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## SKUAST-K Poised For Global Growth: LG

### Chairs SKUAST-K Council Meeting, Clears Key Reforms



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday hailed SKUAST-Kashmir's transformation from a regionally focused institution into a nationally recognised university, saying its journey from "local roots to global aspirations" reflects remarkable progress in academics, research, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Chairing the 36th University Council Meeting of SKUAST-Kashmir at Raj Bhavan, the Lieutenant Governor said the university's transformative initiatives have the potential to position it as a leading, innovation-driven and globally engaged agricultural institution.

The meeting was attended by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Agriculture Minister Javid Ahmad Dar, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, senior government officials, representatives of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), and university administrators.

The University Council approved a series of institutional reforms, including the upgradation | [More on P6](#)

### LG Notifies J&K VB-G RAM-G Scheme

- » Replaces MGNREGA in J&K from July 1, 2026
- » 125 days of guaranteed employment per rural household annually
- » Work within 15 days of demand or unemployment allowance
- » Weekly/fortnightly wage payments with delay compensation
- » 60-day halt on public works during sowing and harvesting seasons
- » Focus on water security, rural infrastructure, livelihoods, and climate resilience
- » Planning through GIS-based Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans

Observer News Service

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has notified a new rural employment programme, the Jammu Kashmir Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika | [More on P6](#)

## 4-Day Rain Spell Across J&K From June 30: MeT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Rain, thunder-showers, gusty winds and hailstorm activity affected several parts of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday evening, with the Meteorological Department forecasting a fresh four-day spell

of widespread rainfall across the Union Territory from June 30.

According to the Meteorological Centre Srinagar, weather activity was reported from several districts, including Kupwara, Handwara, Baramulla, Sopore, Ganderbal | [More on P6](#)



Photo: Abid Bhatt

## A Sea of Black, A Message of Karbala: Thousands Of Mourners Mark 8th Muharram In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Thousands of mourners on Wednesday participated in the traditional 8th Muharram procession in Srinagar, turning the city centre into a

sea of black as devotees commemorated the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions in Karbala. The procession, revived in 2023 after remaining suspended for

more than three decades, was taken out peacefully along the traditional Guru Bazar-Dalgate route amid elaborate security and civic arrangements. Notably, the procession far exceeded the timeline

prescribed by the district administration. While the Srinagar administration had granted permission subject to a strict schedule requiring the nearly four-kilometre stretch between Guru

Bazar and the J&K Bank Headquarters on M.A. Road to be covered within about two-and-a-half hours, the massive gathering continued through the day and culminated at | [More on P6](#)

## NGT Amicus Flags Waste, Sewage Management Gaps In J&K

Report Flags 530-TPD Waste Treatment Gap, Seeks Safeguards For Dal And Wular Lakes



'Over 1.8 Million Tonnes Of Legacy Waste Lie At 101 Dump Sites Across The UT'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: An Amicus Curiae appointed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has highlighted significant gaps in solid waste and sewage management in Jammu and Kashmir, while calling for stronger safeguards to protect environmentally sensitive water bodies such as Dal Lake and Wular Lake.

In a note submitted before the Principal Bench of the NGT in connection with Original Application No. 606 of 2018, the Amicus Curiae reviewed the compliance affidavit filed by the Union Territory and pointed to deficiencies in waste treatment,

sewage management and environmental protection measures.

According to the note, Jammu and Kashmir generates around 1,557 tonnes of municipal solid waste every day. While nearly 1,027 tonnes are processed, | [More on P6](#)

## JKBOSE Can Mandate Textbooks For Affiliated Schools: HC

### Rejects Appeal By Private Schools' Body

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has upheld the power of the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) to prescribe textbooks for affiliated schools, ruling that private institutions cannot claim a right to use alternative books once they voluntarily obtain affiliation with the Board.

Dismissing an appeal filed by the J&K Private Schools United Front, a Division Bench comprising Justice Sindhu Sharma and Justice Shahzad Azeem affirmed an earlier judgment by the court's Single Judge and upheld JKBOSE



notifications directing private schools to adopt Board-published textbooks for Classes VI to VIII.

"Learned Single Judge in the impugned order while relying upon Section 2(1) and Section 10 of the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education Act, 1975 has rightly observed that the Board has the power to prescribe the courses of instructions, prepare curricula and

detailed syllabi and also prescribe text books for the Pre-primary, elementary, secondary school and High Secondary (School graduation) and school examinations and Elementary Teachers Training Course."

Furthermore, the court said that its Single Bench has rightly observed that the relevant resolution of the Board's Affiliation Committee mandates that all affiliated schools must adhere to the textbooks and curricula approved by the Board.

The court observed that the Board's decision to prescribe its own textbooks does not infringe any right of private schools and is | [More on P6](#)

## 2 Dead In Doda Road Accident

Agencies

Jammu: Two persons died and three others injured after a vehicle met with an accident in the Malhori area of Assar tehsil in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday evening, officials said.

An official said that a vehicle bearing registration number JK02DB-6037 met with an accident at Malhori on Wednesday evening.

He said two occupants died on the spot, while three others sustained injuries in the incident.

"Soon after the accident, police and local residents rushed to the spot and launched a rescue operation. The injured | [More on P6](#)

## J&K On High Alert Ahead Of Amarnath Yatra

- » QR IDs, Facial Recognition Bolster Security Grid
- » Traffic Curbs, Convoy Timings Announced for Pilgrimage

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir has been placed on maximum alert ahead of the 57-day annual Amarnath Yatra, with authorities rolling out an extensive security, surveillance and traffic management plan to ensure the smooth conduct of the pilgrimage beginning July 3.

The annual pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high Amarnath cave shrine in south Kashmir will conclude on August 28. This year's yatra will be significantly longer than last year's 38-day pilgrimage



and is expected to witness the arrival of thousands of devotees from across the country. Officials said security agencies have intensified preparations across the

Union Territory, strengthening the security grid along the twin pilgrimage routes of Pahalgam and Baltal and at transit camps, base camps and other key locations. As part of | [More on P6](#)

## Kashmir Craft QR System Bags SKOCH Award

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Department of Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir, has been conferred with the prestigious SKOCH Award for its innovative GI QR Code Management System, implemented through the Pashmina Testing & Quality Certification Centre (PTQCC) at the Craft Development Institute (CDI) and the NABL-accredited Carpet Testing Laboratory at IICIT, Srinagar.

The award recognizes the Department's pioneering use of technology to strengthen product authenticity, quality



assurance, sustainability and artisan welfare in the handicrafts sector.

In a statement issued here today, a spokesperson of the department said, "The GI QR Code Management System is among the country's first comprehensive QR code-based | [More on P6](#)

## Gondola Set To Reopen After Month-Long Shutdown

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Gulmarg Gondola, one of Kashmir's most popular tourist attractions, is likely to resume operations on Thursday after remaining shut for nearly a month following a major technical malfunction that left hundreds of tourists stranded mid-air.

Sources told Kashmir Observer that successful trial runs of the cable car system have been completed and authorities are preparing to restore services after obtaining final approvals.

"The trial runs have been successful and there is nothing left. We will most

probably resume operations tomorrow evening," sources said.

The Gondola has remained non-operational since May 25, when a technical snag brought services to a halt and left more than 300 tourists stranded in cabins suspended above the ground. The incident triggered panic among visitors and prompted a large-scale rescue operation involving technical teams and emergency responders.

The evacuation process continued for several hours before all passengers were safely brought to the ground. Following the incident, the Jammu | [More on P6](#)



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In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C the caveator has reason to believe/apprehension that non caveator may file a suit of any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble court and on the ground of Distorted facts/misrepresent and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at irreparable loss and inconvenience it would be proper that caveat is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any other.

Walnut Ads

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name and DOB has been wrongly written in my Passport Bearing No: R 1204607 as Gh Nabi Dobi, dob 01-04-1965 while my correct name and DOB is Gh Nabi Dhobi, DOB 12-04-1961 as per my adhaar card. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the passport office srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Gh Nabi Dhobi  
S/o Gh Ahmad Dhobi  
R/o Dhobi Mohalla Drug Mulla Kupwara fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have applied for the issuance of pesticide license under name and style Malik Fertilizers situated at Mattipora Pattan. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the office of Plant Protection officer Lal Mandi Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohammad Rafiq Malik  
S/o Ghulam Mohammad Malik  
R/o Mattipora Pattan bmg\_r

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR SARIWARPORA**  
EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas an application has been received from Mr Ghulam Hassan Shah S/o Mohammad Akbar Shah R/o Shouchpalpora Tehsil Pattan Distt Baramulla for issuance of a Legal Heir Certificate in respect of his deceased wife namely Shahzada Begum expired on 19/06/2025 as per the report of field staff. The details of the Legal Heirs furnished by the Patwari Halqa concerned are as under:

S.NO.	NAME	AGE	RELATION WITH DECEASED	MARITAL STATUS	OCCU PATION
01	Ghulam Hassan Shah	61	husband	widower	labour
02	Javeed Ahmad Shah	36	son	married	Shopkeeper
03	Sajad Ahmad Shah	32	son	married	labour
04	Syed Umer Shah	27	son	unmarried	labour

Now, therefore, through this public notice, any person having any objection regarding the issuance of the said Legal Heir Certificate in favour of the applicant may file his/her objection, along with supporting documentary evidence, before the undersigned within 07 (SEVEN) days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no objection is received within the stipulated period, the case shall be processed on merits without any further notice. fko Naib Tehsildar Sariwarpora

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**OFFICE ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED**

The Directorate of Census Operations, J&K, Srinagar requires suitable accommodation for its office in Srinagar City preferably in Karan Nagar/Bemina/Boulward Road/Dalgate Area/Gogji bagh/Raj Bagh/Indra Nagar/Sonwar/Badamibagh Cantonment area localities having carpet area of around 8000-10000 sqft with adequate number of toilets. The premises must include facility for parking of office Vehicle/Scooters of Staff members. Storage of dead stock and other materials etc.

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. The rent shall be got assessed by CPWD with two types of rent, one on the recognized principle of evaluation and the other on the basis of market value. The landlord shall have to undertake that he will accept the minimum of the two rents as assessed by the CPWD.

2. An undertaking shall have to be furnished by the landlord that he is agreeable to enter into lease deed for a minimum period of five (5) years and shall be agreeable to all other conditions laid down in the Prescribed lease deed.

The interested parties shall send their rates/quotations in sealed cover to the Director, O/o the Directorate of Census Operations, J&K, Hotel Khayam Building Bishembar Nagar, Srinagar-190001 by registers post or by hand only within ten days during office hours (9:30 AM to 6:00 PM) on working days from the date of advertisement. The Competent authority has reserved the right to accept or reject any rates/quotations without any notice.

DIPK-2509/26  
dated: 24-06-2026

Digitally signed by  
Arun Kumar  
Date: 22-06-2026  
01:31:31  
(Arun Kumar)  
Joint Director & HoO

**MANAGING COMMITTEE OF IQRA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL KANIHAMA MAGAM**

S No.	Name	Parentage	Address	Contact No.	Qualification	Profession	Position in the Body
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FORM No. STK -6  
PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public :ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2026-27/545 Date: 17/06/2026

**Reference:**

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (5) companies in the Jammu and Kashmir state under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S.no.	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AC3853162	U74109JK2024PTC016155	JHELM DESIGN STUDIO PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AC3785863	U41001JK2025PTC017128	SVPRIIME ENGINEERS PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AC3782277	U70200JK2025OPC016949	STRATORIA CONSULTING (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AC3661187	U63999JK2024PTC015495	GIRITRA LABS PRIVATE LIMITED
5	AC3705495	U51909JK2020PTC011446	KRISHNA GANGAMRIT AROGYA PRIVATE LIMITED

2. Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

3. Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

4. Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Irkan Tirkey

Deputy Registrar

CBC 07123/11/0238/2627

Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, R/o Zaloora Zaingair, hereby inform the general public that the number plate of my vehicle bearing Registration No. JK05M-6094 was lost on the route from Dangiwaicha to Zaloora. I have applied for issuance of a duplicate number plate from ARTO Sopore. If anybody has any objection regarding the same, they may approach the concerned authority within the prescribed period.

