



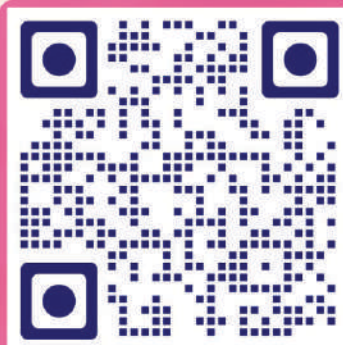
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28 Yrs On, SIA Reopens Wandhama Massacre Probe



Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: In a move to unmask the perpetrators of 1998 Wandhama massacre, the State Investigation Agency (SIA) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police has reopened the investigation into the heart-wrenching killings, where 23 Kashmiri Pandits, including toddlers, were gunned down in Ganderbal district, officials said on Tuesday.

The reopening of the case comes as part of an effort by the security agencies to re-launch probes into unresolved terror incidents involving the targeted killings of the minority Kashmiri Pandit community and to heal decades-old scars.

The horrors of January 25, 1998 night, the eve of Republic Day, continue to haunt the collective memory of the region when a group of terrorists, disguised in Army uniforms, descended upon Wandhama village in central Kashmir and entered into four households

belonging to Kashmiri Pandits for having a cup of tea.

The terrorists engaged with the unsuspecting residents in conversation, coaxing four Pandit families, who had courageously chosen not to migrate during the exodus of the early 1990s, to assemble together.

Moments after a crackle on a walkie-talkie announced that the village was surrounded, the gunmen opened fire. Within minutes, 23 people from the community were mercilessly killed, which included nine women and four children, two of them toddlers.

Among the fallen was a one-year-old toddler whose body was riddled with 18 bullet wounds. In a desperate act of motherly love, a mother had tried to shield her infant in her lap, only for both to be fallen to terror bullets.

The night's solitary survivor, young Vinod, alias Ashoo, lived to tell the harrowing tale after sneaking to the [More on P6](#)

A Night of Faith, A Morning of Milad

Thousands gather at Hazratbal for prayers and durood-o-azkar as Kashmir marks Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi today



Under Hazratbal's ornate arches, Kashmir finds a night of prayer, remembrance and devotion. KO Photo by Abid Bhat.

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As darkness settled over Srinagar on Tuesday, the

road to Hazratbal began filling with people carrying prayer mats, reciting durood and naats, and [More on P6](#)

Prez, LG, CM Extend Milad Greetings

President Droupadi Murmu, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg, Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr Moulvi Mohammad Umar Farooq and other leaders and officials extended greetings to people on the occasion. President [More on P6](#)

Ensure Heightened Vigilance: DGP

Observer News Service

Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Monday chaired a high-level security review meeting at Police Control Room Kashmir to assess preparedness for Eid Milad-un-Nabi, Raksha Bandhan and other forthcoming events across the Union Territory. The meeting [More on P6](#)

J&K Digitises 70 Lakh Land Parcels

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir has accelerated the digitisation and updation of nearly 70 lakh land parcels as part of efforts to modernise revenue administration and create a verified land database for integration with the Centre's AgriStack framework, officials said.

The exercise, being carried out by the Revenue Department in collaboration with BISAG-N under the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP), has so far resulted in more than 13 lakh rectifications following discrepancies detected during verification and grievances raised by the public.

More than 2,500 revenue field functionaries have been given role-based access for data entry, verification and approval, officials said. [More on P6](#)

India-China Talks Focus On LAC Peace

Press Trust Of India

Beijing: India and China on Tuesday discussed ways to maintain peace and stability along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and to move toward progress on delimitation of the frontier, while sustaining ongoing work on trans-boundary cooperation, as National Security Advisor Ajit Doval held extensive talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

Held under the framework of the Special Representatives [More on P6](#)

Kishtwar Minor's Rape, Death NCST Seeks Report From J&K Officials

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on Tuesday took cognisance of the alleged rape and subsequent death of a minor girl in Kishtwar district and sought a response from senior Jammu and Kashmir officials within five days.

The action followed a complaint by the Tribal Gujar Bakkarwal Welfare Foundation (TGBWF), which sought

invocation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, monitoring of the investigation and compensation for the victim's family.

The 15-year-old Gujar girl from the Chatroo area was allegedly sexually assaulted by her teacher over a period of months, resulting in pregnancy. She died on August 20 during an alleged attempt to terminate the pregnancy.

Acting on [More on P6](#)

Farooq's Resignation Call: Ruhullah Says Will Respond Soon

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Member of Parliament Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi on Tuesday said he would respond in the coming days to party president Dr Farooq Abdullah's call for his resignation from the Lok Sabha, while maintaining that he holds the veteran leader in high regard.

Talking to reporters, Ruhullah said he respected Farooq Abdullah and indicated that he would not ignore a request from the senior NC leader.

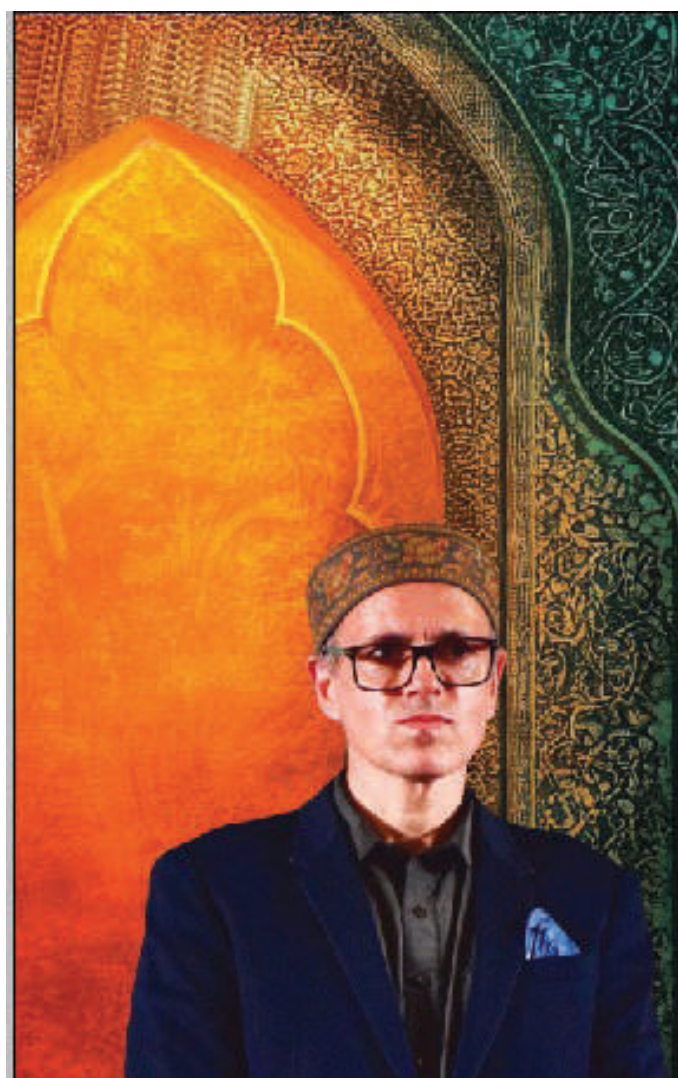
"It is not possible that he asks me for something and I don't give it to him. It is not possible



that I send him back empty-handed," Ruhullah said.

His remarks came a day after Farooq Abdullah challenged him to resign as a Lok Sabha member and seek a fresh mandate from the people.

Farooq had said that if Ruhullah believed [More on P6](#)



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Monsoon Fevers: Doctors Warn Against Antibiotic Misuse

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Amid a spike in monsoon-related illnesses, doctors have said people should avoid self-medication with antibiotics as fever does not automatically mean a bacterial infection and that indiscriminate use of the drugs can contribute to antimicrobial resistance.

Physicians stressed that fever is a symptom rather than a diagnosis and could be caused by viral infections, dengue, malaria, typhoid and several other conditions.

Treatment should be guided by the clinical assessment, duration of illness, associated symptoms and appropriate diagnostic investigations, wherever indicated. "Patients frequently come to us after taking multiple medicines, including antibiotics, simply because they have developed fever. Fever by itself is not an indication for an antibiotic. The first step is to determine what is causing the fever " Dr Sujeet K Choudhary, Chief Medical Officer, Internal Medicine, Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research, said. Antibiotics are designed to treat bacterial infections and have no effect against viral illnesses, he said

Taking them unnecessarily can cause avoidable side effects and, more importantly, contribute to the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), "making infections harder to treat in the future.

Dr Neeraj Nischal, Professor in the Department of Medicine at AIIMS, Delhi, said symptoms of several monsoon-related illnesses can overlap, making it important for people to avoid self-diagnosis and



self-medication.

"Fever, body ache, headache, weakness and gastrointestinal symptoms can occur in a number of infections. Management should be guided by the patient's clinical condition and, where required, appropriate investigations," Dr Nischal said.

He also cautioned people against using leftover antibiotics from previous prescriptions or taking antibiotics prescribed for someone else.

"Antibiotics should not be started, stopped or modified without medical advice. People should not change the dose, duration or frequency on their own. If symptoms persist, fail to improve or worsen, the patient should be reassessed rather than simply adding another antibiotic ," Dr Nischal said.

Dr Mayank Uppal, senior consultant, Internal Medicine at Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research said antimicrobial resistance was increasingly making treatment of infections

more challenging.

"Antibiotic resistance is not a future threat; it is already affecting clinical practice. When antibiotics are used unnecessarily or incorrectly, they exert pressure that allows resistant organisms to survive and spread," Dr Uppal said. He, however, stressed that the answer was not to avoid antibiotics when they are genuinely required. "Antibiotics remain lifesaving medicines. The objective is not to reduce their use indiscriminately but to ensure that the right patient receives the appropriate drug, dose and duration based on the clinical situation," Dr Uppal said.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) guidelines on antimicrobial use emphasise appropriate antibiotic selection and caution against indiscriminate empirical treatment, particularly when a bacterial infection has not been established.

Doctors said patients with persistent or worsening fever, breathing difficulty, altered consciousness, severe dehydration,

persistent vomiting, bleeding or marked weakness should seek prompt medical evaluation.

