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Amarnath Yatra Count Tops 2.27 Lakh

26,403 Devotees Pay Obeisance At Holy Cave Despite Rains



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The annual Amarnath Yatra continued uninterrupted despite intermittent rain and changing weather conditions on Saturday, with 26,403 pilgrims paying obeisance at the holy cave shrine, taking the cumulative pilgrim count to 2,27,411.

According to official figures available with the news agency Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Saturday's pilgrims included 18,209 men, 7,434 women, 255 children, 155 sadhus, 12 sadhvis, 11 transgender devotees and 327 security personnel.

Despite unfavourable weather along both the Pahalgam and Baltal routes, thousands of

devotees continued their journey to the cave shrine, with officials reporting that the pilgrimage proceeded smoothly without any disruption.

"The weather does not matter when you have faith. We have come here with devotion, and despite the rain and difficult conditions, our enthusiasm remains the same. We are grateful to the administration for making the journey safe and smooth," a pilgrim from Delhi said.

Meanwhile, the 10th batch of pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu in the early hours of Saturday under elaborate security arrangements.

Officials said | [More on P6](#)

MeT Forecasts Rain In J&K; Warns Of Flash Floods, Landslides

Intermittent rain to continue on Sunday; weather likely to turn hot from July 13

Cloudburst triggers flash flood in Shangus, Pahalgam; MeT advises caution near streams

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Widespread rain and thundershowers hit several parts of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday evening, while the Meteorological Centre Srinagar warned of the possibility of flash floods, mudslides and landslides in vulnerable areas.

According to details rain and thundershowers affected many places across the Kashmir Valley and parts of Poonch, Rajouri, Ramban, Doda, Reasi and Udhampur districts.

Meanwhile, officials said two cloudbursts struck south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Saturday evening, triggering flash floods in Shangus and Pahalgam.

The first cloudburst hit the upper reaches of Chatergul in Shangus, causing the Aaripath stream to swell. Floodwaters carrying mud and debris



entered paddy fields, orchards and parts of nearby residential areas, damaging standing crops, officials said.

About an hour later, another cloudburst struck the Overa Wildlife Sanctuary in the Pahalgam area, leading to a sudden surge in the Overa Nallah. The overflowing stream entered several huts and hotels, creating panic in

the area. Officials said tourists staying in a hotel near the stream were safe.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Pahalgam, said the administration acted immediately after receiving information about the incident. The Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Flood Control, along with a technical team, was deployed to the | [More on P6](#)

Weather Alert Issued For Kishtwar

In view of the latest weather forecast issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the District Administration Kishtwar has issued a weather advisory warning of light to moderate rainfall, thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds across the district till July 14, 2026, urging residents to remain vigilant and avoid vulnerable areas. According to the advisory, light to moderate rainfall is expected to affect the higher reaches and mountainous areas of the district during the forecast period. The administration has advised people, especially | [More on P6](#)

MHA Issues Fresh Anthem, Vande Mataram Order

'Correct Lyrics, Pronunciation Must Be Followed'

Observer News Service

New Delhi: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has reiterated the protocols governing the playing and singing of the National Anthem and the National Song, directing all central government ministries, departments and offices of Governors to ensure strict adherence to the prescribed script, diction and pronunciation.

In an order issued on July 9, the ministry said the existing instructions contain an exhaustive list of occasions on which the National Anthem and the National Song shall or may be played or sung. It stressed that while rendering either of them, the correct script, text, diction and pronunciation must be followed without exception.

The ministry said the correct text and pronunciation guide has been made available on its official website.

According to the order, the National Song, Vande Mataram, shall be sung during civil investiture | [More on P6](#)

CM Accuses BJP Of Poaching NC MLAs; BJP Seeks Evidence

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Srinagar: A political slugfest erupted in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah accused the BJP of attempting to topple his government by engineering a split in the ruling National Conference (NC), prompting the saffron party to reject the allegations as "baseless" and threaten legal action.

Addressing a workers' convention at the mausoleum of his grandparents at Hazratbal on the 26th death anniversary of his grandmother, Akbar Jehan, Omar alleged that BJP leaders had tried to lure NC legislators with cash, ministerial



berths and the promise of restoration of statehood.

"Attempts are being made to break the National Conference. After offering money and ministerial berths did not work, the BJP is now telling my MLAs

behind closed doors, 'Come with us and we will give you statehood'," Omar claimed.

The chief minister further alleged that an NC MLA from Jammu informed him that a BJP office-bearer, | [More on P6](#)

Don't Take Advantage of Our Patience: CM on Statehood

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Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has ordered the elevation and posting of hundreds of Masters as In-charge Headmasters and equivalent cadres in the School Education Department in one of the largest administrative reshuffles aimed at strengthening school administration across the Union Territory.

According to a government order, the promotions and postings have been made across schools in both the Kashmir and Jammu divisions.

The order states that the elevations do not confer any preferential right to permanent regularisation, which shall remain subject to the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) or the

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday urged the Centre not to mistake his government's patience over the restoration of statehood as a sign of weakness and sought

clarity on what it meant by restoring statehood at an "appropriate time".

Addressing a workers' convention at Hazratbal on the 26th death | [More on P6](#)

India Giving World New Models Of Development: PM

Press Trust Of India

Auckland: India's pace of development is "unprecedented" despite global challenges, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday, emphasising that the country is giving the world new models of development.

Speaking at an Indian community event titled 'Kia Ora Modi' in Auckland, also attended by his Kiwi counterpart Christopher Luxon, Modi said that the relationship between India and New Zealand is built on cherished memories, enduring friendship, shared values and a mutual commitment.

"Amidst global challenges, the speed at which India is developing is unprecedented. Today, India is the world's fastest-growing major economy," Modi said, amid cheers and applause from the audience.

Prime Minister Modi said India is giving the world new models of development.



"Today in India, billions of digital transactions are happening every month through UPI. India is touching new heights in drone technology and the space economy," he said, amid cheers and chants of 'Modi Modi'.

Stating that the future of India and New Zealand is intertwined, Modi said the bilateral trade agreement will accelerate India's journey towards a developed nation.

Modi said that the space sector itself demonstrates the immense potential of the economic | [More on P6](#)

2013 TERROR ATTACK CASE

SIA Gets Interpol Red Notice For Hizb Activist

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The State Investigation Agency of Jammu and Kashmir Police has secured an Interpol Red Corner notice against designated Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Imtiyaz Ahmad Kandoo alias Fayaz alias Sajad, officials said.

Kandoo, a resident of Kraltang in Sopore, has been an active member and commander of the proscribed terrorist outfit since 2010. The Indian government designated him as a Designated Individual | [More on P6](#)

"In a breakthrough in its sustained counter-terrorism efforts, the SIA Kashmir has secured an Interpol Red Corner Notice against designated Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Imtiyaz Ahmad Kandoo alias Fayaz alias Sajad," officials said.

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J&K HC: 'Maternity Leave Is A Right, Not Charity'

'To Penalize Mother Based On Employment Contract Is Eggregious Infraction Of Equality'

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Srinagar: Maternity leave cannot be reduced to a matter of state charity; it is an unassailable constitutional right anchored in the dignity of women, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh observed while quashing a government communication that denied salaries to Senior Resident Doctors and Tutors during their maternity leave.

A bench of Justice Rajnesh Oswal ruled that once the Health and Medical Education Department, through Government Order dated July 8, 2024, extended maternity leave to Senior Residents and Tutors in accordance with existing Government Rules, the authorities could not subsequently deny them pay and allowances during the leave period.



"Maternity leave cannot be reduced to a matter of state charity; it is an unassailable constitutional right anchored in the dignity of women," the Court observed, adding that the right to receive full salary is inseparable from the right to maternity leave itself and cannot be defeated through an arbitrary executive decision.

The court mad ethe observations on a petition filed by Dr. Sonakshi Gupta and several other Senior Resident Doctors,

who challenged a communication dated October 14, 2025, issued on the advice of the Finance Department, directing that Senior Residents on maternity leave would not receive pay and allowances on the ground that they were "out of assignment."

The petitioners argued that Government Order No. 451-JK(HME) of 2024 had expressly granted maternity leave to Senior Residents and Tutors in accordance with Government rules and regulations. They also relied on Rule 41 of the J&K Civil Services (Leave) Rules, which provides up to 180 days of maternity leave with full leave salary equal to the last drawn pay.

Despite this, they said, their salaries were withheld during maternity leave, prompting them to approach the High Court. | [More on P6](#)

J&K Appoints Hundreds As In-Charge Headmasters

KO Web Desk

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The order states that the elevations do not confer any preferential right to permanent regularisation, which shall remain subject to the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) or the

Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC), wherever applicable.

The government has directed all promotees to submit academic qualification and service verification undertakings to their respective Chief Education Officers and join their new places of posting within 10 days.

It warned that failure to report within the stipulated time would result in the promotion being treated as cancelled ab initio.

The order also said that the promotions are subject to verification of eligibility, service records and other conditions prescribed under the applicable rules.

The reshuffle covers schools across multiple districts of Jammu and Kashmir, with hundreds of Masters posted as In-charge Headmasters and equivalent | [More on P6](#)

NPPA Caps Prices Of 39 Essential Drug Formulations

Agencies

New Delhi: The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has capped the retail price of 39 essential drug formulations, including those used in the treatment of hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, and HIV, under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

In a notification issued accessed news agency Kashmir News Service (KNS), the drug price regulator fixed the maximum retail price, exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST), for each specified medicine. The list covers several fixed-dose combinations widely prescribed in clinical practice.

Among the key drugs are Amlodipine, Telmisartan and Metoprolol Succinate tablets used for blood pressure management, priced at Rs 12.03 per tablet, and Empagliflozin, Sitagliptin and Metformin



Hydrochloride (ER) tablets for diabetes, with prices ranging from Rs 14.88 to Rs 17.17 per tablet depending on the strength.

The notification also covers a Tenecteplase injection (50 mg), used in the management of acute myocardial infarction, with a fixed retail price of Rs 60,238.27 per vial. Additionally, a Combikit of Darunavir, Ritonavir and Dolutegravir tablets for HIV treatment has | [More on P6](#)



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Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2026
Dated: 04.07.2026

The Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Kashmir; as Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Councils (MSEFC's) constituted under the provisions of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006; and entrusted with the responsibility of facilitating conciliation and arbitration in cases relating to delayed payments of Micro and Small Enterprises by issuing legally enforceable awards for recovery of dues (along with applicable interest); invites applications from the eligible candidates for appointment to the post of **Legal Consultant and HR (Office/Secretarial)**, purely on **contract basis** through walk-in-interview/evaluation scheduled to be held on **29.07.2026 at 11.30 am** in the Office of Director, Industries and Commerce, Kashmir at 1st Floor, Sanat Ghar Bemina, Srinagar.

The eligibility criteria for the above said posts are as follows:

S. No.	Name and number of the post	Age Limit	Qualification	Experience required	Consolidated salary
1.	Legal Consultant 01 Post	Maximum 40 years	Law Graduate from recognized Institute/University with minimum 50% marks	i. Minimum 02 (Two) years of legal work experience in various courts/ Govt./ Quasi-Judicial bodies including or Tribunals with mandatory relevant experience of at least one year in dealing with MSME disputes, or arbitration and mediation matters. ii. Should have good drafting skills, proficiency in English and the local language and working knowledge of MS Office.	Rs. 80,000/- per month
2.	HR (Office/ Secretarial) 02 Posts	Maximum 40 years	Graduate in any discipline recognized University/ Board	i. 2 years of experience in Handling Data Entry. ii. Experience of computer skills, internet, web surfing including data processing and interpretation using Excel software.	Rs. 20,000/-per month.

