yousuf Naiku  
R/o Laddi, Tehsil Imam Sahib, District Shopian  
fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Mohammad Yousuf Ladi F/o Mohammad Asif Ladi, R/o Amshipora, Tehsil and District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that the name of my ward has been wrongly recorded as "Asif Hussain Ladi" in Aadhaar Card bearing No. 6803 7833 9315. The correct and actual name of my ward is "Mohammad Asif Ladi", which is duly recorded in all other personal and official documents.

Henceforth, my ward shall be known and identified by the name Mohammad Asif Ladi for all purposes. Any person having any objection to this correction may submit the same before the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Mohammad Yousuf Ladi  
F/o Mohammad Asif Ladi  
R/o Amshipora, Tehsil & District Shopian  
fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Ama Sheikh S/o Sadiq Sheikh, R/o Checki Sidiq Khan, Tehsil Harmain, District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Gh Ahmad Sheikh" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 5831 9187 6569. My correct and actual name is "Ama Sheikh", which is duly recorded in all my personal and official documents.

Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name Ama Sheikh for all purposes. If any person has any objection to this correction, the same may be submitted before the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Ama Sheikh  
S/o Sadiq Sheikh  
R/o Checki Sidiq Khan, Tehsil Harmain, District Shopian  
fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Zahid Ah Parry S/o Farooq Ah Parry, R/o Chotipora, Tehsil and District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Zahid Ahmad" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4129 8738 8992. My correct and actual name is "Zahid Ah Parry", which is recorded in my personal and official documents.

Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name "Zahid Ah Parry" for all purposes. Any person having any objection to this correction may submit the same before the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Zahid Ah Parry  
S/o Farooq Ah Parry  
R/o Chotipora, Tehsil & District Shopian  
fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Waseem Ahmad Bhat S/o Mohammad Younus Bhat, R/o Kanjiullar, Tehsil and District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Mohammad Waseem Bhat" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 3694 2884 1661. My correct and actual name is "Waseem Ahmad Bhat", which is duly recorded in all my personal and official documents.

Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name "Waseem Ahmad Bhat" for all purposes. Any person having any objection to this correction may submit the same before the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Waseem Ahmad Bhat  
S/o Mohammad Younus Bhat  
R/o Kanjiullar, Tehsil & District Shopian  
fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Mohd Younus Sheikh S/o Mohd Ramzan Sheikh, R/o Manloo, Tehsil and District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Mohammad Younis Sheikh" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 6062 2279 8307. My correct and actual name is "Mohd Younus Sheikh", which is duly recorded in all my personal and official documents.

Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name "Mohd Younus Sheikh" for all purposes. Any person having any objection to this correction may submit the same before the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Mohd Younus Sheikh S/o Mohd Ramzan Sheikh  
R/o Manloo, Tehsil & District Shopian  
FKO

No: - CB/Look Out Notice/2026/39863-73

**DPHQ UDHAMPUR**

Dated: 12.06.2026

**LOOK OUT NOTICE**

As requested by I/C PP Sudhmahadev that on 30.05.2026 applicant namely Brij Lal S/o Resila R/o Kossar Tehsil Chenani District Udhampur lodged a missing report at Police Post Sudhmahadev (PS Chenani) to the effect that his grandson namely Sonu aged 36 years is missing from home since 26.05.2026. The applicant has conducted his search, but he has not been traced out. Accordingly, a missing report has been entered by Police Post Sudhmahadev vide DDR No. 17 dated 30.05.2026 and search started. The Photograph with descriptive roll of missing person is as under

| Photo | Description               |
|-------|---------------------------|
|       | Name: Sonu S/o Om Parkash |
|       | Age: 36 yrs.              |
|       | Complexion: Wheatish      |
|       | Height: 5.7 feet          |
|       | Body built: Normal        |

It is therefore requested that a sharp lookout may please be maintained and if traced out or any clue leading to the whereabouts of said missing person is received an information may kindly be shared on the below mentioned Telephone Nos./Fax/e-mail address for further course of action.

Email: sspoudh@jkkpolice.gov.in  
Fax: 01992-270027  
Phone: 01992-2270210  
PCR Udhampur: 01992-276915  
I/C PP Sudhmahadev: 7006286157

SSP Udhampur.

DIPK-2102/26  
dated: 13-06-2026

Government of U.T Jammu & Kashmir

**OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR WAKURA  
(Executive Magistrate Ist Class)**

**Subject:** Case titled Muzaffar Ahmad Mir S/o Assadullah Mir R/o Syedpura Eidgah Srinagar V/S Mushtaq Ahmad Dar S/o Guhulam Qadir Dar R/o Narayanbagh Ganderbal (near Police Post Shadipora)

**AUCTION NOTICE**

Apropos subject cited above. In compliance to Hon'ble Court order dated. 22-05-2026 passed by the Hon'ble Sub-Judge Srinagar, this office shall conduct the auction process spot on 25-06-2026 at 12 noon to put 01 (one) shop to auction process out of 03 sealed shops of Mushtaq Ahmad Dar S/o Ghulam Qadir Dar R/o Narayanbagh Tehsil at village Narayanbagh Tehsil Wakura, District Ganderbal. In this regard, the general public is hereby informed for participation in the said auction process.

DIPK-2099/26  
dated: 13-06-2026

TEHSILDAR WAKURA

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is hereby informed that we, the parents of Shaima Abrar, are applying for the correction of the name of our daughter in school records, who is studying in Class 5th Blue under Admission No. 7863-25 M, Roll No. 56, in Mallinson Girls School, Sheikhbagh, Srinagar.

The name correction is as follows: FROM: Shaima Abrar TO: Sheema Abrar If anyone has any objection, they may contact the office of the Principal, Mallinson Girls School, Sheikhbagh, Srinagar, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained after this period.

Abrar Anayat & Shabana  
R/o Rajbagh Srinagar  
Contact No: 7006315006  
fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Bilal Ahmad Ganaie F/o Serat Jan, R/o Ramnagri, Tehsil and District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that the name of my ward has been wrongly recorded as "Seerat Bilal" in Aadhaar Card bearing No. 3898 6440 2868. The correct and actual name of my ward is "Serat Jan", which is duly recorded in all other personal and official documents.

Henceforth, my ward shall be known and identified by the name "Serat Jan" for all purposes. Any person having any objection to this correction may submit the same before the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Bilal Ahmad Ganaie  
F/o Serat Jan  
R/o Ramnagri, Tehsil & District Shopian  
fko

**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

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

**Public Notice..**

The registrar birth BDO pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Saniyah Majeed D/o Abdul Majeed Malla R/o Nehalpora Tehsil Pattan district Baramulla with verified date of birth 05/02/2015. 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**

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

**Public Notice..**

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Shakeela Bano D/o Mohd Ramzan Bhat R/o Khanday mohalla pattan Tehsil Pattan district Baramulla with verified date of birth 10/03/1991. In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Sd  
Naib Tehsildar Pattan  
fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Nusrat Bashir W/o Abdul Hamid Dar, R/o Killora Malikgund, Tehsil and District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Nusrat Hamid" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 3964 0693 1014. My correct and actual name is "Nusrat Bashir", which is duly recorded in all my personal and official documents.

Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name "Nusrat Bashir" for all purposes. Any person having any objection to this correction may submit the same before the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Nusrat Bashir  
W/o Abdul Hamid Dar  
R/o Killora Malikgund, Tehsil & District Shopian  
FKO

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Sheeraz Ahmad Malik F/o Snoobar Sheeraz, R/o Palpora, Tehsil and District Shopian, hereby inform the general public that the name of my ward has been wrongly recorded as "Snoobar Jan" in Aadhaar Card bearing No. 7812 4256 0881. The correct and actual name of my ward is "Snoobar Sheeraz", which is duly recorded in all other personal and official documents.

Henceforth, my ward shall be known and identified by the name "Snoobar Sheeraz" for all purposes. Any person having any objection to this correction may submit the same before the concerned authority within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Sheeraz Ahmad Malik  
F/o Snoobar Sheeraz  
R/o Palpora, Tehsil & District Shopian  
FKO

**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

Sub... Application of Ghulam Nabi Hajam s/o Ghulam Mohammad Hajam R/o Mamoosa for issuance of legal heir certificate..