People with underlying illnesses, older adults, young children and those with compromised immunity may also require earlier assessment, Dr Asuri Krishna, professor in the department of Surgery at AIIMS, Delhi said.

Another concern was the tendency among patients to judge the severity of an infection solely by the intensity or duration of fever and seek antibiotics when symptoms did not improve immediately, he highlighted.

"Fever for a few days does not necessarily mean that a stronger antibiotic is required. In many viral infections, supportive treatment and adequate hydration are the mainstay, while persistent or worsening symptoms need a fresh clinical assessment to identify whether the diagnosis needs to be revisited," Dr Krishna said.

Dr Choudhary also cautioned against making treatment decisions based solely on rapid diagnostic tests or information obtained online.

"Diagnostic tests have to be interpreted in the context of the patient's symptoms and examination. A test result in isolation should not become a reason to start or stop an antibiotic. What is important is a proper clinical assessment followed by appropriate investigations when indicated," he said.

Avoid taking antibiotics without medical advice, and consult a qualified healthcare professional when fever is persistent, severe, recurrent, or accompanied by concerning symptoms, Dr Choudhary said.



Government of UT of Jammu & Kashmir

STATE ALLIED AND HEALTHCARE COUNCIL, J&K

Constituted vide Govt. Order No. 777-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated: 19.11.2024

email:- sahcjandk@gmail.com; sahc-jandk@jk.gov.in

Website: https://www.sahcjk.gov.in/

Subject: Submission of documents by institutions offering Allied & Healthcare / erstwhile Paramedical courses in J&K for compilation and preliminary verification of statutory status.

Public Notice

The State Allied & Healthcare Council, J&K (SAHC-JK), is undertaking compilation and preliminary verification of records of institutions offering Allied & Healthcare / erstwhile Paramedical courses in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Accordingly, all such institutions are required to furnish the following information and supporting documents, institution-wise and course-wise:

1. Registration documents of the institution/society/trust/company, as applicable.
2. Government Essentiality Certificate/NOC/permission/approval, wherever applicable
3. Recognition/approval/registration and course-wise sanction by the competent authority, including approved intake and validity.
4. University affiliation/approval, including validity.
5. Recognition/NOC/registration, if any, issued by the erstwhile J&K Paramedical Council, including subsequent renewal/extension/withdrawal/cancellation, if any.
6. Details of courses presently conducted, awarding/affiliating body, academic session, sanctioned intake and campus/branch/study centre, if any, along with supporting authorization.
7. Course-wise and session-wise details of students presently enrolled.

The above shall be submitted with self-attested supporting documents and an undertaking regarding correctness and completeness at email Id: sahc-jandk@jk.gov.in within 21 days from publication of this Notice. No physical submission shall be entertained.

Submission of documents shall not confer or imply any recognition, approval, affiliation, registration or statutory status. All claims shall remain subject to verification by the competent authorities and applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.

Failure to furnish the requisite information within the stipulated period shall be recorded and may be placed before the competent authority for appropriate action, as warranted under the applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.

Issued with the approval of Chairperson, State Allied and Healthcare Council, J&K

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Dt: 25-08-26.

Assistant Legal Remembrancer (ALR)
State Allied & Healthcare Council, J&K

DIPK-4975/26 dated: 25-08-2026

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION ANANTNAG

NIT 71 OF R&B/Anantnag/2026-27 /E-TENDERING/6171-80, DATED 24-08-2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc.(in Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of Completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1.	Upkeep maintenance of Road from Shaheed Humayun Muzammil Memorial Govt Degree College to AshajiPora Anantnag.	15.00 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 12.71 + (18% GST Amount 2.29)	600	30000/-	60 Days	District Capex Budget 2026-27 (R&B UT Sector)	BEE, CEE, DEE Class & MSME's Only
2.	Construction of Crate bund for Protection of road and Households near Jamia Masjid including Ghat at Kateriteng Block Bijbehara Phase-II	59.31 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 52.26 + (18% GST Amount 9.05)	1600	118620/-	02 Working Seasons	Road Sector Capex Budget 2026-27	AAY Class Only
3.	Upgradation of Guree interior roads including Kanderpora.	34.67 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 29.38 + (18% GST Amount 5.29)	1100	69340/-	02 Working Seasons	Road Sector Capex Budget 2026-27	AAY & BEE Class Only

Project Authority : 1. District Development Commissioner Ananatnag.

2. Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Anantnag.

Position of AAA : 1. Accorded vide Order No. 379 -DDCA of 2026, Dated 06.08.2026.

2. Accorded vide Order No. 23 & 30 of SE/R&B/Ang/AAA 2026-27, Dated 06.08.2026 & 13.08.2026 respectively.

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

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	24-08-2026
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 25-08-2026 (10:00 AM) To 01-09-2026 (04:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 25-08-2026 (10:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 01-09-2026 (04:00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid(online)	02-09-2026 (10:30 AM)
		In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag.

1. Bids must be accompanied with a Receipt of cost of Tender document/Tender Fee deposited in a Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account bearing No. 0470010200000099 (Division Name, NIT No. and Item No/ Name of Work to be mentioned in the Remarks of the Receipt (The Date of transaction should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and Receipt of EMD (2% of advertised Cost), also deposited in a Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account bearing No. 0470010200000099 (Division Name, NIT No. and Item No/ Name of Work to be mentioned in the Remarks of the Receipt. (The Date of receipt of EMD and Tender Fee should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date). The same EMD/Tender Fee receipt should not be used in more than one Tender/Bid.

2. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost). Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

Note:a. MSME's are required to pay only 50% of Tender Document Cost or Rs500/- whichever is lower.

b. MSME's are required to pay only 50% of the amount of EMD/ Bid Security or Rs 5000/- whichever is lower

3. The Bid security amount of the successful Bidder shall, upon completion of the bidding process be transferred from single Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account to Performance Security Deposit Head on Authorization from HoD during the currency of contract agreement including defect liability period. In addition, the differential amount of performance security shall be furnished by the Bidder in cash to the designated Authority. Failure to produce differential amount of Performance Security shall render the LI as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor for a period of 01 Year be forwarded to Higher Authorities.

4. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released 60 Days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.

5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag

6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

d. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

e. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

f. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

8. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

9. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

10. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

11. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

13. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

(Er. Mohammad Waseem)
Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Anantnag

DIPK-4996/26
dated: 25-08-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name and D.O.B has been wrongly mentioned on as Ali Mohammad Butt s/o Ghulam Mohi ud din Butt and D.O.B 22.10.1976. Instead of correct name is Ali Mohammad Bhat s/o Ghulam Mohi u din Bhat and D.O.B 23.11.1969.

.Now I want to apply for its correction .If anybody has any objection he/she may contact concerned authorities within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my adhaar card bearing no: 2737 5276 8214 as Jan Mohammad while my correct name as per Domicile Certificate is John Mohammad Hajam. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned adhaar centre Jammum/ Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

John Mohammad Hajam
S/O Ghulam Hassan Hajam
R/O B Atapora Kanihama

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mother's Name on birth certificate of my ward namely Sarwat Zehra born on 06-12-2017 has been wrongly written as Munaza While her correct mother's name is Munaza Mushtaq. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Irshad Hussain Bhat
F/o Sarwat Zehra
R/o Alamdarpora Magam

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the Number Plate of my Scooty TVS Jupiter while travelling in Nowgam Srinagar. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Police Station/ARTO within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Imtiyaz Ahmad Wani
S/o Mohammed Amin Wani
R/o Lasjan Srinagar

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The electricity connection with consumer ID: 0204050003278 registered in the name of Ab Gani Akhoun is to be transferred in favour of Nazir Ahmad Akhoun S/O Abdul Gani Akhoun R/O Wanihama Hazratbal Kashmir University Srinagar Objections if any must reach concerned authorities within a week at the most.

Nazir Ahmad Akhoun

S/O Abdul Gani Akhoun

R/O Wanihama Hazratbal Kashmir

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Jawad Bashir Mir, S/o Bashir-ud-Din Ahmad Mir, R/o Old Chanapora, near Ahlihadees Masjid, Lone Mohallah, hereby inform the general public that I have lost the following documents on 22-05-2026:

1. Passport bearing No. S7424868
2. 10th Class Marks Card bearing Roll No. 818223 and Registration No. NI0302350003
3. 12th Class Marks Card bearing Roll No. 803227 and Registration No. NI0302350003
4. B.Tech Marks Cards (all 8 semesters) bearing Roll No. 14205135032 and Registration No. 2965-SME-2014

I intend to apply for duplicate copies of the above-mentioned documents from the concerned authorities. Any person having any objection to the issuance of duplicate documents may submit the same before the concerned authority within the prescribed period.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Musadiq Nazir, S/o Nazir Ahmad Wani, R/o Watamagram, District Budgam, hereby declare that I am the registered owner of Maruti Suzuki Alto 800, bearing Registration No. JK05J-0638, registered with ARTO Budgam.

The above vehicle is registered in my name. This notice is being published for information and record purposes. Any person having any objection in this regard may raise the same with the concerned authority within the prescribed period.

Sd/-

Musadiq Nazir
S/o Nazir Ahmad Wani
R/o Watamagram, Budgam

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mudasir Hussan, F/o: Mohammad Izhan Bhat R/o: Dangerpora Malla Bagh, Hazratbal, Srinagar, do hereby certify that I am applying for the correction of the parentage name in the school records of my Son, who is studying in Green Valley Educational Institute Ellahi Bagh.

Incorrect Father's name: Mudasir Hussain Bhat

Correct Father's name: Mudasir Hussan

Incorrect Mother's name: Yasmeena

Correct Mothers name: Yasmeena Mudasir

If anybody having any objection to the said correction, he/she may contact the office of the Principal Green Valley Educational Institute Ellahi Bagh, Srinagar within 7 days of this notice. After that no objection will be entertained.