The duties/ responsibilities of the above posts have been set out in **Annexure-I** to this notification respectively.

1. How to apply/Schedule of Events:

Start date for submitting online application	July 06, 2026 (10:00 A.M.)
Last date for submitting online application	July 18, 2026 (04:30 P.M.)

A. The interested candidates shall submit application as per the **Annexure-II** along-with the photocopies of following documents in the Office of Director, Industries and Commerce, Kashmir, 1st Floor, Sanat Ghar, Bemina, Srinagar, 190018, in hard as well as soft copies (scanned pdf). The soft copies of documents can be emailed on director-industries@j&k.gov.in by or before **04:30 PM on 18.07.2026**.

- The candidate(s) seeking to apply for the advertised posts shall be the Domicile(s) of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- Educational Qualification Certificate along with Mark sheets.
- Photo Identity Proof/(Aadhar Card/PAN Card/Driving License/Passport).
- Date of Birth Certificate.
- Proof of address (Aadhar Card/EPIC).

(All attested photocopy of original)

- Experience Certificate(s) (in original)
(In case of Legal Consultant, the experience certificate will have to be issued by the concerned Judge of the Civil Court or HoD of the Department or Member Judge of the Tribunal/ quasi-judicial authority and in case of HR the experience certificate will have to be issued by the Head of the Institute)

The verification of documents shall be carried out by the **Scrutiny Committee**, who shall evaluate the applications as per the eligibility criteria set by the Ministry of MSME, RAMP Division, GoI.

B. The list of candidates shortlisted after verification of documents and determination of eligibility, shall thereafter, be notified separately and the eligible candidates shall be asked to appear for walk-in-interview before the **Interview Committee Cum Selection Committee of MSEFC** (including any co-opted member, if available) on **29.07.2026 at 11.30 am**.

2. Selection Procedure/Criteria

Selection of the candidates shall be calculated in reference to the weightage point provided in the table below, on pro rata basis:

S. No.	Component	Weightage
1.	Essential basic qualification for Legal Consultant (pro-rata basis with respect to the marks obtained in attaining basic qualification and the highest qualification) 40 points for qualification of LLB. 45 points for qualification of LLM. 50 points for qualification higher than LLM (Ph.D or post doc).	50 points (max)

2.	Experience - Minimum 02 (Two) years of legal work experience in various courts/ Govt./ Quasi-Judicial bodies including or Tribunals 10 points for experience of more than 10 years 7 points for experience of more than 2 years up to 10 years 5 points for experience of 2 years Mandatory relevant experience of at least one year in dealing with MSME disputes, or arbitration and mediation matters. 10 points for experience of more than 9 years 7 points for experience of more than 1 year up to 9 years 5 points for experience of 1 year	10 points (max) 10 points (max)
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3.	Interview/ evaluation	30 points (max)
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S. No.	Component	Weightage
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1.	Essential basic qualification for HR (Office/Secretarial) (pro-rata basis with respect to the marks obtained in attaining basic qualification and the highest qualification) 40 points for qualification of Graduate in any discipline. 45 points for qualification of Masters in any discipline. 50 points for qualification higher than Masters (M.Phil., Ph.D.)	50 points (max)
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2.	Experience - Minimum two (02) years of experience in Data Entry, Office/Secretarial work, with proficiency in computer applications, internet usage, web browsing, and data processing and interpretation using Microsoft Excel. 20 points for experience of more than 5 years 15 points for experience of more than 2 years up to 5 years 10 points for experience of 2 years	20 points (max)
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3.	Interview/ evaluation	30 points (max)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I Ishfaq Showkat S/o Showkat Ali Malik R/o Ghar Kote Baramulla is applying for DEE Class Government Contractor Card at the Office of the Chief Engineer JKPCDC Bemina. Anybody having any objection may contact above Office within seven days from the date of this advertisement after which no objection will be entertained.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Lalita Prasad, R/o Village Kamtoli, P.O. Bhandari Gaon, Tehsil Dewalthal, District Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, hereby declare that my daughter's name has been incorrectly recorded as "Ranjana" in certain official records. Her correct and full name is "Ranjana Bhatt".

It is hereby notified that henceforth she shall be known and recognized as Ranjana Bhatt for all official and legal purposes. All concerned authorities are requested to update and record her correct name as Ranjana Bhatt in their respective records.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I hereby notify that my Date of Birth has been wrongly recorded in my Driving Licence No. JK0520150049620 as 01-03-1989, whereas my correct Date of Birth, as per my Aadhaar Card, is 02-03-1992.

I have applied for correction of my Date of Birth in the Driving Licence records. If any person has any objection regarding this correction, they may submit the same before the concerned ARTO Office within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Rasik Ahmad Bhat
S/o Mohamamd Abdullah Bhat
R/O Zaloor Dist Baramulla

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Lalita Prasad, R/o Village Kamtoli, P/O Bhandari Gaon, Tehsil Dewalthal, District Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, hereby declare that my daughter's name has been incorrectly recorded as Ranjana in official records. Her correct and actual name is Ranjana Bhatt. I request all concerned authorities to update her correct name in all official records. If any person has any objection regarding this correction, they may submit the same to the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

Lalita Prasad
Village Kamtoli, P/O Bhandari Gaon
Tehsil Dewalthal, District Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand

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OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PALHALLAN

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The registrar birth BDO pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Gowhar Ahmad Wani s/o Ghulam Ahmad Wani R/o. Hamray tehsil pattan district baramulla with verified date of birth 08/07/2007. 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 Pathallan

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shafiq Banoo, D/o Ali Mohmad Wani, R/o Taper Wari Pora, Tehsil Pattan, P.O. Pattan, District Baramulla, hereby give notice that my name has been wrongly recorded in Aadhaar Card No. 4554 7454 0896 as Shabnum Ali. My correct and actual name is Shafiq Banoo. Henceforth, my correct name Shafiq Banoo shall be used for all official, legal and Government records. This notice is published for correction of my name in the Government Gazette.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, MOHD SULTAN RATHER, S/o Gh. Mohi Ud Din Rather, R/o Nambalnar Hajibal, Tehsil Tangmarg, District Baramulla, J&K, hereby notify that my Driving License No. JK0520210002709 issued by the Transport Department contains a minor spelling mistake in my name. The name is incorrectly written as "MOHD SULTA RATHER" instead of my correct name "MOHD SULTAN RATHER". I intend to get my name corrected in the official records of the Transport Department. If any person has any objection to this correction, they may submit it in writing to the Office of the ARTO, Baramulla within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections will be entertained after the stipulated period.

Sd/-
MOHD SULTAN RATHER

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KALANTRA / KREER

Subject: Application of BASHIR AHMAD BOKRA S/O DARYA MOHAMMAD BOKRA for the issuance of ST (SCHEDULE TRIBE Gujar and Bakerwal)in favour of RAMIEZ AHMAD BOKRA son ,RUBEENA BEGUM daughter in Law R/O BANDI BALA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above, the applicant has submitted the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of ST . In this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in village BANDI BALLA and belongs to the ST caste and BOKRA community, having annual income is 126000 the details of the family of the applicant are as follows
1..BASHIR AHMAD BOKRA self 48 years Labour
2.... SALEEMA BEGUM wife 41 years House wife
3...RAMIEZ AHMAD BOKRA son 27 years Labour
4.RUBEENA BEGUM daughter in Law 25 years house wife
5...HAMZA RAMIEZ grand son 4 Years infant
6..WASEEM AHMAD BOKRA son 25 years student
7...NADEEM AHMAD BOKRA son 22 years student
8...SABZAR HUSSAIN grand son 6 years infant
9..RIZWANNA BANO daughter 16 years student

The applicant has applied for Issuance of ST (SCHEDULE TRIBE Gujar & Bakerwal) certificate in favour of Self if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

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NAIB TEHSILDAR KREERI

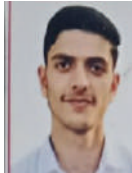
PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shafiq Begum, W/o Abdul Rashid Pandith, R/o Mughama, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla, hereby notify that my daughter Anaya Rasheed was born at home on 15-10-2016. Her birth could not be registered with the Registrar of Births & Deaths, Block Lalpora, within the prescribed time. I have now applied for registration of her birth and issuance of the Birth Certificate. If any person has any objection, the same may be conveyed to the concerned authority within the prescribed period.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have passed/appeared in SSE/ISE-IMAISE-II (Class 10 1142) UNER Roll No-121033042 Session OCT-NOV Year 2025 through the J&K Board of School Education. The error has been committed against my MOTHER'S NAME. as SHABEENA BASHIR instead of SHUGUFTA BASHIR



Now I have applied for correction in The J&K Board of School Education Magam. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary JKBOSE MAGAM within seven days from the date of the publication of this notice. After the expiry of the said period, no objection will be entertained.

This is published for the information of the general public

The correction particulars be recorded as under:

Name: FAIZAN BASHIR GANAIE.

Father's Name: BASHIR AHMAD GANAIE.

Mother's Name: SHUGUFTA BASHIR.

25-07-2011. Date of Birth:

ICHAMA. Residence:

Mobile No. 9797910403/9541660362.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Syed Sharief Hussain, S/o Syed Ahmed Ullah Qadri, R/o Kreeri, Tehsil Kreeri, District Baramulla, J&K, hereby notify that my name has been wrongly recorded in Aadhaar No. 7237 4115 4896 as Shrief Hussain. My correct and actual name is Syed Sharief Hussain. Henceforth, my correct name Syed Sharief Hussain shall be used for all official and legal purposes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Syed Maqbool Shah, S/o Syed Ali, R/o Harinara, Tehsil Singhpora, District Baramulla, hereby notify that the name and Date of Birth of my ward in Aadhaar No. 7235 4435 7275 have been wrongly recorded as Anjuman Zehra with DOB 21-07-2014. The correct name is Syda Anjum Zehra and the correct Date of Birth is 05-02-2017, as per the valid supporting documents. Henceforth, the correct name and Date of Birth shall be used for all official purposes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mouyam Manzoor, S/o Manzoor Ahmad Malik, R/o Singhpora, Tehsil Singhpora, District Baramulla, hereby notify that my name and Date of Birth have been wrongly recorded in Aadhaar No. 6377 2663 1848 as Mayoom Ahmad Malik with DOB 08-07-2003. My correct name is Mouyam Manzoor and my correct Date of Birth is 05-06-2009, as per my Birth Certificate and school records. Henceforth, my correct name and Date of Birth shall be used for all official purposes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the General public that my daughter's name in her Aadhar Card bearing Aadhar No :- 3873 8353 3760 has been wrongly mentioned as Masrat Mushtaq instead of Musrat Mushtaq D/O. Mushtaq Ahmad Malik .Now I am applying for its name Correction in all official record as per legal documents .if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may contact the same in the office of the General Manager Ranbir Govt Press Jammu within a period of seven days from the publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained after expiry of stipulated period.

Mushtaq Ahmad Malik
F/O. Musrat Mushtaq R/O :- Harwath
Tehsil:- Qaziabad Kralgund Distt :Kupwara.
Pin Code:- 193303 J&kashmir

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Fayaz Ahmad Malik, S/o Ali Mohammad Malik, R/o Gul Afshan Mulagam, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla, hereby notify that my ward's name has been wrongly recorded in Aadhaar No. 2688 4823 4730 as Farhaan Fayaz. The correct name is Furqan Ahmad Malik as per the Birth Certificate. Henceforth, the correct name Furqan Ahmad Malik shall be used for all official purposes. If any person has any objection, the same may be conveyed to the concerned authority within the prescribed period.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mohammad Amin Dar, S/o Assadullah Dar, R/o Chandibugh Narikhara, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir (UT), hereby notify the general public that I have applied to the concerned authority for the issuance of a new D Class Contractor Registration Card in the Public Works Department (PWD), Jammu & Kashmir.

