

## Srinagar Logs Season's Hottest Day At 35.3°C

Heatwave To Persist Today, Rain Relief Likely From July 1



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Kashmir witnessed one of its hottest days of the summer on Monday, with Srinagar recording a season-high maximum temperature of 35.3 degrees Celsius as an intense heatwave gripped the Valley for the third consecutive day.

The temperature in the summer capital was 5.3 degrees Celsius above normal, while several other parts of Kashmir also recorded unusually high temperatures, according to the Meteorological Department.

An official at the Meteorological Centre, Srinagar, said hot and dry weather would persist across Jammu and Kashmir till June 30, with heatwave-like conditions continuing over most parts of the Union Territory.

However, relief is expected from July 1 as a Western Disturbance is likely to bring fresh spells of rain and thundershowers across the region. "Fresh spells of light to

moderate rain and thundershowers are expected across Jammu and Kashmir between July 1 and July 5, with the possibility of heavy rainfall, intense showers, thundershowers and gusty winds at isolated places, particularly on July 2 and 3," the official said.

Besides Srinagar, Qazigund recorded 33.8°C, Kokernag 32.9°C, Kupwara 32.7°C, Pahalgam 29°C and Gulmarg 26.2°C, all registering temperatures around 4°C to 5°C above normal.

In contrast, the Jammu division remained relatively cooler under monsoon-like conditions. Jammu city recorded 36.9°C, while Banihal, Batote, Baderwah and Katra reported temperatures ranging between 29.3°C and 35.6°C.

The weather office said daytime temperatures across Kashmir are likely to remain 4°C to 8°C above normal through Monday, with generally hot and dry conditions during the day. Light rain or brief thundershowers accompanied by gusty | More on P6



Workers harvest lavender flowers during the peak blooming season at Sirhama in Bijbehara, Anantnag district, on Monday. The aromatic crop has emerged as a promising source of income and a growing attraction for visitors. KO Photo By Abid Bhat

## AMARNATH YATRA

### Ready To Welcome Devotees: LG Sinha Performs Pratham Puja

Says Administration, Security Forces Working In Complete Synergy

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Declaring that Jammu and Kashmir is fully prepared to host this year's Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday performed the 'Pratham Puja' at the Holy Cave, marking the ceremonial commencement of the annual pilgrimage that begins on July 3. Inviting devotees from across | More on P6



### From Punjab to Kashmir, Security Locks Down Yatra Route

Ahead of the annual Amarnath Yatra beginning July 3, security agencies have intensified preparations across the pilgrimage route from Punjab to Kashmir, conducting

mock drills, activating surveillance systems and strengthening inter-agency coordination to ensure the safe movement of thousands of pilgrims. According to the | More on P6

## Petrol, Diesel Sale Curbs To End From July 1

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The government will lift restrictions on the sale of petrol and diesel to commercial and industrial consumers from July 1, easing emergency measures imposed to manage fuel supplies.

The move will also end the cap on the diesel quantity that can be sold to a single vehicle in a day at retail fuel stations, reflecting an improvement in the country's fuel supply situation.

In an order dated June 29, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas rescinded its June 12 directive that had capped diesel sales to a single vehicle at 200 litres a day and barred industrial, commercial and institutional consumers from purchasing petrol and diesel from retail fuel stations.

The restrictions had been introduced to prevent local fuel shortages amid global supply disruptions.

"The temporary measures were considered necessary and expedient in the public interest

Full story on kashmirobserver.net

## India's Poll Process Most Transparent: CEC

Says Every Stage of Elections Is Audited by Political Parties and Candidates

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Monday said India has the world's most transparent electoral process, with every stage of elections, from preparation of electoral rolls to polling and counting, being subject to scrutiny by political parties and candidates.

Addressing reporters during his three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir, Kumar said the country's election system had become a global benchmark for transparency and democratic practices.

"We discussed the components of the world's most



transparent electoral process, preparation of the voter list, polling and counting. These are concurrently audited by all political parties and candidates," he said.

The Chief Election Commissioner said India's electoral process has earned global | More on P6

## Mudslide Blocks Mughal Road

Hundreds of vehicles were stranded on the Mughal Road on Monday after heavy rainfall triggered a massive mudslide near Pir Ki Gali, disrupting traffic on the key highway linking the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch with the Kashmir Valley. Officials said continuous rain caused a mudslide that blocked a stretch of more than half a kilometre of the road, bringing vehicular movement to a complete halt. Hundreds of vehicles, including passenger cars and goods carriers, were left stranded on both sides of the affected stretch as traffic remained suspended. Road clearance teams, along with heavy | More on P6

## SIA Charges Yasin Malik In 1990 Sarla Bhat Murder Case

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Monday filed an over 700-page chargesheet naming banned JKLF chief Yasin Malik as the key accused in the kidnapping and brutal killing of young Kashmiri Pandit nurse Sarla Bhat by terrorists in April 1990. The agency described it as a "historic milestone" in the pursuit of justice for victims of terrorism.

The SIA, which reopened the case after it was handed over in 2024, submitted the chargesheet before the designated NIA court here, 36 years after Bhat, working as a nurse at Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura, was found dead in downtown Srinagar, several kilometres away, a day after she went missing.

Besides Malik, who was the self-styled commander-in-chief of the JKLF terrorist outfit at that time, his four accomplices -- Khursheed Ahmad Chalkoo, Abdul Hamid Sheikh, Ghulam Mohammad Taploo and Mohammad Yousuf Sofi -- have also been named as accused in the case. Chalkoo is believed to be living in Pakistan after exfiltrating from Kashmir.

The accused have been charged

under various sections of the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA), 1987, and Indian Arms Act, 1959.

In a statement, the SIA said time can never become a shield for terrorism and those responsible for atrocities will continue to remain answerable before the law.

The case was handed over to the SIA in March 2024 and the investigation agency carried out raids at several places over the past two years to stitch up the chargesheet against the five accused persons.

A spokesperson of the SIA said the voluminous 737-page chargesheet, painstakingly compiled after an exhaustive investigation, brings together a formidable body of oral, documentary, forensic, ballistic, medical and electronic evidence accumulated over decades and analysed meticulously.

"The filing of the chargesheet after nearly 35 years marks a historic milestone in the pursuit of justice for victims of terrorism and stands as one of the most significant breakthroughs in the investigation of legacy terror crimes in Jammu and Kashmir.

More importantly, the chargesheet sends a powerful and unequivocal | More on P6

## J&K Must Create New Generation of Exporters: CM

Inaugurates the J&K International Buyer-Seller Meet 2026 at SKICC



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday called for creating a new generation of exporters and diversifying Jammu and Kashmir's export basket, saying the Union Territory must expand its global footprint to help achieve the Centre's target of doubling exports by 2030.

Addressing the inaugural session of the J&K International Buyer-Seller Meet 2026 at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), the Chief Minister said the government would focus on making exports easier, improving access to international markets and ensuring export-led | More on P6

'We've Exhausted Every Option'

## Pvt Hospitals To Halt Ayushman, SEHAT Services From July 1

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Private hospitals across Jammu and Kashmir on Monday made an emotional appeal to the public and the government for the immediate release of long-pending payments under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)/SEHAT scheme, saying they have exhausted all options to sustain services amid a deepening financial crisis.

The Jammu and Kashmir Private Hospitals and Dialysis Centres Association (JKPHDCA) said hospitals have continued



to provide free treatment to beneficiaries under the government-sponsored health insurance scheme despite pending reimbursements running into several crores of rupees for nearly three years.

In a statement, the

association said it has been forced to turn to the people of Jammu and Kashmir after repeated representations to the government failed to yield any concrete results.

"We've exhausted every option. For months we treated your mothers, fathers, children and elderly family members under the Ayushman Bharat/SEHAT scheme without taking a single rupee from them. We believed the government's assurance that hospitals would be reimbursed on time. Unfortunately, that promise has remained unfulfilled," said JKPHDCA Jammu | More on P6

## Obituary

### End of an Era: Maulana Salman Nadwi No More

KO Web Desk

Srinagar -- Prominent Islamic scholar, author and educator Maulana Syed Salman Hussaini Nadwi, widely regarded as one of India's leading contemporary Muslim scholars, passed away in Lucknow on Monday after a brief illness. He was 72.

His death triggered an outpouring of tributes from religious scholars, Islamic seminaries, educational institutions, former students and community leaders across India and abroad, who remembered him as an accomplished scholar, prolific author, influential teacher and fearless public intellectual.

Born in Lucknow in 1954 into a distinguished family of Islamic scholars, Nadwi traced



his lineage to Imam Husayn ibn Ali, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh). He received his early education at Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama, memorised the Holy Quran at a young age and later pursued advanced studies in Shariah and Islamic sciences.

After graduating from Nadwatul Ulama in 1974, he

co-founded Jamiat Shabaab ul Islam, an organisation aimed at engaging Muslim youth. He obtained a master's degree in Hadith from Nadwatul Ulama in 1976 before pursuing higher studies at Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University in Saudi Arabia, where he completed another master's degree in Hadith studies in 1980 under renowned scholar Sheikh Abdul Fattah Abu Ghuddah.

Returning to India, Nadwi joined the faculty of Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama and went on to serve for decades as Dean of its Faculty of Dawah and Shariah. Over the years, he taught thousands of students from India and overseas and earned a reputation as one of the institution's most influential scholars. | More on P6

## Top Officials To Brief Panel On NEET Re-Exam, Reforms

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Top officials of the Ministry of Higher Education and the National Testing Agency (NTA) will brief the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports on July 1 on the learnings from the NEET-UG re-examination and the government's roadmap to strengthen the country's premier testing agency.

According to sources, the committee will review the conduct of the NEET-UG re-examination held on June 21 after the original examination conducted on May 3 was cancelled following reports of a paper leak. The Central Bureau

of Investigation (CBI) is probing the alleged leak.

NTA Director General Abhishek Singh is expected to brief the panel on the outcome of the re-examination, while Higher Education Secretary Vineet Joshi has also been called for discussions.

Former ISRO Chairman K. Radhakrishnan, who heads the high-powered steering committee constituted by the government to oversee implementation of reforms in the NTA, will present recommendations aimed at strengthening the examination body and improving the integrity of its testing processes.