**PUBLIC NOTICE..**

It is inform to general public that applicants mother namely Zoona Begum w/o Ghulam Mohammad Hajam R/o Mamoosa passed away on 20/10/2021 and left following legal heirs..

| Name                   | Age | Relationship with the Deceased | Marital Status |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Ghulam Nabi Hajam      | 48  | Son                            | MARRIED        |
| Ghulam Ahmad Hajam     | 80  | Son                            | MARRIED        |
| Asha begum             | 63  | Daughter                       | WIDOW          |
| Shahmala begum         | 60  | Daughter                       | MARRIED        |
| Mohammad maqbool Hajam | 50  | Son                            | MARRIED        |

In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Sd  
Naib Tehsildar Pattan  
fko



# Sheikh Abdullah's Rebuttal

A resurfaced interview links the 1939 transformation of the Muslim Conference to Allama Iqbal's advice, raising a larger question about why Kashmir's oldest political party spent decades allowing rivals to define one of the most consequential episodes in its history.



Hamid Rather

The most revealing aspect of the recently resurfaced interview of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah is not the explanation it contains. The revelation lies in the fact that Kashmiris are hearing it only now.

Few political decisions in modern Kashmir have generated as much controversy as Abdullah's 1939 decision to transform the Muslim Conference into the National Conference.

Critics spent decades portraying that move as a retreat from Muslim political identity. The accusation fuelled election campaigns, public meetings, newspaper columns and drawing-room discourses.

It became one of the most enduring criticisms of the man who dominated twentieth-century Kashmiri politics.

Many Kashmiris grew up hearing the charge, but far fewer heard Abdullah's own explanation.

That imbalance helps explain why the video clip recently shared by his grandson and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah matters.

In the interview, Sheikh Abdullah recalls

that the move toward a broader political platform emerged through discussions with Allama Muhammad Iqbal, a figure often described as the intellectual architect of Muslim-majority Pakistan.

According to Abdullah, Iqbal believed that a wider political movement could unite Muslims, Kashmiri Pandits and other communities of the princely state in a common struggle against autocratic rule.

Abdullah also states in the interview, now circulating decades after his death, that he remained in correspondence with Iqbal until the poet-philosopher's demise in 1938.

But this posthumous clarification does not settle the old debate.

Historians will continue examining the political calculations, ideological influences and consequences behind the transformation.

Political movements rarely emerge from a single motive, and historical events rarely fit neatly into partisan narratives.

But more than settling a historical question, the interview exposes a deeper one: why did the party Abdullah founded spend decades allowing others to shape its narrative?

Sheikh Abdullah was hardly an obscure figure whose words vanished into forgotten archives. He was the central architect of modern Kashmiri politics.

His speeches, writings and interviews fill bookshelves. Researchers, journalists and political activists have spent decades studying his life. His legacy remains woven into almost every major chapter of Kashmir's contemporary history.

Despite that immense historical footprint, one of the most persistent allegations against him circulated for decades without any sustained effort to confront it through his own recorded words.

That failure points to a larger weakness in the political culture of the National Conference.



The party has often behaved as though history possesses an automatic power of preservation. It has trusted legacy, symbolism and inherited prestige to keep its version of events alive.

Such confidence can survive for a time, but political memory works differently.

Public opinion grows through repetition, driven by arguments encountered in speeches, discourses, social media posts and political campaigns.

A claim repeated often enough begins to sound like fact, while an accusation left unanswered starts to feel true.

Over time, public opinion settles around the story that is heard most often. That is exactly what happened in the debate over the transformation of the Muslim Conference.

Critics, for decades, promoted a simple and emotionally compelling narrative. The National

Conference, meanwhile, did little to explain why the change was made, the broader coalition Sheikh Abdullah hoped to build, or the ideas that prompted that decision.

The result was predictable: a vacuum emerged, and political rivals filled it with their own version of events.

A party founded by one of Kashmir's most influential political leaders slowly surrendered ownership of a defining chapter of its own history.

The contrast becomes even sharper when viewed alongside the political methods of the late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

Opinions differ widely about his politics and the legacy of the People's Democratic Party, but one fact remains difficult to dispute: the erstwhile home minister of India understood political communication.

Mufti understood that narratives possess

value, and recognized that public perception of ten determines political success as much as organizational strength or historical stature.

His political project invested heavily in explanation, messaging and engagement. Critics rarely went unanswered for long.

The National Conference, by contrast, appeared content to rely on its history, electoral record, and legacy.

Modern politics, however, rewards none of them by default.

Several generations of Kashmiris encountered detailed arguments explaining why Sheikh Abdullah allegedly diluted the Muslim character of the Muslim Conference. Much smaller numbers encountered Abdullah's own account of the decision.

That difference influenced public opinion for decades. Once a narrative takes hold in people's minds, changing it becomes much harder.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of this episode is that it took a dead man to intervene in a living political argument.

For nearly nine decades, politicians, supporters and critics debated why the Muslim Conference became the National Conference. Entire political careers were built around competing interpretations of that decision.

Then, decades after his death, Sheikh Abdullah re-entered the debate and presented his own account.

Whether one accepts that explanation is ultimately beside the point, but what this rebuttal reveals is how political memory works in Kashmir.

Kashmir clearly keeps its past close to its present. Even voices from long ago often return to take part in arguments that still define today.

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# The Age of Hollow Men

A chance encounter in Australia, the writings of Ali Shariati, and the ideas of Herbert Marcuse illuminate what the author sees as the West's deepest affliction: spiritual emptiness in an age of abundance.

We are the hollow men / We are the stuffed men / Leaning together / Headpiece filled with straw. Alas! / Our dried voices, when / We whisper together / Are quiet and meaningless / As wind in dry grass (T. S. Eliot- Hollow Men)

During my more intense years of 'struggle with myself' in Australia, after I moved from Brisbane to the hedonic den of the Gold Coast, I made an attempt to 'integrate'.

An American classmate's 'Great Escape', from what I presume was the humdrum monotony of American life, had helped me find accommodation with a Scandinavian couple, both students.

The couple partied wildly. Australia's sun, beaches, and beer animated them.

One night, as I lay in my bed, sleep eluded me. The Scandinavians had gone even wilder that night. I angrily plodded out of my room and confronted them in the politest possible terms.

The female partner, in response, wearing an outfit that was neither stylish nor classy, posed provocatively. 'How do I look?' she asked. I muttered something angrily and slid back into my room.

The next morning, after I woke up, a slew of empty beer cans lay beside my door. The entire flat was plastered with pictures of nude women. It was not art but visuals designed to provoke.

I had obviously offended the Scandinavian girl in the wrong way.

Beer cans around the door and nude pornographic posters pasted on the walls were the ultimate provocation the Scandinavians could offer a Muslim.

Amazed at this hostility, I slid into the kitchen space, made myself coffee, and walked to the smoking zone of the apartment, the space that doubled as a corridor. A sealed envelope that bore my name caught my eye.

I picked it up. It was from a person who I now think has had the most profound and lasting influence on my life.

The envelope had a newspaper clipping in it. Carried by the Australian Financial Review, if memory serves me well, the article was built around one of the greatest figures of modern Islamic history, Dr. Ali Shariati.

The quotes attributed to Dr. Shariati were not about the integration of Islam and modernity. They were about the 'completeness', the wholeness, of the Muslim self in the modern world, the 'organic intellectual'.

In other words, how to be of the world and above it.

My interest in it was passing, but enough to ask this great Australian if he would like to be my teacher. The man, who had an incredible presence, not merely charisma, replied: 'When the pupil's quest becomes strong, the teacher re-

veals himself.'

The silence that followed was filled by the man's remark: 'Oh, sorry. I speak in riddles.'

All this, at that time, flew over my head.

Now coming back to the late Dr. Shariati, this great scholar delineated three paths for a person. One was that of a mindless consumer who derived his or her sense of self from consuming things and commodities. He or she was because he or she consumed, to vulgarize René Descartes' phrase.

The other, in a Kafkaesque sense, was an individual lost in a maze, having some sense of being lost but unable to locate its cause. The third was one who recognized the cause but took refuge in retreating from the world.

In Shariati's schema, all three were broken men and women. Healing and wholeness lay in authenticity and a 'return to the self', among other things.

Now, the late Dr. Shariati, my Australian mentor, and the corruption of the Western man and woman, the 'broken dream' of the West, what thread ties them together?

Here, aspects of the late Herbert Marcuse may provide an answer.

This eminent philosopher took issue with both Marxism and capitalism. Marcuse found the former to be reductive and too materially grounded, and the latter to be an ideology that led to the creation of the 'One-Dimensional Man'.

Pared to its essence, the One-Dimensional Man meant that humans began to view themselves in commodities and the consumption thereof.

In the affluent consumer society, humans found their souls in their cars, fancy homes, hi-fi kitchen equipment, and so on. Within this whole system, humans became commodities and commodities became extensions of people's minds and bodies.

The One-Dimensional Man found his ultimate recognition and identity in a technological consumer society defined by mass production and distribution.