If any person has any objection regarding the issuance of the said D Class Contractor Registration Card in my favour, 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 registration as per the applicable rules.

Mohammad Amin Dar
S/o Assadullah Dar
R/o Chandibugh Narikhara, Tehsil Kunzer
District Baramulla, J&K (UT)

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Two-Week Mathematics School Concludes at NIT Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A two-week Instructional School for Teachers (IST) on "Theoretical and Numerical Aspects of Partial Differential Equations: Applications to Flow Dynamics" concluded on Saturday at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar. The programme, held from June 29 to July 11, 2026, was organised by the Department of Mathematics, NIT Srinagar, with financial support from the National Centre for Mathematics (NCM), a joint centre of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, and IIT Bombay.

The instructional school brought together 42 faculty members, researchers, and teachers from universities and higher educational institutions across the country for an intensive academic programme focused on the theoretical and numerical aspects of partial differential equations (PDEs) and their applications in flow dynamics.

The valedictory ceremony was marked by the distribution of certificates to all participants in recognition of their successful completion of the programme. Faculty members of the Department of Mathematics, including Dr. Mehraj Ahmad Lone, Dr. Rameez Raja, Dr. Mush-taq Ahmad Bhat, Dr. Owais Ahmad, Dr. Idrees Qasim, Dr. Saleem Yousuf, Dr. Bilal Ahmad Wani and Dr. Sivaramkrishnan, actively participated in the successful organisation of the programme.

Convener of the programme, Dr. Atendra Kumar, expressed satisfaction over the successful completion of the instructional school and thanked all participants for their active engagement. "We are confident that the faculty members, students and research scholars who attended this programme will greatly benefit from the concepts, analytical methods and academic interactions they experienced here. These learnings will significantly contribute to their present and future research in applied mathematics and related disciplines," he said.

Extensive Inspection of Historic Water Channels Conducted Across City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a significant initiative aimed at undertaking a comprehensive assessment of Srinagar's historic water network, the Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), Faz Lul Haseeb conducted an extensive inspection of several historic water channels and rivulets across the city, including Kutte Kul, Sonar Kul, Rainawari Kul, and other interconnected waterways.

The inspection was undertaken to obtain a first-hand assessment of the present condition of these water channels, examine their hydraulic connectivity, and evaluate various factors influencing their overall status.

During the visit, the CEO extensively inspected different stretches of the waterways, assessing issues such as silt accumulation, vegetation growth, obstructions, encroachments, discharge points, and other location-specific conditions requiring detailed technical evaluation.

Interacting with officers and engineers on-site, Haseeb underscored the historical, ecological, and urban significance of Srinagar's traditional water channels, observing that these waterways form an integral part of the city's unique landscape.



He directed the concerned officers to undertake detailed documentation and technical assessments of the inspected stretches, along with comprehensive field observations, to establish an accurate baseline of their existing condition.

The CEO emphasized that the conservation and restoration of Srinagar's traditional water channels are essential for mitigating waterlogging, enhancing environmental sustainability, and preserving the city's centuries-old water heritage.

He further stressed the need for close coordination among all stakeholder departments to ensure the long-term conservation and rejuvenation of these vital water bodies.

He emphasized that scientific assessments, co-ordinated planning, and institutional collaboration are essential for safeguarding these important urban assets.

Interacting with local residents during the inspection, Haseeb emphasized the importance of public participation in protecting the traditional waterways and appealed to citizens to refrain from dumping waste into the channels and to cooperate with the administration in maintaining their cleanliness and ecological health.

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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.

Full marathon runners will continue towards Hazratbal and Kashmir University.

The marathon covers a combination of flat and hilly stretches, offering both a scenic and challenging experience for participants.

Speaking on the occasion, Abdullah said the marathon is much more than a sporting competition and forms an important part of the government's broader strategy to diversify tourism in J-K.

TAZIYAT



Mohammad Maqbool Dhoobi
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With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the passing away of our beloved Mohd. Maqbool Dhoobi, who departed for his heavenly abode on 09 July 2026.

Taziyat (Condolence) will be observed for three days only at the family residence in Washbugh, Pulwama.

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IIS Officer Trainees call on LG



Observer News Service

Srinagar: A group of 16 Indian Information Service (IIS) Officer Trainees, Group 'B' of the 2023 Batch called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, at Lok Bhavan today. They were accompanied by Qazi Salman, Director, Press Information Bureau (PIB), Srinagar.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to the Officer Trainees for their future endeavors. He exhorted

them to work with the utmost sensitivity, integrity, and dedication, while serving in different departments.

The Lieutenant Governor also discussed the evolving landscape of public communication and the vital need for credible and timely information dissemination in the digital era.

The Officer Trainees shared the experiences from their visit to Jammu Kashmir, as a part of the Bharat Darshan tour programme

Hotel Cook Found Unconscious in Bathroom, Declared Dead at SMHS Hospital

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A 30-year-old hotel cook was found unconscious in the bathroom of a hotel in the Indra Nagar area of Srinagar and was declared brought dead after being shifted to SMHS Hospital on Saturday.

The deceased has been identified as Mohammad Amin Malla, son of Mohammad Yousuf, a resident of Papchan, Bandipora. Officials said the owner of the hotel rushed the employee to SMHS Hospital in an unconscious condition, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

According to the statement of his attendants, Mohammad Amin was found lying unconscious in the bathroom of the hotel before being taken to the hospital. As per KNT, Police have taken cognizance of the incident and initiated proceedings to ascertain the cause of death. [KNT]

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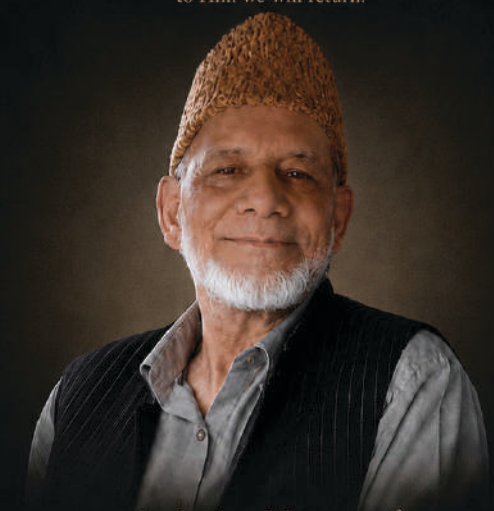
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INNA LILLAHI WA INNA ILAYHI RAJIOUN

Indeed, we belong to Allah and indeed, to Him we will return.



In Loving Memory of

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Resident of Hyderpora, Ibrahim colony, Lane No. 3, House No. 21.

With deep sorrow and heavy hearts, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father, Abdul Salam Reshi, father of Mr. Irfan Ahmed Reshi and Mr. Junaid Ahmed Reshi. He was a kind, gentle and respected soul who will be dearly missed and remembered by all who knew him.

We pray to Allah (SWT) to forgive his shortcomings, grant him Jannat-ul-Firdous and make his grave among the gardens of paradise. Ameen.

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Begging for a Bucket

The valley that markets itself on water has pushed its own daughters onto the road, proving that a fish can drown even in its own pond.



Haziqah Showkat

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Asking for water in a city built on water should not require standing in traffic and trading insults with strangers, but here we are, proving that even the smallest requests can turn into the loudest battles when nobody upstream bothers to listen.

Kashmir loves to call itself the land of rivers, springs and lakes, where water supposedly flows as freely as the poetry written about it.

Srinagar sits close enough to the Jhelum to hear it rush by, but thousands of women have learned that a picture-perfect river buys nobody a bucket of water at home.

A drop to drink, a mile to fetch.

That might as well be the official slogan of neighbourhoods the city remembers only when tourists arrive.

But since desperate times call for desperate measures, urban pockets have put that punchline straight on the road.

Women who once stood quietly in queues now stand where traffic cannot pass, holding empty buckets like placards nobody printed for them.

Horns blare, tempers flare, and for a few charged minutes the street becomes the only office in the city actually listening to a complaint.

When paperwork falls on deaf ears, the road becomes the last court of appeal.

The scenes in the summer capital are raw and unscripted. A commuter shouts that the road is no place for this. A woman fires back that her kitchen is no place for cooking without water either, so both grievances end up sharing the same stretch of tarmac.

Words move faster than traffic ever did. Someone holds up a bucket like evidence in a case the city keeps pushing to another day.

Patience has finally run dry, so has the excuse that this is only a temporary problem.

A valley proud enough to print its rivers on tourism posters cannot get that same water to flow a few hundred metres into homes that sit within earshot of it.



The well is right there, but the bucket comes back empty.

Kashmir sells the world postcards of Dal Lake at sunrise while its own women struggle for enough water to wash before the sun rises over Basantbagh, the valley's latest flashpoint of women-led protest.

What stings most is the scale of the ask.

Nobody blocking that road wants a mansion, a government post or a shortcut through the system.

They want the most basic thing a household can ask for, the kind of demand so small it should embarrass anyone who has to explain why it remains unmet.

Asking for water in a city built on water should not require standing in traffic and trading insults with strangers, but here we are, proving that even the smallest requests can turn into the loudest battles when nobody upstream bothers to listen.

Calling these women vulnerable was always the easy label, the one bureaucrats stamp onto files before shelving them.

But vulnerable people do not stop traffic with their bare hands and a look that dares a commuter to argue back.

Months of unanswered applications and dry mornings have hardened that so-called vulnerability into something closer

to defiance, and defiance, unlike paperwork, tends to get noticed fast.

Strange too how quickly a traffic jam becomes breaking news while a dry tap barely makes a footnote.

Stopped cars for twenty minutes draw a crowd, cameras and outrage columns within the hour. A household starved of water for weeks draws a shrug, a form to fill and a promise nobody plans to keep.

The city seems to believe that delaying a commute is an emergency, while delaying a life is not. The logic would be funny if it were not so painfully real.

None of this had to happen.

A repaired pipeline, a predictable water schedule, or simply an honest answer from the water department could have spared these women another day on the road.

Instead, the administration managed the remarkable feat of turning a broken pipe into a public protest.

It solved nothing, created two crises, and still left the taps dry.

Kashmir will keep printing rivers on its brochures, and Srinagar will keep sending its women onto the road until someone upstream finally makes the connection between the two.

The valley has never lacked water. What it lacks is the will to send that water where thirst actually lives.

Until that changes, the road will remain the one place in this city where the taps, quite literally, run empty and the voices do not.

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Wajahat Qazi

Dear Gen Z, Don't Lose Your Soul

In this Open Letter to the Zoomers of the West, a man who found himself between East and West asks the next generation to value the soul as much as ambition.

Guys! Greetings from a middle-aged hybrid person!

A hybrid person in his early fifties from the East with a somewhat immersive experience of, but fuller cognitive development in, the West, I would like to share what I think are insights with you.

Guys! This may sound a tad paternalistic, patronizing, and even presumptuous. But I am sure you will overlook my insouciant insolence.

I come from a generation that still thinks cumulative experience leads to some degree of wisdom and learning, and that this learning must be passed on.

Folks, I beg you, forgive me then. All I ask in the attention economy is a few moments of your time and, at the risk of sounding repetitive, attention.

Guys! Serendipity, that beautiful word, ah, that word which tells a lot without explaining much by making a mockery of cause and effect, made me make contact with the Western world.

