

Assembly Autumn Session To Begin Sept 21

Agencies

Srinagar: The autumn session of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly is shaping up to be a packed affair, with legislators submitting 650 questions, 16-17 Private Member Bills, and around 50 resolutions, sources disclosed.

Officials disclosed that the Assembly Secretariat has received around 650 questions from MLAs. Each legislator was permitted to submit eight questions – four starred and four unstarred – for the upcoming session beginning September 21.

According to sources, MLAs from both treasury and opposition benches have submitted 16-17 Private Member Bills. While members are entitled to introduce bills, such proposals rarely pass due to time constraints, as only one or two days are reserved for Private Member Bills during a session. In contrast, government bills – introduced by ministers – are not fettered by time limits and usually pass in the House.

The Secretariat has also received 50 Private Member Resolutions from MLAs. As per the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the J&K Assembly, seven resolutions will be chosen through a draw of lots to be listed for introduction in the House. These resolutions will first be examined to determine whether they are admissible under the Rules. (KNO)

KASHMIR'S BIG SCREEN MOMENT

IFFJK Takes Off In Srinagar

» Omar Abdullah inaugurates maiden festival at SKICC under theme 'Rang-e-Cinema'

» Four-day event features international competition, Bharat Panorama, J&K Select and masterclasses



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's longstanding association with cinema entered a new chapter on Monday as the first International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) opened in Srinagar, bringing filmmakers, actors, directors and cinema professionals together for a four-day celebration of films and culture.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah inaugurated the festival at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention

Centre (SKICC), marking the formal opening of the maiden edition being held from September 7 to 10 under the theme "Rang-e-Cinema."

The festival is being organised by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).

The inaugural edition features 135 films from 41 countries, covering feature films, documentaries, short films and regional cinema. | More on P6

◆ 135 films from 41 countries feature in maiden edition

◆ Festival runs September 7-10 across Srinagar, Jammu and Gulmarg

◆ International competition, Bharat Panorama and J&K Select

◆ Rs 96 lakh prize purse across nine award categories

◆ Masterclasses and industry interactions for filmmakers

◆ Bollywood and international cinema personalities participate

◆ Focus on local talent, filmmaking and film tourism

Kashmir Is A Creative Sanctuary: CM Omar Says Govt Working to Build Full-Fledged Film Industry In J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday inaugurated the first International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), describing Kashmir as a "creative sanctuary" and calling for a new chapter in its longstanding relationship with cinema.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Omar said IFFJK was more than a celebration of films and represented an assertion that Jammu and Kashmir was ready to welcome the global creative community.

"Kashmir is not just a location on a call sheet; it is a creative sanctuary, a home for global storytellers, and a voice that is ready to speak to the world," he said.

The Chief Minister said Kashmir had historically



occupied a special place in Indian cinema, recalling films including Jungle, Kashmir Ki Kali, Aradhana, Bobby, Silsila, Kabhi Kabhie and Jab Tak Hai Jaan.

He recalled how Gulmarg and Dal Lake became part of the visual imagination of generations of Indians, referring to Shammi Kapoor's iconic "Yahoo!" sequence in Jungle, the imagery of Sharmila Tagore in Kashmir Ki Kali and the romance of Rishi Kapoor and Dimple Kapadia in Bobby. Omar also | More on P6

Dry Weather In J&K Over Next 2 Weeks: MeT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir is likely to experience generally dry weather over the next two weeks, with brief spells of rain or thundershowers expected at isolated and scattered places, the Meteorological Centre here said on Monday.

According to the forecast, the weather is expected to remain generally dry from September 8 to 12, although brief spells of rain or thundershowers may occur at isolated places.

From September 13 to 15, brief spells of rain or thundershowers are likely at scattered places, particularly during the early morning and afternoon hours.

The weather is forecast to turn generally dry again from September 16 to 19, though isolated brief spells of rain or thundershowers cannot be ruled out.

The Met Centre advised farmers to continue harvesting apples and paddy, besides carrying out other agricultural operations.

Meanwhile, temperatures remained relatively moderate across Jammu and Kashmir on Monday.

Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 27.8 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 14 degrees Celsius, with the minimum temperature 1.2 degrees below normal. Qazigund recorded 26.1 degrees Celsius and 12.2 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam recorded 23.9 degrees Celsius and 10.2 degrees Celsius as the maximum and minimum | More on P6

Stipend Row Escalates

J&K Medical Interns Begin Hunger Strike; Boycott Emergency Duties

Observer News Service

Srinagar: MBBS and BDS interns from 10 Government Medical Colleges and two Dental Colleges across Jammu and Kashmir have intensified their ongoing agitation over the demand for an enhanced monthly stipend, beginning a 48-hour hunger strike and announcing that they will not undertake emergency-duty assignments with immediate effect.

The hunger strike began on Monday after talks with the government failed to end the interns' seven-day



strike over the stipend issue. "Our strike is indefinite. It will not stop until we receive an official order. But

now, over a week has passed since the strike began. If the government takes an issue seriously, it doesn't take

this long to issue an order," a protesting medical intern, Dr Faraz, said.

He said the interns were compelled to sit on hunger strike to create sustained pressure on the government.

"No one forced them. Two to three students from each college have come forward to sit on a hunger strike," he said.

The protesting interns said the government had repeatedly asked them to wait for more time, but maintained that they had already given the authorities three | More on P6

Veterinary Students Also Raise Stipend Demand

Veterinary students in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday staged a peaceful protest over the long-pending demand for enhancement of their internship stipend, days after MBBS and BDS interns intensified their own agitation over stipend revision.

The Jammu & Kashmir Veterinary Students Association (JKVSA), representing students of SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir, organized the protest and has been seeking a stipend revision for nearly three years. According to students, at both | More on P6

AI Must Remain Anchored In Ethics, Core Values: LG

Addresses IIT-BHU Global Alumni Meet in Chicago



Observer News Service

Chicago: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday stressed the need for responsible development and deployment of Artificial Intelligence, saying the technology must remain anchored in ethics, core values and strict human oversight.

Addressing the IIT-BHU Global Alumni Meet

in Chicago, Sinha said AI would play a major role in driving economic growth by combining human potential with machine intelligence.

He said technology must be proactively guided by humanity to ensure that its benefits serve the collective well-being of people.

Paying tribute to Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, the Lieutenant | More on P6

J&K Bank Mulls Special OTS For Stressed Borrowers: MD

Scheme may accompany new Industrial Policy; Bank agrees to expand MSME credit

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Bank is contemplating a Special One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for stressed borrowers, Managing Director and CEO Amitava Chatterjee said during a meeting with a delegation of the Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK).

The proposed scheme may be unveiled alongside the new Industrial Policy being formulated by the J&K Government. While the Bank did not disclose the contours of the proposed OTS, Chatterjee indicated that it would seek to provide relief and closure to eligible stressed

accounts.

The issue figured prominently during the meeting between the Bank's senior management and the FCIK delegation, which raised a range of concerns relating to credit flow, stressed accounts, interest rates, collateral requirements, recovery practices and the revival of sick industrial units.

FCIK welcomed the proposed OTS but reiterated its demand for implementation of the SBI OTS-2020 scheme, without dilution, exclusively for borrowers in J&K and Ladakh. The Federation said businesses in the region had accumulated legacy debt amid prolonged disruptions, turmoil | More on P6

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I intend to get the said electricity connection transferred in my name, i.e., Mukhtar Ahmad Bhat S/o Late Assadullah Bhat. I undertake to clear any outstanding electricity dues, if any, up to the date of transfer of the said connection.

Therefore, any person having any objection to the proposed transfer of the aforesaid electricity connection may file the same before the concerned Power Development Department/ Electricity Department within the prescribed period.

MUKHTAR AHMAD BHAT
S/o Late Assadullah Bhat
R/o Lone Mohalla, Old Chanpora, Srinagar
Deponent

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Abid Hussain Father of Mir Daneen Zehra R/o Vicharnagh Nowshera Srinagar, do hereby inform general public that I want to correct the name of my daughter in her Aadhaar card bearing No. 7513 4496 7590 FROM **DANEEN ZEHRRA** TO **MIR DANEEN ZEHRRA** as per her Birth certificate. If anybody has any objection in this regard, he/she may contact the concerned authorities within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Abbas Advr.

Abid Hussain F/o Mir Daneen Zehra
R/o Vicharnagh Nowshera, Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Abid Hussain Father of Mir Ahmad Tabaan R/o Vicharnagh Nowshera Srinagar, do hereby inform general public that I want to correct the name of my son in his Aadhaar card bearing No. 3732 1472 3744 FROM **AHMAD TABAAN** TO **MIR AHMAD TABAAN** as per his Birth certificate. If anybody has any objection in this regard, he/she may contact the concerned authorities within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Abbas Advr.

Abid Hussain F/o Mir Ahmad Tabaan
R/o Vicharnagh Nowshera, Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my driving license bearing no.JK2050008305 while travelling from Karan Nagar to Lal Chowk .Now i want to apply for its duplicate.If anybody has any objection he/ she may contact concerned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Muzamil Amin
S/O:- Mohammed Amin Sheikh
R/O:- Bemina Housing Colony Near Shahi Hamdan Masjid
190018
Phone: 6005636909

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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub... Application of Manzoor Ahmad Mian s/o Mohammad sulthan Mian R/o Mian mohalla pattan for issuance of legal heir certificate..

PUBLIC NOTICE.

IT is inform to general public that applicants father's legal heir certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants father's namely Mohammed sulthan Mian s/o Abdul Razak Mian R/o Mian mohalla pattan died on 15/03/2019 and left following legal heirs..

Name	Age	Relationship with the Deceased	Marital Status
ABDUL HAMID MALLA	58	SON	MARRIED
ALIAS MIAN			
MOHAMMAD ASHRAF	56	SON	MARRIED
MIAN			
MANZOOR AHMAD	43	SON	MARRIED
MIAN			
MOHAMMAD IRFAN	44	SON	MARRIED
MIAN			
MISRA BEGUM	67	DAUGHTER	MARRIED
TASLEEMA BEGUM	58	AUGHTER	MARRIED
HALEEMA	39	DAUGHTER	MARRIED

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.. Application of Tasleema Jalal w/o Jalal ud Din Sada R/o pattan for issuance of legal heir certificate..

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT is inform to general public that applicants husband legal hair certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants husband namely Jalal ud din sada s/o Mohammad Ramzan sada R/o pattan died on 11/05/2026 and left fallowing legal heirs..

Name	Age	Relationship with the Deceased	Marital Status
TASLEEMA JALAL	40	WIFE	WIDOW
TAYIB JALAL	15	SON	UNMARRIED
RONAK JALAL	12	DAUGHTER	UNMARRIED
KHATJIA BEGUM	71	MOTHER	WIDOW

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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This is inform to the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar as KASHIF MIR While as my actual name is KASHAF ALI MIR C/O MOHAMMAD HAMZA MIR R/O KERAN KUPWARA District KUPWARA 193224. Now I want to apply for the correction of the same if anybody is having any objection he/she may contact concerned authority within the period of seven days after that no objection will be entertained.

KASHAF ALI MIR
C/O :- MOHAMMAD HAMZA MIR
R/O :- KERAN, KUPWARA

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This is inform to the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar as NAILA JAN While as my actual name is NAYILA JAN C/O ZUVEEDA BEGUM R/O KERAN KUPWARA District KUPWARA 193224. Now I want to apply for the correction of the same if anybody is having any objection he/she may contact concerned authority within the period of seven days after that no objection will be entertained.

