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Kashmiri Students Are Looking East For Their Next Degree

As Canada and Australia become harder to access, many young people are turning to Indonesia, Türkiye and Iran while postponing their departure from home.

Rizqiyah Yusrinawati

Srinagar: Minutes before class in Srinagar, Ahmad was filling out an application for an Islamic university in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Tuition fees and scholarship deadlines were already committed to memory.

By the time the lecture began, his mind was fixed on a campus nearly 6,000 kilometers away.



"I still want to study abroad one day," said Ahmad, a first-year university student. "Right now, my parents feel it's simply too far away."

His story surfaced again and again during interviews with students, recent graduates, education counsellors and university teachers across Kashmir.

Young people here still dream about studying overseas. They

spend months comparing universities, reading scholarship rules and following visa updates. Families also support those ambitions, but their plans simply follow a different order.

Students in Delhi or Mumbai often leave soon after school if they receive an overseas admission. Many families in Kashmir prefer another path.

"They encourage their

children to complete an undergraduate degree close to home and think about a master's or doctorate abroad after a few more years," said Samreen Ilahi, a Srinagar-based educator. "Well, that difference says less about ambition than about timing."

Andleeb, a Class 11 student, described her own plans with striking honesty.

She hopes to study physics overseas one day. Her parents encouraged that choice, even though medicine and engineering remain more popular paths for many families. She believes the timing needs to feel right.

"I think I would become homesick if I left now," she said. "For my master's or my Ph.D., maybe I will be ready."

Another | [More on P6](#)

Act Against Those Overcharging Yatris: LG Sinha

Says Pilgrims' Comfort Must Remain Top Priority



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday directed authorities to take strict legal action against anyone found overcharging Amarnath pilgrims or carrying out fraudulent registrations, saying no exceptions should be made irrespective of the person involved.

"Whether it is a service provider, a government employee, or an individual associated with any institution, make no exceptions. Register a case immediately," Sinha told officials during a visit to the Baltal base camp, where he reviewed

arrangements for the ongoing Amarnath Yatra.

The LG inspected the base camp hospital, on-the-spot registration counters, tents and other facilities and directed departments to ensure close coordination for a hassle-free pilgrimage.

"The comfort of Shri Amarnathji's devotees must remain the highest priority. From registration to accommodation, from smooth movement to darshan, every step of the journey should be seamless and free of any obstacles," he said.

Sinha said the Shrine Board and departments | [More on P6](#)

Amarnath Yatra Crosses 2-Lakh Mark In 8 Days

The annual Amarnath Yatra crossed the two-lakh mark on Friday, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said. He said that with the pilgrimage running smoothly on both routes, the spiritual celebration is set to welcome a steady arrival of devotees in the coming weeks. "In a remarkable testament to faith, the holy Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra has crossed the 2 lakh pilgrim mark in just 8 days," Sinha said in a post on X. "Har Har Mahadev!" he added.

According to official figures, 29,507 devotees | [More on P6](#)

J&K Records 24% Rainfall Deficit In June, Eighth Dry Month In A Row

Frequent Rain Spells Offer Some Hydrological Relief Despite Shortfall

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir recorded a 24 per cent rainfall deficit in June, marking the eighth consecutive month of below-normal precipitation, even as frequent rain spells during the month offered some relief to soil moisture and water resources.

The Union Territory received 57.9 mm of rainfall against the normal 75.9 mm during June, extending a precipitation deficit streak that began in November 2025, independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif said.

However, Arif said June differed from the preceding deficit months in the frequency and distribution of rainfall.

"Unlike earlier months, when much of the rainfall occurred during just one or two weather



systems, June witnessed recurring spells of light to moderate rain spread throughout the month," he said.

According to rainfall data shared by the forecaster, six districts recorded surplus rainfall during the

month. Poonch registered a 37 per cent surplus, followed by Baramulla at 34 per cent, Ganderbal at 24 per cent, Samba at 22 per cent, Pulwama at nine per cent and Udhampur at six per cent.

Several | [More on P6](#)



Vegetable-laden shikaras make their way through Kashmir's floating market as vendors sell fresh produce. KO Photo By Abid Bhat

Fresh WD Likely To Bring Rain From Today

A fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect most parts of Jammu and Kashmir from July 11 to 12, bringing intermittent rain showers and spells, even as temperatures remained several degrees above normal across Kashmir on Friday. Independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif said moisture-laden winds from the south-east, which contributed to recent heavy rainfall episodes, are expected to remain absent during the upcoming spell. However, moisture-laden winds | [More on P6](#)

GMC Srinagar Gets 50 More MBBS Seats

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Srinagar: The National Medical Commission (NMC) has approved an increase of 50 MBBS seats at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, raising its annual intake from 200 to 250 seats from the 2026-27 academic session.

An official spokesperson said the Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) of the NMC has issued a Letter of Permission approving the additional seats under Section 28(3) of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

The Health and Medical Education Department said the increase in intake capacity was aimed at strengthening medical education and healthcare delivery in Jammu and Kashmir.

The approval follows an evaluation by MARB under the Undergraduate Medical Education Standards Regulations, 2023, the spokesperson said.

GMC Srinagar had also received approval for 20 additional MBBS seats last year.

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Step Up Anti-Terror Ops In Valley: DGP To Forces

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Friday directed security forces to intensify anti-terror operations across Kashmir and maintain sustained pressure on terrorist networks and their support structures.

Prabhat issued the directions while chairing a security review meeting at the Police Control Room, Kashmir, attended by senior officers from the Army, including the General Officer Commanding of the Srinagar-based 15 Corps, Central Armed Police Forces, intelligence agencies and the

Jammu and Kashmir Police.

During the meeting, officers presented assessments of the prevailing security situation and briefed the DGP on field-level preparedness and security measures across the Valley.

The DGP reviewed the overall security environment as well as the multi-tier security arrangements put in place for the safe and peaceful conduct of the annual Amarnath Yatra.

He stressed close coordination among security agencies and called for seamless intelligence sharing, real-time exchange of information and joint operational planning to improve operational outcomes.

Prabhat said | [More on P6](#)

Every Second Birth In J&K Now A C-Section: NFHS-6

9 In 10 Deliveries At Private Hospitals Surgical; Urban Rate Hits 68.9%

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Srinagar: The number of babies being delivered through Caesarean section (C-section) in Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a significant rise over the past few years, with the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) revealing that more than half of all births in the Union Territory now take place through surgical delivery. The trend is particularly striking in private hospitals, where nearly 90 per cent of deliveries are performed through C-section.

According to the National

Family Health Survey-6 (2023-24), the overall Caesarean section rate in Jammu and Kashmir has increased to 51 per cent, compared to 41.7 per cent recorded in the NFHS-5 (2019-21), indicating a notable shift in childbirth practices across both public and private healthcare institutions.

The survey shows that 90 per cent of births in private hospitals were delivered through Caesarean section during 2023-24, a sharp increase from 82.1 per cent reported in the previous survey. Government health institutions have also recorded a rise, with 48.6 per

cent of deliveries being surgical compared to 42.7 per cent in NFHS-5.

The findings indicate that surgical childbirth has become increasingly common across the Union Territory, particularly in urban areas. The survey records that 68.9 per cent of births in urban Jammu and Kashmir were through C-section, while the figure stood at 47.1 per cent in rural areas.

Despite the growing reliance on Caesarean deliveries, institutional childbirth remains consistently high. The report states that 93.6 per cent of births in Jammu and | [More on P6](#)

CHEQUE BOUNCE CASE

Criminal Court Can't Enforce Private Compromise After Acquittal: HC

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has held that once parties voluntarily settle a cheque dishonour dispute and the criminal court records the compromise and acquits the accused, the proceedings attain finality.

A bench of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal observed that thereafter, the Magistrate becomes "functus officio" and cannot execute the terms of a private settlement unless the

final order itself contains an executable judicial direction.

The court passed the verdict while allowing a petition filed by one Gulzar Ahmad Ganaie, quashing execution proceedings initiated by the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Budgam, to enforce a compromise reached in a cheque dishonour case.

Ganaie had challenged the CJM's orders dated 17 November 2025 and 6 May this year, contending that the Magistrate | [More on P6](#)

Govt Notifies Framework For Academic Content Review

- Institutions Told To Audit Books, Journals, Theses And Digital Resources
- Bars Material Promoting Terrorism, Extremism And Secessionism

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday notified a framework for the evaluation and scrutiny of books and academic material across educational institutions in the Union Territory, mandating comprehensive content audits and periodic reviews of

academic resources.

The framework, issued through circulars by the School Education and Higher Education departments, lays down a structured mechanism for academic evaluation, content verification and periodic review across schools, colleges and universities.

An official spokesperson said the circulars were issued "in view of recent concerns regarding books available in institutional libraries and the procurement of educational material" and in pursuance of government directions.

The framework is aimed at strengthening | [More on P6](#)



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FROM THE OFFICE OF MR RAYEES MAQBOOL Bhat (KIRMANI) ADVOCATE JAMMU AND KASHMIR HIGH COURT.

In the case of: Muhammad Abbas S/o Ghulam Mohammad R/O Dever parihaspora, Tehsil Pattan Baramulla Versus Public At Large In the Matter of : Caveat Application under section 14B A. That the caveator is constructing two storey commercial building on his propriety land measuring one kanal and one Maria under survey No. 888/890,891 khewat No 91 situated at police colony Dever yakhmanpora pattan Baramulla. That the caveator apprehends that any person may file any suit/ Application at the back of the caveator and may manage to get any ex parte order against the caveator, therefore the caveator submits through his counsel that in case of any suit/Application is filed before this Hon'ble court by any person against the caveator in such eventuality, the caveator or his counsel may be provided reasonable opportunity of being heard before passy any order in such suit/Application otherwise the caveator may suffer such an irreparable loss and injury that can't be compensated later on in any manner and same would be an abuse of process of court. ab

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the name Adil Ahmad Magloo S/o Ali Mohammad Magloo mentioned in the Driving Licence records is incorrect. The correct name is: Adil Ahmad Magloo S/o Ali mohammad Driving license No.: Jk- 0120120074036 I am applying for correction in the official records. If anyone has any objection to the same, they may contact RT0 office Srinagar, within 7 days of publication of this notice. After that, no objection will be entertained. media line advt

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Javid ahmad dar, R/o Ahmad nagar srinagar, hereby inform the public that I have lost the original key of my vehicle bearing Registration No. JK01BC9998 on 07/07/2026 at Mallabagh Srinagar. Despite diligent efforts, the key could not be traced. If anyone finds the said vehicle key, they are requested to contact me at 6005047562 or hand it over to the nearest police station. The owner shall not be responsible for any misuse of the lost key from the date of this publication. Javid ahmad dar Contact: 6005047562 Date: 10/07/2026 media line advt

PUBLIC NOTICE

The names of parents on birth certificate of my daughter MEER AAIRAH has been wrongly recorded as JAVAID AHMAD MIR and IRFANA FEROZE The correct name is JAVEED AHMED MIR and IRFAN FEROZ If anybody having any objection may contact the concern authority within the period of seven days, after that no objection will be entertained Address JAVEED AHMED MIR S/o GH. NABI MIR SS R/o Syed colony Gulab Bagh Hazratbal sgr. kmr.