Farooq Ahmad Sheikh R/o Zaloora Zaingair fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Mohd Ashraf Ganie, S/o Late Gh. Mohd Ganie, R/o Baba Gund Pattan, was a student of Govt. HHS Sherabad under Admission No. 573 in the year 1997. My Class 9th pass certificate issued by the said institution has been lost/misplaced. I have applied for the issuance of a duplicate certificate from the concerned institution. If anybody has any objection, may contact the Principal, Govt. HHS Sherabad within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. inf

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I Prith pal Singh resident of Para mohalla pattan Tehsil Pattan district baramulla hereby inform to general public that I have lost my NOC no. 2931070 dated: 04/05/2018 of my vehicle bearing registration no. JK05F5309 has been lost/misplaced. Despite diligent search the document could not be found. If anyone has any objections please contact me on phone no 9797905658 for a period of seven days. I shall apply for a duplicate NOC the concerned RTO/BANK

Prith pal Singh  
R/o Para Mohlla pattan fko

**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan.**

Sub.. Application on behalf of Manzoor Ahmad Khanday s/o Abdul samad Khanday R/o Hanjiwera Bala for issuance of legal heir certificate..

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

IT is inform to general public that applicants father's legal heir certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants father namely Abdul samad Khanday s/o Ghulam Ahmad Khanday R/o Hanjiwera Bala died on 16/11/2025 and left following legal heirs...

Name	Age	Relationship with the Deceased	Marital Status
MOHAMMAD SADIQ KHANDAY	37	SON	MARRIED
MANZOOR AHMAD KHANDAY	47	SON	MARRIED
SAIDA BEGUM	62	WIFE	WIDOW
MASRAT ARA	41	DAUGHTER	MARRIED

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

fko

**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE..**

The registrar birth BDO Sherabad Khore has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Nelofer Bano D/o Mohd Subhan sofi R/o Golipora Hanjiwera Tehsil Pattan district baramulla with verified date of birth 03/11/1992. In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained. SD Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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**Office of the Naib Tehsildar 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 Azka Ashraf D/o Mohammad Ashraf Lone R/o Nehalpora Tehsil Pattan district baramulla with verified date of birth 03/09/2024 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained. SD Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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**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 Bushra Yousuf D/o Mohammad Yousuf Lone R/o Nehalpora Tehsil Pattan district baramulla with verified date of birth 25/02/2018 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained. SD Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR TILGAM**  
EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas an application has been received from Mr. Saqib Shafi S/o Late Mohammad Shafi Khan R/o Wanigam Bala Tehsil Pattan Distt Baramulla for issuance of a Dependent Certificate for the purpose of Death in Harness in respect of deceased Late Mohammad Shafi Khan S/o Dilawar Ahmad Khan R/o Wanigam Bala, who was serving as a Constable in J&K Police and expired on 14-12-2005 as per the report of field staff. The details of the dependents furnished by the Patwari Halqa concerned are as under:

S. NO.	NAME	AGE	RELATION WITH DECEASED	MARITAL STATUS	OCCUPATION
01	SAQIB SHAFI	23	SON	UNMARRIED	STUDENT
02	FAZIL SHAFI	26	SON	UNMARRIED	STUDENT

Now, therefore, through this public notice, any person having any objection regarding the issuance of the said Dependent Certificate in favour of the applicant may file his/her objection, along with supporting documentary evidence, before the undersigned within 07 (SEVEN) days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no objection is received within the stipulated period, the case shall be processed on merits without any further notice. Naib Tehsildar Tilgam TILGAM PATTAN

fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the birth of my ward namely Zainab Bint Mudasar, born on 02-10-2023 at SDH Tangmarag, could not be registered within the prescribed period due to lack of awareness.

I have neither applied for nor obtained any Birth Certificate from any Registration Authority in respect of the said child. Now, I intend to get the birth registered before the competent authority for issuance of the Birth Certificate.

If any person has any objection regarding the registration of the birth of the above-named child, he/she may submit the same before the concerned authority within the stipulated period. Failing which, the birth registration shall be processed as per rules.

Mudasir Ahmad Mir F/o Zainab Bint Mudasar  
R/o Mulgara Kunzer 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 Zainab binti Arif D/o Mohammad Arif Bhat R/o Wanigam Bala Tehsil Pattan district baramulla with verified date of birth 18/11/2022 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained. SD Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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**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 pertaining to birth of Mohammad Azaan Malla s/o Wali Mohd Malla R/o Tangpora Tehsil Pattan district baramulla with verified date of birth 24/12/2020 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained. SD Naib Tehsildar Pattan

fko

**NOTICE**

I, Suriya Farooq, D/o Farooq Ahmad Dar R/o Parimpora, do hereby inform the general public that I had opened a Savings Account in Jammu & Kashmir bank Qammarwari, branch bearing account numbers 0256040100027983, under the name Suriya I now intend to change my name from "Suriya" to "Suriya Farooq" in the records of the said bank.

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

Suriya Farooq  
D/o Farooq Ahmad Dar  
R/o Parimpora

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## Div Com Appeals for Cooperation to Ensure Peaceful Muharram Observances

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, on Wednesday appealed to all stakeholders and mourners to cooperate with the administration in ensuring the smooth and peaceful conduct of Muharram processions across the Valley.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the 8th Muharram procession in Srinagar, Garg said the administration had made comprehensive arrangements to facilitate mourners and ensure the peaceful observance of religious events.

He said helping teams, including Quick Response Teams (QRTs), had been deployed along the procession routes to provide assistance and respond promptly to any requirement during the observances.

The Divisional Commissioner

said the 8th Muharram procession was conducted smoothly and peacefully, attributing it to coordinated efforts by various departments, security agencies, volunteers and the cooperation extended by mourners.

Garg urged the public to continue cooperating with the administration and follow advisories issued from time to time to ensure that the remaining Muharram events are conducted without inconvenience.

Referring to the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, he said all necessary arrangements had been put in place and described the annual pilgrimage as a routine event for which extensive planning had already been undertaken.

He said public cooperation remained important for the successful conduct of both Muharram observances and the annual pilgrimage.



KO Photo: Abid Bhat

## J&K Police Top Brass Joins 8th Muharram Procession, Mourners Hail Arrangements

DGP Prabhat monitors procession on ground, visits Dalgate Imam Bargah; IGP Kashmir, IG Security, Special DG Coordination, DIG CKR, SSP Sgr and DySP Headquarters join procession

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Top brass of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday joined the traditional 8th Muharram procession in Srinagar and interacted with mourners, while thousands of devotees participated in the religious observance amid elaborate security, traffic and civic arrangements put in place by the administration.

According to the details available with KNO Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Nalin Prabhat remained on the ground to monitor the arrangements for the 8th Muharram procession and visited Dalgate Imam Bargah, where he interacted with mourners and members of the local community.

The DGP was warmly received by devotees, while several children were seen posing for photographs with him during his visit. While leaving the Imam Bargah premises, the DGP Prabhat was also seen briefly holding an Alam, a moment noticed by many participants present at the venue.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir VK Birdi, IG Security Sujit Kumar, Special Director General of Police (Coordination) SJM Gillani,

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Central Kashmir Range Rajiv Omprakash Pande, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar Dr. G V Sundeep Chakravarthy, DySP Headquarters Srinagar Syed Sleet Shah and other senior officers remained present along the procession route, reviewed arrangements and interacted with mourners.

Among the officers present, DySP Headquarters Srinagar Syed Sleet Shah was seen interacting with mourners during the procession, reflecting the police's outreach and engagement with participants on the occasion.

Senior police officers distributed drinking water among mourners from a facilitation stall established by the police at MA Road. The initiative received a positive response from devotees, particularly amid the warm weather conditions during the procession.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the procession, IGP Kashmir V.K. Birdi said the Jammu and Kashmir Police had made comprehensive arrangements to ensure the smooth, peaceful and dignified conduct of the 8th Muharram procession.

"The police, volunteers and organisers worked in close coordination to

facilitate the procession. Simultaneously, measures were taken to ensure smooth traffic flow in other parts of Srinagar and prevent inconvenience to the general public," IGP Birdi said.

Describing Muharram as an occasion of profound significance, the IGP said the sacrifice of Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions continues to inspire people across the world.

"This is a solemn occasion. We remember the supreme sacrifice of Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions. Their message teaches us humanity, duty, sacrifice and tolerance. We salute these values and strive to imbibe them in our lives. The message of Imam Hussain (AS) is as relevant for us as it is for the entire humanity," he said.

Meanwhile, SSP Srinagar Dr. G.V. Sundeep Chakravarthy said extensive security, traffic and civic arrangements had been implemented along the traditional route from Guru Bazar to Dalgate and Imamabada.

"The Srinagar Police, in coordination with paramilitary forces and the traffic police, has meticulously planned security arrangements from the starting point to the end point of the procession.

## HK Hyundai Announces Hyundai Smart Care Clinic 24th June - 8th July

Observer News Service

Srinagar: HK Hyundai has announced the Hyundai Smart Care Clinic 24th June 8th July. Trust. Pride. Delight. As Hyundai celebrates 30 glorious years in India, Hyundai Motor India Limited (HML) announced its nationwide 'Hyundai Smart Care Clinic', extending its customer-first service experience across India, from bustling metropolitan centers to the breathtaking landscapes of Kashmir.

During the announcement, Umar Yaqoob, Managing Director, HK Hyundai said "Built on Hyundai's 30-year journey in India and guided by the values of trust, pride, and progress, the Hyundai Smart Care

Clinic highlights HML's commitment to improving the customer ownership experience through excellent service and innovation.

"Running from 24 June 2026 to 8 July 2026, the program will be held at our dealership and other Hyundai service centers across the country, reinforcing Hyundai's focus on quality service, transparency, and customer satisfaction," he said.

Commenting on this customer-centric initiative, Shakeel Ahmad Rather, Service Manager, HK Hyundai, said, "At HK Hyundai, we place our customers at the heart of everything we do, much like the warmth and hospitality that define the spirit of Kashmir."

"The Hyundai Smart

## Locals Protest against Dumping Site in Srinagar's Alochinagh

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Locals the Alochibagh area of Srinagar on Tuesday staged a protest against the dumping of waste near their residential locality, alleging that the site has become a source of environmental pollution and public health concerns.

Holding placards and raising slogans, the protesters demanded an immediate halt to waste dumping in the area and called for the relocation of the site to a location away from residential settlements.

Residents alleged that the continuous dumping of

garbage in close proximity to their homes has resulted in foul smell, accumulation of waste, and the presence of stray animals and disease-carrying insects.

They expressed concern over the impact of the dumping site on the health and well-being of local residents, particularly children, elderly people and those suffering from respiratory ailments.

The protesters said the issue has persisted despite repeated representations to the concerned authorities and claimed that no effective measures have been taken to address their grievances.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of the general public that the name of my daughter has been wrongly recorded as Fiza Mohammad in her Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4025-8124-8385.