NAYILA JAN
C/O :- ZUVEEDA BEGUM
R/O :- KERAN, KUPWARA

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that Aijaz Ahmad Dar S/o Ghulam Mohammad Dar R/O Hanjik Budgam have applied for enlistment as Class D civil Contractor registration. If any person has any objection in this regard, they may submit their objections(if any) in writing to the office of Chief Engineer, CID wing JKSPDC Bemina Kashmir or Secretary Technical PWD (R&B), Civil Secretariat within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter

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MUMTAZ AHMAD GANIE. S/O. GHULAM MOHIUDDIN GANIE. R/O GANIE MOHALLAH, BANDIPORA Takiya. Ahmad Shah. is applying for DEE Class Government Contract Engineer JKPCD Bemina Anybody having any objection may contact above office within seven days from the date of this advertisement after which no objection will be entertained

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Office of Advocate Ishfaq Rasool & Associates

In the case of
1. Abdul Ahad Dar
2. Mohammad Ramzan Dar,
Both Sons of Abdul Aziz Dar
Both Residents of Chinar Bagh, Delina,
Tehsil and District Baramulla, J&K.
Vs
Public at large

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irepa- rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate

THE UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have passed/appeared in B.Sc., B.Ed. and M.A. (Education) examinations under Roll Nos. 12127, 11017, 51336, 3834 and 3112 in the years 1990, 1995, 1999 and 2003 through the University of Kashmir. Due to an error committed by the concerned College/parent University, my name has been recorded in the University records as "Intikhab Aalum Wani", whereas my correct name is "Intikhabi Alam Wani".

I have now applied to the University of Kashmir for correction/ rectification of the said error. Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates, University of Kashmir, within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of the said period, no objection shall be entertained.

This notice is published for the information of the general public.

Name: Intikhabi Alam Wani
Father's Name: GH Hassan Wani
Mother's Name: Raja
Date of Birth: 02-06-1971
Residence:
Khonmoh, Srinagar

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I, Tasleema Begum W/o Zahid Ahmad Sheikh R/o Halmatpora, Tehsil & District Kupwara, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath that my sons' names and dates of birth have been wrongly recorded in the school records of KPS Kupwara.

The particulars have been entered as Aayan-ul-Islam, D.O.B. 06.06.2014 instead of Mohd Ayaan, D.O.B. 13.05.2015, and Mohammad Kashif, D.O.B. 01.01.2016 instead of Mohd Kashif, D.O.B. 01.01.2017.

The correct names and dates of birth of my sons are:

- Mohd Ayaan – D.O.B. 13.05.2015
- Mohd Kashif – D.O.B. 01.01.2017

I have sworn the affidavit before the concerned authorities for correction/rectification of the names and dates of birth of my sons in the school records. Any person having any objection in this regard may approach the concerned authority within the prescribed period.

Deponent:
Tasleema Begum
W/o Zahid Ahmad Sheikh
R/o Halmatpora, Tehsil & District Kupwara

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name on electricity bill bearing consumer ID No: 0220010078916 Ahsan Alahie S/o Gh Hassan Shah R/o Dedikoot Kupwara to Ishtiaq Ahamd Shah S/o Zahoor Ahamd Shah R/O Dedikoot Kupwara. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may fiel them in the office of the PDD Sub Division Kupwara within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan..

Sub.. Application of Farooq Ahmad Sheikh s/o Mohammad Sulthan Sheikh R/o pattan for issuance of legal heir certificate..

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT is inform to general public that applicants mother's legal heir certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants mother namely Aisha Begum w/o Mohammad Sulthan Sheikh R/o pattan died on 31/01/2026 and left fallowing legal heirs

Name	Age	Relationship with the Deceased	Marital Status
FAROOQ AHMAD SHEIKH	65	SON	MARRIED
MOHD SHAFI SHEIKH	44	SON	MARRIED
SHAMEEMA BEGUM	53	DAUGHTER	MARRIED
HASEENA BEGUM	38	DAUGHTER	MARRIED

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

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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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No.CRB/L.O.N/2026/
Dated:

HUE & CRY NOTICE.

As intimated by I/C PP Kastigarh that one unidentified male dead body was recovered from river Chenab near Dam side at Kulthi Chakka Kundi, Tehsil Rajgarh District Ramban in suspicious condition in the jurisdiction of PP Kastigarh. Accordingly, an inquest proceeding vide DDR No. 11 dated 31.08.206 has been initiated at PP Kastigarh and the dead body has been kept in the mortuary room of GMC Doda for identification/Postmortem.

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Therefore, it is requested that to make vide publicity among the general public who have got entered any missing report regarding missing of any person in your respective Police Units/Jurisdictions to identify the said dead body at Mortuary room of GMC Doda. In case any person identifies the said dead body, immediate information be provide on the below mentioned contact numbers.

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DIPK-5399/26
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No.CRB/L.O.N/2026 /45689-96.

Sr. Superintendent of Police,
Doda.

NOTICE

I, Dilshada Bano, R/o Shah Faisal Colony, Soura, Srinagar, do hereby inform the general public that I am maintaining a Savings Account with The Jammu & Kashmir Bank GMC Srinagar, branch bearing account numbers 0349040100000148, under the name Dilshada I now intend to change my name from "Dilshada" to "Dilshada Bano" in the records of the said bank, as per my Aadhaar records.

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

Dilshada Bano
R/o Shah Faisal Colony, Soura

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that I want to change the name of the electricity/utility connection pertaining to the premises situated at Hyderpora Bypass, Srinagar.

The connection is presently registered in my name, Gulam Hassan Bangroo, and I want to change/update the name in the official and billing records to "The Qila Luxury".

Any person having any objection, regarding the same, may contact the concerned department within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the stipulated period, no objection shall be entertained.

Gulam Hassan Bangroo
Gul Bahar Colony, Hyderpora Bypass, Srinagar
Contact: 9906823808

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

FATIMA
W/O FATEH MOHAMMAD BHAT
R/O DREYGAM KHASIPORA BUDGAM

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shah Nawaz Hussain Akhoun, S/o Ghulam Hussain Akhoun, R/o Chak Saderbal, Near NIT Hazratbal, am the holder of Driving Licence No. JK-05 2001 0029301.

It is hereby notified that my name and parentage have been inadvertently recorded in my Driving Licence as "SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN S/O GH HASSAN AKHOON", whereas my correct name and parentage, as per my valid documents and official records, are "SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN AKHOON S/O GHULAM HUSSAIN AKHOON".

I intend to get the said error corrected in my Driving Licence accordingly.

Any person having any objection to the proposed correction may communicate the same to the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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From the office of Advocate Bilal Ahmad Bhat & Associates

In the case of
1. Mastana Shafi
W/O Mohammad Shafi charloo
R/O Shah Mohalla Nawa Bazar Srinagar

(Caveator)

Vs
Public at large
(NON-CAVEATORS)

In the matter of:- Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A CPC

The Caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveators may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in exparte against the caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order against the caveator.

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Sd/advocate

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1st International Film Festival of J&K (IFFJK)

Rani Hazarika Adds Kashmiri flavour to IFFJK Evening

Agencies

Srinagar: The back lawns of the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) came alive with music and lights on Monday evening as playback singer Rani Hazarika took the stage during the opening celebrations of the first International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK).

Hazarika added a distinct Kashmiri touch to the evening with her rendition of 'Salami Wazwaani', drawing applause from the gathering of filmmakers, actors, artists and cinema enthusiasts.

As per KNO, she shifted gears to popular Bollywood numbers, performing 'Mahi

Ve Mohabbata' and 'Zindagi Mein Koi Aaye Na Rabba', taking the audience through familiar melodies.

Her voice blended with the sounds of Kashmir and Bollywood, with the open-air venue turned into a lively musical space, with lights illuminating the lawns and guests enjoying the performances.

Pertinently, the evening featured live music and band performances, creating a relaxed and festive atmosphere as the four-day film festival got underway. Hazarika's performance brought together Kashmiri melody and Bollywood nostalgia, adding a musical warmth to the opening celebrations at SKICC—(KNO)

'For me, it is homecoming': Director Vidhu Vinod Chopra at IFFJK

Agencies

Srinagar: Acclaimed filmmaker Vidhu Vinod Chopra on Monday described his participation in the International Film Festival of Jammu Kashmir (IFFJK) as an emotional homecoming, recalling his childhood and education in Kashmir and urging local youngsters to believe in their talent.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of IFFJK 2026, Chopra, according to KNO, said Kashmir was home to him and recalled studying at SP College. "I am from Kashmir, as you know. I studied at SP College and for me, it is a homecoming," he said.

Recalling his father's reaction when he told him about studying at SP College, Chopra said, "When I told my father that I used to study at SP College, my father slapped me."

Chopra urged Kashmiris not to underestimate themselves, saying he could see immense talent in the region. "I want to tell Kashmir: don't let yourself down. I see such talent here. My request is, show the world what you can

do. The film festival is a great appreciation of that talent," he said.

Describing his participation in the festival as an emotional moment, Chopra recalled his journey from Amira Kadal to where he is today in the film industry. "For me, this is an emotional moment. I travelled from Amira Kadal to where I am sitting here," he said.

Chopra said the festival could provide a major opportunity for young filmmakers and help bring films and filmmakers from across the world to Kashmir. "It is an opportunity for youngsters. I see this festival as an opportunity. So many films and filmmakers can come here," he said.

Reflecting on his own journey, Chopra said his education in Kashmir helped shape him and noted that he learnt English in school in the Valley. "There is such talent here. Please understand, I am speaking English and I learnt it in school in Kashmir. And here I am. This is an opportunity for all," he said.



CM Omar Meets UNICEF, Tourism & Business Delegations At Raabita

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday held separate meetings with a UNICEF India delegation, tourism stakeholders, business representatives and the organising team of TEDx NIT Srinagar at Raabita here, with discussions focusing on child welfare, tourism promotion, business initiatives and youth engagement.

The UNICEF delegation, comprising UNICEF India Deputy Representative (Programme) Jesper Moller, Child Protection Specialist Sharmila Ray and Child Protection Specialist and J&K Outpost Coordinator Hilal Ahmad Bhat, called on the Chief Minister to explore ways to strengthen

collaboration between UNICEF and the Jammu and Kashmir government in child-focused development.

The meeting covered a range of issues, including child protection, prevention of violence and exploitation, juvenile justice, family-based care and adolescent welfare. The discussions also focused on improving service-delivery mechanisms for vulnerable children and expanding UNICEF-supported programmes across Jammu and Kashmir.

Later, a delegation of the Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India (ADTOI), led by its J&K Chapter Chairman Mir Anwar, met Abdullah and briefed him about the organisation's tourism initiatives.

The delegation also apprised the

Chief Minister of the proposed pan-India "Train to Valley" FAM Tour, scheduled to be held from September 25 to 28. The initiative is aimed at bringing tourism stakeholders from across the country to Jammu and Kashmir.

A delegation of Business Network International (BNI) Jammu Kashmir, led by Executive Directors CA Raghav Gupta and CA Dimpi Gupta, also called on the Chief Minister and discussed various initiatives being undertaken by the organisation.

Meanwhile, representatives associated with TEDx NIT Srinagar 2026, including NIT Srinagar Coordinator-in-Charge Umar Majid, met Abdullah and briefed him about the upcoming TEDx event scheduled to be held in Srinagar this month.

ACB Arrests Land Broker for Accepting Bribe

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday arrested a land broker for allegedly accepting Rs 11,000 bribe on behalf of a Patwari for issuance of revenue extracts in the Batmaloo area of Srinagar.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, a spokesperson said the ACB received a written complaint alleging that Saleem Altaf, Patwari, Halqa Batmaloo, Srinagar, through his associate Ab. Hamid Khan, a land broker/tout, had demanded illegal gratification from the complainant for issuance of revenue extracts per-

taining to his house.

He said the complainant had applied online for the revenue extracts on behalf of his father for the purpose of attestation of mutation. It was alleged that the Patwari, through his associate Ab. Hamid Khan, initially demanded Rs 20,000, which was subsequently settled at Rs 16,000.

The spokesperson said the complainant further alleged that the said tout had already compelled him to pay the first instalment of Rs 5,000 on behalf of the accused Patwari, while a second instalment of Rs 11,000 was demanded today on behalf of the accused Patwari for issuance of the re-

venue extracts.