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 Muhammad Zeeshan Joo s/o Ab Qayoom Joo R/o Shripora bangil Tehsil Pattan district baramulla with verified date of birth 20/12/2022 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained. Sd Naib Tehsildar Pattan

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name as been wrongly written in my school records as Seerat D/o Bail Ahmad Gani While my correct name is Seerat D/o Bail Ahmad Doom. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained. Seerat D/O Bail Ahmad Doom fko R/o Hanji Bough Magam

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Subject: Order for registration of Date of Birth in the records of Municipal Committee Pattan Public Notice The registrar Births and Deaths (Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Pattan has submitted case file pertaining to birth of Aizan Bilal Mochi S/o Bilal Ahmad Mochi R/o Yamberzal Colony Kalsari Distt Baramulla having verified the date of birth as 21-08-2022 and the event has been shown to be occurred at SDH Pattan for issuance of Delay order. In this connection if anybody having any objection to the issuance of delay order of birth certificate shall submit his/hr claim to this office within seven (7) days after that no objection shall be entertained fko Naib Tehsildar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, I, Khadim Hussain Kasana S/o Mohammad Akbar Kasana R/O RINGZABAL KHANSAHIB BUDGAM J&K, intend to apply in the office of the Prescribed Authority of Directorate of Tourism Kashmir for registration of my proposed Paying Guest House/Home Stay under the name and style "Tahira Paying Guest house Khadim Hussain Kasana" situated at Ringzabal Khansahib budgam j&k 193411 under the Tourist Trade Act, 1978/82/2011. Whereas, I will submit Land Ownership Certificate from the concerned Tehsildar with attested photographs of the unit through Dy. Commissioner concerned, Rent/Lease Deed/Partnership Deed issued by the concerned Sub-Registrar, Judicial Magistrate (if applicable), NOC from the owner to the effect that the property can be used as Home Stay, Character Certificate of the applicant from the concerned Police Station, undertaking from the owner as self-declaration, Public Notice inviting objections, if any, in print media, list of family members with Name, Age and Photograph self-attested by the owner, photographs of the unit as mentioned in the application (each of exterior and individual bedrooms and bathrooms), Inspection Report by the Committee (the recommendation of the Inspection Committee shall decide whether to issue registration to the unit or not, keeping in view the type of accommodation and amenities), and Aadhaar Card. Now, before my case is processed for registration by the Prescribed Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of the general public/organizations for objections, if any. The same should reach the office of the Prescribed Authority within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in a leading local newspaper of the Valley. Objections received beyond the period of 7 days from the date of publication shall not be entertained, and the case shall be processed under rules as per merit. Media Line Ads

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, I, Ghulam Qadir Kasana S/o Ghulam Kasana R/o ringzabal Khansahib budgam j&k, intend to apply in the office of the Prescribed Authority of Directorate of Tourism Kashmir for registration of my proposed Paying Guest House/Home Stay under the name and style " Tosamadian Paying Guest House" situated at Ringzabal Khansahib budgam j&k 193411 under the Tourist Trade Act, 1978/82/2011. Whereas, I will submit Land Ownership Certificate from the concerned Tehsildar with attested photographs of the unit through Dy. Commissioner concerned, Rent/Lease Deed/Partnership Deed issued by the concerned Sub-Registrar, Judicial Magistrate (if applicable), NOC from the owner to the effect that the property can be used as Home Stay, Character Certificate of the applicant from the concerned Police Station, undertaking from the owner as self-declaration, Public Notice inviting objections, if any, in print media, list of family members with Name, Age and Photograph self-attested by the owner, photographs of the unit as mentioned in the application (each of exterior and individual bedrooms and bathrooms), Inspection Report by the Committee (the recommendation of the Inspection Committee shall decide whether to issue registration to the unit or not, keeping in view the type of accommodation and amenities), and Aadhaar Card. Now, before my case is processed for registration by the Prescribed Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of the general public/organizations for objections, if any. The same should reach the office of the Prescribed Authority within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in a leading local newspaper of the Valley. Objections received beyond the period of 7 days from the date of publication shall not be entertained, and the case shall be processed under rules as per merit. Media Line Ads

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed that my name has been mistakenly registered as Mohsin Hassan in my bank account (0078040100770172) and Passbook at J&K Bank Branch Budgam instead of my real name Mohsin Hussain Wani. Now I am applying for its correction, if anyone has any objection may file same in the office of Branch Manager J&K Bank, Branch Budgam. After that no objections shall be entertained. Name: Mohsin Hussain Wani Ghulam Hussain Wani R/O Zoorigund Budgam inf

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Khurshid Ahmad Tramboob S/o Ghulam Rasool Tramboob R/o Rajbagh Srinagar have been allotted Plot No: 21 Measuring: 50 x 90 Sft Situated at Tawi Vihar, Sidhera, Jammu. Now I have sold the above said plot measuring: 50 x 90 Sft to Mrs Firdousa Wani W/o Mr Maqsood Ahmad Wani R/o S.A. Colony Wanabal, Nowgam Srinagar and applied for transfer the above said plot in her favour in the office of J&K Cooperative Housing Corporation Ltd, Jammu Objection if any may be conveyed to the office of the Managing Director J&K Cooperative Housing Corporation Ltd, 243 New Plot, Jammu Within Seven Days from the Publication of this Notice. Khurshid Ahmad Tramboob S/o Ghulam Rasool Tramboob R/o Rajbagh, Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my Aadhaar Card bearing Adhaar No 6897 8068 1392 Now I want to change my name from MISBA BASHIR (Old Name) to MISBAH BASHIR (New Name). In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he or she may approach the concerned authorities within a period of seven days. After that, no objection shall be entertained. Name:- MISBAH BASHIR D/O:- BASHIR AHMAD MIR R/O:- NADIWANPORA, BUDGAM Jammu And Kashmir-191111

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my JK BOE Records as Manzoor Ahmad Rather S/o Mohd Subhan Rather while my correct name is Manzoor Ahmad Rather S/o Mohd Subhan Rather. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained. Manzoor Ahmad Rather S/o Mohd Subhan Rather BMG

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Muzamil Qadir, S/o Abdul Qadir Mir, R/o Krishama, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla, J&K (UT), hereby notify that I was born on 03-10-1991 at home and my birth was not registered with the Registrar of Births & Deaths, Block Lalpora. I have now applied for registration of my birth and issuance of a Birth Certificate. If any person has any objection, the same may be conveyed to the concerned authority. Otherwise, the matter shall be treated as genuine. I shall be personally responsible for any incorrect information, if found. FKO

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (Old name) Amir Jan .. to (New name) Amir Jan Shalla In future will be known as (New name). Amir Jan Shalla If any body is having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within in 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted. inf

OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR TILGAM EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/Death Registration. PUBLIC NOTICE The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer), Pattan, has submitted case files for delayed birth registration of: 1. Tanseef Fayaz Lone, S/O Fayaz Ahmad Lone, R/O Wanigam Bala, Tehsil Pattan, DOB: 25-03-2018 (Home). 2. Kausar Ahmad Lone, S/O Fayaz Ahmad Lone, R/O Wanigam Bala, Tehsil Pattan, DOB: 10-02-2014 (Home). Any person having any objection may contact this office within 07 days, failing which no objection shall be entertained. Executive Magistrate 1st Class Naib Tehsildar, Tilgam/Pattan fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Tilgam Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth Public Notice The registrar Births and deaths (Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Marayam Jan Wani D/o Bashir Ahmad Wani R/o Dargam Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 01-08-1992 occurred at Home In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained. Executive Magistrate 1st Class Naib Tehsildar Tilgam fko

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub... Application on behalf of Peer Mohd Iqbal s/o Peer Sada ud din R/o Poshwani Pattan for issuance of legal heir certificate.. PUBLIC NOTICE IT is inform to general public that applicants father's legal heir certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants father namely Peer Sada ud din s/o Peer shamus ud din R/o Poshwani Pattan Tehsil Pattan district baramulla died on 21/11/2025 and Left following legal heirs...

S.NO	Name	AGE	Occupation	Marital status	Realtion with deceased
01	Peer Mohd Iqbal	61	Pensioner	Married	Son
02	Shahzada Begum	58	Housewife	Married	Daughter
03	Tahira Begum	55	Housewife	Married	Daughter
04	Kulsoma Jan	45	Housewife	Married	Daughter
05	Rifat Ara	38	Housewife	Married	Daughter

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

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth.. PUBLIC NOTICE. The registrar birth BDO Sherabad Khore has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Abdul Salam Wani s/o Sonaulah Wani R/o Shripora Tehsil Pattan district baramulla with verified date of birth 09/03/1959 . In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained. Sd Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

از نیابت پٹھان عنوان :- درخواست خراب حازرہ بیگزیرہ مرحوم اسد اللہ لون ساکد گوشہ بگ تحصیل پٹن برادرانی لیگل ہیئر سرٹیفکیٹ بچن خود اشہوار بر خاص و عام معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں سائل/سائلہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض لیگل ہیئر سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں ہڈاری طبقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے مہاں ہے کہ سائل/سائلہ کا شوہر شہید اسد اللہ لون مطابق دستہ سرٹیفکیٹ مورثہ 08-01-2026 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے دستوں کے دارخان جائزہ ذیل ہے

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Javid ahmad dar, R/o Ahmad nagar srinagar, hereby inform the public that I have lost the original key of my vehicle bearing Registration No. JK01BC9998 on 07/07/2026 at Mallabagh Srinagar. Despite diligent efforts, the key could not be traced. If anyone finds the said vehicle key, they are requested to contact me at 6005047562 or hand it over to the nearest police station. The owner shall not be responsible for any misuse of the lost key from the date of this publication. Javid ahmad dar Contact: 6005047562 Date: 10/07/2026 media line advt

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the name Adil Ahmad Magloo S/o Ali Mohammad Magloo mentioned in the Driving Licence records is incorrect. The correct name is: Adil Ahmad Magloo S/o Ali mohammad Driving license No.: Jk- 0120120074036 I am applying for correction in the official records. If anyone has any objection to the same, they may contact RT0 office Srinagar, within 7 days of publication of this notice. After that, no objection will be entertained. media line advt

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Reyaz Ahmad Parray, S/o Farhatah Reyaz, R/o Wailoo Kralpora, Tehsil Kunzer, P.O. Kunzer, District Baramulla, J&K, hereby inform the general public that my daughter's name has been wrongly recorded as Farhat Riyaz in her Aadhaar Card bearing No. 2555-7039-2962. Her correct and actual name is Farhatah Reyaz. Henceforth, she shall be known and recognized by the name Farhatah Reyaz for all official purposes. If anyone has any objection to this correction, they may file the same before the concerned authority within the prescribed period. fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (old name) FATIMA to (New name) FATIMA BANO . In future i will be known as (new Name) FATIMA BANO. If any body having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted. FATIMA BANO W/O MOHAMMAD JAFFAR MIR R/o WATERWANI BUDGAM. mcb

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information for the general public that in Birth Certificate of my daughter the name is entered as HAZIMAH BINT MOHAMMAD while her actual name is HAZIMAH MOHAMMAD. Now i want its correction, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUDGAM with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that. GHULAM MOHAMMAD BHAT F/O HAZIMAH MOHAMMAD R/O NADIWAN PORA BUDGAM CELL. 7006319863 mcb

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Firdous Ahmad Dar, S/o Mohd Amin Dar, R/o Chandibugh Narikhar, TESHIL KUNZER District Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir (UT), hereby notify the general public that I have applied to the concerned authority for the upgradation of my contractor registration from D Class to C Class in the Public Works Department (PWD), Jammu & Kashmir. My existing D Class Contractor Registration No. is PWD-JNK-CONT-2023-471028. If any person has any objection regarding the proposed upgradation of my contractor registration, he/she may submit the same in writing, along with supporting documentary evidence, to the concerned authority within 07 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that no one has any objection, and the concerned authority may proceed with the upgradation process as per rules. Firdous Ahmad Dar S/o Mohd Amin Dar R/o Chandibugh Narikhar, Kunzer District Baramulla, J&K (UT) fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Peer Aalam, hereby inform the general public that I have lost my wallet containing the following original documents:- Driving Licence- Aadhaar Card- PAN Card- Voter ID (Election Card) The wallet was misplaced, and despite my best efforts, it could not be traced. If anyone finds the wallet or any of the above-mentioned documents, kindly return them to the undersigned or hand them over to the nearest police station. Any misuse of these lost documents by any unauthorized person shall be entirely at their own risk. I shall not be responsible for any such misuse. This notice is being published to inform the public and to facilitate the issuance of duplicate documents. Peer Aalam Date: 8 July 2026 Place: Shutsa shahi Shaheed gunj 7780838853 media line advt

PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to correct name in my service record working in Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences from Muneer Ahmed Zargar to Muneer Ahmad Zargar. Anybody having any objection in this regard may submit his or her in Administrative Office (Personal) of SKIMS within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of the time period no objection will be entertained. Muneer Ahmad Zargar S/O Gh. Rasool Zargar. Date: 10/07/2026 media line advt

اطلاع عام

برخاص و عام کو بیگزیرہ اشہوار اطلاع کیا جاتا ہے کہ میرے جوں و کشمیر بگسٹا کا دعوت زیریہر BILALAH KHALIQ میں برانا 0078040100775463 میں اس کی درج کرانی مطلب ہے اس بارے میں اگر کسی اعتراض ہو تو وہ اس دن کے اندر اندر برادرانی پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ BILALA KHALIQ W/O MUZAMIL AHMAD RESHI R/O RESHI MOHALLAH PARISWANI TANGMARG BARAMULLA.