That her correct and actual name is Shazia Mohammad, D/o Ghulam Mohammad Lone, R/o Pajwal Pora, Tehsil Tangmarg, District Baramulla. Henceforth, she shall be known and identified by the name Shazia Mohammad for all purposes and records. A Gazette Notification regarding the said name correction/change is being sought from the Government Rambir Press, Jammu.

If any person has any objection to this name correction/change, the same may be conveyed to the concerned authority within the stipulated period.

Sd/- Ghulam Mohammad Lone  
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### Government of Jammu & Kashmir. Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Tangmarg

#### CORRIGENDUM

Ref- This office NIT No. 19/R&B of 2026-27 issued under endorsement No: R&B / Divn./ Tang/1573-83 Dated: 23-06-2026.

Kindly read Class of Contract : - "A&B Class".

Instead of "AAY Class" All other terms & conditions shall remain same as already advertised.

No: R&B/1610-17 Dated: 24-06-2026  
DIPK-2483/26

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Executive Engineer,  
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### Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (I&FC) Division Sopore

#### Corrigendum (Extension of Dates)

Due to poor response for e-NIT no. 05 of 2026-27 Dt:18-06-2026, bearing endstt No.1304-14 Dt: 18-06-2026. The Dates are extended here as under:

Bid Submission last Date: 29-06-2026 (3:00 PM)  
Bid Opening Date: 30-06-2026 (11:00 AM)

NO: I&FC/ Sopore / NIT/1449-59  
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### NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sr.DEE/TR/JAT acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date 16.07.2026 at 15:00 Hrs only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered.

Tender No.	Name of Work	App. Cost (Rs.)	Cost of Tender form (Rs.)	Date & Time for submission of tender	Earnest Money # (Rs.)	Completion Period	Opening of Tender	Website Particulars
765B-TRD-JAT-2025-26	TRD work in c/w Reliability Action plan in view of Replacement of 105sqmm G-jumper with 160sqmm jumpers at all locations over Jammu Division.	2,52,89,455.86	NIL	Up to 16.07.2026 15:00 Hrs.	5,05,800/-	Eight (08) Months	16.07.2026 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

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## This Day In History

- 253 - St Lucius I begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 524 - Battle of Vézeronce, the Franks defeat the Burgundians
- 841 - Battle at Fontenay: Louis & Charles beat their brother Lotharius I
- 1080 - Wibbert of Ravenna chosen as anti-pope Clemens III
- 1096 -1st Crusade slaughter Jews of Werelingshofen Germany
- 1139 Battle of Ourique: Afonso I defeats Moors
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- 1183- Peace of Konstanz signed between Hohenstaufen Emperor Frederick Barbarossa and Italian Lombard League
- 1638- Lunar eclipse is 1st astronomical event recorded in the American Colonies
- 1667-1st blood transfusion performed by French Doctor Jean-Baptiste Denys
- 1672- 1st recorded monthly Quaker meeting in US held, Sandwich, Mass
- 1678-Elena Cornaro Piscopia, a Venetian, is awarded a doctorate of philosophy - first woman to receive a university doctoral decree
- 1900- Russia mobilizes its army in eastern Siberia preparatory to acting against the Chinese, but also in an attempt to diminish the influence of Japan on the Asian mainland
- 1905-Warsaw & Lodz revolt against Russian occupation

### Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar.

Gist of Notice Inviting e-Tender  
e-NIT No's. MICD/22 of 2026-27 dated: 24-06-2026.

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar, invites e-tenders valid for 90 days on item rate basis by e-tendering mode in two covers from the reputed, registered and experienced Automobile workshop holders/contractors for the following items of work.

e NIT No.	Name/ Particulars of the work	Name of Division	Quantity.	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Validity of Rates
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MICD/22 of 2026-27 Dated: 24/06/26	Repairs to 2x3.15 MVA, 33/6.6 KV electric yard of Lift Irrigation Scheme Rafiabad	Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar	As per requirement	Rs 200/=	Rs. 2100/-	90 days

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No: - Order No: 25- MCO of 2026-27 Dated:02-06-2026.  
Key/critical Dates:

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<b>Bid submission start date</b>	24/06/2026. (1600Hrs)	<b>Bid submission end date</b>	30/06/2026 (1400 Hrs)
<b>Bid opening date</b>		30/06/2026 (1600 Hrs)	

Each tender should be accompanied with an Bid declaration Form/Cost of tender document in the form of as detailed above, pledged to the Executive Engineer MICD Srinagar In absence of Bid declaration form, the Tenders shall be rejected out rightly.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Any information regarding the tenders can be had from this office on all working days.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
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# Kashmir Is Not Silicon Valley

A generation raised to seek government jobs is beginning to build startups instead, often under the gaze of critics who expect Silicon Valley results from a young ecosystem.



Haziqah Showkat



builders often appeared unremarkable until time revealed their significance. Kashmir currently occupies that stage.

Constructive criticism is essential in any healthy society. Entrepreneurs need honest feedback, and public initiatives should be open to scrutiny. Good criticism helps improve weak ideas, but there is a difference between criticism that makes an effort stronger and criticism that discourages people from trying at all.

Too much of the public debate in Kashmir currently falls into the second category.

Social media discussions frequently focus on exposing shortcomings. Drawing-room debates often center on why an idea will fail. Much less attention goes toward mentoring founders, connecting them with professional networks, sharing practical expertise, or helping them overcome obstacles. That imbalance has massive consequences.

People attempting something difficult already face market pressures, financial constraints, operational problems, and competition. Communities gain little when social skepticism becomes an additional obstacle.

Critics with global exposure occupy a particularly important position in this story. Their experience can shorten learning curves, prevent costly mistakes, and open doors that young founders cannot access alone.

Participation creates more value than commentary.

Kashmir's economic future depends on people willing to create something where little previously existed. Their efforts will produce missteps and disappointments. Growth has always involved trial and error.

The larger risk comes from a culture that treats every imperfect beginning as evidence that the effort lacks value.

That journalist at the book launch understood a truth that extends far beyond literature: progress accelerates when communities create space for experimentation.

People who possess knowledge, experience, and perspective can help determine what comes next.

They can remain spectators measuring local efforts against distant benchmarks, or they can step forward and help build the institutions, networks, and businesses that future generations will inherit.

History tends to remember those who build, not those who sit on the sidelines and criticize.

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### KO VIEW

## Before The Water Comes

High above the Kashmir Valley, two lakes are growing. Gangabal and Nundkol, fed by glaciers retreating faster every decade, have been swelling silently for years.

Scientists at the University of Kashmir recently published a study classifying both as highly susceptible to Glacial Lake Outburst Floods: sudden, catastrophic releases of water that can sweep away villages, bridges, and hydropower plants in a matter of hours.

Researchers calculated that a flood from Nundkol alone could put more than a thousand buildings in its path.

Below these lakes, people are living their lives in complete ignorance of all this.

Shepherds in the villages downstream say nobody from the government has come to explain the risk. Neither warning system exists, nor evacuation route has been mapped for them. No pamphlet, no public meeting, nothing in Kashmiri or Urdu that might tell a family what to do if the water comes rushing down the mountain at two in the morning.

This is a remarkable failure, and it is not a technical one. The science is done. The researchers have done their work. A study accepted by the Journal of Glaciology names the lakes, measures their instability, and estimates the damage a flood would cause with a precision that should alarm any government official who reads it.

The problem is that the science stops at the journal. It does not travel the last twenty kilometers to the people sleeping in the flood path.

Glacial lake outbursts are not slow-moving threats. They give no warning and grant no time. In Nepal, in Bhutan, in Uttarakhand, communities have been swallowed by walls of water before anyone could respond.

Kashmir is now entering that same zone of danger, and the window for preparation is open right now, before anything happens, before a family is swept away and a commission of inquiry is formed to ask what went wrong.

Preparation is straightforward: install lake-level sensors that send alerts downstream, train local volunteers to spot risks and guide evacuations, and share research in clear language through schools and panchayat offices.

It also requires connecting scientific findings with local knowledge, so that the shepherd watching changes on the glacier understands how they could affect communities far below.

Governments in this region have spent decades building roads, tunnels, and connectivity projects of extraordinary scale. The Zojila tunnel alone has a price tag running into thousands of crores. Placing sensors on two glacial lakes and running community drills in four or five villages would cost a fraction of that.

What it takes is attention instead of money. The people of Ganderbal district did not cause the glaciers to melt. They have contributed almost nothing to the emissions that are warming the mountains above their homes. They did not ask to live downstream from a scientific time-bomb.

What they have earned, simply by living there, is the right to know what is coming, and a fighting chance to get out of the way.

I still think about a book launch I attended years ago in Srinagar.

The gathering brought together writers, academics, journalists, and readers to "celebrate" the publication of a new book. But the mood in the room hardly matched the occasion.

Much of the discussion centered on what the book lacked. People dissected its weaknesses, questioned its literary value, and measured it against lofty standards that seemed far removed from the reality of a first-time author trying to find his voice.

A few words of encouragement surfaced, but skepticism dominated the discourse.

Then a senior journalist stood up and shifted the mood.

Great literature does not appear overnight, he said. "Writers improve by writing, and societies improve when more people keep writing."

His intervention changed the conversation. More importantly, it changed the trajectory of the author sitting in that room.

Years later, that same writer became a widely recognized literary figure.

That lesson remained with me because it was about more than books. Great things often begin modestly, before anyone recognizes their potential.

That memory returns often as I watch Kashmir's startup culture slowly emerge.

Young people throughout the valley are launching businesses, developing products, testing ideas, and searching for opportunities in sectors ranging from technology and e-commerce to food processing, tourism, education, and manufacturing.

Many of these ventures remain small. Some will fail, while a few may grow into companies that create jobs and attract investment.

Nothing about that trajectory is unusual. What feels unusual is the impatience with which many people judge it.

Whenever local entrepreneurship is discussed, the same criticism often follows: Kashmir moves too slowly, and its founders think too small.

Many compare local startups with places like Bengaluru, Dubai, London, or Silicon Valley. Judged against such giants, disappointment is almost guaranteed.

Several people making these arguments possess valuable experience. Years spent studying, working, and

building careers abroad have given them insights that Kashmir genuinely needs. Their knowledge could strengthen young businesses and help accelerate economic change.

But the problem lies elsewhere.

Many critiques begin from the assumption that Kashmir started its entrepreneurial journey from the same place as mature business ecosystems. It did not.

Three disturbing decades passed without the conditions that typically nurture startup cultures. Venture capital networks never developed at scale, entrepreneurial communities remained limited, and private-sector momentum struggled to gain traction.

Political uncertainty and economic disruption influenced major decisions made by families and institutions alike.

Under those circumstances, parents encouraged children toward government employment. Schools reinforced that goal, and society simply rewarded it.

A government position promised social status, predictable income, and long-term stability. That aspiration made complete sense.

Few young Kashmiris grew up imagining themselves pitching to investors, building technology companies, or launching startups. Most spent their formative years focused on securing a stable future amid stress and strife, making entrepreneurship a distant and often unlikely ambition.

Such generational habits do not disappear simply because internet access improves. Even so, a striking transformation is now taking place.

Young Kashmiris increasingly choose entrepreneurship over conventional career paths. Some run businesses from laptops in their homes, others build ventures rooted in local resources and local demand.

Many teach themselves skills

through online courses, professional communities, and digital platforms that connect them with global knowledge.