This, folks, was the mid-90s of the 20th century, a happening one, as you may call it. I had a fractured self then.

It was in Australia, toward the fag end of what I think was more a sojourn than anything else, that I healed. I picked up the fragments of myself and became somewhat whole.

But it was not my quest to become a man of reason that made me somewhat whole. It was, well, I blush here, a bold and a beautiful one that helped.

The woman, who still resides in my heart in an elevated state, had, maybe not consciously, gone beyond the known, reason, into the unknown, the world of the spiritual and romanticism.

Guys, you know what, I am a Muslim and I should have known. But it was this bold and beautiful woman who introduced me to the great Mawlana Jalaaluddin Rumi, the poet of Islam. I also came to know about Omar Khayyaam of Iran and his famous romantic quatrains.

I still find this embarrassing, but I stand indebted to the fab woman. It was, guys, the best of times and the worst of times for me.

In the interstices of these, I healed and became somewhat whole. It was a sense of being, as that great German Heidegger would have called Dasein, where romance and romanticism became servants to rea-

son and rationality.

My conscious self had been maneuvered into going to Australia for what we, in South Asia, call higher studies, in other words, a quest for a degree, knowledge, a job, and certainty. But Allah had different plans for me, folks.

I ended up becoming more attuned to my soul and the romantic quest. Of course, the process, or the path and the journey, was difficult, even painful. But it was all worth it despite my irretrievable loss, the fab Australian woman.

But, guys, I still have her, her memory, the bold, beautiful, intense spiritual moments. This was, and remains, my education, folks!

And, in worldly terms, I have, besides my faith, an all-important determining locus of my existence, her memories to savour, cherish, and hold on to.

The corollary to this, forgive my rather reflexive use of academic parlance, was the transfiguration of, first, my fragmented self into a man of reason but, ultimately, a man on a romantic quest.

I get ahead of the story here, guys, and I guess I am rambling.

But I am over 50. I am sure you will overlook it and forgive me.

Folks, this is very important. As a mere man of reason, I would have gotten a job, settled down, worked off my ass for the government or a company, made lots of money and, in my early fifties, sought a shrink for helping me out of a midlife crisis. I would have fetishized my body, preened myself with branded clothing, snazzy cars, and may have been divorced a few times.

This may have earned me applause in the eyes of my peers and society for pivoting and reinventing myself, in tune with changing times.

The hours spent writing project reports, warding off jealousies of colleagues, learning the corporate hoopla, ingratiating myself with bosses and clients, may have made me a millionaire, with stock options to boot.

But I would, during lunch hours, while nibbling a Subway sandwich by myself, or a chicken tikka, or a doner kebab, think about my dispersed family and brood. I would then either, in my latest Tesla model, or its Chi-



nese variant, drive home. Or I would catch a BART, a subway train or tram, unfold my newspaper, read the gory, or salacious, scandalous, and sensational news of the day.

The train would drop me at the station and I would then walk into my spacious apartment bedecked with fancy gadgets.

Alone and lonely, I would make myself a cuppa, throw frozen food into the microwave, grab a bite to eat, watch TV, and doze off.

The same saga would repeat itself every day till ennui and boredom would so grip me that a vacation to chill, detox, and rejuvenate in an exotic locale, Bali maybe, would titillate me.

I would, in the meantime, hold regular counselling sessions with my shrink, who would induce me to foray into childhood memories, relations with siblings, and my mother to seek some moment of trauma.

I would leave the shrink's clinic, feeling lighter, but only for the evening.

The same drudgery, the same anxiety of the past and for the future, would recur and hold me in a vise-like grip. To peer into the future, post-retirement, I would probably live off my pension and savings, maybe in an old age home.

I would, one day, die.

A service provider would make the funer-

ary arrangements. Children would weep and grieve for a moment. An epitaph on my grave would say: Here's a man who lived a full life. Peace be upon him. Amen.

That would be it.

Guys, I know I have been rambling on and on. I am about to finish my talk and be done lecturing, as you may be thinking. But I am sure you will ignore this, be kind, and allow me to conclude.

We early middle-aged guys love nothing more than being listened to. Having lived as anonymous cogs, we love being the centre of attention. You know it, guys. You are a smart, empowered, connected, and more empathetic generation. You will allow us our moment of fame and attention.

So, after all this rambling, guys, what do I have to actually say, you may be wondering.

Folks, I thank you from the depths of my heart for listening to me. I am flattered and honoured. Bear with me a few more moments.

All I am, in my incoherent way, trying to say is that I have not lived entirely. I have mostly existed. But the interlude where the fab woman introduced me to the worlds of Rumi and Omar Khayyaam, opening more such worlds, was the best one.

It was the gateway to romanticism, bliss,

and spirituality. It was a world where reason and rationality did not reign supreme.

These were not discarded but put in their place as servants to romanticism.

In this world, the soul had primacy, and the body was not ignored. But it was a container for the soul. It was the soul that was to be nourished, not that the body was to be ignored.

No, folks, not at all. It was a world where the soul and the body connected to nature in a sublime, spiritual idiom. It was a world where the weak and the marginalized, the ill and the destitute, were not liabilities but members of a wholesome society.

It was a world of the esoteric, the mystical, and the quest for the unknown, a world where reason had a place but only as an aid to human wellbeing.

A few more words, folks, and I am done!

I do not have a self-help healing book to offer you, nor tantalizing dreams of what all money can buy, nor the titillations of an ephemeral and illusory world of the senses to offer.

Sorry, guys, that's not me.

As a South Asian origin person, I will and can only offer a thousand apologies for this. But while being a South Asian origin person, I am not the mimic man who wears a white mask on a brown face.

I am me, guys, unapologetically so!

Guys, this is what I offer, a few words of advice, if you may, or suggestions: Be yourself, guys!

Don't choose to be victims of an unconscious civilization sleepwalking into an abyss of possessiveness, mere competitiveness. Don't let a mere quest for a career, as important as it is, define it.

Reconnect to your selves.

Reconnect with your soul and nature. Internalize a quest for the unknown, and respect each other and cherish your humanness and humanity.

As and when you develop the latest AI application, create new benchmarks in machine learning, build better pathways for the future, don't forget the present.

Read Wordsworth, Chaucer, Hugo, Byron, and Keats. Follow up with Rumi, Omar Khayyam, and Saadi Shirazi.

A fuller, soulful, intense, bold, and beautiful life awaits.

You are the world's future, its trendsetters. Reclaim your selves, guys!

You have nothing to lose but your chains! Allah be with you!

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The Neighborhood That Built Kashmir

Long before Srinagar turned into a flashpoint, a crowded quarter near Jamia Masjid produced the valley’s judges, doctors, and saints, a fact that Kashmir’s own history books rarely mention.



Syed Nissar H. Gilani

Centuries ago, Kashmir’s rulers picked a capital the way a general picks high ground.

Parihaspora, near Pattan, sat on an elevation close to the Jhelum, a position built for defense and drainage both. Pampore made a similar case later: high enough to escape floods, close enough to the river to move goods and armies.

Both cities had the numbers right, but both eventually lost the argument anyway.

Srinagar won, and its rulers built it around water, threading channels through neighbourhoods, holding the sky in its lakes, running the Jhelum through the middle like a vein carrying blood to a heart.

Geography made Srinagar beautiful, but it took the people to make it a capital worth defending.

That distinction sounds abstract until you walk half a kilometer from Nowhatta, where I was born and where I spent the first five decades of my life watching a single neighbourhood produce an outsized share of the men and women who ran Kashmir.

Scholars came from these lanes, so did politicians, judges, doctors, and peers whose names still open doors in Srinagar. Local historians trace even the ancestors of Salman Rushdie back to Nowhatta’s old quarters, a claim that sounds like folklore until you count how many other verifiable careers trace back to the same handful of streets.

Jamia Masjid anchors the neighbourhood the way a keel anchors a ship.

Sultan Sikandar commissioned it in 1394, and Mir Mohammad Hamadani’s influence gave it its final form: an Indo-Saracenic wooden

structure held up by 378 deodar pillars that have watched over Kashmiri worship and Kashmiri argument for over six centuries.

The mosque worked as more than a building for prayer. It ran as a school, a debating hall, and a civic forum, the place where Nowhatta’s residents worked out what kind of city they wanted to build.

Some of that work cost blood.

Qazi Musa Al-Sayyid, a jurist known locally as Qazi Musa Shaheed, held his religious line against the Chak rulers and paid for it with his life. His grave near Shampora, Malkha, still marks the spot where principle outlasted power.

Peer Syed Hairat Kamali brought a different type of authority, running the seat of learning at Pandan and training generations in religious scholarship.

Between the jurist’s grave and the scholar’s seat, Nowhatta built its reputation on people willing to hold a position when holding it cost something.

That reputation compounded through families.

The Punjabis, Daryals, Lals, Kawoosas, Kamilis, Pirs, Shahs, Fazillis, Hakeems, and Qurashis formed a kind of aristocracy built less on wealth than on what their children became.

Abdul Gani Fazilli’s brother, Dr. A. M. Jan, earned the nickname “Luqman of Kashmir.” Hakim Ali Mohammad raised a son, Hakim Tahir, and the household stood alongside Hakim M. Amin, one of the finest broadcasters Kashmir produced.

Hakim Manzoor wrote poetry and ran an administration with equal skill. Mufti Jalal-ud-Din solved mathematics and ran Islamia High School as its principal. Professor Tayoub Shah Kamali taught at the university level, adding one more academic credential to a neighbourhood already full of them. M. Shafi Bhat Punjabi built Glamour Arts, while his brother Bashir Bhat became Deputy Director at Srinagar TV.

I think fondly of my dear friend Akram Punjabi, who is now settled in the UAE, and Khurshaid Wani alongside his father-in-law, Abdul Gani, affectionately known as “Sesha.” There was also my father’s close friend, Khwaja Abdul Samad Summa.



A YOUNG DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH RODE PAST ON A VESPA SCOOTER, AN ENGLISH WIFE OF A LOCAL TRADER DROVE A FIAT THROUGH THE CROWD, and a man everyone called “Uoos Kiskiss” rode his moped past all of it, an eccentric fixture the neighbourhood simply accepted.

The administrative record runs just as deep. Syed Mohammad Amin Andrabi served as Deputy Commissioner, and his son, Syed Yasin Andrabi, followed him into the same post, a father and son doing the same demanding job a generation apart.

Pir Mantaqi Shah followed Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah with a devotion that defined the neighbourhood’s politics for decades. Justice M. Yasin Kawoosa climbed the judiciary until he reached its highest ranks. G. R. Sofi qualified for the Indian Revenue Service, likely the first person from Nowhatta to clear one of the elite central services.

Professor Dr. M. Amin Andrabi ran the Department of Iqbaliat at Kashmir University until his death in 2002, at 62, an age that still reads as too young for someone who had

that much left to teach. Dr. Abdul Wahid built a medical career alongside a friendship that outlasted decades. Professor Ali Mohammed Peerzada taught, and his elder brother, Peerzada G. Hussan, ran Kashmir University as Registrar.

Little of this happened inside a library.

It happened at Nowhatta Chowk, a transport hub that doubled as the neighbourhood’s real classroom.

Ladies from Hazratbal sold fruit and fish, textile shops moved brisk business, and university students passed through on their way somewhere else, catching whatever conversation was happening that day.

A young Dr. Farooq Abdullah rode past on a Vespa scooter, an English wife of a local trader drove a Fiat through the crowd, and a man everyone called “Uoos Kiskiss” rode

his moped past all of it, an eccentric fixture the neighbourhood simply accepted.