J&K Bank Convenes Financial Inclusion Saturation Campaign 2026



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Reinforcing its commitment as the Con- venger of the Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory Level Bankers' Committee (UTLBC), J&K Bank organ- ised a Mega Financial Inclusion Saturation Campaign – 2026 at the Auditorium Hall of Government College of Education, Srinagar, in col- laboration with the Reserve Bank of India under the theme "Together Towards Financial Empowerment."

The programme was attended by Chief General Manager - in charge, FIDD, Reserve Bank of India, Nisha Nambiar, Regional Director, RBI (Jammu), Chandrashek- har Azad, ADDC Srinagar, Rifat Aftab Qureshi, Bank's Chief General Manager Imtiyaz Ahmed Bhat, General Manager (UTLBC/FID) Khursheed Muzaffar, Nodal Principal Colleges, Kash- mir Division, Dr. Seema Naaz, Joint Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Cor- poration, Nuzhat Qureshi, besides senior officers from various government de- partments including DIC, NRLM, SMC, Handloom, Handicrafts and Employ- ment, member banks, Banking Correspondents, students and members of the public.

Addressing the gather- ing, Chief General Manager (RBI) Nisha Nambiar said, "The objective of such out- reach programmes is to nu- ture enlightened banking citizens by making people aware of safer and smarter ways to save, enabling them to take informed decisions while choosing insurance products, and encouraging the responsible use of digital banking platforms for their

financial needs. As cyber frauds continue to evolve, it is equally important for cus- tomers to remain vigilant and adopt safe digital bank- ing practices."

Emphasising the impor- tance of Re-KYC, she said, "Re-KYC is not merely a regu- latory requirement; it is es- sential for ensuring uninter- rupted access to your sav- ings, banking services and other financial products. Banks have significantly simplified the process, and today cus- tomers can complete Re-KYC conveniently through digital channels as well."

Urging the participants to become ambassadors of the financial inclusion movement she said, "I re- quest all of you to carry these messages forward so that together we can ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left behind."

Prior to the inaugural session, CGM RBI interact- ed with the bank staff and Banking Correspondents of various banks manning different stalls set up at the venue. She appre- ciated their role in extending banking services to the last mile and stressed the need for expediting the comple- tion of pending Re-KYC formalities to strengthen customer service, ensure regulatory compliance and enhance the integrity of the financial ecosystem.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Chief General Man- ager Imtiyaz Ahmed Bhat said that financial inclusion is not merely about opening bank accounts; it is about empowering every citizen with access to savings, in- surance, pension, digital payments, government wel- fare benefits, and protection against cyber fraud.

J&K Assembly Panel Seeks Removal of Encroachments from Srinagar Water Bodies

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a significant development, the environment committee of J&K As- sembly on Friday sought removal of il- legal encroachments from water bodies in Srinagar and also asked the Lakes Conservation & Management Author- ity (LCMA) to submit an action taken report over it within one month.

Sources told KNO that the As- sembly secretariat, on directions of the committee, has written to the vice-chairman LCMA today to take immediate action in the matter in accordance with the applicable statu- tory provisions.

It has also asked the LCMA to submit an Action Taken Report (ATR) against removal of encroachments to the Assembly secretariat within a pe- riod of one month.

The ATR shall indicate the extent of illegal encroachment, unauthor- ised filling, constructions and other violations affecting Anchar lake, Khushal Sar, Achan Lake and associ- ated water bodies.

It shall also contain the action initiated or proposed against the violators and the measures undertaken for removal of encroachments and preven- tion of further violations.



AI Illustration

The move comes after the com- mittee, during its visit on July 03, found that these eco-sensitive wa- ter bodies have been subjected to illegal encroachment, unauthor- ised land filling, and unauthor- ised constructions.

The committee expressed deep


concern over degradation of water bod- ies and directed the administrative secretary, Housing & Urban Develop- ment, to initiate immediate action in accordance with the provisions of the applicable law, rules and regulations for protection and preservation of wa- ter bodies.

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HIJRI CALENDAR
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PRAYERS	
FAJR	3: 44
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ISHA	9: 27

اِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَاِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رٰجِعُونَ

With profound grief and a heavy heart, we announce the passing of our beloved father, **Hajji Abdul Salam Reshi**, who has returned to his Creator on this day.

He was a man of faith, humility, and kindness whose presence brought comfort to all who knew him. We humbly request our family members, relatives, friends, and well-wishers to remember him in your sincere duas and prayers.

May Allah (SWT) forgive all his shortcomings, envelop him in His infinite mercy, illuminate his grave, grant him the highest station in Jannat-ul-Firdous, and make his journey in the Hereafter smooth and blessed.

We kindly ask everyone to recite Surah Al-Fatihah for his Maghfirah.

Ijtima e fateh khwani will be held on:
Sunday, 12th July 2026 | 26th Muharram Al-Haram 1448 AH
at 10:30 AM
Venue: Ancestral Graveyard, Faqeer Mazaara, Waniyaar, Srinagar.

Full-day condolences will be received at their residence:
House No. 21, Lane No. 3 Ibrahim Colony, Parraypora, Srinagar.

We seek your continued prayers and support in this time of sorrow.

Iltimas-e-Dua
Irfan Reshi | Junaid Reshi
Nears & Dears

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR (ACADEMIC SECTION)

Subject: Engagement of Dr. Syed Aanif Ali Shah as Senior Resident on Academic Arrangement Basis, in the Department of Pathology, Government Medical College, Srinagar.

Reference:
i) This office Advertisement No. 07 of 2026 Dated. 07.05.2026.
ii) Character and Antecedent verification report received from CID, J&K vide Form No. 149324 Dated. 28.04.2026.

OFFICE ORDER No: 685 -RA of 2026. DATED: 09-07-2026.

Pursuant to the Selection list issued vide Examination Cell Notification No. 20-EC of 2026 Dated. 02.07.2026 and on the basis of Satisfactory verification report of Character & Antecedents by Criminal Investigation Department (CID), J&K, Dr. Syed Aanif Ali Shah, MD, not In-service candidate is provisionally engaged as Senior Resident in the Department of Pathology on Academic Arrangement Basis under S.O. 364 of 2020 Dated. 27.11.2020 and Government Order No. 383-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated. 20.06.2024 initially for a period of one year, which is extendable upto maximum period of (03) years on the basis of good performance to be certified by the concerned HOD.

The appointment of the above doctor is further subject to the following terms and conditions: -

- The selected candidate is supposed to submit his joining report alongwith affidavits in the office of the undersigned duly attested by the Judicial Magistrate to the effect that: -
 - He is not In-service candidate, the information if found wrong the selectee shall be punished under Rules which includes confiscation of the Registration of the Doctor.
 - He will not participate in any kind of strike during the period of his tenure engagement. In the event he proceeds on strike, his tenure engagement shall be terminated without any notice as this service is covered under ESMA Act.
 - He shall remain disciplined during the whole tenure; any kind of misconduct shall make him liable for termination without any prior notice.
 - He is not involved in any criminal activity or there is no FIR pending or registered in any criminal department or police station against him.
 - He shall not claim any experience certificate in case he leaves Senior Residency before completion at least of six months.
 - He will not indulge in any private practice. In case he is found doing private practice; his appointment shall be liable for termination without any notice.
 - He shall not claim for further extension beyond three years tenure under any circumstances.
- The above doctor shall have to execute an agreement with the institution on the prescribed format (Form A) with regard to the various terms and conditions applicable during academic arrangement same can be downloaded from the official website of Government Medical College, Srinagar.
- The appointee is required to join within (21) days from the date of issuance of this order; failing which the order shall be deemed to have been cancelled.
- The Senior Resident appointed on an Academic Arrangement Basis shall be paid as per S.O. 364 of 2020 Dated. 27-11-2020.
- The Senior Resident appointed on Academic Arrangement Basis shall be entitled for leaves as per the Government Order No. 451-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated. 08.07.2024.

Principal/Dean
Govt. Medical College College

No: GMCS/RA/SR/Path/3090-93/Mc
DIPK-3107/26
Dated:10.07.2026

Kashmir Marathon to be Held on Oct 25 in Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The third edition of the Kashmir Marathon will be held in Srinagar on October 25. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday launched the official merchandise for the event.

The Kashmir Marathon is aimed at promoting sports tourism, encouraging fitness and healthy lifestyles, and showcasing Jammu and Kashmir as a premier destination for national and international sporting events.

Abdullah launched the official merchandise for the Kashmir Marathon 2026 at the Royal Springs Golf Course (RSGC) here at

an event organised by the Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Department.

The official merchandise, comprising the marathon cap, finisher's medal and racing kit specially designed for participants, was unveiled at a brief function attended by representatives of the media and senior officers of the Tourism Department.

The chief minister also launched the promotional video for the event.

Participants in the half marathon will run through some of Srinagar's most iconic landmarks, including the Jhelum riverfront, Lal Chowk, Dalgate and the scenic Boulevard along Dal Lake.

Worker Dies of Electrocutation in City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A 25-year-old man from Uttar Pradesh died after allegedly receiving an electric shock while working in the Shalteng area of Srinagar on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Arbaaz, son of Saleem Ahmad, a resident of Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, who was presently residing in Shalteng. Officials said the injured was shifted to JVC

Hospital, Bemina, where he succumbed to his injuries during treatment.

According to the statement of his attendants, Arbaaz was working at Shahi Darbar Restaurant in Shalteng when he allegedly came into contact with an electric current. As per KNT, Police have taken cognizance of the incident and initiated further proceedings to ascertain the circumstances leading to the electrocution.

JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FOR THE UT OF J&K AND UT OF LADAKH)

Objections/Comments invited from various stakeholders for Draft JERC Regulations, 2026 for the UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: -Draft JERC Regulations, 2026 for the UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of section 83 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (No. 36 of 2003), the central Government has constituted a Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh vide notification dated 18.06.2020.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 86 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (No. 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh (Standard of Performance for the Distribution Licensee) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

2. Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh (Electricity Supply Code) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

The Commission has decided to seek comments/suggestions/objections from the consumers and other stakeholders in the matter, before finalizing the Draft Regulations, 2026.

The **Draft Regulations are** available on the website of the Commission (<https://jercjk.jk.gov.in/>).

Suggestions /comments /objections are invited from the stakeholders which may be submitted in Urdu, Hindi or English, through E-Mail/in person or by post within 21 days from the date of publication. Suggestions/comments/objections should carry the full name, postal address and E-mail address.

Contact details are mentioned below:

Secretary,
Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission, Ambedkar
(Panama) Chowk, Railway Road, Jammu
Pin Code- 180016
Email: secretary-jercjk@gov.in

DIPK-3089/26
dated: 10-07-2026

Sd/-
Secretary,
Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission,
J&K and Ladakh

Jammu And Kashmir Union Territory Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Shopian.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-NIT S.NO:-(16) OF 2026-27 (e-Tendering)

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor Union Territory of J&K, e-Tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD/ Railways/ Other Governments/ Union Territory for the below-mentioned works.

S. No	Name of work	Adv. Cost (In lacs)	Cost of Tender Doc.	EMD 2% of the advertised cost	Time of completion	Class of Contract	Head of Account
01	Restoration of breached spot of Meemander ladi d/s Grave yard at Village Meemander	4.97	200	9940/-			District Capex
02	Bed Treatment including jacketing of Kashwa Ladi of CK Canal at Khata near fall No. 02 RD 2350Mtrs.	2.43	200	4860/-			District Capex
03	Construction of escape channel of Sanigaloo canal at Headworks Alyalpora	7.05	200	14100/-			District Capex
04	Construction of lining/protection wall on Awneera Canal land of Mohd Hussain Bhat & others at Yaripora	3.76	200	7520/-			District Capex

Position of Funds: Budgetary Provision.
Accord of Administrative Approval: District Development Commissioner Shopian's AAA order No. 56-DCS of 2026 Dated: 08-07-2026 issued vide endstt. No. DDCS/CAPEX/AA/26-27/1069-72 Dated: 08-07-2026.

1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, set of terms and conditions, and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given below:

01	Date of issue of Tender Notice	09-07-2026 (04:00 PM)
02	Date of start of downloading.	09-07-2026 (05:00 PM)
03	Bid submission start date Technical/ Financial.	09-07-2026 (06:00 PM)
04	Bid submission end date.	15-07-2026 (04:00 PM)
05	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online).	16-07-2026 (10:00 AM)

All other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form).

Executive Engineer,
Irrigation Division, Shopian.

No: SID/1933-39
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Kashmir Doesn't Need More Incubators

Kashmir has reached the point where building more incubators will deliver diminishing returns. The next breakthrough lies in building a strong commercialisation ecosystem.