The 'natural' corollary and predilection of the One-Dimensional Man was the disappearance and occlusion of critical thinking, reflective thought, and the use of philosophy as a sedative and palliative.

This philosophical sedation, from Marcuse's perspective, was the elevation of Immanuel Kant's primacy of reason, instrumental rationality, and empiricism.

These features of Kantianism detached philosophy from material, ideational, and social anchors.

This privileging and divorce from aesthetics and values, the former best defined by Theodore Adorno, constituted the pinnacle and finale of capitalism. Immanuel Kant's abstract



philosophy served as a useful handmaiden to capitalism's march, making a virtue out of so-called necessity.

Philosophical sedateness, allied to capitalism and in turn wedded to the ideology of liberalism, and their historical march, inevitably led to T. S. Eliot's 'Hollow Men'.

These men and women occupy the grey zone of being neither dead nor alive. They exist in a state of emotional and moral inertia, brokenness, and emptiness, more prone to and defined by absence than presence, unable, in the final analysis, to feel and act authentically.

Best captured in the 1989 moment of the so-called 'End of History and the Last Man' thesis by the then RAND Corporation salesman Francis Fukuyama, and the voracious foraging of free-market fundamentalism (globalism) across the world, Marcuse's 'One-Dimensional Man' became all too real.

The West, which in material and philosophical terms was a revolutionary creed or idea, gradually, due to the alliance of these forces, became the ultimate 'Unconscious Civilization'.

Sedate, insensate, and defined by viewing himself or herself as an extension of commodities, the Western man and woman, or T. S. Eliot's 'Hollow Men', and Kafka's lost soul, forfeited his or her will, self, and soul to the machine of capitalism.

He or she became spiritually barren, valueless, relativist, and nihilistic.

By way of an example with real-world implications, Eliot's 'Hollow Man' in the Western 'wasteland' perhaps finds its most eloquent ex-

pression in the European Union.

In theory, a construct designed to prevent fratricidal wars in Europe, the EU has degenerated into a miasma of valueless relativism, a borderless nihilism, and an anchorless Byzantine bureaucracy. Echoes of Franz Kafka, a great European writer, reverberate across the so-called European Union. Best exemplified by Scandinavia, even if only loosely part of the EU, and Denmark in particular, the region and its peoples project their sedateness, wastelandness, and Kafka's lost souls through a curious pride in the welfare state, public-good provisioning, and a consensus-defined, though arguably deformed, society.

The pathologies that ensue appear to be sought to be excused by young Scandinavians through their 'Great Escapes' to Australia, its beaches, beers, and aspects of freedom. The residual hatred of the Other is projected in states of inebriation and at hash parties.

If the EU is a barren, nihilistic wasteland, spiritually empty, with relativistic 'lost souls' crossing borders without passports, does it represent the West?

I doubt it.

The home and cradle of Western philosophy, great thinkers, and men and women of letters is no longer this. It is, to repeat, a bureaucracy that sits atop a society.

This bureaucracy, in many ways, determines and regulates all spheres of European life. This regulation seeps into the 'private sphere' too, which is now a 'privatized space', not for real leisure, art, craft, or higher pursuits. It is

a space of loneliness to be filled by vulgar hedonism, all justified in the name of 'freedom'.

There is no social contract that defines or holds together the EU, only atomized, cultureless, denationalized individuals held together by the European Commission. The EU is then not the West.

What and where is it?

It may be that the 'grand experiment of a nation', the United States, may constitute the West, albeit only as an ideal type.

A flawed construct like any other nation, the United States may have some redemptive features, for itself and by itself. But elite capture of the country by its deep state, allied globalist mercenaries, and globalist peddlers of lies has also altered the 'essential' character of the US.

The country still may have redemptive potential. This potential and scope for renewal lie in the people of America, not its institutions.

Occluded and invisibilized by the dark forces of globalism, the real people of America, the stragglers and strugglers, are absent from the US' representational matrix.

Instead, it is a tiny West Coast liberal elite whose somewhat refined sensibility jostles with an abiding and instinctual quest for profit and self-enrichment.

This smug and detached elite desires the world to be crafted in its image. But this is not the real America and real Americans.

The real ones are ordinary Americans, struggling to make ends meet, their yearnings for a dignified life given short shrift by the West Coast elite allied to globalists.

In the larger scheme of things, it is ordinary Americans who can and must reclaim their country. By aggregating their will and choice through elections onto a 'Nation First' paradigm, these Americans did what they could, first in 2016 and then in 2024. But countervailing forces have been very strong.

Is all lost then?

No, not at all.

The major distraction from a 'Nation First' paradigm, the ill-conceived and ill-advised war on the Islamic Republic of Iran, has been costly. But all is not lost.

A robust exit from the war, some degree of introspection, a review and course correction, within and without, an economic bargain that redounds to the welfare of all Americans, and the revival of a religiously informed ethic, with due respect to other aspects of the American creed, would certainly help.

This is not a 'salvage job'. Once the energies of the American people are tapped into and redirected toward both ideational and material welfare, along with a firm ingress of values, America can both redeem and reclaim itself.

People are central, not just institutions. If the proverbial tea leaves are read well, and the equations add up, America can become America in its essence.

For this to come to pass, for all his faults, flaws, impulsiveness, and unpredictability, Donald Trump is and remains relevant, but only when he thinks and acts independently.

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# The Making of Malkha

From Karbala-linked genealogy to Central Asian migrations and Mughal-era relic traditions, Malkha depicts centuries of spiritual authority and social transformation in Kashmir.



Syed Nissar H Gilani

The lanes of Shehr-e-Khas in downtown Srinagar are tight and timeworn. Houses lean in close, and the air carries the soft noise of ordinary life layered over history.

Then you reach Malkha.

What looks like an ordinary crowded cemetery today is actually a living record of how Kashmir changed.

This ground once formed part of a thousand-kanal orchard heavy with grapes. Mir Muhammad Hamadani bought the entire tract for 29.50 rupees in the currency of his time and gave it away as waqf so new Muslim converts could rest together with respect.

That generous act anchored a community.

Today only about a hundred kanals remain. Private hands and official projects have eaten away the rest, and even the surviving space has been divided among select families.

The egalitarian vision that created Malkha now fights for breath.

The story begins far away, in the deserts of Karbala. Sayyids trace their line through Hazrat Fatima and Hazrat Ali to the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him.

The Battle of Karbala nearly ended that line when Imam Hussain and most of his family fell. One young survivor, Imam Zain-ul-Abideen, carried it forward.

Centuries later his descendants moved across the Islamic world in

waves that eventually reached the Kashmir valley.

The decisive arrival came in the 14th century with Hazrat Ameer-e-Kabir Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani.

This scholar from Hamadan, Iran, led roughly seven hundred Sayyids across three journeys. They stayed, taught the faith to a population newly drawn to Islam, introduced Persian learning and courtly ways, and planted the seeds of Kashmir's famous craft economy: carpet weaving, shawl making, paper-maché. Their hands touched both spirit and livelihood.

Mir Muhammad Hamadani, Ameer-e-Kabir's son, turned vision into land. He purchased that vast orchard and donated it outright. The gift created a common burial ground for everyone, a place where social rank dissolved in death.

Records from Srinagar's old revenue offices still document the transaction. The act revealed a practical piety: these newcomers did not simply preach. They invested their own resources and built institutions that lasted.

Different Sayyid clans brought distinct strengths to the valley. The Simnani Sayyids arrived slightly earlier.

Sayyid Hussain Simnani, a cousin of the Ameer-e-Kabir, settled in Kulgam and prepared the ground through silent diplomacy and spiritual example.

The Baihaqi Sayyids from Sabzevar rose to political prominence during the Shah Mir Sultanate. They married into the royal family, Sultan Zain-ul-Abidin wed daughters of Sayyid Hasan Baihaqi, and served as ministers, judges, and commanders. Their blood entered the ruling line and their counsel guided the state.

The Andrabi Sayyids from Central Asia's Andarab valley became custodians of law and letters. They kept detailed family genealogies, taught jurisprudence, and sustained Persian literary culture.

Bukhari Sayyids from the great scholarly center of



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Bukhara in present-day Uzbekistan deepened learning in both city and village. One branch, the Nazkis, descends from Mir Nazuk Niyazi Qadiri, whom Sultan Zain-ul-Abidin brought to head the judiciary. Qazi Musa Shaheed, martyred under the Chaks, lies in Malkha. The shrine of Mir Nazuk at Kadi Kadal still draws crowds.

Muntaqi Sayyids chose the path of asceticism. Figures like Sayyid Mir Nazuk Muntaqi built khanqahs that served the poor and

emphasized inner discipline and equality. Later arrivals created fresh compilations.

