

Srinagar Drops To 26th In Clean Air Survey



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar has slipped five places in the Centre's 2026 clean air assessment, while Jammu has improved its position, according to the latest Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan rankings.

According to details, Srinagar ranked 26th among cities with populations above 10 lakh, down from 21st in 2025 and fourth in 2023.

Srinagar's score also declined to 162.6 in 2026, from 169.2 in 2025 and 184.6 in 2023.

Jammu, meanwhile, ranked 20th among cities with populations between three lakh and 10 lakh, improving from 22nd position in 2025. Its score rose to 176.5 this year, compared with 168.2 in 2025 and 102.8 in 2023.

The Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan is conducted annually by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

under the National Clean Air Programme to assess cities on their efforts to control air pollution and implement measures under their clean-air action plans.

The assessment covers road dust, vehicular and industrial emissions, construction and demolition waste, municipal solid waste and biomass burning, among other pollution sources. It also takes into account public awareness initiatives and improvements in PM10 concentrations.

Jammu also received recognition for three wards under the state-level awards. Greater Kailash Ward 68 was placed in Category-I, New Plot Ward 16 in Category-II and Bhagwati Nagar Ward 14 in Category-III.

The assessment comes despite significant urban infrastructure spending in Srinagar under the Smart City Mission. Projects worth around Rs 3,530 crore were approved for areas including | [More on P6](#)

Experts Raise Alarm As J&K's Pesticide Use Far Exceeds National Average

A gathering of judges, scientists and farmers in Jammu delivered a blunt diagnosis: the region uses more chemical pesticide per hectare than almost anywhere else in India, and the human cost is already visible.

Syed Sammar Mehdi

Srinagar: The number came early, and it silenced the room.

Jammu and Kashmir now uses about 3.69 kilograms of chemical pesticide per hectare of farmland, a level that dwarfs Punjab and Haryana's 0.62 kilograms, Himachal Pradesh's 0.50, and the national average of 0.22.

On September 13, that figure moved from agricultural data sheets into public testimony, read aloud at a conference organized by We The Humans Forum for Nature and Mankind at the Forest Media Centre in Jammu's Vikram Chowk.

This was the day the region's



farming crisis stopped being a private concern and became a declared emergency.

District and Sessions Judge R.S. Jasrotia opened

proceedings as chief guest. Prof. Rajinder Peshin, retired director of education at SKUAST Jammu, Samardev Singh Charak of the Dogra

Educational Trust, and author Meenu Ajay Sawhney sat as guests of honour.

Speakers described a direct line between pesticide loads and the illnesses now spreading through farming households: cancer, chronic kidney disease, brain tumours and neurological disorders.

The remedy proposed was specific: natural farming, integrated pest management, and disease-resistant crop varieties, adopted without delay.

The chemical burden was only one part of the diagnosis.

Capt. Lalit Sharma, the trust's vice chairman, and K.Y.S. Manhas, its chairman, told the gathering that Jammu and Kashmir's | [More on P6](#)

HC Notice To Govt on PIL Over Advocate General Vacancy

Press Trust of India

Jammu: With the post of advocate general of Jammu and Kashmir lying vacant for nearly two years, the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Monday gave the government five weeks to respond to a plea seeking the immediate appointment to the key constitutional post.

Jammu and Kashmir Advocate General D C Raina submitted his resignation in October 2024, two days after a National Conference-led

J&K May See Mild, Dry Winter: MeT Director

1-2 Major Snow Spells Possible; El Nino, Rising Temperatures May Affect Snowfall Pattern

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir is likely to experience a relatively mild and dry winter this year under the influence of El Nino, though one or two major spells of snowfall during the peak winter months cannot be ruled out, Director of

Meteorological Department Srinagar Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said on Monday.

Addressing social media claims that winter may not occur in India this year, Ahmad said such assertions were unscientific, stressing that winter was a natural seasonal phenomenon whose intensity could vary.

"Winter will definitely come. Sometimes winters are severe and sometimes mild. What we have been seeing for the | [More on P6](#)

'J&K To See Rain Till Sept 17'

Jammu and Kashmir is likely to witness brief spells of rain and thundershowers at scattered to many places during the early morning and afternoon hours from September 15 to 17, the Meteorological Department | [More on P6](#)

Opposition Gears Up To Corner Govt In Assembly

Speaker Calls All-Party Meet Ahead of 10-Day Autumn Session

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The 10-day autumn session of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, beginning on September 21, is expected to witness sharp exchanges as opposition parties prepare to corner the Omar Abdullah-led government over unemployment, job outsourcing, delayed local body polls and unfulfilled electoral promises.

Ahead of the session, Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather has convened an all-party meeting on Thursday to discuss the smooth conduct of proceedings.

The Assembly Secretariat has written to party leaders and members of the Business Advisory Committee, asking them to attend the meeting at 2 pm at the Assembly complex.

According to the letter, the Speaker has invited Leader of Opposition Sunil Kumar Sharma of the BJP, Ali Muhammad Sagar and Mubarak Gul of the National Conference, CPI(M) MLA Muhammad Yousuf Tarigami, Congress leader Ghulam Ahmad Mir, Peoples Conference chief Sajad Gani Lone, PDP MLA Mir Muhammad Fayaz and Independent MLA Choudhary Muhammad Akram.

The meeting comes days before the autumn session, with the BJP, PDP and other opposition parties preparing to raise a range of public and governance-related issues.

The BJP, the principal opposition party in the Assembly, has accused the Omar Abdullah government of failing on several fronts and | [More on P6](#)

J&K Security Situation 'Firmly Under Control: MoD

'Infiltration Attempts Decline; Zero Stone-Pelting Incidents'

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir remains firmly under control, with a significant decline in violence, scaled-down protests and zero incidents of stone pelting, according to the Ministry of Defence's annual report for 2025-26.

The report said the Indian Army's efforts, coupled with public participation in various government and Army-run initiatives, have contributed to an improvement in the security situation across the Union Territory.