"On receipt of the complaint, the allegations were verified and accordingly FIR No. 13/2026 under Section 7, 7A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 61(2) BNS was registered at P/S ACB Srinagar, and investigation taken up."

The spokesperson said that during the course of investigation, a trap team was constituted by ACB Srinagar. During the trap proceedings, Ab. Hamid Khan was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting Rs 11,000 as illegal gratification on behalf of Patwari Saleem Altaf.

Cultural festivals vital for youth, regional cinema': Fatima Sana Shaikh

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Actor Fatima Sana Shaikh on Monday said cultural festivals play an important role in bringing people together, creating opportunities for young people and providing a platform for regional cinema and artistic expression.

Shaikh, best known for her portrayal of wrestler Geeta Phogat in the Bollywood film Dangal, was speaking to reporters on the side-

lines of the International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) 2026 in Srinagar.

Expressing her excitement at attending a film festival after a long gap, the actor said cultural events such as IFFJK provide an important platform for interaction and participation.

"It has been a long time since I attended a festival like this, so I am very excited. There are so many things happening. Cultural events like this are very important because they bring people together," she said.

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S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender		
1.	130-2026-27-SrDEN-I-FZR	Preparation and submission of DPR for different ROB/RUB sites in lieu of LC under Sr.DEN-I/FZR.		
Advertised Value (Rs.)		Earnest Money (Rs.)		Validity of Offer
12730829.59		254600.00		60 Days
Period of Completion		04 Months		
Special Technical Criteria: "Any work including preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for RUB/ROB/ROR/Waterway Bridge"				
2.	131-2026-27-SrDEN-I-FZR	Interlocking 5 Nos L-xing (i.e.w. Interlocking of 74 Nos (55 Nos manned L-xing gattes over Firozpur Division & 19 JAT Division) non interlocked LC Gates having TVU > 20,000 and <50,000 over Firozpur & JAT Division) in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-I/FZR as per Type Plan No. HQ/01/02-2017/R-1.		
Advertised Value (Rs.)		Earnest Money (Rs.)		Validity of Offer
5259630.79		105200.00		60 Days
Period of Completion		06 Months		
Special Technical Criteria: "Construction of building/quarters."				
3.	132-2026-27-SrDEN-I-FZR	Interlocking 5 Nos L-xing (i.e.w. Interlocking of 74 Nos (55 Nos manned L-xing gattes over Firozpur Division & 19 JAT Division) non interlocked LC Gates having TVU > 20,000 and <50,000 over Firozpur & JAT Division) in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-I/FZR as per Type Plan No. 0-97/2017/R1		
Advertised Value (Rs.)		Earnest Money (Rs.)		Validity of Offer
6115905.73		122300.00		60 Days
Period of Completion		06 Months		
Special Technical Criteria: "Any structural work made of Pre-cast PSC/RCC panels."				
4.	133-2026-27-ADEN-JRC	Provision of cover shed over 05 no. LHS C-24, C-35, C-59, C-67 & C-76 on PHR-LNK section under ADEN/JRC.		
Advertised Value (Rs.)		Earnest Money (Rs.)		Validity of Offer
52703664.36		1054100.00		60 Days
Period of Completion		09 Months		
Special Technical Criteria: "Any civil work other than track work"				
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Open	Works	Single Packet System	02.09.2026	10.09.2026	24.09.2026/15:00 Hrs.
S.N.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1	108-2026-27-SrDEN-II-FZR	Provision of standard duty hut at 20 nos. level crossings under jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-III section and Interlocking of 4 nos. L-Xing gates in c/w interlocking of 55 No's manned L-Xing gates over FZR Division.			
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
	25756179.11	515100.00	60 Days	12 Months	
Similar nature of work:- "Any civil work other than track work".					
2	126-2026-27-ADEN-JUC	Augmentation of Running Room at JUC in C/with Augmentation of running Rooms at FZR, JUC, MCTM & SVDK by providing 10 Nos. additional rooms.			
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
	8024077.24	160500.00	60 Days	12 Months	
Similar nature of work:- "Construction of building/quarters".					
Note1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.					
Tender Notice No:- 108-2026-27-SrDEN-II-FZR & 126-2026-27-ADEN-JUC Date: 03.09.2026					
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04.09.2026		14.09.2026		28.09.2026 15:00 Hrs
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender		
1.	116-2026-27-ADEN-1-FZR	Dewatering of LHS in the Section of SSE/W/JGN under ADEN-1/FZR.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
		1499720.09	30000.00	60 Days
		Period of Completion		
		12 Months		
		Similar Nature Work :- "NIL".		
2.	127-2026-27-ADEN-2-FZR	Ordinary repair and maintenance as well as new works, additions and alternations to existing structures & emergent Works at Station Building and other service buildings from FZP to FKA & ABS to FKA (excl.) to FZP section (Zone-1) in the section of SSE/Works/JBD under ADEN-II/FZR (2026-27).		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
		8998531.26	180000.00	60 Days
		Period of Completion		
		12 Months		
		Similar Nature Work :- "Any civil work other than track work".		
3.	128-2026-27-ADEN-2-FZR	Ordinary repair and maintenance as well as new works, additions and alternations to existing structures & emergent Works at station building and other service buildings from FZR (excl.) - JUC (excl.) section (Zone No-2) in the section of SSE/W/LNK in the jurisdiction of ADEN-II/FZR (2026-27).		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
		4999150.39	100000.00	60 Days
		Period of Completion		
		12 Months		
		Similar Nature Work :- "Any civil work other than track work".		
Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. Tender No:- 116-2026-27-ADEN-1-FZR & 127,128-2026-27-ADEN-2-FZR Date: 04.09.2026				
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- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Open)

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FAJR	4: 46
ZUHR	12:31
ASR	4: 59
Magrib	6: 54
ISHA	8: 16

This Day In History

- 1689- China & Russia signs Treaty of Nertsjinsk (Nierchul)
- 1855- British and French troops capture Sevastopol from the Russians, effectively ending the Crimean War.
- 1870- Netherlands & Britain sign "Koelietraktaat" Br-Indian contract work in Suriname
- 1926- League of Nations Assembly voted unanimously to admit Germany
- 1944- 1st V-2 rockets land in London & Antwerp
- 1944- Russians march into Bulgaria; Bulgaria declares war on Germany
- 1945- US invades Japanese-held Korea
- 1945- Hideki Tojo, Japanese PM during most of WW II,attempts suicide rather than face war crimes tribunal attempt fails, later he is hanged
- 1946- Bulgaria ends monarchy
- 1951- Japan signs peace treaty with 48 countries (SF)
- 1958- Oman turns over Gwador (on Baluchistan coast) to Pakistan
- 1959- The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) is established.
- 1962- Chinese troops exceed Mac-Mahon-line (Tibet-India boundary)
- 1967- Surveyor 5 launched; makes soft landing on Moon Sept 10
- 1969 - Suleiman Maghrabi appointed premier of Libya
- 1975- Guinee-Bissau declares independence from Portugal
- 1978- Iranian army fires on Khomeini followers in Teheran,100s killed
- 1983- NASA launches RCA-6
- 1985- Shuttle Discovery flies back to Kennedy Space Center via Kelly AFB

From KO Archives

Govt To Set Up VDCs In Valley

Observer News Service

Srinagar- More than 900 Village Defence Committee's (VDC's) will be set, up in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir to check infiltration.

Director General of JK Police, Gurbachan Singh Jagat, told a visiting group of reporters here today.

Members of these VDCs were being armed, trained and provided with single-band communication equipment to tackle infiltrators, who were now aiming soft targets in far-flung and scattered regions, the Police Chief said.

He said about 10 to 15 villagers were being identified for each of these VDCs for imparting arms training by army or paramilitary forces stationed nearby. This was being done in order to reduce dependence on the regular paramilitary forces, he added.

Areas like Doda, Baramulla, Poonch and Rajouri had been identified for creation of these VDCs and 651 such committees have already been set up in Doda district, he said.

Describing the perceived Taliban threat as being over-rated and exaggerated, Jagat said most of the infiltrators were Pakistani Nationals with a majority being Punjabis. He said the victory of Taliban in Afghanistan was mainly due to regular Pakistani army men who took part in operations there.

He said the biggest difficulty they face was that of infiltration. Even though more than 30 groups were intercepted in the last two months, a large number of them mostly comprising foreigners had still crossed over, he added.

He said army and other forces have taken steps, including redeployment of forces and introduction of new technologies, to counter this menace.

Stating that Rs 200 crore had been given to strengthen J&K Police, he said future plans included creating three more battalions of Indian Reserve a Police along with setting up of 114 additional Border Posts of Police, behind BSF or Army lines. Such rings, he said, had been set up in Kupwara, Baramulla and some other places and had started achieving good results. Implementation of all these plans would be over within the end of next year, he said.

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KO VIEW

Sangarmal Stakes

One of Srinagar's ambitious marketplaces once made Tara Chand, then deputy chief minister in Omar Abdullah's first government, jealous enough to seek a similar facility for Jammu. The marketplace he admired eventually became a ghost town. Now Sangarmal has returned to public attention through a 421.75-crore land deal that has set off intense debate, particularly on social media. The criticism is understandable. A public asset of this value calls for close scrutiny, especially when the reserve price, bidding process and eventual commercial returns are being discussed so openly. But the debate should also move beyond the identities of the bidders and ask a more fundamental question: what is government supposed to do with commercially valuable land? The answer should be fairly clear. Government should create infrastructure, provide public services and set the rules within which businesses operate. Making shops, running marriage halls and developing commercial properties belong to private enterprise. When the state enters those fields, it takes on commercial risks while using public resources and can leave less room for private investment. That makes the present model preferable to the old approach in which government itself became a developer and later sold off individual commercial units. The consortium comprising a local corporate entity headed by Mushtaq Chaya and a non-local corporate entity brings private capital into a project that the government itself should have little reason to run. The more difficult question is whether the government has extracted enough value from the land. A reserve price for such a prominent parcel should invite careful examination. The view that the auction could have produced 900 crore to 1,000 crore is certainly open to debate, but the gap between 421.75 crore and that estimate is too large to dismiss without a transparent valuation exercise. There was also another route worth considering. Government could have auctioned the land while retaining an equity stake in the consortium. That would have secured an immediate payment while giving the public exchequer a share in the value created later. The Leela-Centaur hotel deal provides a useful comparison. Private players take on the business, while the government retains a financial stake. Sangarmal Mall shows the cost of getting this equation wrong. Conceived and built between 2002 and 2008 during the PDP-Congress coalition government, the mall put the state into the business of developing a shopping centre and selling its shops. The economics were poor. Once the land value and construction cost are set against the revenue from shop sales, the public return looks deeply inadequate. A prime commercial asset ended up producing a struggling mall instead of a substantial gain for the exchequer. That experience should settle one point: Government does not become a better businessman by becoming a businessman. The present deal therefore calls for scrutiny without turning into a campaign against private enterprise. Greater transparency around valuation, reserve price, bidding and ownership would strengthen confidence. So would genuine competition that gives new corporate entrants a fair chance. Sangarmal once became a symbol of an ambitious government project that lost its commercial promise. The new deal gives the site another chance. This time, the test should be whether public land creates public value while private capital does the business. The marketplace that once made a deputy chief minister jealous should not become a lesson in missed opportunity for a second time.

The Walnut Paradox

Jammu and Kashmir produces almost eight percent of the world's walnuts, but India exports a fraction of its harvest. The problem is no longer production alone, but what happens to the walnut after it leaves the tree.