The Gilani Sayyids, direct descendants of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jeelani of Baghdad, moved from Thatta in Sindh in the 18th century. They carried the holy relic of Moi-e-Muqaddas and established the spiritual center at Dastgeer Sahib in Khanyar. Their presence revamped eastern Srinagar.

Names vary, like Gilani, Jeelani, Kilani, because languages handle

the "G" sound differently, but the lineage remains one.

But distinctions matter, as many local Pirs across Jammu and Kashmir carry titles like Qadri or Baghdadi out of sincere devotion to Jeelani's order. They belong to the soil and honour the spiritual chain through service rather than blood. Their presence deepens the tradition instead of complicating it.

Naqshbandi Sayyids also left a royal imprint. Syed Mehmood Naqshbandi married the sister of

Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb. Both lie buried at the well-kept shrine of Naqshband Sahib in Khawaja Bazar.

Nearby in Syedwari, at Kusha Sahab, a mosque preserves Quranic pages handwritten by Caliph Usman, a wedding gift from Aurangzeb to his sister. These relics connect Kashmir to the wider Islamic world through personal and imperial ties.

Together these lineages created the valley's administrative framework, legal traditions, economic base, and cultural geography.

They spent their own money, formed strategic marriages, and taught skills that still sustain families.

Malkha itself stands as proof of their concrete generosity, an orchard turned into shared sacred ground.

But modern pressures test that inheritance. Urban growth has shrunk the graveyard and carved it into private plots. The original spirit of unity yields to new hierarchies.

Preservation demands clear boundaries around historic waqf land and honest acknowledgment of how these migrant scholars helped form Kashmir's distinctive identity.

The stones in Malkha do not speak loudly, but they remember a time when newcomers arrived, invested everything, and left a society richer in every dimension.

That memory belongs to all who call the valley home.

Protecting Malkha and similar sites keeps faith with the past and gives the present a firmer footing.

The legacy of the Sadaat still points toward a more generous future in a place influenced by migration, learning, and shared faith.

The living owe the dead at least this much: to let their gift endure.

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## The Invisible Cage

Inside Kashmir's domestic world, ambition, marriage, and reputation converge into a social order where women learn to measure their lives through the gaze of others.



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She had a master's degree, a B.Ed, and a certificate in computer applications. Her path seemed clear: a classroom, students, and a teaching career already mapped out. But marriage shifted that direction without spectacle.

The change came through routines that appeared ordinary on the surface. Household expectations expanded while her professional horizon contracted. Questions about her own plans faded inside daily obligations that asked little about desire and more about adjustment.

Over time, the idea of standing before a class lost its place in her life.

Years later, she described the experience in a single line that remained in circulation: "My education slowly lost meaning." She spoke without blaming individuals, and without naming cruelty. Meaning itself had faded, as though knowledge had turned into a language she stopped speaking long enough to forget fluency.

Her account appeared in a Kashmir Observer report earlier this year. Readers were not surprised. Many women recognised it from their own lives.

Her words highlighted silent turning points, where ambition slowly gives way to routine adjustment rather than open break.

Kashmir holds a form of silence shaped inside households. Life inside homes teaches measured speech, controlled presence, and careful expression. Daughters grow into an awareness that strong desire draws scrutiny before it finds support.

Over time, restraint becomes habitual, and thoughts form already filtered through anticipated judgment.

Log kya kahenge operates as an invisible authority.

The phrase translates into a social force stronger than written rules. Clothing, movement, timing of return, decisions about work, even leisure, pass through its filter. Its power rests in absence of a single author.

Opinion comes without a face, and without a place to direct disagreement. Anticipation replaces dialogue, and women begin to apply that judgment to themselves before anyone speaks it aloud.

A simple gym visit in Srinagar demonstrates this logic.

A woman stepping out with a gym bag enters a field of interpretation. Assumptions form around appearance, intent, family reputation, suitability for marriage. Her physical movement becomes a social reading exercise conducted by others.

Inside fitness centers across the city, instructors describe a design of self-consciousness among women who attend. Movement often arrives accompanied by awareness of being watched.

Health indicators reveal consequences tied to restricted



mobility.

Data from Jammu and Kashmir points to rising levels of hypertension, diabetes, and obesity among women. Limited public physical activity contributes to this trend, alongside dietary shifts and urban lifestyles. Health outcomes connect directly with restricted space for movement outside domestic environments.

Employment figures extend the same story into the economic field.

Women form nearly half the population of Jammu and Kashmir while occupying close to one fifth of the workforce. Urban participation drops further. Educational attainment among women continues to improve, with rising enrollment in schools and universities. Degrees accumulate, but professional entry remains limited. Capability expands while access contracts.

Marriage sits at the centre of this structure.

Social evaluation begins early, driven by the question of suitability for future union. Behaviour, ambition, appearance, confidence all pass through this lens. Gym attendance, assertiveness, career plans, public expression, all receive interpretation through marital prospects.

Acceptance inside marriage markets becomes the benchmark against which other choices are weighed.

Pressure operates through affection as much as constraint. Mothers and families often act from care created by experience. Stability inside marriage appears as security gained through generations of practice. Advice to restrain ambition comes wrapped in concern for future acceptance. Social approval and emotional care merge inside the same

instruction.

A survey conducted in 2020 noted more than fifty thousand women in Jammu and Kashmir crossing socially accepted marriage age thresholds. Public discourse often framed the situation as individual delay rather than structural expectation. Attention turned toward women's choices while the surrounding framework of pressure remained largely unexamined.

Cultural practice and religious belief often appear fused in public understanding. That fusion creates resistance to scrutiny of social codes affecting women's lives. Islamic tradition, however, contains early principles granting women property rights, consent in marriage, and access to education.

Over time, local patriarchal customs absorbed religious language, building authority through association. Social

control gained legitimacy through this overlap.

Transmission of norms often passes through women themselves.

Mothers guide daughters using lessons drawn from their own upbringing. Aunts and elder relatives reinforce similar expectations. Experience under earlier constraints becomes instruction for the next generation. Protection gained through conformity becomes a model repeated inside new households.

Within this cycle, responsibility and limitation coexist. Love within families remains genuine, grounded in care and protection. The same structures also limit possibility.

Women who enforce social codes often do so after long exposure to those codes themselves, without exposure to alternatives that might alter their perspective.

Private conversations among women reveal a different register.

Late evening exchanges reveal exhaustion beneath formal politeness displayed in public gatherings. Weddings, social events, family meetings produce performances that conceal disagreement. Shared glances between women often communicate recognition of tensions that remain unspoken inside group settings.

Speech adapts to social cost, while understanding circulates privately.

Public articulation of these pressures often invites labels that discourage further discussion. Accusations of impropriety, cultural disloyalty, or irreverence surface quickly. Social reputation functions as

enforcement.

This environment discourages open critique while allowing private awareness to deepen.

A shift begins to appear inside younger generations of women observing these patterns closely. Daughters become focal points of internal questioning. Mothers begin to imagine alternative futures for them, even while living inside inherited expectations themselves. Desire for expanded possibility enters conversation inside homes with increasing frequency.

The structure surrounding Kashmiri women does not stand as an unchangeable formation. It exists through repetition, reinforcement, and shared silence.

Once recognized as constructed, it becomes open to revision. Conversation inside homes, among friends, within families, begins to form the first point of change.

Change emerges through speech that resists inherited limits, through choices that widen acceptable paths, through recognition that education, work, and personal desire hold space alongside family life.

The invisible cage described through lived experience gains visibility at the moment it is named without fear.

A different future begins inside that naming, carried forward through conversations that continue without interruption.

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## US Warns India Against Violating Hormuz Blockade

### Press Trust Of India

Washington: The US on Saturday said it conveyed to India that any violation of its blockade in the Strait of Hormuz and illicit transport of Iranian oil will not be tolerated.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio conveyed this to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who spoke with him on Friday to lodge a strong protest against the death of Indian nationals in US attacks on ships off the coast of Oman.

"The Secretary stressed that all commercial vessels should immediately comply with orders from US forces as they seek to uphold peace and security in the Strait," State Department spokesman Tommy Pigott said. Rubio underscored that

violations of the US blockade and the illicit transport of Iranian oil will not be tolerated, Pigott said in a statement here.

The US has imposed a naval blockade in the Strait of Hormuz since April 13, preventing transit of ships to and from the ports of the Islamic Republic as part of its efforts to restrict Tehran from profiting from oil trade.

Three vessels with Indian crew came under attack off the Oman coast this week. One of them resulted in the death of three Indian seafarers on Wednesday.