The meeting will be the first under the chairmanship of Congress | More on P6



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I have applied for the issuance of Contract Card .if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the office of the Superintendent Engineer PWD R&B Budgam within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained. Sibtain Hussain S/O Ghulam Hussain Dar R/O Magam Distt Budgam Contact 7006061345

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The My name of ward has been wrongly written in school records as Mohammad Mujtaba Bin Hameed S/O Abdul Hameed Ganaie While my correct name is Mohammad Mujtaba Bin Hamid S/O Ab Hamid Ganai . 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 office of the Model Public English Medium High School Botingoo Tehsil Dangerpora Distt Baramulla Within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ab Hamid Ganai  
F/o Mohammad Mujtaba Bin Hamid  
R/o Muqam - i - Shaheed Mir

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

Subject:- Necessary Correction/change in address in data to the License No.JK-0420260002442 issued in favour of NISAR AHMAD BHAT Parentage GHULAM QADIR BHAT

Whereas an application has been received by one NISAR AHMAD BHAT Parentage GHULAM QADIR BHAT wherein he claimed that the Name has been wrongly recorded in the records of Driving Licenses as NISSAR AHMAD BHAT Which needs to be changed as NISAR AHMAD BHAT.

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

Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

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Subject:- Necessary Correction/change in address in data to the License No.JK-0420170037186

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Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

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This is information for the general public that in Adhar card bearing No 891234827193 the name is entered as LALA BANO while my actual name is GULSHAN ARA. Now I want its correction, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact Concern department with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that.

GULSHAN ARA W/O ABDUL WAHID BHAT

R/o BISATI GALI SHAHI MOHALLA SOURA SRINAGAR

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is information for the general public that in Adhar card bearing No 794691918771 the name is entered as FATA BELGIUM while my actual name is FATIMA. Now I want its correction, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact Concern department with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that.

FATIMA W/O FATEH MOHAMMAD BHAT

R/o DREYGAM KHASI PORA BUDGAM.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Nusrata Akhter W/o Bashir Ahmad Bhat R/o Wailu Kral Pora Tehsil Kunzer District Baramulla hereby announce that my name is incorrectly recorded in Aadhar Card as Nusrat Akhter under Aadhar no. 3477-0709-3659 . Now I want to correct the same in my Aadhar Card. The correct Name is Nusrata Akhter any person having an objection to these corrections may contact the Aadhar authorities within 7 days.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have changed my name from Old name BARERA IRSHAD WANI to New Name BAREERA IRSHAD WANI in future I'll be known as BAREERA IRSHAD WANI if anybody has any objection kindly report to passport office Srinagar within 7 working days after that no objection will be accepted.

BAREERA IRSHAD WANI  
ASHAI KOCHA FATEH  
KADAL SRINAGAR fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Mehvish D/o Mohammad Ayoub Sheikh W/o Javid Ahmad Tantray R/o Batwara Srinagar Tehsil Srinagar District Srinagar hereby announce that my name is incorrectly recorded in Aadhar Card as Muskaan Ayoub under Aadhar no. 8320 2414 3187 . Now I want to correct the same in my Aadhar Card. The correct Name is Mehvish any person having an objection to these corrections may contact the Aadhar authorities within 7 days.

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**Department of Health and Medical Education Government Medical College Baramulla.**

Procurement Section

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NOTICE / CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Cancellation of Tender for Outsourcing of Vehicle Parking Space at Associated Hospital, GMC Baramulla.

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned bidders that the tender for "Outsourcing of Vehicle Parking Space at Associated Hospital, GMC Baramulla", invited vide Tender Reference No. 05 GMCB of 2026-27 dated 20-06-2026 and uploaded on the J&K e-Tendering Portal, stands cancelled with immediate effect due to administrative reasons.

Accordingly, the tender process initiated under the above-mentioned Tender Reference shall be treated as cancelled and withdrawn, and no further action shall be taken thereunder.

Prospective bidders are hereby informed that the procurement of the said service may be undertaken through the GeM Portal. Interested agencies/firms are advised to refer to GeM Auction Reference No. 7904336 for further details and to participate in the procurement process accordingly.

DIPK-2628/26  
dated: 29-06-2026

NO: - GMCB-PO/122/2026-04/480-485  
C no: 7904336

Sd/-  
Prof. (Dr.) Majid Jahangir  
Principal  
Govt Medical College  
Baramulla  
Dated: 29-06-2026

**Government Of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir  
Office Of the Executive Engineer,  
Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora.**

Email ID: midshadipora@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 05 OF 2026-27 Dated: 29-06-2026

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Shadipora, invites tenders on percentage rate basis by e-tendering mode for the works listed below from the reputed Manufacturers/contractors/firms/ authorized dealers having relevant experience. The bidding process shall be completed online in 02 cover system viz Cover '1st' - fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender & Cover '2nd' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No.	Particulars of the work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (In Rs. Lacs)	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Validity of Rates
1	VARIOUS ELECTRICAL WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT VARIOUS LEFT IRRIGATION CUM DEWATERING SCHEMES UNDER M&E PROGRAMME OF MID SHADIPORA.	MID Shadipora	5.31	500.00	10600	90 Days
2	MECHANICAL WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT LEFT IRRIGATION CUM DEWATERING SCHEME ANKHULLA UNDER M&E PROGRAMME OF MISHADIPORA.	MID Shadipora	0.37	50.00	700.00	90 Days

Position of funds: Awaiting  
Head of Account: M&E 2026-27.

AAA: Accorded by SE, Mechanical Circle I&FC Department Srinagar order No: - 26-MCO of 2026-27 Dated: 03/06/2026

TS: Accorded by Ex. Engineer, MID Shadipora vide order No: 02 Dated: 17/06/2026.

Key/critical Dates:

Date of Hosting in Website/ Publish date	29/06/2026 (1800Hrs)
Document download/sale start date	29/06/2026 (1800Hrs)
Bid submission start date	29/06/2026 (1800Hrs)
Bid submission end date	06/07/2026 (1500 Hrs)
Bid opening date	06/07/2026 (1100 Hrs.)

- Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites [www.ifckashmir.com](http://www.ifckashmir.com) / <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The bids received shall be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Shadipora on the date given above; the bids shall be evaluated online/offline thereafter.
- Bids must be accompanied with **online transaction receipt of bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 5 & 6 of the table above payable to the account details mentioned below:-**

Account Name	Chief Engineer Kashmir Irrigation and Flood Control
Account Number	036701020000608
IFSC Code	JAKAOTANKEE
Bank	J&K Bank Ltd., Tankipora Branch

- The bidder could be an individual, Limited Company/corporation, Proprietary firm, Partnership firm, Consortium or Joint Venture Companies. Bids from joint ventures are allowed with maximum two partners.
- The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in

the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.

- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Queries by email if any should be made at [midshadipora@gmail.com](mailto:midshadipora@gmail.com)

No: MID/SH/1119-25  
Date: 29/06/2026

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Mech. Irri. Division  
Shadipora

DIPK-2667/26  
dated: 29-06-2026

**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 Aayat Reyaz sofi D/o Riyaz Ahmad sofi R/o Sofi mohalla pattan Tehsil Pattan district baramulla with verified date of birth 17/03/2012. 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 BDO Lalpora has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Gh Qadir Kumar s/o Gh Ahmad Kumar R/o Mamoosa Tehsil Pattan with verified date of birth 01/11/1965 . 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.

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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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Short term tender notice

NIT No: MHD/SKIMS/JVC/08 of 2026-27

Dated: 27.06.2026

For and on behalf of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited in two cover system (Technical and financial) on item rate basis from eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railway/State/Central Government organization and having experience for the below mentioned works:

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs)	Time of completion	Budget Head	AA Accorded by Vide No:	TS Accorded vide No.	Earnest Money (in Lacs of Rs)	Position of Funds	Tender opening Authority
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Replacement Zeolite in a 750 LPM PSA Oxygen Plant and allied works at SKIMS MCH Bemina.	20.00	500/-	60 days	Capex	06-SKIMS/MCH/PLG of 2026, dt: 24.06.26	MHD/SKIMS JVC/ TS/10 Dt: 27.06.2026	0.40	Available with the intending department	Executive Engineer Mechanical and Hospital Division Soura

Note: All the intending bidders are requested to provide / furnish only the relevant information as per prequalification criteria and the information must be self-explanatory in nature and to the point. Uploading of unnecessary documents results in prolonging the technical bid evaluation and at times leads to unnecessary confusion and delay in seeking the clarification. So in order to ensure speedy Technical Evaluation, the intending bidders are requested to be prerequisite specific and to the point.

The bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, and specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:

01	Publish date	27.06.2026 (18:00hrs)
02	Period of downloading of bidding document	27.06.2026 (18:10hrs)
03	Bid submission start date	27.06.2026 (18:15hrs)
04	Bid submission end date	07.07.2026 (11:00 hrs)
05	Date and time of opening of bids (online)	07.07.2026 (16:00 hrs)

No. MHD/SKIMS/JVC-1973-78  
Dt: 27 / 06/2026

Sd/  
Executive Engineer  
M&HD SKIMS/JVC Soura

DIPK-NB-911/26 dated: 29-06-2026

## GMC Sgr Experts Warn Against Cigarettes, Hukkah

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Health experts have said there is no safe form of tobacco, warning that cigarettes, hukkah (hookah), bidis, cigars and smokeless tobacco all pose serious and potentially life-threatening health risks. They have urged people to stay away from tobacco in every form, stressing that quitting today is the best decision for a healthier future.

According to a public health awareness campaign issued by Dr S. Muhammad Salim Khan, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, tobacco remains one of the leading preventable causes of disease and death worldwide. More than eight million people die every year due to tobacco use, making it a major public health challenge.

The advisory, accessed by KNO, states that cigarette smoking significantly increases the risk of lung cancer, cancers of the mouth, throat, larynx, oesophagus, pancreas, bladder, kidney, stomach, cervix and colon. It is also a major contributor to heart attacks, strokes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), chronic bronchitis, emphysema, worsening asthma, infertility, erectile dysfunction, pregnancy complications, weakened immunity and delayed wound healing.

The campaign dispels the common misconception that hukkah is a safer alternative to cigarettes. Experts emphasise that this belief is completely false, as the water used in hukkah cools the smoke but does not remove most of the harmful chemicals present in tobacco smoke.

The advisory notes that a single one-hour hukkah session may expose a person to far more smoke than smoking one cigarette. It can lead to lung cancer, oral and throat cancers, heart disease, stroke, COPD, carbon monoxide poisoning,

nicotine addiction and reduced lung function. Sharing hukkah mouthpieces further increases the risk of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, influenza, COVID-19, herpes and other respiratory infections, it warned.

Health experts further caution that even herbal or tobacco-free hukkah products are not harmless. When heated with charcoal, they continue to produce toxic chemicals and dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. Occasional use also exposes individuals to harmful toxins, while most hukkah tobacco contains nicotine that can cause addiction.

The advisory highlights that second-hand smoke from both cigarettes and hukkah also places family members at risk. Children and non-smokers exposed to tobacco smoke are more likely to suffer from asthma, lung infections, heart disease, lung cancer and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Quitting tobacco, however, offers immediate and long-term health benefits. "Within 20 minutes, heart rate and blood pressure begin to decline. Carbon monoxide levels in the blood return to normal within 12 hours, while circulation and lung function improve within two to twelve weeks. After one year, the risk of heart disease is reduced by nearly half compared to those who continue smoking, and after ten years, the risk of lung cancer falls to about half that of a continuing smoker," the advisory explains.