Mudasir Hussan
F/o Mohammad Izhan Bhat
R/o Dangerpora Malla Bagh, Hazratbal, Srinagar

Media line advt

NOTICE

I, Mohd. Shafi Khan, S/o Ghulam Mohammad Khan, R/o Azad Colony, 90 Feet Road, Soura, Srinagar – 190011, do hereby inform the general public that my business/establishment, previously operating under the name "KHAN KITCHEN WEAR", is now being changed to "KHAN ENTERPRISES". I maintain a bank account with Jammu & Kashmir Bank, bearing Account No. 0204010100002856, under the name "KHAN KITCHEN WEAR". I now intend to change the name of the said bank account and all related banking records from "KHAN KITCHEN WEAR" to "KHAN ENTERPRISES". The change is only in the business/trade name, and there is no change in the ownership/proprietor of the business.

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

Mohd Shafi Khan
S/o Ghulam Mohammad Khan
R/o Azad Colony, 90 Feet Road, Soura, Srinagar – 190011

Media line advt

Office Of The Naib Tehsildar Kreeri

Sub: Application of Gh Mohd Mir S/o Sonaulah Mir R/o HAIL KREERI for issuance of Income Dependent certificate.

NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above, in this context, a detailed report sought from the concerned patwari halqa which reveals tha the family consists of 04 members and the annual income of the applicant family from all sources is Rs 70000 moreover family structure of the applicant is as under

S. NO	NAME OF DEPENDENT	RELATION WITH APPLICANT	AGE	OCCUPATION
1	Gh Mohd Mir	Self	55	Labour
2	Sarwa Begum	Wife	56	h/w
3	Javid Ahmad	Son	25	Student
4	Jameela Bano	Daughter	22	h/w

It is further submitted that Gh Mohd Mir S/o Sonawallah Mir is labour by profession and is sole earning member of the said family the applicant needs income dependent certificate in favour of his Son Javid Ahmad Mir for Labour Deptt

The applicant has applied for issuance of income dependent certificate. As such the instant mater is published through newspaper. If any one is having any kind of objection may approach this office within 7 days (Seven Days of the publication of this notice after passing of stipulated time of 7 days (Seven Days), no objections will be entertained.

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Naib Tehsildar

PARAS Health Srinagar to Remain Open on August 28

Specialist doctors across multiple medical and surgical departments to be available

Observer News Service

Srinagar, Aug 25: PARAS Health Srinagar will remain open on August 28, with specialist doctors across a wide range of medical and surgical disciplines available for consultations and treatment, the hospital said on Tuesday.

The hospital said the initiative is aimed at ensuring uninterrupted access to specialist healthcare for patients requiring medical advice, follow-up consultations, diagnostic evaluations and further treatment planning.

Consultants will be available in Nephrology, Urology, Pulmonology, Gastroenterology, Surgical Oncology, Orthopaedics, Internal Medicine, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Radiology, Psychiatry, Endocrinology, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, and Cardiology, among other departments.

Patients will be able to seek consultations for a range

of health concerns, including kidney and urinary disorders, respiratory ailments, gastrointestinal and liver-related conditions, cancer-related surgical care, bone and joint problems, women's and children's health, mental health, hormonal disorders and cardiac conditions.

PARAS Health Srinagar said it remains committed to providing patient-centred, compassionate and advanced healthcare services to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The availability of specialists across multiple departments reflects the hospital's efforts to strengthen access to comprehensive multi-speciality healthcare under one roof, it said.

Patients and attendants have been advised to register in advance to avail consultations and services on August 28.

For registrations and appointments, patients can contact 910327368 or 910327250.

Dog Bite Cases Trigger Alarm in Zari Mohalla

Aabroo Hussain

Srinagar: Three dog-bite incidents reported in Zari Mohalla, Lal Bazar, within just 24 hours have triggered alarm among residents, with an additional dog-bite case reported in the locality a couple of weeks ago.

Amid growing concern over repeated attacks, the officials Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) on Tuesday visited Zari Mohalla and took away one stray dog from the area.

The latest and most serious incident involved retired Superintendent of Police Mohammad Amin

Bulbul, who was attacked by a stray dog and sustained

significant injuries. His pinky finger was reportedly severed during the attack and taken away by the dog, while he also suffered injuries to his legs and arm. He may require surgical intervention, subject to medical assessment.

The string of incidents has heightened fear among residents, particularly children, elderly people and pedestrians who regularly move through the locality.

Residents have welcomed the immediate intervention by the SMC but have urged the civic authorities to undertake sustained measures to prevent further attacks and address the stray-dog situation in the area.



CM Omar Backs Teachers, Promises to Address Key Concerns

CM addresses one-day Education Conference organized by J&K Teachers Forum at SKICC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said the responsibility of shaping the future of Jammu and Kashmir's children cannot be placed on teachers alone, stressing that the government, parents and educators must work collectively to prepare the younger generation for a rapidly changing world.

Addressing a one-day Education Conference organised by the J&K Teachers Forum at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), the Chief Minister said teachers play a pivotal role in shaping young minds, but placing the entire burden of educational transformation on them would be unfair and would add to the pressures of an already demanding profession.

The conference, themed "Child is Our Priority", brought together educators, researchers, policymakers and teachers to deliberate on key challenges confronting the education sector, issues faced by teachers and students, and the way forward.

Reflecting on the changing nature of the teaching profession, Omar said the challenges faced by

teachers today were vastly different from those encountered a decade or two ago.

He said children were growing up in an environment shaped by smartphones, social media, multiple television platforms and, increasingly, artificial intelligence.

While students must be encouraged to ask questions, he said, they should also learn to listen and engage meaningfully with the answers they receive.

The Chief Minister recalled former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's emphasis on the role of parents and teachers in shaping the minds of children and building a better society.

"Today, when we put more responsibility on you, I also realise that it is not as easy to be a teacher today as it was 10 to 20 years ago," he said.

Omar noted that teachers now have to compete with multiple distractions for the attention of students, while the growing use of artificial intelligence has created new challenges, including determining whether a student's assignment is their own work or assisted by AI.

He also acknowledged that the

government often adds to the workload of teachers by involving them in activities beyond classroom teaching, including cultural programmes, commemorative events, awareness campaigns, election duties and other official assignments.

Assuring the teaching community of government support, the Chief Minister said genuine service-related and professional concerns, including transfers, Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs), vacancies and other issues, would be addressed.

"If you have problems with transfers, if you have problems with DPCs, if you have problems with vacancies, if you have problems with other things, then we have to solve those problems," he said.

He assured teachers that he and Education Minister Sakina Itoo would work together to resolve their concerns.

Omar also highlighted the difficult conditions in which many teachers serve, particularly in remote and rural areas, and called for greater recognition of those working in challenging circumstances without influence or access to people in positions of power.

Sakeena Itoo Reviews Health Sector Scenario in Chanapora

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education Sakeena Itoo on Tuesday reviewed the overall health sector scenario and availability of healthcare facilities in Chanapora constituency, stressing the need to strengthen public health infrastructure and ensure accessible, responsive and quality medical services.

The review meeting was attended by MLA Chanapora Mushtaq Guroo, Principal Government Medical College Srinagar and other senior officers of the Health and Medical Education Department.

During the meeting, the Minister took a detailed stock of the functioning of health institutions in the constituency, including the availability of doctors, paramedical staff and other manpower, essential medi-

cines, diagnostic facilities, infrastructure, equipment and patient-care services.

She directed the concerned officers to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the requirements of healthcare institutions and identify areas requiring immediate intervention.

Itoo stressed that healthcare delivery must remain centred on the needs of patients, particularly those belonging to economically weaker and vulnerable sections of society.

She called for ensuring uninterrupted availability of essential medicines and consumables, besides strengthening diagnostic and emergency services. The Minister also emphasised the optimum utilisation and timely maintenance of medical equipment so that patients do not have to travel outside the constituency for basic healthcare needs.

Mirwaiz Greets Muslims on Eid Milad-un-Nabi(PBUH)

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has extended heartfelt greetings to Muslims on the blessed occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) saying that the birth and advent of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) brought an enduring message of mercy, guidance and hope to humanity.

Mirwaiz said that the true significance of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) lies in understanding and practically following the Seerah and exemplary character of the Prophet in our individual and collective lives.

He said that many of the moral and social challenges confronting society can be addressed by returning to the teachings of the Prophet (PBUH) and making them a guiding principle in every sphere of life.

Mirwaiz urged Imams, Ulema, Khateebes, teachers and parents to play an active role in spreading the message of the Seerah, particularly among the younger generation, and called upon mosques, khanqahs, imambaras and educational institutions to contribute towards building a compassionate, responsible and morally upright society.

DPHQ Udhampur

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Dated: - 24.08.2026

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As requested by Dy.SP Hqrs. Udhampur that on 21.08.2026, applicant namely Sukh Dai W/O Naresh Kumar R/O Sarsoo P/O Dhandal, Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur lodged a missing report at P/S Udhampur to the effect that her son namely Gurdeep Singh, age 33 years is missing since 10/12 days. The applicant has conducted his search, but he has not been traced out. Accordingly, a missing report has been entered by P/S Udhampur vide DDR No. 23 dated 21.08.2026 and search started. The Photograph with descriptive roll of missing person is as under

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Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated **11.05.2026** thereby calling upon the Borrowers namely **1) Shakeel ahmad Bhat S/O Nazir Ahmad Bhat R/o Rawath Pora Bagaat Barzula Srinagar**, Proprietor of **M/s Munawar Traders (A/c No. 027802100000300) (Borrower/Mortgagor)** and guarantors namely **2) Mr. Mehraju din Wani S/o Mohd Shaban Wani R/o Rawath Pora Bagaat Barzula Srinagar.190005 (Guarantor)** and **3) Mr. Mr. Mohammad Latief Wani S/o Mohammad Shaban Wani R/o Rawath Pora Bagaat Barzula Srinagar 190005 (Guarantor)** to repay an amount of **Rs.9,87,498.20 (Rupees Nine Lacs Eighty Seven Thousand Four hundred Ninety Eight & Paise Twenty only)** being the balance outstanding as on 30.04.02026 in the account of the borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrowers having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrowers in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J&K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on **24.08.2026**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to **Rs.9,96,243.20 (Rupees Nine Lacs Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three & Paise Twenty only)** together with future interest thereon from 01.08.2026 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

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- 1278 - Battle of Marchfeld: Rudolf of Habsburg defeats Ottokar II
- 1303- Delhi Sultan Alauddin Khilji captures Chittorgarh, capital of the Guhila Kingdom
- 1957 - USSR announces successful test of intercontinental ballistic missile
- InventionMorris Mini-Minor
- 1959 - British Motor Corporation introduced the Morris Mini-Minor,
- 1974 - Guinee-Bissau becomes independent of Portugal
- 1974 - Soyuz 15 carries 2 cosmonauts to space station Salyut 3
- 1978 - Soyuz 31 carries 2 cosmonauts (1 East German) to Salyut 6
- 1981 - Space Shuttle vehicle moves to Launch Complex 39A for STS-2 mission
- 1981 Voyager 2 takes photos of Saturn's moon Titan
- 1982 - NASA launches Telesat-F
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KO VIEW

Kashmir's Milad Tradition

Eid Milad-un-Nabi is one of the rare occasions when Kashmir gathers around a shared memory with such force that faith becomes part of the valley's public life.