Jaishankar then called Rubio to protest their death in a US military strike on a merchant vessel in the Gulf of Oman.

"Such lethal actions against commercial shipping are not justified," Jaishankar said in a

post on X after he spoke with Rubio.

Earlier on Friday, India summoned US Charge d'Affaires Jason Meeks in New Delhi and told him that the American military's lethal strikes on commercial vessels with Indian crew members off the coast of Oman are unacceptable.

Hours later, US President Donald Trump accused Iran of carrying out drone attacks against Indian ships leaving the Strait of Hormuz, saying it was "totally unacceptable."

"Their (Iran's) totally re-buffed Drone attack last night against Indian Ships leaving the Hormuz Strait is TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. They better get their act together and FAST," Trump claimed in a post on Truth Social.

Iran vehemently rejected Trump's allegation. "The US president's accusation against Iran regarding an Indian vessel in the Strait of Hormuz is simply baseless," the Iranian Embassy in India said.

"It is an attempt to divert public attention from the brutal fact that the US has attacked 3 Indian vessels in less than a week and killed 3 innocent Indian sailors. That's pathetic!" it said in a social media post late Friday night.

Shippings through the strait have been severely disrupted since February 28, when the US and Israel launched joint attacks on Iran, triggering retaliatory strikes. Disruptions in marine traffic continue even though a fragile ceasefire has been in place since April 8.

## Diverse Australia Squad Says Soccer Is for Everyone

### Agencies

New York: Ahead of Australia's opening World Cup match, the Socceroos are celebrating the immigrants on the squad.

The message is simple: Soccer is for everyone. But it comes at a time when anti-immigrant sentiment is on the rise in Australia and in many places around the world.

Among those featured in a video released by Professional Footballers Australia is Awer Mabil, who was born in a refugee camp in Kenya to South Sudanese parents.

"There's a lot of journeys behind the jersey, so to be a Socceroo has many different

meanings, but with one purpose, and that is to do the country proud," Mabil said.

Mabil is one of three Socceroos who were born in refugee camps. Fellow forward Mohamed Touré was born in a camp in Guinea to Liberian parents before his family settled in Adelaide. And attacker Nestory Irankunda was born in a Tanzanian refugee camp after his parents fled Burundi. The family moved to Perth but later settled in Adelaide, where Irankunda and Touré became friends.

Both Touré, who plays for Norwich, and Irankunda, who plays for Watford, are making their World Cup debuts. Mabil plays in Spain for Castellón, and

is making his second World Cup appearance.

Milos Degenek's family left Croatia when he was a baby and they lived as refugees in Serbia before moving to Sydney.

The Socceroos' message comes at a fraught time for immigrants around the world. A knife attack in Northern Ireland earlier this month set off two nights of fiery riots, stoked by anti-migrant rhetoric.

In the United States, President Donald Trump has implemented a widespread immigration crackdown. Visa restrictions have touched the World Cup, with Somali referee Omar Artan denied entry into the country.

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### US-Iran Peace

the next steps," he had said on Friday.

Earlier Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi had announced that Tehran and Washington are in the final stages of concluding a 14-point memorandum of understanding that, according to him, would end hostilities across multiple fronts, including Lebanon; lift what he described as the maritime blockade against Iran; unlock frozen Iranian assets; and pave the way for final negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme and sanctions relief.

Araghchi further asserted that Iran had faced what he called "the world's most powerful state" alongside another military power equipped with advanced weaponry, including nuclear arms, and had succeeded in preventing them from achieving their objectives.

"This strategic victory," he said, "must now be consolidated through diplomacy."

Trump said on Friday that the United States was close to signing a deal with Iran to wind down the conflict and that a memorandum of understanding could be signed in the coming days.

The conflict, which began on February 28, has rattled global markets, tested regional alliances and intensified diplomatic efforts to secure a negotiated settlement.

Sharif on Saturday also spoke with Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, during which he expressed appreciation for Qatar's "strong and steadfast support" for Pakistan's peace efforts and said a peace deal was "ready for signatures by the relevant parties very shortly", according to a statement issued by the Pakistan Prime Minister's Office.

The statement said the Qatari leader praised Pakistan's role in advancing diplomatic efforts. Both leaders expressed hope that the initiative would contribute to lasting peace in the region and agreed to remain in close contact in the coming days, it said.

On the other hand, Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar had separate phone calls with EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Kaja Kallas, Swiss Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis, Egypt's Foreign Minister Badr Abdelaty and Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan.

Dar discussed with the four leaders the progress in the ongoing US-Iran engagement, with all sides expressing hope that the diplomatic efforts would contribute to "lasting peace and stability in the region", according to social media posts by Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Pakistan has emerged as a key mediator in the US-Iran negotiations, facilitating contacts between Washington and Tehran and hosting diplomatic efforts aimed at ending the conflict. Days after a fragile ceasefire was established in April, Islamabad hosted the first round of peace talks. It was attended by senior officials from both sides, but they failed to clinch a deal.

Sharif's recent remarks underscore revived diplomatic efforts surrounding the peace talks.

The negotiations have focused on Iran's nuclear programme, the fate of its stockpile of enriched uranium, US sanctions relief and arrangements for reopening and securing the Strait of Hormuz.

The latest push for a peace deal comes amid renewed tensions – a flare-up that has heightened concerns over the safety of commercial shipping in the region.

Earlier this week, three merchant vessels carrying Indian crew members were struck in separate US military actions off the Oman coast, with three Indian seafarers killed in one such incident.

India on Friday summoned US charge d'affaires Jason Meeks, the second time in a week, and told him that the American military's "lethal and deadly" strikes on commercial vessels with Indian crew members off the coast of Oman are "unacceptable" and undermine the safety, security and stability of international maritime commerce. With inputs from TANS

### Iran Sets Khamenei

Islamic Republic.

The office responsible for preserving and publishing the works of the late leader said ceremonies would be held in Tehran, Qom and Mashhad over six days, culminating in his burial at the shrine of Imam Reza, one of Islam's holiest sites in the Iranian province of Khorasan.

Seyyed Ali Hossaini Khamenei was assassinated on February 28 in Tehran. Iranian authorities confirmed his death on March 1.

Eighty-six-year-old leader was killed along with four members of his family, including his wife, daughter and granddaughter. His son Mojtaba was injured while his wife also died in the attack. He was later elected as the new

supreme leader, though he has yet to appear in public.

Satellite imagery published after the attack showed extensive damage to Khamenei's residence-cum-office complex known as Baite-Rehbari in the Israeli bombing.

Four-Month Delay Iranian authorities have not publicly provided a detailed explanation for the more than four-month gap between the leader's assassination and the planned burial ceremonies.

However, officials have cited wartime conditions, extensive security considerations, consultations with religious authorities and preparations for nationwide mourning events as factors behind the delay.

The funeral ceremonies are expected to be among the largest public gatherings in the Islamic Republic's history, drawing millions of mourners from across Iran and abroad.

Beyond the religious aspects, funerals of senior Iranian leaders have historically served as major political events.

Iran previously turned the funeral of iconic Revolutionary Guards commander Qassem Soleimani into a multi-day national mobilisation effort. Soleimani's funeral procession travelled through multiple cities in Iraq and Iran before his burial in Kerman, with state media portraying the event as a display of national unity and support for the Islamic republic.

Multi-City Farewell According to the statement, public farewell ceremonies for the late leader's body will be held at Tehran's Imam Khomeini Mosalla on July 4 and 5, corresponding to the 19th and 20th days of the Islamic month of Muharram.

A funeral procession through the Iranian capital is scheduled for July 6, followed by a second procession in the holy city of Qom on July 7.

The final funeral ceremony will take place in the northeastern city of Mashhad on July 9, coinciding with the eve of the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Zainal Abideen, the fourth Imam revered by Shia Muslims.

Ayatollah Khamenei will be buried at the shrine of Imam Reza, the eighth Shia Imam, a major pilgrimage site that attracts millions of visitors annually.

Call For Mass Participation

The organisers called on "all noble and dear people, the free people of the world, followers of the school of Islam, and those interested in Iran" to participate in the ceremonies and pay their final respects.

The statement thanked government institutions, religious organisations and volunteer groups for assisting with preparations but stressed that the ceremonies would belong primarily to the public.

"The principal role in organising these ceremonies belongs to the people themselves, who are the true owners of this mourning," the statement said.

Authorities expect millions of people to attend the events across Tehran, Qom and Mashhad, with state agencies coordinating transportation, accommodation, crowd management and security arrangements.

The funeral ceremonies are also expected to attract senior Iranian political, military and religious leaders, as well as foreign delegations and supporters of Iran from across the region.