The campaign also draws attention to tobacco use in India and Jammu & Kashmir. According to the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2, 2016-17), 28.6 per cent of Indian adults—around 267 million people—use tobacco, while 1.3 million deaths occur annually due to tobacco-related diseases. In Jammu & Kashmir, 23.7 per cent of adults use tobacco, with 10.4 per cent smoking cigarettes and 6.3 per cent smoking hukkah.



## CM Omar Meets Legislators, Public Delegations at Raabita

### Developmental issues, public welfare, healthcare concerns, among key matters discussed

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday met several legislators, public delegations, the healthcare sector among other delegations at Raabita here, during which a wide range of public welfare, developmental and issues were discussed.

A public delegation led by MLA Beerwah Shafi Ahmad Wani, comprising senior citizens, youth representatives, members of the Shia community from Magam and representatives of the Beerwah Traders Federation. The delegation projected various developmental requirements, public welfare concerns and constituency-specific issues. The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to the issues raised and assured that all genuine concerns would be addressed in a phased and time-bound manner.

The Chief Minister also met MLA Pahalgam Altaf Ahmad Wani and MLA Shangus-Anantnag East

Reyaz Ahmad Khan, who represented several delegations to flag their issues before the Chief Minister.

A delegation from Seer Hamdan, representatives of the Jammu and Kashmir Nomadic Cooperative (JKNC), members of the Migrant Kashmiri Pandit community, the Taxi Stand Association, and a delegation from Ashmuqam-Tulhad. The delegations apprised the Chief Minister of various developmental requirements, infrastructure needs and public issues concerning their respective areas.

Earlier, MLA Rajpora Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Mir called on the Chief Minister and discussed developmental priorities and public welfare issues pertaining to his constituency.

MLA Sonawari Hilal Akbar Lone also met the Chief Minister and raised several constituency-related matters requiring government intervention. The Chief Minister assured all the visiting deputations that the government remains committed to addressing the aspirations of the people through sustained development initiatives.

During the day, the Chief Minister also interacted with a delegation from Warner Bros. Discovery led by Creative Director Pia Somiah Alva, along with senior company officials. The Chief Minister appreciated the interest shown by the organisation and said the government welcomes meaningful partnerships that can promote Jammu and Kashmir's creative potential and generate new opportunities.

A delegation of senior doctors from Government Medical College Srinagar, comprising Dr. Altaf Kawoosa, Dr. Iqbal Saleem, Dr. Naveed Nazir Shah, Dr. Manzoor Latoo and Dr. Syed Imran, also called on the Chief Minister.

The delegation discussed various issues concerning the healthcare sector and the functioning of the institution. The Chief Minister assured them that the government remains committed to strengthening healthcare infrastructure and improving medical services across Jammu and Kashmir.

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## This Day In History

- 296 - St Marcellinus begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 350 - Roman usurper Nepotianus, of the Constantinian dynasty, is defeated and killed by troops of the usurper Magnentius, in Rome
- 833 - Louis crowned King of Austria
- 949 - Otto I the Great gives away bishopric of Utrecht "foreestrecht"
- 1294 - Jews are expelled from Berne, Switzerland
- 1371 - Arnold II of Horne chosen bishop of Utrecht
- 1397 - Denmark, Norway & Sweden sign Union of Kalmar under Queen Margaretha
- 1422 - Battle of Arbedo between the Duke of Milan and the Swiss cantons.
- 1520 - Spanish conquistadors under Hernán Cortés take gold from Aztecs
- 1520 - The Spaniards are expelled from Tenochtitlan
- 1528 - Burgundian army occupies Utrecht
- 1548 - Augsburg Interim issued by Charles V becomes law - orders Lutherans to return to Catholic practices with some concessions
- 1559 - King Henry II of France is seriously injured in a jousting match against Gabriel de Montgomery
- 1596 - English and Dutch fleet reach Cadiz
- 1598 - King Philip II moves to Escorial palace Philip II
- 1607 - Annales Ecclesiastici (Scientific History of Catholicism) published
- 1690 - Battle of Beachy Head: French under Tourville beat Dutch/English fleet
- 1758 - Seven Years' War: The Battle of Domstadt takes place.
- 1859 - Charles Blondin is 1st to cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope
- Event of interest
- 1860 - Famous debate on Charles Darwin's theory of evolution held at the Oxford University Museum and dominated by arguments between Thomas Henry

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## KU, Intel Inaugurate Digital Readiness Workshop

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a significant initiative aimed at fostering digital transformation in higher education, the University of Kashmir (KU) in collaboration with Intel, inaugurated a two-day Digital Readiness Workshop for Academic Leaders on the theme "Building AI-Ready Institutions" which started here at KU on Monday.

The workshop has been designed to equip academic leaders with the knowledge and strategic insights required to effectively integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into teaching, learning, research and institutional governance.

The programme focuses on key areas in-

cluding Digital Mindset and Leadership, AI for Academic Excellence, Institutional Readiness and Transformation, and AI Tools, Platforms and Integration, with an emphasis on preparing institutions for an AI-driven future.

The two-day workshop is being attended by faculty members, officers and academic leaders of the University who will engage in intensive deliberations on leveraging AI for institutional excellence.

Addressing the gathering, Vice Chancellor KU Prof. Nilofar Khan Chief Patron of the workshop said, "We must acknowledge the paradigm shift that has taken place in the entire teaching-learning pedagogy with the advent of Artificial Intelligence and the way modern institutions of higher learning

and research are evolving. Academic institutions can no longer remain passive observers of this transformation but must actively embrace technological innovation to remain relevant and globally competitive."

Reiterating the University's commitment to promoting digital literacy and innovation, Prof. Khan observed that the purpose of such capacity-building initiatives should extend beyond merely understanding Artificial Intelligence. She stressed that the real objective is to enable educators and academic administrators to utilize AI productively and responsibly in delivering meaningful, efficient and impactful solutions to contemporary academic and administrative challenges while nurturing an innovation-driven academic ecosystem.

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I, Mukhtar Ahmad Bhat, father of Aisha Binti Mukhtar, hereby declare that the name of my daughter recorded in the school records of Bilalaya Educational Institute, Nawab Bagh, Bhagwanpora, Lal Bazar, Srinagar, as "Aisha" is intended to be corrected and read as "Aisha Binti Mukhtar". Similarly, the name of her mother recorded as "Shazia" shall henceforth be read and recorded as "Shazia Mukhtar" in all educational, academic, identification and related records. Any person having any objection to the above-mentioned corrections may file the same, along with supporting documents, before the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that no objection exists and the necessary corrections shall be carried out in the official records. Mukhtar Ahmad Bhat father of Aisha Binti Mukhtar Class 7th, Section Pink Contact No.: 9419402185

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Sd/-  
ADIL AYOUB MIR  
S/o Mohammad Ayoub Mir  
R/o Arhama, Shopian, Jammu & Kashmir fko

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Safeena Nazir  
D/o Nazir Ahmad Sofi  
R/o Zawora, District Shopian, J&K (UT) fko

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Father of Alina Riyaz  
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Nisar Ahmad Wani fko  
Father of Ayaan Nisar  
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# The Great Escape to the West

From Kashmir to Canada, Dubai to America, five intertwined lives reveal how ambition and migration transform people without fully settling the question of who they are.



Wajahat Qazi

A 30-something yuppie from Kashmir, a computer geek and a digital nomad, makes money that his parents could not even imagine earning.

In the domain of cyberspace, he is an equal to his peers. The "only" inequality is the skill differential.

Our fellow works hard and achieves parity with the best. In chat-rooms, he dons the avatar of a muscular white guy. Females, whether virtual, real, or bots, swarm around him. The money he makes allows discretionary spending. He travels and goes on vacations to exotic places.

But reality collides with his self-perception here.

The white guys he wants to be an equal of do not see him as one of their tribe. Western women listen politely to his philosophizing and so on in exotic locales, but soon lose interest.

Only in nightclub spaces, in a drunken frenzy, does he "get lucky" with older Western women.

The techniques he attempts with Westerners, he tries at home. Some are awed, others don't understand.

A female physician from New Delhi pursues the "American Dream", sits for the USMLE, makes it to the United States, completes her residency, and "does well" in America.

After spending time in the country, she learns the "social skills" necessary for career advancement, maintains fidelity to some of her values, but picks up social and psychological techniques.

She then uses these with abandon and aggressively when she returns home. Everyone is in awe of her. She can manipulate people at will, and she enjoys this.

A Muslim woman from Lahore follows the same route to the United States.

Her expertise is in psychology. The woman's professional life entails a deeper dive into the psychological and social makeup of American culture and society. Her patients include traumatized individuals, alcoholics, victims of drug abuse seeking to wean themselves off drugs, divorcees seeking closure and healing, and so on.

Empowered by her education and by her status as a modern healer in Western society, and by her status as a sought-after female professional, she revels in this. But at the same time, she is distraught by the problems of Western society.

She wants to give back, so she offers free online counselling sessions to women of her cultural background.

A waiter at a somewhat upmar-



ket café in Srinagar asks me for ways and means to get to the United States or the United Kingdom. He pleads with me and asks me to activate my "global network". He says he can do anything once he is there and offers me money for the favour.

In the meantime, his "dry run" practice of learning "Western" etiquette and the English language is to "go the extra yard" with educated, rich Indian tourists.

If and when a single Western woman patronizes the café, the waiter "hits" on her by putting his best foot forward and offering her the best service, which, in all likelihood, so overwhelms and infringes on the Western woman's space, if she's educated and middle class, that she leaves the café in disgust and revulsion.

A Dubai-based senior sales and marketing manager at Standard Chartered Bank, who thinks Dubai is all about sales and salesmanship, cannot countenance the thought of returning to Kashmir.

A father of two girls, he boasts of his knowledge of "goras" (Westerners) and "Brits", partly in admiration and partly from some sense of grievance.

He talks fancifully and exaggeratedly about Alex Haley's "Roots" but frets about his Dubai-educated progeny. "No, making them 'settle' down in Kashmir would be like throwing them into an abyss," he says indignantly.

He has his eyes on Canada. His wife eggs him on, after all, her relatives are in the United States. The banker gets Canadian citizenship, moves to the country, and lives in Mississauga. There's an extant network of South Asian Dubai expats in Mississauga.

The man continues to work in Dubai, though, even after retirement from Standard Chartered. But he has developed some quirks now.

He prefers coffee at Tim Hortons and quickly says, "double-double," soon after ordering a latte.