Critics frequently point out that information has become universally accessible. Anyone with a connection can learn coding, marketing, finance, design, or product development. Remote work connects talent in Kashmir with clients thousands of miles away.

Those observations are correct. Knowledge, however, does not automatically produce entrepreneurial culture.

People embrace risk when they see examples close to home. Families become more comfortable with entrepreneurship when success stories emerge within their communities. Young founders gain confidence when experimentation earns respect rather than ridicule.

Culture is built through collective support and repeated practice.

That transition has begun in Kashmir. Public attitudes toward entrepreneurship have shifted noticeably during the past decade. Young founders who once faced skepticism now find greater acceptance. Small successes inspire new attempts, and new attempts create fresh examples.

Such moments remain delicate because cultural change moves more slowly than technological change.

Many Kashmiris return home from foreign shores carrying valuable experience from thriving economies. Some evaluate local startups through standards developed in places that spent decades building institutions, attracting capital, and cultivating entrepreneurial talent.

Silicon Valley itself emerged through years of failed companies, public investment, university partnerships, policy support, and sustained experimentation.

Every major innovation hub passed through periods when most projects looked modest and uncertain. Early



Irshad Mushtaq

## The ₹89,000 Gap

The numbers don't lie: J&K keeps outpacing its own expectations while falling further behind every comparable hill economy in India.

Jammu & Kashmir has a story it loves to tell about itself: breathtaking landscapes, world-class saffron, apple orchards that supply half the country, and a tourism sector that brought 2.11 crore visitors in 2023 alone — a record.

By almost any headline measure, the Union Territory is moving forward. The problem is that moving forward and catching up are two entirely different things, and government data makes the distance between the two painfully precise.

Compare J&K's per capita income of 1,46,447 in 2023-24 with Himachal Pradesh's 2,35,199 for the same year.

That single number, a gap of nearly 89,000 per person, per year, represents the difference between rhetoric and reality.

Uttarakhand sits even higher, at roughly 2,70,000.

Mizoram, a state so small its total economy barely registers against J&K's, still delivers a per capita income of around 2,46,000 to its citizens.

Mizoram's example is especially clarifying because it demolishes the convenient argument that geographic remoteness or modest scale explains weak economic outcomes.

The problem lies deeper, in structure. Look at what official economic surveys actually reveal about how J&K earns its living.

The secondary sector, including manufacturing, industry and construction, accounts for only 20.7 percent of the UT's economy.

In Himachal Pradesh, that figure is nearly 42 percent. In Uttarakhand, it exceeds 44 percent.

Those two states built their prosperity on hydropower plants, pharmaceutical corridors, food-processing clusters, and light engineering parks. They took hill geography, which most planners treat as a liability, and turned it into an industrial advantage.

J&K has not done this. Its economy leans heavily on services, and within services, the official survey identifies public administration as the single largest sub-sector.

That is a polite way of saying the region runs substantially on government salaries and public contracts rather than on market-generated wealth.

The agricultural picture compounds the concern.

Close to 46 percent of J&K's workforce is employed in agriculture and allied activities, a sector that contributes only 18 percent to the territory's total value added.

That arithmetic describes an economy where nearly half the people are concentrated in its least productive corner.

Disguised unemployment, where workers appear employed but add little economic output, is the silent tax this imbalance levies on household income.

The official unemployment rate has improved, falling from 6.7 percent in 2019-20 to 4.4 percent in 2022-23, and the Labour Force Participation Rate has risen meaningfully.



Progress is real, but the structural problem behind it is equally real.

The investment picture tells a similar story of ambition outpacing execution.

J&K attracted proposals worth 1.17 lakh crore through March 2024, a figure the administration cites frequently and with reason.

The number worth examining alongside it: actual investment realized in 2023-24 was 3,389 crore.

That is an improvement on the prior year, but the ratio between what was proposed and

what arrived on the ground remains uncomfortably wide.

Proposals create press releases, while factories create jobs.

The union territory's genuine strengths are substantial and should not be dismissed.

Horticulture supports roughly 35 lakh people and generates 6 to 7 percent of GSDP. The Holistic Agriculture Development Plan commits 5,013 crore across 29 projects and projects an annual addition of 28,000 crore to GSDP, along with nearly 3 lakh new jobs.

Handicraft exports doubled between 2021-22 and 2023-24, reaching 1,162 crore. Start-up registrations are climbing.

These are real assets, but what they lack is the downstream infrastructure, like cold chains, grading facilities, food-processing parks, and export logistics, that would multiply their value instead of leaving it on the table at the farm gate or the artisan's workshop.

The migrant labour dynamic shows this same structural gap.

When more than 41,000 migrant workers filled positions in J&K's industrial units even before the current investment push, the explanation was economic rather than cultural.

Local youth pursue government employment and white-collar work because the private economy does not produce enough well-paying alternatives.

Until it does, that preference is entirely rational, and the dependence on interstate labour networks will persist.

What Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand demonstrate is that the transformation is achievable.

Both states began with mountains, limited flat land, and serious connectivity challenges. Both chose to build productive industrial bases anyway.

J&K has the horticulture, the tourism brand, the water resources, and the human capital to do the same.

What it still needs is the disciplined conversion of those assets into factories, processing units, skilled private employment, and enterprises that generate income without a government salary attached.

Beauty brought people here, but productivity will determine whether they can afford to stay.

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# The Business of Learning in Kashmir

Kashmir's coaching industry thrives on parental anxiety and student aspiration, but its rapid expansion exposes uncomfortable truths about the state of education itself.



Mohammad Ilyas Bhat

Many years ago, a friend named Zahoor stood outside a CAT examination centre waiting for the gates to open. Students came in expensive cars, many dressed in jackets and badges displaying the names of prominent coaching institutes.

Zahoor stood among them with a few folded notes in his pocket, his admit card in hand, and confidence in his preparation.

A parent accompanying a student noticed him and asked a simple question: "Which coaching centre are you from?"

"None," Zahoor replied. The response drew visible surprise. "Then it is going to be very difficult for you," the man said.

Months later, when the results came, Zahoor had qualified.

His experience captures a growing belief that has taken hold in Kashmir: academic success has become closely associated with coaching centres, expensive fees and institutional branding.

The assumption seems almost automatic.

Students who attend reputed coaching institutes are viewed as serious contenders. Those who study independently often face skepticism before they have answered a single question.

That perception says something important about the changing educational culture of the valley.

Private tuition centres once served a limited purpose. They helped students strengthen weak subjects, prepare for specific examinations or seek additional guidance outside school hours.

Today, that supplementary role has evolved into a thriving commercial sector. Tuition centres have appeared in almost every town and

neighbourhood of Kashmir, turning coaching into one of the most visible businesses connected to education.

Their growth raises difficult questions about the condition of formal schooling and the increasing commercialization of learning. Financial incentives help explain the expansion.

Running a coaching centre can generate substantial income while involving fewer regulatory obligations than schools. Formal educational institutions must satisfy government requirements related to infrastructure, staffing and academic standards.

Many coaching centres operate with much greater flexibility. Fees vary widely, oversight remains uneven and accountability often depends more on reputation than regulation.

Some teachers have reportedly left secure government positions to establish their own coaching ventures. Such decisions reveal where many educators believe the economic opportunities now lie.

That trend should concern administration because it points to a system where parallel educational markets appear increasingly attractive compared with the institutions that form the foundation of public learning.

Questions also surround the marketing practices of several large institutes. Advertisements frequently highlight faculty members supposedly recruited from outside the region, often accompanied by claims that instructors graduated from prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology.

Such credentials understandably attract parents seeking the best opportunities for their children.

Public confidence, however, grows through transparency.

Families investing substantial portions of their income have every reason to know whether advertised qualifications are accurate and whether instructors possess the expertise being promoted.

Clear disclosure of academic backgrounds, teaching experience and professional credentials would strengthen trust while encouraging higher standards throughout the sector.

Classroom conditions inside many coaching centres present another concern.



**THE BELIEF THAT ACHIEVEMENT CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH HIGHER FEES** creates false expectations for families and unnecessary anxiety for students.

Educational institutions play an important role in guiding learners, but determination remains personal. Concentration, discipline and intellectual curiosity cannot be outsourced.

Several institutes routinely gather hundreds of students into a single lecture hall. Public address systems amplify the instructor's voice while rows of students listen from a distance.

The arrangement may appear efficient from a business perspective, but education functions best through engagement, discussion and feedback.

Educational research has long emphasized the importance of manageable class sizes. When a single teacher addresses 200 or more students at once, meaningful interaction becomes exceptionally difficult.

Students may hear information, but understanding requires something more. Questions need answers, and confusion needs clarification. Learning develops through discussion, guidance and intellectual engagement.

Large lecture halls often shift attention toward completing the syllabus rather than ensuring comprehension.

Chats with students reveal another reality that receives less public attention.

Many acknowledge that coaching centres do not necessarily provide dramatically superior academic instruction. Their attraction often lies elsewhere.

Students gain information about examination schedules, changing question patterns and admission procedures. They enter peer groups focused on competitive tests. They also join a social environment where attendance at a reputed institute signals ambition and seriousness.

A cultural shift has accompanied the commercial one. Enrollment in expensive

coaching programmes increasingly functions as a status marker. Families view admission into prominent institutes almost as a prerequisite for success.

Social pressure reinforces that perception. Parents worry about falling behind, while students fear missing opportunities available to their peers.

Coaching becomes a default decision rather than a carefully evaluated educational choice.

This mindset risks obscuring a truth demonstrated repeatedly by examination results throughout India.

Students who master their textbooks, build conceptual clarity and maintain disciplined study habits frequently outperform expectations. Competitive examinations reward knowledge, analytical thinking and consistency. Coaching

can help organize preparation and provide direction. It can identify weaknesses and introduce useful strategies. None of those advantages replace individual effort.

Every successful candidate eventually confronts the same examination paper alone.

The belief that achievement can be purchased through higher fees creates false expectations for families and unnecessary anxiety for students. Educational institutions play an important role in guiding learners, but determination remains personal. Concentration, discipline and intellectual curiosity cannot be outsourced.

Kashmir's coaching boom therefore points toward a larger challenge.

The debate should extend beyond tuition centres themselves and focus on the educational ecosystem that made their rapid expansion possible.

Why do so many parents feel compelled to seek instruction outside schools? Why do students believe classroom learning alone may be insufficient? What steps can strengthen public confidence in formal education?

Those questions need serious public attention.

The image of Zahoor standing outside the CAT examination centre remains powerful because it cuts through appearances.

Expensive branding suggested one story, but the result told another.

His success emerged from preparation, commitment and belief in his own abilities.

Kashmiri students need guidance, capable teachers and access to quality resources. They also need a message that has become increasingly difficult to hear amid the advertising and competition surrounding modern coaching culture: educational achievement begins with learning itself.

A coaching centre may support that journey, but the destination still depends on the student who opens the book, studies the material and persists long after the lecture ends.

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## Karbala in Iqbal's Verses

For Allama Iqbal, the lives of Hazrat Ali and Hazrat Hussain were not distant history but enduring lessons in courage, sacrifice, and the struggle to stand with truth against power.



Muntashir Kifayat Hussain

Allama Iqbal's devotion to Hazrat Ali [A.S.] is raw, urgent, and deeply personal. In his verses, Ali is not just the cousin of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) or the fourth caliph of Islam. Ali is the first Muslim, the king of the brave, and, most of all, the gate to the city of love.

