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Rain Lashes J&K; More Showers Expected Today

Weather Office Cautions Against Landslides



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Rainfall lashed several parts of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, with the Meteorological Centre Srinagar forecasting intermittent showers across many areas on Wednesday and cautioning that brief intense spells could trigger flash floods, mudslides and landslides at vulnerable locations.

Fresh showers were reported from Pahalgam, Shopian, Kulgam, Pulwama, Bandipora and parts of Budgam and Kupwara, while several areas of the Jammu division also received rainfall.

According to the Meteorological Centre, Katra recorded 62 mm rainfall in the past 24 hours among regular meteorological stations, while the Automatic Weather Station

(AWS) network recorded 73 mm at Kathua.

Poonch received 38.5 mm, Udhampur 27 mm, Reasi 21 mm, Samba 11 mm, Rajouri 10.5 mm and Kathua 60.2 mm, according to AWS data.

Other recorded rainfall included 5.5 mm in Pulwama, 2.5 mm in Ganderbal, 2 mm in Anantnag, 0.5 mm in Doda and 0.5 mm in Kulgam. No rainfall was recorded at the AWS stations in Kishtwar during the period covered by the bulletin.

The weather department has forecast generally cloudy weather on September 2, with one or two spells of light to moderate rain or thundershowers at many places.

Brief intense to heavy showers are likely in the Jammu division during the early morning and late afternoon or evening hours. | [More on P6](#)

Lidder Swells, Flash Flood-Like Conditions Hit Pahalgam

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Heavy rainfall triggered flash flood-like conditions in parts of Pahalgam on Tuesday, with the swollen Lidder River overflowing at several points and waterlogging roads in the popular south Kashmir resort. The increase in water flow in the Lidder River led to flooding of roads and affected movement in several areas, with driving conditions becoming difficult amid continued rainfall. Officials were monitoring water levels and the situation in vulnerable areas. No casualties | [More on P6](#)

Maintain Sustained Pressure On Terror Networks: LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed security agencies to maintain sustained pressure on terror networks and intensify area domination operations across Jammu and Kashmir, while calling for stronger action against narco-terror networks and emerging digital threats.

Sinha chaired a high-level meeting with senior officials to review the security situation and strategic preparedness across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, DGP Nalin Prabhat, Principal Secretary Home Department Chandraker Bharti, Special DG Coordination PHQ S.J.M. Gillani, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, ADGP CID M.K. Sinha, IGP Kashmir Sujit Kumar, IGP Jammu Tejinder Singh, IGP Crime



Branch Sarah Rizvi, divisional commissioners, DIGs and other senior officials.

The Lieutenant Governor called for a robust counter-terrorism strategy and enhanced ground-level operational synergy among security agencies, directing officers to adopt an aggressive area domination strategy to eliminate emerging threats.

"Maintain sustained pressure on terror networks and enhance ground-level operational synergy," Sinha directed, according to an official statement.

Emphasising the

importance of public trust in the security apparatus, Sinha directed police officials to strengthen direct engagement with citizens and designate specific hours for public interaction and grievance redressal.

Reviewing the functioning of police stations, he stressed the need for transparent, impartial and sensitive handling of complaints and directed officers to ensure that investigations are conducted with professionalism.

"The police must maintain a strong and continuous engagement with the public. Every genuine grievance must

be addressed with sensitivity and every investigation must be conducted with absolute fairness, transparency and impartiality," he said.

Sinha also commended the Jammu and Kashmir Police and security agencies for their action against drug smugglers and directed officials to intensify operations against narco-terror networks.

He further called for enhanced monitoring of emerging threats in the cyber and social media space, including anti-national propaganda, digital misinformation and online blackmailing.

The DGP | [More on P6](#)

136 JKAS Officers Transferred In Major Administrative Reshuffle

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday ordered a major administrative reshuffle, transferring and posting 136 officers of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) across various departments and districts.

The transfers were ordered with immediate effect by the General Administration Department through Government Order No. 1463-JK(GAD) of 2026, dated September 1.

Among the key appointments, Shahbaz Ahmad Mirza, JKAS, Member of the J&K Special Tribunal, has been transferred and posted as Secretary, J&K Public Service Commission, against an



available vacancy.

Gulzar Ahmad Dar, JKAS, Special Secretary in the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, has been posted as Special Secretary in the Cooperatives Department.

Rifat Kohli, JKAS, Special Secretary in the Housing and Urban Development Department, has been appointed Chief Operating Officer, Himayat. The

incumbent COO, Rajneesh Gupta, has been posted as Special Secretary in the Hospitality and Protocol Department.

Bhumesht Sharma, JKAS, Secretary of the J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans, has been transferred and posted as Secretary of the J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People.

The government has appointed Kanta Devi, JKAS, as Special Secretary in the Health and Medical Education Department, while Rajinder Singh, JKAS, has been posted as Special Secretary in the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.

Sanjay Gupta, | [More on P6](#)

3 Urban Projects Worth Rs 2,693 Cr Approved In J&K

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Srinagar: The Union Territory Level High Powered Steering Committee (UTHPSC) on Tuesday approved three major urban development projects in Jammu and Kashmir with a cumulative base cost of Rs 2,692.58 crore under the Government of India's Urban Challenge Fund (UCF).

The projects, identified by the Housing and Urban Development Department, include TARANG (Tawi Area Regeneration and Green Growth) in Jammu, Walled City and Nigeen Lakefront Revitalisation in Srinagar, and KRIPA (Katra Revitalisation Through Integrated Pilgrimage Amenities) in Reasi.

The projects are aimed at combining public investment with market-linked financing

and private participation to develop modern, sustainable and economically vibrant urban spaces.

The approval was granted at a meeting of the UTHPSC chaired by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo.

Officials said the move would help J&K leverage the UCF framework to undertake transformative urban infrastructure projects while mobilising additional institutional, municipal and private capital.

Rs 1,568-Cr Tawi regeneration project

TARANG, estimated to cost Rs 1,567.91 crore, envisages comprehensive regeneration of the Tawi riverfront and surrounding urban areas through public infrastructure and public-private partnership-led commercial development.

The project will receive Rs 307.05 crore | [More on P6](#)

Kishtwar Hospital Terminates Worker Over POC SO Arrest

Observer News Service

Srinagar: KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 01: The District Hospital Kishtwar has terminated the services of an HDF sanitation worker following her arrest by police in connection with a case registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

According to an order issued by the Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Kishtwar, on August 31, Zareena Begum, wife of Shabbir Ahmed and a resident of Bandreena, Kishtwar, was arrested by Police Station Chatroo on August 30 in connection with FIR No. 34/2026.

The FIR has been registered under Sections 61(1), 65(2), 90, 91 and 92 of the BNS and Sections 4, 6, 8, 10 and 17 of the POCSO Act.

The hospital administration said it was formally informed about the arrest by the Station House Officer, | [More on P6](#)

Ruhullah's Suspended Facebook Page Delhi HC Seeks Centre, Meta Response

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New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday sought responses from the Centre and Meta Platforms on a plea by National Conference MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi challenging the suspension of his Facebook page.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma issued notice and asked the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, and Meta Platforms, which owns Facebook, to file their replies.

The court, which listed the plea for a hearing on September 30, refused to grant the Lok Sabha MP any interim relief at this stage and said it would not pass any order without hearing the other side.

During the hearing, the counsel for Meta Platforms submitted that the MP's Facebook

page was taken down pursuant to a law enforcement agency's notice and sought time to present the court with relevant documents.

The petition said Mehdi, a Lok Sabha member, is also a religious leader and has a Facebook page titled 'Ruhullah Mehdi' which serves as a primary medium for disseminating information, engaging with constituents, and participating in democratic dialogue.

However, the petitioner's access to the social media page has been restricted by Meta since March, at a notice issued under the Information Technology Act.

The petition, filed through advocates Tamanna Pankaj and Archit Krishna, said Meta took the action without providing the petitioner any opportunity of hearing, nor were any detailed reasons disclosed to him.

The counsel | [More on P6](#)

NC, BJP Set For Political Face-Off In Srinagar Today

BJP To March On Civil Secretariat, NC Announces Counter-Protest

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Srinagar: The ruling National Conference and the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party are set for a political face-off in Srinagar city on Wednesday. The saffron party announced a march towards the Civil Secretariat and the NC called for a counter-protest at the BJP headquarters.

The BJP has announced a protest march against the NC-led government, with party leaders and workers scheduled to assemble at Clock Tower, Lal Chowk, in the morning before marching towards the Civil Secretariat via M.A. Road.

As per details, the protest will be led by BJP J&K president and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the J&K Assembly Sunil Sharma, along with senior party leaders.

The BJP had announced the September 2 protest after a



recent organisational meeting in Srinagar, where its leadership accused the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah-led government of failing to fulfil poll promises and raised issues including the increase in electricity tariffs, alleged corruption, unemployment, outsourcing of government jobs and delay in Panchayat and urban local body elections.

The party has said these issues will form the focus of its protest, with LoP Sunil Sharma accusing the government of "misgovernance and corruption" and alleging that outsourcing of recruitment

was affecting employment opportunities for youth. The BJP has also questioned the delay in grassroots elections.

Responding to the BJP programme, the NC earlier in the day announced a peaceful counter-protest at BJP headquarters in Srinagar and Jammu.

The NC said that in Srinagar, its workers have been asked to assemble at Gindun Park, near Police Station Rajbagh, in the morning before proceeding as part of the party's protest programme. The party said its protest would seek accountability | [More on P6](#)

NIA Court Denies Bail To School Teacher

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Srinagar: A Special NIA Court in Jammu has rejected the bail application of a private school teacher who has been in custody for over five years in a case alleging that he provided shelter, food and logistical support to Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists in the Doda-Kishtwar region.

Special Judge Prem Sagar dismissed the bail plea of Tanveer Ahmad Malik, observing that the material available on record prima facie indicated his alleged involvement in unlawful and terror-related activities.

The court also noted that his release could affect the ongoing trial, particularly by creating a possibility of influencing witnesses.

Malik, a resident of Tantra village in Doda district, was arrested on March 1, 2021, in connection with the case. He was among seven accused charged by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on May 22, 2021. The chargesheet included three slain terrorists, identified | [More on P6](#)



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It is informed to the General public that my name in my Aadher Card bearing Aadhar No :- 8526 7652 1535 has been wrongly mentioned as Shabnam Bano instead of Shabnum Shafi D/O. Mohammad Shafi Parray .Now I am applying for its Correction as per School record / Domicil and Birth Certificate record .if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may contact the same in the office of the General Manager Ranbir Govt Press Jammu within a period of seven(7) days from the publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained after expiry of stipulated period.

Shabnum Shafi
D/O. Mohammad Shafi Parray
R/O :- Walrama Tehsil :- Langate Distt :- Kupwara .Post Office:- Langate
Pin Code:- 193302 J&kashmir fko

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

PUBLIC NOTICE..