Dubai, which he once lauded for its governance, customer service, and ease of doing business, has somewhat fallen in his estimation.

One of the man's daughters studies development at a Western university and becomes a communications expert. The other enrolls in "gender studies". The latter is, on her visits to Dubai, intrigued by covered and veiled native Emirati women.

Both sisters remain unmarried. Maintaining fidelity to their mores and values even in open and quasi-open societies, their views on marriage have changed. "Marriage is not the end of life," they chirp.

The five vignettes delineated here are undergirded by a common theme: non-Western persons, three females and two males, in contact with the wider world, the West, have both similar and somewhat different personality and outlook changes.

None feels entirely accepted by their host society, but all, to some degree, feel empowered.

The empowerment stems from education, skill, and quasi-absorption into their host societies.

For the physician and the geek, this allows for a degree of revulsion towards their cultures. For the shrink, it fosters empathy. The question is why?

What accounts for the self-loathing at one level and its projection onto members of their societies? What explains the shrink's empathy for her own? What is the common denominator that underpins their feeling of empowerment?

While the shrink's empathy probably accrues from a personality type, an empathetic and kind one with some fidelity to her cultural background, others seem overwhelmed by the titillations of the West.

The café waiter may or may not make it to the West, but he will cling to the "dream". The physician will probably shuttle between worlds, ingratiating herself with her peers and colleagues in a Western setting, but take it out on her folk in a Western idiom.

The former bank manager will also straddle worlds, and die a contented man, who's "made it in all worlds". But thoughts of the "future" of his girls will give him grief.

The computer geek will keep on trying to excel in computing and technology, but will always feel inadequate compared with his White peers.

The knowledge of the West and Westerners he has gained, he will probably use in hitting on women who have "Western dreams" in South Asia.

But while a loner in Kashmir, he will enjoy the power and freedom that money and potential mobility accord him.

What explains these cultural and psychological patterns and shifts? How can Western titillations be accounted for? What is or can be the ultimate denouement for non-Westerners, even if the sample size here is small and limited but kind of representative?

One major explanatory factor is an inferiority complex and stereotypical, made-up images of the West.

In this imaginary, the self can, in their view, only thrive when placed in a Western setting. This, in turn, may flow from the detritus of Western colonialism, a shattered psyche or self, and self-loathing.

The ultimate denouement of a loathsome self world, in this schema, be redeemed when placed against an "idealized", faked Western self. But this may not entail a fuller understanding of the West, or even a partial one. It is a mediated, inorganic, and non-immersive one.

However, aspects of the West percolate to the "new immigrant", some insalubrious and some salutary.

Regarding the former, a more confident and assertive self usually emerges. Regarding the latter, residual self-loathing is projected onto the immigrants' societies of origin.

Is there an overall, broader rubric under which these themes and issues can best be captured?

Probably.

What would that be?

That culture may be both skin deep as well as enduring, with the jostling and jockeying between the two contingent on context. That no one seems happy or content with a given condition.

The quest for the "Great Escape" remains.

And that, in the eyes of many non-Westerners, the "quest for prestige and recognition" can only be sated in the West.

This, in the final analysis, may be the "tribute that vice pays to virtue", in the sense of the decolonized world's "internalization of the norms of the erstwhile colonials".

In the process, while the self may or may not "gain", it never ever really and truly belongs anywhere. Alas!

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### KO VIEW

## A Commission for Water

Kashmir's water crisis has moved far beyond environmental debate.

The latest findings from the Comptroller and Auditor General, combined with warnings from scientists, retired administrators and constitutional figures, point to a public policy failure that threatens drinking water, agriculture and the ecological systems that sustain the region.

Government action now needs the same scale and seriousness as the crisis itself.

The figures alone demand attention, as Jammu and Kashmir has lost 70 percent of its wetlands and waterbodies since the 1960s, according to the CAG.

Of the 697 lakes recorded in 1967, 315 have disappeared, wiping out more than 1,500 hectares of aquatic landscape.

Rivers, lakes and streams continue to shrink as glaciers retreat, while many surviving waterbodies suffer from siltation and encroachment.

Water security has shifted from a future concern to a present challenge.

The Group of Concerned Citizens has responded with a blueprint that matches the scale of the problem.

Its recent Srinagar Declaration proposes a Chief Minister-led Commission on Water Security and Ecological Restoration, a glacier, spring and watershed monitoring mission, integrated river basin management, climate-risk action plans, restoration of wetlands and floodplains, a climate and ecological risk observatory with real-time environmental data, city water action plans and a dedicated climate fund.

Declaring 2026-2035 as a Decade of Water Security and Ecological Restoration gives the region a clear framework for sustained action rather than isolated schemes.

Those proposals also expose a deeper contradiction in current policy.

The group argues that the Forest Amendment Act, 2023 weakened environmental safeguards by allowing security infrastructure within 100 kilometres of the Line of Control and the international border without environmental impact assessments or formal environmental clearances.

Road building and tunnelling continue through mountain terrain with similar consequences.

Meanwhile, the Union Environment Ministry has cleared the felling of nearly 2.8 million trees during the past three years.

Mountain landscapes have already shown the cost of unchecked construction in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Kashmir has little reason to expect a different outcome.

Dr. Karan Singh's intervention reinforces that conclusion.

Having served Jammu and Kashmir in several constitutional roles, he warned that unplanned infrastructure expansion has destabilised the Himalayan ecosystem.

His question cuts through the rhetoric surrounding development: why should tourists need four-lane highways if the price is permanent ecological damage?

Dal Lake supplies its own answer. Its surface has shrunk to nearly one-third of its original expanse over the decades.

Kashmir's water sources, forests and mountains support its farms, cities and economy. Public investment that erodes those foundations weakens its own promise.

Water security must become the measure of development itself.

Asphalt and concrete can always return, but vanished lakes and retreating glaciers never will.



Farooq Ahmad Khan

## The Homecoming Question

History left Kashmir divided. Its people now hold the chance to write a different ending.

Thirty-six years have passed since Kashmiri Pandits left the valley in one of the darkest chapters of modern Kashmir's history.

Arguments over why they fled continue to dominate public debate, dividing people into competing camps of accusation and counteraccusation.

History deserves careful examination, but Kashmir now confronts a harder question: can a society fractured by violence restore the people whose absence changed its character?

That question defines Kashmir's future far more than another round of competing narratives about 1990.

Many Kashmiri Pandits built lives elsewhere. They found jobs, educated their children and adapted to unfamiliar cities. None of those achievements replaced what they lost.

Kashmir remains the landscape of their ancestors, temples, language, memories and the inheritance passed through generations.

Home exists in geography as much as memory. A community separated from its birthplace lives with a wound that time alone cannot close.

The image of the uprooted Chinar captures that reality with unusual precision.

A tree removed from the soil for decades cannot simply return to life because someone plants it again. Restoration takes patience, commitment and sustained care.

Kashmir presents the same challenge.

A successful return demands preparation, trust and persistence. Still, the comparison also contains hope.

Roots recognize common ground, while growth begins slowly before strength returns.

That hope rests on something deeper than sentiment.

Kashmir's plural character emerged through more than six centuries of shared life between Muslims and Pandits. They spoke the same language, celebrated common cultural traditions and traced their ancestry to the same land.

Religious identity followed different paths, while civilizational identity remained intertwined. Politics later deepened divisions that daily life had once softened.

But shared ancestry alone cannot solve present fears.

Trust determines whether families choose to return. And it cannot emerge through government advertisements, official announcements or speeches crafted for television cameras.

Political institutions build roads, provide security and administer laws, but human confidence grows through personal relationships.

That distinction explains why the return of Kashmiri Pandits must become a people's campaign rather than another government project.

Civil society, religious scholars, teachers, writers, social activists and community elders possess influence that official bureaucracy never commands. Their words and conduct reach neighbourhoods where reconciliation either succeeds or fails.

Public figures who once inflamed passions also hold responsibility for changing the tone. Healing begins when people abandon provo-



cation and choose restraint.

Local communities hold the strongest opportunity to transform goodwill into action. Villages and mohallas could establish committees that welcome returning families, help them rebuild homes, solve practical problems and demonstrate security through daily conduct rather than ceremonial declarations. Neighbours could even share temporary accommodation or resources until displaced fam-

ilies regain stable footing.

Such acts create confidence that no political motto can manufacture.

But government still holds an indispensable role. Security remains essential. Infrastructure, employment opportunities and legal assistance determine whether return becomes sustainable rather than symbolic.

Officials should facilitate this process with consistency while resisting the temptation to

convert reconciliation into political theatre. Social repair rarely flourishes under partisan branding.

A gradual beginning offers the strongest chance of success. A handful of villages could volunteer to receive a handful of families. Successful examples would encourage others.

Rural Kashmir often preserves traditions of hospitality and neighbourly cooperation that survive political conflict. Confidence spreads through experience far more effectively than promises.

Obstacles will emerge, as distrust accumulated over decades won't disappear through optimism.

Some groups profit from fear, others remain imprisoned by grief or ideological certainty. Attempts at reconciliation almost always attract sabotage because reconciliation weakens narratives built on permanent division. Such resistance should surprise nobody.

Failure, however, would impose a far greater cost.

Kashmir without Kashmiri Pandits remains incomplete. Their return does not represent charity extended toward a displaced minority. It restores a missing part of Kashmir itself.

Families separated for decades do not enlarge a home when they reunite. They make it whole again.

The valley has witnessed conquest, political upheaval and repeated transformations over centuries. Its people endured those changes because the bonds of shared culture outlived the rulers of the day. That inheritance now faces its defining test.

An uprooted Chinar may stand again if enough hands choose to lift it together.

Kashmir's greatest act of renewal will begin when those hands belong to ordinary Kashmiris welcoming their Pandit neighbours home.

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# The Pend That Kept Loneliness at Bay

A chance story from England reminded me that Kashmir once needed no campaigns against loneliness because its neighbourhoods created encounters by design.



Syed Nissar H. Gilani

When I read about an eighty-two-year-old widow in Leeds who placed a chair outside her apartment for five minutes a day, I thought I was reading a story about England.

But by the time I reached the end, I realized I had been reading about Kashmir.

Rose had lost her husband. Winter had settled over Leeds, and loneliness filled the small flat where she lived.

One rainy afternoon, a schoolboy named Leo missed his bus and took shelter outside her door. Rose welcomed him inside, dried his soaked books, fed him, and sent him home.

That chance encounter changed more than one afternoon.

She began placing a chair outside her apartment door for five minutes daily. Anyone could stop, sit, rest or talk. She called it the "Five-Minute Anchor."

People slowly accepted the invitation. Older residents grieving loved ones sat beside younger neighbours rushing through busy lives. Interactions multiplied, and familiar faces replaced anonymous corridors.