The occasion marks the birth of Prophet Muhammad, PBUH, observed on the 12th of Rabi al-Awwal, and in Kashmir it has grown into something larger than a religious date.

It is devotion, inherited culture, family memory and community life meeting in the same place.

Hazratbal gives that connection its most powerful expression.

The shimmering shrine houses the Moi-e-Muqaddas, the relic believed to be associated with the Prophet, and its public display draws thousands of worshippers.

Historical accounts trace the relic's arrival in India to 1635, while Kashmiri accounts place it in the valley by the end of the 17th century. Hazratbal subsequently became its permanent home and one of Kashmir's most important spiritual centres.

The scale of Milad at Hazratbal says something about Kashmir itself.

Worshippers spend the night in prayer, reciting the Quran, sending du-rud and listening to sermons on the Prophet's life. Men, women and children gather for the relic's deedar. Similar prayers take place at mosques, khangahs and shrines throughout the valley, including Jenab Sahib Soura, Khangah-e-Moula, Peer Dastgeer Sahib and Makhdoom Sahib.

The tradition also reaches beyond the shrine. Srinagar's streets have historically been decorated with banners and flags, while people have distributed kand sharbat, a traditional Kashmiri drink. Markets have joined the celebration, with shopkeepers decorating their premises and extending special offers.

Such details show how Milad has entered Kashmiri social life rather than remaining confined to places of worship.

Its history also carries a deeper lesson. The Moi-e-Muqaddas has occupied a special place in Kashmiri consciousness for generations. When the relic disappeared from Hazratbal in December 1963, the episode triggered widespread protests and became a major social and political crisis. Its recovery days later showed how profoundly the relic was woven into the emotional life of the valley.

Milad therefore asks Kashmiris to look beyond spectacle. The Prophet's life is invoked as a guide to compassion, honesty, justice, humility and service. Those values gain meaning when they enter homes, businesses, neighbourhoods and relationships.

Kashmir has changed profoundly over generations, but Milad remains one of the occasions that connects grandparents with children, shrines with streets, private faith with public fellowship. Its greatest significance lies there: a community pauses together, remembers together and asks itself what kind of life its faith should produce.

That is why Eid Milad-un-Nabi remains deeply Kashmiri. It is a day of remembrance, certainly. It is also a test of whether remembrance can become conduct.



Irshad Mushtaq

“The money is there, but what's missing is a strategy sharp enough to turn that money into commissioned megawatts fast enough to change the underlying economics.

Why Kashmir Still Buys Power

Billions in central assistance keep flowing north, but three-quarters of the region's rivers remain untapped, and the bill for that failure lands on families.

Jammu and Kashmir sits on one of the richest hydropower reserves in India: an estimated 18,000 megawatts of gross potential, with 14,867 megawatts formally identified for development.

Only 3,540.15 megawatts have actually been commissioned. That leaves 76.19 percent of the identified potential untouched, a gap large enough to explain most of what ails the region's power economy.

This is the number that should anchor the whole debate about Kashmir's finances. Politicians routinely discuss subsidies, tariff hikes and central grants, but those arguments skip past the underlying problem: the region has built out barely a quarter of the hydropower it already knows it can generate.

Ownership compounds the shortfall. Of the 3,540.15 megawatts already commissioned, only 1,197.4 megawatts sit in the Union Territory's own sector. The central sector controls 2,250 megawatts, and private players hold another 92.74 megawatts.

So even the power generated inside Kashmir borders doesn't automatically translate into revenue or savings for the people who live here.

Winter makes the problem worse, as demand for electricity climbs sharply during the cold months, precisely when run-of-river projects, which depend on flowing water rather than stored reservoirs, produce the least.

The system then buys expensive power from outside the region at the moment consumers need relief most.

It's a mismatch built into the geography, and it punishes households twice: once through higher bills, and again through the subsidy strain it puts on public finances.

Distribution losses add a third dimension of damage. KPDC's own energy audit put Aggregate Technical and Commercial losses at 33.65 percent for 2024-25. That's an improvement from 40.65 percent the year before, but it still means a third of the electricity flowing through the grid disappears before it reaches a paying customer.

Layer that loss on top of a system already straining to buy costly winter power, and the financial picture turns bleak fast.

The tariff numbers confirm it. The FY 2025-26 order approved an Aggregate Revenue Requirement of Rs 7,959.02 crore for JPDCL and KPDC

combined, against expected revenue of Rs 6,471.29 crore from the existing tariff structure. That leaves an approved gap of Rs 1,487.73 crore, money that has to come from somewhere, usually the public purse.

None of this happens because Delhi has withheld support. The 2026-27 budget framework set aside roughly Rs 43,290 crore for Jammu and Kashmir, including Rs 42,650 crore in central assistance, plus separate funding for disaster response and the Jhelum-Tawi Flood Recovery Project.

The power sector alone received close to Rs 5,620 crore under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme for distribution strengthening. Capital expenditure for power climbed from one budget cycle to the next too: Rs 2,021.37 crore in 2025-26, up Rs 762.80 crore from the revised 2024-25 figure, followed by Rs 1,718 crore for Power Development in 2026-27 and another Rs 1,431 crore in untied funds earmarked partly for hydro-electric works.

The broader capital canvas is bigger still: total capital expenditure of Rs 32,607 crore in 2025-26, and a proposed outlay of Rs 25,236 crore for 2026-27.

The money is there, but what's missing is a strategy sharp enough to turn that money into commissioned megawatts fast enough to change the underlying economics.

Compare Kashmir with Himachal Pradesh, a neighbouring mountain state with a similar river endowment.

Himachal has identified 24,587 megawatts of hydropower potential and harnessed 10,948 megawatts of it, meaning it has developed 44.53 percent of what it owns.

That's 20.72 percentage points higher than Kashmir's 23.81 percent, roughly 1.87 times Kashmir's conversion on the same kind of natural asset.

Himachal now meets about 88 percent of its own electricity needs from hydropower, built through a mix of state, central, joint and private sector projects working together rather than in isolation.

Himachal built that record through a development model that treated ownership, transmission planning and long-term asset structuring as parts of one system instead of separate bureaucratic silos.

Kashmir can learn that lesson without copying it wholesale.

The fixes are specific enough to act on. Kashmir needs to speed up the roughly 7,000 megawatts of hydropower

proposed for the next decade, backed by an estimated Rs 59,294 crore in investment, and stop letting viable projects stall in the pipeline.

Capital funds should flow first toward equity participation in strategic projects, transmission evacuation, loss reduction, metering upgrades and winter-balancing infrastructure, the categories that produce lasting savings instead of one-time relief.

Subsidy design should shift toward a lifeline model that protects low-income households on a defined block of cheap power while pushing heavier consumption toward pricing that reflects real cost.

Institutional reform counts just as much as construction.

Kashmir needs to capture more value from the hydropower generated inside its own territory through equity, royalty, free-power entitlements and clear asset-transfer terms once project concessions expire.

The public also needs to see the numbers. A yearly disclosure, project by project, covering generation, ownership shares, free-power receipts, purchase costs, losses and subsidy spending would turn an opaque sector into an accountable one.

The public argument here is simple once the numbers are laid out.

Hydropower left undeveloped saves nobody money. It lies as potential on a government spreadsheet while families pay winter bills built on expensive imported power and a grid that loses a third of what it moves.

Convert even half of the remaining 76.19 percent into commissioned capacity, tighten losses toward Himachal's benchmark, and redirect the subsidy machinery toward the households that actually need it, and the region's finances start to look fundamentally different.

Kashmir isn't short on rivers, budget support or policy documents laying out what to do next. It only lacks the follow-through that turns identified megawatts into commissioned ones, and commissioned megawatts into lower bills.

Until that changes, the region will keep paying dearly for water it already owns.

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The Trust of Three CMs

Sheikh Abdullah, Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah each showed me a different side of the same principle: trust an officer, give him room to act, and expect him to stand by his decision.



Farooq Ahmad Khan

I served under three chief ministers of Jammu and Kashmir across a career spanning more than three decades, and I have spent years trying to name what those post-ings had in common.

It was trust, handed to me at moments when I had done little to earn it, and the responsibility that trust forced on me afterward.

My first encounter came in 1980, when I was twenty-four and had just become Company Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir State Forest Corporation. Truck drivers went on strike, afraid that the conversion of a government lumbering undertaking into a corporation would cost them their pensions.

Senior officers available that morning hesitated to face Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah in place of our absent managing director, so the assignment fell to me.

Sheikh Sahib asked why the drivers were striking. I explained that private timber lessees, angry at losing their business to the new corporation, had likely stirred the unrest.

He listened, weighed my account against what the drivers themselves had told him earlier that morning, then picked up an intercom and instructed his finance minister to send the men back to work.

Bureaucratic hierarchy played almost no part in that decision. Judgment did, exercised between two men holding

wildly different amounts of power in a single room.

Seventeen years later, as managing director of the Gulgarg Gondola project, I understood what that type of trust demands once it settles on an officer's shoulders.