The registrar birth BDO pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Shahid Showkat S/o Showkat Ahmad Reshi R/o Kalseri Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of birth 13/01/2013 . In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Sd Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The registrar birth BDO Sherabad Khore has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Fajar Bilal D.o.B 05/09/2013 and Salman Bilal Pandith D.o.B 12/03/2015 sons of Bilal Ahmad pandith R/o Hanjiwera Bala Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla. In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The registrar birth BDO pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Zainab Nabi D/o Ghulam Nabi Mir R/o Kalseri Nehalpora Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of birth 03/03/2011 . In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

PUBLIC NOTICE...

The registrar birth BDO Lalpora has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Asma Farooq D/Farooq Ahmad Chopan R/o Mamoosa Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of birth 03/03/2015 .in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Sd Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, SHABIR AHMAD PANDITH S/O GHULAM NABI PANDITH, R/o NENGIRPORA MUGHAMA, TEHSIL KUNZER, DISTRICT BARAMULLA, do hereby declare on oath that my ward namely SHAZEEMA SHABIR D/o SHABIR AHMAD PANDITH, Mother's Name: HASEENA BEGUM, was born on 10-10-2017 at Nengirpura Mughama.

That due to my negligence, the birth of my ward has not been registered with the concerned department till date. I intend to register her birth and seek issuance of a Birth Certificate from the concerned authority.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. SHABIR AHMAD PANDITH S/O Ghulam Nabi Pandith R/o Nengirpura Mughama, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Yasir Iqbal Bhat S/o Iqbal Ahmed Bhat R/o Firdous Abad Batamaloo, Srinagar, hereby declare that the name of my son, Ali Yasir Bhat, has been changed/corrected to Ali bin Yasir.

Henceforth, my son shall be known and recognized as "Ali bin Yasir" for all purposes and in all official and non official records/ documents.

Any person having any objection to the aforesaid name change/correction may submit the same within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Name: Yasir Iqbal Bhat S/o: Iqbal Ahmed Bhat R/o: Firdous Abad Batamaloo, Srinagar Date: 2/9/2026 Place: Srinagar. fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of general public that the (Electric bill) power connection is registered on my Husband's name ABDUL RASHID AKHOON S/O ABDUL AHAD AKHOON Now this Connection bearing Consumer ID NO 0212040000429 wants to be registered on my name SARA BEGUM W/O Late ABDUL RASHID AKHOON If anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may file his/her objection in the concerned PDD office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name...SARA BEGUM S/O...LATE ABDUL RASHID AKHOON R/O ...KREERI BLOCK..WAGOORA fko

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The registrar birth BDO Sherabad Khore has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Rabia Javid D/o Javid Ahmad pandith R/o Hanjiwera Bala Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of birth 04/07/2014 . In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Sd Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The registrar birth BDO pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Suriya Bashir D/o Bashir Ahmad Khanday R/o Zangam pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of birth 02/02/1996 . In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Sd Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub:Issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth

The Registrar birth BDO Pattan Has Submitted A Case File pertaining to birth of Bilal Ahmad Ganai S/O Gh Mohd Ganai R/O Palhallan Pattan With Verified Date of birth 18/01/1990. In This connection if anybody having objection for issuance of said certificate may contact with this office within 07 days after that no objection shall be entertained

fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, MOHAMMAD JAMAL LONE S/o MOHAMMAD SULTAN LONE, R/o NANGIRPORA MUGHAMA, TEHSIL KUNZER, DISTRICT BARAMULLA, do hereby declare on oath that my daughter, namely KULSUMA JAMAL, was born on 21-10-1995 at home. That the birth of my daughter has not been registered in the office of the Registrar Births & Deaths, Block Lalpora. I intend to register her birth with the said authority and seek issuance of her Birth Certificate. Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

MOHAMMAD JAMAL LONE S/O..Mohammad Sultan Lone R/o Nangirpura Mughama, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, NIGHATA RASHID D/o ABDUL RASHID BHAT, R/o TAKIA BATA PORA, TEHSIL KUNZER, DISTRICT BARAMULLA, J&K UT, do hereby notify that my name has been wrongly recorded in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 9765-477-2936 as NIGHAT RASHID, instead of my correct name NIGHATA RASHID. My correct name is NIGHATA RASHID, as per my School Certificate Records. I intend to get my name corrected accordingly in my Aadhaar Card. Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

NIGHATA RASHID D/o Abdul Rashid Bhat R/o Takia Bata Pora, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, HAFIZA AKHTER W/o NISAR AHMAD MALIK, MOTHER OF ZAINAB NISAR, R/o DEV BUGH, TEHSIL KUNZER, DISTRICT BARAMULLA, do hereby notify that the name and date of birth of my ward have been wrongly recorded in Aadhaar Card bearing No. 2508-9664-4932 as ZANIB JAN, with DOB 28/04/2022.

The correct name and date of birth of my ward are ZAINAB NISAR, DOB: 27/04/2022, as per the Birth Certificate Record. I intend to get the same corrected in the Aadhaar Card. Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

HAFIZA AKHTER W/o Nisar Ahmad Malik R/o Dev Bugh, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, MAROOF SULTAN S/o MOHAMMAD SULTAN MIR R/o KULHAMA, TEHSIL TANGMARG, DISTRICT BARAMULLA, do hereby notify that my name has been wrongly recorded in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4762-5180-9779 as MAROOF SULTAN MIR, whereas my correct name is MAROOF SULTAN, as per my School Records. I intend to get my correct name MAROOF SULTAN incorporated in my Aadhaar Card in place of MAROOF SULTAN MIR. Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

MAROOF SULTAN S/o Mohammad Sultan Mir R/o Kulhama, Tehsil Tangmarg, District Baramulla fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to the public at large/ public in general / interested persons having locus that WE; 1. Ghulam Qadir Mir S/o Late Mohammad Sultan Mir 2. Shuja Qadir 3. .Shahbaz Qadir Both Sons of Ghulam Qadir Mir 4. Zuhra Bano W/O Ghulam Qadir Mir All Residents of Natipora, Srinagar & OTHERS HAVE PURCHASED A PIECE OF LAND MEASURING 84 Kanals 8 Marlas FALLING UNDER KHASRA/SURVEY NO. 1108/1107, situated at Mouza/Estate Chatterhama, Tehsil and District Srinagar, Kashmir FROM Mr. Ashtosh Koul alias Ashtosh Shanker Koul & Vibhu Koul alias Vibhu Shanker Koul Both Sons of Triloki Nath Koul both residents of Sathu Balla Barbar Shah, Srinagar through their duly authorized Attorney Holder namely Mohammad Anwar Gandroo Son of Ghulam Rasool Gandroo Resident of Anzimar, Khanyar, Srinagar and regarding which a decree (Award of Lok Adalat) has also been passed in our favour; are apprehending that some person/s from general public may approach the Ex Attorney Holder namely Mohammad Anwar Gandroo Son of Ghulam Rasool Gandroo Resident of Anzimar, Khanyar, Srinagar for purchase of the above mentioned land to which the said A/H has no right or interest. Therefore, Public at Large are requested not to deal with him vis a vis the above mentioned land in any terms.

Through Ghulam Qadir Mir S/o Late Mohammad Sultan Mir Resident of Natipora, Srinagar, J&K Dated 1-09-2026 fko

THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION SUB OFFICE BUDGAM.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have passed / appeared in SSE/HSE-I/ HSE-II (Class 10th) under Roll No: 121006075 Session: October 2025 Year: 2025 through THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BORD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION. The error has been committed by the school authorities against my D.O.B as 16-10-2010 instead of 16-10-2009

Now I have applied for correction in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education Sub-office Budgam. If any person has any objection in this regard may file, the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary Sub Office B Udgam Kashmir Within Seven day from the date of the publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, on objection will be entertained. This is published for the information of the general public. The correct particulars be recorded as under: -

NAME: SUHAIL AHMAD KUMHAR FATHRS NAME: ABDUL AHAD KUMHAR MOTHERS NAME: FATIMA BAND DATE OF BARTH: 16.10.2009 RESIDENCE:- BADRAN MAGAM BUDGAM MOBILE:- bmg

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT SRINAGAR

In the case of:

1. Mohammad Showket Bajran
2. Mohammad Aslam Bajran
Both sons of Mohammad Ismail Bajran
Both residents of Faqir Gujri Harwan Srinagar

...Caveators

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...Non-Caveator

In the matter of: Caveat application on behalf of the applicants/ Caveators.

May it please your Honour

The application is submitted as under:

1. That the caveators have reasonable apprehension that the non-applicants/ non-caveators may file a case/suit or some legal proceedings before this Hon'ble Court and may obtain an exparte order by misleading this Hon'ble Court and by concealing of material facts in the said legal proceedings, and the non-applicant/non-caveator if succeeded in obtaining such exparte orders as would cause serious injustice and irreparable loss to the caveators.

2. That if non-caveator/ non-applicant will obtained exparte order from the Hon'ble Court it will prejudice the rights of the caveators being given opportunity of being heard by this Hon'ble Court in the event of any kind legal proceeding if preferred by the non-caveator and the caveators may please be heard prior to the passing of any exparte order or direction.

3. That the caveators have already published the same caveat petition in daily newspaper. Copy of the newspaper is annexed herewith as Annexure-I.

In the premises, it is humbly prayed that, in the event of any case/suit or any other proceeding is being preferred by the non-caveator before this Hon'ble Court, the applicants/ caveators may please be heard prior to the passing any interim exparte order in the said proceedings. The same would advance the cause of justice.

Srinagar
Dated: 02-09-2026

Caveators through counsel
Taif Mehmood (Advocate)
Mobile No. 9906896777
License No. 290/14
Email: tabintaif@gmail.com fko

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN MADINA PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL BALIHARAN, PATTAN.

NO: CH/MPBK/2927

Dated: 31-08-2026

RESOLUTION

In pursuance to the meeting of Managing body dated on 19-08-2026 elections were held for the Managing body through secret ballot on 24-08-2026.

The following have been elected for the Managing body Madina Public High School Baliharan, Pattan.