Irshad Mushtaq



Kashmir Observer



J&K does not have to outproduce China or the United States. Its opportunity lies elsewhere: better kernels, stronger quality controls, traceable Himalayan origin and packaging that turns a commodity into a recognisable product.

gin and consistency. That is where Kashmir is losing ground. NITI Aayog's review identifies disparities in processing, quality assurance and market access. Only 11 percent of registered processing units in J&K are engaged in horticulture processing. For a region producing such a large share of the world's walnuts, that figure says more than any slogan about horticulture ever could. The economic opportunity lies in treating the walnut as a product rather than a harvest. Premium kernels can serve retail markets. Broken kernels can go to bakeries and chocolate manufacturers. Walnut oil can enter food and cos-

metic markets. Walnut flour can serve specialised food products. Shells can support craft and industrial uses. Gift packs combining walnuts with saffron and honey can connect the crop to Kashmir's tourism economy. That transition does not call for every farmer to buy expensive machinery. Shared processing centres, farmer groups, certified grafted plants, modern drying facilities and reliable quality testing could build the missing middle of the industry. A common identity such as "Kashmir Walnut, Himalayan Origin" would mean something only if it came with verifiable standards and traceability. The Union government's 2026-27 Budget has proposed support for high-value crops, including high-density walnut, almond and pine-nut cultivation and the rejuvenation of old, low-yield orchards in hill areas. The test will come on the ground, in places such as Kulgam, Anantnag, Shopian, Pulwama, Budgam, Kupwara and the hill districts of Jammu. A budgetary allocation becomes meaningful only when it reaches the orchard as a grafted sapling, a drying facility, a processing centre or a better price. The stakes are larger than horticulture statistics suggest. For a farming household, the walnut harvest is a yearly cash flow built on an investment that can take years to mature. When that income weakens, household savings weaken with it. So does the money available for education, emergencies and orchard maintenance. Kashmir already has the trees, the climate, the production base and a globally recognised origin. What it lacks is a value chain capable of turning that natural advantage into durable income. The trees have done their part for generations. The economic system around them has not.

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The Seven-Year Blockchain Experiment

Seven years of sandbox experiments have proven the technology works. What they have not produced is a ministry willing to pay for it after the pilot ends.



Sri Varshith Kumar Reddy E

The Reserve Bank of India opened its first blockchain-friendly regulatory sandbox in 2019. It welcomed smart contracts and distributed ledgers, drew a hard line around cryptocurrency, and set a small industry to work. Seven years on, the country is still, in effect, running the same experiment. A farmer in Jammu whose land title now lies on a distributed ledger has proof of ownership that cannot be silently altered by a clerk with a grudge or a bribe. A supplier three tiers down an MSME supply chain can tokenize an invoice and get paid faster than the paperwork used to allow. These are not small things. They are also, seven years in, still pilots. That difference between demonstrated value and permanent funding is the real story of In-

dian blockchain policy, and it is worth looking at closely, because the fix is neither expensive nor ideologically fraught. It does not rely on India resolving its ambivalence about cryptocurrency. It depends on ministries agreeing to stop treating separate successful experiments as separate successful experiments. Start with the legal ambiguity, because it is the cheapest problem to solve and the one doing the most silent damage. A fintech building a land-records product or a supply-chain finance tool today has to guess whether regulators will treat it as "crypto-adjacent" and freeze accordingly. Parliament could end that guessing game with a standalone Distributed Ledger Infrastructure Act, written apart from any future crypto law, defining permissioned blockchain use in land records, supply chain finance, and identity systems as public infrastructure under MeitY and sector regulators. The Blockchain India Challenge already funds exactly these three categories. The statute would simply say, in writing, what the funding pattern already implies. The sandbox itself is closer to working than the surrounding law suggests. The RBI's April 2026 revision made it on-tap, through a permanent PRAVAAH portal,

with mandatory compliance audits replacing the old case-by-case review. Its Fifth Cohort tested a deep-tier financing platform, built by IBDIC with ICICI, HDFC, Yes Bank, and Aditya Birla Capital, that lets lower-tier suppliers tokenize invoices for faster credit. That single product answers a question small manufacturers have asked for decades: why does the biggest company in a supply chain get instant financing while the smallest one waits ninety days for a check to clear. The honest next step is not another cohort testing the same idea. It is replication, within eighteen months, across agricultural warehouse receipts, GI-tagged export certification, and municipal bond issuance for Tier-2 cities. Look at the UAE for what coordination actually looks like once a government decides to stop running parallel pilots. Its Digital Dirham reached retail deployment in March 2026. Its Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority had licensed 50 firms by midyear. The DMCC free zone, home to more than 26,000 companies, signed a strategic tokenization partnership in June. None of these needed a lighter-touch licensing philosophy to work together. They just needed a shared roadmap. India already has the pieces: the RBI runs the e pilot, MeitY runs the Blockchain India

Challenge, FIU-IND runs virtual asset registration. None of them answers to the same clock. A standing council meeting quarterly, reporting jointly to the Finance and Electronics ministries, would cost almost nothing and would convert three disconnected efforts into one. Jammu and Kashmir shows what becomes of a first-mover advantage when it goes unfunded. Its land registry on distributed ledger, running in Jammu and Srinagar, predates most Indian states' blockchain ambitions. Its Startup Policy for 2024-27 treats blockchain as one line among many innovations, with no dedicated allocation, even though JKEDI's incubation network at IIT Jammu and SMVDU Katra already has the technical talent in place. A ring-fenced share of the existing 250 crore venture fund, aimed at ten to fifteen startups working on tourism escrow, artisan traceability, and horticulture procurement, would take an accident of timing and turn it into an industry cluster before someone else claims the ground. The CBDC welfare pilots in Gujarat, Puducherry, and Chandigarh already route food subsidies through wallets that can only be spent at designated fair price shops, closing off the leakage that has haunted Indian welfare delivery for generations. Extending that model to J&K's public distribution system, and to horticulture procurement

payments, would give apple and saffron growers traceable settlement during a harvest window where delayed payment can mean an entire season's income sitting unpaid. The same logic belongs under the Carbon Market Portal launched in March 2026, where blockchain integration remains optional despite being the only real defense against double counting, and under the GI QR labels already stamped on saffron and Basmati rice, which today verify nothing beyond what a printer can fake. None of this waits on a crypto policy breakthrough. Every recommendation here rests on permissioned, government-controlled ledgers already proven in sandbox cohorts and state pilots. India built UPI on the identical sequence: a handful of banks, then usage data, then scale to hundreds of millions of users. The blockchain playbook is sitting in the same file. What is missing is not evidence. It is a ministry willing to write the check after the demonstration ends.

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The Man Behind the Mihrab

The debate over imam salaries is really a test of how seriously communities treat the people entrusted with their religious and social life.



Dr. Fiaz Maqbool Fazli

The imam is usually the first person you see in mosque and the last person the community thinks of when money is discussed. His day begins with the first prayer and can run well beyond the last one. He leads five daily prayers, delivers the Friday sermon, conducts Tarawih, performs marriages and funerals, teaches children the Quran and helps families through difficult moments. A sick neighbour may call him, a grieving family may seek him out, while a couple in conflict may ask him to mediate. His work extends far beyond the prayer mat. Still, many imams receive very modest salaries. Some live with their families in cramped quarters attached to mosques, sometimes a single room with a washroom. Their sermons teach justice, compassion, responsibility and care for the vulnerable. But their own families can face the financial strain that those sermons ask the community to ease for others. Kashmir should have a more honest discussion about this. Many mosques and waqf institutions pay regular salaries and provide facilities. That needs recognition, but the concern lies with institutions that have donations, shops, land, properties and other income while the person serving the congregation receives very

little. The argument that an imam serves Allah and therefore should live without proper remuneration also calls for a closer look. Islamic legal tradition contains differences over payment for religious services, while later Hanafi scholars permitted remuneration for imamate, azan, Quranic teaching and related duties. That position gained particular relevance when the Bait-ul-Mal ceased to function as a practical source of livelihood for religious servants. The logic is clear. An imam receives a livelihood for his time, knowledge, work and constant availability. Prayer itself has no price tag. This difference matters because poverty can easily become romanticised in religious life. An imam may choose a simple life as a personal expression of faith. The community has a different responsibility. It should provide a fair livelihood for the person it asks to serve its religious and social needs. Kashmir already understands this principle in other professions. A schoolteacher spends years educating children and receives a salary because teaching is work. An imam teaches children the Quran, builds their understanding of faith and character, counsels families and guides young people, while his financial support can remain uncertain. The comparison becomes even sharper when we look at what society now expects from religious leaders. Communities want imams to speak about drug abuse, family conflict, marriage, social media, financial ethics and the pressures facing young people. Such responsibilities call for knowledge, preparation and continuing education. A community cannot ask for better-equipped imams while treating their livelihood as an option. The same principle applies to



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neighbourhood teachers. One teaches faith, Quran and character. Another teaches mathematics, science, language and academic skills. Both can receive poor salaries despite carrying responsibilities that reach deep into family life. A ceremonial shawl or public praise at an annual function provides recognition, while a salary provides actual support.

Mosque finances also need public scrutiny in the best sense of the word. Donations, shops, land and other waqf properties belong to a collective trust. People who contribute to mosques should know how those resources are managed. An organised mosque or waqf institution can publish annual accounts showing its income, donations, properties and expenditure. It can state the imam's salary,

housing arrangement and medical support. It can also establish provisions for retirement, old age and assistance to the imam's family after his death. Transparency gives worshippers confidence and gives mosque committees a clear standard of responsibility. The same principle should guide spending. A mosque can have good carpets,

a modern sound system and an impressive building. The person leading the prayers also needs food, housing, healthcare and a future for his children. A tall minaret should never become a measure of religious commitment while the imam's household struggles with basic expenses. The practical steps are within reach. Mosques and waqf institutions can set clear salaries and review them periodically. They can provide family accommodation where possible, create medical and emergency assistance, plan for retirement and establish accountable financial committees. Imams can receive regular training so they can respond intelligently to the social problems their communities bring to them. This debate also demands something from worshippers themselves. We often ask what an imam has done for his community. We should also ask what the community has done for the imam. He gives his time to the mosque, teaches children, sits with grieving families, counsels couples, visits the sick, helps settle disputes, and remains available when people seek religious guidance. A fair salary recognises labour without turning faith into a commodity. Kashmir has spent generations building mosques as centres of worship and community life. The next measure of that commitment should be simpler and more personal: whether the person serving inside the mosque can live with financial security and plan a decent future for his family. Perhaps the uncomfortable question is also the most useful one: When did giving an imam so little become acceptable to us?

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The World Is Building AI Fortresses

Billions are flowing into sovereign compute, but a patchwork of national systems could leave the global AI economy more fragmented, unequal, and vulnerable.