Faisal Kawoosa



“The trouble with the current setup in J&K is that startups jump straight from incubation to growth, skipping commercialisation entirely. And that gap shows. Investors don't see a credible path forward, even when founders are perfectly willing to give up equity, because there's no proof the business can actually sell.”

mentor who can help sharpen the idea and get a prototype working, which is valuable, but it isn't the same as learning how to run a company.

The softer skills a founder actually needs get almost no attention at all.

So what the system delivers, at the end of the day, boils down to money: grants for building the product, or loans that come with strings attached to collateral and financial history rather than to the quality or scalability of the idea itself.

What Kashmir's ecosystem really needs is a model that pulls these pieces apart instead of squeezing them into one.

Incubation, commercialisation, and growth should sit under the same umbrella, sure, but they need to be run as separate systems, each with its own goals, its own metrics, and its own kind of expertise.

Think of incubation as stage one, and let it do exactly what it's good at: turning a raw idea into a working proof of concept.

This is where academic institutions genuinely shine, because judging technical feasibility is their bread and butter.

Give founders the grants, the lab time, the equipment, and let this be where patents and intellectual property get filed.

And here's the thing worth admitting honestly: incubators shouldn't be asked to judge whether an idea will actually sell.

That's not their job, and it shouldn't be.

Yes, that means some ideas will end up as patents that never become products, but let's be honest, the current blended approach is already producing a version of that same waste, just with extra confusion mixed in.

Most of the founders coming through these programs don't even have a go-to-market plan yet, so pretending the incubation stage alone can predict commercial success was never realistic to begin with.

Which brings us to the piece that's genuinely missing: commercialisation.

This needs its own dedicated body, one whose entire job is figuring out which incubated startups actually have a shot at the market.

Picture something like a commercialisation index, broken down by sector, region, and district, so that opportunity doesn't just cluster around whoever happens to be closest to the loudest incubator.

The goals here look completely different from stage one. Nobody is asking about proof of concept anymore. It's about the first hundred paying customers, a revenue number, or whatever milestone actually fits the business.

Getting there takes a real business coach who understands customer acquisition and go-to-market thinking rather than a lab supervisor.

KO VIEW

Kashmir Loses Its Alibi

Kashmir has always been proud of its cool summers, and honestly, who wouldn't be?

People built homes without giving a second thought to extreme heat, schools ran full-day classes right through July, and offices barely ever talked about heat safety.

But that old rhythm just doesn't match reality anymore. Temperatures in the valley are climbing, and the way we plan our public life needs to catch up.

Srinagar has seen repeated spells of unusually high temperatures in recent summers, and this July was no exception, with the city recording readings above 35 degrees Celsius, well above what used to be normal for this time of year.

Scientists point to climate change as the driving force, making heatwaves both more frequent and longer across the Himalayan region, and research from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change backs this up, warning that mountain areas are heating up faster than much of the rest of the world.

This type of heat touches far more than comfort. Doctors are already seeing a rise in dehydration, heat exhaustion, and related stress, especially among children, older people, and those with existing health issues.

Meanwhile, outdoor workers like construction labourers, street vendors, traffic police, and delivery staff spend hours under direct sun every day. Something as simple as clean drinking water, shaded rest spots, and flexible hours could make a real difference to their wellbeing.

Schools need to rethink things too. Since classrooms here were never built with prolonged heat in mind, most have no cooling at all, and afternoons often turn into a struggle once warm air gets trapped inside.

Shifting to early morning schedules during heatwaves, improving ventilation, adding water stations, and planting more trees around campuses would go a long way toward keeping students comfortable and focused.

Cities themselves are part of the problem. Srinagar has expanded quickly over the last decade, and open spaces have gradually given way to concrete and asphalt, which only traps more heat.

Protecting parks, restoring wetlands, planting native trees, and encouraging reflective cool roofs would help cool things down while also improving air quality.

Hospitals, too, need to treat heat as a routine emergency concern, training staff to spot heat-related illness quickly and issuing timely advisories when temperatures spike.

Workplaces can adapt just as easily, through flexible timings, regular water breaks, and shaded work areas.

Several Indian cities have already rolled out heat action plans that Kashmir could learn from and adjust to its own landscape.

The truth is, climate change has silently rewritten the rules of summer here, even though our institutions still operate as if cool weather is guaranteed. A warmer Kashmir needs smarter cities, safer schools, and stronger healthcare systems built for this new reality.

The communities that start preparing now will be the ones that stay safe, and livable in the years ahead.

Talk to enough founders in Kashmir and you will notice something interesting.

Nobody is really angry at the system. They are grateful for it, in fact, and they will say so.

But beneath that gratitude lies a growing frustration, the one that comes from a design that hasn't kept pace with what entrepreneurs actually need. Once you notice it, it becomes hard to unsee.

For a long time, the dream in the valley was simple: get a government job, get the stability that comes with it, and worry about little else.

That dream is fading.

A new generation of young people wants to build things instead of waiting for a posting letter. They are full of ideas, and they genuinely want to turn those ideas into real ventures.

But, of course, not every idea that calls itself a startup actually behaves like one.

The ease of getting DPIIT registration has made the label almost too easy to claim, and the word "startup" now covers everything from genuinely scalable innovation to what is really just a small business with a pitch deck.

That's a conversation worth having on its own, but it's not the one at hand here.

The real issue is something more structural.

Having spent time inside incubators and in chats with founders trying to find their footing, one thing keeps standing out: the entire model is stuck at a single stage, and it's trying to do everything from that one spot.

Here's how it usually plays out. An incubator takes in applications, picks the ones that show promise, and hands them a grant, some lab access, and a mentor.

Sounds reasonable, except that in practice, the vast majority of these ideas, something close to 95 percent based on firsthand experience, never actually need that lab in the first place.

What they need is real business coaching, and that's precisely the piece that's missing.

What they get instead is a technical

India's PhD Crisis

Doctoral enrollment has expanded rapidly, but India's ambition to become a global research leader will rest on stronger standards, better supervision, and academic integrity.



Prof R.K. Uppal

A PhD is supposed to be the world's hardest promise to keep.

A scholar spends years chasing a question nobody has answered, then defends the answer in front of experts who are paid to doubt it.

That promise built the research engines of America, Germany, and Japan, and it is the promise India has staked its future on through its Viksit Bharat 2047 ambitions.

Judged by numbers, India is delivering. Doctoral enrollment has surged across science, engineering, management, and the humanities over the past two decades, and thousands of scholars now work in fields that barely existed at Indian universities a generation ago.

Many of them are producing research that holds its own on the world stage. That progress needs to be credited.

But numbers alone do not make a research nation.

Employers, senior academics, and policymakers increasingly ask a version of the same question: does the flood of new PhDs represent a flood of new knowledge, or mostly a flood of new degrees?

The concern is not that Indian universities are failing wholesale. It is that standards

vary too widely from one institution to the next, and a doctorate should never be something a student simply completes on schedule.

It should be evidence of original thought, disciplined method, and honest work.

Real quality starts before a scholar ever sets foot in a lab or archive. Admission committees should select candidates for their capacity to think independently rather than merely their transcripts.

Once admitted, scholars need serious coursework in research design, statistics, writing, and ethics, because talent without training tends to produce ambition without output.

Supervision matters just as much. A good adviser is a mentor instead of a signature on a form. Mentoring takes hours that many Indian faculty do not have, since they are often stretched across heavy teaching loads, administrative duties, and far too many doctoral students at once.

Universities need sensible limits on how many scholars one supervisor can guide, along with ongoing investment in keeping faculty current in their fields. A thin adviser-to-student ratio does more damage to research quality than almost any other single factor.

Infrastructure is the third leg of the stool. Modern laboratories, strong libraries, subscriptions to international journals, decent research funding, and reliable fieldwork support are the basic tools of the trade.

Asking scholars to produce world-class work without world-class resources is asking for disappointment, and institutions that want global recognition have to pay for it.

Integrity has to sit above all of this. Plagiarism, invented data, and recycled publications corrode public trust in the entire system.



Universities should run rigorous plagiarism checks, empower independent ethics committees, and insist that outside experts rather than just internal panels, evaluate every thesis.

A degree earned through shortcuts damages every honest scholar who earned theirs the hard way.

There is also a subtler trap worth naming: the habit of measuring research success through enrollment figures, publication counts, and graduation rates.

These numbers are useful, but they make a poor substitute for judgment.

A single thesis that changes how a disease is treated or a supply chain is managed can matter more than a hundred dissertations that gather dust.

India's own challenges, from climate adaptation and clean energy to public health, artificial intelligence, water management, and digital governance, offer scholars enormous room to do work that counts.

Universities should point their doctoral talent squarely at these problems, while still competing for recognition on the international stage.

Stronger ties between universities and

industry would help close the gap between research and relevance. Partnerships with laboratories, government agencies, and private companies expose scholars to real problems and modern tools, and they tend to make graduates more employable once the degree is done.

Regulators have a role too. Consistent, transparent rules on admissions, supervisor qualifications, coursework, and thesis evaluation would raise the floor across institutions without punishing the ones already doing excellent work.

Periodic audits and outcome-based reviews, paired with real incentives for excellence, would encourage improvement rather than compliance for its own sake.

Scholars themselves carry the largest share of responsibility.

A doctorate is a discipline of mind, built on curiosity, courage, and creative honesty, and it asks more of a person than any job title attached to it.

India has the talent and the institutions to become a genuine research power. Getting there depends less on how many doctorates the country produces each year and more on what those doctorates are worth.

The goal was never simply more PhDs. It is better researchers, doing work that changes how the country solves its hardest problems.

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Where Did Kashmir's Sultanate Palaces Go?

The answer lies in a remarkable tradition of wooden architecture that produced extraordinary beauty, but left little standing. Panjra-kari may be the last chapter of that story.



Iqbal Ahmad

Almost thirty sultans ruled Kashmir between 1339 and 1589, leaving behind a kingdom remembered in chronicles, coins and carved inscriptions.

Everything seems to have survived except the buildings that mattered most.

The palaces where kings held court, received ambassadors and framed the valley's future have almost entirely disappeared.

The Shahmiri and Chak dynasties governed a kingdom rich enough to commission twelve-story wooden halls. None of them survives today.

That absence is beyond an accident of history. It is a verdict on the material sultans chose.

Historians such as Srivara, Mirza Haider, P.N.K. Bamzai, G.M.D. Sofi and Hassan Khoihami documented an extensive record of royal building: Zaina Lank, rising from an island in Wular Lake, and Zoon Dab, at Nowshera in Srinagar, both credited chiefly to Zain-ul-Abidin.

These were multi-story structures, carved and screened with lattice work, described in enough detail that scholars can reconstruct their grandeur on paper.

And paper is exactly what remains of them.

Wood burns, and it rots in flood water. A kingdom that built its power in timber built its own disappearance into the blueprint.

Compare that decision with stone-built dynasties elsewhere, and the calculation looks almost reckless.

Sultans elsewhere raised citadels meant to outlast them by centuries. Kashmir's rulers, by contrast, built structures meant to be looked at, admired for craftsmanship, then lost to the first serious fire or flood season.

Multiple sources describe these palaces as wonders of woodcraft in their day. But none of that craftsmanship changes the physics of a wooden building standing in a valley that floods and burns on a cycle measured in decades rather than centuries.

The survivors tell their own story.

What actually remains from the sultanate era is religious: tombs, shrines, and mosques built for saints and Sufis rather than for kings.

These structures used a mixed construction of Devri stone plinths, brick-and-mortar or log chambers, and a signature feature that separates Kashmiri religious architecture from almost anything else in South Asia: a wooden lattice screen known locally as Panjra-kari.