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| 01. Mr. Syed Mukhtar Hussain | 02. Mr. Syed Ajaz Shah |
| 03. Mr. Ali Mohd Joo | 04. Mtr. Tanveera Akhtar |
| 05. Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Sofi | 06. Mr. Mohd Akbar Waza |
| 07. Mr. Mohammad Altaf Dar | 08. Mr. Mohd Iqbal Khawaja |
| 09. Mr. Maqsood Ali khawaja | |

S.NO.	Name	Parentage	Residence	Qualification	Occupation	Designation
01.	Mr. Syed Mukhtar Hussain	Syed Sadiq Razvi	R/O Baliharan (Pattan)	B.A.	Business	Chairman
02.	Mr. Syed Ajaz Shah	Syed Abass Shah	R/O Diver Yakhmanpora	B.A.	Business	Secretary
03.	Mr. Ali Mohammad Joo	S/o Gh. Mohammad Joo	R/O Dever (Parhaspura)	M.A. B. Ed.	Principal of the school	Member
04.	Mtr. Tanveera Akhtar	W/O Ghulam Hassan Khawaja	R/O Diver Yakhmanpora	M.A. B.Ed.	Vice Principal	Member
05.	Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Sofi	Mosin Sofi	R/O Baliharan (Pattan)	P.U.C	Business	Member
06.	Mr. Mohd Akber Waza	Ali Mohammad Waza	R/O Kripal Bala (Pattan)	B.A.	Teacher	Member
07.	Mr. Mohammad Altaf Dar	Ghulam Rasool Dar	R/O Mir Gund (Pattan)	M.A. B.Ed.	Teacher	Member
08.	Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Khawaja	Khawaja Mohammad Qasim	R/O Baliharan (Pattan)	10+2	Business	Parent Member
09.	Mr. Maqsood Ali	S/O Naqi Ali Khawaja	R/O Diver Yakhmanpora	B.A.	Business	Parent Member

Chairman,
Madina Public High School,
BALIHARAN PATTAN

NOTICE

I, Rubina, R/o Habak Crossing, Srinagar, do hereby inform the general public that I am maintaining a Savings Account with The Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Govt. Medical College Srinagar Branch, bearing Account No. 0349040126718.I have changed my name from "Rubina Parvez" to "Rubina" and intend to update the same in my said bank account. If any person has any objection to the proposed name change of the said bank account, 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.

Rubina
R/o Habak Crossing, Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Showkat Ahmad Qureshi, hereby inform the general public that an electricity connection is presently installed at my house/premises under the following details:

Consumer Name: Showkat Ahmad Qureshi Consumer ID: 0204040003119 Installation No.: 944.The said premises has now been sold to another person, and the new owner has requested that the existing electricity connection be disconnected/cancelled so that he may obtain a new electricity connection in his own name. Accordingly, I have requested the concerned Electricity Department to disconnect/cancelled the existing electricity connection at the earliest.

Any person having any objection in this regard may submit the same before the concerned department within the prescribed period.

Showkat Ahmad Qureshi
Contact No.: 7051604889

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information for the general public that in my bank account bearing No 0078040100767043 the name is entered as ROSHNI D/O GH MOHAMMAD DAR R/O JAWALAPORA BUDGAM while my actual name is ROSHAN ARA W/O NISSAR AHMAD DAR R/O SHOLIPORA BUDGAM. Now I want its correction, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact Branch Manager Jammu & Kashmir Bank Branch Budgam with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that.

ROSHAN ARA
W/O NISSAR AHMAD DAR
R/O SHOLIPORA BUDGAM. CELL. 8082009474 mcb

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (old name) IQRA AHAD BHAT to (New name) IQRA AHAD . In future i will be known as (new Name) IQRA AHAD.

If any body having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM

Subject:- Necessary Correction/change in address in data to the License No.JK-0420140022419 issued in favour of MALIK SHOWKET AHMAD Parentage MALIK WALI MOHAMMAD

Whereas an application has been received by one MALIK SHOWKET AHMAD Parentage MALIK WALI MOHAMMAD wherein he claimed that the Name has been wrongly recorded in the records of Driving Licenses as SHOWKAT AHMAD MALIK Parentage WALI MOHAMMAD MALIK Which needs to be changed as MALIK SHOWKET AHMAD Parentage MALIK WALI MOHAMMAD

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

Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir mcb

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (old name) SNOBER SEHAR SARDAR to (New name) SARDAR SNOBER SEHAR . In future i will be known as (new Name) SARDAR SNOBER SEHAR.

If any body having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Tasaduq Hussain Waza, S/o Abdul Rahman Waza, R/o Shatal Pora, hereby state that my name has been incorrectly recorded in the records of J&K Bank, Shadipora Branch, as "Mohd Tasaddaq Waza". The correct name is "Tasaduq Hussain Waza", S/o Abdul Rahman Waza, R/o Shatal Pora.

The correction pertains to Savings Bank Account No. 086804010000177. This notice is being published for information and record purposes. Any person having any objection to the above-mentioned correction may raise the same with the concerned authority within the stipulated period.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, REYAZ AHMAD WANGNOO, F/o REYAN REYAZ WANGNOO, R/o Gate No. 5, Boulevard, Srinagar, do hereby inform the General Public and all concerned that the name and parentage of my ward/son have inadvertently been recorded incorrectly in his/her school records.

The name has been recorded as "REYAN RIVAZ" instead of the correct name "REYAN REYAZ WANGNOO", and the parentage has been recorded as "RIVAZ AHMAD WANGNOO & RIFAT RIVAZ" instead of the correct parentage "REYAZ AHMAD WANGNOO & RIFAT ARA."

My ward is presently studying in Class 7th-B at New Era Public School, Rajbagh, Srinagar. The said record has already been entered in the Municipal Records (SMC).

Accordingly, the concerned School Authorities/Chief Education Office and all other concerned authorities are requested to make the necessary correction in the school records and reflect the correct name and parentage as mentioned above.

Any person having any objection to the said correction may raise the same before the concerned authority within the prescribed period, failing which no objection shall be entertained.

REYAZ AHMAD WANGNOO
F/o REYAN REYAZ WANGNOO
R/o Gate No. 5, Boulevard, Srinagar fko

اطلاع عام

برخاست عام کو بریدہ اشتہار مطلع کی جاتا ہے کہ مجھے اپنے بچے ایگر سینٹ ڈیزیز کے زیر نگرینہ میرے نام یعنی عبدالرزاق بٹ کے نام پر کر دانا مطلوب ہے۔ اس بارے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر بلا ٹیٹیا تجنیر نی ڈی ڈی بڈگام کے دفتر میں پیش کریں۔ میعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

عبدالرزاق بٹ ولد غلامی الدین بٹ
ساکن چھون بڈگام mcb

CM Omar Hears GCC Concerns on Governance, Wetlands, Traffic, Jobs

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Tuesday chaired a meeting with members of the Group of Concerned Citizens (GCC) J&K at the Civil Secretariat here and discussed a range of issues concerning governance, development, environment and public welfare in Jammu and Kashmir.

Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani was also present at the meeting. The civil society group was led by Khurshid Ahmed Ganai (IAS Retd.) and comprised other members of the GCC.

The delegation raised several issues of public importance, including governance, environmental protection, municipal administration and waste management. Particular attention was drawn to the conservation

of water bodies and wetlands and the need for effective measures to safeguard these important ecological assets.

The GCC also raised issues relating to the conversion of agricultural land, traffic management, flood mitigation and management, including greater focus on renewable energy. Issues pertaining to skill development and employment generation, as well as digitisation of revenue records, were also discussed.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to the concerns and suggestions put forth by the members of the GCC. He noted the issues raised during the meeting and assured that these would be taken into consideration by the government while examining the relevant matters.

ACB Arrests Two Police Officers in Bribery Case

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday said it has arrested two police officers for allegedly demanding and accepting a Rs 15,000 bribe in Srinagar.

In a statement issued, a spokesperson said the ACB received a written complaint alleging that PSI Karanjeet Singh, the Investigating Officer (IO) of Case FIR No. 65/2026 registered at Police Station Ram Munshi Bagh, Srinagar, had demanded illegal gratification from the complainant through his accomplice, Ravi Jee Bhat, Sub-Inspector at Police Station Ram Munshi Bagh, for closing the case as "Not Admitted" between the parties.

He said that upon receiving

the complaint, the ACB conducted verification of the allegations, which prima facie established the demand for illegal gratification.

Accordingly, Case FIR No. 12/2026 under Sections 7 and 7A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and Section 61(2) of the BNS was registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar, and an investigation was taken up.

The spokesperson said that during the course of the investigation, a trap team was constituted. The team caught Ravi Jee Bhat, Sub-Inspector, Police Station Ram Munshi Bagh, red-handed while demanding and accepting the Rs 15,000 bribe on behalf of the case's IO, PSI Karanjeet Singh, from the complainant.



KO Photo : Abid Bhat

Daily Wagers Demand Time-Bound Regularisation, Stage Protest

Agencies

Srinagar: Members of the Jammu and Kashmir Casual Daily Wagers Forum (JKCDF) on Tuesday staged a protest at Press Enclave here, demanding time-bound regularisation of their services and an early resolution of their long-pending issues.

The protesters called for the report of the committee constituted to examine the regularisation of daily wagers, saying the process should not be delayed any further.

Addressing the gathering, JKCDF president Sajad Ahmed Parray said the government had promised to address the issue and should now take concrete steps towards regularisation.

"The government should take the matter forward and resolve our issues. They promised regularisation and we want them to fulfil the promise," Parray said.

We will continue our peaceful struggle until the government addresses the long-pending demand of daily wagers

The forum has repeatedly raised concerns over the delay in framing a clear roadmap for regularisation. In a recent press conference, it had said the committee constituted in March 2025 was expected to submit its report within six months, but the report was still awaited. The forum has put the number of affected daily wagers at around 61,000.

Parray said the daily wagers have continued to work for years without permanent employment status, while facing financial and job

insecurity.

As part of its campaign to highlight their hardships, the forum said a 16-minute film documenting the struggles of daily wagers was later screened at Tagore Hall in Srinagar.

He also announced another protest at SK Park in Srinagar on September 10, saying the forum would continue its peaceful agitation until the government addresses their demand. "We will continue our peaceful struggle until the government addresses the long-pending demand of daily wagers," Parray said.

Pertinently, the forum has warned that the agitation could be intensified if the government fails to make progress on the regularisation issue. The protesters urged the authorities to expedite the process, submit the pending committee report and provide a concrete roadmap for regularisation of their services—(KNO)

EOW Kashmir Files Chargesheet in Land Grabbing, Forgery Case

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Kashmir of Crime Branch J&K on Tuesday said it has filed a chargesheet against a Srinagar resident and a deceased former Patwari in a land grabbing case involving alleged forged documents and an attempt to obtain building permission from the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC).

In a statement issued, a spokes-

person said the Economic Offences Wing Kashmir of Crime Branch J&K has filed a chargesheet in FIR No. 08/2016 under Sections 420/511, 167, 471 and 120-B RPC before the Hon'ble Court of the Sub-Judge, Srinagar, against Mushtaq Ahmad Malik, son of Ghulam Ahmad Malik, resident of Barapather, Haft Chinar, Srinagar, and the then Patwari (now deceased).

He said the case emanated from a complaint alleging that the accused, in conspiracy with each other, at-

tempted to grab land and obtain building permission from the SMC using forged documents.

Accordingly, a probe was ordered and, during the course of the investigation, the allegations were substantiated. The investigation revealed fraudulent documentation, misrepresentation of material facts and alleged misuse of official position. The investigation has been closed as "Proved", and the chargesheet has been filed before the competent court for judicial determination.

THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA, SRINAGAR. I have passed/appeared in SSE (Class 10th) under Roll No. 139060067 Session/Year:-2025 through The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. The error has been committed by the Parents/Institution against my Mothers name as Ruqaya instead Tasleema Akhter. Now I have applied for correction at The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education, New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates Kashmir Division within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained. This is published for the information of the general public. The correct particulars are mentioned as under:- Name:-Syed Saqib Father's Name:-Syed Ahmad Mir Mother's Name:- TASLEEMA AKHTER Date of Birth:-20/10/2009 Residence:-Al-Haya Lane Rangpora Ellahi Bagh

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Municipal Council Ganderbal. Fax/Ph: 0194-2416090 e-mail: ceo-mcganderbal@jk.gov.in. Subject: Kisok Situated at Duderhama Bridge opposite Eid Gah Ganderbal. Ref.No:- Director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir's letter No:-DULB/G/7787304/2025/40075 Dated:-18-12-2025. AUCTION NOTICE E-NIT No: MC/Gbl/ 37 of 2026 Dated: 27-08-2026. For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited from the interested persons /parties/firms/ Companies for the auction of KIOSKS at Municipal Council Ganderbal. The Minimum reserved bid of these KIOSKS has been fixed as per the below mentioned details and on the following terms and conditions: S No Particulars of Kiosks Monthly rent Reserve bid per kiosk CDR Amount 1 Kiosks situated at Duderhama Bridge opposite Eid Gah Ganderbal. (size 10 x 14 = 140 sq.ft.) 1400/- per month @ Rs10 per sq.ft. Rs: 10.00 lacs Rs: 0.20 lacs Terms and conditions: 1. The aspiring/interested bidder must be bonifide person/party with sound financial back ground holding PAN and Income Tax returns and should submit bids in two covers. The first cover should contain the following documents as qualifying criteria. i) Copy of PAN card. Aadhaar Card and Domicile Certificate. ii) An Affidavit dully registered before the Court /Public Notary certifying that there is nothing outstanding from any Municipal Body of Urban Local Bodies Kashmir. iii) The second cover should contain financial bid dully offered in a neat and clean manner recorded in both words and figures with a paste of transparent tape upon the level of offered bid. iv) While opening the bids the Auction Committee will in the first step open the cover of qualifying criteria bid. Once the qualifying criteria cover is found upto level then the financial bid will be opened. 2. The rent will be @ Rs:10/ per sq.ft. and will be paid on monthly basis with enhancement 10% every three years . 3. The intending bidder shall be bound to accompany Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) for an amount of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) for kiosk as per above referred details from any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank pledged to Executive Officer Municipal Council, Ganderbal without which no bid document can be issued. 4. After finalization of auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall have to deposit the full premium amount in the chest of Municipal Council Ganderbal in advance at the time of finalization of the auction. 5. The persons /parties against whom any outstanding amount exists on the records of this department on account of any type of contract cannot participate in the bid. If any such person who participated in the bid and later on the outstanding surfaced before the department / Municipality, his contract shall seize along with his CDR. 6. The successful bidder shall be bound to execute an agreement duly registered in the Court of Law with the undersigned before issuance of the allotment to the kiosk. 7. The successful bidder shall be bound not to sublet Kiosks to any other person/ persons. 8. Kiosks trade shall only be restricted to cafeteria / fast food / cold drinks / coffee shop. 9. The successful bidder in no case is allowed to make any alternation of Kiosks at his own without intimation to this office. 10. The defaulters cannot submit / participate in tendering process, who failed to deposit the due payment of successful bids in last tendering process, if any of them will submit their bids will not be entertained and will be treated as cancelled/reject. 11. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in, as per the schedule of dates given below: 1 Date of issue of Tender Notice 02.09.2026 2 Period of downloading of bidding documents From 02.09.2026 to 12.09.2026 3 Bid submission Start Date 02.09.2026 from 10.00 AM 4 Bid submission End Date 12.09.2026 upto 3.00 PM 5 Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online) 14.09.2026 at 11.00 a.m in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Council Ganderbal. 6 Submission of CDR. The bidder shall be bound to accompany his bids offers with Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) from any Nationalized bank, pledged to the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Ganderbal, (without which offers shall be liable for rejection) 7 Mode of Payment Full payment of premium in advance 12. The bids offered by the bidders shall be inclusive of all applicable taxes. 13. In-case of any dispute arising between the parties with respect of any of the conditions as laid down here in above or any ambiguity the same will be referred to the arbitrator (i.e) Director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir and the decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon both the parties. Instructions to the 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 into 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 vendor. 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. e) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. No: MC/Gbl/2026/2821-27 DPK-NB-1525/26 Dated: 01/09/2026 Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Ganderbal.

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This Day In History

- 1649 - The Italian city of Castro is completely destroyed by the forces of Pope Innocent X, ending the Wars of Castro.
- 1686 - Habsburg armies take Buda from Turks
- 1752 - Last Julian calendar day in Great Britain and British colonies including America. To sync to the Gregorian calendar, 11 days are skipped and the next date is Sep 14.
- 1807- The Royal Navy bombards Copenhagen with fire bombs and phosphorus rockets to prevent Denmark from surrendering its fleet to Napoleon.
- 1870 - Napoleon III surrenders to Prussian armies at the Battle of Sedan

SAD DEMISE. With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Mohammad Yaseen Wani S/o Late Ghulam Qadir Wani R/o Basant Bagh, Srinagar who left for the heavenly abode on Monday 31 Aug 2026. We pray that Almighty Allah grants the departed soul eternal peace and highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous (Ameen). Fateha Khawani will be held on 4th of Sep, 2026 (Friday) at their ancestral graveyard Malkha near Kathi Darwaza, Srinagar at 02:30 PM. NOTE: LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO BRING ANYKIND OF EATABLES WITH THEM. BEREAVED: MOHAMAD SAMEER WANI CONTACT NO: 7780821210

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Housing and Urban Development Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar. Subject: Verification of Character & Antecedents of the candidate selected for the post of Assistant Architect in the Housing and Urban Development Department. NOTICE The applicant figuring below to this notice is hereby informed to submit her valid E- Mail ID and Mobile Number in the Housing and Urban Development Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu (Room No. 3/25 Mini Block) or Civil Secretariat, Srinagar (Room No. 17 Ground Floor), in person within a period of fifteen (15) days positively, for the purpose of e-verification rolls to obtain Character & Antecedents report from the Criminal Investigation Department, J&K. If the candidate fails to report to the Housing and Urban Development Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar, within the prescribed time period, she shall forfeit the right to appointment. S.No Name Parent-age Address 1. AISHWARYA BALI RAKESH BALI WARD NO.13 SHASH-TRI NAGAR, JAMMU (S. Tarandeep Singh) Under Under Secretary to the Government HUD-ARCH/6/2026-01(7783692) DPK-5173/26 Dated: 01.09.2026

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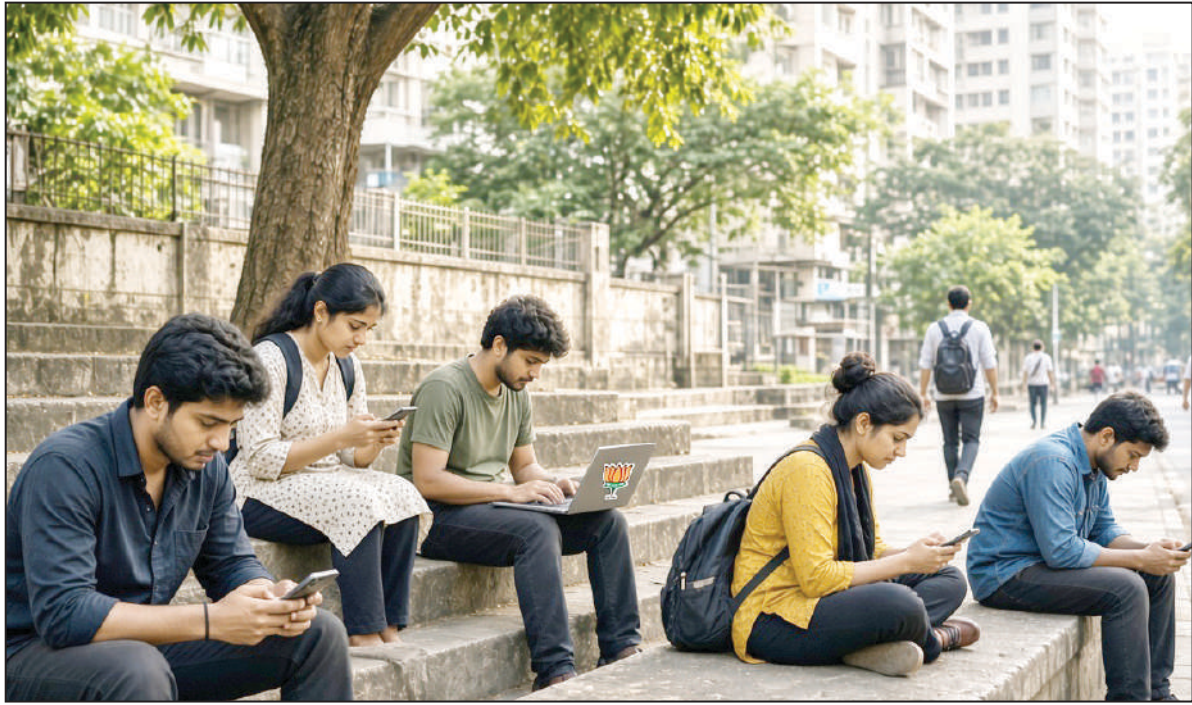
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Dr. Aditya Rath

The BJP's decision to replace Amit Malviya, who led its digital operations for more than a decade, with Deepak Mhaskey looks like an organisational change. But the larger significance lies elsewhere. The party appears to recognise that India's political internet has changed, and the communication system that worked so effectively through much of the Modi era may no longer produce the same political effect. The BJP once understood digital politics with unusual precision. It mastered speed, amplification, message discipline and the creation of political narratives. Its IT and social media machinery became one of the most formidable communication networks in Indian politics, helping the party define political debates and defend the government when criticism gathered force. A different internet now confronts it. Recent youth-led protests have made the difference clear. Criticising a ruling party is a normal part of politics, but the bigger shift came when young people took their criticism online, outside the BJP's usual network, and built momentum before the party could decide how to respond. The CJP episode became an important example. Whatever one thinks of the protests or the group behind them, the episode showed how quickly a political discourse can grow outside the BJP's traditional digital machinery. A party used to setting the political agenda now faces a harder task when the debate is defined elsewhere. Mhaskey's appointment becomes significant against that backdrop. He has spoken about reaching Gen Z and making sure that the "right information" reaches them. That choice of words shows how difficult the task has become. Young Indians who have grown up with the internet consume political material from several directions. They encounter party accounts, independent creators, meme pages, student groups and competing ideological voices within the same digital space. That generation also appears less willing to accept political labels as answers. Terms such as "urban Naxal," "leftist" and "Libtard" became common weapons in earlier online battles. They could turn political disagreement into a contest between camps and strengthen loyalty among

existing supporters. A younger voter asking about jobs, education, examinations, inflation, governance, corruption or institutional accountability may respond differently. The question itself can demand an answer before the political label attached to the questioner. That creates a difficult test for the BJP. Its communication model has often excelled at identifying opponents and defending the leadership. The next model has to become better at addressing questions. The challenge extends beyond the digital department to Narendra Modi himself. The "Brand Modi" that dominated Indian politics for more than a decade rested on energy, authority, decisiveness and a relentless public presence. Time becomes a political variable for any leader who has occupied the centre of national politics for so long. Recent public appearances have generated discussion about visible signs of fatigue. A much-discussed selfie video, for example, prompted viewers to focus on the movement of the Prime Minister's hands. A medical conclusion from such footage would be irresponsible. But the political question surrounding the image remains legitimate because political brands depend heavily on perception. Modi's public identity has long rested on the impression of perpetual energy and political command. Any change in that perception, however slight, creates a fresh challenge for the party. Organisational strength can com-