But Iqbal's admiration is not for titles. It is for Ali's life, his fierce courage, his unmatched simplicity, his stubborn refusal to be dazzled by the world's empty crowns.

Ali ate barley bread, slept on the bare earth, and yet carried the weight of armies on his shoulders. Iqbal does not idolize Ali because he was powerful. He loves him because Ali walked away from power when it meant losing his integrity.

In a time where people chase status and influence, Iqbal's obsession with Ali cuts sharply against the grain. For Iqbal, the power worth chasing is not the power of empires. It is the power of self-mastery. "For me, the strength of Ali is enough," he writes. "Let others

chase the sharpness of Plato's mind."

It is this strength, Iqbal believes, that moves history forward, not grand speeches or clever philosophies. In a line that burns with pride, he writes that the wealth of faith is to love Ali. It is not a metaphor. It is his faith.

Iqbal never hides his own faults. He admits he is far from pure. But his heart, stained as it may be, holds one thing tightly, the love of the Prophet's family, the Ahle Bait.

He believes this alone might be enough to save him. He writes that he carries the mark of this love on his heart and imagines Ali searching for him, ready to offer shelter.

In Kashmir, where the love of Ahle Bait still shapes the rhythm of mourning processions and shapes stories passed from grandmothers to grandchildren, Iqbal's poetry is more than literature. It is a heartbeat.

His verses remind Kashmiris, and perhaps all Muslims, that faith is not just in rituals. It is in standing firm when the world leans the other way.

Iqbal's devotion is not bound to Hazrat Ali alone. It flows through to Hazrat Hussain, Ali's son, the man who stood alone on the plains of Karbala and refused to bow to tyranny.

Hussain's death is often seen as tragedy. But for Iqbal, it is something else. It is Islam's proudest moment of resistance. Hussain's refusal to submit made him the beating heart of truth. Iqbal's words capture this sharp and sacred link: "Allah, Allah! The father belongs to Bismillah, the son to the meaning of sacrifice."

Ali stands for the opening of love; Hussain becomes the full expression of it, a sacrifice that does not break, but builds.



Even in one of his most precise observations, Iqbal links Hussain to the beginning of Islam's history. He writes, "The story of Haram is simple and colorful. It began with Ismail and reached its fullness with Hussain."

It is an unbroken chain of courage and submission to truth, passing from the knife held over Ismail to the sword that could not break Hussain's resolve.

There is something sharp in Iqbal's refusal to let the past remain in the

past. For him, Karbala is not over. The battle lines are always drawn, in every age, in every heart. The choice between surrendering to falsehood or standing firm with dignity is not ancient history. It is a present-day decision.

His anger at those who speak ill of Ali is not rhetorical. It is personal. He wonders how those who claimed to love the Prophet still found room to hate Ali.

And if Ali was not spared by his own people, why would Iqbal, a mere servant of Ali, expect anything better?

In today's world, where political calculations often matter more than principles, where many choose comfort over standing firm, Iqbal's love for Ali and Hussain is a provocation.

It pushes us to ask: Who are we really standing with? What are we really defending?

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It is a love that still has the power to reshape hearts. Even now. Even here.

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# Shah To Chair Narco-Coordination Centre Meeting On Friday

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will chair the 10th apex-level meeting of the Narco-Coordination Centre on Friday, with a focus on tackling the challenges posed by synthetic drugs, darknet-enabled trafficking and expanding the reach of rehabilitation centres for drug users over the next three years.

The meeting will bring together key stakeholders from 44 central ministries and departments,

along with 108 representatives from state governments and drug law enforcement agencies in hybrid mode, where further strengthening of the government's efforts to achieve a drug-free India will be discussed.

Shah will also release a vision document on narcotics control (2026-2029) prepared through wide-ranging consultations with Central government departments, drug law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders.

The document will provide a



shared roadmap for addressing the "demand-reduction, supply-reduction and harm-reduction"

aspects of the drug menace. The roadmap envisages a network-centric enforcement

approach, clearly defines responsibilities, timelines, and measurable targets for all stakeholders, and integrates enforcement, demand reduction, rehabilitation, public awareness, capacity building, and inter-agency coordination.

"This vision document will serve as a guiding framework for policy formulation, implementation and institutional strengthening across the country to curb the menace of drugs," a government statement said.

Shah will also release the NCB

annual report- 2025 and inaugurate the newly built NCB zonal offices in Jammu and Guwahati.

"This meeting is expected to reinforce the government's 'Zero Tolerance Policy' against drug trafficking in the country as emphasised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," the statement said.

It said under the Drug Disposal Fortnight Campaign, approximately 2,09,500 kg of drugs worth Rs 6,000 crore are expected to be destroyed across India by various central and state law-enforcement agencies.

The meeting will provide a platform for a comprehensive review and assessment of the collective efforts undertaken by all stakeholders in combating the drug menace in the country, the statement said.

"While underscoring the need for a whole-of-government approach to effectively combating the drug menace in the country, the high-level meeting will deliberate on key issues relating to effectively combating drug trafficking and drug abuse across the country over the next three years," it said.

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## SKUAST-K Poised

of the Agricultural Research Information System into the Directorate of Information Technology and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell into the Directorate of Quality Assurance. It also approved the establishment of an International Students Cell to strengthen global outreach and student support.

The council discussed SKUAST-Kashmir's future roadmap, which includes the establishment of a Centre for Agri Innovation, Analytics and Certification as a National Reference Laboratory, an Agri-Startup Park to support more than 50 startup enterprises, and a Global Veterinary School aimed at providing internationally benchmarked education, research and clinical services.

Commending the university's achievements, Sinha said SKUAST-Kashmir has demonstrated sustained growth in academics, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and international partnerships.

The Lieutenant Governor also directed the Vice Chancellor to ensure that University Council meetings are held regularly, at least twice a year, to facilitate timely review of academic and administrative matters.

Presenting the university report, Vice Chancellor Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai highlighted SKUAST-Kashmir's emergence as a nationally recognised institution with growing outreach beyond Jammu and Kashmir. He informed the council that nearly 30 per cent of the university's students now come from outside the Union Territory.

Prof. Ganai said the university has developed the largest startup ecosystem among higher educational institutions in Jammu and Kashmir and has secured 123 Intellectual Property Rights, including patents, trademarks and designs, reflecting a strong culture of innovation and translational research.

The council reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening SKUAST-Kashmir's role as a centre of excellence in agricultural and allied sciences with a greater focus on innovation, entrepreneurship and global engagement.

## LG Notifies J&K

Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM-G] Scheme, 2026, replacing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the Union Territory from July 1. The scheme was notified by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha under Section 3(1) read with Section 8 of the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025. It will be implemented across all notified rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir and is aimed at strengthening rural livelihoods while aligning with the national vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

One of the key features of the new programme is an increase in the guaranteed period of wage employment from 100 days under MGNREGA to 125 days annually for every eligible rural household willing to undertake unskilled manual work.

Under the scheme, employment must be provided within 15 days of demand, failing which beneficiaries will be entitled to unemployment allowance. Wage payments are to be made weekly or within a fortnight, with compensation provisions for delays.

In a departure from the previous framework, the scheme incorporates a mandatory 60-day pause in public works during peak sowing and harvesting seasons. The provision is intended to ensure adequate labour availability for agricultural activities and protect farm productivity.

The programme places emphasis on the creation of durable community assets and sustainable livelihood infrastructure. It identifies four priority sectors for intervention: Water Security, Core Rural Infrastructure, Livelihood Enhancement, and Climate and Disaster Resilience.

Planning and implementation will be carried out through Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans (VGPPs), which will utilise GIS-based tools and PM Gati Shakti data layers to improve coordination, avoid duplication of works and ensure saturation-based development.

The scheme also provides targeted support for vulnerable sections, including single women, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, members of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), released bonded labourers and transgender persons. These beneficiaries will be covered through dedicated Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards.

Officials said that at least one-third of the beneficiaries under the programme will be women.

With its enhanced employment guarantee, technology-enabled governance mechanisms and focus on resilient infrastructure and sustainable livelihoods, the administration expects the VB-G RAM-G scheme to strengthen rural development and expand livelihood opportunities across Jammu and Kashmir.

## J&K Draws 7

headed by MP Bhartruhari Mahtab, visited Jammu & Kashmir to review key issues such as financial literacy, digitalisation, GST reforms, pension regulation, MSME growth, insurance coverage, and grievance redressal.

Soon after, the Department-related Standing Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs, led by MP Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy, visited Jammu & Kashmir and assessed the progress of Smart City and other urban projects.

The Department-related Standing Committee on Home Affairs, headed by BJP MP Radha Mohan Das Aggarwal, visited Jammu & Kashmir from May 10 to May 15 to discuss various issues. The Department-related Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment also visited the Union Territory in May-June as part of its study tour.

Cutting across party lines, legislators are optimistic that these visits will boost development in Jammu & Kashmir and promote it on the tourism map.

MLA Gulmarg, Farooq Ahmad Shah, termed the visits as positive, saying that parliamentarians can better understand the realities on the ground through firsthand experience.

"When parliamentarians visit J&K and witness the situation themselves, they become ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir. This is a welcome step and will help project the region in a positive manner," Shah said.

"Once they return, they will carry good impressions of Jammu and Kashmir and encourage others to visit. We are hopeful that this will have a positive impact on tourism and development alike," he said.

Shah, who is also head of J&K Assembly's petition committee, said that these visits also draw the attention of the Central government to the development needs of J&K.

"During these visits, they also examine developmental issues concerning J&K, which are later mentioned in their reports. Once the report is tabled, the concerned ministry has to submit an action-taken report on it," he explained.

Echoing similar views, MLA Udampur East R.S. Pathania said the visits would prove beneficial for the Union Territory.

"Jammu & Kashmir is getting positive projection through such visits, and it will certainly help," Pathania said. (KNO)

## A Sea of Black

Dalgate around Maghrib prayers, reflecting both the scale of participation and the emotional significance of the occasion.

The permission, issued by the District Magistrate on the recommendations of the Senior Superintendent of Police, had stipulated that the procession commence at 6:00 am from Guru Bazar, cross Jehangir Chowk by 7:00 am and reach the J&K Bank Headquarters area around 8:30 am, with organisers directed to strictly adhere to the approved route and schedule.

Beginning early in the morning from Guru Bazar, the procession moved through Jehangir Chowk, Budshah Kadal and M.A. Road before culminating at Imambargah Dalgate. Thousands of mourners carrying flags and alms joined the procession from different parts of Kashmir, while nallahs and elegies echoed along the route.

The city wore a distinctly Muharram look, with banners and religious messages adorning roads, markets and residential areas. Volunteers established sabeels, medical camps and service stalls, offering water and refreshments to participants as temperatures remained high during the day.

Among the most visible participants were children dressed in black, many carrying miniature alms and flags while accompanying their families.

Authorities had made extensive preparations for the observance, including security deployment, traffic diversions, sanitation drives, healthcare facilities, drinking water supply and emergency response arrangements. Personnel from the J&K Police, CRPF, traffic police and civil administration remained deployed along the route.

Senior officers of the police and civil administration joined the procession at Lal Chowk as a gesture of service and solidarity. Special Director General of Police (Coordination) S.J.M. Gillani, Inspector General of Police Kashmir V.K. Birdi, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg and other officers distributed water and juice among mourners.

Speaking to reporters, IGP Kashmir V.K. Birdi said elaborate arrangements had been made to ensure the smooth conduct of the procession.