Doctors gathered there too, among them Dr. Qayoom Fazili, Dr. Yusuf Fazili, Dr. Kojawal, and Dr. M.S. Mehenghar, all recognizable faces waiting for the same university bus.

Professor M. S. Want, educated in the United Kingdom, stood among them, balancing his academic standing with his role as Halqa President of the National Conference, and inspiring physicians like Dr. Allaqaband to enter medicine in the first place.

Evenings changed the register entirely, and the smell of Wazwan and barbecued mutton drifted from Ghulam Rasool’s shop, known to everyone simply as “Lassi Waza.”

Directly opposite him, Ab Rehman sold mutton and told stories sharp

enough to hold a crowd. Abdul Rashid Tichoo belonged to that same circle, a man remembered first for laughter.

One Eid, he squeezed into trousers so tight from Deen Tailors that he could not remove them for a full week, until a tailor in Malaratta finally cut him free.

Tichoo later ran for the assembly, buried a son killed in a road accident in the UAE, and built a mosque in his memory, a grief translated into permanent brick and stone.

Hari Parbat rises over all of this, and the shrines around it, Naqshband Sahab, Makhdoom Sahab, Dastgeer Sahab, gave Nowhatta a spiritual frame that matched its intellectual one.

Almost all of the old houses here sheltered a jurist, an elder, or a scholar at some point. The Mirwaiz family led from the mosque outward, while the bustling square kept producing its unscripted characters below.

I look at a photograph from March 2012, taken on the Kashmir University campus outside Gandhi Bhavan, myself standing next to my friend Zahid Ghulam Mohammad, and the whole neighbourhood comes back at once.

Zahid’s older brother, Mohd Yousuf, was famous among us for how he dressed, and that type of detail survives only because someone remembers it.

Once memory fades, it disappears along with everything harder to prove.

Nowhatta left its history scattered through individual lives rather than writing it down in one place.

It built people instead, and sent them out to run hospitals, courts, universities, and newsrooms throughout Kashmir.

The proof of what this neighbourhood accomplished sits inside other people’s biographies now, which is exactly how a forge works: it keeps its heat and lets the blade go.

I hope Zahid stays well, I hope our departed friends rest easy, and I hope Nowhatta keeps doing what it has always done, whether anyone outside its lanes notices or not.

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The Dancing Girl of the Indus Valley

A four-inch bronze figure from Mohenjo-daro has outlasted floods, colonizers and empires. Now a textbook committee wants to dress her.



Muskan Shafi Malik

She stands eleven centimetres tall, weighs less than a mango, and has spent the last century making grown institutions nervous.

The bronze figure known as the Dancing Girl came out of the ground in 1926, and she has been on trial ever since, most recently before the committee deciding whether Indian schoolchildren should get to see her at all.

The charge, essentially, is nudity.

The defense, if she could mount one, would point out that she pre-dates the concept by roughly four and a half thousand years.

Ernest Mackay found her while digging through Mohenjo-daro, a Bronze Age city in what is now Sindh, Pakistan, whose name translates loosely to Mound of the Dead.

The excavation ran under the Archaeological Survey of India, then led by Sir John Marshall, and Mackay’s team worked a residential sector called the HR Area, a grid of brick houses and drains that still reads, on paper, like a functioning city plan.

The statuette sat buried inside

what had been an ordinary home, unremarkable in every way except for what it held.

Marshall gave her the name that stuck. He saw in her posture something common from colonial-era court performances, the nautch dancers who entertained British administrators, and the comparison shaped how she would be read for a hundred years.

Her right hand rests on her hip, her weight tips to one side, and the whole pose leans toward the tribhanga, the triple-bent stance that would later define classical Indian sculpture and dance.

No inscription confirms she was dancing at all.

The name was a guess passed as a fact, and it has outlived several generations of scholars who took it literally.

But look closer and the details start doing more work than the label ever did.

Her hair sits coiled into a heavy bun low on her neck, groomed with an intention that survives translation across forty-five centuries.

Her jewelry tells its own story: roughly twenty-five bangles climb her left arm from wrist to shoulder, while her right arm carries just four, an asymmetry still visible today on tribal women in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

A choker with three pendants, likely cowrie shells or beads, sits at her throat.

She wears nothing else, and in her own era that fact held no charge at all. The nude form, in Harappan hands, was a canvas for showing off skill and vitality rather than a provocation.

Her face refuses divinity on purpose.



Large half-closed eyes, a broad nose, full lips, and a chin tilted up and back give her an expression closer to a person sizing up a room than a goddess accepting worship.

That distinction turns out to matter for understanding the civilization that made her.

Egyptian and Mesopotamian art from the same rough period fills itself with kings and gods and monsters built to awe. Harappan art keeps returning to ordinary human subjects, and historians point to the Dancing Girl as the clearest proof that this civilization built a visual culture around secular life rather than divine

spectacle.

Making her took real technical command. Harappan metalworkers used lost-wax casting, a process demanding precise control over temperature and material way before anyone wrote down a formula for bronze.

The statuette functions simultaneously as an artistic and a metallurgical record, evidence that engineering sophistication and aesthetic ambition grew up together in this civilization rather than one following the other.

What she cannot do is settle her own meaning.

The Indus script remains undeciphered, so every seal recovered



The real mystery about the Dancing Girl was never her identity. It is why a figure this small keeps forcing large

institutions to reveal what they are afraid of.

Until the script that might finally answer her is read, she stays an open question standing at the center of a very old argument about bodies, art and who gets to decide what counts as decent. Eleven centimetres of bronze, and still she will not sit still.

from these sites stays mute, and the Dancing Girl is no exception.

Nobody knows who cast her, what purpose she served, or what she symbolized inside her household, and every confident claim made about her since 1926 has filled that gap with the assumptions of whoever was doing the looking.

Marshall saw a Victorian curiosity, while Mackay called her a devadasi.

The historian Upinder Singh has pushed back on the entire premise, arguing that dancing may never have been the point and that the name itself might be a misnomer built on a colonial hunch.

The nationalist scholar Thakur Prasad Verma saw a Hindu goddess, Parvati rendered in bronze.

In 2026, the scholar Michael Danino took direct aim at the push to sanitize her nudity, calling it an updated version of the same Victorian

prudishness that produced her name in the first place.

She has survived floods, invasions and a colonial excavation that treated her as curiosity before evidence.

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15 Indian Tourists Killed In Vietnam Boat Capsize

Press Trust Of India

Hanoi: Fifteen Indian tourists were killed after a speedboat was travelling in capsized off Vietnam's Phu Quoc Island on Saturday, the Indian Embassy in Hanoi said.

There were 36 people – 32 Indian tourists and four local crew members – on board. Of them, 21 were rescued.

The Vietnam government ordered an immediate investigation to ascertain the cause of the accident.

Phu Quoc, Vietnam's largest island, is a major tourist destination, known for its white-sand beaches, coral reefs and island-hopping excursions. The tourists

in this case were reportedly returning from an island trip.

The speedboat capsized about 400 metres off Hon May Rut Ngoai, an island in the An Thoi archipelago off the coast of Phu Quoc, Vietnamese news portal VN Express International reported.

The report said nearby tourist boats rushed to pull passengers from water before the border guards, the navy, the coast guard and other forces joined the search-and-rescue operation.

It also quoted eyewitnesses saying some of the passengers were trapped inside the overturned boat, which made rescue difficult.

The bodies of all the deceased

tourists have been recovered, according to local media reports.

Of the 15 victims, 10 were from Tamil Nadu, three from Andhra Pradesh and two were from Kerala. Two of the deceased were women, according to a list shared by the Indian Embassy in Hanoi on X.

According to the list, the deceased from Tamil Nadu were identified as Senthil Kumar Jayavel, Muruga Prabhu Arumugam, Sridhar Sundarajan, Shaik Abdullah Abdul Majeed, Balaji Natesan, Vinaya Kumar Chithirapuram Bhaskara, Ravisankar Sugumaran, Santosh Kumar Shantilal Jain, Babu Kuppuswamy and Alagurajan

Sivasamy.

The deceased from Andhra Pradesh were identified as Nallapeta Adiseshaiah Raviteja, Sreedhar Mudiam and Jaya Lakshmi Gelli while those from Kerala were identified as Avicot Cheriyan Thomas and Loveni Thomas. The governments in the three southern states have issued helpline numbers to assist relatives of the affected persons.

"A big wave hit us, 20 people came out of it, and the balance members got stuck," Nirmal Kumar, a survivor, told PTI Videos.

"It's a closed boat. Since we were in the front, we (Kumar and a friend) managed to survive. Others who were behind,

got stuck. The boat authorities maintained proper safety measures," he said.

Television footage aired by Vietnamese media showed rough seas and strong winds as rescue teams threw life buoys to people in the water, AP news agency reported. Jet skis were used to ferry survivors to the shore, where bystanders administered first aid to some of the victims, it said.

The exact cause of the incident is yet to be ascertained.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Le Minh Hung has ordered an investigation into the cause of the accident and directed authorities to hold those responsible accountable, VN Express

International said in another report.

He also asked officials to review waterway and maritime safety measures in the area of the accident and other similar locations, the news portal reported.

The Indian Embassy and Consulate in Vietnam are providing all possible assistance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a post on X.

"Extremely saddened to learn about the tragic news of a boat accident involving Indian nationals near Phu Quoc, Vietnam," PM Modi said.

"My sincere condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. My prayers for the

early recovery of the injured survivors. Our Embassy and Consulate are providing all possible assistance. Our officials are also in close contact with the Vietnamese authorities," he added.

President Droupadi Murmu said in a social media post, "Saddened by the news of a boat accident in Vietnam in which many Indian nationals lost their lives. My deep condolences to the grieving families. I pray for speedy recovery of the injured."

Political leaders, cutting across party lines, from all over India took to social media to express their condolences over the incident.

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Amarnath Yatra

9,182 pilgrims departed for the twin base camps in a convoy of 333 vehicles. Of them, 3,305 pilgrims headed towards the Baltal base camp, while 5,877 left for the Pahalgam route.

The Baltal-bound convoy departed Jammu at 2:43 a.m., while the Pahalgam-bound convoy left at 3:31 a.m., officials said.

The batch comprised 6,455 men, 2,389 women, 31 children, 256 sadhus, 46 sadhvis and five transgender pilgrims. No foreign pilgrim was part of the 10th batch.

Officials said the convoy included 196 buses, 43 medium motor vehicles (MMVs), 91 light motor vehicles (LMVs) and three two-wheelers.

Authorities said the weather situation was being monitored continuously and all necessary arrangements had been put in place to ensure the safety, security and convenience of pilgrims throughout the ongoing pilgrimage.

MeT Forecasts Rain

site to monitor the situation and assess the impact of the flash flood, while the Naib Tehsildar, Sallar, was tasked with assessing the affected area and coordinating the response.

As a precautionary measure, authorities shut down all 11 KV feeders from the Receiving Station Batkoot, affecting electricity supply to Awoora, Dahwatoo, Laddi and Batkoot villages to facilitate emergency operations.

Officials said all concerned departments had been put on alert, while rescue and monitoring teams were deployed to assess the situation. There were no reports of any casualty, and damage assessment was underway at both locations.

According to independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif, a sudden spell of intense rainfall, possibly due to a localized cloudburst, struck the forest area of Awoora and Dehwathu in Pahalgam on Saturday evening, triggering flash floods in a stream that flows through the area before joining the Lidder Nallah at Batkoot.