It said the situation in Jammu and Kashmir and along the Line of Control (LoC) changed significantly during Operation Sindoor. However, following Director Generals of Military Operations (DGsMO)-level talks on May 10 and 12, 2025, the situation stabilised to a large | [More on P6](#)

Guilty by The Cover

Kashmir Court Rejects Detention Over Book Titles

The Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court freed a young academic held under a preventive detention law, ruling that the books on his shelf, however unsettling their titles, could not stand in for proof of a crime.

Sanjeev Sirohi

Srinagar: The knock came in Kukroosa, a village in Handwara, in the Kupwara district of north Kashmir, where Shafat Maqbool Wani, known to neighbours as Shaf, had grown up reading.

By September 13, 2025, he was no longer a graduate student weighing invitations to academic conferences abroad. He was a detainee, held under detention order No. 27-DMK/PSA of 2025, signed by the district magistrate of Kupwara under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, on the theory that his books and his bloodline together made him a threat to state security.

Wani had already been cleared once.

On September 8, 2025, a special



National Investigation Agency judge in Jammu rejected a bid by the NIA to extend his remand beyond 155 days.

Five days later, that same court granted him bail in the underlying case, an FIR from Handwara police station alleging offenses under the Arms Act and the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act.

Within hours of the bail order, the district magistrate signed the detention order that | [More on P6](#)

As Kashmir's Heritage Fades, Chennai Offers A Model

Dakshina Chitra Raises a Question: Where Is Kashmir's Heritage Village?

Sajjad Haider

Chennai: For a delegation of journalists from Kashmir, a visit to a heritage museum in Chennai offered more than a glimpse into South India's rich cultural past—it raised a question that is becoming increasingly urgent back home: Who will preserve Kashmir's disappearing heritage?

A 13-member media delegation from Srinagar, organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), visited Dakshina Chitra Heritage Museum at Muttukadu on Monday as part of its September 13-19 media tour of the southern state.

Spread across a large site overlooking the Bay of Bengal, Dakshina



Chitra—meaning "a picture of the South"—has created a remarkable living record of the traditional architecture, crafts, lifestyles and performing arts of South India.

For the visiting journalists, however, its significance went beyond Tamil Nadu.

The museum offered a striking template for

Kashmir, where traditional houses, wooden architecture, crafts and cultural practices are disappearing at an alarming pace.

Curator Lakuma Chebrolu briefed the delegation about the museum's heritage structures and the architectural traditions they represent. The museum houses carefully reconstructed traditional homes

from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Many of these structures were facing demolition at their original locations. Instead of allowing them to disappear, they were carefully dismantled, transported and reconstructed at Dakshina Chitra with the involvement of traditional artisans | [More on P6](#)

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RESIGNATION NOTICE

Date: 10 September 2026

Subject: Resignation from the Office of Caretaker General Secretary, Auqaf-e-Imamia

I, Rameez Ahmad Ganai, hereby tender my resignation from the office of Caretaker General Secretary, Auqaf-e-Imamia, Intizamia Committee, Jamia Mosque Sajadia, Sajad Abad, Chattabal, Srinagar, with effect from 10 September 2026.

The tenure of the earlier committee had concluded in February/March 2026, following which the process for fresh elections was initiated. However, due to the intervening period of Muharram-ul-Haram and Safar-ul-Muzaffar 1458 AH, the election process was postponed. During this interim period, I continued to discharge the necessary responsibilities in the capacity of Caretaker General Secretary.

In view of my increasing official, professional and personal commitments, I have decided to step down from the said responsibility with effect from 10 September 2026.

Accordingly, from the above date, I shall neither hold nor exercise any responsibility, authority or representation in the said capacity, and any matter undertaken thereafter shall not be attributed to me or undertaken on my behalf. This notice is issued for the information and record of all concerned.

Rameez Ahmad Ganai

Resigning Caretaker General Secretary

Auqaf-e-Imamia, Intizamia Committee

Jamia Mosque Sajadia, Sajad Abad, Chattabal, Srinagar

Subject: Change in location/title of the Excursion agency/ Travel Agency under the name and style situated at

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Whereas, I Nusrat Mohd Ibrahim D/o Mohd Ibrahim Gudu R/o Kralpora Hawal Proprietor of the Excursion Agency/Travel Agency have applied in Tourism Department for change in title of my Excursion Agency/Travel Agency under the name and style Trade Act 1978/2011, " from Syeeda'Z magnificent Holidays to Kashmir Line Holidays as per Section 39 of the J&K Registration of Tourist

Whereas, the said excursion agency/ travel agency is registered with the Department of Tourism, Kashmir under the name and style of Syeeda'Z magnificent Holidays in the name of Mr/Mrs./Ms.Nusrat Mohd Ibrahim D/o Mohd Ibrahim Gudu R/o Kralpora Hawal bearing registration No.JKEA00004332 dated 01/01/2026 and same is renewed upto 31/12/2027

Whereas, I Nusrat Mohd Ibrahim d/o Mohd Ibrahim Gudu R/o Kralpora Hawal have submitted Certificate; and Photocopy of Registration

Before considering my request for change in location/title of my Excursion Agency/Travel Agency " from Syeeda'Z magnificent Holidays to Kashmir Line Holidays is considered, the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Financial Institutions/ Banks/ Development Authorities/ PHE Department/ Electric Department that in case of any objection, the same should reach the office of Deputy Director Tourism, Registration within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections beyond a period of 07 days will be entertained and my request for the same will be considered under rules, after submission of requisite documents.