Officials described the ceremonies as a final national tribute to a leader who dominated Iran's political and religious landscape for decades and whose assassination marked one of the most consequential moments in the country's modern history.

### NC Pushes For Revival

find a way," Wani said.

He said there was a need to revive the apex committee that was constituted in 2009 under the then Omar Abdullah-led government and later disbanded in 2014.

"At the government level, I think there is a need to restore the apex committee. We will approach the Chief Minister as well as the Lieutenant Governor and soon reconstitute this committee," he said.

According to Wani, the committee would serve as a platform to engage with the Kashmiri Pandit community and facilitate decisions concerning their return and rehabilitation.

"The committee will talk to your community and take decisions," he said.

The advisor said the eruption of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir in 1990 affected both Kashmiri Pandits and Muslims and stressed that any lasting resolution would require collective efforts.

"The storm of 1990 impacted all. It affected both the communities and the resolution will also come together," he said.

Wani acknowledged that while there were elements opposed to peace, it would be unfair to generalise the views of an entire community.

"There are people whose hearts used to beat for you then and still do now. This valley of saints is incomplete till Pandits return," he said.

Highlighting previous efforts undertaken for the rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits, Wani referred to initiatives such as the Prime Minister's package, transit accommodations and earlier institutional mechanisms aimed at facilitating return.

"Whether it is the work on rehabilitation, the Prime Minister's package, transit camps or temporary accommodation or the apex committee, we tried our best. You cannot paint all of us with the same brush," he said.

Wani said mistakes committed in the past should not become an obstacle to reconciliation and future efforts.

"If you got pricked by a thorn, we also felt that pain," he said.

Calling for an end to the blame game, the advisor said meaningful progress could only be achieved through dialogue, trust-building and collective commitment.

"Whatever attempts we make, whether dialogue or constituting committees, unless our Kashmiri Pandit brothers settle back in the Valley, everything is incomplete. We have to work together for that," he said.

He added that enough time had already been lost and urged all stakeholders to focus on finding practical solutions to facilitate the return of the displaced community.

### Rains Bring Relief;

of rain forecast in several areas of the Union Territory.

The department has also warned of hailstorms at isolated places and strong winds reaching speeds of 40 to 50 kmph, with gusts occasionally touching 60 kmph during thunderstorm activity.

Authorities have advised residents, farmers and travellers to remain cautious during periods of adverse weather and follow official advisories, particularly in areas vulnerable to lightning strikes, landslides and localised flooding.

Meanwhile, traffic on the Jammu-Poonch highway was restored after authorities cleared landslide debris from Lassana in Surankote, reopening the road for vehicular movement.

### Shah Orders Study

demographic change as a serious issue linked not only to national sovereignty but also to national security, law and order, social stability and the preservation of tribal communities.

"This committee will conduct a comprehensive assessment of demographic changes occurring across India due to illegal immigration and other unnatural causes, analyse patterns of abnormal population shifts at the levels of religious and social communities, and present a planned and time-bound solution," Shah had said.

According to the committee's terms of reference, it will examine demographic changes arising from illegal immigration, cross-border activities, economic opportunities and various socio-environmental factors.

The panel will also identify factors contributing to abnormal settlement patterns and organised migration, while analysing structural population changes among religious and social communities, particularly where such changes diverge from broader demographic trends.

The committee has been tasked with recommending policy, legislative and administrative measures to address challenges arising from demographic changes.

It will also suggest a permanent operational mechanism for the legal, fair and time-bound identification, detention and deportation of illegal immigrants residing in the country.

Officials said the committee is expected to submit recommendations after conducting field visits and examining demographic trends across different regions of India.

### Tech-Driven Security

also underscored the importance of community participation and public cooperation in maintaining a secure environment during the yatra. Citizens were urged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the nearest police unit or control room.

Representatives of intelligence agencies shared recent security assessments during the meeting. It was resolved that timely dissemination of intelligence, regular joint coordination drills and close monitoring of vulnerable locations would remain key priorities throughout the pilgrimage period.

Authorities also directed agencies to conduct mock drills, strengthen security checkpoints, review contingency plans and hold weekly review meetings at the sub-divisional level to assess preparedness and address emerging challenges.

Meanwhile, as part of the broader security build-up for the pilgrimage, the Special

Operations Group (SOG) of Jammu and Kashmir Police and the National Security Guard (NSG) recently concluded a week-long joint training exercise, Shakti Sangam, aimed at strengthening operational preparedness ahead of the yatra.

Conducted from June 8 to June 13, the exercise focused on enhancing operational readiness, improving inter-agency coordination and strengthening response capabilities against evolving security threats.

Personnel from SOG Jammu and NSG commandos underwent specialised training in intervention tactics, hostage rescue operations, deployment of force multipliers, handling bomb disposal equipment, counter-drone measures, use of night vision devices and live firing drills.

Participants also took part in scenario-based exercises designed to improve real-time decision-making and coordinated responses during critical incidents.

"The exercise provided a valuable platform for personnel of SOG Jammu and NSG to exchange expertise, share best practices and enhance interoperability in conducting complex security operations," the spokesperson said.

Senior officers overseeing the exercise said such collaborative initiatives were essential for maintaining a high state of operational readiness and ensuring an effective response to emerging threats.

The Amarnath Yatra will commence simultaneously from the traditional 48-km Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The first batch of pilgrims is scheduled to leave the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu on July 2.

The SSP reiterated that ensuring the safety and security of pilgrims and residents remains the highest priority, adding that proactive policing, robust inter-agency coordination and active public cooperation would play a crucial role in maintaining peace and security during the pilgrimage.

### NCLT Orders

noted that the CID report alleged the company's activities were "fraudulent", "violative of its stated objects", and "prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India".

Following the report, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs directed initiation of proceedings under the Companies Act and sought steps towards freezing and attachment of assets of directors and key managerial personnel, the order said.

The tribunal also referred to a show-cause notice issued by the Regional Director, Chandigarh, alleging "anti-national" and "secessionist" activities threatening national security.

The allegations remain contested and the winding-up petition is yet to be finally adjudicated.

The Bench observed that replies submitted before authorities indicated that records and activities of the institution were allegedly being maintained in the name of older trust entities despite operations being carried out through the Section 8 company.

According to the tribunal, this prima facie reflected "commingling and obfuscation" of multiple entities operated by the same persons.

The order also referred to earlier action by the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, who had declared Darul Uloom Jamia Siraj-ul-Uloom, Imam Sahib, Shopian, an "unlawful entity/place" under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The institution has remained at the centre of controversy in recent months after the administration cited alleged links with the banned Jamaat-e-Islami. The move had triggered protests by students and parents demanding reopening of the institution.

After examining the petition, sealed material and related records, the tribunal said it was "prima facie satisfied" that the respondent company had been used as a vehicle for activities prejudicial to national security.

The Bench further observed that there was a "grave and real risk" of dissipation of assets and destruction of records if immediate intervention was not ordered.

Invoking its powers under the Companies Act, the tribunal appointed the Official Liquidator attached to the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh as provisional liquidator with immediate effect.

The liquidator has been directed to take charge of all movable and immovable assets, bank accounts, books of accounts and related records of the company and associated entities.

The company and its officers have also been directed to submit a complete statement of affairs, including details of assets and liabilities, within 30 days.

The matter has been listed for further hearing on July 13.

### Modi, Trump

after Operation Sindoor and Washington's decision to impose heavy tariffs on New Delhi.

The two leaders have had a couple of phone calls and also agreed on a framework for an interim bilateral trade deal in February, which is being negotiated.

US media outlet Politico said Trump will meet the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Than and United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, in addition to working sessions with G7 allies, Trump will also have a bilateral with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.

Trump embarks on the visit to France for the G-7 Summit on Monday morning.

Trump will hold a bilateral meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday, followed by the official greeting and a working dinner.

The US president will address a number of issues of "shared importance" with allies, including "economic growth and development, supply chain resilience, illegal immigration, and artificial intelligence".

Modi on Saturday left for a week-long visit to France and Slovakia, during which he will attend the G7 Summit and hold discussions with world leaders on a range of bilateral and global issues.

### EOW Conducts

of manipulation of date-of-birth records for obtaining undue service-related benefits. However, officials did not disclose further details regarding the nature of the alleged benefits or the number of individuals under scrutiny.

Meanwhile, the Crime Branch urged members of the public to remain vigilant against economic offences and report any instances of fraud to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Kashmir.

The agency said victims of economic fraud can also lodge complaints through the official email address of the EOW.

Further investigation into the case is underway, officials added.

### Runway Repair

to minimise disruption to air traffic.