Arif said floodwaters inundated at least half a dozen hotels, prompting the rescue and re-location of tourists to safer accommodations. Wall collapses and other structural damage were also reported, while several houses were affected after floodwaters entered residential premises.

He said the area witnessed intense rainfall between 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., with the flash flood occurring between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. According to him, water levels in the Sheshnag Nallah and the Lidder Nallah rose significantly following the rainfall but remained below their respective alarm levels.

The administration appealed to residents, particularly those living near streams and flood-prone areas, to remain vigilant, avoid unnecessary movement near the affected Nala and follow official advisories.

Meanwhile, an official of the Meteorological Centre said brief but intense showers accompanied by thunderstorms were reported from isolated locations, particularly in parts of north, central and south Kashmir.

The weather office said intense showers over parts of Kupwara, Baramulla and Budgam districts, as well as Ramban, Reasi, Doda, Batote and Udhampur, could trigger localized flash floods, mudslides and landslides in vulnerable areas. It advised people to stay away from nallahs, streams and landslide-prone areas.

The MeT Centre said intermittent spells of rain and thundershowers are expected to continue on Sunday at many places across Jammu and Kashmir, with isolated heavy rain and brief intense showers likely over parts of the Chenab Valley and the Pir Panjal range of Jammu division.

From July 13 to 17, the weather is expected to remain generally hot and humid, although scattered places may witness brief spells of rain and thundershowers, with isolated intense showers mainly over the Jammu division.

Fresh spells of light to moderate rain and thundershowers are likely at many places across the Union Territory between July 18 and 20, the weather office said.

The MeT Centre also cautioned that heavy rainfall and brief intense showers during July 11 and 12, particularly during the afternoon, evening and early morning hours, may lead to flash floods, mudslides and landslides at vulnerable locations in the Chenab Valley and the Pir Panjal range.

It reiterated its advisory asking people to avoid venturing near streams, nallahs and landslide-prone areas.

Weather Alert

those residing near rivers, streams, nullahs and landslide-prone locations, to stay away from water bodies, avoid unnecessary movement and strictly follow safety precautions until weather conditions improve.

The Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar has directed all line departments, including Revenue, Public Works Department (R&B), Mechanical

Engineering, PMGSY, JPDCL, Jal Shakti, Health and Medical Education, Irrigation and Flood Control, NHIDCL and Border Roads Organisation (BRO), to remain on high alert. Officials and field staff have been instructed to stay prepared for immediate response and ensure prompt restoration of essential services in case of any weather-related emergency.

The administration has also directed all Tehsildars to immediately report any incident involving loss of life, damage to property, road blockages or any other weather-related occurrence to the Deputy Commissioner's office for timely relief and rescue operations.

To ensure swift response during emergencies, the District Control Room at the Deputy Commissioner's Office has been activated and will remain operational round-the-clock. The public can contact the District Control Room at 9484217492 / 01995-259555, Police Control Room at 9906154100, or dial 112 under the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) for immediate assistance.

The District Administration has appealed to the public to remain alert, cooperate with authorities, follow official weather advisories and avoid travelling to flood-prone, riverbank and landslide-vulnerable areas until the weather situation normalises. (KNC)

MHA Issues Fresh

ceremonies, on the arrival and departure of the President at formal State functions and other government-organised events, and immediately before and after the President's address to the nation broadcast on All India Radio and television.

It shall also be played on the arrival and departure of Governors and Lieutenant Governors at formal State functions within their respective States and Union Territories, as well as when the National Flag is brought on parade. The ministry added that the National Song may also be played on any other occasion for which the Government of India issues specific orders.

The MHA further clarified that in States where a State Song is also rendered alongside the National Anthem or National Song, both the National Song and the National Anthem must be performed together, with the National Song being sung or played first, followed by the National Anthem.

The latest communication follows an earlier order issued on January 28 that laid down protocols for the official rendition of the National Song. It specified that the official version, comprising six stanzas with a duration of three minutes and ten seconds, should be sung during official functions such as the arrival of the President, unfurling of the National Flag and addresses by Governors.

The ministry also reiterated that everyone present at an assembly where the National Song is sung should stand in attention.

The Centre is observing the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram. While noting that it is not possible to prepare an exhaustive list of occasions for its rendition, the ministry said there is no objection to mass singing of the National Song, provided it is rendered with due respect as a salutation to the motherland and proper decorum is maintained.

The MHA also recalled the Constituent Assembly's resolution of January 24, 1950, which declared Jana Gana Mana as India's National Anthem, subject to alterations authorised by the government when necessary. The Assembly had also resolved that Vande Mataram, which played a historic role in India's freedom struggle, would be honoured equally with Jana Gana Mana and enjoy equal status.

CM Accuses BJP

who is also a Supreme Court lawyer, had offered him Rs 20-30 crore, a ministerial berth and the promise of statehood in exchange for supporting the BJP.

"God bears witness that one MLA from Jammu told me that a BJP office-bearer, who is also a Supreme Court lawyer, offered him Rs 20-30 crore, a ministry and statehood. They think people's faith is so weak," Omar said.

Expressing confidence in his party, Omar said no NC legislator would compromise his integrity for money.

"There is not a single legislator on this stage who will sell his integrity for Rs 30 crore, or even Rs 100 crore, because we know we are answerable to God," he said.

Targeting the BJP, the chief minister said the party should not expect to enter power "through the back door" after being kept out by the people.

NC president Farooq Abdullah also alleged attempts were being made to split the party, saying such efforts had been made in the past as well. He urged party workers not to be discouraged.

The BJP, however, strongly rejected the allegations and demanded that the chief minister either disclose the names of the legislators and BJP leaders allegedly involved or publicly

apologise.

BJP spokesperson and MLA R S Pathania termed Abdullah's remarks "baseless" and accused him of trying to divert public attention from the National Conference government's performance.

"Chief Minister Omar Abdullah should disclose the names of the MLAs who were allegedly offered money, identify the BJP leaders involved, and reveal when and where the alleged offers were made," Pathania said.

He questioned why the matter had not been reported to investigating agencies if such an incident had indeed occurred.

"If such a serious incident occurred, why was it not reported to the investigating agencies? An elected chief minister cannot make such allegations without placing evidence before the authorities," he said.

Accusing the NC government of failing to fulfil its electoral promises, Pathania alleged that corruption had increased and a "transfer industry" was flourishing under the present dispensation.

Demanding an apology from Omar, he said the BJP would initiate a defamation case if the chief minister failed to substantiate his allegations or withdraw them.

"Our public demand is that Omar Abdullah should apologise. If he does not, the BJP will file a defamation case against him for making misleading and unsubstantiated allegations intended to create confusion among the people," Pathania said.

The BJP leader also announced that the party would launch a statewide campaign highlighting what it described as political corruption under the National Conference government.

On the National Conference's proposed protest in Delhi seeking restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, Pathania said the Centre's position was already clear.

"The Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister have made the government's stand clear in Parliament. The Government of India has also placed its position before the Supreme Court. Statehood will be restored at an appropriate time, and there is no need to create unnecessary political drama over the issue," he said.

Don't Take Advantage

anniversary of his grandmother Akbar Jehan, Omar said the National Conference-led government had exercised restraint and opted for dialogue with the Centre, but that should not be interpreted as silence or surrender.

"We have to keep patience, but patience is not the path of weakness. It does not mean we will not raise our voice for our rights. It does not mean you can take undue advantage of our patience," Omar said.

The chief minister questioned the Centre's repeated assertion that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood would be restored at an "appropriate time" and demanded a clear timeline.

"I ask them, for God's sake, how will we know that the appropriate time has come? What do I and my colleagues have to do to reach that appropriate time?" he said.

Omar said he had consciously chosen the path of dialogue after assuming office, despite the political risks involved, in the hope that the Centre would fulfil its commitment to restore statehood.

"I kept my political future and reputation at stake and told the Centre that we want to secure our rights through dialogue and not violence. After forming the government, I wanted to give them some time to fulfil their promises. The reality is that they want to keep the situation like this," he said.

The chief minister alleged that despite the elected government being in office for more than a year, it was not being allowed to function effectively, claiming that governance continued to be controlled through the Lieutenant Governor's administration.

"Why did you allow us to form the government if you were not going to let it function? If decisions are not implemented and governance continues to be controlled through the Raj Bhavan, what was the purpose of holding elections?" he asked.

He also questioned whether the Centre's reference to an "appropriate time" meant that statehood would be restored only after the BJP came to power in Jammu and Kashmir.

"If that is what you mean, then have the courage to say it publicly. At least we will not remain under the illusion that you will fulfil your promise," Omar said.

Referring to the participation of people in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, the chief minister asked how many more elections Jammu and Kashmir would have to go through before the promise of statehood was honoured.

He also said that if the Centre could invoke "appropriate time" for restoring statehood, the elected government too could determine the appropriate time for conducting local body elections.

Omar further questioned why the Centre was willing to engage in dialogue with political stakeholders in Ladakh but not with the people of Jammu and Kashmir, urging New Delhi to adopt the same approach towards the Union Territory.

Reiterating that his government would continue to seek the restoration of statehood through democratic means, Omar warned that the Centre should not mistake patience and restraint for weakness.

India Giving

partnership between India and New Zealand. "The same spirit is reflected in our trade agreement. This agreement will accelerate our journey towards a developed India. It will create new opportunities for businesses in both India and New Zealand," he told the more than 10,000-strong gathering of the Indian diaspora.

"This is the picture of the new India, showing how India is maintaining a balance in both ecology and economy, just like New Zealand," he added.

Modi, who arrived in Auckland on Friday on the final leg of his three-nation tour, said that there is another important similarity between the two nations.

"It is our shared commitment to celebrating and preserving our indigenous cultures," he added.

Modi, the first Indian prime minister to visit New Zealand in 40 years, showed a muffler to the crowd and said he received it as a gift along with a cap and glove when he visited New Zealand around 25-30 years ago, before entering public life.

He said that the relationship between India and New Zealand is built on cherished memories, enduring friendship, shared values and a mutual commitment.

"A beautiful expression from New Zealand's culture captures the essence of this relationship -- Waka. For centuries, this word has symbolised bringing people together. A Waka is not merely a boat. It is a symbol of a shared journey. Today, the India-New Zealand Waka is ready to embark on a new voyage together," he said.

"A vast ocean of opportunities lies before India and New Zealand," he said.

Modi thanked his Kiwi counterpart Luxon, government officials and the members of the Labour Party, saying that their presence reflects the strong bipartisan support for the India-New Zealand relationship.

"It is also a testament to the remarkable achievements of the Kiwi-Indian community," he said.

Modi said the local people have embraced the Indian community in New Zealand as he mentioned a few achievers like Air New Zealand CEO Nikhil Ravi Shankar, Governor-General Anand Satyananda and cricketer Rachin Ravindra.

"New Zealand is the place where Indian cities have been respected even on the streets," he added.

"In every era, India has transformed itself... and the reason is that India is always willing to learn from others. For us, it is not the size of a country's population that matters, but its commitment to the welfare of its people, and therefore, we have learnt a lot from New Zealand and are still learning from it," he said.

"Today, we see that women are contributing on a massive scale in New Zealand's society. India, too, is today opening new doors of opportunity for women with the mantra of women-led development," he said.

Modi said that just as India places great importance on its economy and ecology, it attaches equal importance to its heritage.

"A testament to this commitment is the manner in which India safeguarded the sacred Saroop of the Guru Granth Sahib. When Afghanistan faced a crisis, we brought the sacred Saroop of the Guru Granth Sahib to India with the utmost respect and reverence," he said.