The corporation had to finish the cable car before the first National Winter Games opened on March 1, 1998. Dr. Farooq Abdullah visited the site twice as the deadline closed in, once landing by helicopter at Kongdoori to see the progress with his own eyes.

After one visit, he raised both hands toward Mecca and prayed for my family and me. Small as that gesture sounds today, it captured something larger about how governance worked in Kashmir then: a chief minister staked his political standing on an individual officer's word, and the officer knew precisely what that meant.

The stakes turned explicit once the Gondola opened and rumours about its safety began spreading, some of it stirred, I believe, by pony operators anxious about losing customers to the cable car.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah convened a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat and asked me directly to answer for the project's safety. I told the room that I would take personal responsibility for anything that went wrong. He said he trusted my word completely and closed the meeting there.

One officer's assurance, backed by a chief minister's confidence in him, settled a public controversy without a commissioned audit, an external review, or any institutional hedge built into the decision.

Modern administrative theory would flag this as a governance weakness: accountability resting on personal trust instead of process, judgment exercised without a paper trail, risk absorbed by a single individual instead of distributed throughout an institution.

My own experience argues the opposite.

The trust placed in me did not lighten my obligations. It multiplied the scrutiny I applied to myself, because I alone would answer if a single cable car failed.



Systems built entirely around process can let responsibility dissolve among committees and sign-offs until nobody stands the ground beneath a decision.

Kashmir administration worked, in the years I served it, because somebody always stood that ground.

My years as deputy commissioner of Doda, under Omar Abdullah, taught me the same lesson from a more openly political angle.

Political parties in Doda agreed on almost nothing else in 2011, but delegation after delegation told the chief minister the same thing: keep this officer where he is.

Omar Abdullah later told fellow officials that Doda stood out, because most districts asked him to remove their deputy commissioner while Doda asked him to retain one.

I valued that observation because it came from ordinary conversations with citizens rather than a confidential file, and it said something about what communities actually want from an administrator: presence over turnover, familiarity over rotation, competence proven over time rather than assumed from a posting order.

That trust carried a personal cost I had not expected.

When my younger brother, Syed Khan, died in a road accident in 2012, I asked Omar Abdullah for a transfer back to Kashmir so I could stay near our grieving parents.

Ghulam Nabi Azad called me soon afterward and persuaded me to withdraw the request and finish another year in Doda.

I agreed and stayed.

That decision belongs at the center of what I am arguing here: public officers in Kashmir were expected to subordinate personal grief to institutional continuity, and most of us accepted that expectation without much complaint.

None of what I have described argues for weaker oversight or looser institutions. Kashmir administration has documented failures that no amount of personal trust between officers and leaders would have prevented.

Still, looking back across three political generations, from Sheikh Abdullah's National Conference in the early 1980s through Omar Abdullah's tenure after the 2008 assembly elections, I see the same basic mechanism at work behind every difficult project and controversy: leaders identified officers they trusted and gave them room to act.

Kashmir today runs on a far more centralized and security-conscious administrative structure than the one I served, produced by decades of conflict and, since 2019, by direct rule from New Delhi through a lieutenant governor.

Personal trust between elected leaders and individual civil servants has less room to operate when so many major decisions get made outside the state altogether.

I am not arguing for turning back the clock on any of that. I just hope that whatever comes next for Kashmir administration should find some way to preserve what made the old system work: officers willing to say, in a room full of skeptics, that they will answer personally for what happens next.

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The Essence of Eid-e-Milad

Remembering the Prophet means reflecting on the values he placed at the heart of human life: knowledge, dignity, justice and accountability.



Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Bhat

The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) was a teacher of life, showing people how to think, act, and live with compassion and integrity. His guidance still reaches far beyond his own era.

He first made knowledge universal. Learning was no longer the privilege of a few. It became a duty for all. Knowledge lit both mind and heart, opening paths for growth, morality, and progress.

He gave clarity about the Creator. Life gained meaning, and the patterns of the world became signs of responsibility and conscious living. People were encouraged to look beyond survival and see purpose in their choices.

He instilled awareness of life's purpose. Human beings are reflective and capable of choice. Responsibility and intention shape existence more than circumstance alone.

He offered a framework for ethics. His teachings touched daily life: how to speak, act, and treat others with fairness. These principles were practical guides for character and community.

He shaped a complete code of conduct. Integrity began within and flowed outward into action. Growth meant tending to the self as carefully as to society.



He taught mastery over the self. Conquering ego and desire was harder than facing external challenges. True strength came from discipline, reflection, and restraint.

He emphasized relationships. Respect, fairness, and accountability were the foundations of social life. Communities flourished when care and responsibility guided

human interaction.

He taught mastery over the self. Conquering ego and desire was harder than facing external challenges. True strength came from

discipline, reflection, and restraint.

He championed dignity for all. Honour was not tied to birth or wealth. Every person carried inherent worth. Women were recognized,

empowered, and given rights equal to men. Equality was a principle, not a privilege.

He emphasized accountability. Every thought and action mattered. Responsibility shaped both relationships and society. Moral awareness was practical, asking for constant reflection and care.

He nurtured a direct relationship with the divine. No intermediary stood between humans and God. Spiritual life was personal and empowering, built on prayer, reflection, and conscience.

Through these ten gifts,



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Muhammad (ﷺ) shaped humanity. His teachings formed a vision where knowledge, ethics, dignity, and accountability help people live with meaning.

These lessons endure because they speak directly to human nature. They call for reflection, responsibility, and action. They remind us that growth is possible, justice is necessary, and dignity is universal.

Muhammad (ﷺ) offered a living instruction for all time, a challenge and a gift that continues to shape hearts and minds today.

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Reading the Prophet Through His Life

His journey from orphanhood and hardship to moral and social leadership shows what makes his example enduringly relevant.



Faheem Gundroo

Prophet's mosque in Medina is one of the prettiest architectural marvels of modern age. The dome, the tall gold coated pillars inside the compound, which is spread over thousands of square of feet takes one breath in awe. I performed my Umrah (the lesser pilgrimage) in the spring of 2019. While being continuously mesmerized by the beauty of the mosque and its surroundings, my mind kept wandering back to 7th century Hejaz when Prophet migrated to this oasis town from Mecca. Medina was Yathrib then.

The mosque was nothing but a structure constructed by Prophet and his companions, made primarily of mud bricks and palm thatched roof. Prophet had a tiny room within the precincts of this modest structure, where he lived.

Who would have imagined that from this self-effacing structure, an idea would emerge that changed the course of history. Perhaps, like never before, one man had influence enough to change not just the geography of Hejaz but also start an Arab social reform movement which transformed into a universal religion. And that in my eyes is Prophet's biggest legacy. His life itself. We have omitted the essence of his life. We have rather dwelled on easier lessons from it.

Prophets before him had powers which attracted people to them. Moses had the gift of magic, Jesus could bring dead back to life, and Dawood had a mellifluous voice. Muhammad, at least in well documented narratives, had none of such miraculous powers. Yet he won over people.

To think of it, if God's plan was to spread only His message of truth, He could have given powers to the Prophet very soon. Why did God wait for 40 years of Muhammad's life, before sending the divine message? If Muhammad was destined from start to be the messenger of God, then there is no story to it. That is, it becomes a matter of the inevitable unfolding of divine will, and thus devoid of all conflict or tension.

The answer to the dichotomy lies in reading about Muhammad, especially his early life — an epic roman-fleuve of hardships and struggle.

A man who is loved by billions of people across the world was born an orphan. By the age of 8, he had lost his father, mother and grandfather. Raised by his uncle Abu Talib, the tradition lays great stress on the fondness for young Muhammad. But many suggest the hagiography may be twisted here.

Muhammad was expected to perform menial jobs and many times denied things which a child could have yearned for. Later, in his adulthood, he asked for the hand of his cousin for marriage. He was denied because a better suitor had proposed. The point is that hardships, struggle, deprived childhood could have made him bitter to the world he existed in. Yet it didn't. In fact, his heart was full of love and kindness for everyone.

After marrying a wealthy merchant Khadija, Muhammad's life



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took a turn. He was rich, surrounded by affection, and respected by all. He could have gone living like this — quietly and happily. Everything was in favor of it. Yet, he was not satisfied by this humdrum existence, day in and out. The appalling injustice around made him restless.

Mecca, where Prophet was born, was a barren, craggy and unbelievably bare valley with no

scrap of soil. The life generally was hard especially for the poor Meccans. Socially and culturally, the high-desert steppe had fallen into deep piths of darkness and superstitious beliefs. The rich Quraish ruled over the poor. There was no visible system of justice. Women were treated abominably, with no tradition of inheritance and individuality. A tribal society which was not kind

to widows and orphans. Where marginalized had no system to fall back on.

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To the questions of morals and purpose of life, which have mystified mankind since the cosmic explosion; Muhammad's life removes the abstract virtues in it. His life brings reality into it. His life is a living example of how one should treat his neighbors and how one should behave with people who are considered socially below us. The lessons of Muhammad's life are not to be read only in terms of appearance — growing a beard and following a ritual.

On the contrary, Muhammad's life story is an extraordinary confluence of man, ideology, struggle and time. His life is extraordinary not just because of the divine message but because of the humanly possible. His life is one of those rare ones which is more dramatic in reality than in legends.

To read and understand about his life is a means to clearly see Muhammad's message, and to understand how he accomplished his journey from powerlessness to strength, from anonymity to renown, from insignificance to significance. For a better world, we must free Muhammad's life from constructs of legends to practicable everyday interchange.

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JKPSC Seeks Overhaul Of ‘Obsolete’ Recruitment Rules

Agencies

Srinagar: Terming the existing recruitment rules as “obsolete” and “redundant”, the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) has recommended their urgent revision.

In its Annual Report for 2025–26, as per Kashmir News Observer, the Commission expressed serious concern over what it described as decades-old recruitment rules of government departments. “Recruitment Rules of most of the State Government Departments framed decades ago are very old, outdated, and obsolete and have become redundant and require their revisions and updating to

keep pace with the fast-changing social, economic and technological scenario, as well as the efficiency and expertise required for handling assignments of a complex nature in view of the diversification and specialisation in the field of governance and functioning of government organizations,” the report noted.