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Homestay Boom

Kashmir's homestay boom is bringing tourism into ordinary homes, which can open a useful new source of income for rural families. The government has registered more than 1,600 homestays in Kashmir Division and is encouraging visitors to explore places beyond the established tourist spots. A spare room can bring money into a household, while local food, transport and small services can benefit from the visitors who stay there. The appeal is simple, especially in villages where families have long combined farming, housing and small businesses within the same household economy. Tourism also changes the value of residential space. A room that once served a family can now generate income from visitors, while demand for accommodation can influence rents, construction and land prices. Over time, those changes can affect how families decide to use their homes and what younger households can afford. Water, sewage and waste bring another practical concern. More guests mean more pressure on local water supplies, drainage and waste collection. Tourism growth works better when village infrastructure grows alongside it, rather than leaving residents to absorb the extra burden through stretched public services. The question of ownership needs particular attention, especially because the strength of the homestay idea lies in keeping tourism income with local households. Clear eligibility rules, transparent licensing and sensible safeguards around property ownership can help ensure that houses remain part of the local economy rather than becoming assets managed mainly for outside investment. There is a social side to this change as well. A village home remains part of a family and its community even when one room becomes a guest room. The character of a village can shift when tourism begins influencing land use, construction and household decisions more strongly than local needs. The government's push for year-round tourism makes careful planning more important. Visitor numbers and registered rooms tell only part of the story. Water use, sewage capacity, waste, land prices, housing costs and the share of tourism income retained by residents can give a much clearer picture of what tourism is doing to village life. A homestay can give a Kashmiri family a new way to earn from its own home while keeping the surrounding community liveable for the people who call it home. That balance could become the real measure of whether Kashmir's tourism growth is spreading opportunity or gradually changing the economics of village life.

The Skullcap and the Storm

The man who made Article 370 central to the National Conference's campaign now sits outside Omar Abdullah's government, raising questions about the future of the party's mandate.



Raqif Makhdoomi

When National Conference leaders walked to Aga Ruhullah Mehdi's door in 2024 to ask him to contest the parliamentary election, they were not paying a courtesy call. They were making a determined effort to win him over. Ruhullah had said no. He agreed only after the party accepted terms he set himself, then went out and won by a margin so large it stunned even his own colleagues, cutting deep into territory the PDP had held for years. His first speech in parliament quickly became a political moment of uncommon reach in Kashmir. As it circulated through social media,

WhatsApp groups and public discussion, it helped him build an audience that owed more to personal credibility than party machinery. That following became the engine of Omar Abdullah's assembly campaign months later. Ruhullah was everywhere, the star performer stumping for candidates most voters had never heard speak for themselves. Omar, by contrast, seemed absorbed by his own contest in Ganderbal, appealing to voters to save the "Toupie hund Azath," his skullcap, asking an entire constituency to protect it. Ganderbal answered him, so did forty-eight other constituencies, giving the National Conference-led alliance 49 seats, its strongest showing in more than four decades. Party workers and ordinary voters now point to something the numbers cannot quite capture: the extent to which Ruhullah's voice helped turn the campaign into a wider political wave. Watch the campaign footage today and the imbalance shows itself in gesture alone. One clip shows Ruhullah telling a crowd that Omar's National Conference will send Delhi a message about what happened on August 5, 2019, and Omar stands behind him, nodding along to the words. Ruhullah spoke and the party listened. He built his campaign around Article 370,



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promising audiences his party would do what it took to restore it. Nobody objected to what he said, because objecting meant losing a seat. His words functioned as settled fact on the trail, and the anger still raw from 2019 left peo-

ple little reason to vote any other way. Ruhullah's rebellion did not begin on day one of government. He waited, let Omar's administration function, and only raised his voice as public frustration grew around him. The break came over reservation policy, when students protesting outside Omar's official residence were told, sharply, why they hadn't taken their grievance to the Lieutenant Governor instead. That exchange, and the "Field Negro, House Negro" language that followed between the two men, marked the point where the bitterness turned public. Students were handed a promise: a committee under the education minister would study the issue and report within six months. Two years on, no report has surfaced. Other grievances met the same fate, parked under committees that never delivered, a common way of postponing an argument rather than settling it. What that leaves is a government haunted by its own debt. Omar's worry over expanding his cabinet says a lot. An empty ministerial seat can become a possible defection, and an MLA left out can become a potential rebel, especially when so many owe their victories to a man who now sits outside the government he

helped bring to power. Rumours of the party fracturing may or may not hold up, but Ruhullah's own resignation looks close enough that few in Srinagar are betting against it. None of this repeats 1987 or 1996, the ruptures Kashmiris still measure disasters against, and forcing this moment into that old shape would miss what's actually happening. What's happening is plainer and perhaps more damaging: a government elected on a promise about Article 370 now finds the man who made that promise believable standing outside its cabinet, unconvinced the promise is being kept. Winter is coming, bringing with it the old Kashmiri habit of keeping a kangri close through the cold months. The firepot keeps the body warm, but held carelessly, its fire can burn through the cloth. Kashmiri politics holds the same risk this season. The warmth that lit Omar Abdullah's mandate came from someone else's hand, and nothing guarantees it won't scorch him before spring.

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A Feast, Then a Heap

Kashmir's grand weddings are generating thousands of kilograms of food and plastic waste each day, while Achan and the valley's water bodies struggle to absorb what we throw away.



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

A few days ago, my friend Javaid sent me a video from Chandpora in Harwan, Srinagar. A huge heap of wedding waste had been dumped beside the Srinagar-Harwan road. Someone had collected the waste after a marriage function and left it there as though the road itself were a dumping ground.

I uploaded the video on social media and asked the Srinagar Municipal Corporation and local police to identify those responsible and take action under the law.

I have seen similar scenes for years, with wedding waste often dumped in forests, village commons, streams, canals and small lakes. In Srinagar and other towns, some families carry the waste to the Jhelum, Dal Lake or nearby roadsides.

The irony is that the municipal system already collects wedding waste. The deeper failure begins after the collection, and often before it.

Families, caterers and wedding organisers routinely mix leftover food with plastic. Municipal vehicles then take this mixed waste to disposal sites, where a material that could have been separated and processed becomes part of a much larger burden.

Achan Syedpora shows where this habit leads.

Official figures put the waste there at around 11.50 lakh metric tonnes. Unofficial estimates put it above 15 lakh tonnes. I took the issue to the National Green Tribunal two years ago. The tribunal imposed large penalties on the Srinagar Municipal Corporation,



We should bring the responsibility back to the wedding tent, where food can remain food, plastic can remain a separate material and much of the waste can find a different destination. The first step toward a cleaner Kashmir may begin with something as ordinary as keeping leftover rice away from a plastic pouch.

and Rs 361 crore has now been sanctioned for restoring the legacy waste through biomining.

The corporation has sought two years from the tribunal to clear it.

I keep returning to this figure because it exposes the absurdity of our approach. We spend hundreds of crores dealing with waste after it has accumulated while continuing to generate more waste

at weddings, social functions and public gatherings.

Kashmir's wedding season makes this especially visible.

Between May and November, around 1,500 to 2,000 marriage functions take place daily in the valley, based on unofficial figures I have collected from chefs, caterers and tent-house owners. A typical marriage function uses around

150 to 200 kilograms of mutton for Wazwan. That puts daily mutton consumption for weddings at roughly four lakh kilograms.

Families often take leftover Wazwan home, which helps reduce food wastage. Had they left the food behind, I estimate that around half of the Wazwan could have been wasted, including nearly two lakh kilograms of mutton a day.

I know families where 10 to 12 quintals of mutton are used at a single wedding, along with 200 to 300 kilograms of chicken.

Such quantities should make us reconsider what we have come to call a normal wedding.

Our celebrations have acquired a scale of consumption that produces a corresponding scale of waste. Kashmir has limited space for disposal, while its rivers, lakes, wetlands, forests and streams already receive pressure from care-less dumping.

The good news is that many solutions remain simple.

The traditional white-cloth Dastarkhan can return in place of plastic. Clay vessels that once held curd can replace plastic bowls. Reusable glass, copper or steel glasses can replace disposable cups. Two or three filtered-water cans in a wedding hall or tent can reduce the use of packed water bottles. Cotton towels can replace wet tissues.

The thick aluminium-coated plastic pouch used to pack leftover mutton needs special attention.

This material can take at least 1,000 years to degrade. Hot Wazwan placed inside it creates another concern.

A thick butter-paper pouch can serve as an alternative, placed inside the cardboard-style bag already used in the Wazwan basket.

The food can first cool on the trami before packing.

Food waste also needs its own route. Leftover rice should go into a separate tub instead of being mixed with plastic. The host can arrange for the rice to be placed in a deep pit.

Plastic bottles can be collected and given to ragpickers. Other dry material can go to a material collection centre in dry form, where it can be shredded and used to make other products.

I saw one example of this approach recently in Bandipora during a workshop on waste management organised by Deputy Commissioner Indu Chib.

Ranvir Singh, who works in a senior position with the Indian Pollution Control Association

(IPCA), explained how difficult non-recyclable material such as chips and biscuit wrappers can be processed into useful products, including flower vases and roof sheets.

IPCA, established in 2001, works on solid and plastic waste management, decentralised waste processing, air-quality monitoring, lake restoration, environmental education, policy advocacy and the welfare of waste workers. Its work shows that even material we usually regard as useless can enter another production cycle when it is separated and processed properly.

The lesson for Kashmir is clear: a municipal truck cannot fix a problem that starts when food and plastic are mixed at the wedding tent. A landfill cannot keep taking waste forever, and Achan's legacy waste alone will cost Rs 361 crore and take years of biomining to clear, even as new waste keeps coming in.

I believe Kashmir should begin treating weddings as part of its waste-management policy.

Caterers, tent-house owners, families, municipalities and local authorities can all help define the fate of wedding waste before it reaches the roadside or landfill.