When Rose later left her building in an ambulance, she looked down the hallway and saw a chair outside every apartment, complete with a small timer.

One woman's small habit had turned strangers into neighbours.

Reading that account sent me straight back to the Srinagar of my childhood. Rose had deliberately built something that Kashmir once possessed without instruction manuals, campaigns or social experiments.

We grew up inside a culture that had already solved the problem of

everyday loneliness through ordinary architecture.

Most people remember old Kashmir through photographs of bridges, rivers and wooden homes. My strongest memory sits much closer to street level.

Almost every neighbourhood shop had a narrow wooden platform built into its frontage. We called it the pend. It measured little more than a foot in width, though it held far more than its modest size suggested.

Above that platform extended an earthen canopy known as the kandi tchur. Spring showers could sweep through Srinagar without warning, while winter buried streets beneath heavy snow. But that overhang protected anyone sitting below it.

Architecture served people before commerce. Builders understood that someone walking through the neighbourhood would eventually need a place to pause.

That small ledge belonged to everyone. An elderly man returning from morning prayers could stop for refreshing talk. A labourer heading home could rest tired legs. Neighbours discussed local news before continuing with the day. Travellers unknown to the mohalla stepped off the road without hesitation because the space welcomed strangers as naturally as it welcomed familiar faces.

Shopkeepers understood the unwritten code. They rarely asked why someone had stopped. Many passed around their own huqa, inviting a weary traveller to take a puff before continuing the journey.

Buying something remained optional, hospitality came first.

The pend functioned as a public institution disguised as a wooden bench.

Looking back, I realize that those platforms accomplished far more than providing a place to sit. They created daily contact between people who might otherwise have walked past one another. News travelled there before newspapers reached homes. Family troubles surfaced before they became private crises. Celebrations gathered momentum through community conversation. Grief found company without formal invitations.

Someone always noticed who had disappeared for several days,



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who looked exhausted, who needed help or who simply wanted another human being to listen.

Rose's chair and our pend belonged to different centuries and different continents. Their purpose remained identical.

Human beings thrive when someone leaves a place open for conversation, while communities grow stronger through repeated acts of welcome rather than big declarations.

Long before sociologists began measuring isolation, Kashmir had already built an answer into the frontage of its neighbourhood shops.

But sadly, that answer has gradually disappeared.

Walk through many

neighbourhoods in Srinagar today and the pend has vanished. The kandi tchur has disappeared with it. Shopfronts now favour concrete, steel and locked shutters that squeeze out every inch for storage or display.

A handful of lanes in Shahr-e-Khaas still preserve fragments of this older design, though even those spaces increasingly serve modern commercial needs rather than community life.

Architecture changed first, human behaviour followed close behind.

The loss reaches far beyond timber and mud. We removed the places where discussions began without planning. We replaced shared benches with private screens,

familiar faces with hurried transactions and spontaneous encounters with scheduled visits.

People pass one another daily while remaining complete strangers. Doors close, headphones go on, phones light up, and silence settles inside homes that stand only a few feet apart.

Modern life often receives credit for this transformation, as though technology alone dissolved neighbourhood life. I find that explanation too convenient.

Buildings teach us how to behave, while streets encourage certain habits and discourage others.

Kashmir's public spaces once invited people to slow down. Today, they are built for speed, as business has replaced simple human

presence.

That is why Rose's experiment has remained with me long after I finished reading her story.

She began with something remarkably simple: placing a chair outside her door for five minutes. That small act invited others to pause.

One invitation led to another, until an entire building embraced the responsibility of knowing the people who lived next door.

Many Kashmiris speak with affection about the warmth of older neighbourhoods. But nostalgia alone changes nothing.

Rose demonstrated something more useful: community survives through repeated acts that people can practice today rather than memories they celebrate from yesterday.

A chair outside a door, time set aside for talk, and attention given without distraction or expectation remain available to anyone willing to begin.

I do not imagine that the pend will return exactly as it once stood. Cities evolve, buildings change and commerce follows its own logic. But the larger lesson still holds: public life flourishes when ordinary people make room for one another.

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Rose helped me see my own childhood with fresh eyes. Her chair illuminated something I had almost forgotten: the greatest inheritance my generation received was never the wooden platform or the earthen canopy themselves. It was the instinct that another person's presence enriched our own lives. Losing that instinct would cost Kashmir far more than losing an old architectural feature.

Perhaps the next pend will look nothing like the last one.

Maybe it will begin with a bench, a doorstep, a shared cup of noon chai or five uninterrupted minutes spent listening to a neighbour.

Its form hardly counts, but the decision to make room for another person always does.

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# The Progress Paradox

Our era is defined by unprecedented connectivity and unprecedented emotional distance. Perhaps the next great innovation is learning how to be human again.



Faizan Bashir

As time passes, human suffering doubles.

What we are suffering from now, we didn't suffer from a decade or two ago.

What we will suffer from a decade or two down the line, we aren't suffering from now.

It seems as if we are headed towards doom, a scenario we can neither escape nor endure.

Confused? Some time back, when radios and kerosene lamps were in vogue, we cared for human connection. Discussions would take place together in a joint sitting, and a sense of communion prevailed as if it were non-negotiable.

If there was anything that troubled us, it was electricity cuts, shivering cold, transportation scarcity, and the absence of video calls.

We would visit a person physically, speak to them, discuss with them, hug them, give them our undivided attention, love them, and bid them a tearful goodbye.

Now? The narrative has flipped

upside down. We are no longer Karakul-wearing or Khandras-wearing folks. We have murdered our culture to suit the context of the current times.

Our socio-cultural syncretism is of the worst kind. We have forgotten our tongue. We don't speak to each other. We rarely pay our dear ones a visit. And we conspire to prove our worth.

It may sound cheesy, and it may offend some people, but the truth is that we are depressed.

Too often, we trust people only when it serves our own purposes.

We say one thing and do another, speak what we don't mean to, and overthink trivial details that don't truly exist.

We get obsessed easily, develop OCD, remain trapped in our own predicament, take delight in our suffering, reinforce our own illnesses, defer work, can't connect, and cannot truly think.

It appears as though a malevolent force has seized control of this earth, manipulating it to its will. We are its puppets.

We dance and take a step only with its approval. Devils, not devil. Too many of them. All of them born out of our own helplessness. Forget not, we are complicit in this pandemic. A pandemic of laziness, wannabes, and empty vessels.

As civilisation raced ahead, people answered progress with reflection, philosophy and spirituality. They carried the wisdom of older ways into a changing world. We are doing the same today.

The more advanced we become, the more frustrated and depressed we seem to grow.

Amidst the vast universe of the internet, we have forgotten to be real. We have become masters of keyboard warfare, but we don't know how to engage in a discussion face to face.

We have no stone unturned in



delving into the depth of imaginary issues in the digital world, but we hesitate to step forward in the real one.

Our self-incurred punishment has put blinkers on our eyes. We no longer look around, and merely move along the road to doom.

Ever wonder why we feel like creatures put on automation, deriving happiness and mental agony from things that don't exist? Or if they do exist, but not grave enough to matter.

We are indeed here physically, but mentally, we are lost. Lost in useless thoughts, meaningless gossip, future prospects, and past events.

It isn't wrong to say that we have

become pathological. We have developed mental afflictions that seem far more pervasive than before. Our diagnoses often do us even more harm.

We walk kilometres, speak meaninglessly, and wander the roads merely to distract ourselves from that little matter that is too trivial to deserve such attention.

We adopt coping mechanisms to deal with the infernal slings and arrows of our times.

We are standing on a cliff. One nudge, and we disappear into nothingness.

This is not to say genuine problems don't exist. It is to assert that nonsensical matters outweigh genuine ones. It is

to affirm that we are trapped in our own minds, imagining things and meeting people there rather than getting real, physical, and concrete.

It is to state that the more advanced we have become, the more dreadful our living conditions seem to feel.

If a dead person came out of his grave to have a look around, they would be terrified to see our hollow lives.

Lives characterised by frivolous troubles.

Period.

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## Srinagar Logs

winds may occur at scattered places during late evening or night, while pre-monsoon showers are also likely over the plains of the Jammu region.

The Meteorological Department has issued an advisory warning that heavy rainfall on July 2 and 3 could trigger flash floods, landslides, mudslides and temporary waterlogging, particularly in vulnerable areas of the Jammu division.

People have been advised to stay away from nallahs, streams and landslide-prone areas during the period.

The prolonged spell of scorching weather disrupted normal life in Srinagar, with roads, markets and public spaces wearing a deserted look during the afternoon as many residents chose to remain indoors.

"It felt impossible to walk outside after noon. Even inside the house, the heat was unbearable because most homes here are not designed for such temperatures," a Srinagar resident said.

Officials said temperatures are expected to decline gradually from Wednesday as rain-bearing systems become active over the region, bringing much-needed relief from the prevailing heat.

## Mudslide Blocks

machinery, were pressed into service to remove the debris and restore connectivity.

Authorities advised commuters to avoid unnecessary travel on the Mughal Road until the road is cleared and weather conditions improve.

The Mughal Road serves as an important alternative highway connecting Rajouri and Poonch with Shopian in south Kashmir and is a vital route for residents of the twin border districts, particularly when traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway is affected.

## Ready To Welcome

the country to undertake the 57-day pilgrimage, Sinha said the administration, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB), Army, police, security forces, local communities, service providers and volunteers were working in complete coordination to ensure a safe, hassle-free and memorable Yatra.

"As the Yatra commences on July 3, the Administration, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Army, Police, Security Forces, local community, service providers and volunteers are working in complete synergy. Every stakeholder is devoted to ensuring a safe, hassle-free and memorable pilgrimage for all pilgrims," the Lieutenant Governor said after offering prayers at the cave shrine.

He said the government had substantially upgraded infrastructure and facilities for pilgrims along both Yatra routes.

"With significantly upgraded infrastructure, enhanced facilities, and the invaluable support of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, we are fully prepared to welcome devotees for a spiritually fulfilling journey," he said.

Sinha offered prayers at the Holy Cave, sought the blessings of Baba Barfani and prayed for peace, prosperity, health and well-being of all.

The annual Pratham Puja, organised by the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board on the occasion of Jyeshtha Purnima, formally marks the beginning of the pilgrimage.

This year's 57-day Yatra will commence simultaneously on July 3 through the twin routes, the traditional 48-km Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The pilgrimage will conclude on August 28 on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

The first batch of pilgrims will be flagged off from the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas base camp in Jammu on July 2.