The Commission stressed that diversification in fields such as education, medical sciences and computer sciences must be accommodated and incentivised through updated service rules.

It said that modernising recruitment rules would also help reduce litigation.

The apex recruitment body of the UT further pointed out that

draft recruitment rules submitted by departments for concurrence are often incomplete. “The proposal for seeking concurrence of the J&K PSC on the draft recruitment rules is being submitted incompletely by some Administrative Departments in respect of comparative statements, creation/abolition orders and concurrence of the Finance Department in case of change of nomenclature/creation of posts. In order to ensure uniformity, the Commission issued a checklist for submitting draft recruitment rules, and the same has been forwarded to all the Departments,” the report stated.

The Commission has called for immediate notification of

recruitment rules for which it has already conveyed its concurrence.

It cautioned that no amendment in service rules should be made without consulting the PSC, as required under existing regulations.

The PSC has also recommended that departments must consider minimum qualifications while revising recruitment rules. “It has been noticed that in various departments, a certain category of posts is eligible for promotion to the next level post even without the basic minimum qualification as per the existing recruitment rules of the concerned departments,” the report reads.(KNO)

OBC Creamy Layer Row: SC To Consider Special Bench

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to consider setting up a special bench to hear Centre's plea seeking clarification on the applicability of its March 11 judgement on OBC creamy-layer criteria to candidates of the Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2025.

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) seeks directions allowing the government to proceed with service allocation of the 958 candidates recommended by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for CSE-2025 on the basis of the OBC creamy-layer determination applied before the March 11 verdict.

At the outset of the day's proceedings, a bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, that the DoPT has filed a miscellaneous application in a disposed of matter seeking some urgent directions, and it has to be listed before a bench headed by Justice P S Narasimha.

Senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for a litigant, said that a bench comprising justices Narasimha and R Mahadevan had passed the order on March 11 and the instant miscellaneous application has to be heard by the same bench as the judges sit in different combinations now.

"We will have to set up a special bench," the CJ said, adding that he will speak with the judges and set up the bench.

The DoPT's plea arises from the top court's judgement in a case titled as Union of India vs Rohith Nathan, in which the court, on March 11 held, among other things, that the October 14, 2004 clarifying letter could not override the September 8, 1993 office memorandum governing identification of the OBC creamy layer.

The court also held that the salary or income of a parent employed in a public sector undertaking or the private sector could not by itself be treated as the determinative criterion for creamy-layer exclusion.

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28 Yrs On, SIA

upper storey of his house and hiding himself beneath a heap of dried cow-dung. He listened in agonising terror as bursts of gunfire were answered by the shrieks of his loved ones, followed by a haunting silence that left him the sole bearer of Wandhama's memory.

Though an FIR was lodged at the Ganderbal police station linking the massacre to the terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the case has remained unsolved for almost 30 years. In March 2000, security forces killed Hizbul Mujahideen commander Hameed Gada alias Bombar Khan, who was believed to be the mastermind behind the Wandhama slaughter, in an encounter, but key co-conspirators were never brought to trial.

The case was highlighted that year at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

In its renewed crusade for justice, the SIA has also reopened probes into several other previous killings, which included the 1989 assassinations of prominent lawyer and BJP leader Tika Lal Taploo and Justice Neelkanth Ganjoo, who had sentenced JKLF founder Maqbool Bhat to death.

The agency recently concluded its investigation into the horrific April 1990 kidnapping and murder of Sarla Bhatt, a nurse at SKIMS Soura, submitting a comprehensive 737-page chargesheet naming jailed JKLF chief Yasin Malik as a key accused.

Multiple raids were conducted earlier this month to unearth fresh evidence in the 1990 double murder of Kashmiri Pandit poet Sarwanand Koul Premi and his son Virender Koul.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg also extended greetings and prayed that the occasion would bring peace, prosperity, happiness and well-being to the people.

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A Night of Faith

making their way towards the shrine in anticipation of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi.

By nightfall, thousands of devotees had gathered around Hazratbal, turning the shrine and its adjoining spaces into a vast congregation of prayer and remembrance.

The intervening night of August 25 and 26 carries a special place in the religious life of Kashmir. From across the Valley, families, elderly devotees and young people travelled to Hazratbal to spend the night in prayer and reflection as the occasion marking the birth of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) approached.

The shrine echoed with durood-o-azkar, naats and prayers as the night-long Shab Khwaani continued.

For devotees, Milad is more than a date on the religious calendar. It is an occasion to return to the life and message of the Prophet — to mercy in place of anger, compassion in place of indifference, patience in times of trial and brotherhood beyond differences.

"People come with love in their hearts and prayers on their lips," said Mohammad Salam Dar, a devotee in his 70s.

Abdul Jabbar, another devotee, said the gathering offered an opportunity to reconnect with the values associated with the Prophet's life.

"We come here not only to pray but also to remember his teachings of mercy, patience, compassion and brotherhood," he said.

As the night deepened, the movement of devotees continued around Hazratbal. The sound of naats and prayers blended with the hum of traffic on the roads leading to the shrine, giving Srinagar's northern edge the character of a city awake in devotion.

On Wednesday, Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi will be observed across Jammu and Kashmir. Mosques, shrines and religious institutions are holding prayers, Quran recitations, religious discourses, durood and naats.

Scholars and clerics are expected to speak about the life and teachings of the Prophet, with particular emphasis on mercy, compassion, tolerance, patience and brotherhood.

Roads bend around a gathering

The scale of the Hazratbal congregation has also prompted extensive traffic arrangements.

Traffic Police City Srinagar has issued a detailed advisory for the intervening night of August 25 and 26 and for Friday, August 28, following Eid-e-Milad.

Vehicles approaching from north Kashmir will be diverted through Parimpora, Qamarwari, Noorbagh, Sekidafar, Eidgah, Hawal, Alangari Bazar and Kanitar before reaching the University parking area from the Saderbal side.

Those arriving from south Kashmir will be routed through Panthachowk, Batwara, Sonwar, Gupkar, Nishat and Foreshore Road before entering the Naseembagh-side University parking area.

Separate routes have been prescribed for devotees travelling from Budgam, Lal Chowk and Ganderbal.

The University campus will serve as the principal parking area, with the Sir Syed Gate designated for vehicles from north and central Kashmir and the Budshah Gate for those arriving from the south and Ganderbal.

Devotees from Rainawari and Khanyar can use the NIT Parking/Multi-Level Parking at Hazratbal, while a separate traffic camp has been designated for VIP and official vehicles.

For a city accustomed to the rhythms of celebration and remembrance, Milad brings a different kind of gathering — one measured less by spectacle than by the quiet repetition of prayer.

And at Hazratbal, through the long night and into Wednesday, Kashmir's devotion finds its most familiar address.

Prez, LG, CM

Murmu said Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi was an occasion to recall the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), which inspire people to follow the path of pious conduct and dutifulness.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said the life and teachings of the Prophet remain an eternal beacon of peace, equality and compassion, and urged people to live by the values of love, kindness and universal brotherhood.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the occasion carried a timeless message of peace, compassion, equality, tolerance and brotherhood.

"Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) reminds us of the timeless message of the Prophet (PBUH), rooted in kindness, tolerance and service to humanity. Let us dedicate ourselves to following this noble path and promote unity, brotherhood and mutual respect across all sections of society," Omar said.

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He said the true significance of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi lies in understanding and practically following the Seerah and exemplary character of the Prophet in individual and collective lives.

Mirwaiz urged Imams, Ulema, Khateeb, teachers and parents to play an active role in spreading the message of the Seerah, particularly among the younger generation.

National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, ministers Saakeena Itoo, Javed Ahmad Rana and Javid Ahmad Dar, PDF chairman Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen and MLA Satish Sharma, among others, also extended greetings. (ONS)

Ensure Heightened

reviewed security deployment, crowd management, surveillance, traffic regulation and emergency response mechanisms, with the DGP directing field formations to ensure heightened vigilance and foolproof security arrangements well in advance.

The meeting was attended by Spl DGP Coordination J&K, IGP Kashmir Zone, IGP Jammu Zone, all Range DIGs and district SSPs and police district heads, besides SSP PCR Kashmir, AIG (Ct & Int) PHQ and other senior officers.

Prabhat stressed the need for special security arrangements at major shrines, mosques and other religious places, particularly Dargah Hazratbal, where large congregations and nightlong prayers are expected.

He directed officers to ensure adequate security coverage, effective surveillance and close coordination among field formations so that any emerging situation is detected and addressed promptly.

The DGP also called for strengthened surveillance at sensitive and vulnerable locations, along with effective deployment at strategic points and areas expected to witness heavy public movement.

Traffic regulation and route management plans around major religious sites and procession routes were also reviewed. Officers were directed to ensure smooth and safe movement of devotees and the general public while preventing congestion.

Security arrangements for Raksha Bandhan were also discussed, with police directed to make advance arrangements at markets, temples and other prominent locations likely to witness increased footfall.

Prabhat emphasised that all field formations must remain alert, coordinated and responsive throughout the events, with adequate contingency measures in place to deal with any unforeseen situation.

He directed officers to complete all security, traffic and crowd-management arrangements well ahead of the scheduled events to ensure their peaceful and safe conduct across Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K Digitises 70

The initiative goes beyond scanning and digitising existing records and involves their updation, verification, public scrutiny and authentication.

A dedicated software platform has been developed for village-wise management of land records through a structured database, enabling systematic search, validation, monitoring and authorised updation of records.

Under the three-tier maker-checker-approver system, the Patwari enters the land record, while the Girdawar and Naib-Tehsildar verify it against the source revenue records. The Tehsildar then provides final approval.

Officials said the system maintains an electronic audit trail at every stage, helping identify transcription errors, omissions, incorrect shares and other discrepancies while fixing accountability for entries and approvals.

District-level mentors and Prabhari officers have also been deployed to monitor the progress and quality of the exercise. District committees are undertaking cross-tehsil verification, they said.

As part of public scrutiny, more than 6,800 village-level camps have been organised for public reading of Jamabandis, enabling landholders to flag discrepancies involving names, shares and mutations.