The heap at Chandpora was visible because someone left it beside a road. Much of our wedding waste disappears from view inside municipal trucks and landfill sites. That distance makes the problem easier to ignore.

We should bring the responsibility back to the wedding tent, where food can remain food, plastic can remain a separate material and much of the waste can find a different destination.

The first step toward a cleaner Kashmir may begin with something as ordinary as keeping leftover rice away from a plastic pouch.

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A Poet's Disillusionment

Raghib Tehseen's verses capture the anger of citizens who have watched political promises collide with everyday hardship.



Sheikh Salman Amin

The poet's image of markets filled with goods while poor families struggle to provide happiness for their children captures the distance between public abundance and household experience.

Kashmir's political establishment has spent decades converting public hope into electoral currency.

Parties that once presented themselves as guardians of constitutional guarantees and regional autonomy gradually entered the same bargains that weakened those protections.

After the constitutional changes of August 2019 and years of bureaucratic rule without an elected government, electoral politics returned with the National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party seeking renewed trust from a population already exhausted by disappointment.

Their campaigns revived old grievances and promises, while their own histories remained part of the story.

The poet Raghib Tehseen gives this disillusionment its harshest vocabulary: "Aye hakim-e-waqt! Tere kirdar pe thoo / Teri guftar pe laanat, tere darbar pe thoo."

His attack on the ruler's conduct and court speaks to a political culture where public language can acquire great warmth during campaigns and lose its force once power is secured.

That culture has grown around patronage. Decades of political rule created networks in which access to government could depend on loyalty rather than competence.

Backdoor appointments put unqualified people into government departments, where some remained



entrenched long after the politicians who helped them secure those posts had left office.

Such arrangements teach citizens that public institutions belong to those with connections, while ordinary applicants wait outside the gate.

The consequences are visible in the lives of educated Kashmiris.

Qualified doctors and health professionals work through poorly paid, ad-hoc arrangements. Engineers and scholars face dead ends, students confront compromised examinations, while daily wagers struggle with poverty.

Recruitment notifications face delays, paper leaks and cancellations, leaving young people with degrees in their hands and little certainty about where those qualifications can take them.

The state's response to peaceful demands for accountability often reveals the same imbalance.

Administrative notices and legal action can move swiftly when citizens protest, while complaints about institutional failure can spend years without

resolution.

Tehseen's image of a sword that turns against its own people captures this unequal exercise of authority: "Jo faqat apne hi logon ka gala kaatti ho / Aisi talwar, ma'a sahib-e-talwar pe thoo."

Political rhetoric has also collided sharply with household economics.

Election promises included economic relief, free electricity and an end to VIP culture.

But then, VIP sirens returned to public roads, and lawmakers enacted salary increases to Rs 2.5 lakh alongside extensive perks.

Meanwhile, more than 100,000 daily wagers and Power Development Department lineworkers continue working under difficult conditions, including winter blizzards, while wage regularization remains tied to claims of fiscal constraint.

The contradiction becomes harder to explain in a region with substantial hydropower generation.

Rivers produce electricity, workers maintain the grid, and households still face higher winter tariffs.

The poet's image of markets filled with goods while poor families struggle to provide happiness for their children captures the distance between public abundance and household experience.

A similar disparity appears in the treatment of Kashmiris outside the region.

Seasonal shawl artisans, traders and students in different parts of India have faced profiling, harassment and violence during the past year. The political response has largely remained limited to correspondence, while statutory mechanisms to protect citizens outside Kashmir remain inadequate.

A government that speaks constantly about representation also has to account for what happens to its people beyond its administrative boundaries.

The opposition has its own burden of credibility. Moral posturing becomes hollow when parties once involved in governance return as though their own record has vanished.

Treasury benches and opposition parties can fall into the same electoral habit: essential development appears

late in a term, allowing delivery to become campaign material.

Citizens are left watching the calendar rather than judging institutions by consistent performance.

Tehseen's final severance is therefore more than poetic anger. "Kaat ke rakh diya duniya se tiri Raghib ne," he writes, cutting his ties with a deceptive political world.

The sentiment captures a psychological shift visible among educated young Kashmiris.

Suspicion here comes from accumulated experience, while promises have been tested against salaries, recruitment lists, electricity bills, courtrooms and government offices.

The student mobilisation at Jantar Mantar points toward a different political possibility. Peaceful, organised youth action showed that institutional impunity can face public scrutiny when citizens organise around accountability.

Kashmir's educated generation is learning to judge politics through records rather than tears, slogans or manufactured rivalries.

That change could become the most consequential verdict on the region's old political compact.

A voter who has watched promises fade, recruitment processes fail, public workers go unpaid and political privileges return begins to judge those in power by a different standard.

The question concerns performance, institutional fairness and accountability.

VIP sirens may clear a road for a few seconds, but a generation that has learned to question power can remember for years who was inside the convoy, who was left outside and what was promised before the sirens began.

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Ticket Checking Drive
Railways' Jammu
Division Collects Rs 56.46
Lakh Fine In August

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu division of Northern Railway collected Rs 56.46 lakh in fines from passengers during a ticket-checking drive across the division in August, officials said on Tuesday. Officials said they detected 8,106 cases during the drive, which aimed to curb ticketless and irregular travel and raise passenger awareness about travelling with valid tickets. According to officials, a total fine of Rs 56,46,615 was collected from passengers travelling without tickets, undertaking irregular journeys or carrying unbooked excess luggage. The checking was carried out throughout the month at major stations, including Jammu, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan, Kathua, Pathankot Canit, Budgam and Srinagar, and various Mail, Express and special trains passing through the division. Officials said the drive was not aimed merely at revenue generation but also at ensuring a safe, smooth and comfortable journey for passengers. "Jammu Division is committed to maintaining passenger convenience and railway discipline. This is the result of the dedication and continuous efforts of our ticket checking staff," senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu Division, Uchit Singhal said. "Our objective is not only to take punitive action but also to make passengers aware that they must take tickets before starting their journey. Such intensive ticket checking drives will continue regularly," he said. The division appealed to passengers to travel only with valid tickets and cooperate with railway authorities during ticket checks.

NIT Srinagar Hosts First International Conference
On Water, Wastewater & Waste Management

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar hosted RECLAIM 2026, the first International Conference on Water, Wastewater and Waste Management, bringing together researchers, academicians, policymakers and industry experts from across India and abroad to deliberate on emerging challenges in water resource management, wastewater treatment and sustainable waste management. Organised by the Water Resources Management Centre (WRMC), and Department of Civil Engineering NIT Srinagar, the two-day conference featured participation from premier institutions including IIT Delhi, IIT Roorkee, IIT Guwahati, IIT Madras, IIT Jodhpur, IIT Hyderabad and CSIR, besides delegates and researchers from different parts of the country and overseas. The conference commenced with an inaugural session attended by Faz Lul Haseeb, IAS, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation and



CEO, Srinagar Smart City Limited, along with senior faculty members from WRMC and the Department of Civil Engineering, NIT Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion, Faz Lul Haseeb emphasized the importance of developing practical and sustainable approaches to waste management, particularly in a region like Jammu and Kashmir where difficult terrain and climatic conditions pose additional challenges. He stressed the need for stronger coordination between academic institutions, government agencies and industry to translate research into solutions that can be implemented on the ground. In his message, Director NIT Srinagar Prof. Anurag Misra said RECLAIM 2026 reflects the Institute's commitment to research and innovation in addressing critical environmental challenges. He emphasized stronger collaboration among academia, government and industry to develop practical and sustainable solutions for water and waste management. Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman said the conference provided an important platform for researchers, students and industry experts to exchange ideas

and strengthen academia-industry collaboration, with a focus on translating research into practical solutions. A distinguished plenary session was held during the conference, featuring talks by experts in environmental engineering and water resources engineering. This was followed by seven technical sessions spread across the two days, where researchers presented their original work covering water treatment technologies, wastewater management, solid waste management and allied areas of environmental engineering. RECLAIM 2026 was conceived, organised and coordinated by Dr Khalid Muzamil Gani, Organising Secretary, with guidance and support from Prof. A.Q. Dar, Chairman, Water Resources Management Centre, and Prof. J A Bhat Department of Civil Engineering NIT Srinagar. One of the major highlights of RECLAIM 2026 was a dedicated workshop on "Challenges and Solutions for Efficient Sewage Treatment in Hilly and Cold Regions of India."

The workshop examined the specific difficulties associated with sewage treatment in mountainous and cold climatic conditions, which can affect treatment efficiency and the operation of wastewater infrastructure. The workshop also witnessed participation from engineers of the Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED), Jammu and Kashmir, who joined both physically and through online participation from different locations. Organisers said the participation reflected the conference's emphasis on strengthening industry-academia collaboration and developing solutions suited to the region's geographical and climatic conditions. The conference also provided a platform for young researchers and students through a dedicated poster session. Research work presented by scholars and students was evaluated, with outstanding contributions recognised through Best Paper Presentation Awards and Best Poster Presentation Awards.

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Rain Lashes J&K

On September 3, generally dry weather is expected, although brief showers may occur at a few places. Light to moderate rain and thundershowers are likely at many places on September 4, accompanied by brief intense showers. From September 5 to 12, generally dry weather is expected across Jammu and Kashmir, although brief spells of rain or thundershowers may occur at isolated to scattered places, particularly during the early morning and afternoon hours. The Meteorological Centre Srinagar has cautioned that brief intense showers at isolated locations during September 1 and 2 could trigger flash floods, mudslides and landslides. People have been advised to remain cautious in vulnerable areas, particularly in locations prone to flooding and landslides. Farmers, however, have been advised that they may continue harvesting and other agricultural operations. Temperatures remain above normal Despite the rainfall, temperatures remained above normal in several parts of Kashmir. Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 33 degrees Celsius, which was 4.1 degrees above normal, while the minimum temperature settled at 20.9 degrees, nearly five degrees above normal. Qazigund recorded a maximum of 31.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 18.6 degrees, while Pahalgam recorded 27.6 degrees and 17.5 degrees, respectively. Kupwara recorded a maximum of 33.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 18.4 degrees, while Kukernag recorded 31.4 degrees and 18.2 degrees. Gulmarg, among the cooler stations in the Valley, recorded a maximum of 22.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 12.2 degrees. Konibal recorded 33.2 degrees and 19.4 degrees. In the Jammu division, Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 33.9 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 25.2 degrees, while Banihal recorded 29.6 degrees and 20.5 degrees. Batote recorded 28.2 degrees Celsius as the maximum and 19.1 degrees as the minimum, while Katra recorded 29.1 degrees and 22.6 degrees. Baderwah recorded 30 degrees and 18.2 degrees, and Kathua 34.8 degrees and 23.4 degrees. AWS data showed Jammu at 34.1 degrees Celsius maximum and 26.9 degrees minimum, Udhampur at 33.6 and 24 degrees, Samba at 32 and 24.9 degrees, Ramban at 28.5 and 21 degrees, and Poonch at 33.4 and 20.6 degrees. In Kashmir, AWS stations recorded maximum temperatures of 32.4 degrees Celsius in Srinagar and Awantipora, 31 degrees in Budgam, 30 degrees in Baramulla, 32.4 degrees in Bandipora, 32.7 degrees in Pulwama, 31.8 degrees in Shopian, 29.6 degrees in Kulgam and 30.5 degrees in Ganderbal. Sonamarg recorded a maximum temperature of 25.1 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 14.9 degrees. The weather department said rainfall activity is expected to decline after the current spell, with generally dry conditions likely to prevail over much of Jammu and Kashmir from September 5 onward.