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Court of Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present: Mr. Heq Nawaz zargar

1) Ameena W/o: Ghulam Hassan Mir R/o: Habba Kadal

Babapora

2) Hashmat w/O. Gazanfar Ali

D/o, Ghulam Hassan Mir

R/o: Shalini BK Pora Budgam

(Petitioners)

VS

Public at Large

(Respondant)

In the matter of: Application for issuance of succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

Notice to Public at Large

Whereas, the petitioner(s) filed above titled petition before this court for issuance of succession certificate in favour of petitioner(s) in respect of an amount of Rs...3,95,298 .as debits and securities in name of deceased namely... Ghulam Hassan Mir S/o Mohammad Ibrahim Mir R/o Babapora Habba Kadal Sgr who died on 16-12-2025. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 06-10-2026

Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry, through the medium of this proclamation that if anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she/they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 06-10-26 failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in this same.

In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday, the matter shall be taken on the next working day. Given under my hand and seal of this court on 12-09-2026.

Principal/District Judge

Srinagar

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the general public that I want to register the birth event of my child (daughter) namely Farhat Fatima D/o Hakim Mohammad Afzal R/o Panchas Tehsil Magam District Budgam with BDO office Snoor Kailipora having DOB 06-12-2021 The said birth event has occurred at my home Anybody having any objection he/she may contact BDO office Snoor Kalipora within a period of seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be accepted

Hakim Mohammad Afzal

S/o Hakim Mohammad Baqir R/o Panchas

Tehsil Magam District Budgam

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to apply for the issuance of **Fertilizer / Seed License** under name and style of "Minah Agro Farmers Pvt. Ltd. Situated at Main Road Tanchabagh,

Near Court Complex, Frestabal Pampore Pulwama." If any body is having any

objection in this regard, he/she may contact **Chief Agriculture Officer Pulwama**

Kashmir within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this

notice. After the stipulated period, no objection shall be entertained.

Altat Hussain Ganie S/o Ghulam Qadier Ganie

(Director: Minah Agro Farmers Pvt. Ltd.);

R/o Sonwar Srinagar; Contact: 7006315330

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This is information to the general public that I want to register the birth event of my child (daughter) namely Farhat Fatima D/o Hakim Mohammad Afzal R/o Panchas Tehsil Magam District Budgam with BDO office Snoor Kailipora having DOB 06-12-2021 The said birth event has occurred at my home Anybody having any objection he/she may contact BDO office Snoor Kalipora within a period of seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be accepted

Hakim Mohammad Afzal

S/o Hakim Mohammad Baqir R/o Panchas

Tehsil Magam District Budgam

BMG

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the general public that I want to register the birth event of my child (SON) namely Hakim Rahat Ali S/o Hakim Mohammad Afzal R/o Panchas Tehsil Magam District Budgam with BDO office Snoor Kailipora having DOB 21-10-2017 The said birth event has occurred at my home Anybody having any objection he/she may contact BDO office Snoor Kalipora within a period of seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be accepted

Hakim Mohammad Afzal S/o Hakim Mohammad Baqir

R/o Panchas Tehsil Magam District Budgam

BMG

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the general public that I want to register the birth event of my child (SON) namely Hakim Wasi Abass S/o Hakim Mohammad Afzal R/o Panchas Tehsil Magam District Budgam with BDO office Snoor Kailipora having DOB 01-05-2019 The said birth event has occurred at my home Anybody having any objection he/she may contact BDO office Snoor Kalipora within a period of seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be accepted

Hakim Mohammad Afzal

S/o Hakim Mohammad Baqir

R/o Panchas Tehsil Magam District Budgam

BMG

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar as DILSHADA BANO While as my actual name is DILSHADA AKHTER C/O ABDUL RAZAQ GANAIE R/O KALAROOSE KUPWARA District KUPWARA 193222. 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.

DILSHADA AKHTER

C/O:-ABDUL RAZAQ GANAIE

R/O:- KALAROOSE, KUPWARA

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the General public that my daughter's name in her Aadher Card bearing Aadhar No :- 2172 8478 0553 has been wrongly mentioned as Setrat Jaan instead of Sedrat Jaan D/O. Ghulam Mohi U Din Ahanager .Now I am applying for its name Correction in all official recard as per leagal dacoments .if anybody having any objection in this regard he/ she may contact the same in the office of the General Manager Ranbir Govt Press Jammu within a period of seven days from the publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained after expiry of stipulated period.

Ghulam Mohi U Din Ahanager

F/O. Sedrat Jaan R/O :- Ashpora

Tehsil :- Qaziabad Kralgund Distt : Kupwara.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ghulam Mohammad War, S/O Abdul Gani War, R/O Tangpora Pattan, hereby inform the general public that the electricity connection bearing Consumer ID 0213040016109, presently registered in the name of my brother Mohammad Maqbool War, is proposed to be transferred to my name, Ghulam Mohammad War. Anyone having any objection may approach the concerned department within 7 days from the date of publication.

Ghulam Mohammad War

S/O Abdul Gani War R/O Tangpora Pattan

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My name & DOB has been wrongly written in my adhaar card as Mohammad Ayan Bhat DOB 27-06-2013 While my correct name is Ayan Mohi-ud-Din Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din, Correct DOB is 09-04-2017 . Now I have applied for the correction of the same. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned adhaar centre Jammu/Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ayan Mohi-ud-Din Bhat

S/o Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din

R/o Archanderhamare

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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub... Application of Aisha Begum w/o Tariq Ahmad sofi

R/o Pattan for issuance of dependent certificate...

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT is inform to general public that applicants husband's dependent certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants husband namely Tariq Ahmad sofi s/o Gh Mohammad sofi R/o pattan passed away on 09/08/2025 and the dependents on deceased at the time of death are as under..

Details of Dependent(s)

Name	Age (in Years)	Relationship with the Deceased	Marital Status
Aisha begum	48	Wife	WIDOWED
Farzan tariq	24	Son	UNMARRIED
Wasim tariq	34	Son	UNMARRIED
Saima tariq	31	Daughter	MARRIED

In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained..

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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub... Application of Taja Begum w/o Bashir Ahmad Ganie R/o Mamoosa Tehsil Pattan for issuance of dependent certificate..