Among those accompanying the Lieutenant Governor to the Holy Cave were Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat, Special Director General (Coordination) S.J.M. Gillani, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor and SASB Chief Executive Officer Mandeep K. Bhandari, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg, Managing Director JKPDCL and Baltal Axis Nodal Officer Rahul Yadav, Inspector General of Police Kashmir V.K. Birdi, DIG Central Kashmir Range Rajiv Omprakash Pande, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Jatin Kishore, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, Director Information Shreya Singhal and other senior officials.

Meanwhile, a Pratham Puja was also organised for the first time in Jammu city as part of a 'Maha Yagya' at the newly developed Tawi riverfront, where hundreds of sadhus, heads of religious organisations and senior civil and police officials participated in Vedic rituals and offered prayers for the successful conduct of the pilgrimage.

The event also marked the inauguration of new Yatra registration and pilgrim facilitation arrangements at the Tawi riverfront after authorities shifted registration counters and related services from the congested railway station area. Langars, registration counters and other facilities have been established at the venue to improve pilgrim convenience.

Mahant Rameshwar Dass, head of Jammu's historic Ram Temple, welcomed the initiative, saying the spacious riverfront would allow lakhs of devotees to gather comfortably.

"The people of India wholeheartedly welcome this initiative. The Tawi riverfront offers a vast space where lakhs of devotees can gather. From now onwards, registrations will be conducted here with all necessary facilities," he said.

Recalling the hardships faced by pilgrims in previous years, Dass said many devotees had to stay in inadequate accommodation near the railway station, with some even spending nights on footpaths.

"The arrangements are now much better and will continue to improve. There has always been tremendous enthusiasm for Baba's Yatra, and I believe this year the number of pilgrims will be higher than ever before," he added.

Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh unit president of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Rajesh Gupta, said the special prayers on Jyeshtha Purnima coincided with the launch of the new registration arrangements at the riverfront.

"Our only prayer is that a large number of pilgrims undertake the Yatra and that it is completed peacefully, safely and without any obstacles," Gupta said.

A religious leader participating in the Maha

Yagya said the rituals in Jammu complemented the Pratham Puja at the Holy Cave.

"In Sanatan tradition, every auspicious undertaking begins with Vedic rituals for the best outcome. The Tawi riverfront has become a beautiful spiritual destination and devotees visiting Jammu before proceeding to Kashmir will have a unique experience," he said, adding that Jammu, the abode of Goddess Bhagwati, and Kashmir, the abode of Lord Shiva, together symbolise the spiritual unity of the pilgrimage.

As part of the final preparations, authorities also conducted a full-scale dry run of the Amarnath Yatra convoy along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway to assess security, logistics and inter-agency coordination ahead of the pilgrimage.

Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police, Jammu, Bhim Sen Tuti flagged off the convoy from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp and travelled with the convoy to review arrangements firsthand.

Officials said the exercise evaluated convoy movement, security deployment and emergency response mechanisms along the route.

Security forces have also intensified area domination patrols, search and cordon operations, besides strengthening security at Yatra base camps, along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and at boarding and lodging centres across the Jammu region.

Officials said more than 3.75 lakh pilgrims have registered for this year's Amarnath Yatra so far, with authorities expecting one of the highest turnouts in recent years.

## From Punjab to

details, the first batches of pilgrims have started arriving in Jammu and Kashmir, while security forces remain on high alert with elaborate arrangements in place along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, transit camps and the twin routes leading to the holy cave shrine, nestled in Himalayas.

On the occasion of the Pratham Puja, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Inspector General Dr Akun Sabharwal inaugurated Medical Aid Posts at the Holy Cave and Brarimarg. He also led a plantation drive, reaffirming the force's commitment to pilgrims' welfare and environmental conservation.

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## India's Poll

recognition, with the country currently chairing the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), an inter-governmental organisation that supports democracy worldwide.

"Seeing this process of Indian elections, in 2026 Bharat is currently leading all the large democratic countries of the world and is also the chairperson of International IDEA," he said.

Earlier in the day, Kumar interacted with booth-level officers (BLOs) in central Kashmir's Budgam district, where he described them as the backbone of the country's electoral machinery.

Calling BLOs the "pillars of democracy", he commended their role in maintaining accurate electoral rolls and ensuring the smooth conduct of elections.

"Once again, through all of you, my greetings to all the voters of Jammu and Kashmir, and greetings to all BLOs, BLO supervisors, AEROs, EROs and DEOs," he said.

The Chief Election Commissioner is on a three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to review election-related matters and interact with election officials.

## J&amp;K Must Create

growth reaches every district of the Union Territory.

"As the Government of India has set a target of doubling exports by 2030, we have only four years to achieve it. While we have to support those who are already exporting, we also need to create exporters out of people who are not exporting today. Our effort is to make exporting easier for them," Abdullah said.

He said Jammu and Kashmir has historically been an exporting region, with tourists acting as buyers who carried local products across the world.

"Traditionally, buyers came to Kashmir, purchased our products and took them back to different parts of the world. In every sense, those purchases were exports. When tourism declined, our artisans had to innovate, travel across the country and abroad, and rebuild those market linkages," he said.

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## End of an Era

A prolific writer, Nadwi authored numerous books and scholarly works in Arabic and Urdu on Islamic theology, Hadith, jurisprudence, Islamic history and contemporary issues confronting Muslim societies. He also edited and co-edited journals published in English, Urdu, Arabic and Persian.

Beyond academia, he played a key role in establishing educational institutions across the country. He served as chairman of Dr Abdul Ali Unani Medical College and Hospital, Chancellor of Darul Uloom Syed Ahmad Shaheed, Katoli; and President of Jamiat Shabaab ul Islam. He was also associated with the establishment of several medical, engineering and information technology institutions.

Known for his outspoken views on religious and political affairs, Nadwi frequently commented on developments in the Muslim world and often criticised what he perceived as the inaction of several Muslim governments in the face of international crises.

He was also a vocal advocate of Shia-Sunni unity and interfaith harmony, arguing that sectarian divisions weakened the Muslim community. Several scholars paying tribute to him recalled his efforts to promote dialogue between different Islamic schools of thought as well as Hindu-Muslim understanding in India.

In tributes shared after his demise, colleagues and students described Nadwi as a scholar of exceptional intellect who combined deep knowledge of the Quran, Hadith and Islamic jurisprudence with a keen interest in contemporary political and social issues. Many highlighted his

command over both Arabic and Urdu, his eloquent oratory and his extensive writings.

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## SIA Charges

message that time can never become a shield for terrorism. No matter how many years have elapsed, those responsible for terrorist atrocities will continue to remain answerable before the law," the spokesperson said in a six-page handout.

He said the case demonstrates that while terrorism may delay justice through fear, intimidation and violence, it can never permanently defeat the rule of law.

"The investigation has revealed the involvement of Mohammad Yaseen Malik, then Chief Commander of JKLF, along with Khurshid Ahmad Chalkoo, Abdul Hamid Sheikh, Mohammad Yousuf Sofi alias Idrees and Ghulam Mohammad Taploo in planning and executing the abduction and brutal killing.

"While Abdul Hamid Sheikh, Mohammad Yousuf Sofi alias Idrees and Ghulam Mohammad Taploo are deceased, Mohammad Yaseen Malik is presently in judicial custody in another case," he added.

The spokesperson said legal proceedings, including proclamation proceedings, have been initiated against absconding terrorist Khurshid Ahmad Chalkoo, the man who pulled the trigger.

"The chargesheet establishes offences punishable under Sections 364, 341, 302 read with 34, 201 and 120-B RPC, Sections 3(2), 3(3), 4 and 6 of the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 (TADA), and Sections 7 and 27 of the Indian Arms Act, 1959," he added.

## Pvt Hospitals To

president Sandeep Mengi. The association said the prolonged delay in payments has pushed many hospitals to the brink, forcing them to borrow money, defer staff salaries and delay payments to suppliers in an effort to keep life-saving services running.

Today, however, the situation has become unsustainable.

"Our pharmacies are running empty. We have no dialyzers, cancer medicines, surgical consumables or even adequate oxygen refills. Vendors have stopped supplying us because outstanding bills have remained unpaid for a prolonged period," Mengi said.

The association said it had repeatedly raised the issue through meetings with officials, memoranda, press conferences and media appeals, but only received assurances.

"We knocked on every door. Every time we were told the matter would be resolved soon. Unfortunately, only assurances have come while the financial crisis has continued to deepen. Files do not save lives, medicines do," he said.

Warning that patient care can no longer be sustained without essential medical supplies, the association said continuing treatment under such circumstances would compromise patient safety.

"A doctor without medicines is helpless, and a hospital without medical supplies is merely a building. We cannot endanger patients' lives by pretending we can continue treatment when critical resources have been exhausted," the statement said.

The association urged patients undergoing regular dialysis, chemotherapy and other critical treatments under the Ayushman Bharat/SEHAT scheme to remain in touch with their respective hospitals and not wait until the last moment for updates on services.

Appealing to the public to stand in solidarity with healthcare institutions, it said doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers are themselves victims of the prolonged payment delays.

The association also appealed to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene and ensure the immediate release of pending dues, saying timely financial support would allow hospitals to replenish medicines and continue treating patients without interruption.

"We do not want to discontinue these services. We took an oath to serve humanity. But without medicines, consumables and oxygen, we cannot save lives. We earnestly request the government to release the pending funds immediately so that treatment can continue," the association said.

Reiterating its earlier announcement, JKPHDCA said services being provided under the Ayushman Bharat/SEHAT scheme, including dialysis, chemotherapy and other treatments, may be suspended from July 1 if the pending payments are not released.

"If hospital doors close on July 1, please remember that it was not our choice. We were left with no alternative due to prolonged indifference and the non-release of our legitimate dues," the association said. (inputs from KNO)

## Top Officials To

MP Mukul Wasnik, who recently took over as head of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports following the retirement of senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh from the Rajya Sabha on June 21.

Besides reviewing the NEET examination process, the committee will also deliberate on the growing impact of artificial intelligence on education and its implications for student employability.

Sources said experts, including former National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) head Arun C. Mehta and former IIT Guwahati Director and ex-AICTE Chairman T.G. Sitharam, have been invited to brief members on how AI is reshaping higher education and suggest strategies to maximise employment opportunities for students.

Former officials from the Indian Institute of Science, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and the Delhi School of Artificial Intelligence are also expected to participate in the discussions.

The Parliamentary panel had earlier summoned senior officials from the ministries of Higher Education and Health, along with representatives of the NTA and the National Medical Commission (NMC), to examine issues related to the NEET-UG paper leak and the CBSE's onscreen marking system.