Maintain Sustained

and Principal Secretary Home briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the overall security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir. IGP, DIGs and divisional commissioners apprised him of the security situation in their respective areas, anti-terror operations, law and order, drug smuggling and other emerging challenges. The meeting also witnessed detailed deliberations on various other critical security and law-and-order issues. The Lieutenant Governor directed all officers to maintain heightened operational vigilance, seamless inter-agency coordination and a proactive approach to safeguarding peace and maintaining law and order across Jammu and Kashmir. Bank Unions Call banking, the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) had agreed to the proposal as part of the 12th

Bipartite Settlement/9th Joint Note signed on March 8, 2024, under which working hours would be increased by 40 minutes from Monday to Friday. The proposal was subsequently recommended to the government, but has remained pending for more than two years, All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC) general secretary Rupam Roy said while addressing media here. The unions have also objected to the government's PLI scheme for bank officers in Scale IV and above, saying it differs from the understanding reached with the IBA that performance-linked incentive would be linked to the overall performance of individual banks and would be uniform for employees and officers up to Scale VII. Under the government's scheme, officers in Scale IV and above could receive PLI of up to 365 days of basic pay based on individual performance, while workmen employees and officers up to Scale III would receive a maximum of 15 days' basic pay plus dearness allowance. The issue of PLI is currently under conciliation before the Chief Labour Commissioner (CLC) following the strike call issued by the UFBU and is also pending before the Delhi High Court, All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) general Secretary C H Venkatachalam said. He alleged that despite the pendency of conciliation proceedings and its offer to hold bilateral discussions with the IBA, the Department of Financial Services (DFS) has advised banks to implement the government's performance-linked incentive scheme. Crediting of performance-linked incentive under the DFS scheme has now actually commenced in the banks, alleging that this was in violation of the status quo obligation during conciliation proceedings, Vekatachalam claimed. He argued that the present PLI scheme suggested by the DFS would disproportionately benefit a small section of officers and undermine the principle of uniformity in incentives across cadres. The other residual demands, including updation and improvement of pension, a uniform dearness allowance formula for all pensioners and an option for employees covered under the National Pension System (NPS) to switch to the old pension scheme (OPS), also remained unresolved.

136 JKAS Officers

JKAS, Additional Secretary in the Mining Department, has been transferred and posted as Additional Secretary in the Forest, Ecology and Environment Department. At the district level, Amarjeet Singh, JKAS, has been posted as Additional District Development Commissioner, Poonch, while Ghulam Rasool, JKAS, has been appointed Additional District Development Commissioner, Kupwara. Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, Administrator of Associated Hospitals, Srinagar, has been posted as Additional District Development Commissioner, Pulwama. Masarat Hashim, JKAS, will succeed him as Administrator of Associated Hospitals, Srinagar. Rifat Aftab Qureshi, JKAS, Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, has been posted as Director, Command Area Development, Kashmir. The incumbent, Dr Fayaz Ahmad Bandy, JKAS, has been transferred and posted as Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir. In other key changes, Anju Gupta, JKAS, Additional Transport Commissioner, J&K, has been appointed Additional Inspector General of Registration, Jammu, while Pankaj Gupta, JKAS, has been posted as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records, Doda. Namrita Dogra, JKAS, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Administration and Enforcement), Jammu, has been posted as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records, Jammu. Jogindera Singh Rai, JKAS, Special Secretary in the GAD, has been appointed Managing Director of the J&K Agro Industries Development Corporation. Basharat Hussain, JKAS, Chief Executive Officer/Secretary of the J&K Khadi and Village

Industries Board, has been posted as Chief Executive Officer of the Tourism Development Authority, Rajouri. Vinod Kumar Behnal, JKAS, Additional District Development Commissioner, Kishtwar, has been appointed Executive Director, J&K Rehabilitation Council, in the Social Welfare Department. Tazayun Mukhtar, JKAS, CEO of the Urban Development Agency, Kashmir, has been appointed Secretary of the J&K Sports Council. Dhananther Singh, JKAS, Special Secretary in the Health and Medical Education Department, has been posted as Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Administration and Enforcement), Jammu. Dr Zahoor Ahmad Magray, JKAS, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Kashmir, has been posted as Additional Commissioner in the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir. Ghulam Nabi Bhat, JKAS, Additional Secretary in the Agriculture Production Department, has been posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Recovery), Kashmir. Veedushi Kapoor, JKAS, Additional Secretary in the Civil Aviation Department, has been transferred to the Revenue Department as Additional Secretary, while Shahid Mehmood, JKAS, Additional Secretary in the Labour and Employment Department, has been posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Pulwama. Anil Salgotra, JKAS, Joint Chief Electoral Officer in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, has been posted as Joint Director, School Education, Jammu. Raj Mohammad, JKAS, Additional Secretary in the Industries and Commerce Department, has been appointed Director, Land Management, Srinagar Development Authority. Afshan Masood, JKAS, Secretary of the J&K Advisory Board for Development of Other Backward Classes, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD). Mohammad Aslam, JKAS, Registrar-cum-Controller of Examinations, SKIMS, Soura, has been posted as General Manager, DIC, Ganderbal. Sumera Shamim, JKAS, Director, Land Management, Srinagar Development Authority, has been transferred and posted as Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies (Special), Kashmir, while Avleen Kour Bali, JKAS, Secretary of the J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People, has been posted as Joint Registrar, Cooperatives (Special), Jammu. Shazia Koser, JKAS, Joint Director, Handloom, Jammu, has been posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT, Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Jammu. Ashima Sher, JKAS, Joint Director, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Jammu. The large-scale reshuffle includes postings across the civil secretariat, districts, development authorities, revenue, education, health, taxation, cooperatives, social welfare and other departments.

3 Urban Projects

each from the Centre and the J&K government, while Rs 953.81 crore is proposed to be mobilised through market and PPP financing. The PPP component includes a high-end residential group housing project, an upscale hotel, a modern retail mall and associated Left Bank road infrastructure. The project also includes structural and river-protection works such as a diaphragm wall, embankment filling, retaining walls with anchor slabs and interceptor drainage infrastructure. Srinagar's historic core, Nigeen lakefront to be revamped The Walled City and Nigeen Lakefront Revitalisation project has an estimated cost of Rs 1,010 crore and aims to rejuvenate Srinagar's historic urban core and unlock the economic potential of its lakefront areas. Around Rs 300 crore will be spent on core public infrastructure and the revitalisation of the historic city.

The PPP component will support the development of a Hospitality Centre, Pokribal Lakefront and a premium five-star boutique hotel. Katra gets Rs 114-Cr pilgrim infrastructure push The KRIPA project in Reasi, estimated at Rs 113.90 crore, will focus on improving pilgrim amenities, mobility management and institutional infrastructure in Katra. A key component is the Katra Gateway Centre, planned as a seven-floor mixed-use facility on a half-acre site, with around 1.39 lakh square feet of built-up area. The facility will include pilgrim dormitories with 480 beds across 36 dormitories, 35 guest rooms, retail outlets, a community dining hall and dedicated prayer spaces. To address traffic and parking congestion, the project also includes a multi-level car parking facility, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and dedicated bus bays near the Yatra Parchi Counter. Another Rs 15.25 crore has been earmarked for institutional remodelling, including modern commercial office spaces, retail kiosks and upgraded administrative facilities for the Municipal Committee, Katra. Lidder Swells, Flash

or major damage were reported so far. The spell of rain also affected several other parts of Jammu and Kashmir, including Kulgam and Shopian. The Meteorological Centre Srinagar has cautioned that intense showers at vulnerable locations could trigger flash floods, mudslides and landslides. The weather office has forecast a gradual decline in rainfall activity from Wednesday. Jammu and Kashmir is likely to experience generally dry weather from September 2 to 10, although isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers may occur during the period. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall and rising water levels also affected Poonch district, where authorities ordered the closure of all schools on Tuesday as a precautionary measure. The decision was announced through an order issued by the Chief Education Officer, with officials saying the situation was being closely monitored. Authorities have advised continued caution in vulnerable areas, particularly near rivers, streams and landslide-prone stretches, amid the weather conditions. NIA Court Denies

as Osama Bin Javed, Haroon Abbass Wani and Zahid Hussain. The case was initially registered at Kishtwar police station under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Arms Act, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and the Indian Penal Code. The NIA later took over the investigation. The FIR was registered following an incident in which terrorists led by Haroon Ahmad Wani allegedly snatched the service weapon of head constable Daleep Singh, who was posted as escort in-charge of the then Kishtwar deputy commissioner. Three magazines and 90 rounds were also allegedly taken from his rented accommodation on March 8, 2019. NIA opposes bail The defence sought bail on the ground of prolonged incarceration, pointing out that Malik had spent more than five years in custody. The NIA opposed the plea, arguing that the allegations were serious and that prima facie material existed regarding Malik's alleged role in the case. The agency also submitted that his release could prejudice the ongoing trial. According to the prosecution, Malik had allegedly worked as an over-ground worker for the proscribed Hizbul Mujahideen and provided food, shelter and other logistical assistance to terrorists Haroon Abbas Wani and Tahir Ahmad Bhat between June 2019 and January 2020. Wani was killed by security forces on January 15, 2020. The NIA alleged that Malik had been motivated by the cause of "jihad" and had provided shelter to the terrorists at his residence as well as in an underground cave near his house. The agency further submitted that there was

a possibility of Malik being used again by terrorist handlers to provide clandestine support if released on bail. The prosecution described him as a "highly motivated terror associate" and alleged that he had made repeated efforts to support terror-related activities. It also claimed that he was about to join Hizbul Mujahideen as an active terrorist when he was arrested. Court cites gravity of allegations After considering the submissions from both sides, the Special Judge held that the nature and gravity of the allegations, the material available on record, the progress of the trial and the possibility of the accused influencing witnesses weighed against granting him bail. The court accordingly rejected Malik's bail application. NC, BJP Set For from the Union Government over commitments made in Parliament and before the Supreme Court of India. NC said that it will gherao the opposition BJP headquarters in Jammu and Srinagar on Wednesday, demanding accountability for the promises the Union government made in Parliament and the Supreme Court regarding the "restoration of statehood". "The National Conference will peacefully gherao the BJP headquarters in Srinagar and Jammu tomorrow, demanding accountability for the promises made by the Union Government in Parliament and before the Supreme Court of India," the NC said in a post on X. "Our demands are clear: Constitutional guarantees, restoration of statehood, clearance of the reservation file, and justice for the people of J&K. The mandate of the people of Jammu & Kashmir is not a blank cheque. It must be respected, not taken for granted," the NC said. The NC also said the electoral mandate given by the people of Jammu and Kashmir "is not a blank cheque" and must be respected. Meanwhile, the BJP's protest comes ahead of the upcoming Assembly session and is expected to bring several governance and public-interest issues into sharper political focus. The party has already said its legislators will raise issues concerning development, employment, local democracy, electricity tariffs and governance in the House. (KNO)