"Jammu and Kashmir Police has made all necessary arrangements, including traffic-related measures, for mourners coming from different parts of the city and adjoining districts," he said, adding that the arrangements were finalised in consultation with organisers.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg thanked the public for cooperating with the administration and said all departments had worked in coordination to facilitate the peaceful observance of Muharram.

"Our colleagues, stakeholders and teams from various departments are in place along the routes as per the directions of the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister. Our endeavour is to ensure peaceful observance of Muharram," Garg said.

He said the administration had

simultaneously been managing Muharram arrangements, preparations for the annual Amamath Yatra and the ongoing tourist season.

Religious leaders highlighted the universal message of Karbala and called for justice, patience, unity and peaceful coexistence.

Prominent Shia cleric Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari described the massive procession as the culmination of years of struggle to restore the historic route for commemorating the sacred memory of Karbala and expressed gratitude to those who had worked towards its revival.

Ansari also urged the administration to allow the traditional 10th Muharram procession on its historic route.

"It is not merely a procession but a journey of remembrance and sacrifice. People wait throughout the year for this day," said Tahir Ali, a mourner from Budgam.

Another participant, Mubashir Hassan, said the gathering brought together people from across Kashmir while reflecting the enduring message of Karbala.

The 8th Muharram procession is dedicated to Hazrat Abul Fazl Abbas (AS), the standard-bearer of Imam Hussain's caravan in Karbala and a revered symbol of loyalty, courage and sacrifice.

## NGT Amicus Flags

about 530 tonnes remain untreated daily. The report also noted that nearly 26 tonnes of waste are not collected each day.

The note, accessed by Kashmir Observer, states that around 352 tonnes of waste are presently being dumped in landfills. It added that authorities are considering the use of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) in cement plants, while a 300-tonne-per-day Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) plant sanctioned for the Union Territory is expected to be completed by March 2027. Two Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste processing facilities are also likely to become operational this year.

The Amicus Curiae expressed concern over the growing burden of legacy waste, observing that nearly 1.816 million tonnes of old waste are lying at 101 identified dump sites spread across 49 urban local bodies.

The report noted that details regarding leachate treatment, land reclamation, site restoration and future utilisation of reclaimed land have not been adequately provided.

It also flagged environmental risks posed by waste processing facilities located near water bodies. Referring to the Bandipora waste management facility near the Wular Ramsar Wetland, the note warned that leachate from dumpsites could contaminate freshwater resources if not managed properly.

The report further pointed to flood-related damage suffered by waste management facilities at RS Pura and Arnia, indicating shortcomings in disaster-resilient planning.

On sewage management, the note stated that Jammu and Kashmir generates 445.647 million litres of sewage every day against an installed treatment capacity of 229 MLD. However, only 137.06 MLD of the available capacity is currently being utilised, leaving a treatment gap of nearly 324 MLD.

The Amicus Curiae also observed that crucial information relating to river water quality, sewage-carrying drains, sludge management and other environmental indicators was not provided in the compliance report.

Among its recommendations, the note called for dedicated conservation and protection plans for Dal Lake and Wular Lake, a complete ban on dumping waste and sewage near water bodies, detailed reporting on leachate management and avoidance of waste treatment facilities near rivers, wetlands and other ecologically sensitive zones.

The report also urged the administration to develop an in-house mechanism for RDF utilisation instead of transporting waste outside the Union Territory.

In addition, it sought a comprehensive status report on industrial effluent management, including details of industrial waste generation, treatment infrastructure, compliance with pollution control norms and disposal of untreated waste.

The observations form part of the NGT's ongoing scrutiny of waste management practices and environmental compliance across states and Union Territories. (inputs from KNO)

## 4-Day Rain

and Bandipora, besides parts of Srinagar, Poonch, Rajouri and Kishtwar. Rain and thundershowers were also recorded along the Sonamarg-Baltal-Holy Cave and Pahalgam-Holy Cave routes.

Officials said some areas, particularly in North and Central Kashmir, witnessed brief but intense showers accompanied by thundershowers, gusty winds and hailstorm activity. Heavy rainfall also led to localized waterlogging in some low-lying areas of Srinagar.

The weather department advised people to remain indoors during thundershowers and avoid taking shelter near electric poles, power lines, old trees and weak structures. Boating and shikara operations were also advised to be

suspended during adverse weather conditions. Fresh Wet Spell From June 30

The MeT Department said weather conditions are likely to remain largely dry during mornings and afternoons till June 29. However, isolated to scattered places may witness brief spells of rain and thundershowers, particularly during late afternoon and evening hours.

From June 30 to July 3, Jammu and Kashmir is expected to witness light to moderate rain and thundershowers at many places, with the possibility of intense showers, thundershowers and gusty winds at isolated locations.

The department warned that heavy downpours could trigger flash floods, mudslides and landslides in vulnerable areas and advised people to stay away from streams, nallahs and landslide-prone zones during the period.

Temperatures Remain Above Normal Despite the evening showers, temperatures continued to remain above normal across most parts of Kashmir.

Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 32°C, nearly 3 degrees above normal, while Qazigund registered 31.6°C. Gulmarg recorded 23.2°C and Pahalgam 25.7°C.

In the Jammu division, Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 39.5°C, while Katra settled at 36°C. Banihal recorded 30.9°C and Batote 29.1°C.

The Meteorological Department said it is closely monitoring the evolving weather situation and urged residents, tourists and pilgrims to follow official advisories and weather updates.

## JKBOSE Can

backed by powers conferred under the J&K Board of School Education Act. It held that the authority to prescribe courses and syllabi necessarily includes the power to prescribe textbooks.

Rejecting the challenge to the notifications, the Bench said the objective behind the Board's action was to promote academic merit, educational quality and uniformity in instruction.

"The impugned notifications and circulars cannot, therefore, be termed as arbitrary or violative of Article 14 of the Constitution," the court said, adding, "They are general directions issued to all affiliated institutions, uniformly applicable across the Union Territory, and are clearly intended to maintain educational uniformity. Courts have repeatedly observed that matters of educational policy lie primarily within the domain of the expert and regulatory bodies, and judicial interference is warranted only where the policy is manifestly arbitrary, unreasonable, or contrary to statute."

The court emphasized that the State has the authority to frame curricula and prescribe textbooks as part of its regulatory role in education.

Relying on settled legal principles, the court noted that the State can impose reasonable educational regulations and that such measures are aimed at ensuring social justice and quality education. It further held that matters relating to educational policy primarily fall within the domain of expert bodies and regulatory authorities, warranting limited judicial interference.

The Bench concluded that institutions seeking affiliation with JKBOSE are bound by the terms and conditions of affiliation, including compliance with the curriculum, syllabi and textbooks prescribed by the Board.

"This court has clearly laid down that the State can carve down the syllabi and also prescribe the text books. The action is being social justice and quality education."

Finding no illegality in the impugned notifications or the earlier judgment, the court dismissed the appeal and affirmed the order dated September 8, 2023 passed by the Single Judge

## 2 Dead In Doda

were shifted to Government Medical College (GMC) Doda for treatment," he added.

Police have taken cognisance of the incident and initiated further proceedings.

## J&K On High Alert

the enhanced security framework, specialised security teams have been deployed while comprehensive fire safety audits have been conducted in hotels, lodges and guest houses designated for pilgrims. Authorities have also introduced QR-based digital identification for service providers associated with the pilgrimage to improve monitoring and verification.

The security apparatus has been further augmented with the installation of additional CCTV cameras equipped with facial recognition capabilities and other advanced surveillance systems along the routes and at vulnerable locations.

To assess preparedness and improve inter-agency coordination, security forces and civil agencies have conducted a series of mock drills across Jammu and Kashmir in recent days.

At Banihal Railway Station, personnel from the Army, J&K Police, GRPF, RPF, CRPF, SDRF and the Health Department participated in a joint exercise aimed at testing emergency response mechanisms.

Another mock drill was conducted at Bhagwati Nagar, the main base camp for

pilgrims in Jammu, where National Security Guard commandos and Special Operations Group personnel rehearsed response protocols for potential security threats.

In Poonch district, SDRF, Civil Defence, CRPF, Army and district police carried out a joint exercise to evaluate preparedness for emergencies during the monsoon season and the Shri Buddha Amarnath Yatra.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Anantnag, Amod Ashok Nagpure, chaired a briefing of officers deployed for yatra duties and directed them to strictly adhere to standard operating procedures while maintaining close coordination with all departments involved in the pilgrimage.

Security review meetings have also been held in several districts, including Samba, while civic authorities have reviewed arrangements for pilgrims in Jammu. A tenant verification drive has been launched and security measures have been strengthened at key public locations, including the Jammu Bus Stand.

Meanwhile, the Traffic Police Headquarters has issued a detailed advisory regulating the movement of convoy and non-convoy vehicles during the pilgrimage period.

According to the advisory, pilgrim convoys heading towards Baltal will leave Jammu at 4 am and cross Banihal by 10 am, while convoys bound for Pahalgam will depart at 4.15 am and cross Banihal by 10.45 am.

Authorities have also imposed cut-off timings for civilian traffic at several locations along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and other routes to facilitate the smooth movement of pilgrim convoys and prevent congestion.

Officials said the restrictions and enhanced security measures are aimed at ensuring the safety of pilgrims and maintaining seamless traffic movement during the annual pilgrimage. Commuters have been advised to follow traffic advisories and cooperate with security personnel throughout the yatra period.

## Kashmir Craft

Geographical Indication (GI) certification mechanisms for handicrafts".

The award was received by Sajid Nazir, Senior Faculty, CDI, on behalf of the Department at a ceremony in New Delhi.

The award-winning system enables buyers to instantly verify the authenticity, origin and quality of products such as Pashmina and Kani shawls, Sozni embroidery, hand-knotted carpets and other GI registered crafts. By scanning the QR code, consumers can trace a product back to the artisan or institution that created it, ensuring transparency and preventing counterfeiting.

The spokesperson said thousands of handicraft products have already been labelled under the initiative, enhancing consumer confidence, expanding market access and supporting export growth.

Congratulating the technical teams of PTQCC and IICT, Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir, Sh. Mussarat Islam, said the recognition reflects the Department's commitment to preserving Kashmir's rich craft heritage. He added that the QR code system provides direct visibility to artisans, helping them connect with buyers and access niche global markets, thereby improving their economic prospects.

The SKOCH Award is a prestigious national recognition honouring innovative initiatives that promote excellence, good governance, and inclusive development.

## Gondola Set

and Kashmir Cable Car Corporation suspended operations and launched a comprehensive technical inspection of the system. Engineers and experts carried out detailed examinations of the Gondola's mechanical, electrical, communication, braking and safety components to identify the cause of the malfunction and ensure operational safety.

As maintenance and inspection work continued, authorities repeatedly extended the closure period, eventually announcing that services would remain suspended until further notice.

The Jammu and Kashmir government had also constituted a high-level inquiry committee on June 10 to investigate the circumstances surrounding the malfunction. The panel was tasked with examining the technical failure, reviewing maintenance and operational records, assessing compliance with safety protocols and identifying any lapses that may have contributed to the incident.

Sources said all mandatory inspections, repairs and test runs have now been completed successfully, paving the way for the restoration of services.

The reopening of the Gondola is expected to provide a major boost to tourism in Gulmarg, particularly during the peak summer season. Tourist activity in the resort town had been affected by the suspension of Gondola operations, which remain one of the biggest attractions for visitors to the destination.

The final decision on reopening is expected after formal clearance from the concerned authorities.