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In March, Iranian drones targeted three Amazon Web Services facilities in Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, hitting two directly and nearly hitting the third. It was the first time a commercial data center had been a military target, but almost nobody outside specialist circles noticed. They should have. The servers holding a country's data, and the chips running the AI models on which its economy increasingly leans, are no longer background infrastructure. They are as strategic as ports or power grids, and just as exposed. For most of the last decade, data was something companies mined, and AI was something companies sold, both regulated at the margins through privacy law, if they were regulated at all. This framing no longer works. AI now sits inside finance, defense, health care, and public administration, and it runs on two things most governments do not actually control: the data that train it and the compute that processes it. Countries that ignore this will find their futures being decided in boardrooms where they have no seat. Many governments have taken note. Global spending on "sovereign AI" will reportedly surpass \$100 billion this year. Over the last several months, Canada, France, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates have rolled out national compute

funds and GPU allocations. The European Union has gone further, treating sovereign AI infrastructure almost as doctrine, which has meant backing Gaia-X to build out European data infrastructure and financing projects like Mistral AI's new data center outside Paris. On paper, this looks like sensible diversification away from a handful of American and Chinese firms. In practice, it risks creating something more brittle: a patchwork of national fortresses, each self-sufficient and none capable of talking to the others. Part of the problem is that "AI sovereignty" encompasses at least three things, and most governments are only working on one. Data residency, keeping citizens' data within national borders, is the oldest of the three, the easiest to legislate, and the one most policy actually addresses. Compute sovereignty, who owns the chips and data centers doing the processing, is more difficult: a country can wall off its data, but it loses control if those data are processed on infrastructure someone else owns. Governance sovereignty, the ability to set the rules AI systems have to follow, rather than importing whatever standard the country hosting the dominant developers happens to set, is the one almost nobody talks about. A fragmented regulatory landscape doesn't help any of this. Roughly 90 countries now have some kind of national AI strategy. At least 33 have passed binding legislation. But the approaches often clash. The EU's AI Act, whose main provisions became applicable last month, carries penalties of up to €35 million (\$40.6 million) or 7% of the offender's total global annual turnover. The United States' AI Action Plan takes the opposite approach, treating deregulation itself as a competitive edge. China's Global AI Governance Action Plan offers cooperation on AI governance with developing economies, but on Chinese terms. The Council of Europe's Framework Convention on AI, the first binding



international AI treaty, represents real progress, but its enforcement is modest next to the scale of what it's meant to govern. Coordination beyond that has barely started. The UN's Independent International Scientific Panel on AI has warned of a "race to the bottom," with jurisdictions competing to offer the most permissive rules rather than the safest ones. Companies running high-risk AI deployments are already shopping for the softest jurisdiction. Genuine AI sovereignty requires four things, none of which is complicated in concept. Start by putting AI data infrastructure in the same legal category as power grids, with someone clearly on the hook for physical and digital security. Next, countries building sovereign compute need shared interoperability standards, rather than just national champions. Gaia-X's work on data portability is a useful template. A hospital in Lagos or a ministry in Warsaw ought to be able to verify that a system meets baseline safety

requirements, regardless of whose infrastructure it's running on. Oversight needs teeth: audit rights, mandatory incident reporting, and licensing for the handful of frontier models capable of touching critical infrastructure or financial stability. These models should be treated more like nuclear material than ordinary software. The world also needs a real mechanism to stop AI sovereignty from turning into just another axis of inequality. That \$100 billion investment in sovereign compute is happening almost entirely in rich countries. Pooled regional compute, financed and governed jointly by smaller countries, would deliver better results than each of them trying to go it alone. None of this requires a grand global treaty. The components of a governance framework, including the EU AI Act, the Council of Europe convention, Gaia-X, and the UN's scientific panel, already exist. The scaffolding connecting them is missing, though, and building that takes deliberate

work. Every year it is delayed, the infrastructure gets bigger and harder to reconfigure. Nobody pouring billions of dollars into data centers and GPUs is waiting around for governance to catch up. The strikes on those AWS facilities in the Gulf sent a message (whether or not anyone intended it): The infrastructure underpinning a growing share of consequential decisions, who gets a loan, which patients get flagged for treatment, which factories keep running, sits in buildings most governments do not control and cannot fully protect. Data sovereignty, compute sovereignty, and governance sovereignty are not conference-room abstractions. They are the precondition for a future shaped by countries' own citizens, not whoever happens to own the servers. — The author is CEO of D-AI and Lattice Inc. This piece was arranged with Project Syndicate.

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In Touch With Home Minister: CM On J&K Issues

Says statehood, business rules, reservation and Advocate General appointment discussed

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said he remains in touch with Union Home Minister Amit Shah over various issues concerning Jammu and Kashmir, including restoration of statehood, business rules, reservation and the appointment of an Advocate General.

Talking to reporters here,

Omar said there was continuous communication between the J&K Government and the Centre on matters requiring discussion.

“I stay in touch with the Home Minister. There are many issues between Jammu and Kashmir and the Central Government that need to be discussed. Be it about statehood or business rules,” he said.

Omar said Jammu and Kashmir had also been without an Advocate General for nearly two years.

“It has been almost two years since our Advocate General was appointed. He hasn't been appointed yet,” he said.

On the reservation issue, the Chief Minister said the response that had to be sent by the J&K Cabinet to the Government of India had

already been prepared but was yet to be forwarded.

“Thereservation issue, which the Cabinet had to answer to the Central Government, has been prepared. But that answer has not yet been sent to the Government of India,” he said.

“So, there were many issues that I met the Home Minister about,” Omar added. On protesting interns

Asked about the ongoing protest by medical interns, Omar said the matter fell within the jurisdiction of the Health Department and the government would act after the department took a decision.

“But it is a matter of the Health Department. Until the Health Department takes a decision, no other department can do anything,” he said.

The Chief Minister said

Health Minister Sakina Itoo had spoken to the protesting interns and assured them that their concerns would be addressed.

“I would like this matter to be resolved as soon as possible. It's not in anyone's interest. First of all, their work is suffering. Their internship is suffering,” Omar said.

He added that the Health Department would have to

take the first decision, following which the government would act.

On threats reportedly issued to migrants, Omar said the security establishment should take the matter seriously and investigate it.

“This is something that obviously the security establishment needs to take seriously. It's not something that should be ignored,” he said. (KNO)

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IFFJK Takes Off

Screenings and associated programmes are being held across Srinagar, Jammu and Gulmarg.

The festival's programme includes an international competition, Bharat Panorama, Jammu & Kashmir Select, documentary and short-film sections, besides masterclasses, industry interactions and discussions.

Earlier in the day, the festival had a ceremonial opening at INOX Srinagar, where Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Director Information and Public Relations formally set the festival in motion.

The evening programme at SKICC featured musical and cultural performances, with the venue illuminated for the opening celebrations as filmmakers, delegates and guests gathered for the event.

Among the prominent names associated with the festival are filmmakers Vidhu Vinod Chopra, Ramesh Sippy and Imtiaz Ali, actor Pankaj Tripathi and actors Fatima Sana Shaikh, Sadia Khateeb and Vedang Raina, among others.

The festival has also drawn participation from international filmmakers and cinema professionals from countries including Spain, Japan, Germany, Mexico, Jordan, France and Canada.

Rs 96 lakh prize purse

The inaugural edition carries a total prize purse of Rs 96 lakh across nine award categories.

The awards include Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor and Best Actress, besides technical awards, Best Debut Film of a Director and a special award for Best Film on Jammu and Kashmir.

The Jammu & Kashmir Select section has been included to provide local filmmakers a dedicated platform within the larger festival programme, allowing regional stories to be showcased alongside Indian and international cinema.

Beyond film screenings, the festival features masterclasses, industry panels and interactions aimed at connecting emerging filmmakers, technicians and students with established professionals from India and abroad.

The organisers have positioned IFFJK as more than a four-day film showcase, with an emphasis on reviving Jammu and Kashmir's long-standing connection with the film industry and promoting the region as a destination for filmmaking, cultural exchange and film tourism.

The initiative comes at a time when the administration is seeking to attract greater film production to Jammu and Kashmir. The region has historically served as a location for several Hindi and regional films, but the festival seeks to build a broader ecosystem around that association.

The success of that ambition, however, will depend on whether the festival can lead to sustained investment in production infrastructure, financing, distribution and professional opportunities for local filmmakers and technicians.

The organisers have sought to create such linkages through industry-focused sessions covering storytelling, emerging trends and technological developments in filmmaking.

For local filmmakers and creative professionals, these interactions are expected to provide an opportunity to engage directly with established filmmakers and practitioners and gain exposure to international filmmaking practices.

Beyond the festival

The festival also seeks to give Jammu and Kashmir a more active role in the film industry, moving beyond its traditional identity as a picturesque backdrop for film productions.

The inclusion of local cinema, international competition and industry interactions reflects an attempt to create a platform where films are not only screened but also discussed, evaluated and connected to wider professional networks.

The festival's opening has also prompted traffic management measures in Srinagar. Traffic Police has imposed restrictions around Gupkar Road and adjoining routes in view of the opening ceremony at SKICC.

General traffic on Gupkar Road has been restricted from 4 pm to 7 pm, while diversions have been announced around Badyari Chowk, Brein Chowk, Nishat, Harwan and Hazratbal. Emergency traffic is being allowed through the shortest available route, while hotel guests and residents in the affected areas have been given access subject to the traffic arrangements.

For Jammu and Kashmir, the maiden IFFJK represents an attempt to reconnect with a cinematic legacy while creating new institutional and industry links.

Whether it becomes a lasting platform for local filmmakers and a catalyst for film production in the region will depend on what follows after the four-day event.

For now, however, Srinagar has taken centre stage, with 135 films from 41 countries bringing the world of cinema to Jammu and Kashmir

and giving the region its first international film festival.

Kashmir Is A Creative

acknowledged the contribution of filmmaker Yash Chopra, saying directors like him “did not just film here” but helped build a distinct visual language around Kashmir.

He cited more recent films including Mission Kashmir, Haider, Rockstar, Highway and Bajrangi Bhaijaan, and praised filmmakers Vidhu Vinod Chopra, Vishal Bhardwaj, Imtiaz Ali and Kabir Khan for presenting different dimensions of the region on screen.

The Chief Minister, however, stressed that J&K's cinematic identity should not remain confined to its landscapes.

‘Do not just film our mountains’

“Cinema is more than landscapes; cinema is culture,” Omar said, highlighting Kashmir's traditions of music, crafts and storytelling.

He referred to the region's Santoor and Rabab, Sufiyana Kalam and Rouff, as well as walnut wood carving, carpet weaving, Kahwa and the saffron fields of Pampore.

“When you bring your cameras to Jammu and Kashmir, do not just film our mountains. Seek out our stories. Talk to our artisans, listen to our musicians, walk through our old city lanes, and let the living, breathing culture of this land infuse your narratives,” he told filmmakers.

Omar said nostalgia alone could not build a sustainable film industry and called for a modern ecosystem supporting filmmakers through the entire production process.

Focus on filmmaker-friendly ecosystem

The Chief Minister said the government had introduced a single-window clearance mechanism under the Jammu & Kashmir Film Policy to simplify permissions for shooting.

A dedicated online portal, he said, would facilitate location approvals and security coordination through designated nodal officers.

He said the policy also provides financial incentives and production subsidies linked to shooting days and local expenditure, while encouraging productions to employ local artists, technicians and crew.

“We are building a robust local workforce of cinematographers, line producers, sound engineers, and actors so that you can arrive with a script and find everything else right here,” Omar said.

He further said the government intends to develop modern post-production facilities, equipment banks, film studios and film education institutions across J&K to create an end-to-end production ecosystem.

The Chief Minister said cinema should be viewed not merely as entertainment or a tool for film tourism, but as a full-fledged industry capable of generating employment, nurturing talent and strengthening cultural exchanges.

‘Festival belongs to our young people’

Calling IFFJK a “declaration of intent”, Omar said the festival would provide young people in J&K an opportunity to interact with filmmakers and creative professionals from India and abroad.

He urged students and aspiring filmmakers to use the festival to explore opportunities in writing, direction, acting and other creative fields.

“Your stories matter. Your voices matter. The world is listening, and now, the world's screen is right here in your home,” he said.

Omar also appealed to participating filmmakers and delegates to take the message of J&K's readiness back to the wider film community.

“Tell your fellow filmmakers that Kashmir is open, safe, vibrant, and eager to welcome your crews,” he said.

Recalling some of his favourite Hindi film songs shot in J&K, the Chief Minister mentioned Kabhi Kabhie Mere Dil Mein, Tere Bina Zindagi Se from Aandhi and Yeh Vaada Raha, highlighting the region's deep association with Indian cinema.

He concluded by describing cinema as a universal language that transcends borders and connects people through shared human experiences before formally declaring the first International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir open.

Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Dr Jitendra Singh, several Governors and Lieutenant Governors, members of the Council of Ministers, former J&K Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah, Members of the J&K Legislative Assembly, filmmakers, eminent artists, jury members and other distinguished guests attended the inaugural ceremony.

IFFJK To Open

the International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) in Srinagar, Dulloo said J&K and cinema shared a “long and beautiful relationship” and expressed hope that the festival would help strengthen that bond.