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is inform to general public that applicants husband's dependent certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants husband namely Bashir Ahmad Ganie s/o Mohammad Sidiq Ganie R/o Mamoosa passed away on 17/07/2026 and the dependents on deceased at the time of death are as under...

S. No.	Name of Dependent	Relation with Deceased	Age (Years)	Marital Status
01	Taji Begum	Wife	40	Widow
02	Shabnum Bashir	Daughter	30	Unmarried
03	Suhail Ahmad	Son	28	Unmarried
04	Saima Bashir	Daughter	18	Unmarried

In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 07 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, FAIZAN FAROOQ S/o FAROOQ AHMAD NAJAR, R/o Bunagam, Tehsil Kawarhama, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby inform the general public that my name and Date of Birth have been wrongly recorded in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4180-7437-0469.

My name has been recorded as "FAIZAN AHMAD NAJAR" instead of my correct name "FAIZAN FAROOQ" and my Date of Birth has been recorded as 08/09/2005 instead of my correct Date of Birth 08/09/2008, as per my Birth Certificate.

I have applied for correction/uptation of my name and Date of Birth in the Aadhaar Card as per my Birth Certificate and other valid documents.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

FAIZAN FAROOQ

S/o FAROOQ AHMAD NAJAR

R/o Bunagam, Tehsil Kawarhama

District Baramulla, J&K UT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Manzoor Ahmad Lone F/o Abrar Manzoor Lone, R/o Pajw Pora, Tehsil Tangmarg, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby inform the general public that the name of my son has inadvertently been recorded as "Abrar Ahmad" in his Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4576-3459-5616, which is incorrect.

His actual and correct name is "Abrar Manzoor Lone." I have applied for correction/uptation of his name and publication of the requisite notification in the Government Gazette through Govt. Ranbir Press, Jammu.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Manzoor Ahmad Lone

F/o Abrar Manzoor Lone

R/o Pajw Pora, Tehsil Tangmarg

District Baramulla, J&K UT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Abdul Quyoom Bhat S/o Abdul Salam Bhat, R/o Sariwarpora, Post Office Pattan, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby inform the general public that my name has inadvertently been recorded as "Abdul Qayoom Bhat" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 5429-9642-9534, which is incorrect. My actual and correct name is "Abdul Quyoom Bhat." I have applied for publication of the name correction in the Government Gazette.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Abdul Quyoom Bhat

S/o Abdul Salam Bhat

R/o Sariwarpora, Pattan District Baramulla, J&K UT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Gh Mohd Hajam S/o Ab Khaliq Hajam, R/o Andergam, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby inform the general public that my name has inadvertently been recorded as "Ghulam Mohammad Hajam" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4943-7224-9896, which is Incorrect.

My actual and correct name is "Gh Mohd Hajam." I have applied for correction/uptation of my name and publication of the requisite notification in the Government Gazette.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Gh Mohd Hajam

S/o Ab Khaliq Hajam

R/o Andergam, Tehsil Pattan

District Baramulla, J&K UT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Gh Mohd Hajam S/o Ab Khaliq Hajam, R/o Andergam, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby inform the general public that my name has inadvertently been recorded as "Ghulam Mohammad Hajam" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4943-7224-9896, which is incorrect.

My actual and correct name is "Gh Mohd Hajam." I have applied for correction/uptation of my name and publication of the requisite notification in the Government Gazette.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Gh Mohd Hajam

S/o Ab Khaliq Hajam

R/o Andergam, Tehsil Pattan

District Baramulla, J&K UT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Naseema Aliyas W/o Shafeeq Ahmad Qadri, R/o Poshwani, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby inform the general public that my name has inadvertently been recorded as "Naseema Begum" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 5024-7284-6754, which is incorrect.

My actual and correct name is "Naseema Aliyas." I have applied for correction/uptation of my name and publication of the requisite notification in the Government Gazette.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Naseema Aliyas

W/o Shafeeq Ahmad Qadri

R/o Poshwani

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Riyaz Ahmad Qadri F/o Madiha Reyaz Qadri, R/o Posawani, Pattan, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby inform the general public that the name of my daughter has inadvertently been recorded as "Madiha Riyaz" in her Aadhaar Card bearing No. 6812-0807-3340, which is incorrect.

Her actual and correct name is "Madiha Reyaz Qadri." I have applied for correction/uptation of her name and publication of the requisite notification in the Government Gazette through Govt. Ranbir Press, Jammu.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Riyaz Ahmad Qadri

F/o Madiha Reyaz Qadri

R/o Posawani, Pattan

Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K UT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Fasil Manzoor S/o Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, R/o Khusrag Pora (Amma-Buran), Tehsil Singhpora, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby inform the general public that my name has inadvertently been recorded as "Faisal Manzoor" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 8886-8471-3919, which is incorrect.

My actual and correct name is "Fasil Manzoor." I have applied for correction/uptation of my name and publication of the requisite notification in the Government Gazette through Govt. Ranbir Press, Jammu.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Fasil Manzoor

S/o Manzoor Ahmad Bhat

R/o Khusrag Pora (Amma-Buran)

Tehsil Singhpora, District Baramulla, J&K UT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Aqib Ahmad Khan S/o Ab Quyoom Khan, R/o Singh Pora, Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby inform the general public that my name has inadvertently been recorded as "Aqib Qayoom Khan" in my PAN Card bearing No. HNNPK2798R, which is incorrect.

My actual and correct name is "Aqib Ahmad Khan." I have applied for correction/uptation of my name and publication of the requisite notification in the Government Gazette through Govt. Ranbir Press, Jammu.

Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Aqib Ahmad Khan

S/o Ab Quyoom Khan

R/o Singh Pora, Pattan

District Baramulla, J&K UT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the general public that I want to register the birth event of my child (Son) namely Azhar Lateef S/o Abdul Lateef Bhat R/o Bandgam Tehsil Magam District Budgam with BDO office Snoor Kailipora having DOB 19-09-2014. The said birth event has occurred at my home Anybody having any objection he/she may contact BDO office Snoor Kalipora within a period of seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be accepted

Abdul Lateef Bhat

S/o Abdul Aziz Bhat

R/o Bandgam Tehsil Magam District Budgam

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KU Celebrates Hindi Diwas, Highlights Language's Significance

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Hindi, University of Kashmir (KU), celebrated Hindi Diwas at the Main Campus.

It aimed to highlight the cultural, academic and administrative significance of Hindi and encourage greater interest in the language among students.

Presiding over the event, Vice-Chancellor, KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan highlighted the promising prospects for students pursuing Hindi and stressed on the importance of organising national and international seminars to enhance the language's academic stature and global reach.

"Hindi has a rich literary and cultural heritage and offers diverse opportunities for students. We should create greater academic exposure through national and international seminars and scholarly engagements to further enhance the reach and relevance of the language," she said.

Registrar, KU, Prof. Naseer Iqbal, commended the Department for its academic progress and emphasised the need to introduce new and contemporary courses to attract younger generations, describing academic diversification as the need of the hour.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Madhu Khandelwal spoke on the cultural and administrative significance of Hindi and clarified the distinction between Rajbhasha (Official Language) and Rashtrabhasha (National Language).

Swachhata Internship Programme Launched for Schools Across Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Commissioner, Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur, on Monday launched the Swachhata Internship Programme for schools across Kashmir Division, seeking to involve students directly in cleanliness, waste segregation and scientific waste management.

The programme was launched at Amar Singh College, Srinagar, in the presence of Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department, Ram Niwas Sharma, who attended as the guest of honour, and Dr Devansh Yadav, Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, J&K.

The initiative has been launched by the Srinagar Municipal Corpora-

tion (SMC) in collaboration with the Directorate of School Education Kashmir, with support from Swaaha Resource Management Private Limited.

Under the programme, students will participate in practical activities related to source segregation, recycling, composting, resource recovery, sanitation and community participation. They will also undertake awareness activities in their schools and neighbourhoods while encouraging responsible waste-management practices among their families and communities.

Speaking at the launch, Mandeep Kaur said cleanliness could not remain the responsibility of municipal agencies alone and stressed the need to make citizens, particularly young students, active partners in the effort.

"Cleanliness cannot remain the responsibility of municipal agencies alone. It has to become a shared civic responsibility and schools have an important role in shaping that culture among the next generation," she said.

She emphasised the need to move beyond awareness campaigns and focus on sustained behavioural change in the way people handle waste and maintain cleanliness in their surroundings.

The programme will also provide students with opportunities to develop communication, leadership and public-speaking skills while engaging in cleanliness and waste-management activities. The participating students will serve as Swachhata Ambassadors, carrying the message from their schools to their homes and local communities.

Bakshi Stadium Set for Major Infrastructure Upgrade

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, on Monday chaired a meeting of concerned Officers at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the proposed plan and measures for comprehensive infrastructure upgradation of Bakshi Stadium.

The proposed upgradation is aimed at improving the stadium's infrastructure and facilities, enhancing seating capacity and providing roofing for public stands, besides improving accessibility and the drainage system to host sporting events

and other major activities throughout the year in Srinagar.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the proposed infrastructure interventions at Bakshi Stadium, with particular focus on enhancement of the seating capacity of the Central Pavilion, expansion and improvement of the North and South Pavilions, roofing of public stands and upgradation of the entrance to the main ground.

The meeting also discussed various allied works required to strengthen the overall infrastructure of the stadium and improve facilities for players, spectators and officials.

On the occasion, the DC directed the concerned Officers to work out the requirements in detail and prepare a comprehensive Detailed Project Report (DPR) incorporating all proposed infrastructure works, along with other allied interventions required for the overall improvement and modernization of the Stadium.

The DC emphasized that the proposed upgradation should be planned with a long-term perspective, keeping in view the growing requirements for hosting major sporting events, tournaments and other public activities.

DC Reviews Progress of Proposed Disaster Mitigation Projects

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, who is also the Chairman of District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) chaired a meeting here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to reviews progress of ongoing and proposed disaster mitigation projects and measures aimed at strengthening the district's emergency response mechanism.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Superintending Engineer R&B, Tatheer Manzoor, Superintending Engineer, R&B, Shabir Ahmad, Superintending Engineer PHE Hydraulic, Er. Ambreen Anjum, SDM West, Irfaan Bahadur, SDM West, Zuber Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, Executive Engineer I&FC, Shuja Ahmad, Executive Engineer, LCMA, all Tehsildars and other concerned.

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Ali Mohamed Doom
R/o Bandgam

BMT

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information for the general public that I Sheikh Anees Ahmad am holder of BEE class contractor card BEE to (A) change class. If any body having any objection regarding the same they may submit their objection written to the Chief Engineer Civil investigation wing JKPD, Bermana within a period of 7 days from the date of this notice. No objection will be entertained after that.
SHEIKH ANEES AHMAD
S/O MOHAMMAD ASHRAF SHEIKH
R/O ARIFEEN COLONY BYPASS
BATAMALOO.

MCB

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R/o Bandgam

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Abdul Hameedd Ganale
R/o Yari Gund Tehsil Narbal

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Jana Bano
W/o Ab Ahad Sheikh
D/o Abdul Raheem Sheikh
R/o Bandgam presently at Wadwan District Budgam.

bmt

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (old name)
Khalid Amin to (new name) Khalid Amin Shah . In future i will be known as (new name) Khalid Amin Shah.
If anybody is having any objection he/she may contact passport office srinagar, within 7 days.
After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

Media line advt

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, ARVIN YASEEN, D/o Mohammad Yaseen, R/o Gazer Gund, Budgam, hereby notify that my name has been wrongly recorded in my Aadhaar Card as "ARVIN YASEEN" instead of my correct name "ARVINA YASEEN." My Aadhaar No. is 851676897768.I intend to have my name corrected in the Aadhaar records from "ARVIN YASEEN" to "ARVINA YASEEN." Any person having any objection to the said correction may file/submit the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objection shall be entertained.
ARVINA YASEEN
D/o Mohammad YaseenR/o Gazer Gund, Budgam

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information for the general public that I RAM PYARI have applied for the fresh "D" class contractor. If any body having any objection regarding the same they may submit their objection written to the Chief Engineer Civil investigation wing JKPD, Bermana within a period of 7 days from the date of this notice. No objection will be entertained after that.
RAM PYARI
W/O BALI RAM SHARMA
R/O PANYA DAGIR JAMMU .