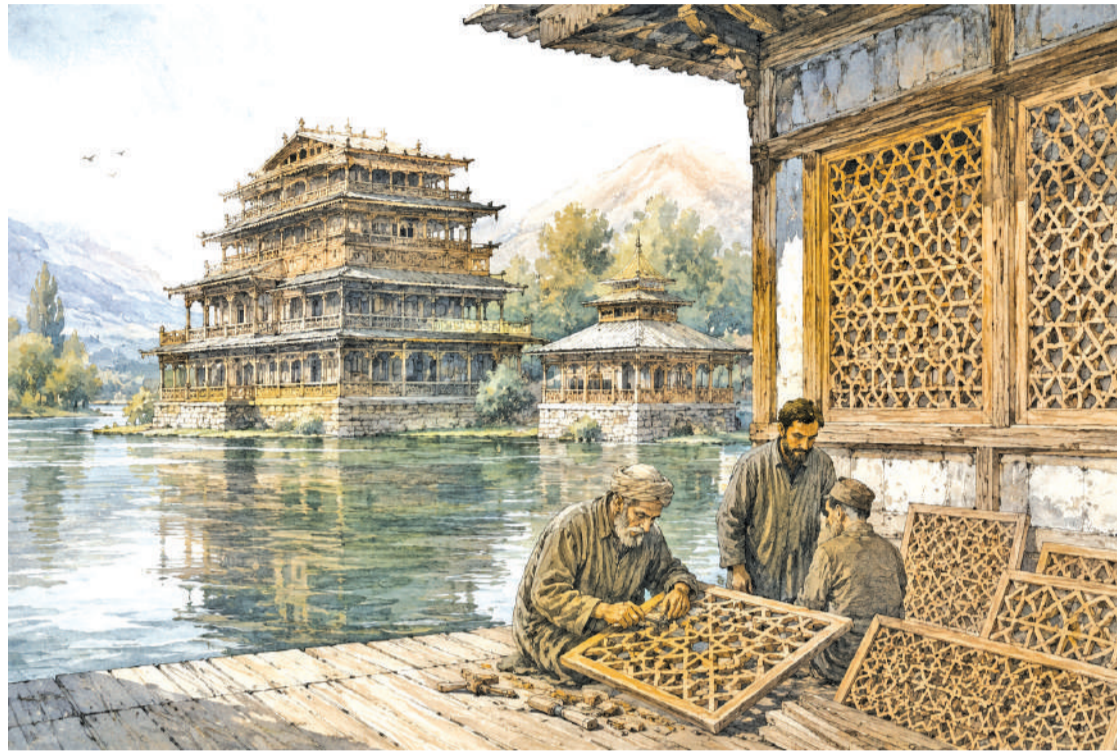
Panjra-kari warrants renewed attention as well.

Craftsmen split deodar and walnut logs into narrow laths, then wove them into geometric screens strong enough to hold together through nothing but the friction of interlocking pieces.

Sun motifs, cobweb designs, and named forms such as posh kandur, chaharkhana, shashpahu, dwazdah sar, sheikh sar, jujari, shirin and tota shesh tez filled windows, doors, and screens throughout Kashmiri homes.

Scholars trace the technique's roots to the eleventh century, to a twelve-story wooden palace built under King Harsha and described by the chronicler Kalhana.

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with elevating Panjra-kari into a defining art, others credit the Mughals who followed.

The debate over who gets credit counts less than what both camps agree on: the craft held on in Kashmir for centuries, moving from Harsha's court to Muslim shrines to ordinary houses, becoming

something closer to a regional signature than a royal indulgence.

The French traveller François Bernier, visiting during Aurangzeb's reign, wrote of latticed windows and doors in the homes of kings and nobles, screens fine enough to hide the women of the harem from outside view while still letting light

through.

That single account captures what made Panjra-kari valuable beyond decoration: it solved a real problem, privacy without darkness, using nothing but geometry and wood.

None of that ingenuity has protected the surviving examples.

Most of Kashmir's Panjra-kari heritage has already disappeared, and what remains sits mainly on aging Sufi shrines, exposed to the same fire and flood risk that erased the palaces centuries ago.

INTACH's Srinagar chapter has done real work identifying and cataloging what is left, and a modern revival of lattice carving and khatumband work is underway.

But revival is not the same as preservation.

Here is the uncomfortable conclusion this history points toward: Kashmir did not fail to build monuments equal to its power. It built them, in a material chosen for beauty over permanence, and lost almost all of it within a few centuries.

The tombs and shrines that survived did so partly by chance and partly because religious sites tend to receive more care over generations than the leftover halls of a deposed dynasty.

What is left of Panjra-kari now stands on structures with the same wooden vulnerability that erased the palaces in the first place.

Steps to protect these last screens and carved surfaces cannot wait for another flood season or another fire to make the decision permanent.

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Srinagar Should Back E-Rickshaws

Cleaner air, stronger businesses and easier travel begin with fewer private vehicles in Lal Chowk and better last-mile electric mobility.



Hidayat Bukhari

Cities everywhere are rethinking how people move through their busiest streets.

From Istanbul's Sultanahmet to the walkable promenades of Copenhagen, the idea stays the same: a city works best when its heart breathes, instead of choking on traffic.

As Srinagar plans its own mobility shift, especially around Lal Chowk and nearby markets, the global push for clean energy, shared transport, and people-friendly spaces feels more important than ever.

Srinagar's historic centre sees tens of thousands of people every day. Students rush to classes, office workers squeeze through tight schedules, families visit hospitals, shopkeepers lift their shutters, and tourists arrive to feel the pulse of the city.

On a typical weekday, around 35,000 to 40,000 vehicles enter the wider Lal Chowk area through MA Road, Residency Road, Dalgate, Jehangir Chowk and nearby routes.

What stands out is how people choose to travel.

More than 60% of these vehicles are private cars and two-wheelers. But they carry less than 20% of the total commuters.

Most people are moving in the least space-efficient way, taking up the most road space while transporting

the fewest passengers.

This is where small, clean-energy vehicles like e-rickshaws can shift the balance.

An e-rickshaw uses only about 3 to 5 kWh of electricity for a full charge. That is roughly equal to just half a litre of petrol. One charge usually covers 70 to 90 kilometres, which means it can make many short trips in a day without releasing any tailpipe pollution.

On the other hand, a regular petrol car emits 120 to 150 grams of CO₂ for every kilometre it travels.

So, if an e-rickshaw takes over even 40 kilometres of short trips that would otherwise be done by a private car, the city prevents around 5 to 6 kilograms of carbon emissions in a single day from just one vehicle.

Add a few hundred of these e-rickshaws to the city centre, and the environmental benefits start to show very fast.

There is also the question of how efficiently a road space is used.

On Srinagar's busiest roads, a private car takes up about 8 to 10 square meters of space and usually carries just one person. An e-rickshaw takes less than half that space, but it keeps moving 8 to 12 passengers every hour through short, quick trips.

Over a full day, one e-rickshaw can serve 120 to 160 passengers. A private car used only for commuting might

move just two or three people in total.

This difference in efficiency is hard to ignore in a city where every square foot of road is precious. The economic benefits are also clear.

When a commercial



centre is easy to walk around, convenient to reach, and free from big vehicles, more people visit the shops.

In Chandni Chowk in Delhi and Church Street in Bengaluru, studies found retail visits rose by 18-25% after the areas became safer and less crowded.

Internationally, Copenhagen found that when it created calm mobility corridors, it brought four times more daily pedestrians over the decades, boosting local businesses in the process.

A similar model could work in Srinagar.

In the Lal Chowk area, where businesses depend heavily on walk-in customers, students, and daily repeat shoppers, shifting toward cleaner, smaller vehicles encourages more walking, easier street crossings, and

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lanes where bigger vehicles struggle to move.

Cities that improved their mobility systems, including Singapore, Seoul, Madrid, and even parts of Delhi, did it by strengthening these last-mile electric services.

If Srinagar wants Lal Chowk to feel cleaner, calmer, and more in line with global city centres, the answer may not be to push out small electric vehicles. Instead, we need to control how many private cars enter the core.

Many cities do this by building parking hubs at the edge of busy districts.

In Singapore, for example, large parking facilities sit outside the main shopping zones. Srinagar could follow a similar approach around Batamaloo to hold most of the cars coming into the centre.

From there, e-rickshaws, using very little energy and producing zero emissions, can take people into the pedestrian-friendly heart of the city.

In the long run, this is not a fight between one type of vehicle and another. It is about deciding what kind of city Srinagar wants to become: a city with cleaner air, safer streets, more shoppers, and stronger local business.

E-rickshaws, with their small size and high usefulness, fit naturally into this future.

They support a mobility culture where streets feel cleaner, travel becomes fair and accessible, and the city centre becomes a place to enjoy.

As Srinagar grows and modernises, it can learn from cities around the world that redesigned their cores with clean mobility, thriving markets, and better energy use.

In that future, the humble e-rickshaw is not a problem to remove. It is an opportunity to embrace.

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AIC Receives Impact Leadership Award at 17th Agriculture Leadership Awards 2026

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited (AIC), India's leading specialised agriculture insurer, has been honoured with the Impact Leadership Award at the 17th Agriculture Leadership Awards 2026 for its outstanding contribution to strengthening India's agricultural resilience through inclusive, technology-driven, and farmer-centric insurance solutions.

The award was presented by Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Government of India, to Dr. Lavanya R. Mundayur, Chairman-Managing Director (CMD), AIC, in recognition of the Company's transformative role in protecting millions of farmers



through PMFBY and RVBCIS.

Beyond crop insurance, AIC has expanded risk protection through innovative insurance solutions for livestock, aquaculture, poultry, shrimp, and allied agricultural sectors. By leveraging satellite imagery, remote sensing, artificial intelligence, geospatial technologies, and advanced analytics, the Company

has enhanced transparency, accelerated claim settlements, and strengthened service delivery.

The prestigious recognition reaffirms AIC's commitment to innovation, operational excellence, and empowering farmers through sustainable, technology-driven insurance solutions that contribute to a resilient and future-ready agricultural ecosystem.

J&K UTLBC & PFRDA Hold APY Outreach Programme in Jammu

Observer News Service

Jammu: Reinforcing the collective commitment towards expanding social security and financial inclusion, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), in collaboration with the J&K Union Territory Level Bankers' Committee (UTLBC) and the Lead District Manager (LDM) Jammu, today organised an Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Outreach Programme at Country Inn, Jammu.

The programme brought together senior officials from PFRDA, UTLBC, banks, government departments, financial institutions, Business Correspondents, and other stakeholders. The outreach programme focused on



enhancing awareness about the Atal Pension Yojana, increasing enrolment under the scheme, and strengthening pension coverage among workers in the unorganised sector through coordinated efforts of all participating institutions.

Delivering the keynote address, AGM, PFRDA Ruby Vinayak Bhaosagar elaborated on the strategies required to

accelerate APY enrolment across the UT. "Atal Pension Yojana provides a dependable and affordable pension framework for the unorganised workforce. The focus should now be on deeper field-level engagement, customer awareness and consistent enrolment efforts so that every eligible citizen can secure a financially stable retirement," he said.

Addressing the gathering, Dy. General Manager, J&K UTLBC Syed Aadil Bashir Andrabi underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in taking social security initiatives to the grassroots. He said, "Atal Pension Yojana is an important instrument for securing the future of workers in the unorganised sector, and banks must continue to proactively spread awareness and facilitate enrolment at the grassroots."

Officiating DGM, SBI Chander Mohan Bhat highlighted the banking sector's role in the successful implementation of the scheme. "The success of APY depends upon sustained outreach and active participation of all banks," he said.

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Kashmiri Students

student, Mohsin, already studies outside Kashmir because his course simply was unavailable in the valley. He said he would have made a different decision if the programme existed closer to home.

"If my course had been offered in Kashmir," he said, "I would have stayed."

That thought returned in different forms through almost every interview.

Students spoke about Kashmir as more than the place where they live. Home remained the reference point against which almost every academic decision was measured.

Mental health professionals say those feelings have deep roots.

Years of curfews, communication shutdowns and sudden disruptions strengthened family bonds while also increasing anxiety about separation.

"Families here have a heightened sensitivity to disappearance and disconnection," said a Srinagar-based counsellor who works with college students. "Parents think about much more than university rankings or tuition fees. They also think about whether they can reach their children quickly if something happens at home."

Those family decisions come at a time when overseas education itself has entered a new phase.

India sent roughly 760,000 students abroad in 2025, according to Ministry of External Affairs data cited by education researchers. That number followed several years of gradual growth before signs of a slowdown appeared.

Rising tuition costs, expensive housing and tighter visa rules in countries such as Canada and Britain have forced many families to rethink their plans.

Students from Jammu and Kashmir face another challenge.

Several Australian universities placed the region on a restricted admissions list in 2025 because of concerns over visa misuse linked to migration rather than study. Local education counsellors say genuine applicants suddenly found themselves facing extra scrutiny.

Many students responded by widening their search.

Indonesia came up repeatedly during interviews.

Students pointed to Universitas Islam Indonesia in Yogyakarta because of scholarships available through the university and Indonesia's KNB postgraduate scholarship programme. Türkiye and Iran also attracted strong interest.

Students spoke about halal food, common religious practices and a cultural setting that feels easier for a first experience away from home.