Digitised land records have also been made available for public viewing through the JK Zameen Sudhaar portal.

The government has additionally incorporated around seven lakh backlog mutations into the digitised Record of Rights following verification and approval.

The verified land database is now being transformed to support AgriStack under the Centre's Digital Agriculture Mission. The framework envisages an integrated digital architecture comprising the Farmers Registry, geo-referenced village maps and Crop Sown Registry.

A key component of the exercise is accurately linking farmers with their landholdings. Since traditional Jamabandis can contain multiple co-owners under a single Khasra, the digitisation process captures the precise land extent attributable to each recorded owner in a machine-readable format.

So far, 31.26 lakh Khasra records have been converted into the required owner-extent format, officials said.

Under the farmer-validation process, landholders authenticate themselves through e-KYC, view their landholding details and claim the appropriate landholding group before providing voluntary electronic consent. A Farmer ID is generated after the prescribed verification and approval process is completed.

Officials said the digitisation drive would make Records of Rights more accessible and reduce the need for repeated visits to Patwari and Tehsil offices.

For farmers, the AgriStack and Farmer ID framework is expected to facilitate more efficient delivery of eligible government schemes, subsidies, agricultural inputs, credit, insurance, procurement-related services and disaster relief.

The initiative is aimed at creating a verified and farmer-validated digital land information ecosystem, improving transparency in revenue administration and strengthening the delivery of agricultural services across Jammu and Kashmir.

Farooq's Resignation

his 2024 Lok Sabha victory was based on his own support rather than the National Conference organisation, he should resign and return to the electorate.

"Resign from Parliament and come back to the people. Let us see who votes for you," Farooq had said.

Asked whether he would accept the challenge, Ruhullah said he would give an answer in the coming days without immediately disclosing his decision.

Ruhullah said he would explain his position before responding to the demand.

Farooq had also told Ruhullah that if he believed Article 370 could be restored, he was free to raise the issue in Parliament, while accusing him of pursuing the "wrong path".

The NC president had questioned Ruhullah's political approach and stressed the importance of loyalty to the party and its workers.

Ruhullah, who represents Srinagar in the Lok Sabha, said he would respond to Farooq's remarks after explaining his position.

NCST Seeks

the complaint submitted by the foundation through its Member Trustee Kabir Ahmed on Monday, the NCST said it had decided to investigate the allegations and issued notices to the J&K chief secretary, director general of police and senior superintendent of police, Kishtwar.

The Commission directed the officials to submit relevant facts, information and details of action taken on the allegations within five days of receiving the notice.

It further cautioned that failure to submit the required response within the stipulated period could prompt it to exercise powers of a civil court under Article 338A of the Constitution, including issuing summons for the appearance of concerned officials.

Welcoming the intervention, the TGBWF said the NCST's action was an important institutional step towards accountability and justice for the victim and her family.

The foundation has also sought a probe into allegations of threats, monetary inducement, attempts to suppress the matter at the community level, possible non-reporting by persons who had prior knowledge and the role of individuals who may have facilitated or concealed the alleged offence.

Police have registered an FIR against the accused teacher, who was arrested along with his brother in connection with the case.

A key issue raised by the foundation is the alleged non-invocation of provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act despite the victim belonging to the Gujjar Scheduled Tribe.

The foundation has sought verification of the victim's tribal status and the social status of the accused, examination of the applicability of the relevant provisions of the Act, protection for the victim's family and witnesses, preservation of digital and medical evidence, and payment of legally admissible compensation and rehabilitation benefits.

The TGBWF said the NCST notice marked the beginning of a constitutional inquiry and called for a factual and time-bound response from the J&K administration and police.

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad also condemned the incident, describing it as "absolutely horrifying and shameful".

Azad appreciated the police for the swift arrest of the accused and said he should face exemplary punishment for the alleged crime.

"The rape of a minor girl from the ST community and her subsequent death is absolutely horrifying and shameful. I appreciate the police for swift action against the culprit who deserves exemplary punishment," Azad said.

He called for a strong societal response against crimes of this nature and expressed solidarity with the bereaved family, urging that justice be delivered swiftly and in accordance with law.

India-China Talks

dialogue, the Doval-Wang talks came weeks before Chinese President Xi Jinping's anticipated visit to India for the upcoming BRICS summit.

In his opening remarks at the meeting, Doval said that normalcy in the ties between India and China has been a direct result of both sides maintaining peace and tranquillity in the border areas.

"The two sides positively reviewed the ongoing momentum in bilateral relations which is in line with the directions and vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping," the Indian embassy in Beijing said.

"They discussed ways to further expand bilateral cooperation, maintain stability and ensure peace and tranquillity in the border areas, and make progress on boundary delimitation, while sustaining the ongoing work on trans-boundary cooperation," it said.

The Special Representatives (SR) dialogue took place amid reports of aggressive military posturing by Chinese troops along the LAC in the Upper Subansiri region of Arunachal Pradesh.

Doval landed in Beijing on Monday on a two-day visit and his trip is largely seen as part of ongoing efforts by the two neighbours to rebuild their relationship after it came under severe strain following the deadly Galwan Valley clashes in 2020.

"I am very happy we are here for the 25th round of talks which are very important, particularly in the wake of the BRICS summit to happen shortly," Doval said.

"We meet in keeping with the guidance of our leaders, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping, who have given clear and positive direction to our relationship both at Kazan and Tianjin," Doval said, referring to the meetings the two leaders held on the sidelines

of the BRICS summit in Russia in 2024 and the SCO summit in China last year.

Referring to progress made by the two sides in normalising the ties following the eastern Ladakh military standoff, Doval said the bilateral relationship has been steadily returning to normalcy.

"The normalcy we have witnessed in our relationship has been a direct result of both sides maintaining peace and tranquillity in the border areas," he said.

"We have extensively talked about it today just to see how to effectively reinforce and further consolidate our efforts to maintain peace and tranquillity in the border areas," he said in an apparent reference to differences over the border and Arunachal Pradesh, which China claims as South Tibet.

Doval also talked about advances made by the two countries in improving people-to-people ties.

"The successful conduct of Kailash Manasarovar Yatra via Nathu La and resumption of our traditional border trade via all the three passes brought tangible benefits for our people, particularly people living in the border areas," he said.

In his remarks, Wang said the China-India relationship has gone beyond the bilateral scope and taken on global and strategic significance.

"It is important for us to step up communication, to enhance mutual trust, to remove disturbances and overcome obstacles. We need to be good friends that enjoy good neighbourliness and be good partners that contribute to each other's success," he said.

Wang also talked about adding new impetus to the ties during the talks with Doval.

He reiterated that China and India should draw lessons from history, place the boundary question appropriately in bilateral relations, and keep moving forward without stagnating, backtracking or veering off course.

Wang called for gradually building a positive narrative on China-India boundary affairs, making dialogue, peace, consultation and co-operation the mainstream and injecting positive factors into the sound and stable development of bilateral relations, a statement on the talks issued by the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

"I look forward to continuing to have in-depth exchange of views with you on issues of shared interest to better understand each other and to properly handle the boundary question, to not only maintain peace and tranquillity in the border area but also inject new impetus for the bilateral relationship," he said.

Wang also said the two sides have stayed in regular communication through diplomatic and military channels on boundary affairs, implementing the guidance of PM Modi and President Xi.

Terming his talks with Doval as "very in-depth and candid," the Chinese minister expressed hope to reach a new consensus.

The Chinese statement said the two sides held in-depth discussions on advancing border delimitation negotiations, strengthening border management and control, improving mechanism-building and promoting cross-border cooperation.

Both Doval and Wang are the designated SRs for the boundary talks mechanism, which was established in 2003 to comprehensively address the dispute of the India-China border spanning 3,488 km.

While success eluded it in resolving the boundary dispute, officials on both sides regard the structured mechanism as a useful tool in addressing the recurring tensions between the two countries on various fronts.

Ahead of the talks, Doval called on Chinese Vice President Han Zhang.

The two leaders discussed ways to strengthen peace and tranquillity in the border areas and further improve bilateral ties across economic, political and multilateral fora, in accordance with the consensus reached between the leaders of the two countries, the Indian Embassy said in a post on X.

During his meeting with Doval, Han said China and India should view and handle bilateral relations from a strategic and long-term perspective, and work together to implement the important consensus reached by their leaders.

"The two sides should enhance strategic mutual trust, tap the potential for cooperation, maintain close multilateral coordination, properly manage differences, and promote the sustained and stable development of China-India relations," Han was quoted as saying by the state-run Xinhua news agency.

In August last year, China and India successfully held the 24th round of talks, during which the two sides had candid and in-depth exchanges of views on the boundary question and reached a number of common understandings.

CM Omar Lays Foundation for Wussan Fruit Mandi

Observer News Service

TANGMARG: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday laid the foundation stone of a modern Fruit and Vegetable Mandi at Wussan Bangil in Karhama, Tangmarg, saying the facility would strengthen the horticulture economy and improve market access and price realisation for growers.

The mandi, to be developed on 50 kanals of land with direct access to the Tangmarg-Gulmarg Road, will serve the major horticulture belt of Tangmarg and adjoining areas. The project is expected to benefit around nine lakh people across 19 blocks in Baramulla and Budgam districts.

The facility will provide organised infrastructure for handling, grading, sorting, packaging and marketing of fruits and vegetables, while improving market linkages, logistics and storage facilities. It is also expected to reduce post-harvest losses and bring buyers closer to producers.

Addressing a public gathering,



the Chief Minister said Kashmir's economy extended far beyond tourism, with agriculture, horticulture, dairy and allied sectors making a major contribution.

He said growers in Tangmarg had long been forced to transport their produce to distant markets, often without assured buyers or

better prices.

"Now, through this market, the buyers will come here and, through the buyers, you will get a better rate," he said.

Omar also directed authorities to improve and widen the road leading to the mandi to ensure smooth connectivity.

The Chief Minister said the government was undertaking development works across sectors, including drinking water, healthcare, education, roads and horticulture infrastructure. He also announced that the long-pending Mini Secretariat at Tangmarg would be completed and handed

over to the people during the current year.