MCB

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JAVID AHMAD KHANDAY
S/O GHULAM NABI KHANDAY
R/O CHELLEN CHOUNTINAR BUDGAM .

MCB

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Ab Ahad Sheikh
S/o Mohammad Subhan Sheikh
R/o Wadwan Tehsil Magam District Budgam.

bmt

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shabir Ahmad Mir, F/o Simran Shabir, R/o Nihal Pora, Tehsil Pattan, Post Office Pattan, District Baramulla, hereby inform the general public that my daughter's name has inadvertently been recorded as "Simran Jan" in her Aadhaar Card bearing No. 3401-0397-5840, which is incorrect. Her actual and correct name is "Simran Shabir." I have applied for publication of the correction in the Government Gazette. Any person having any objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objection shall be entertained.
Shabir Ahmad Mir
F/o Simran Shabir
R/o Nihal Pora, Tehsil Pattan, P.O. Pattan, District Baramulla

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NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Admission to left over seats in 10th based Paramedical Diploma Course at Govt Anmt School Shopian for the session 2026-27.

Ref:- 1. S.O 333 of 2024 dated 13-06-2024
Ref:- 2. JKNC-26/157/1400-1409 dated 11-09-2026

In Compliance to the above mentioned notification issued J&K Nursing Council Govt. Medical College Jammu/Srinagar the, offline application are invited from the eligible/desired candidates for admission to the left-over seats in the following Course at Govt. Anmt School Shopian for the session 2026-27.

S.No	Name of the Course`
1	FMPHW

The Admission/Selection to the above-mentioned course shall strictly be as per the eligibility criteria laid down by J&K Government Health and Medical Education Department, J&K Nursing Council & as notified by J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (J&K BOPEE) on its website for session 2026-27 through various notifications for admission to the aforementioned course.

How to apply

- A copy of the below mentioned documents need to be submitted at Govt. ANMT School Shopian in hard/ Physical Form (Offline) by or before 19-09-2026 for applying course.
 - 10th marks sheet and diploma,
 - Category Certificate (if any),
 - Date of Birth Certificate,
 - Domicile Certificate,
 - Provisional Certificate,

Terms and Conditions

- A Candidate must be a domicile of J&K UT.
- Have passed 10th or equivalent examination from recognized board.
- The Provisional Merit list Of FMPHW Course Will be prepared category wise based on aggregate marks obtained in 10th mark sheet.
- The last date of submission of offline form is 19-09-2026.
- If upon verification, any candidate found ineligible, his/her admission shall be cancelled ab-initio.
- Shortlisted Candidates are called for admission telephonically.

-Sd-
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'E-AUCTION NOTICE'

[Rule 8 to 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules)]

The undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 to 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 notify the Sale of the secured assets detailed herein-below for realization of dues of the Bank on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatsoever there is" and "no complaint" basis.

Description of the mortgaged property (Put on sale)	Land Measuring 03 kanal 19 Marlas, along with office shed built constructed thereon, falling under Khasra No. 909 min, khata No. 231 (old 210) and Khewat No. 107 (old 106) situated at Khanda, Chadoora, Budgam standing in the name of Mr. Nisar Hussain Mir (Deceased) S/o Mohammad Jafar Mir R/o Khanda, Chadoora, Budgam. Land Measuring 03 kanal 18 Marlas, falling under Khasra No. 909 min, khata No. 231 (old 210) and Khewat No. 107 (old 106) situated at Khanda, Chadoora, Budgam standing in the name of Mr. Nisar Hussain Mir (Deceased) S/o Mohammad Jafar Mir R/o Khanda, Chadoora, Budgam. <u>Reserve Price: Rs.606.27 Lakhs (Rupees Six hundred Six Lakhs and Twenty-Seven Thousand only</u>
Reserve Price	Rs.606.27 Lacs (Rupees Six hundred Six Lakhs and Twenty-Seven Thousand only)
Name of the Borrower Firm.	M/S Ablum Electrical Industries (Through Sole proprietor Mr.Hashim Raza)
Amount outstanding as on 31-08-2026 for the recovery of which the property is sold	Rs 6,05,48,834.62/- (Rupees Six Crore Five Lakh Forty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four and Paise Sixty-Two Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	10% of auction amount.
Bid Increase Amount	Rs 2.00 Lakh.
Name of the Branch	Impaired Assets Recovery Centre, J&K Bank, Corporate Headquarters, M.A. Road, Srinagar (J&K).
Last Date & Time of submission of Bid	05.10.2026 (5pm)
Date and Time of e-Auction	06.10.2026 (3pm To 4pm)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Other Remittance/s details by RTGS to Account Number	THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED Business Unit: Impaired Assets Recovery Centre, IFSC CODE: JAKA0IMPIRD Account No.0490070700000003 in the name of 'Sundry Pointing IMPIRD'.

The interested bidders shall submit their offer along with EMD details through website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> and can obtain user ID and password free of cost by registering on the website. The detailed notice containing all the terms and conditions are available at Bank's website <https://www.jkbank.com/pdfs/eauction>. For any query related to the said auction, the interested bidders may contact Branch Manager, Impaired Assets Recovery Branch on cell no.8491008880.