Researchers see the same trend elsewhere. Students increasingly look beyond traditional destinations such as the United States, Britain, Australia and Canada, with more choosing universities in Asia and the Gulf.

One prospective applicant, identified as T, spent months comparing universities in Indonesia and neighbouring countries. Prestige, he said, should never become the only reason to study overseas.

"Students should choose programmes that are relevant to their country's needs," he said. "Your education should help you build a career when you return."

Students also spoke openly about what they want to see inside Kashmir's universities.

Practical learning topped almost every list. Laboratories, internships, research opportunities and stronger links with industry came up repeatedly. Classroom teaching built around memorising textbooks drew regular criticism.

An educationist in Srinagar, who has taught undergraduate and postgraduate students, believes Kashmiri students perform strongly once they reach international universities.

"Our students compete confidently once they enter foreign classrooms," the educationist said. "Better research facilities, stronger faculty development and more practical exposure before they leave would make them even stronger."

Perhaps the clearest finding came from something families never questioned.

Students said parents, relatives, neighbours and teachers celebrate admission to a foreign university with genuine pride.

"International education enjoys broad support in the valley," said Maryam Shafi, a young working mother in Srinagar. "Family discussions often focus on when a student should leave rather than whether they should leave."

That distinction explains why Kashmir's story looks different from many known accounts about young people seeking opportunities elsewhere.

"Ambition has never faded," Maryam continued. "Families simply prefer stronger

foundations before taking the biggest academic step."

Ahmad still visits the university website in Indonesia. Scholarship dates remain saved on his phone, while his classes continue in Srinagar.

The destination already feels clear, but the journey simply begins at home.

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Act Against Those

involved in the Yatra were working together to make the pilgrimage safe and smooth.

He also ordered a comprehensive audit of sanitation arrangements and directed officials to ensure uninterrupted, round-the-clock water supply.

Officials briefed the LG on security, sanitation, healthcare, accommodation, water and power supply and other essential services. They said a feedback mechanism had been put in place to promptly address issues raised by pilgrims.

The number of RO water installations along the Yatra track has also been increased to ensure adequate availability of clean drinking water, officials said.

Sinha interacted with service providers, sanitation workers, doctors and langar volunteers and praised their role in facilitating the pilgrimage.

"Their spirit of selfless service is truly inspiring. This year's larger crowds are also bringing new opportunities and positive economic change for local traders and service providers," he said.

The LG said the Amarnath Yatra was not only transforming the spiritual lives of devotees but also contributing to the lives and livelihoods of people in Jammu and Kashmir.

He described the pilgrimage as a "living symbol of aspirational Jammu Kashmir", saying it was woven into the soul of the region and that preserving its sanctity and cleanliness was a collective responsibility.

Sinha also interacted with pilgrims and sought their feedback on the facilities provided to them. The Yatri appreciated the arrangements made by the administration, Shrine Board, police, Army, security forces and other stakeholders, an official statement said.

Speaking to reporters, the LG said around 1.70 lakh pilgrims had paid obeisance at the holy cave during the first eight days of the Yatra.

He said a significant number of pilgrims had arrived without prior registration compared to previous years, but the administration had facilitated their journey after completing the necessary procedures.

"Every effort is being made to ensure that all pilgrims return home with a positive experience. I am confident that in the coming days, devotees arriving from every corner of the country will carry back fond memories of their pilgrimage," he said.

Sinha said the 100-bed hospitals at Baltal and Chandanwari were fully operational and handling an average of 1,300 to 1,400 outpatient cases daily.

The hospitals, he said, were playing a crucial role in safeguarding the health of pilgrims and personnel deployed along the Yatra routes.

The LG appealed to pilgrims to strictly follow guidelines issued by the administration and the Shrine Board.

"In case of any inconvenience, please immediately inform the nearest Camp Director or deployed security personnel, and all possible assistance will be provided on priority," he said.

Sinha also invited devotees to undertake the pilgrimage and "let this pilgrimage be a journey of self-discovery and spiritual joy".

The LG was accompanied by senior officials of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, civil administration, police and security forces.

Amarnath Yatra

paying obeisance at the holy cave shrine, taking the total number of pilgrims to 2,01,008 since the pilgrimage commenced on July 3.

Friday's pilgrims included 18,837 men, 9,754 women, 351 children, 191 sadhus, 22 sadhvis, 12 transgender pilgrims and 340 security personnel.

Meanwhile, 8,796 pilgrims left Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu in the ninth batch during the early hours of Friday under tight security arrangements. Of them, 3,450 pilgrims were headed via the Baltal route, while 5,346 proceeded through the Pahalgam route.

The batch comprised 6,426 male pilgrims, 2,042 female pilgrims, 228 sadhus, 56 sadhvis, 10 children, 33 foreign male pilgrims and one transgender pilgrim. A total of 354 vehicles,

including 175 buses, 70 medium motor vehicles (MMVs), 106 light motor vehicles (LMVs) and three two-wheelers, were deployed for the convoy.

The annual yatra began from the twin routes of Baltal and Pahalgam on July 3 and will culminate on August 28.

J&K Records 24%

districts, however, continued to face substantial rainfall deficits. Kishtwar recorded the highest shortfall at 70 per cent, followed by Shopian at 69 per cent, Kulgam at 53 per cent, Rajouri at 51 per cent and Reasi at 44 per cent.

Kathua recorded a 39 per cent deficit, Budgam 31 per cent, Srinagar 29 per cent and Bandipora 28 per cent. Doda, Anantnag, Ramban, Kupwara and Jammu also received below-normal rainfall.

Arif said the recurring spells made June's rainfall pattern relatively more favourable from a hydrological perspective despite the overall deficit.

"Repeated light to moderate showers allow more water to infiltrate into the soil, gradually recharging groundwater, improving soil moisture and helping sustain the flow of springs, streams and rivers," he said.

In contrast, he said, rainfall concentrated in a few intense spells often results in greater surface runoff, reducing the efficiency of groundwater recharge despite higher rainfall totals.

The frequent showers, however, were insufficient to erase the monthly shortfall, with Arif warning that the continuing eight-month precipitation deficit remained a concern for water resources, agriculture and the region's broader hydrological conditions.

"The continuation of an eight-month-long precipitation deficit remains a matter of concern, particularly for long-term water resources, agriculture and hydrological conditions if the trend persists," he said.

June also witnessed a higher frequency of hailstorms across parts of Jammu and Kashmir. Several areas experienced hail accompanied by thunderstorms, causing localised damage to orchards and agricultural fields.

Meanwhile, Ladakh recorded a sharp contrast, ending June with a 126 per cent rainfall surplus. The Union Territory received 6.5 mm of rainfall against the normal 2.9 mm.

Leh recorded a 198 per cent surplus, receiving 8.2 mm against the normal 2.6 mm. Kargil, however, registered a 69 per cent deficit, receiving just 1.3 mm of rainfall against the normal 4 mm.

Arif said that while Jammu and Kashmir failed to meet its climatological rainfall normal in June, the widespread and recurring showers were likely more beneficial for groundwater recharge and sustaining water resources than isolated heavy rainfall events.

Fresh WD Likely

from the Arabian Sea, usually associated with Western Disturbances, are likely to influence the region, though their impact is expected to remain relatively weak.

"As a result, chances of rain showers and spells will remain during this period. High-intensity showers cannot be ruled out," Arif said.

He said the possibility of cloudbursts would be lower compared to the previous few days, but cautioned that the atmosphere continues to hold considerable moisture.

"Precautions should still be taken as the atmosphere still has the capacity to hold a lot of moisture during this time," he said.

Arif said no major weather activity was expected between July 13 and 15, though short-duration showers could occur in some parts.

Meanwhile, Kashmir continued to reel under above-normal temperatures on Friday, with Srinagar recording a maximum of 34.5 degrees Celsius, 4.8 degrees above normal.

Qazigund recorded 32 degrees Celsius, 4.1 degrees above normal, while Gulmarg registered 24.9 degrees Celsius, 3.9 degrees above normal. Kokernag recorded 31 degrees Celsius, 3.4 degrees above normal.

Pahalgam recorded a maximum of 28 degrees Celsius, 2.7 degrees above normal, while Kupwara settled at 33 degrees Celsius, 2.2 degrees above normal.

Interestingly, Jammu and Srinagar both recorded an identical maximum temperature of 34.5 degrees Celsius. However, Jammu's maximum was only 0.2 degrees above normal compared to Srinagar's 4.8-degree departure from normal.

Banihal recorded 29.9 degrees Celsius, Batote 27.2 degrees Celsius and Baderwah 30.6 degrees Celsius. Katra recorded 31 degrees Celsius, marginally below normal.

Leh recorded a maximum temperature of 23.4 degrees Celsius.

GMC Srinagar

latest increase, the college's MBBS intake will rise to 250 seats annually, further strengthening its position as a premier medical education institution, the spokesperson added.

Step Up Anti-Terror

coordinated action and timely dissemination of actionable intelligence were crucial to maintaining a robust security grid.

He directed officers to closely monitor terrorist associates and other anti-national elements and take timely preventive and legal action wherever required in accordance with the law.

The DGP also called for intensified area domination, enhanced night patrols and increased surveillance in vulnerable areas to deter attempts to disturb peace and public order.

He directed security forces to establish effective checkpoints at sensitive locations across the Valley to strengthen access control, improve surveillance and intercept suspicious movement.

Special focus, he said, should be placed on vulnerable stretches of the Amarnath Yatra route, key transit points and other strategically important locations.

Prabhat also called for enhanced security oversight along the National Highway and railway infrastructure to ensure uninterrupted movement and the safety of pilgrims.

Field officers were directed to regularly brief deployed personnel and strengthen public awareness initiatives at base camps and transit locations by informing pilgrims about safety guidelines and precautionary measures.

The meeting concluded with the DGP reiterating the need for sustained inter-agency coordination, operational preparedness and proactive policing across the Valley.

Govt Notifies

institutional mechanisms governing the evaluation, recommendation, circulation, retention and periodic review of educational material.

It seeks to ensure that academic resources have established academic merit, factual authenticity, pedagogical relevance and educational value, while remaining consistent with the Constitution, existing laws, the National Education Policy and prescribed curricular standards.

Under the new framework, government and recognised private schools, universities under the administrative jurisdiction of the respective departments and public libraries have been directed to undertake a comprehensive academic and content audit of educational resources.

The review will cover books, reference material, journals, research publications, dissertations, theses, digital repositories and other academic resources, irrespective of the year of their procurement, adoption or inclusion.

The circulars ban institutions from procuring, prescribing, recommending, retaining or circulating any publication or academic material containing factually inaccurate, misleading, distorted, inflammatory, unlawful or otherwise objectionable content.

Material that directly or indirectly promotes, glorifies, legitimises or justifies terrorism, violent extremism, secessionism or radicalisation will also not be allowed in educational institutions.

The restriction also applies to content considered prejudicial to the sovereignty, unity, integrity and security of the country, the spokesperson said.

To implement the framework, the government has institutionalised multi-tier academic and content scrutiny mechanisms across the school and higher education sectors.

Committees at the institutional, district, directorate, university and administrative department levels will undertake academic evaluation, content verification, quality assurance, periodic review and institutional oversight.

The government said the framework would respect the statutory and academic autonomy of universities within applicable laws and University Grants Commission regulations.

The circulars have also assigned responsibilities to vice chancellors, college principals, chief education officers, zonal education officers, heads of institutions, librarians, school managements and other academic authorities for implementing the framework within stipulated timelines.

Institutional heads will be responsible for ensuring compliance within their respective jurisdictions, while any omission, negligence or deviation from the prescribed procedures will be viewed with "utmost seriousness", the spokesperson said.

The government said the initiative was aimed at reinforcing academic standards,

strengthening institutional accountability and establishing a transparent, objective and uniform system for periodic review of educational resources across Jammu and Kashmir.

Criminal Court

lacked jurisdiction to entertain execution proceedings after the complaint had already been disposed of and he had been acquitted.

The dispute arose from a complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. During the pendency of the case, the parties entered into a compromise on 26 July 2024, under which the petitioner agreed to pay Rs 6.60 lakh to the complainant, while the complainant agreed to provide a patch of land to Ganaie. Acting on the settlement, the CJM dismissed the complaint and acquitted the accused.

Later, alleging that the terms of the compromise had been violated, the complainant initiated execution proceedings before the same court. The CJM entertained the application and subsequently directed the complainant to furnish details of the petitioner's properties for attachment.

Assailing the proceedings before the High Court, the petitioner argued that once the complaint had been disposed of and the accused acquitted, the criminal court had exhausted its jurisdiction and could not revive the matter by executing the settlement.