He said cinema could serve as a platform to showcase Jammu and Kashmir's heritage,

handicrafts, cuisine, music and culture to audiences beyond the region.

Dulloo also highlighted the potential for creating opportunities for local professionals across different segments of the film industry, including photography, direction, technical work, acting, music and lyric writing.

He said strengthening the film ecosystem could allow local talent to participate more actively in productions and benefit from the growing interest in J&K as a filming destination.

The Chief Secretary expressed hope that the festival would become an annual event and contribute to establishing Jammu and Kashmir as a sustained destination for filmmakers as well as film tourists. (ONS)

Dry Weather In

temperatures, respectively.

In north Kashmir, Kupwara recorded a maximum of 28.7 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 12.2 degrees Celsius. Gulmarg recorded a maximum temperature of 18.6 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 8.4 degrees Celsius.

In Jammu division, Jammu recorded a maximum of 32.7 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 23.2 degrees Celsius. Kathua was the warmest among the listed stations, recording a maximum of 32.9 degrees Celsius.

Kathua also received the highest rainfall in the past 24 hours at 21.8 mm, while Jammu and Katra recorded 0.2 mm and 0.8 mm, respectively.

The Met Centre said no major weather activity is expected during the forecast period, though brief spells of rain or thundershowers may occur at isolated or scattered places.

J&K Medical Interns

years to address the issue.

“The recommendation was made in 2023. Even if we assume they only started taking the issue seriously after the strike began, eight days have passed, and there is still no order,” Dr Faraz said.

He said the interns were no longer willing to accept verbal assurances that the matter would be examined in the coming weeks or months.

“So, if they continue to give verbal assurances like ‘we will look into it in a month or two’, the interns are not going to be convinced anymore,” he said.

Dr Faraz also accused the college administration of attempting to “intimidate and threaten” protesting interns.

“It is unacceptable. We are protesting for our legitimate rights. We are not going to be intimidated if the college administration tries to silence us through unfair means. We gave them a fitting response yesterday,” he said.

Another protesting intern, Dr Musharaf, said there had been some positive developments during negotiations with the government, but no solution had been reached yet.

“Our subsequent dialogue will continue moving forward, so we will not say that it has entirely failed,” he said.

“For now, we are starting a 48-hour hunger strike, and subsequently we will plan our course of action as things progress,” he added.

Meanwhile, in a further escalation of the agitation, MBBS and BDS interns from medical and dental colleges across Jammu and Kashmir announced that they would not undertake emergency-duty assignments with immediate effect.

In an official announcement issued on September 6 on behalf of the authorised representatives of MBBS and BDS interns, the protesters said the decision followed continued inaction and the absence of a meaningful resolution despite their prolonged, peaceful and democratic efforts.

The interns said they had unanimously decided to intensify the ongoing movement and that no intern would undertake emergency-duty assignments as part of the protest until their legitimate demand was satisfactorily resolved.

“This is a collective decision of the MBBS and BDS intern community of Jammu & Kashmir, and not an individual or college-specific action,” the statement said.

The interns said they remained united irrespective of their institution, district or batch.

They reiterated that their movement would remain peaceful, disciplined, democratic and united, while appealing to fellow interns to remain calm, avoid confrontation and follow all applicable institutional procedures concerning patient safety, communication and the handover of responsibilities.

The statement also clarified that no individual intern, delegation or group had been authorised to negotiate or make commitments on behalf of the entire J&K intern community without consultation with the authorised representatives of the participating colleges.

The latest decision marks a further escalation in the interns' ongoing agitation, with the protesters maintaining that their demand for a fair and reasonable stipend has not received a satisfactory resolution despite repeated efforts.

“Further decisions and the subsequent course of action will be communicated only through the authorised representatives of the participating colleges,” the statement said.

The interns concluded their announcement by reaffirming their collective position: “We stand united. We stand firm. We will continue until our legitimate demand is resolved.”

Veterinary Students

universities they were being paid 6,000 per month for six months and 9,000 per month for the remaining six months, with the additional 3,000 being contributed by ICAR. They said a formal proposal for revision of the stipend had remained pending with the Finance Department since 2023 despite repeated follow-ups.

The students said the existing allowance was substantially lower than that being paid to veterinary students at several other institutions across the country.

The comparison circulated by JKVSA showed monthly stipends of 23,500 at the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Banaras Hindu University and Kamdhenu University, 22,000 at GADVASU, 20,000 at WBUAFS, 17,000 at LUVAS and KVASU, and 14,000 at RAJUVAS. Other institutions listed included DUVASU, Mathura, at 12,000 and TANUVAS at 11,000.

Against this, students at SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir were shown receiving 6,000 for six months and 9,000 for the remaining six months, according to the association's figures.

JKVSA President, Saqlain Rashid told the news agency Kashmir News Trust said the disparity had persisted despite the nature of veterinary internships, which involve clinical training, field work and emergency duties. The association also pointed to a communication from the Veterinary Council of India dated May 19, 2026, saying the issue of enhancement of the allowance had already been raised with the concerned authorities.

The students maintained that they were not seeking preferential treatment but a fair and reasonable internship allowance comparable with what veterinary interns receive at other institutions.

The development adds another layer to the growing stipend-related agitation among students and interns in Jammu and Kashmir, with MBBS and BDS interns already intensifying their protest and announcing stronger measures over their own demand for revision of internship stipends.

For the veterinary students, however, the grievance predates the latest wave of protests, with the association stating that its proposal has remained pending at the Finance Department level since 2023. (KNT)

AI Must Remain

Governor highlighted his contribution to advancing engineering education and industrialising India. He said Malaviya's ideals and vision continue to inspire generations to advance technology, strengthen the economy and serve society.

Sinha also spoke about the emergence of a new India, describing the country as stronger at home, confident abroad and prepared to contribute to shaping the future of humanity.

“Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is building its own place in the world and preparing to lead it. This is India's moment. This is India's century,” he said.

He described India's rise as that of a “civilisational power” that is confident, compassionate, innovative and unstoppable, adding that the country was advancing towards technological leadership while pursuing major social welfare initiatives.

Referring to Jammu and Kashmir, Sinha said its transformation would be an important part of this broader story of national resurgence.

“Hon'ble Prime Minister has transformed the destiny of Jammu Kashmir with the abrogation of Article 370. On the development front, the last six years have been nothing short of historic,” he said.

He described the changes in J&K as a “renaissance”, saying the region had moved “from shadows of fear to the light of opportunity, from isolation to integration, and from despair to destiny”.

According to Sinha, the transformation has opened new avenues for development, investment and opportunity in the Union Territory.

Recalling Swami Vivekananda's historic address in Chicago on September 11, 1893, the Lieutenant Governor acknowledged the contribution of the IIT-BHU global alumni and the Indian diaspora to societies across the world.

He urged alumni to play a more active role in India's ongoing economic and civilisational resurgence.

Sinha outlined a four-point roadmap for the alumni, calling on them to invest in India's next-generation institutions through mentorship

and capital, build strategic partnerships between American and Indian institutions, share an accurate narrative of India's transformation and reconnect with their roots by bringing back their experience and knowledge.

Members of the IIT-BHU Global Alumni Association and prominent citizens from diverse fields attended the event.

J&K Bank Mulls

and natural calamities.

The meeting was chaired by Chatterjee and attended by Executive Director Sudhir Gupta, Chief General Managers Imtiyaz Ahmad, Ashutosh Sareen and Rajesh Tickoo Malla, General Managers Tariq Ahmad and Arshid Qadiri, Deputy General Managers Tanveer Farooqi and Shameem Ahmad, besides other senior officers.

The FCIK delegation, led by Advisory Committee Head Shahid Kamili, included former Presidents Meraj Qureshi and Shakeel Qalander and elected presidents of industrial estate and district-based associations from across Kashmir.

The Federation presented a comprehensive memorandum covering credit flow, revival of sick units, regularisation and restructuring of stressed accounts, interest rates, collateral requirements, delayed receivables, government-backed credit schemes, recovery practices, banking infrastructure and procurement from local MSMEs.

Chatterjee responded to the issues raised and announced resolutions on several matters during the meeting, besides issuing directions to concerned officers.

He assured greater credit flow through the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) and other government-backed schemes. He also agreed to examine cases involving anomalies in higher interest rates.

The Bank further accepted FCIK's invitation for the MD to visit industrial estates and districts and interact directly with entrepreneurs. Camps will be organised in association with local industrial bodies to assess credit requirements, explain financial products and resolve pending issues wherever possible.

FCIK said such outreach was important as competing banks were entering industrial estates with attractive interest rates, concessions and loan-takeover offers. The Federation offered to help retain J&K Bank's traditional customer base if legitimate concerns were addressed through competitive and responsive services.

The Federation also sought the creation of a dedicated MSME Facilitation and Resolution Cell under an Executive Director or Chief General Manager. It proposed that cases relating to additional finance, renewal, enhancement, regularisation, restructuring, revival and settlement be placed before the Cell for time-bound resolution.

Elected representatives of industrial estates and districts, along with FCIK representatives, offered to assist the Bank in finding case-specific solutions acceptable to both lenders and borrowers.

FCIK also sought a temporary pause on coercive recovery measures against genuine MSMEs while their cases were being examined. It clarified that such protection should not extend to cases involving fraud, wilful default or diversion of funds.

Among other proposals, the Federation sought a rehabilitation package for potentially viable sick units, wider implementation of the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TreDS) to address delayed payments, rational collateral and guarantee requirements, prompt regularisation of eligible accounts after clearance of arrears and greater participation of established local MSMEs in the Bank's procurement.

FCIK appreciated the Bank's profitability, improved asset quality and progress in priority-sector lending, including the reported surpassing of its lending obligations. While acknowledging improvement in the Credit-Deposit Ratio, it stressed the need for greater local deployment of credit and balanced lending across regions and sub-regions.

With an estimated 40,000 or more manufacturing and processing units across J&K, FCIK said the revival of stressed enterprises and expansion of units operating below capacity represented a significant credit opportunity for the Bank.

The Federation also stressed that J&K Bank should remain insulated from political influence and function as a professionally managed commercial and developmental institution focused on economic growth, productive investment and employment generation.

The meeting concluded with both sides favouring continued institutional dialogue and amicable resolution of pending issues. FCIK expressed hope that a liberal and transparent Special OTS would provide deserving borrowers an opportunity to exit legacy debt and begin afresh.

PCOS, PCOD Major Contributors to Infertility in Kashmir: Experts

Delayed marriages, sedentary lifestyle, unhealthy diet, unsafe abortions, pelvic infections also affecting fertility, say doctors

Agencies

SRINAGAR: As fertility rates continue to decline in Jammu and Kashmir, doctors and health experts have raised concern over a growing burden of infertility, with conditions such as Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) and Polycystic Ovary Disease (PCOD) increasingly being reported among women of reproductive age.

Health experts say the changing social and lifestyle patterns of the younger generation are contributing to reproductive health problems. Delayed marriages, increasing obesity, sedentary routines, unhealthy dietary habits, stress, inadequate sleep and limited awareness about reproductive health and contraception are being identified as some of the factors that may adversely affect fertility.

Dr Rakshanda Akhter, a gynaecologist at the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK), said infertility is influenced by several biological as well as social factors, with delayed marriage being one of the important concerns.

"Late marriage has become one of the common factors we encounter. Female fertility naturally declines with advancing age, particularly as ovarian reserve and egg quality decrease. Many women are now entering marriage in their late 30s or even after that, which can have implications for their reproductive potential," she said.

She attributed the trend towards delayed marriages to several socioeconomic factors, including unemployment, prolonged pursuit of government jobs, financial pressures, expensive wedding arrangements and social expectations.

Dr Akhter said PCOS is among the common hormonal disorders affecting women of reproductive age and can significantly interfere with conception when ovulation becomes irregular or absent.