Modi urged the Indian community to continue serving as a bridge of friendship, trust and cooperation between India and New Zealand, helping to realise the full potential of the Strategic Partnership for the benefit of both nations.

Noting that 2026 marks 100 years of sporting collaboration, Modi said that both countries are keen to further deepen their sporting ties.

NPPA Caps

been priced at Rs 330.40 per kit.

Other formulations include various combinations of Atorvastatin with Ezetimibe, Clopidogrel, and Aspirin, as well as Telmisartan with Clorthalidone and Cilnidipine, used for cardiovascular conditions.

The NPPA order said any other existing manufacturer launching the same new drug within twelve months of the publication of the notification shall also do so at a retail price not exceeding the specified ceiling price, subject to filing of Form-IA on IPDMS 2.0 within one

month of launch.

The manufacturers may add GST only if it has been paid or is payable to the government on the retail price, the notification said.

As per the order, all retailers and dealers shall display the price list and supplementary price list, if any, on a conspicuous part of their premises for easy access to consumers.

The drug price regulator cautioned that any non-compliance with the fixed retail prices would invite action, including recovery of overcharged amount along with interest, under the provisions of the DPCO, 2013 read with the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

The notification has been issued in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraphs 5, 11 and 15 of the DPCO, 2013. (KNS)

J&K Appoints

cadres to fill administrative vacancies and strengthen institutional functioning.

The detailed list of promotees and their places of posting has been issued as part of the government order.]

J&K HC: 'Maternity

The administration had defended its decision by contending that the petitioners were not regular government employees but tenure-based appointees under the Jammu and Kashmir Medical and Dental Education (Appointment on Academic Arrangement Basis) Rules, 2020. According to the authorities, while maternity leave was permissible, payment of salary during that period was not envisaged, and the extension of tenure after leave was merely an academic adjustment rather than a financial entitlement.

Rejecting the stand, the court held that the Government Order of July 8, 2024, specifically provided that maternity leave would be governed by existing Government Rules. This necessarily attracted Rule 41 of the Leave Rules, which guarantees paid maternity leave.

The Court held that the Finance Department's subsequent communication could not override the parent Government Order and described it as a "blatant administrative overreach."

"It is evident that the Finance Department, in its anxiety to prune public spending, has lost sight of constitutional bounds. To penalize a mother based on the technical nature of her employment contract, while her physical and biological reality is identical to that of a regular employee, is an egregious infraction of equality that cannot withstand judicial scrutiny," the Court observed.

The court also referred to a recent Division Bench judgment in Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. and others v. Tanu Gupta, which held that contractual women employees cannot be subjected to financial disadvantage merely because they avail maternity leave.

Allowing the petition, the Court quashed the communication dated October 14, 2025, to the extent it denied pay and allowances during maternity leave. It directed the Health and Medical Education Department to release full pay and allowances to the petitioners for the entire period of maternity leave as well as for the extended residency period corresponding to the leave availed.

SIA Gets Interpol

Terrorist in October 2022, they said.

Officials said the Red Corner Notice will facilitate international law enforcement agencies in locating and detaining Kandoo, and initiating legal proceedings for his extradition to India.

The case, which was initially registered at Tarzoo police station in Sopore, was transferred to the SIA Kashmir in 2024.

After meticulous collection and analysis of evidence, examination of witnesses, and reconstruction of the conspiracy, the SIA Kashmir successfully completed the investigation, added more offences on the basis of fresh evidence and filed a comprehensive chargesheet before the competent trial court in July 2024 against six accused persons, officials said.

Of the six, two accused -- Tariq Ahmad Mir of Kalamabad in Handwara and Qayoom Najar of Batapora in Sopore -- were eliminated in encounters with security forces.

Javid Ahmad Mattoo and Rouf Najar of Sopore, and Ahmadullah Malla of Dalal Mohalla in Srinagar have been arrested and are facing trial.

Kandoo, the sixth and the main accused, is absconding; he is believed to have exfiltrated to Pakistan, officials said.

The SIA Kashmir's investigation conclusively established Kandoo's active role in the Hygam terror attack and uncovered his involvement in a wider network of terrorist activities, they said.

Besides the present case, he is wanted in at least 10 more cases involving terrorist attacks, targeted killings resulting in the deaths of more than 15 persons, arms and ammunition smuggling, and narco-terror financing, officials said.

Northern Railway Posts Strong Q1 Growth, Beats Railway Board Revenue Goals

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: During the first quarter (April-June 2026) of the financial year 2026-27, Northern Railway achieved significant milestones in operational efficiency, revenue generation, ticket checking, and passenger services. During this period, Northern Railway enhanced passenger convenience through various operational initiatives and also recorded significant revenue growth, surpassing the targets set by the Railway Board.

To meet the growing passenger demand, Northern Railway successfully operated 1,887 special trains under the "Trains on Demand" scheme. These special trains effectively managed the additional peak season demand across all major routes of Indian Railways, generating additional revenue of ₹185.52 crore.

With the aim of providing maximum reserved seats to passengers, 4,120 additional coaches were added to various trains while regularly monitoring the waiting list. This initiative not only provided relief to passengers but also generated additional revenue of ₹28.81 crore for Northern Railway.

To better utilize the Tatkal reservation system, Northern Railway also made significant progress in the areas of



Premium Tatkal quota and Tatkal quota optimization. In June 2026, total 18,531 Premium Tatkal berths were effectively utilized on 133 trips of 15 selected weekend trains, resulting in additional revenue of ₹1.02 crore. Additionally, 6,130 underutilized Tatkal berths were converted to General quota, benefiting more passengers.

Northern Railway also recorded significant progress in passenger services. During April-June 2026, total 147,462 passengers traveled on Vande Bharat trains, compared to 80,394 during the same period last year. This represents an 83 percent increase in passenger numbers. Revenue from Vande Bharat trains increased from ₹767 crore to ₹13.21 crore, a 72 percent increase.

Northern Railway also recorded significant improvements in overall passenger

and revenue performance. Originating passengers increased from 114.3 million to 120.7 million during this period, a 5.6 percent increase. Originating passenger revenue increased from ₹3,083.42 crore to ₹3,567.59 crore, a 15.7% increase.

Northern Railway also performed exceptionally well during ticket checking campaigns. During April-June 2026, 12.66 lakh cases of irregular travel were registered, compared to 11.01 lakh in the same period last year. This represents an increase of 14.99 %. Revenue from ticket checking increased from ₹72.60 crore to ₹89.21 crore, an increase of 22.88 %.

Northern Railway's performance was also remarkable compared to the targets set by the Railway Board. The target for ticket checking cases was 10.84 lakh, while the achievement was 12.66 lakh, which is 1.82 lakh (16.79 %) more than the target. Similarly, the target for ticket checking revenue was ₹73.39 crore, while the actual achievement was ₹89.21 crore, which is ₹15.82 crore (21.56 %) more than the target.

The increased efficiency of the ticket checking system is also evident from the fact that daily ticket checking revenue was more than ₹1 crore on only 3 days in April-June 2025, while the number of such days increased to 49 in April-June 2026.

Kashmir Pays Tribute to Imam Zainul Abideen (A.S.) on 25th Muharram



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Thousands of mourners across Kashmir on Saturday observed the 25th of Muharram, marking the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Zainul Abideen (A.S.) with religious gatherings (Majalis) and mourning processions held at various places in the Kashmir Valley.

The largest congregation was witnessed in Shalimar on the outskirts of Srinagar, where black-clad mourners assembled to pay tribute to the martyrs of Karbala and reaffirm their devotion to the teachings of Imam Sajjad (A.S.). The procession commenced from Chandpora, passed through Arabal, and culminated at Imam-bargah Gulshan Ali in Shalimar.

Earlier in the day, a Majlis at Bagh-e-Zainab was addressed by Aga Syed Hassan Al-Moosavi Al-Safavi, who spoke on the life, character and enduring legacy of Imam Zainul Abideen (A.S.), highlighting his message of patience, resilience and unwavering

faith in the aftermath of the tragedy of Karbala.

At Mirgund in Budgam district, thousands of mourners participated in a day-long Majlis addressed by Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari before taking out a mourning procession that concluded at the Mirgund Imam-bargah.

Authorities had earlier imposed restrictions in Mirgund, citing apprehensions of possible attacks on mourners by a rival Shia group. Despite the restrictions, the commemorations were attended by large numbers of devotees and concluded peacefully.

In nearby Chenabal, another large Majlis drew thousands of participants. The subsequent mourning procession was led by Molvi Imran Reza Ansari and concluded at Kakar-pora along the National Highway.

In Srinagar's Zadibal locality, Aga Syed Muhammad Hadi led an evening mourning procession from Doonipora to the shrine of Mir Shamsuddin Araki, where devotees offered prayers and paid homage.

Sonamarg Records 3.92 Lakh Tourist Arrivals in 7 Months: CEO SDA

SRINAGAR: Sonamarg, one of Jammu and Kashmir's most scenic hill stations, has recorded nearly 3.92 lakh tourist arrivals, including around 8,000 foreign tourists, since January this year, emerging as a year-round destination following the operationalisation of the Z-Morh tunnel, officials said.

Bilal Mukhtar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sonamarg Development Authority (SDA), speaking to KNO said the destination has witnessed an upward jump of nearly 35 to 40 per cent in foreign tourist arrivals. "Ever since the tunnel became operational, Sonamarg has remained open throughout all twelve months of the year. As of now, from January till today, we have recorded nearly 392,000 tourist arrivals, including around 8,000 foreign tourists," he said. Mukhtar said Sonamarg has also become a transit point for Ladakh, with foreign tourists travelling to or returning from the Union Territory usually spending at least one night in the destination.

He said several infrastructure projects are in the pipeline to further enhance tourist facilities. Work is underway on an ornamental see-through fencing project, while the Children's Park has been completed and only equipment installation remains. Repair and renovation of tourism assets are also underway under the Capex scheme. (Observer News Service)

Border Tourism Infuses New Life into Kashmir's LoC villages

SRINAGAR: Once known primarily for their strategic importance, villages along the Line of Control (LoC) in North Kashmir are now drawing visitors eager to experience their pristine landscapes, rich culture and traditional way of life, with border tourism steadily emerging as a new attraction in the Valley.

According to the details available with KNO, from the picturesque valleys of Gurez to the frontier villages of Keran, Machil, Tangdhar and Uri, tourists are increasingly venturing beyond Kashmir's conventional destinations, seeking quieter locations that offer a blend of natural beauty, local traditions and rural hospitality.

Officials said sustained efforts by the tourism department and the Indian Army to promote these offbeat destinations through tourism events and outreach programmes have helped bring them onto Kashmir's tourism map.

Unlike the Valley's established tourist resorts, the border villages offer visitors an opportunity to stay with local families, savour traditional cuisine, witness indigenous customs and experience a slower pace of life, residents said. The growing tourist footfall has begun creating new livelihood opportunities, with locals opening homestays, restaurants, transport services and small businesses catering to visitors. (Observer News Service)

Cop Dismissed Over Unauthorised Absence

Observer News Service

JAMMU: A police constable has been dismissed from service in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district for remaining absent from duty for more than two-and-a-half years without obtaining requisite authorisation, police said on Saturday.

Kathua Senior Superintendent of Police Mohita Sharma has ordered dismissal of Selection Grade Constable Bachan Sharma, a resident of Dhaloti village of Marheen, posted at District Police Lines (DPL) Kathua, a spokesman said. He said the official was appointed as constable in Jammu and Kashmir Police in 2011.

"During his posting at DPL Kathua, he was marked absent with effect from November 10, 2023. Despite

repeated notices, wireless messages, and summons issued through Police Station Rajbagh, and opportunities provided through show cause notices and publication in leading newspapers, he did not report back for duty," the spokesman said.