Responding to criticism over the recent electricity tariff revision, Omar said the increase had been made under compelling circumstances but assured that the government would make every effort to avoid any further hike during its present term.

He said the next three-and-a-half years would witness accelerated development across Jammu and Kashmir and expressed confidence that the Gulmarg-Tangmarg constituency would emerge among the most developed constituencies in the region.

Earlier, the Chief Minister visited a Kisan Mela showcasing government initiatives and innovations in agriculture and horticulture.

Minister for Agriculture Javid Ahmed Dar, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Gulmarg-Tangmarg Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah, Rajya Sabha MP Gurwinder Singh Oberoi and several legislators and senior officials were present on the occasion.

Study Finds High Pesticide Exposure Risk near Kashmir Orchards

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Nearly 90 per cent of households located close to apple orchards in Kashmir have no buffer zone separating their homes from pesticide-treated land, exposing residents to the risk of chemical drift, a new study has found.

The study, published in the International Journal of Social Impact, surveyed 509 households across all 10 districts of the Kashmir Valley and developed a composite Residential Proximity Index (RPI) to assess pesticide exposure risks.

The index was based on six indicators, including distance from orchards, presence of buffer zones, pesticide storage and disposal practices, awareness of pesticide toxicity and health symptoms following spraying.

According to the findings, 41.06 per cent of surveyed households were located within 200 metres of apple orchards, a distance the researchers said significantly increases the likelihood of pesticide drift reaching residential areas. Further, 88.80

per cent of homes had no intercepting buffer zone between orchards and residential spaces.

The study also found unsafe pesticide handling practices among a large number of households. More than 70 per cent reported disposing of pesticide packets, containers and leftovers through open dumping, largely near orchards, while 45.38 per cent stored pesticides within domestic living spaces.

Based on the composite RPI, around one-fourth of households were classified as high-risk, while more than half fell in the moderate-risk category. Only a small proportion qualified as low-risk, meaning nearly three-fourths of the surveyed households were exposed to moderate-to-high pesticide-related risks.

The researchers said 55.01 per cent of respondents reported experiencing health symptoms following pesticide spraying, while 61.30 per cent had only low to moderate awareness of the health hazards associated with pesticide exposure.

Worker Killed as Bridge Segment Slips in Samba

Press Trust of India

SAMBA: A labourer from Bihar was crushed to death when a span segment slipped during bridge construction work along Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, officials said.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Jammu, has termed the incident as "unfortunate" and said an expert team is being deputed to the site to examine the incident and review the launching process so that appropriate corrective measures can be implemented and the recurrence of such an incident is prevented.

Earlier, officials said a pier of a bridge under construction collapsed at Jakh Morh in the Vijaypur area of Samba around 10.10 am when workers were engaged in laying the structure, crushing 25-year-old labourer from Bihar, Gotam Sahu, to death, they said.

Another labourer sustained head injuries in the accident and was evacuated

to a hospital, the officials said.

However, the NHAI, Jammu said the unfortunate incident occurred at the construction site of Package-15 of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra (DAK) Expressway.

"At the Rayamore elevated highway project, an elevated structure comprising 14 spans, with each span consisting of 15 segments, is under construction. Of the 14 spans, 10 spans have been successfully launched. The launching work on the 11th span is currently in progress.

"During the lifting of the end portion of one of the segments, the segment slipped from the launching machine and fell to the ground. Regrettably, one worker lost his life in the untoward incident," NHAI said in a late night statement.

NHAI expresses its deepest condolences to the bereaved family and said the next of kin of the deceased worker shall be appropriately compensated in accordance with the applicable norms.

No More Power Tariff Hikes during My Tenure: CM

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday assured people that there would be no further increase in electricity tariffs during the tenure of his government, saying the latest revision was imposed out of compulsion and not by choice.

Addressing a gathering in North Kashmir, Omar defended the tariff revision and criticised opposition parties for questioning the move, saying previous governments had also increased electricity rates significantly.

"I acknowledge the increase in electricity tariffs, but we did not do it out of happiness. It was a compulsion," Omar said, adding that his government had tried to minimise the additional burden on consumers.

Comparing the latest revision with earlier tariff hikes, the Chief Minister said electricity rates had been increased by 13 to 15 per cent during previous governments.

"When these people were in power, they increased the tariff by 13-15 per cent four years ago," he said.

Referring to the PDP-BJP coalition government,

Omar said electricity rates were increased by around 13.5 to 14 per cent during Mehbooba Mufti's tenure as chief minister.

Questioning the criticism of the latest increase, he asked why similar concerns were not raised when previous governments revised electricity tariffs.

"Why did you remain silent at that time? At that time, didn't you feel that injustice was being done to the people?" he asked.

Omar assured consumers that his government would make every effort to avoid any further increase in electricity rates during its tenure.

"I assure you, my complete effort will be that, God willing, during this government, after this, we will not increase the electricity rates any further. No more than this," he said.

The Chief Minister said the government would now focus on improving basic services and infrastructure, including drinking water, schools, healthcare, roads and horticulture infrastructure.

He also reiterated that his government would fulfil the commitments made to the people during the remaining three-and-a-half years of its term.

Bear Attacks Orchard Workers in Kulgam, Two Injured

KULGAM: Two persons were injured after a bear attacked a group of people working in an orchard at Ahmadabad village of Damhal Hanjipora in Kulgam district on Tuesday.

The injured have been identified as Abdul Salam Teeli, a resident of Ahmadabad, and Bilal Ahmad Kholi, a resident of Danipora, Damhal Hanjipora.

Following the attack, both injured persons were shifted to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Damhal Hanjipora for treatment. Their condition is stated to be stable.

Syed Irshad, in-charge of the DH Pora Wildlife Control Room, said a cage has been set up in the area to trap the bear. [KNT]

Man Chargesheeted for Taking Lakhs for Cancer Medicines

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing Kashmir of Crime Branch J&K has filed a chargesheet against a Jammu-based man accused of allegedly cheating a complainant of lakhs of rupees by promising to arrange medicines at a cheaper rate for his wife, who was suffering from cancer.

The chargesheet has been presented before the Court of Sub-Judge, Srinagar, in connection with FIR No. 25/2026 registered under Section 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

The accused has been identified as Afaq Ahmad Thug, son of Ghulam Qadir, a resident of New Colony, Hazratbal, near Shiwala Mandir, Anantnag, presently residing at 10-Green Enclave, Barmuni Road, Sunjwan, Jammu.

According to the Economic Offences Wing, the case originated from a written complaint alleging that the accused approached the complainant with an offer to provide medicines required for his wife's cancer treatment at a comparatively cheaper rate.

The complainant allegedly paid lakhs of rupees to the accused after being assured that the medicines would be supplied. However, the accused allegedly failed to provide the medicines as promised.

Following the complaint, a probe was ordered by the Economic Offences Wing. During the course of investigation, the allegations were substantiated, according to the Crime Branch.

The investigation also established that the accused and the complainant had been schoolmates at a boarding school more than four decades ago.

After completion of the investigation, the Economic Offences Wing presented the chargesheet before the competent court for judicial determination in accordance with law. [KNT]

Baramulla Truck Driver Killed in Punjab Mishap

KURUKSHETRA: A 25-year-old truck driver from Jammu and Kashmir was killed and his companion seriously injured after a tractor-trolley rammed into their vehicle on National Highway-44 in Haryana's Kurukshetra district, police said on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Jahangir Ahmad Reshi (25), a resident of Baramulla district. The injured cleaner has been identified as Mustafa, also from Kashmir, police said.

The accident took place on Sunday night near the Markanda Colony in Shahabad, where the tractor-trolley collided with the truck carrying iron rods.

Following the collision, the truck went off the road and fell into a ditch, leaving the driver and the cleaner trapped beneath the iron rods, police said.

Rescuers used a Hydra machine and a crane to remove the iron rods and rescue the two men, who were rushed to the government hospital in Shahabad, where doctors declared Jahangir dead.

Mustafa was later referred to the PGIMER in Chandigarh for further treatment, police said.

Jahangir's brother Tausif Ahmad Reshi has reached Shahabad after receiving information about the accident, they said. (PTI)

Budgam Actor Rohullah Mehdi Arrested In Mumbai Drug Case

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SRINAGAR: Actor and model Rohullah Mehdi, who hails from Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir and appeared alongside Bollywood actor Shahid Kapoor in the film Deva, has been arrested by the Kashmiria Police Crime Branch in connection with an alleged drug trafficking case, police said.

According to Mira-Bhayandar Police officials, the action followed a tip-off about an alleged drug transaction involving Mehdi near the Dahisar Check Naka area.

Police said the information indicated that Mehdi was allegedly coming to the area for a drug transaction. Acting on the tip-off, officers from the Kashmiria Police Station launched surveillance and subsequently laid a trap using a decoy customer.

Senior Police Inspector Rajendra Kamble formed a



team to carry out the operation and verify the information received by the police.

During the operation, Mehdi and another person were arrested, police said.

The Kashmiria Police Crime Branch allegedly recovered 28 grams of MD from the accused. The seized substance has been valued at around Rs 5.60 lakh, according to the police.

"Rohullah Mehdi and his associate were arrested with 28 grams of drugs," the Mira-Bhayandar Police

said.

Police also said that Mehdi has been named as the main accused in FIR No. 437/2026 registered in connection with the case.

The police statement said the Kashmiria police had received information that Mehdi was allegedly coming to Dahisar Check Naka for drug trafficking. Following the information, a team was formed and surveillance and investigation were initiated.

The arrest is part of an ongoing investigation

into a suspected narcotics network. Police are now probing the source of the seized substance, the alleged intended recipients and whether other persons were involved in the suspected drug network.

Further investigation is underway.

Mehdi is known for his role in Deva, the Shahid Kapoor-starrer released in 2025, in which he played the character Rohanj Bhai. He has also appeared in several web series and worked as a model.

According to police, Mehdi is originally from Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir and had been residing in Goregaon, Mumbai.

The arrest has brought attention to the Kashmir connection in the case, with police identifying Mehdi as a native of Budgam.

The allegations against Mehdi are subject to the outcome of the ongoing investigation and judicial proceedings.



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