"Monday and Tuesday are mandatory, and for safe aircraft operations we need safe runways. That is why we are maintaining it. On Monday and Tuesday, we will take up a small portion, then for five days work will go on and flights will operate. Then the next Monday-Tuesday again, we will take up another portion," he said.

He said the phased approach would allow flight operations to continue on the remaining days of the week while maintenance work progresses. The airport director, however, said a complete closure of the runway would become unavoidable during the final phase of the project in October.

"In October, the final work has to be done and so it would become inevitable to shut the runway," he said.

As a result, flight operations at Srinagar International Airport will remain suspended for 15 days during that period to enable completion of the maintenance work.

The planned runway repair has been undertaken to enhance operational safety and maintain infrastructure standards at one of the country's busiest airports in the region.

### Lt Gen Dhiraj

he has extensive experience across operational, strategic, capability development and institutional domains.

Lt Gen Seth has commanded at every level in diverse operational environments. His command assignments include an Armoured Regiment in the desert sector, an Armoured Brigade in the Western Theatre, and a counter-insurgency force in Jammu & Kashmir.

As a Lt General, he commanded the Sudarshan Chakra Corps, one of the Indian Army's premier strike formations.

He subsequently served as General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area, overseeing key national and international military engagements and ceremonial responsibilities.

Following his elevation as an Army Commander, the officer commanded South Western Command and Southern Command, earning the rare distinction of commanding two operational Army Commands and providing strategic oversight across critical theatres for over a period of two and half years.

He has held several key staff and strategic appointments that have significantly influenced operational planning, force management and capability development.

# Blood Donation Benefits Donor's Heart Health Too, say Doctors

'One Donation Can Help Three Patients; Men Can Donate Every 12 Weeks, Women Every 16 Weeks'

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** While blood donation is widely regarded as a noble act that helps save lives, medical experts in Kashmir say the practice also offers several health benefits to donors, including improved cardiovascular health and a reduced risk of heart-related ailments. They said regular blood donation contributes positively to the donor's overall well-being.

Speaking with KNO, Dr Tawseef Ahmad Lone, General Physician at the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK), said that donating blood regularly can support heart health by improving blood circulation and reducing excess iron levels in the body. "Scientific studies suggest that periodic blood donation may lower the risk of heart attacks and other cardiovascular diseases. It helps improve blood flow, minimises arterial block-



ages, and reduces iron overload, which has been associated with an increased risk of heart disease," he said.

Dr Tawseef added that maintaining balanced iron levels through blood donation may

also help reduce oxidative stress in the body, potentially lowering the risk of certain cancers and chronic diseases. "Blood donation also serves as a basic health screening opportunity, as a donor's haemoglobin level, blood

pressure, pulse rate, and overall health status are assessed before every donation, helping identify underlying health issues that might otherwise go unnoticed," he said.

According to health experts, blood donation offers multiple benefits, including stimulating new blood cell production, improving blood circulation, maintaining healthy iron levels, and providing a sense of psychological satisfaction from helping others. Doctors said the greatest benefit remains the lives saved through each donation. Every unit of donated blood is separated into different components, such as red blood cells, plasma, and platelets, meaning a single donation can potentially help up to three patients, they said.

Dr Shabir Ahmad, another doctor at DHSK, said that individuals aged between 18 and 65 years, weighing at least 50

kilograms, and enjoying good overall health can donate blood, with a minimum haemoglobin level of 12.5 g/dL for women and 13 g/dL for men. Men can donate whole blood once every 12 weeks, while women can donate every 16 weeks. "People with well-controlled diabetes are generally eligible, but those with uncontrolled diabetes, active infections, or certain medical conditions may be temporarily deferred," he said.

Calling blood donation one of the simplest yet most impactful humanitarian acts, doctors urged healthy citizens, especially young people, to become regular voluntary blood donors. "The need for blood never stops. A few minutes spent donating blood can make the difference between life and death for someone in need. Donating blood is safe, beneficial, and lifesaving," they added.

## 5 Drug Peddlers Arrested; Contraband Substances Recovered

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Continuing its sustained crackdown against drug trafficking under the ongoing Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan, Police arrested 5 drug peddlers in Anantnag, Awantipora & Pulwama and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

According to a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, in Anantnag, police achieved significant success by apprehending two drug peddlers in separate operations. In the first operation, a police party of Police Station Utrassoo apprehended one person identified as Mohd Yousuf Magray son of Wali Mohd Magray resident of Cherpura near village

Sheikhpora Chund. During search, 715 grams of charas-like substance was recovered from his possession. Similarly, in another operation conducted during naka checking at Khanpora Crossing, Police Station Utrassoo apprehended one drug peddler identified as Javid Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Khaliq Bhat resident of Shangus. During search, 158 grams of charas powder-like substance was recovered from his possession.

In Awantipora, during routine checking at Satoora, a motorcycle bearing registration No. JK22B-8187 was intercepted. The persons travelling on bike attempted to evade checking but were tactfully apprehended by the police party. During

search, 199 grams of cannabis powder was recovered from their possession. The accused have been identified as Adil Ahmad Dar son of Ali Mohammad Dar and Muzaffar Ahmad Dar son of Mohammad Maqbool Dar, both residents of Satoora. Both individuals have been arrested and the motorcycle used in the commission of the offence has also been seized as per law.

Similarly in Pulwama, a police party of Police Post Newa at a checkpoint established at Urwan, intercepted a Sumo vehicle bearing registration No. JK13A-3176. During the search, approximately 7 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from the possession of the driver, identified as

Parvaiz Ahmad Hajam son of Abdul Rashid Hajam resident of Newa. The accused was arrested on the spot and the vehicle involved in the commission of the offence was also seized.

Accordingly, cases under relevant provisions of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation have been set into motion to ascertain the source and intended destination of the contraband.

Police remains committed to its zero-tolerance policy against drug trafficking and urges the public to continue supporting anti-drug efforts by sharing information related to narcotics and other unlawful activities.

## No Exams In Kashmir Schools From June 23-27 During Muharram: DSEK

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) has directed all government and recognised private schools across the Valley to refrain from conducting any examinations during the observance of Muharram-ul-Haram.

According to an official order issued by the Director School Education Kashmir, schools have been instructed not to hold any in-house examinations, internal assessments or term-end examinations for any class from June 23 to June 27, 2026.

The directive has been issued in view of the forthcoming Muharram-ul-Haram observances, with authorities seeking to ensure that students are not burdened with exami-

nations during the period.

"It is impressed upon all Government/Private Recognised Schools not to conduct any in-house examinations/internal assessment/term examination for all classes with effect from June 23 to June 27, 2026," the order states.

The Directorate has further cautioned school authorities that failure to adhere to the instructions will be viewed seriously. The order warns that any deviation from the directive or non-compliance by schools will attract disciplinary action under the relevant rules.

The instructions are applicable to all government and recognised private educational institutions functioning under the jurisdiction of the School Education Department in Kashmir.

## YSS Budgam Concludes Inter-Zonal District Level Martial Arts Championship

Observer News Service

**BUDGAM:** The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Budgam successfully conducted and concluded the Inter-School Inter-Zonal District Level Martial Arts Championship for girls under all age groups at Indoor Sports Stadium Budgam.

The event was organized under the directions of Director General YSS J&K, Ms. Anuradha Gupta (JKAS), and under the supervision of DYSSO Budgam, Mr. Jai Pal Singh.

Athletes from all 12 zones of District Budgam participated enthusiastically in various disciplines including Judo, Taekwondo, Kurash, Boxing, Karate, and Thang-Ta. The participants showcased excellent skill, discipline, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

The championship provided a valuable platform for young girls to demonstrate their talent while promoting fitness, confidence, and a spirit of healthy competition. Officials appreciated the efforts of players, coaches, and organizing staff for making the event a grand success.

## 'Irrigation Stations Set for Modernisation to Meet Growing Agriculture Needs'

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Acknowledging the deteriorating condition of irrigation infrastructure, Minister Javed Dar on Saturday said efforts are underway to revive and revalidate old irrigation schemes by strengthening the existing network and installing new pumps at various stations.

During his visit to North Kashmir villages, Minister Dar, as per KNO said there is a need to modernise ageing irrigation stations to meet the growing needs of the agriculture sector, as much of the infrastructure has outlived its efficiency and requires urgent upgrades.

"I acknowledge that the stations are old and the pumps and motors have lost their efficacy. There is a need for modern technology and strengthening the electricity supply on a 24x7 basis, especially during the

peak paddy season," he said.

The Minister also addressed the concerns of seasonal mechanical labourers, who demanded conversion into casual labourers.