# RKD Disease Wreaks Havoc across Poultry Farms in Kashmir

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Poultry farms across Kashmir are facing a deepening crisis as outbreak of Ranikhet Disease (RKD) has caused large-scale mortality among birds, pushing many growers to the verge of abandoning the sector altogether.

According to the details available with KNO, farmers from several areas, particularly Lassipora in South Kashmir's Pulwama district, said that numerous poultry units have suffered devastating losses in recent weeks after RKD outbreaks wiped out entire flocks within just two to three days.

The disease, known for its rapid spread and high mortality rate, has left farmers struggling to recover from repeated financial setbacks.

Poultry growers, the latest wave of infections has once again exposed the vulnerability of the sector, which has already



been battling challenges such as rising feed costs, low market rates and competition from poultry imports from outside the Valley. "We have witnessed birds dying in large numbers within a matter of days. In some cases, entire batches were lost

before any effective treatment could be administered," said Javid Ahmad a poultry farmer from Lassipora. "The losses are unbearable and many farmers are now seriously considering closing their farms."

Farmers said that the recur-

ring disease outbreaks have created fear and uncertainty among poultry growers, many of whom invested their life savings in establishing poultry units.

They added that repeated losses without adequate support or compensation have made it increasingly difficult to sustain operations.

Another poultry grower said that several farmers in Pulwama and adjoining areas have either reduced production or completely shut down their farms due to continuous disease-related losses.

"Every few months we face another outbreak. After spending heavily on chicks, feed, medicines and maintenance, seeing thousands of birds perish within days is heartbreaking. Many farmers can no longer bear these losses," he said.

The poultry sector in Kashmir, once considered a reliable source of employment and income for

thousands of families, has witnessed a steady decline over the past few years. Farmers claim that disease outbreaks, coupled with poor returns and market challenges, have forced a significant number of poultry units to cease operations.

Industry stakeholders said that Pulwama, traditionally regarded as one of Kashmir's major poultry-producing districts, has witnessed a substantial reduction in active poultry farms. They warned that unless immediate corrective measures are taken, more units may shut down in the coming months.

"We need stronger disease surveillance, timely vaccination programmes and expert veterinary support. Farmers cannot fight these outbreaks alone," said another poultry farmer. "The government must come forward with a comprehensive plan to save the sector."

## 'We Are One': Mehbooba Seeks Collective Push for Pandits' Return to Valley

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday said Kashmiri Pandits and Muslims together have a larger role to play than the government for the displaced population's return to the valley.

"I think there is less of a role for the government and more of our Muslim and Pandit brothers together. We are one, we are not different. I request our Kashmiri Pandit brethren not to look at the past, but look towards the future," Mehbooba told reporters in the Anantnag district.

As per PTI, the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir participated in the 'Mekhal' ceremony of the children of a Kashmiri Pandit at their ancestral village in Omoooh in the Verinag area of the south Kashmir district.

Pointing to the examples of respected Kashmiri Pandit doctors like U Koul, Shushil Razdan, and Sameer Koul, she said they come to Kashmir to treat patients so that they do not need to go outside the valley.

"When a Kashmiri Muslim sees a Pandit doctor in any part of the country, he embraces him warmly. He (doctor) does not tell the patient that if he is a Kashmiri Muslim, he will not treat him, as he has some complaints with him.

"I think our youngsters, or young Kash-



miri Pandit doctors or others, should come here. We should forget the past and look towards the future," she added.

The PDP president urged the government to improve the facilities for Kashmiri Pandits, including the PM Package employees, living in the valley.

"They are facing difficulties in Jagti in Jammu, but I am happy the way our Pandit brother came here for his son's function. I feel other Pandit brothers should also come," she said.

She also advocated building large 'sarais' near major temples in the valley so that Kashmiri Pandits could come and live there with ease. "Kashmir, the valley of saints, should once again prosper with Kashmiri Pandits," she said.

## AMARNATH YATRA 2026

### National Disaster Management Authority Conducts Exercise in Pahalgam

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with Anantnag district administration conducted a table-top exercise on Wednesday in Pahalgam ahead of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The yatra will begin on July 3 and conclude on August 28.

The exercise was part of the ongoing preparedness measures for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra aimed at ensuring seamless coordination among all key stakeholders involved in the management of the annual pilgrimage, an official spokesman said.

He said senior officers from the NDMA, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction; the district administration, ADC Defence Forces, Security Forces, Fire and Emergency



Services, SDRF, Camp Directors and Additional Camp Directors, and other concerned officials participated in the exercise.

The objective was to assess operational readiness, enhance inter-agency coordination and identify potential gaps in contingency planning related to route management, medical emergencies, weather-induced challenges and crowd control, the spokesman said.

Addressing the participants, NDMA Lead Consultant Major General Sudhir Bahl (retd) emphasised the

importance of integrated planning and real-time coordination.

He reviewed the disaster management plans in place a description of which was shared by the district administration.

As per PTI, the exercise simulated multiple disaster scenarios to test the preparedness and response capabilities of all agencies involved.

Detailed deliberations were held on communication strategies, evacuation procedures and the deployment of critical resources.

## BJP Has Started Panchayat Poll Preparations: Ashok Koul

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Bharatiya Janata Party Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul on Wednesday said the party has started preparations for upcoming panchayat elections. He reiterated that statehood would be restored to Union Territory at an "appropriate time".

As per KNO, speaking to reporters in Gurez, Koul said the BJP was working to strengthen its organisational base in the region and was gearing up for local body elections whenever they are announced.

"We have started preparing for the panchayat elections. Whenever the government decides to hold them, the party will contest with full preparation," he said.

Koul targeted the Omar Abdullah-led government over the outsourcing of jobs, alleging irregularities in the recruitment process.

He claimed that around

24,000 jobs had been outsourced and questioned the transparency of the exercise.

"If appointments are to be made, they should be done through established recruitment agencies such as the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) and the Public Service Commission. We have opposed this outsourcing policy and will continue to raise our voice against it," he said.

On the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP leader said both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have already committed to restoring statehood.

"We believe statehood should be restored. The Prime Minister and the Home Minister have said it will be restored at the appropriate time. That time has not come yet, but when it does, the people of Jammu and Kashmir will get statehood," he said.

## Amazon to Build India's largest 'Delivery in Minutes' Network

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Amazon announced its plans to build India's largest 'delivery in minutes' network by scaling Amazon Now, its ultra-fast delivery within minutes, to customers in over 300 cities across the country.

Amazon Now has become the fastest-growing e-commerce business unit in Amazon India's history with orders having doubled every quarter since launch. Amazon will scale up its specialized fulfillment infrastructure to offer the largest selection of products to customers across the country - when they need them - tens

of thousands of products delivered in minutes or a few hours, a wider selection of over one million within the same-day, over four million the next day and millions more with unlimited, free & fast Prime Delivery.

Amazon also announced 'Sammaan', a dedicated program focused on the welfare of tens of thousands of delivery associates powering its e-commerce and quick commerce business. A portion of Amazon India's recently announced \$300 million investment in operations and associate well-being will go towards strengthening and scaling this program.



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## OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER

### POSHAN PROJECT KAKAPORA

#### ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

In pursuance of approval accorded by the Mission Director vide Order No. MD/Poshan/22282-89 dated 18.06.2026 and endorsement issued by the District Programme Officer, Poshan Projects, Pulwama vide No. DPOP/ICDS/2026/981-89 dated 19-06-2026, applications are hereby invited from eligible female candidates belonging to the respective Panch Ward(s) of the Panchayat Halqas indicated below for engagement as Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) / Sanginis for Anganwadi Centres under Poshan Project Kakapora on "Honorarium basis". The application form, duly filled in and accompanied by self-attested copies of all required documents, must reach the office of the undersigned, i.e., Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project Kakapora, within a period of 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notification.

Applications received after the due date or found incomplete in any manner shall not be considered.

S.No	Name of Poshan Project	Name of the Post	No of Posts	Name of AWC	Panchayat Halqa	Punch Constituency No
01	Kakapora	AWW (Sanginis)	03	Karimabad-A	Karimabad	PC-II
02				T.Wagum-A	Wagum	PC-I
03				Pinglana-E	Pinglana	PC-III

Criteria for Selection of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers):-

- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post.
- The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
- The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where AWC is located.
- Minimum Education qualification should be 10+2 pass and maximum graduation.
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be granted purely on academic merit basis & there shall not be any interview.
- In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retired AWW, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.
- Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form of Sanginis (AWW)

- Panch Ward Certificate / present / continuous, ward residence certificate issued by BDO.
- Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.
- Date of Birth Certificate.
- Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10+2.
- If candidate belong to family of retired AWW then copy of the e-ration card.
- Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.
- If Unmarried then Certificate from respective Tehsildars.
- Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-.
- Affidavit from ist class magistrate that I have not acquired any higher qualification beyond graduation as on the date of submission of this application. If any stage it is found that I have acquired any higher qualification I shall be liable for disengagement/termination.
- The application forms for both Sanginis and Shayikas shall be obtained from office of the U/S free of cost.

No:- CDPO/Kak/Adv/2026/104-20    DIPK-2492-26    Child Dev. Project Officer  
 Dated:- 24-06-2026    DT: 24/06/2026    Poshan, Kakapora

## Govt Names Haris Handoo Nodal Officer for Muharram-2026 Arrangements

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Government has appointed Haris Ahmad Handoo, Special Secretary in the Chief Minister's Secretariat, as the Nodal Officer to oversee inter-departmental coordination for Muharram-2026 arrangements across the Union Territory.

According to a government order, a copy of which is in possession of Kashmir Observer, Handoo will coordinate with various departments and maintain close liaison with district administrations and other agencies involved in making arrangements during the holy month of Muharram.

The order states that the Nodal Officer will monitor the status of preparations and facilitate the timely resolution of issues requiring coordination among different stakeholders to ensure the smooth conduct of Muharram-related activities.

The appointment has been made to streamline preparations and strengthen coordination among all departments and agencies concerned with Muharram-2026 arrangements across Jammu and Kashmir. (Observer News Service)

## 23 Pilgrims Injured after Minibus Plunges into Gorge

**KATHUA:** At least 23 pilgrims were injured, two of them critically, after a minibus carrying devotees to the revered Sukrala Mata shrine plunged into a gorge in the Simbli area of Kathua district on Wednesday, officials said.

An official told KNO that the minibus was on its way to the shrine when the driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle in Simbli, causing it to roll down into a gorge.

The official said that 23 passengers sustained injuries in the accident, with two reported to be in critical condition. The injured were rescued and shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

The rescue operation was jointly carried out by the police, civil administration, and local residents, who rushed to the spot immediately after the accident, the official added.

He said the condition of the critically injured passengers was being closely monitored by doctors.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognisance of the incident and initiated an investigation to ascertain the cause of the accident. (Observer News Service)

## DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT I)

2nd Floor SCO 33-34-35  
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh  
Case No. OA/1653/2025

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

Exh. No: 33945  
**JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED**  
VS  
**M/S Raja Muzaffar Khan**

- To.
- M/S RAJA MUZAFFAR KHAN  
A PROPRIETORSHIP CONCERN,  
AT JANGLAT MANDI,  
ANANTNAG. (JAMMU AND KASHMIR) 192101  
THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR SHRI RAJA  
MUZAFFAR KHAN SON OF SHRI ABDUL RASHID  
KHAN Anantnag JAMMU AND KASHMIR-192101
  - Shri RAJA MUZAFFAR KHAN  
SON OF SHRI ABDUL RASHID KHAN, PROPRIETOR  
OF M/S RAJA MUZAFFAR KHAN  
RESIDENT OF NAI BASTI  
ANANTNAG, JAMMU AND KASHMIR-192101

### SUMMONS

Whereas, OA/1653/2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 02.04.2026

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs 2538633.87 (application along with copies of documents etc, annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

- to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
- to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3 A of the original application;
- you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
- you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
- you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 06.07.2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date : 04.04.2026

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

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

# PM Flags Rising Digital Misuse, Cybercrime Threat

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed concern over the rising misuse of digital platforms to defraud people and stressed that such matters require co-ordinated, sensitive and time-bound handling by all concerned agencies. He also reviewed four critical infrastructure projects across the road, power, industrial corridor and metro rail sectors, covering four states and costing around Rs 30,000 crore, an official statement said.