Doctors say insulin resistance, excess weight, hormonal imbalance, genetic predisposition, physical inactivity, unhealthy dietary patterns, stress and inadequate sleep can all contribute to the de-



velopment or worsening of PCOS.

Dr Akhter stressed the need for greater awareness about reproductive health and urged young people to adopt healthier lifestyles, including regular physical activity, balanced diets and weight management.

Another gynaecologist, Dr Shagufta from DHSK, told KNO that infertility cannot be attributed to PCOS alone and that infec-

tions and complications arising from unsafe reproductive-health practices can also have serious consequences.

She said pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), particularly when associated with untreated sexually transmitted infections such as chlamydia and gonorrhoea, can damage the reproductive organs and affect fertility.

"Pelvic infections, if left untreated, can cause damage to the reproductive tract and may subsequently result in infertility. Unsafe abortions and procedures carried out at unregistered facilities or by untrained persons can also lead to severe complications," she said.

Dr Shagufta said severe infections following unsafe abortions can cause damage to the uterus and fallopian tubes, potentially affecting a woman's ability to conceive in the future.

She also underlined the importance of contraception awareness, saying misconceptions and inadequate knowledge about reproductive-health services can expose couples to preventable risks.

Doctors said the reproductive health profile of the younger population has been changing amid a significant shift in lifestyle. Long working and study hours, prolonged sitting, lack of exercise, increased consumption of processed and fast foods, stress and uncertainty related to education and employment are becoming increasingly common. (KNO)

DG CRPF Appreciates Jawans for Smooth Conduct of Amarnath Yatra



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on Monday reviewed security arrangements at the 118 Battalion CRPF camp at Gund in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal District and commended the force's role in ensuring the safe and smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra 2026.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, a spokesperson of the force said the DG CRPF visited the camp and reviewed the security arrangements.

During the visit, the DG appreciated the role of

CRPF personnel in ensuring the smooth and safe conduct of the Amarnath Yatra 2026, acknowledging their dedication, vigilance and professional commitment in safeguarding pilgrims and maintaining security in the region.

He also conferred Director General's Discs (DG Discs) and Commendation Certificates on deserving CRPF personnel in recognition of their dedication, operational excellence and outstanding performance during this year's Yatra.

As part of the programme, the DG CRPF held a Sainik Sammelan with the troops and listened

to the concerns raised by jawans and officers.

He also interacted with them on various welfare and operational issues and offered suggestions to further enhance the operational capabilities of CRPF units deployed in Jammu and Kashmir.

He praised the efforts of CRPF personnel on the ground, along with other security forces, for contributing to the considerable decline in terrorist activities in J&K.

The spokesperson said the visit underscored CRPF's focus on operational readiness, personnel welfare and professionalism. The DG exhorted the personnel to remain vigilant and mission-ready while continuing to discharge their duties with discipline and dedication.

During the visit, he was accompanied by Rajesh Kumar, ADG, J&K Zone; Gyanendra Kumar Verma, IG, Ops Dte; Vineet Briljal, IG, Kashmir Ops Sector; Pawan Kumar Sharma, IG, Srinagar Sector CRPF and other senior officers of the force.



Govt Appoints Dr Twinkle Suri as Director Colleges, J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The government on Monday appointed Dr Twinkle Suri as Director Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir for a period of two years. The government in an order said that the appointment was made on the recommendation by the selection committee and as per approval of the competent authority.

"As recommended by the selection committee and as per approval of the Competent Authority, Dr Twinkle Suri, (Principal) Dean Academic Affairs, Cluster University of Jammu is hereby transferred and posted as Director Colleges, J&K with immediate effect relieving Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Professor, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, IUST from the additional charge of the post," it reads.

Stating the terms and conditions, the government said that the term of Director Colleges shall be for a period of two years extendable by one year, subject to the satisfactory performance and the work and conduct or the department may conduct a fresh selection for the said post.

"The administrative department shall reserve the right to terminate the term of director colleges, prior to the completion of the tenure, in case, the performance or work and conduct of the incumbent is not satisfactory, after according an opportunity of being heard," reads the order.

Kerala Media Delegation Begins Seven-Day Tour of J&K



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A 13-member media delegation from Kerala has begun a seven-day press tour of Jammu and Kashmir to gain first-hand insights into the Union Territory's developmental initiatives, infrastructure projects and achievements.

The tour, being organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Kochi, is being held from September 6 to 12 and is aimed at providing participating journalists an opportunity to understand the developmental changes taking place across Jammu and Kashmir.

On the first day of the tour, the delegation visited the PIB office in Srinagar, where Director PIB Srinagar, Quazi Salman, welcomed the visiting journalists and briefed them about the media and communication landscape in Kashmir.

Salman also interacted with members of the delegation and shared insights into the functioning of PIB and its role in disseminating information about gov-

ernment initiatives and programmes in the region.

Later, the delegation travelled to Gulmarg in Baramulla district, where the journalists experienced the hill station's scenic landscape and natural beauty.

During the week-long visit, the delegation is scheduled to visit various developmental projects and key locations across Jammu and Kashmir. The journalists will also have opportunities to interact with stakeholders and gather first-hand information about initiatives being undertaken in different sectors.

The press tour is part of PIB's efforts to facilitate greater awareness and informed reporting on developmental initiatives across different parts of the country. It is also intended to provide media professionals an opportunity to engage directly with officials, stakeholders and communities while gaining a broader understanding of the region's ongoing transformation.

Body Recovered From Jhelum In Awantipora

AWANTIPORA: An unidentified body was recovered from the Jhelum River at Lethpora Barsoo area of Awantipora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday, officials said.

An official said that the body was spotted in the river, following which police were informed.

A police team reached the spot and initiated legal formalities in connection with the recovery. The identity of the deceased and further details were awaited, he added—(KNO)

Bodies of Boy, Girl Recovered from Power Canal

GANDERBAL: The bodies of a boy and a girl were recovered from a power canal in the Thune area of Kangan in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Monday, officials said.

An official said that the bodies were retrieved after hectic efforts by teams of the SHO Kangan, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) from Ganderbal and Gund

The duo had reportedly jumped into the hydropower canal earlier in the day, following which a search operation was launched by police and SDRF teams, with locals also joining the rescue efforts. The circumstances surrounding the incident are being ascertained, while further investigation is underway—(KNO)

Man Found Hanging in Apple Orchard in Shopian

SRINAGAR: A 28-year-old man was found hanging in an apple orchard in the Sugoo Handhama area of Zainapora in south Kashmir's Shopian district on Monday, officials said.

An official said that the man was first spotted by locals, who subsequently informed the police.

He said police soon reached the spot and took cognizance of the incident. Police have initiated an investigation into the incident—(KNO)

Wildlife Department Captures Leopard in Baramulla

BARAMULLA: A leopard roaming in the Dangbal Takki Sultan area of Baramulla was captured by the Wildlife Department on Monday, bringing relief to residents who had been concerned over the animal's presence in the area.

The leopard had been spotted moving around the locality, prompting concern among local residents. Wildlife Department personnel subsequently launched an operation and successfully captured the animal.

The capture has eased apprehensions among residents, who had been concerned about the leopard's movement in the area.

A Wildlife official said that the leopard was released in a nearby forest. (KNT)

Four BJP Councillors Resign from LAHDC Kargil

KARGIL: Four BJP councillors of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil on Monday announced their resignation from the council, citing the bifurcation of areas presently under the Kargil Hill Council, delays in passing the budget and the need for immediate delimitation followed by fresh elections.

The councillors—Stanzin Lakpa, elected councillor from Cha; Padma Dorjay, elected councillor from Stakchey Khan-gral; and nominated councillors Rigzin Gurmet and Lamgal Phonchok—addressed a press conference and said they had submitted their resignations to the Chief Executive Officer of LAHDC Kargil.

Explaining their decision, the councillors said the bifurcation of areas under the existing Kargil Hill Council had fundamentally altered the territorial composition of the council. They pointed out that parts of the area earlier falling under LAHDC Kargil had subsequently become part of other administrative districts, including the newly carved Sham district.

The councillors said that in these changed circumstances, continuing with the existing territorial and representative structure of the Hill Council was not appropriate.

They also raised the issue of the delay in passing the council budget, saying that the delay had caused difficulties for the people of Kargil and affected the functioning and development-related activities of the council.

The councillors called for the delimitation process to be initiated without further delay so that the constituencies of LAHDC Kargil could be redrawn in accordance with the present administrative boundaries. (KNT)

IFFJK to Revive Bollywood's Old Association with Kashmir: CM's Advisor

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister's Advisor, Nasir Aslam Wani on Monday said the International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) would help revive the region's long-standing association with Bollywood while providing a platform to local filmmakers and artists.

"Bollywood has had a very old association with Jammu and Kashmir, with

several films showcasing different parts of the region and filmmakers regularly visiting the region for shooting during summer and winter," Wani said.

Wani said the maiden edition of the film festival provides an opportunity to showcase films made by local artists and also gives people in Jammu and Kashmir a chance to watch renowned films from outside the region on a competitive platform.

"The festival would bring greater visibility and publicity to Jammu and Kashmir and provide an opportunity to promote the region's rich cultural and creative potential," he said.

On regional cinema, the CM's Advisor said further steps were needed to promote local talent. He said the existing film policy needed to be modified and further improved to provide greater opportunities to aspiring filmmakers and artists.



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LOOK-OUT NOTICE.
In-charge Police Post, Shadipora, Ganderbal Vide Communication dated 05-09-2026 has intimated that Accused person namely Rakesh Kumar S/O Raghubir Singh R/O 2545 Bagichi Raghunath Sadar Thana Road, Delhi, involved in Case FIR No 61/2026 II/S 8/21,29 NDPS Act of P/S Ganderbal is evading arrest since 13-08-2026. Despite various efforts, his whereabouts are unknown.

DESCRIPTION,	
Particulars	Rakesh Kumar S/O Raghubir Singh R/O 2545 Bagichi Raghunath Sadar Thana Road, Delhi
Postal Address	2545, Bagichi Raghunath Sadar Thana Road, Delhi
PIN Code	110006 GPO North Delhi
Tehsil	Sadar Bazar, Delhi
Police Station	Sadar Bazar, North Delhi
Age	47 Years.
Height	5 ft. 7 inch
Complexion	Fair
Dress	Wearing Trouser & T- Shirt
Aadhaar No	519325816220



In this connection, it is requested to have a sharp Look out into the matter, if any clue comes to light, kindly apprehend the accused person and immediately inform on below mentioned phone numbers.

1. PCR Ganderbal: 01942416478, 9906668731.
2. Police Station Ganderbal: 9541786736.

No. SADS/NCORD/Abs-LOC/2026/47209-20
Dated. 05-09-2026

DIPK-5396-26
DT: 07/09/2026

Mr. Superintendent of Police,
Ganderbal.



Government of (UT) Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
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Mobile 6005468558.

FINAL NOTICE

Subject: Upgradation of road from Main Road to Madlab Wadder at Sheikhpura.
Reference: 1) Allotment No. EE/RnB/L/1614-16 dated 30-07-2026.
2) AEE, R&B SD Qalamabad's Notice No. AEE/SDQ/35-36 dtd 07.09.2026

- The above subjected work stands allotted to you vide the allotment referred above, as per the terms and conditions of the allotment, the work was required to be completed within a stipulated period of Thirty (30) days from the date of allotment.
- It is observed with serious concern that, despite the lapse of the stipulated time period and repeated directions issued to you through Notice-I vide AEE/SDQ/276-77 dated 20-08-2026 and Notice-II vide AEE/SDQ/314-15 dated 03-09-2026, you have failed to commence/execute the allotted work.
- Your continued failure to start the work despite repeated notices reflects non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the allotment and has caused unnecessary delay in the execution of the work, thereby causing inconvenience to the general public.

Now therefore, you are hereby given a final opportunity through this final notice to mobilize men and resources and commence execution of the said work within two (02) days positively. Failing compliance, the contract shall be foreclosed, your performance security as well as the additional performance security shall be forfeited, and you shall further be debarred from participating in the future tendering process of this Division for a period of one (01) year.