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## E-AUCTION/SALE NOTICE

## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED/SECURED ASSET UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST (SARFAESI) ACT, 2002 READ WITH THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited, in exercise of the powers conferred under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Act dated 31-07-2024 calling upon: M/s New Harmukh Industries (Prop. Mr. Khurshheed Ahmad Sofi S/o Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Sofi), R/o Goribagh, Sumbal, Bandipora; Unit: IGC Lassipora, District Pulwama (Borrower) Mr. Khurshheed Ahmad Sofi S/o Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Sofi, R/o Goribagh, Sumbal, Bandipora (Borrower cum Mortgagor) along with the guarantors/co-obligants, for payment of the dues of the Bank aggregating to Rs. 2,33,18,076.14 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Three Lakh Eighteen Thousand Seventy Six and Paise Fourteen Only) as on 31-07-2024, together with further interest, costs and charges, within a period of 60 days. Whereas, the borrower/mortgagor failed to discharge the liability, the Authorized Officer took possession of the secured asset mentioned hereinafter on 14-10-2024 under Section 13(4) of the Act, and a Notice for Redemption under Section 13(8) of the Act was thereafter issued by ZIARC, Baramulla on 15-04-2026, the prescribed period whereof has also expired without redemption. Now therefore, the undersigned, the Authorized Officer, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, hereby notifies the sale of the secured asset described hereunder, for realization of the Bank's dues, by way of e-auction on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatsoever there is" and "no complaint / no recourse" basis, on the date and time specified in the table below.

## Auction Details &amp; Asset Description

Particulars	Details
Name of the Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)	1. M/s New Harmukh Industries (Prop. Mr. Khurshheed Ahmad Sofi S/o Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Sofi), R/o Goribagh, Sumbal, Bandipora; Unit: IGC Lassipora, District Pulwama - (Borrower) 2. Mr. Khurshheed Ahmad Sofi S/o Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Sofi, R/o Goribagh, Sumbal, Bandipora - (Borrower cum Mortgagor)
Amount in Demand Notice (as on 31-07-2024)	Rs. 2,33,18,076.14 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Three Lakh Eighteen Thousand Seventy Six and Paise Fourteen Only)
Amount Due and charged on secured assets as on 31-05-2026	Rs. 2,05,70,232.44 (Rupees Two Crore Five Lakh Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Two and Paise Forty-Four Only) <i>Note: the balance does not include unsecured dues</i>
Description of the Secured Asset to be Put on Sale (Immovable and Movable respectively)	All that piece and parcel of leasehold industrial land measuring 02 Kanals (40 Marlas / 10,880 sqft) together with the single-storied factory building, single-storied office block and C.G.I. shed constructed thereon, and the Plant & Machinery (Nails & Wire Mesh making machinery and supportive items) installed/lying there at, located at Industrial Growth Centre (IGC), Lassipora, District Pulwama, Kashmir, leased in the name of M/s New Harmukh Industries (Prop. Mr. Khurshheed Ahmad Sofi S/o Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Sofi).
Reserve Price	Rs. 81,63,066/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Sixty Six Only) <i>(Rs 47,50,394 for immovable assets and Rs 34,12,672 for movable Assets)</i>
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of Reserve Price)	Rs. 8,16,307/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Seven Only)
Bid Increase Amount	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)
Physical inspection of property and document (upto)	27-07-2026 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Name & Address of the office conducting auction	The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited, Zonal Impaired Assets Recovery Centre (ZIARC), Zonal Office Budgam, Zainakoot, Srinagar.
Authorized Officer / Designation	FAROOQ AHMAD PARRAY (Chief Manager) / Code No: 009911
Last Date & Time for submission of Bid, EMD & Documents	30.07.2026 up to 4:00 PM
Date & Time of e-Auction	03.08.2026 from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM (with auto-extension as per Clause 7)
EMD & other remittance(s) to	The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited, Business Unit: ZIARC, Budgam; Account No.: 123307070000003 (Sundry Pointing).

## Terms and Conditions

- The e-auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATSOEVER THERE IS" and "NO COMPLAINT / NO RECOURSE" basis. To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there are no encumbrances on the property except as specifically disclosed herein. However, the intending bidders shall make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property put on auction and any claims/rights/dues affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any manner for any third-party claims/rights/dues. The bidders shall satisfy themselves as to the description, condition and accuracy of the details of the property given hereinabove.
- It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and its specifications before submitting the bid. Physical Inspection of the property put on auction will be permitted to interested bidders up to 27.07.2026 between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM with the prior permission of the Authorized Officer. Inspection of the documents relating to the property will be permitted at ZIARC, Budgam between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The bid price shall be absolute and shall not be linked to any reference. Conditional bids shall be rejected.
- The interested bidders shall submit their offer through the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> (the User ID and Password can be obtained free of cost by registering on the said portal) through their login ID and Password. The EMD being 10% of the Reserve Price shall be payable as remittance details given above on or before 30.07.2026 up to 4:00 PM. Please note that cheques shall not be accepted as EMD.
- After registration on the website, the intending bidder is required to upload the following documents on the web portal before the last date of submission of the bid:
  - o (i) copy of the NEFT/RTGS challan;
  - o (ii) copy of PAN card / Aadhaar card;
  - o (iii) proof of identity (KYC) viz. Voter ID / Driving License / Passport, etc.;
  - o (iv) proof of address; and
  - o (v) duly filled and signed copy of the Annexures attached to the Tender Form, failing which the bid is liable to be rejected.
- Bidders requiring assistance in creating login ID and password, the closing time, submitting bid, or training on the e-bidding process may avail online training from M/s E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (Auction Tiger), Ahmedabad.
  - o Contact Person: Mr. Ram Sharma: 8000023297
  - o Support Help Desk Numbers: 9265562818 / 9265562821
  - o Email: support@auctiontiger.net and ramprasad@auctiontiger.net
- Property-Related Queries: Bidders may contact the Authorized Officer, ZIARC, Budgam at Mr. Mohammad Yaseen Dar (M: 7006926551, 01942497734-Ext-322) or email ZIARBD@jkbmail.com.
- Only bidders holding a valid User ID / Password with confirmed payment of EMD through NEFT/RTGS shall be eligible to participate in the online auction process.
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- The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and reserves the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s), or to adjourn/postpone/cancel the e-auction, without assigning any reason.
- This notice is also a 30 days' notice to the above-named borrower(s) / mortgagor(s) under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrower / mortgagor may, at any time before the date of sale, redeem the secured asset by paying the entire dues together with costs, charges and expenses.
- Participation in the bid shall be deemed to be acceptance of the terms and conditions of the e-auction by the bidder/intending purchaser. The bidders are advised to go through the detailed terms and conditions of e-auction available on <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> before submitting their bids.

Date: 29.06.2026

Place: Srinagar / Zainakoot

**FAROOQ AHMAD PARRAY**  
AUTHORIZED OFFICER  
The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited

## 8.54 lakh J&K Farmers Receive Rs 170.90 cr under PM-KISAN 21st Instalment

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir has emerged as a key beneficiary in the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare's Annual Report 2025-26, with the Union Territory registering strong coverage under several flagship schemes aimed at supporting farmers.

As per the report, accessed by KNO, 8,54,502 farmers in J&K received Rs 170.90 crore under the 21st instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme. Of them, 85,410 women farmers were provided financial assistance amounting to Rs 17.08 crore, reflecting their growing participation in the agriculture sector.

The report further states that 1,26,967 farmers from Jammu and Kashmir had been enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) as of January 25, 2026, ensuring pension benefits for small and marginal farmers.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and the Restructured Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme, the Union Territory recorded 11.62 lakh farmer applications covering 6.34 lakh hectares. The total insured amount was Rs 4,381.31 crore. Farmers contributed Rs 80.66 crore as premium, while insurance claims worth Rs 166.67 crore were settled in their favour, according to the report.

The report states that Jammu and Kashmir recorded an increase in approvals under the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)/RKVY framework, with five projects sanctioned during 2024-25 and six projects approved for 2025-26.

According to the Annual Report, 25 Agricultural Produce Market Commit-

tees (APMCs) and sub-market yards in the Union Territory have been integrated with the Agmarknet Portal, facilitating access to market prices and other agricultural information for farmers and stakeholders.

Jammu and Kashmir also registered inter-state trade through the electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM). As per the report, traders from the Union Territory sold 33,334 quintals of produce to Jharkhand worth Rs 4.50 lakh, 234.13 quintals to Maharashtra valued at Rs 19.64 lakh, and 104.36 quintals to Rajasthan worth Rs 3.80 lakh.

The Ministry has continued special support for Jammu and Kashmir under its seed transportation programme in view of the region's difficult terrain. The report says the Union Territory is entitled to 100 per cent reimbursement of the difference between road and rail freight charges for certified seeds brought from outside J&K, besides reimbursement of intra-UT transportation costs to make quality seeds more affordable for farmers.

The report further highlights enhanced incentives for Jammu and Kashmir under horticulture development schemes. Under the National Horticulture Board's commercial horticulture programme, open-field cultivation projects in the Union Territory are eligible for assistance of up to Rs 50 lakh, while large-scale projects involving crops such as apples, walnuts and almonds can receive financial support of up to Rs 1 crore.

It also provides for a capital subsidy of 33.33 per cent, subject to a maximum of Rs 30 lakh, for post-harvest and infrastructure projects in Jammu and Kashmir, considering the challenges faced by the Himalayan region.

## Gurez Enters Adventure Tourism Map with Launch of 482 Metre Zipline

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Gurez Valley has officially stepped onto the adventure tourism map with the launch of a 482 metre zipline at Markote, marking a fresh push towards border tourism and experiential travel in the remote north Kashmir region.

The newly developed facility stretches 482 metres with an approximate horizontal span of 453 metres. It features a starting platform height of 55 feet and a landing platform height of 10 feet, creating a vertical drop of 45 feet. The structure has a maximum sag of 24 metres and has been designed for riders weighing up to 100 kilograms.

Speaking to KNO, Director Tourism Kashmir Syed Qamar Sajjad, said the project is part of a broader plan to promote border tourism and position Gurez as a key adventure destination in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The zipline is expected to enhance the overall visitor experience and draw more tourists to the border valley. Gurez has immense potential and such initiatives are aimed at unlocking that potential in a structured and safe manner," he said.

Sajjad said the project has been executed after obtaining necessary technical clearances and adhering to prescribed safety standards.

"Safety remains central to all our adventure tourism projects.



This facility has been developed after proper technical evaluation and with robust safety systems in place," he said.

The Director added that the initiative is also aimed at generating livelihood opportunities for local youth by integrating them into the

tourism ecosystem.

"Our focus is to ensure that local youth become active participants in tourism growth. Adventure tourism opens avenues for employment, guiding services and allied activities that directly benefit the local economy," he said.