The reviews were done by the prime minister at the 52nd meeting of PRAGATI, the ICT-enabled, multi-modal platform aimed at fostering Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation by seamlessly integrating efforts of the central and state governments. Reviewing the cases related to cyber crime and digital arrest, Modi noted that citizens should not be made to run from one department or agency to another and emphasised the need for clear ownership, faster response, better coordination among law enforcement agencies, banks and digital platforms, and stronger public awareness campaigns.



He observed that in cases involving cyber fraud, timely action is crucial to prevent financial loss and re-

store public confidence. The prime minister asked all stakeholders to work in close coordination to strengthen prevention, reporting, investigation and grievance redressal mechanisms. Modi emphasised that states should work towards enabling e-Zero FIR mechanisms for faster registration and response in cyber fraud cases. According to the statement, the infrastructure projects, important for economic growth, regional connectivity, industrial development and public welfare, were reviewed with focus on timelines, inter-agency coordination, issue resolution and

timely completion. Modi underlined that delays in infrastructure projects not only lead to cost escalation, but also deprive people and industries of timely benefits. He asked the concerned ministries and state governments to resolve pending issues in a mission-mode manner and ensure close monitoring at the highest level. The prime minister emphasised the use of PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for efficient planning and timely implementation of infrastructure projects. He also underlined the need for regular and timely updation of project details, utilities, infrastructure

layers, clearances and other field-level information on the portal. Modi further emphasised that the platform must reflect the latest ground situation so that bottlenecks can be identified in advance, inter-agency coordination can be improved and decisions can be taken on the basis of reliable, real-time data. The prime minister also reviewed TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan and emphasised the need to leverage latest digital technologies including artificial intelligence. He suggested a team of NCC cadets and MY Bharat volunteers for awareness, patient follow-up and community mobilisation.

## Air India Plane Drifts into Pak Airspace; Faces Action

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** An Air India plane operating a flight from the national capital strayed into the Pakistani airspace on Monday night while manoeuvring a go-around at the Amritsar airport.



Aviation regulator DGCA on Wednesday said interim action has been taken against the air traffic controller in Amritsar and also the airline's operating crew for non-reporting of the event. In a statement on Wednesday, the airline said the incident has been reported to the regulatory authorities and is being investigated internally.

infringed on the Pakistan airspace while manoeuvring a go-around at Amritsar airport.

DGCA said that after the aircraft commenced approach during radar vectoring, it briefly entered the Pakistan airspace.

A source said the incident happened at a little past 8 pm on Monday when the aircraft had to go around at the Amritsar airport.

"The event was coordinated with Pakistan ATC Authorities. The aircraft finally diverted to Delhi and safely landed at Delhi," the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said in a statement.

In the statement, DGCA said Air India aircraft VT-PPV, during approach, was asked to hold due to runway inspection after a bird strike incident.

Pakistan has closed its airspace for Indian airlines since April 2025.

DGCA did not specify the actions taken against the air traffic controller and the operating crew.

According to Air India, the crew operating flight AI479 from Delhi to Amritsar on 22 June had marginally

at least 20,179 children were killed and 44,143 children were injured as a result of the hostilities in Gaza, constituting 30 per cent of those killed and 26 per cent of those injured during this period.

Details about the number of passengers onboard the plane could not be ascertained.

## Israel Killed 20,000 Children in Gaza: United Nations

Press Trust of India

**UNITED NATIONS, JUN 24 (PTI)** More than 20,000 Palestinian children have been killed by Israeli forces in "deliberate, targeted" attacks since October 2023, according to a UN commission of inquiry chaired by Srinivasan Muralidhar.

Muralidhar, the former Orissa High Court Chief Justice, said in a press conference in Geneva on Tuesday that they found "indisputable evidence" concerning the "deliberate, targeted killing of Palestinian children, including since the October 2025 ceasefire".

The Independent International Commission of Inquiry said in its 100-page report that between October 7, 2023, and October 7, 2025, at least 20,179 children were killed and 44,143 children were injured as a result of the hostilities in Gaza, constituting 30 per cent of those killed and 26 per cent of those injured during this period.

Israel rejected the re-

port and called it a "libelous sham".

"The COI is a fundamentally flawed mechanism whose very purpose is to single out and vilify Israel rather than seek the truth," it said.

The commission examined violations and crimes against Palestinian children, including serious physical and psychological harm by the Israeli security forces since October 7 2023, when Hamas had attacked Israel.

The Hamas-led attack on southern Israel killed about 1,200 people and 251 were taken hostage.

"The commission found indisputable evidence with regard to the deliberate, targeted killing of Palestinian children, including since the October 2025 ceasefire, the use of torture, inhumane and degrading treatment, including use of sexual and gender-based violence against Palestinian children, as well as targeting of critical infrastructure essential to children, such as orphan-

ages, health care, and educational facilities," Muralidhar said.

He added that there has been "widespread and systematic" killing and harming of children between October 7, 2023 and October 2025.

The commission also examined a sharp increase in violence perpetrated by members of Israeli settlers against Palestinian children in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

It said that until October 7, 2023, roughly half of the population of the Gaza Strip was under the age of 18. "These children had already lived their entire lives under the Israeli blockade and occupation, experiencing multiple rounds of hostilities and trauma."

The commission "notes the increase in the proportion of children killed in comparison to previous escalations of hostilities wherein children made up approximately 24 per cent of the conflict-related fatalities in the escalations of hostilities of 2008-2009 and 2014".

## RBI Orders Fraud Credit Reversal Within Five Days

Press Trust of India

**MUMBAI:** The Reserve Bank on Wednesday said in case of complaints of fraudulent electronic banking transactions via a credit card, a bank should provide shadow reversal or provisional credit of the disputed amount within 5 days from the date of customer notification.

The RBI has issued revised framework on limiting customer liability in digital transactions.

A bank should design its systems and procedures to make customers feel safe about carrying out electronic banking transaction (EBT) and it should put in place appropriate systems and procedures to ensure safety and security of EBTs carried out by customers, the amended norms said.

"A bank shall mandatorily send instant SMS alerts to its customers for all EBTs of value more than Rs 500. For EBTs of value up to Rs 500, a bank may decide to send instant SMS as per its internal policy but without any charge to the customer," the RBI said.

These norms will come into effect from January 1, 2027.

Also, the bank's communication systems, deployed for sending alerts and receiving the responses, shall record the date and time of delivery of the message and receipt of customer's response, if any.

On receipt of a complaint regarding any fraudulent EBT from a customer, a bank shall take prompt steps to prevent further unauthorised EBTs in the customer's account, the RBI said.

"A customer shall be entitled to zero liability and reversal of the transaction in cases where the fraudulent EBT occurs due to negligence / deficiency on the part of the bank, irrespective of whether the transaction is reported by the customer or not," it said.

Further, a customer should be entitled to "zero liability and reversal of the transaction" in cases of third-party breach where the customer reports the unauthorised fraudulent EBT to the bank within five calendar days from the date of its occurrence, the RBI said.

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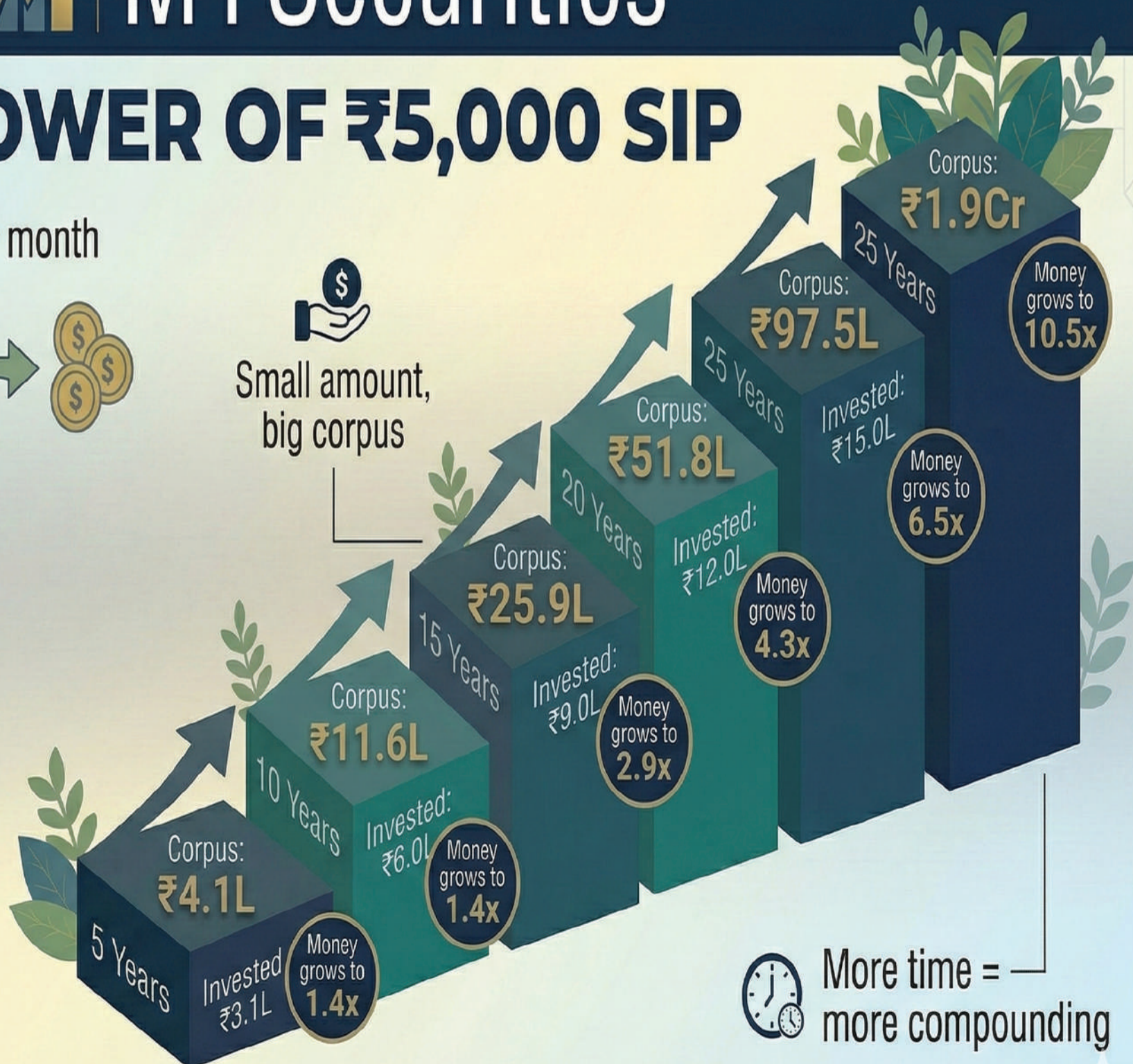
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