Delhi HC Seeks

said Mehdi sent a representation to the grievance redressal officer, and Meta was required to respond within 24 hours, but no reply came. "The statutory framework permits the removal or disabling of access to specific unlawful content upon due process; however, it does not contemplate or authorise a blanket restriction on an entire account or page without identifying specific offending material and without adherence to the limitations prescribed under Article 19(2) of the Constitution of India," the plea said. It said Mehdi's Facebook page constitutes not only an exercise of his right to freedom of speech and expression but also a crucial medium of professional engagement and public outreach. The continued restriction has severely impaired the petitioner's ability to discharge his public duties, engage with constituents, and participate in democratic processes, the plea says. Despite the grave consequences of the impugned notice, no reasoned order or communication has been furnished to the petitioner to date, it contends. Kishtwar Hospital Police Station Chatroo, through a wireless signal dated August 30. The order stated that the allegations and nature of the offences were "extremely grave and serious" and rendered her continuation in service incompatible with the discipline, integrity, reputation and functioning of the public health institution. "Therefore, in view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the services of Zareena Begum, HDF Sanitation Worker, District Hospital Kishtwar, are hereby terminated with immediate effect," the order said.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

e-NIT No. 16/EE/PMGSY/BLA/e-Tendering of 2026-27, Dated:-01.09.2026

Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla, on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir invites online Percentage Basis tenders on e-procurement portal from reputed Consultants/ Consultancy Firms/Companies/Individual person for providing consultancy services for preparation of DPRs for one or more Bridges of rural roads to be constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in J&K UT as per details shown in the table given below:-

S.No	Name of work	Document Fee (Rupees)	Earnest Money (Lacs)	Period of Completion	Tender Call	Eligibility Criteria
1	Preparation of DPR for Construction of 03 No's of Bridges (Approx Span 122 Rm) in District Baramulla, including soil investigation, study structural design and all required tests, Estimation and preparation of detailed project report including L-Section and vetting of DPRs from State Technical Agency (STA) and Third Party Vetting of missing Bridges under PMGSY-I, II, III in PMGSY Division Baramulla, of Kashmir province (UT of J&K).	3000.00	0.60	45 Days	2nd	(Regd. Consultancy Firm) Consultant having experience of preparation of Minimum 05 DPRs in the last 03 Years

Schedules of Dates

1	Date of issue of tender Notice	01-09-2026
2	Document download/Sale start date	01-09-2026 (02.30 PM)
3	Pre-Bid Meeting	Nil
4	Bid Submission Start Date	01-09-2026 (02.30 PM)
5	Bid Submission closing Date	07-09-2026 12:30 PM
6	Date and Time of Bid opening (Technical)	07-09-2026 02.30 PM
7	Date and Time of Bid opening (Financial)	To be notified after technical evaluation

Tender Document Fees and Security/Earnest Money:- Tender Document Fees and Security/Earnest Money Should be submitted Online as per Govt. Circular Issued by the Finance Deptt, J&K Govt. Vide No. FD Code/290/2026, Dated :- 22.05.2026.

Performance Security: The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit for an amount of Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lac Fifty Thousand and only) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG which shall be released after successful completion of work.

The bidders shall read thoroughly the SBD as other all conditions as per SBD are to be followed by the bidders.

DIPK-5200-26
DT: 01/09/2026

CJP Calls Off Sept 5 Protest March

SC quashes student FIRs, delivers 'absolute justice'

Press Trust of India

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR: Declaring that "absolute justice" has been served, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Tuesday announced the cancellation of its protest march scheduled for September 5 after the Supreme Court quashed all FIRs against students involved in agitation on the NEET paper leak, and directed the Centre to compensate families of candidates who died by suicide.

Talking to reporters here, CJP convenor Abhijeet Dipke welcomed the apex court's directive, saying that the decision has finally delivered justice to all students and citizens who took to the streets and social media to raise their voices.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Tuesday quashed all criminal cases registered against students involved in protests between July

20 and 25 and directed the Centre to provide financial compensation within three months to families of NEET aspirants who took their own lives.

Following the ruling, the CJP called off its planned Teachers' Day demonstration in the national capital, which was being organised to demand the fulfilment of government promises made following the end of its 36-day agitation on July 25.

"We are calling off the march because all our demands have been fulfilled. There has been absolute justice...It took us a month, but in the true sense, this agitation has been successful," Dipke said. Expressing gratitude to the apex court, Dipke dedicated the outcome to the public for their sustained support.

"This is the victory of every person who took to the streets during this protest, not just at Jantar Mantar, but all over the country. This is the victory of



every person who raised their voice on social media or posted a story on WhatsApp. If all of you had not raised your voice, I don't

think this would have been possible," he said.

He said that the decision followed extensive deliberations,

including 7 to 8 marathon meetings over the last two days in Maharashtra with delegations from Delhi.

Offering an apology to the grieving families, Dipke held systemic government failure responsible for the loss of young lives.

"First of all, I would like to apologise to all of you. We could not save your children... It was not their fault. They had worked very hard and studied honestly to become doctors. It was the failure of the government that caused your children to lose their lives," he said, citing specific instances of affected families, including those of aspirants Pratik Meghwal, Akanksha Chaturvedi, Kahan Patel, and Riya Thapa.

Emphasising the necessity of financial relief, Dipke said that many affected families face severe economic hardship.

"Pratik's father is a labourer. Akanksha's father is sick and cannot earn. Compensation cannot bring their children back or fill their sorrow, but at least these families will not have to worry about their livelihood or

how to educate their younger children," he added.

He urged the government to implement structural measures to prevent future instances of paper leaks and student stress. "The government will have to take responsibility that no student should commit suicide after this due to an examination or a system failure. We cannot afford this anymore," he asserted.

The CJP-led march on July 20 in Delhi saw clashes between protesters and security personnel, who used lathis and teargas shells to disperse crowds attempting to move towards Parliament.

The protests, which spread to several cities, were centred around the resignation of the then Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

The agitation, which began at Jantar Mantar on June 20, was called off on July 25 after Pradhan resigned and the government accepted the CJP's other demands.

Jamia Students Protest Over 'Admission Irregularities'

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Students of Jamia Millia Islamia on Tuesday staged a protest march outside the office of the Dean of Students' Welfare (DSW), alleging irregularities in the spot registration admission process for the 2026-27 academic session, according to protesting students.

The protest was organised by the All India Students' Association (AISA) along with several other student organisations, including AIRSO, DISSC, Fraternity Movement, MSF, NSUI, SFI and SIO. The protesters marched from the Hygienic Canteen to the DSW office, where a gathering of students continued to sit in protest demanding a meeting with the DSW, AISA said in a statement.

The students alleged that the admission process had been marred by irregularities and demanded a fair and

transparent inquiry into the spot registration admissions. They also sought the resignation of the Controller of Examinations, alleging that the official was responsible for the failure of the admission process.

The protest comes days after Jamia suspended four students and barred them from entering the campus in connection with a protest over alleged irregularities in admissions. According to suspension orders issued by the university, the students had participated in an "unauthorised" sit-in at the Central Canteen on August 24.

The university had said protests could be held only at a designated area near Gate No. 18 and maintained that its officials had engaged with the protesting students and assured them that genuine grievances would be examined by the competent authorities.

Rising Sea Levels

Millions At Risk in Kolkata & Mumbai: UN

Press Trust of India

UNITED NATIONS: Millions of people in Kolkata and Mumbai are at "immediate risk" of losing their homes due to rising sea levels and permanent inundation, a report by the United Nations said.

"Rising seas are no longer a distant threat: they are happening now, faster than at any point in recorded history, and the pace is accelerating, making sea level rise one of the most profound threats to populations around the world in developed and developing States alike," the report of the UN Secretary-General titled 'Challenges related to sea level rise and ways and approaches to address it' said.

The report, released Monday, said that sea level rise is already damaging urban infrastructure, water systems, transport networks, energy grids, buildings and groundwater resources, creating far-reaching consequences that threaten the effective enjoyment of human rights, long-term development and financial stability. It noted that the nature of these



risks varies across regions.

In high-income cities such as Miami and New York in the United States and Guangzhou in China, the primary impact is the staggering financial exposure of coastal infrastructure, with assets at risk estimated between USD 2 trillion and USD 3.5 trillion.

"In the low-lying deltas of South Asia, in cities such as Kolkata and Mumbai in India, and Dhaka, the defining impact is human displacement, with more than 14 million people at immediate risk of losing their homes to permanent inundation," the report said.

It added that this divergence underscores the need to strengthen and broaden the indicators used to assess coastal vulnerability and exposure, ensuring that social risks measured in human lives and displacement receive the same level of urgency as those quantified in financial terms.

It said sea level rise affects public health through damage to coastal health and sanitation infrastructure, increased exposure to water-borne diseases, disrupted sanitation, elevated risks of injury and mortality, and exposure to rising mental health stress.

Call Centre Luring US Citizens Busted in Gurugram

Press Trust of India

GURUGRAM: Gurugram police busted a fake call centre and arrested 11 accused involved in cyber fraud by luring US citizens with the promise of providing assistance by posing as Apple customer service, police said on Tuesday. The police recovered nine laptops, 20 mobile phones, two headsets/microphones, two cars, a motorcycle and a scooter from their possession, they added.

According to the police, cyber police received information that an illegal fake call centre was operating from a plot in Palam Vihar, Gurugram. The call centre was allegedly targeting US citizens by impersonating Apple Customer Service and committing cyber fraud. A case has been registered at Cyber Crime Police Station West, Gurugram under relevant sections of the BNS and the IT Act.

Acting on the information, the police conducted a raid on

Monday. During the raid, the accused were found communicating with foreign nationals in English through X-Lite Dialler and Apple FaceTime using laptops, headsets and mobile phones. A total of 11 accused were arrested from the spot, said police.

According to the police, the accused were identified as Pritpal Singh, Mohammad Rijan Ansari, Chaitanya Goyal, Shahrugh Ansari, Sanjeev Pandey, Shivam, Aditya, Deepak Trivedi, Varun Gautam, all residents of Delhi. The police also arrested Manish, a resident of Odisha and Neeraj, a resident of Haryana, they added.

During the interrogation, it was revealed that Pritpal Singh was the team leader of the call centre. The accused had rented the premises about three months ago and were operating the fraudulent call centre. Each caller was hired on a commission basis, while the operation was being managed by another person, police said.

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