## GPW Srinagar Launches 5-Day PM Vishwakarma Trainer Programme in Tailoring

SRINAGAR: Government Polytechnic for Women, Srinagar announced the commencement of a 5-day Advance Training of Trainers (TOTs) programme in the Tailoring Trade under PM Vishwakarma, under the tagline "Skill Development for Nation Building." The programme is being organized with the objective of strengthening skill development initiatives and enhancing the capacity of prospective trainers from across the Kashmir Division. The PM Vishwakarma scheme supports training, technology, credit, and market linkages for traditional artisans and craftspeople.

A total of 28 prospective trainers from different institutions across the Kashmir Division will undergo advanced training in the Tailoring Trade during the programme. The training is designed to equip participants with improved technical knowledge and contemporary training methods so that they can further contribute to skill development in their respective institutions and communities.

The training will be imparted by Uma Sharma, Master Trainer for TOT in Tailor Trade (Advanced Training) under PM Vishwakarma. Her expertise is expected to provide the participants with practical insights and advanced competencies in tailoring, trainer development, and trade-based skill enhancement.

Er. Imtiaz Ahmad, Principal Government Polytechnic for Women, Srinagar, stated, "that the institution remains committed to promoting vocational excellence, empowering trainers, and contributing to the vision of a skilled and self-reliant nation through quality training initiatives under PM Vishwakarma" (Observer News Service)

### Form No 3 [See Regulation -13(1)(a)] DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT I)

2nd Floor SCO 33-34-35  
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh  
Case No. OA/1858/2025

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: 34618

JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED  
VS  
M/S M.B CONSTRUCTIONS

To.

(1) Bashir Ahmad Mir  
Ab Salam Mir  
R/o: Mohamadpora Kulgam  
Kulgam, Jammu and Kashmir-192231

#### SUMMONS

Whereas, OA/1858/2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 20.05.2026

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs 4463191.71 (application along with copies of documents etc, annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-  
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

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

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

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

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

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 21.07.2026 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 : 22.05.2026.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION URI

#### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

eNIT No.26 of 2026-27/ 2154-63/R&B Uri e-tendering DATED: 25.06.2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/DOC (In Rupees)	E/Money (In Rs.)	Time for completion of work	Class of Contractor	M. H of Account	Tender Call
1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10
01	Upgradation/Restoration of Road from Lower Latimar to Khaitan Garkote Uri.	46.44	1100/-	92880/-	60 Days	A&B	Permanent Restoration SASCI-II	1st

Project Authority: Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Baramulla  
Accord of Administrative Approval No& Dt:- 78 of 2026-27 Dt 25.06.2026  
Technical Sanction No & Dt:- SE(R&B)Bla-54 of 2026-27 Dt 25.06.2026

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	25.06.2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	27.06.2026(10:00AM) to 06.07.2026 (2:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	27.06.2026 From (10:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	06.07.2026 at (2:00 PM)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	06.07.2026 (03:00 PM) in the office of Executive Engineer R&B) Division Uri

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan debited under M.H-0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Uri (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date)
- At the time of tendering, all the bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/ pledged to the tender receiving authority i.e. Executive Engineer R&B) Division Uri (The date of Earnest money should be between Date of Start of bid and bid submission End date). The successful (1st lowest) bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 5% of Allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of contract award. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 5% of the total allotted cost which will be released after successful completion of the DLP.
- (a) Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor for a period of 01 Year be forwarded to Higher Authorities.
- (c) The Earnest Money/Performance Security shall be forfeited If:
  - Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period before issue of letter of intent.
  - Successful Bidder fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
  - If at any stage of work, the Bidder back up from the contract, after the Performance security/EMD as well as work done claim will be forfeited.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B) Division Uri (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

No.: 2025-26/2154-63

Dated: 25.06.2026

DIPK-2640-26

DT: 29/06/2026

Sd/-

(Er Imran Ali)  
Executive Engineer,  
R&B Division, Uri.

## از سرشتہ چنار ڈیولپمنٹ آفیسر فلور لیکچر آفیسر گاند ریل ابا نڈی پورہ اشتہار نیلامی

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DT: 29/06/2026

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# New Zealand Clinches Test Series Win Against England To Spoil Ben Stokes Farewell

AP

**NOTTINGHAM:** New Zealand won a test series in England for the fourth time by wrapping up a 160-run victory in the third test at Trent Bridge on Monday, bringing an end to the international career of home captain Ben Stokes.

Resuming on 103-4 and chasing an unlikely 373 to win, England was dismissed for 212 soon after lunch on Day 5 as New Zealand clinched the series 2-1.

The New Zealanders' other series wins on English soil were in 1986, 1999 and in 2021 — the latter being in a two-match series.

"We're a small country down the bottom of the Earth and something we pride ourselves

on is we get stuck into whatever is needed to be done and try and get the job done," said New Zealand batter Daryl Mitchell, whose gutsy 100 not out in the second innings helped his team set a daunting and unrealistic target for England.

"Sometimes it's being pretty and sometimes it's getting dirty and doing the little things really well. Just really proud of this group."

New Zealand captain Tom Latham, a century-maker in the first innings, described the series win as "really special."

"To come out and play our style and stick to our brand as best we can, to me that's the most pleasing thing," Latham said.

Stokes announced on Sunday he would be stepping down as



England captain after four years after this test, and also retiring from the international game after 15 years with the national

team. He didn't have an active role on Day 5 since he was dismissed for 30 late Sunday after opening the batting.

"It would have been great to have gone out with a series win and a win," Stokes said, "but that's in a perfect world

and this world certainly isn't perfect."

### England leadership under more pressure

It was England's first defeat in a home series of three or more tests since 2012. The team has lost seven of its last nine test matches, a streak that piles the pressure on the leadership team of coach Brendon McCullum and director cricket Rob Key.

McCullum said he intended to stay in his role.

"There was some good stuff and I still believe that we have a firm direction of what we're wanting to do and how we're wanting to play, and what we're wanting to achieve," he said.

### Root run-out was costly

England's final-day hopes

realistically rested on Joe Root and Emilio Gay — the remaining specialist batters who resumed from overnight — but they both departed in the fourth over, having walked to the middle with the boundary boards around the ground displaying the message: "Thank you Ben Stokes."

Gay (10) edged behind and Root, England's all-time leading run scorer, was brilliantly run out by Henry Nicholls for 18.

A seventh-wicket stand of 75 runs between Jamie Smith and Gus Atkinson held up New Zealand's charge before lunch, before Atkinson (19) was trapped lbw by spinner Mitchell Santner.

The end came 15 minutes into the second session, when Smith was dismissed for 60.

# India Will Need To Develop More Fast Bowlers And Wrist Spinners Through WPL: Ian Bishop

Press Trust of India

**MUMBAI:** Indian women's cricket will have to develop more fast bowlers and wrist spinners through the Women's Premier League in order to garner success in the shortest format on global stage, said former West Indies pacer Ian Bishop on Monday.

With the reigning ODI world champions making a first round exit in the Women's T20 World Cup, Bishop said India will need a bigger pool of fast bowlers, wrist spinners as well as dynamic power-hitters.

The Harmanpreet Kaur-led side crashed out in the group stage after losing to South Africa and then by six wickets to Australia on Sunday, finishing with two defeats in four matches.

"In the WPL, you still have to position teams in a way where you want the overseas players coming in, but also ensure that as T20 internationals demand a number of your key positions, still have to be influenced by Indian selections," Bishop, an ICC Women's T20 World Cup ex-



pert, said on JioStar's Media Day.

"... because when you go on to the world stage, you don't have that foreign assistance — it's your national team."

Bishop questioned India's decision to hold back Richa Ghosh in their batting innings against Australia especially when Jemimah Rodrigues was struggling.

"I wonder if Richa Ghosh could have come in a little bit earlier, where Jemimah was struggling to

get the ball away, those are little points to look back on," he said.

Bishop said while India were unfortunate with injuries to some key players, they need to be able to bring in more balance in their squad.

"They (India) were unfortunate with injuries, (with) Shreyanka Patil going out and they need some pace additions; not just being a former fast bowler, but I think generally," he said.

"I asked Charlie Dean about this,

(and) I've been talking about the Australians and how they have managed to win six T20 World Cups."

"... with a little bit more balance in the bowling attack, with a little bit more pace, cutting edge in addition to the spinners is one thing. In T20 cricket now, where Australia have been very good in winning six titles, is the power in their batting. India do have a little bit of that, but they need more," Bishop added.

Bishop said India, however, will have to wait a little more longer to see the full impact of WPL.

"You're starting to see some of the benefits of the WPL. This is still a very young tournament — a handful of years being around — but you're starting to see some spinoffs of that where young women in India are starting to see more and more cricket as a career option.

"(The) WPL, given the vastness of the nation, is a great thing. But you're still going to have to wait a little bit longer to see the full impact of that," Bishop added.

# Hope Sooryavanshi Plays In 1st T20I Vs England, Grooming In Dugout Will Help His Future: Gavaskar

Press Trust of India

**MUMBAI:** Batting legend Sunil Gavaskar on Monday acknowledged that fitting Vaibhav Sooryavanshi into India's settled top order would be a challenge but backed the teenager for a debut in the opening T20I against England, saying his fearless approach could catch the hosts off guard.

The 15-year-old did not feature in India's 2-0 series defeat to Ireland, but Gavaskar believes his time in the dressing room alongside senior players has been valuable and that he could emerge as a surprise package against England in the five-match T20I series.

"I'm hoping he plays the first game because it will be the start of a new series and he gets the team off to a flying start. It's the best way to recover from the series loss against Ireland," Gavaskar told reporters in an interaction organised by Sony Sports.

"How they fit him in is going to be a real tough one because both Abhishek Sharma and Sanju Samson have done exceedingly well. You don't want to break a partnership which has given you good results."

According to Gavaskar, Sooryavanshi's biggest advantage is that England have had little opportunity to assess him, unlike the other Indian batters whom they would have studied during the Ireland series.

"If I might say, more than a tactical (but) from a temperament point of view, because England doesn't know what to expect. Some of them would have watched the Ireland matches and got some idea how to bowl to some of the Indian batters. But Sooryavanshi was not played, so nobody has seen him," he said.

"All that they have seen of him are his videos of his IPL performances. So (if) he gets going, he can take the game away and that is what India needs at this particular point of time, after this loss, for somebody to make an impact straight away." Gavaskar lauded Sooryavanshi's seniors like Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan for guiding the youngster.

"We are seeing the senior players speaking with him in the dugout, which is a very good thing. Abhishek Sharma is his competitor as a left-handed batter, but the way he speaks about him, and the way Ishan Kishan speaks to him, it is a very encouraging sign," Gavaskar said.

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10	₹11.6L	₹6.0L	2.9x
15	₹25.9L	₹9.0L	4.3x
20	₹51.8L	₹12.0L	6.5x
25	₹97.5L	₹15.0L	10.5x
30	₹1.9Cr	₹18.0L	10.5x

More time = more compounding

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