Date: 14.09.2026

(Authorized Officer)

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The Cost of Lying in Court

A false affidavit and a true one move through the same courtroom at the same speed, and Kashmir's overstretched judiciary rarely stops to ask which is which.



The honest litigant on the other side spends money and years defending against a case that should never have been filed, while someone with a legitimate grievance elsewhere in the queue waits for a hearing date. Falsehood, treated as a private vice between two parties, is in fact a public tax on judicial time, and it is rarely counted as one of the causes behind India's pendency crisis, though it plainly is.

This does not mean treating every failed case or every contradicted witness as a crime. Memory can fail honestly. Two people can witness the same event and describe it differently without either person lying.

Perjury proceedings should be reserved for deliberate, material falsehoods established by clear evidence. They should not become a tool against every witness a judge happens not to believe.

Once that threshold is met, prosecution should be the ordinary outcome rather than the rare exception.

A workable reform is simple. If a court finds that a party or witness knowingly lied under oath on a material point, the case should automatically go to an independent prosecutor or designated magistrate for a decision within a fixed period.

This keeps the original judge out of the prosecution process.

If the authority declines prosecution, it should briefly explain why.

An affidavit is a promise made under oath to a court that depends on people telling the truth.

When that promise can be broken without real consequence, the oath becomes theater and the court loses one of its few working defenses against manufactured reality.

Lawyers, government departments, and investigating agencies share responsibility here too, since a legal system cannot legislate honesty into people who face no cost for abandoning it.

The old Kashmiri proverb was never really about revenge against a liar. It was about protecting everyone else from what a successful lie can make possible.

A courtroom that lets falsehood pass without consequence gradually shifts the balance toward deception.

Case by case, it teaches people which one wins.

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KO VIEW

Srinagar's Air Warning

Srinagar's fall from fourth place to 26th in India's Clean Air Survey should alarm the government.

A city that was counted among the country's better performers in 2023 has slipped sharply within three years.

The latest ranking raises a basic question: what went wrong? The 2026 Swachh Vayu Survekshan, conducted under the Union government's National Clean Air Programme, placed Srinagar 26th among 39 cities with populations above one million.

Srinagar scored 162.6 points. Delhi, long associated with severe winter pollution, ranked 21st with 172 points. Lucknow topped the list, followed by Indore, Jabalpur and Bhopal.

The ranking itself needs careful reading. It is not a direct measure of pollution concentration alone. The survey also considers the measures taken by cities to improve air quality.

Still, Srinagar's steep fall needs serious scrutiny, particularly when pollution sources are visible throughout the city.

J&K Climate Action Group has asked legislators to raise the issue during the coming Assembly session. Its chairman, Raja Muzaffar Bhat, has called for an inquiry into the decline and pointed to several possible contributors, including open burning of municipal waste, road dust, construction debris, vehicle emissions, stone crushers and illegal cement plants.

The warning comes ahead of the season when Srinagar's air can deteriorate sharply.

Last year, the city's Air Quality Index approached 300 at its worst, a level associated with serious health risks. Cold weather can trap pollutants close to the ground, while increased use of heating fuels adds another source of smoke.

The government therefore has a narrow window to act before another winter exposes the weakness of the existing system.

Waste burning calls for strict enforcement, construction sites need effective dust-control measures, construction and demolition waste requires proper collection and disposal, vehicle emissions call for meaningful checks, while industrial units and stone crushers need regular inspections backed by penalties for violations.

The decline also points to a larger problem in J&K. Air pollution is being treated as an environmental issue when it is also a public health and urban governance issue.

Srinagar's expanding roads, buildings, traffic and waste volumes have created pressures that demand coordinated action.

The Assembly can turn the latest ranking into a useful political test. Legislators can ask which agencies were responsible for the deterioration, what targets were set after 2023 and what was actually achieved.

A clean-air ranking should never become a certificate framed on an office wall. Srinagar's fall should instead become evidence for action.

The city has already shown that better performance is possible. The government now needs to explain why that progress was lost and what it plans to do before another polluted winter arrives.

A courtroom in Srinagar runs on paper. Pleadings are typed and retyped, affidavits sworn and stamped, documents photocopied until the ink softens to gray.

Somewhere inside that paper is supposed to be the truth, but too often it is something else, dressed carefully enough to survive a hearing.

There is an old Kashmiri proverb that captures how this used to be treated: "Apaezayris gatche patae doorun qabri taam," a liar's falsehood must be pursued until it is exposed completely, followed all the way to the grave if that is what it takes.

It is a harsh line, but its purpose was deterrence rather than cruelty. A society that means what it says about honesty does not let a well-told lie retire silently.

Somewhere between that proverb and the present day, the lie changed its reputation.

It stopped being shameful and became clever.

A politician who dodges a direct question, repeats a convenient claim until it hardens into fact, then drops it once it stops serving him, is called shrewd rather than dishonest.

Evasion has been renamed diplomacy, while manipulation has been retitled strategy.

Once a wrong acquires an attractive name, people stop treating it as a wrong, and that shift in vocabulary has produced a genuine shift in what a community is willing to tolerate.

Political lies have a wider cost: people start trusting official statements, election promises and government assurances less, and democracy loses some of its moral foundation even when people keep voting.

But falsehood inside a courtroom is a narrower and more measurable injury, because a court exists for one purpose only: to establish what actually happened and apply the law to it.

A litigant who knowingly lies, hides a material fact, or files a fabricated document is not simply cheating an opponent. He is attempting to defeat the institution itself.

India's Supreme Court has said as much repeatedly, and its language has grown sharper over time.

“An affidavit is a promise made under oath to a court that depends on people telling the truth. When that promise can be broken without real consequence, the oath becomes theater and the court loses one of its few working defenses against manufactured reality.”

In Dalip Singh v. State of Uttar Pradesh (2010), the Court described the rise of litigants with little regard for truth who lean on falsehood and suppression to win relief.

In Maria Margarida Sequeria Fernandes v. Erasmo Jack de Sequeria (2012), it insisted that truth has to remain the foundation the entire justice-delivery system stands on.