As per PTI, he said a departmental inquiry was conducted which found him guilty of willful and prolonged unauthorised absence of more than two-and-a-half years and gross disregard for departmental discipline.

Taking a serious view of the matter, the delinquent official has been dismissed from police service with effect from November 10, 2023, the date from which he was marked absent, the spokesman said.

Crime Branch Registers Case in Study Visa Fraud

Observer News Service

JAMMU: A case was registered against a person on Saturday for allegedly defrauding a local resident of Rs 3.58 lakh through multiple online transactions on the pretext of arranging a study visa to Australia, an official said.

The Special Crime Wing of the Crime Branch Jammu booked Puneet Singh, a resident of Upper Gadi Garh, following a complaint that he collected a huge amount between July and October 2025 from the victim by promising to secure an Australian study visa.

The Jammu Crime Branch spokesperson said the accused currently re-

sides in Sydney, Australia and has avoided repayment despite repeated requests.

He said the complainant also alleged that the accused had called him to Delhi using a fraudulent biometric and a fake office letter.

He said preliminary verification prima facie established the offence of cheating.

As per PTI, the spokesperson said a case under Section 318(4) BNS has been registered at the Special Crime Wing Police Station, Jammu. He advised citizens to verify the credentials of visa agents and remain cautious of fake offer letters and biometric documents.

GOVERNMENT OF UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF HORTICULTURE OFFICER BARAMULLA (SOPORE)

TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs. 2/- are invited from interested persons for auction of fruit crop of Fruit Plant Nursery Zangam Pattan and Pattan Extension Orchard for the year 2026 as detailed below:

S. No	Orchard/Farm	Fruit Crop for Auction	Date of Auction	Venue & time	Earnest Money to be deposited (Rs)	Minimum reserve Bid (Rs)
01	Fruit Plant Nursery Zangam Pattan	Apple, Plum, Pear, Walnut, Chestnut, Kiwi.	18-07-2026	11:00 AM in the office of District Horticulture Officer Baramulla (Sopore)	16000/=	155681/=
02	Pattan Extension	Apple, Pear, Quince, Walnut	18-07-2026		20000/=	206623

Interested persons in this regard can obtain the detailed tender document from the office of Chief Horticulture Officer Baramulla / Horticulture Development Officer Pattan Extension and Incharge Fruit Plant Nursery Zangam (Pattan). These documents will be available on all working days, upto 17-07-2026 between 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Properly sealed tenders are to be deposited in the office of Chief Horticulture Officer Baramulla HQ. Sopore by or before 17-07-2026 upto 4:30 P.M. The auction Committee shall open the bid in the office of Chief Horticulture Officer Baramulla (Sopore), in presence of the tenderers who wish to be present in the auction proceedings. In case of a holiday, unavoidable circumstances, or preoccupation of the Chairman, Auction Committee, on the fixed date(s), the Department reserves the right to change the auction date(s) / opening of tenders. The changes, if any will be notified accordingly.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The bid offer should be accompanied with earnest money in the form of CDR drawn on any scheduled bank in Kashmir and pledged to in favour of Chief Horticulture Officer Baramulla (Sopore) as per the following breakup:

S. No.	Name of the Departmental Orchard/Nursery/Farm	CDR to be deposited with tender
1.	Fruit Plant Nursery Zangam Pattan.	Rs.16000/=
2.	Pattan Extension orchard	Rs.20000/=

2. The person(s) intending to participate in the bidding process are required to inspect the orchard area and satisfy themselves about the inventory/ quantity etc of the fruit to be auctioned to avoid any chance of subsequent controversy.

3. The CDR deposited with the bid should bear the name of the bidder.

4. Cheque or cash deposited with the bid, as earnest money, shall not be accepted.

5. Proof of identity of the bidder should be attached with the bid.

6. The particulars of the orchard, nursery for which bid has been offered should be recorded on the sealed envelope.

7. Complete particulars/full address of the bidder should be recorded on the envelope containing the bid.

8. The successful bidder shall have to deposit the auction amount in one installment in the office of Chief Horticulture Officer Baramulla (Sopore), within 07 days from the date of communication of acceptance of offer.

9. Payments of auction money in the form of cheque will not be accepted.

10. In case the committee is convinced that the highest bid offered is not genuine offer for the fruit crop. the committee reserves the right to cancel the offer. As such, the highest bid alone should not necessarily make the bidder eligible for the contract or considered as successful bidder. The committee can invite the fresh bids for making the appropriate arrangements for auction of fruit crop.

11. On communicating the approval of bid/offer, if the successful bidder fails to deposit the auction amount and does not execute the agreement within the specified time limit, it shall be construed as backing out from the contract by the concerned. The Department, in that event, shall be within its rights to decide the matter on its merits or allot the contract to 2nd highest bidder or may re-auction the fruit crop of the respective orchard. Loss, if any sustained by the Government on this account, shall have to be made good from the defaulting contractor through the concerned Tehsildar Recoveries and the CDR will be forfeited to Departmental revenue besides initiating action against the defaulter.

12. On depositing the auction amount, the successful bidder shall have to execute an agreement immediately with the Department on non-judicial paper of Rs.10/- as per the specimen of the Department where after only the approval of the offer and formal authority for taking possession for the fruit crop/ of concerned orchard will be issued by this office.

13. Once the bid is allotted to a successful bidder, he shall be responsible for maintaining the orchard which include irrigation and spraying as per the spray schedule 2026 of SKUAST (K) or as advised by the officer incharge. If the bidder will not conduct the spray as per the schedule, officer concerned will serve a written notice to the bidder/his representative to do the needful within 24 hours and in case of the failure to do the needful, the Department will conduct the spray and recover three times the cost of expenditure from the bidder. The record of spraying will be maintained jointly by the concerned bidder/Incharge Officer/Official of the orchard/Nursery in a register which will be signed by both of them. The bidder will spray the Agro chemicals only in consultation with the concerned Horticulture Development Officer/Incharge Fruit Plant Nursery concerned.

14. The concerned bidder will communicate the complete particulars of the representative/Chowkidar/ Watcher, who will remain in the orchard till harvesting of fruit crops, alongwith photograph to concerned officer within two days of taking possession of the Orchard/Nursery.

15. In case the successful bidder does not follow the instructions/terms/conditions of the Tender Notice, the Department will be at liberty to take necessary action against the bidder.

16. Successful bidder(s), who fails to execute the contract shall be deemed to have been "Black Listed" for future auction process.

17. The auction committee reserves the right to reject any offer in full or part without assigning any reason(s) thereof.

18. It is mandatory for the bidders to harvest the fruit crop at proper maturity time and in consultation with officer/Official in charge of the orchard/Nursery.

No. CHO/BL/ACCTT/2026/ 5992-6018

Dated :- 11-7-2026

DIPK-3142-26

DT: 11/07/2026

-Sd-
(J. A. Bhat)
Chief Horticulture Officer
Baramulla (Sopore)

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION KRALPORA

E tendering NIT No 20/ RnB/ Kralpura of 2026-27 Dated: 10-07-2026

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor Jammu & Kashmir (UT), e-tenders are being invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K UT Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/ Central Governments for the following works

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit	Time of completion	Date and time of opening	Class of Contractor	Major Head
1.	Balance Work for Construction of Elementary Building Less schools (Primary) at 1011501303 PS Magray Muhalla Urdoona E	3.98	200/-	7970	12 days		Dee	Samagra Shiksha
2.	Construction of Culvert at Tarathpora Donipath road near VIE School Tarathpora	9.72	600	19450	30 days		Cee/Dee	
3.	Construction of road from Main Road to Shah Mohalla via Vij Nallah to Batwari at Villgam	4.37	200	8740	12 days		Dee	
4.	Construction of Drain from Land of G. Mohd Bhat Towards Bonibhut Shaheenpora road	3.39	200	6800	10 days		Dee	
5.	Construction/ Upgradation of road from Jamia Masjid Kukroosa to Muderhard	4.85	200	9710	12 days		Dee	
6.	Construction of Approach road to School Building Dohama at Paddergund	5.83	300	11670	20 days	28-07-2026 (12:00 AM)	Cee/Dee	
7.	Upgradation of Road from the end of Rusol Rath-er Mohalla up to Benemkhah at Kukroosa	4.85	200	9710	12 days		Dee	District Capex Bud- get 2026-27
8.	Upgradation of Islampora Gazriyal Road	6.58	300	13160	20 days		Cee/Dee	
9.	Upgradation of Talaked Mohlla Dardpora Road	4.68	200	9370	15 days		Dee	
10.	Upgradation of Herpora Warsun Road	3.83	200	7660	12 days		Dee	
11.	Upgradation of Khan Mohalla Farkin Via Syed Khan	3.91	200	7830	12 days		Dee	
12.	Upgradation of Darbal to Bashir Bakda Road Reshinpora	2.95	200	5900	10 days		Dee	
13.	Construction of R. Wall at Saribal Road Gazriyal	4.70	200	9410	12 days		Dee	
14.	Upgradation of Aadil Mohalla Salametwari incl. allied Links	8.56	600	17130	30 days		Cee/Dee	
15.	Upgradation of Wandaji Budnamal Road	3.95	200	7900	12 days		Dee	

Position of AAA/ TS : Accorded

Position of funds:- Available

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates tabulated below:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-07-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	10-07-2026 (5:00 PM) to 27.07.2026 (6:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	10-07-2026 (5:00 PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	27.07.2026 (6:00PM)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	28.07.2026 (12:00 AM) In the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora.

Upload/ Disclose the bank account number which is linked with the GSTIN and Mapped with JKPWDOMS along with proof. No payments shall be released by the department to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder.

2. Bids must be accompanied with Cost of Tender Document in the shape of Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora (tender inviting authority). Treasury Challan must be written boldly and clearly with Name of Work, Name of the Contractor along with Contact No, NIT No and Serial No of Work on NIT (if any).

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/ bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/ FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% of the allotted Cost in the form of CDR/ FDR at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/ bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the allotted cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/ Maintenance Period.

4. In case of abnormally low bid price the Circular instructions issued by the Finance Department vide No FD-Code/ 441/ 2021-02-158 dated 08-08-2025 regarding seeking of additional performance security from the selected bidder for quoting ALB are as

a. Where the bid price is below 10% but not below 20% of the project cost put to bid, the additional performance guarantee/ Security percentage shall be incremented by 0.1% for every percentage of bid price below 10% of the project cost put to bid starting at 11% with the additional bid performance guarantee being 0.1% and this additional performance guarantee percentage shall be applied on bid price.

b. Where the bid price is below 20% or more below of the project cost put to bid, the additional performance guarantee percentage shall be incremented by 0.2% for every percentage of bid price below 20% of the project cost put to bid in addition to 1% of the bid price and this additional performance guarantee percentage shall be applied on bid price.

c. The additional performance guarantee percentage shall be rounded off to the next lower percentage based on whether the decimal point of the percentage of the bid price is below 0.5% or next higher percentage based on whether the decimal point of the percentage of the bid price is 0.5% or more.

d. The additional performance security shall be treated as part of the performance security and shall be released after successful completion of DLP.

18 All other Conditions shall remain same as per the DETAILED TENDER NOTICE No 01/ RnB/ Kralpura of 2025-26 E-tendering Dated:- 16-04-2025 issued under No. Div-KRLP/ 123-37 dated 16-04-2025 and PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

19 Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/ submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/ not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/ bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

No: Div-KRLP/1414-28

Date: 10-07-2026

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