Accepting the plea, the Court held that after recording the compromise and disposing of the complaint, the criminal court ceased to possess any continuing jurisdiction over the matter.

"The criminal proceedings stood concluded and the learned Magistrate became functus officio. Thereafter, the criminal court ceased to possess any continuing jurisdiction over the complaint," the Bench observed.

It noted that although the compromise had been recorded, the final order neither incorporated the terms of the settlement into its operative portion nor directed that the agreed amount would be recoverable under Sections 421 and 431 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The court held that coercive recovery mechanisms available under criminal procedure can be invoked only when there is an executable judicial direction and not merely because parties have entered into a private settlement. Referring to Supreme Court precedents, the High Court observed that while a settlement creates independent contractual rights and obligations between the parties, any breach gives rise to a fresh cause of action and cannot be enforced through execution proceedings before a criminal court after the complaint has attained finality.

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Kashmir now take place in health institutions, reflecting improved access to maternal healthcare services and greater awareness among expectant mothers about institutional deliveries.

Medical experts say several factors have contributed to the growing number of Caesarean deliveries. Besides complications during pregnancy and high-risk pregnancies, many women now prefer planned C-sections due to fear of labour pain and the convenience of scheduling delivery.

Dr Rukhsana, a gynaecologist working in south Kashmir, said that normal deliveries were far more common a decade ago, but attitudes have gradually changed.

"Earlier, most women preferred normal childbirth and Caesarean sections were reserved mainly for medical emergencies. Today, many expectant mothers themselves opt for C-sections because they fear prolonged labour pain or want a planned delivery. At the same time, doctors recommend surgery whenever there is even a slight risk to the mother or the baby," she said.

Another gynaecologist said improved diagnostic facilities and continuous fetal monitoring have enabled doctors to identify complications much earlier than before.

"Modern obstetric care focuses on ensuring the safety of both mother and child. While unnecessary Caesarean sections should be avoided, the procedure is often life-saving in complicated pregnancies. However, every effort should be made to encourage normal delivery whenever it is medically safe," the doctor added.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that Caesarean section rates at the population level should ideally range between 10 and 15 per cent, noting that rates beyond this level are not necessarily associated with better health outcomes for mothers or newborns.

However, the latest survey suggests that Jammu and Kashmir's C-section rate is now significantly above this benchmark, highlighting the need for continued assessment of childbirth practices while ensuring that medical decisions remain based on clinical necessity and the safety of both mother and child. (KNO)

Flash Floods Damage Houses in Poonch, 25 Rescued to Safety

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Flash floods triggered by heavy rainfall inundated the Ari area of Mendhar sub-division in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Friday, damaging several houses and leaving dozens of people stranded, officials said.

Police personnel launched a rescue operation and safely evacuated at least 25 people as floodwaters entered the area, they said. Locals also helped in taking the stranded people, which included children, to safety.

The officials said nearly half a dozen houses were partially damaged in the floods, while the road connecting Ari village remained blocked for about an hour due to flood water and debris disrupting traffic.



Sub-Divisional Magistrate Imran Rashid and SDPO Touseef Ahmed rushed to the spot to oversee the rescue and relief operations.

As per PTI, the authorities said the situation was being closely

monitored and advised people living near rivers, streams and other flood-prone areas to remain vigilant and avoid unnecessary movement as heavy rains continued in the region.

NC Yet to Get Nod for July 20 Statehood Protest in Delhi: CM Omar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said the National Conference is still awaiting official permission to hold its proposed July 20 statehood protest in New Delhi.

Talking to reporters after unveiling the Kashmir Marathon 2026 Merchandise, here, CM Omar as per KNO, said the party had applied for permission four to five days ago and was hopeful of receiving approval before the scheduled protest.

"On July 20, the programme will take place if we get permission. We are

trying to secure the approval," he said.

The Chief Minister alleged that some groups have deliberately aligned their programmes with the NC's proposed protest in an attempt to disrupt it. "Some people are trying to sabotage our programme by changing their dates to coincide with ours," he said.

Notably, the National Conference has announced the protest on the opening day of Parliament's Monsoon Session to press for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and has invited political and religious leaders from across the country to participate.



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT KHANYAR

Miskeenbagh Khanyar Srinagar | 0194-2459859

Subject: Extension of Advertisement of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in POSHAN Project Khanyar.

NOTICE

The last date for applying for the post of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Khanyar has been extended up to Thursday 23rd July 2026 due to poor responses from the eligible candidates. The posts were advertised vide this office advertisement notice 01 of 2026 dated: - 23.06.2026

No. - CDPO/Posh/Khy/Estt/2026-27/ Child Development Project Officer
Dated: - 10/07/2026 DPK-3084-26 Poshan Project Khanyar
DT: 10/07/2026

IUST Introduces One-Year PG Degree Programmes under NEP 2020



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Islamic University of Science and Technology has introduced one-year postgraduate degree programmes in nine disciplines for graduates holding a four-year undergraduate degree (Honours/Research), in accordance with the academic framework prescribed under the National Education Policy 2020. The programmes, approved by the Academic Council, are aimed at providing a seamless progression to postgraduate education for eligible graduates while further aligning the University's academic ecosystem with the reforms envisaged under NEP 2020.

The programmes are M.A. Economics, M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc. Chemistry, M.Sc. Statistics, M.A. English, M.A. Journalism and Mass Communication, M.A. Islamic Studies, M.A. Arabic, and M.A. Philosophy. The introduction of these programmes represents a significant addition to IUST's NEP-aligned academic offerings and is intended to provide a pathway for FYUGP graduates

to postgraduate education while focusing on the promotion of academic flexibility, interdisciplinary learning, and outcome-based education, in keeping with contemporary national and international practices.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, said, "IUST has embraced the transformative vision of NEP 2020 through a series of academic reforms aimed at enhancing quality, flexibility, and innovation in higher education. The introduction of one-year postgraduate degree programmes is another important step in this direction. Designed with a strong emphasis on academic rigour and research preparedness, these programmes provide greater flexibility to learners while ensuring that postgraduate education remains aligned with evolving disciplinary and societal needs." He added, "IUST has evolved into a research-intensive university that focuses on fostering research excellence, multi-disciplinary learning, and the development of future-ready human capital."

Altaf Bukhari Accuses Omar Govt of Developmental Failure

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari on Friday launched a sharp attack on the National Conference-led government, accusing it of failing to deliver on development and alleging that poor infrastructure and pending payments to contractors had brought developmental works to a standstill.

Addressing reporters, as per KNT, Bukhari questioned how the government expected road macadamization to progress when contractors were still awaiting payments for works already executed.

"How will macadamization take place when contractors have not been paid?" he asked, alleging that the government had itself compromised the quality of road construction by allowing inexperienced contractors into the sector.

"There was a time when only those equipped with proper plants and machinery were eligible to undertake road construction. You dismantled that system by accommodating your own workers," he alleged, adding that it was the government's responsibility to ensure the quality and durability of macadamized roads.



"We have warned the government not to stop development in the garb of statehood. You already have powers—why are you not using them?" he said.

Bukhari alleged that the government wanted development funds to lapse so that it could later blame constitutional limitations for its inability to execute projects. "You want funds to lapse so that you can later tell people you wanted to work but had no powers. That excuse will not work," he said.

Highlighting the importance of infrastructure, Bukhari said better roads and public facilities were essential not only for tourism but also for healthcare and the overall economy.

"Tourism alone will not fill our stomachs. Look at the condition of roads in both rural and urban areas. There is hardly any development visible on the ground," he said.

Questioning the government's repeated reference to financial constraints, Bukhari, as per KNT said if funds were indeed unavailable, the government should explain why it regularly thanked the Prime Minister for additional financial assistance.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SUB TRANSMISSION DIVISION-IIND, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR

EXTENSION NOTICE 1

Due to poor response, the date of submission of bids in respect of below mentioned e-NIT is hereby extended with the details enumerated below:-

SNO	E.NIT No.	Name of the work	Tender ID	Cost tender document (In Rs)	EMD Cost (In Rs)
1	eNIT No STD-II / 34 of 2026-27 Dated 17-06-2026	Augmentation of Receiving station BK Pora.	2026_PDD_3127_39_1	Rs 1000.00	Rs 59340.00
Last Date of Bid Submission extended up to			16-07-2026; 4.30pm		
Bid Opening Date			17-07-2026; 2.30pm		

No.: STD-II/2839-41/Ts
Dated: 10-07-2026
DIPK-NB-1028-26
DT: 10/07/2026

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Sub Transmission Division-II,
Rajbagh, Srinagar.

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR DEPARTMENT OF URBAN LOCAL BODIES KASHMIR SRINAGAR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUDGAM

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE INVITING OBJECTIONS

Whereas, a representation has been received from Shri Mohd Rafiq CPW Sweeper of MC Budgam, seeking rectification of his father's name recorded in Order No. MC/Bud/Estt/2010/149-54 Dated 09-06-2010. It has been stated that, due to a clerical/typographical error while typing the aforesaid order, the father's name was inadvertently recorded as "Mohd. Sultan Sheikh" instead of the correct name "Mohd. Subhan Sheikh." Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person has any objection to the proposed rectification of the father's name from "Mohd. Sultan Sheikh" to "Mohd. Subhan Sheikh," he/she may submit the objection, along with supporting documentary evidence, to the office of the Municipal Council Budgam within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objection is received within the stipulated period, the matter shall be processed further.

No:MC/BUD/2026/1661
Dated :10/07/2026

DIPK-NB-1031-26
DT: 10/07/2026

Chief Executive Officer,
Municipal Council
Budgam

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY (JKRRDA) DIVISION BUDGAM

Tel/ Fax:- 0194-2440121, Email:- piu.budgam@jk.gov.in/exen.pmgsybudgam@jk.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS(SHORT TERM)

E-NITNo.06/EE/PMGSY/B/E-Tendering of 2026-27, Dated:-09-07-2026

For and on behalf of Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for below mentioned work:-

S.No	Name of the work	Adv. Cost (in Lakhs)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (Bid security) in Rupees	Time of completion	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PMGSY SUB DIVISION CHADOORA(SASCI-II)						
1.	Permanent Restoration(SASCI-II) of work namely Nagam Gogijpathri Nilnag Road, Package No.JK02-54.	Rs.139.76/-lacs	Rs.2600/-	Rs.279520/-	60Days	A/HMPO
2.	Permanent Restoration (SASCI-II) of works namely- (a)MRL03-T03 KM 8TH to Tilsara, JK02-3018. (b) T02-T01 KM 8th to Karapora-Chirpora , package no. JK02-3020. (c) T01-Kanidajan to Nagam Package No JK02-3008	Rs.20.98/-lacs	Rs.800/-	Rs.41960/-	60Days	B/C
3.	Permanent Restoration (SASCI-II) of works namely- (a)L049-Watkaloo to Wagan Darwan(Track 49), JK02-143. (b)L039-Nowpora to Brijnag, JK02-119. (c) T03- Chadura to Block Boundary Budgam T03-Yechgam, JK02-107. (d)Loolipora to Banjarwani road, JK02-142.	Rs.27.76/-lacs	Rs.1100/-	Rs.55520/-	60Days	A/B
4.	Permanent Restoration (SASCI-II) of works namely- (a)Chadoora to Kuzwera Road, JK02-WB01. (b)L021-Kenhama to Summerbugh, JK02-2002.	Rs.22.94/-lacs	Rs.800/-	Rs.45880/-	60Days	B/C
PMGSY SUB DIVISION BUDGAM (SASCI-II)						
5.	Permanent Restoration (SASCI-II) of works namely- (a) MRL01-T01 KM 1st to Miripora, Package No. JK02-3016. (b) L032-L031LM 2nd to Batapora, Package No. JK02- 152.	Rs.32.0/-lacs	Rs.1100/-	Rs.64000/-	60Days	A/B
6.	Permanent Restoration (SASCI-II) of works namely- (a) Loolipora to Nursingpora road, Package No. JK02-82. (b) L030- Khanpora to Khadipora road, JK02-136. (c) L047-Poshkar to Kanhama, Package No. JK02-139	Rs.30.00/-lacs	Rs.1100/-	Rs.60000/-	60Days	A/B

Note:-The advertised Cost above includes carriage (wherever applicable) and is inclusive of GST. Position of AA : Accorded | Position of TS : Accorded | Head of Account : (2181-PMGSY Roads)

S.No.	Stages	Date & Time
1	Date of issue of tender Notice	09/07/2026
2	Publishing Date	09/07/2026 04:00PM
3	Document Download/Sale Start Date	09/07/2026, 04:00PM upto 17/07/2026,04:00 PM.
4	Bid Submission Start Date	09/07/2026, 04:00PM
5	Bid Submission Closing Date	17/07/2026, 04:00PM
6	Bid Opening Date	18/07/2026, 11:30 AM

The important dates and time are as under:-

- Cost of Bid Form(non-refundable)should be submitted online.
- Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and bids should be submitted online on website www.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in. The bidders are required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.
- Tender document fees as mentioned in column 4 and security/Earnest money should be submitted online as per Govt. Circular Issued by the Finance Deptt, J&K Govt. Vide No. FD-Code/290/2026, Dated :- 22.05.2026. The bid security/earnest money shall be valid for a period not less than 60 days after the deadline date for bid submission.
- Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore; bids must be submitted online on website www.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 60 days after the deadline date for bid submission.
- The bids of such bidders shall be out rightly rejected whose record of performance is poor such as abandoning the works, not properly completing the contract, inordinate delays in completion, litigation history of Financial failure etc.

a). The contractor shall initiate the work within 10 days of entering into the agreement, failing which the concerned Executive Engineer shall terminate the contract and issue a fresh tender after imposing penalties viz. forfeit security/LD as per T&C of the BID document and recommend contractor for blacklisting.
b). The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in BID document/agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting security deposit and shall be recommended for blacklisting.