No: EE/RnB/L/3183-86
Dated: 07.09.2028

DIPK-5392-26
DT:07/09/2026

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Langate.

RS 9,280-CR RELIANCE SCAM

CBI Files Chargesheet Against Reliance ADA Group

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The CBI on Monday filed a supplementary chargesheet against three executives of the Reliance ADA Group in connection with the Rs 9,280 crore Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd scam case, the agency said in a statement.

The latest action came against the firm's group managing director Amitabh Jhunjhunwala, Reliance Capital chief financial officer Amit Bapna, and Reliance Infrastructure Ltd company secretary Ramesh Shenoy.

The agency named 14 more entities in the supplementary chargesheet filed before a special CBI court in Mumbai.

"The CBI has filed the first supplementary chargesheet today in the Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd. (RCFL) case... including three executives of the Reliance ADA Group, namely Amitabh Jhunjhunwala, Group Managing Director of the Reliance ADA Group; Amit Bapna, CFO, RCL; and Ramesh Shenoy, Company Secretary, Reliance Infrastructure Ltd," an agency spokesperson said in a statement.

The list of accused by the CBI includes eight companies — Reliance Power Ltd, Big Flicks Pvt Ltd, Reliance Big Entertainment Pvt Ltd, Reliance Communications Ltd, Kunjibihari Developers Pvt Ltd, Reliance Venture Asset Management Pvt Ltd, Reliance

Broadcast Network Ltd and Reliance Telecom Ltd.

Six bank officials associated with Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank and Indian Overseas Bank are also named as accused, the spokesperson said in a statement.

No immediate reaction was available from the company.

"The accused have been chargesheeted for offences of criminal conspiracy, criminal misappropriation and cheating under the IPC, along with offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988," the spokesperson said.

In its chargesheet, the CBI said that its probe has so far revealed that funds borrowed by Reliance



Commercial Finance Ltd were allegedly diverted to the extent of Rs 6,229.54 crore through intermediary and conduit entities to various Reliance ADA Group companies.

The diversion, it said, violated the terms and conditions governing such borrowings and caused wrongful loss to the lending banks and financial in-

stitutions and corresponding wrongful gain to the accused and related entities.

The CBI registered the case based on complaints from Bank of Maharashtra and other public sector banks in the consortium, which allegedly suffered a loss of Rs 9,280 crore.

"The first chargesheet was filed in the case on 07.07.2026 against seven accused persons. With the filing of the present supplementary chargesheet, a total of 24 accused persons, including individuals and companies, have been chargesheeted in the case so far. The further investigation is continuing to look into the role of other accused," the CBI said.

The agency has registered

eight FIRs against Reliance Communications Limited (RCom), Reliance Home Finance Limited (RHFL), Reliance Commercial Finance Limited (RCFL), Reliance Telecom Limited (RTL), and other Reliance ADA Group entities based on complaints received from various Public Sector Banks, LIC, and EPFO.

"The CBI had earlier filed five chargesheets in the Reliance ADA Group cases. The present supplementary chargesheet is the sixth chargesheet filed in these cases. The CBI has so far arrested seven accused persons in the Reliance ADA Group cases," the agency said.

The Supreme Court is monitoring the CBI probe.

Qalibaf Warns US: 'Strike Us, Get Struck'

Agencies

TEHRAN- Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf has warned the United States that any attack on Iran's oil and gas assets will draw retaliation against American energy interests across the region.

Qalibaf issued the stark warning in a post on X on Monday in response to recent threats by US War Secretary Pete Hegseth, who had claimed that Iran's oil tanker fleet is "defenseless" and that American planes, ships and submarines can strike them all.

The top Iranian parliamentarian said US oil and gas companies operating across the region and at related facilities are accessible, warning, "Strike our assets and you get struck."



"It's simple: the oil and gas production chain here is sprawling, accessible, and exposed."

Qalibaf said Iran had already demonstrated its ability to respond in kind, emphasizing, "Ask the bases that are no longer viable."

His remarks came amid escalating tensions between Tehran and Washington over the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran has restricted transit through the Strait of Hormuz since the early days of the

US-Israeli war of aggression that began on February 28 and came to a halt under a ceasefire in early April amid the Islamic Republic's brave resistance and successful retaliatory operations.

On June 17, Tehran and Washington signed the Pakistan-brokered Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), whose Article 5 places responsibility for reopening and managing the strait squarely in Iran's hands.

However, the US attempted to undermine Iran's sovereignty over the vital global energy chokepoint by establishing an unsafe corridor near the Omani shores. The US also resumed its aerial assaults on Iran and imposed a naval blockade of the country in violation of the war-ending deal.

14 Indian B-Schools in FT Top 100; IIM-B Leads at 21st

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI, SEP 7 (PTI) Fourteen Indian B-schools, including seven Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have secured a spot among the world's top 100 in the Financial Times (FT) Masters in Management (MiM) 2026 ranking announced on Monday.

Among the Indian institutions, the best-ranked is IIM Bangalore, followed by SP Jain Institute of Management & Research (SPJIMR), Mumbai.

IIM Bangalore, ranked 21st, improved from its 28th position in 2025 and 41st rank in 2024.

SPJIMR has been ranked 26th worldwide, followed closely by IIM Ahmedabad at the 27th position. XLRI secured the 33rd rank, while IIM Cal-



cutta was placed at 39th globally.

"The FT MiM 2026 rankings bear testament to the transformational value of an IIMB education and the impact our graduates are making globally. We benchmark our curriculum, methods and outcomes against the best in the world to ensure that students are equipped to navigate unprecedented business complexities with curiosity as well as with judgment. The strong

gains in career outcomes reaffirm the value of this approach," said U Dinesh Kumar, Director-in-charge, IIM Bangalore.

Further down the list are IIM Kozhikode (54), IIM Indore (62), Management Development Institute Gurgaon (67), IIM Lucknow (72), Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) Mumbai (73), IIM Udaipur (83), Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad (86), International Management Institute (IMI) Delhi (90) and TA Pai Management Institute Karnataka (98).

According to officials, the FT MiM ranking measures business schools using different parameters, including career opportunities after graduation, salary growth, value for money, international exposure,

Woman IAS Officer Hits Out After 4th Transfer in a Year

Press Trust of India

BHOPAL: A 2011 batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre has objected to her fourth transfer in a year and rued that "conspirators always win" while she loses.

Neha Marvya was among the IAS officials transferred by the Madhya Pradesh government on September 5.

She held the positions of Director of Tribal Area Development Scheme Department, Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Employment and Training Council (MEPSET), Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation, and Director of Tribal Research and Development Institute before the reshuffle.

However, in the reshuf-

le, she was assigned only the responsibility of MD of Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation, leading to Marvya expressing her anguish in a WhatsApp group of the Madhya Pradesh IAS Officers Association.

"I am deeply disturbed to see the transfer list dated September 5, 2026, which once again includes my name. I have been transferred within just 50 days of assuming office. This is the fourth time in a year that my name has appeared on the transfer list," she wrote in the post, which is now circulating on social media.

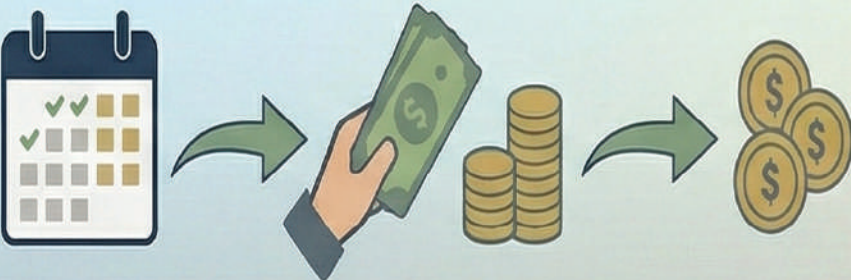
Marvya said she was "humiliated" by being transferred under the pressure of a "rebellion" by subordinates, adding that "the conspirators always win, and I lose". She claimed the "system" had "failed" her.



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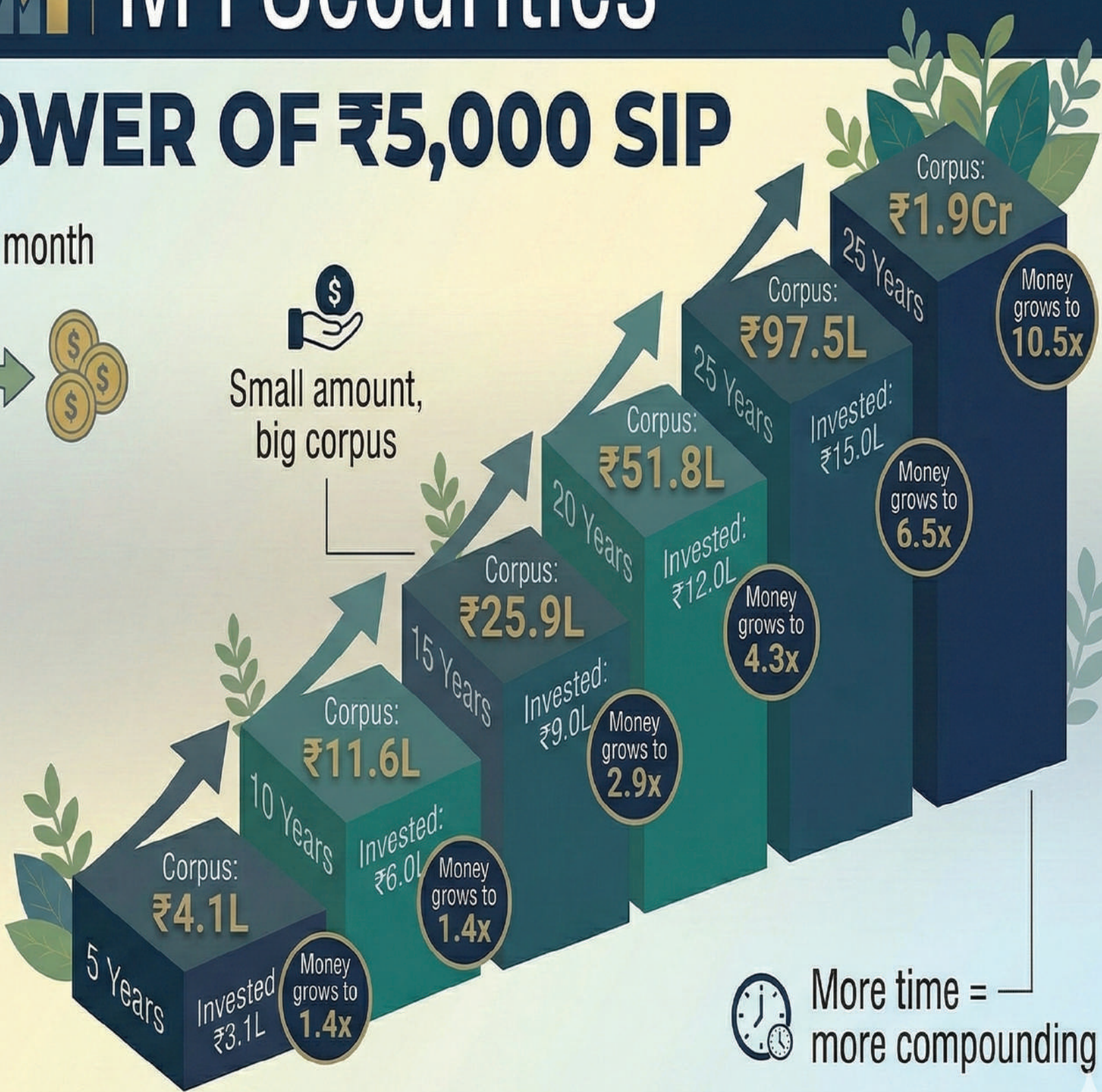
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