Dar said around 400 such workers have already been accommodated, while a number of others, some serving for nearly 25 years, continue to await a decision.

"It is a genuine demand. There are a few workers left who have been working for over 25 years. We will take up this matter and the demand will be largely redressed. It is the government that has to work on it and address their issues. We will try to resolve them," he said.

The minister assured the people that the government remains committed to improving irrigation facilities and addressing the long pending issues of workers associated with the department.

## Sakeena Itoo Reaffirms Govt Push for Quality Education

**KULGAM:** Minister for Education, Health and Social Welfare, Sakeena Itoo, on Saturday visited Kulgam and presided over the Graduation Day Ceremony at Ayesha Ali Academy.

Sakeena Itoo congratulated the graduating students and encouraged them to pursue excellence through dedication and continuous learning.

Addressing the gathering, she stated that the government is committed to strengthen the education sector and is continuously working to ensure quality education for every child across Jammu and Kashmir. She highlighted that the present dispensation is focused on providing better infrastructure and modern facilities in educational institutions to create a conducive learning environment. She said sustained efforts are being made to enhance the teaching standards and expand educational opportunities for the students.

The Minister stressed the importance of using technology in a positive and productive manner. She exhorted upon the students to optimally harness the digital tools for learning, innovation and personal growth while avoiding their misuse.

Highlighting the pivotal role of teachers, she said the educators must identify and nurture the unique talents of every student while also understanding and addressing the challenges they face. She called upon the teachers, parents and educational institutions to work collectively in shaping the future of young learners.

She stated that continuous efforts are being made to provide more facilities and create an inclusive, future-ready education system that empowers the students to succeed in every sphere of life. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Shahzad Alam highlighted the achievements made under the education sector in the district. (Observer News Service)

## MVD Proposes Cameras, GPS Tracking & Digital Enforcement to Reduce Accidents

**SRINAGAR:** Budgam district is set to witness a major transformation in traffic management and road safety under a comprehensive transportation and mobility framework prepared by the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD), which proposes the introduction of Artificial Intelligence-based surveillance, automated enforcement systems and modern traffic management tools across key corridors.

The report, prepared by 'Team Enforcement' under the Motor Vehicles Department, outlines an ambitious road-map aimed at improving road safety, reducing accidents and strengthening transportation infrastructure in one of Kashmir's fastest-growing districts.


A key component of the proposal is the deployment of an Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS), which would include AI-enabled CCTV surveillance, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), speed detection cameras, red-light violation detection systems, GPS-based bus tracking and integrated e-challan mechanisms.

Officials believe the technology-driven system will help improve traffic discipline, strengthen enforcement and enable real-time monitoring of road networks across the district.

The report as per KNT identifies Budgam as a strategically important district connecting Srinagar city, airport corridors, tourism destinations and rural hinterland areas, making efficient mobility planning essential for future growth.

Apart from technology-based interventions, the report proposes intensified enforcement measures, including permit verification, fitness inspections, overloading checks, passenger safety inspections and emergency exit inspections in buses.

Road safety forms a major focus of the strategy. The document calls for identification of accident-prone locations, road safety audits, stricter enforcement against overloading and speeding, improved pedestrian infrastructure, enhanced signage and driver awareness programs. (Observer News Service)



**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

# HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## CIVIL SECRETARIAT, J&K.

**Subject:** Appointment of Physical Training Instructor (PTI) in GCET in the Higher Education Department.  
**Reference:** Letter No. PSC/DR/PTI/GCET/Hr Edu/2023 (7739071) dated: 09-01-2026 (Recommendation) from the J&K Public Service Commission.

**GOVERNMENT ORDER NO: 173 -JK(HE) OF 2026**  
**DATED: 12-06-2026**

As recommended by the J&K Public Service Commission, sanction is hereby accorded to the appointment of following candidates as Physical Training Instructor (PTI) on Regular Temporary basis in the Pay Band of Rs. 15600-39100 with AGP Rs.6000/- (Pre-revised) Academic Level-10 with Pay Structure of Rs.57700/- in Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET) in the Higher Education Department, with immediate effect.

| S. No | Name               | Parentage           | Address                          | Selection Category |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1     | JAVAI AHMAD GANAIE | HABIB ULLAH GANAIE  | 16 GANAIE PORA SHANGAS SHANGAS   | OM                 |
| 2     | PANKAJ MANHAS      | ROMESH KUMAR MANHAS | SHAROTE THATHRI                  | OM/RBA             |
| 3     | AJAY KUMAR BILLA   | MADAN LAL BILLA     | VILL GARAN JAGIR PO DADOOA POUNI | SC                 |

The above candidates shall report to the, Principal, Government College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu within a period of 21 days from the date of issuance of this order failing which their appointment shall be deemed to have cancelled without any notice.

The appointment of candidates shall be subject to the following conditions:-

- The appointees will be on probation for a period of two years from the date of joining.
- The appointment of the candidates shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as per SRO-400 of 2009 dated 24-12-2009.
- The appointees shall, at the time of joining, produce the following testimonials in original which will be verified by the concerned Principal:-
  - Domicile Certificate.
  - Date of Birth Certificate.
  - Qualification and Marks Certificate i.e. NET/SLET/Ph.D. etc and Marks cards/Degrees.
  - Category certificate as may be applicable to the appointees,
  - Health and Medical Certificate.
  - Any other certificate as required under law.

The salary of the appointees shall be drawn and disbursed only after the receipt of the satisfactory report in respect of genuineness of the Qualification/Date of Birth/Relevant Category Certificate and subject to production of an Affidavit as per Annexure-A to this order.

The inter-se-seniority of the candidate shall be determined in terms of the J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956.

The appointment of the candidates shall remain provisional till such time all the certificates are got verified by the concerned Principal(s) and are found to be in order. In case any certificate is found to be fake, inadequate or not consistent with the eligibility requirements, the appointment of the candidates shall be deemed to have cancelled ab-initio.

The appointment of the candidates shall be subject to outcome of Writ Petition(s), if any, pending before any competent Court of law on the subject.

**By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

No. HED-GAZ/22/2026-04(7720603) Sd/-  
 Dated: / 2 -06-2026 (Ram Niwas Sharma), IAS  
 DIPK-2103-26 Commissioner Secretary  
 DT: 13/06/2026 to the Government

## PARAS Health Srinagar Leads Mega Multi-Speciality Health Camp in Kargil

Observer News Service

**KARGIL:** In a significant step towards bridging healthcare gaps in remote and border areas of Jammu & Kashmir, PARAS Health Srinagar, in collaboration with Baqariya Health Care & Research Centre, Kargil, and the Health Wing of IKMT, organised a Mega Free Multi-Speciality Health Camp in Kargil town on Saturday. The day-long camp, held at Baqariya Health Care & Research Centre from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, witnessed an overwhelming response from residents of Kargil and adjoining far-flung areas, who availed themselves of free consultations and expert medical advice from a team of specialists from PARAS Health Srinagar.

The initiative was aimed at bringing quality, affordable and specialised healthcare services closer to people living in geographically challenging and underserved regions. Hundreds of patients benefitted from consultations across multiple specialties, reinforcing the importance of outreach healthcare programmes in improving access to advanced medical care.

Residents and community members lauded the efforts of the PARAS Health administration and expressed gratitude



to the visiting doctors and healthcare professionals for travelling long distances to serve patients at their doorsteps.

Dr. Murtuza Habib, Facility Director, PARAS Health Srinagar, said that ensuring access to quality healthcare for every citizen, irrespective of geography, remains central to the institution's mission.

"At PARAS Health, we firmly believe that quality healthcare should not be limited by distance or location. Every individual deserves access to expert medical care, whether they live in a metropolitan city or a remote border district. Our outreach initiatives are driven by the commitment to take advanced healthcare services closer to communities that need them the most. Kargil holds a special place in our healthcare outreach efforts, and we will continue

working towards making quality, compassionate and accessible healthcare a reality for all," Dr. Habib said.

Organisers said such collaborative healthcare initiatives play a crucial role in early disease detection, health awareness and strengthening healthcare access in underserved regions. They reiterated their commitment to conducting similar programmes in remote parts of Jammu & Kashmir in the future. People of Kargil lauded the role of doctors, including Dr Mohd Maqbool Sohail (Director, Intervention Cardiology, Dr Mohd Yousuf Dar, Associate Director (Pulmonology), Dr Adil Ashraf, Senior Consultant Gastroenterology, Dr Raahil Rafiq, consultant, Neurosurgery, Dr Younis Mush-taq, Associate Consultant, Urology, Dr Suheel Ur Rehman, Consultant, Neuro and vascular Intervention radiology.



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