No:EE/PMGSY/B/
Dated:- 07-2026. DPK-3109-26
DT: 10/07/2026

Executive Engineer PMGSY / JKRRDA
Division Budgam

HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF J&K GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, ANANTNAG COLLEGE CAMPUS, DIALGAM ANANTNAG J&K-192210 Email ID: principal-gmca@jk.gov.in

Subject: Selection of candidate for the tenure post of Senior Resident in the Discipline of Pathology, Government Medical College Anantnag.

NOTIFICATION NO.: 12 GMCA OF 2026 DATED: 10-07-2026

Whereas, this office vide Advertisement Notice No. 07 GMCA of 2026, Dated:- 02.04.2026 read with notification No. 06 GMCA of 2026, Dated:- 28.04.2026 invited applications from the eligible candidates possessing requisite qualification for filling up tenure posts of Senior Resident (in-service/not in-service doctors) in the discipline of Pathology, Government Medical College, Anantnag as per Criteria/Policy Guidelines for eligibility/selection of the tenured positions of Senior Residents/Tutors issued vide Government Order No. 383-JK (HME) of 2024, Dated:- 20.06.2024; and

Whereas, in response to the aforesaid Advertisement Notice, this office received various application forms in the aforementioned discipline; and Whereas, on scrutiny of application forms, it was found that the number of applications received were more than the number of available posts and the written test was therefore conducted on 06.06.2026 at Main Campus Dialgam as per Govt. Order No. 382-JK (HME) of 2024, Dated: - 20.06.2024;

Whereas, the merit list of the candidates who appeared in the said written test was published vide this office notification dated 12.06.2026; and Whereas, one (01) vacancy was available in the discipline of Pathology and accordingly one (01) candidate was selected vide this office Notification No. 10 GMCA of 2026, Dated: 29.06.2026;

Whereas, one (01) more vacancy occurred in the discipline of Pathology consequent upon relieving of Dr Zarkah Nabi;

Therefore, in view of above, below mentioned candidate falling next in merit list is hereby selected for the post of Senior Resident in the discipline of Pathology.

Applicant Name	Parentage	Address	Date of Birth	Roll No.
Atiya Rashid*	Abdul Rashid Bhat	Rambagh, Srinagar	30.09.1994	2482

* In case of tie in merit secured by two or more candidates in the written test, issued vide notification dated 12.06.2026, the candidate with earlier date of birth (D.O.B) has been given preference.

The above candidate is hereby directed to report to the Office of the Principal, Government Medical College Anantnag along with the following documents within 07 days from the date of issuance of this notification, for submission of online form through Employee Verification System (EVS) for verification of character and antecedents to the concerned doctor(s): -

- Application form (in coloured).
- Photocopies of all uploaded certificates.
- Affidavit (attested by the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate) to the effect that: -
e) He/she is the domicile of Union Territory of J&K and is in possession of all requisite documents/certificates.
f) He/she has not done senior residency/demonstratorship earlier within or outside J&K Union Territory. (only for those candidates who are applying afresh).
g) He/she has done _____ months of senior residency/demonstratorship in the _____ institution/medical college. (only for those candidates who have already done 30 or less than 30 months of senior residency/demonstratorship)
h) The information submitted in the application form is true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein.

However, if the selected candidate fails to report to the Office of Principal, Government Medical College Anantnag within the stipulated time, his/her selection in the concerned discipline shall forfeit without any further notice.

Note: Mere issuance of this notification does not entitle the selected candidate to claim appointment/engagement.

No. GMCA/Estt/2026/ 6184-91
Dated: 10-07-2026

DIPK-3119-26
DT: 10/07/2026

Sd/-
Prof. (Dr) Junaid S Wani,
Principal,
Govt. Medical College, Anantnag.

E20 Row: Govt Says Ethanol Saved Rs 1.9 Lakh Cr

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Friday defended the ethanol-blended petrol programme amid concerns over engine damage and mileage loss in vehicles using ethanol-blended fuel, saying the scheme has helped the sugar economy, boosted farmers' incomes and saved the country over Rs 1.90 lakh crore in foreign exchange since 2014-15.



2026. Besides, it has also led to a net CO2 reduction of approximately 930 lakh tonne, he said.

Addressing a conclave organised by the Grain Ethanol Manufacturers Association (GEMA), Joint Secretary in the food ministry Ashwani Srivastava said ethanol has become central to the agricultural economy by creating new markets for surplus crops and reducing India's dependence on imported crude oil.

Ethanol-blended petrol (EBP) programme has resulted in saving of more than Rs 1.90 lakh crore of foreign exchange with the substitution of more than 310 lakh tonnes of crude oil from ethanol supply in 2014-15 up to

Srivastava said the EBP programme, which began with sugarcane-based ethanol, has ensured timely payments to cane growers and made the sugar industry more financially viable, with arrears owed to sugarcane farmers now at their lowest level ever.

He said between 2014-15 and 2020-21, the Centre disbursed about Rs 14,600 crore in subsidies to sugar mills, including export subsidies to clear surplus stock. However, no such export subsidy has been required since 2021-22, as mills now divert surplus sugar towards ethanol production, he said.

28 Years on the Run, Murder Accused Nabbed

Press Trust of India

BHUBANESWAR: Nearly three decades after he escaped from police custody in handcuffs, a murder accused was arrested by Odisha Police in Jharsuguda district, officials said on Friday.

The accused, identified as Nilamani Mahanand, was wanted in connection with a murder case registered under various sections of the IPC, including Section 302 (murder), the state police headquarters said in a statement.

Police said Mahanand allegedly assumed a false identity after escaping, changed his name to Raju Gonda and settled in Raigarh district of

neighbouring Chhattisgarh. He had also obtained Aadhaar and PAN cards under the assumed name to evade arrest, they said.

In October 1998, Mahanand and others allegedly killed Duryodhan Deep in Bhundupali village of Jharsuguda district over a previous enmity.

"While in transit in 1998, Mahanand managed to escape from a police station while still in handcuffs. He remained untraceable since his escape," a police official said.

Acting on intelligence inputs, sustained surveillance and verification, Jharsuguda Police traced and arrested the accused after nearly three decades, the statement said.

Who Hit Iran? Mystery Airstrikes Raise Questions

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DUBAI: A series of mysterious, unclaimed airstrikes that hit Iran after the US said it finished its attacks have again raised questions of who else may be targeting the Islamic Republic.

The strikes Thursday, just as Iran prepared to bury the late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei, hit areas across southern Iran. Tehran hasn't directly blamed anyone for the strikes, though one lawmaker issued a warning to the United Arab Emirates over allegedly providing support to the United States in its campaign against Iran.

The attacks come as the US insists the Strait of Hormuz must be open and free to ships to transit. Iran insists the strait, through which about a fifth of all oil and natural gas passes, must now be under its sole control and that vessels should begin to pay fees to Tehran.

Iran's grip on the strait during the war led to a global energy crisis, though oil prices have sharply dropped since wartime highs of USD 120 a barrel.

Israel, which took part in the Iran war, also has not claimed any recent attacks on Iran.

Was UAE behind these strikes

The US military's Central Command said Thursday around 6:30 am local Iran time that it had concluded a round of strikes that saw some 90 targets hit. Shortly after that, Iranian news outlets reported a series of airstrikes and explosions targeting the country's Bush-ehr and Sistan and Baluchestan provinces, the cities of Ahvaz and Chabahar and other areas.

Central Command did not respond to a request for comment over the additional strikes.

Iran responded to the strikes Thursday by launching a wider volley of attacks across the Middle East, targeting US bases in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait and Qatar. Missile



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alert sirens sounded in the four countries, sending people to seek shelter. One person was reportedly hurt in Kuwait as air defence systems targeted the incoming fire across the region.

The leader of the UAE, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, travelled to Kuwait immediately after the Iranian attack for a meeting with the small, oil-rich nation's ruling emir. Gulf Arab countries also held calls with Qatar's foreign minister, who has been deeply involved along with Pakistan in mediating talks between Iran and the US over the interim deal now in place to halt the return of open warfare.

During the Iran war, officials

say both Saudi Arabia and the UAE launched airstrikes targeting Iran after Tehran struck energy sites in their countries.

Israel, which under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has engaged in an intense campaign against Iran, has not attacked the Islamic Republic since June. Israel also broadly immediately claims its attacks on Iran. Israel's government said Netanyahu spoke with Trump on Thursday night, with Trump updating Netanyahu "on American moves in the Gulf".

On Friday Esmail Kousari, a member of the Iranian parliament's national security committee, warned that the UAE would "pay the price for its cooperation with the United States." He accused the UAE of having a "behind-the-scenes" role in the recent US attacks.

Iran repeatedly accused Gulf Arab states of actively supporting the US war effort, something they denied during the war. The US since the 1991 Gulf War has maintained a broad footprint of military bases across the Gulf Arab states, including in Bahrain, which is home to the US Navy's 5th Fleet headquarters.

Half of Ram Temple Donation Staff Quit, Cite Workload

Press Trust of India

LUCKNOW: Over half of the employees engaged in counting donations at the Ram temple have resigned amid the ongoing investigation into the alleged embezzlement of offerings, reducing the strength of counting personnel to just around a dozen, sources said on Friday.

Trust sources said attendance at the donation counting centre had already dropped after the case came to light, with only 15-20 of the around 40 personnel regularly reporting for duty due to fear following the investigation.

According to the sources, around 20 of the counting staff have resigned from their duty. The employees who resigned cited increased workload, saying the counting process has become more time-consuming after the al-

leged theft surfaced.

The employees also said the counting exercise, which was earlier carried out in two shifts, has now been reduced to a single shift lasting around nine to 10 hours, without any increase in wages. They further said that while donations were earlier counted on tables and chairs, the exercise is now conducted while sitting on the floor.

Security and vigilance at the counting centre have been tightened considerably. Employees are now subjected to multiple rounds of frisking before being allowed inside and can enter only barefoot, without mobile phones or any personal belongings.

They are also screened at various security checkpoints inside the temple complex, whereas earlier trust-issued identity cards were sufficient for entry.

1600 Number Calls Exempt From DND Blocking: TRAI

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: No app can block phone calls originating from 1600 number series that are meant for communications by regulated entities and the government to citizens, Trai said on Friday, asserting its stance amid an ongoing tussle with caller identification app Truecaller over the labelling and identification of calls from the dedicated number series.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has also clarified that promotional calls originating from 140 number series cannot be tagged or filtered by an app and can only be blocked by DND registry which is managed by the regulator. TRAI has also clarified that promotional calls originating from 140 number series cannot be tagged or filtered by

an app and can only be blocked by the DND registry.

"Under the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulation (TCCPR), any tagging, blocking or filtering of the calls originating from 1600 series numbers is not permitted," Trai said.

The regulator said that it has mandated the use of 1600 series numbers for service and transaction calls by regulated entities of banking, financial services and insurance entities regulated by RBI, SEBI, IRDAI and PFRDA to their existing customers and by government entities for government-to-citizen communication.

The key objective of assigning designated series for these important communications is to make such calls trustworthy for the citizens, the regulator said.

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