In Sciemed Overseas Inc. v. BOC India Ltd. (2016), it said false statements before a court cannot be waved off as routine litigation tactics.

The doctrine that a person must come to court with clean hands is old and well settled, especially in writ and equitable jurisdiction.

None of this is a flaw in the law, but the real question is what happens next.

Watch what happens when a plead-

The Saffron-Lavender Divide

Lavender has done in a decade what the National Saffron Mission has struggled to deliver in nearly sixteen years, and the difference says less about the plants than about whether the promises reached the fields.



Malik Daniyal

Drive through Pampore in October and you will see the karewas turning violet, thousands of saffron corms pushing purple flowers through soil that has grown this same crop since before the Mughals arrived.

You will also see something else if you look past the flowers: irrigation pipes half-buried in weeds, sprinkler heads that haven't turned in years, borewells that farmers can point to and name by the year they were promised.

The saffron fields of Pampore hold both halves of Kashmir's agricultural story at once.

One half is a crop worth more than gold by weight, protected since 2020 by a Geographical Indication tag that certifies its longer stigma and its higher concentration of crocin, the compound that gives real Kashmiri saffron its depth of colour.

The other half is a Rs 400 crore national mission, launched in 2010, whose irrigation

promises still lie unfinished on the ground. The result is a crop whose value the market accepts without argument and whose output the weather still decides almost alone.

Saffron production in the valley swung from roughly 1.5 tonnes in 2011-12 to more than 15 tonnes a decade later, a 25-year high, simply because the rain happened to fall when the corms needed it.

A scheme built explicitly to remove that dependence on rainfall has, by most farmer accounts, left the dependence largely intact.

“What Kashmir's small farmers really need is basic support that works: the irrigation lines promised to Pampore, storage that lets an apple grower wait for a fair price, and a price floor that gives lavender the same support as paddy. Farmers can then try new crops without gambling their future on infrastructure that is still unfinished.”

Compare this with what has happened in Bhaderwah, a town in Doda district that most maps of Kashmir's agricultural economy would once have ignored.

A decade ago, farmers there grew maize and earned a few thousand rupees a kanal for the effort. Today many of the same families report Rs 15,000 to 20,000 a kanal, a four or five-fold jump, from a plant that produces no food at all: lavender.

The Aroma Mission, run by CSIR's Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, gave farmers planting material and distillation units, and the plant did something saffron could not: it solved its own weather problem.

Lavender needs little rain to thrive, and monkeys, the scourge of orchards throughout the hill districts, avoid it for its scent.

What began as a pilot has spread past a dozen districts, and Bhaderwah now hosts an annual Lavender Festival, with soap-makers and cosmetics sellers, many of them young,

building small enterprises on top of the oil.

Set beside each other, these two crops make an uncomfortable point about Kashmir's agricultural policy.

The difference between a scheme that works and one that stalls has almost nothing to do with the market appeal of what's grown. Saffron and lavender both sell well. What separates them is whether the government actually built the borewell, actually installed the

distillation unit, actually showed up after the ribbon-cutting.

This is the test now facing the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme, the Rs 5,000 crore, five-year umbrella launched in 2023 that folds together 29 projects and more than 75 schemes, from high-density apple orchards to Controlled Atmosphere storage to links with the national e-NAM trading platform.

The stated targets are large: nearly Rs 28,000 crore added to the state's economy, close to 2.88 lakh jobs, support reaching roughly 13

lakh farming families.

The design addresses real issues.

High-density planting shortens the wait for a first apple harvest. Controlled Atmosphere storage means a grower no longer has to sell an entire crop within days of picking, at whatever price the market happens to be paying that week. Reducing dependence on imported planting material through the Designer Plants project could cut costs that currently

push small growers toward debt before a single sapling flowers.

But none of this changes the underlying vulnerability that cash crops introduce.

A farmer growing wheat for his own kitchen never worries about a buyer disappearing, but a farmer growing lavender or saffron for a narrow set of processors and exporters does.

Bhaderwah's growers are already asking for a minimum support price and protection from cheaper imported oil, a request that reveals how thin today's good returns could prove without a policy floor beneath them.

An oversupplied season, a shift in global oil prices, a single bad harvest layered onto that market exposure, and five years of gains could disappear.

What Kashmir's small farmers really need is basic support that works: the irrigation lines promised to Pampore, storage that lets an apple grower wait for a fair price, and a price floor that gives lavender the same support as paddy.

Farmers can then try new crops without gambling their future on infrastructure that is still unfinished.

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A New Ascent on Kashmir's Kohenoor

Four climbers from Srinagar have made the first recorded ascent of Kohenoor South-West in nearly 50 years, reaching the 5,146-metre summit from the remote Marwah side.



Saqib Shafi

The weather had already forced four young Kashmiri climbers to abandon their first plan when they decided to try something harder.

At 4,060 metres, beside Kohenoor Lake in Kishtwar's Marwah valley, hail had turned to snow and then to a whiteout.

Muzakir Khan, Yasir Khan, Faik Aijaz Pattoo and Saqib Shafi had planned to establish an advanced camp on the Sheeshnag glacier. Instead, they crouched beneath a rock with a tarp over themselves and their gear, waiting for the mountain to clear.

It did not.

The climbers descended about 400 metres to a shepherd's hut, or doka, roughly 200 metres below the lake.

At 3,860 metres, the hut became their base camp. Their revised plan was simple: leave the heavy equipment behind and attempt Kohenoor South-West directly from there.

At 4:30am on September 6, the four men set out.

Nine hours later, at 1:15 p.m., they stood on the summit of Kohenoor South-West, the highest peak of the Kohenoor massif. Their altimeter recorded 5,146 metres, while earlier records place the summit at 5,136 metres.

The climb marked the first recorded ascent of the peak in nearly five decades. It also appears to be the first time an all-Kashmiri team has reached the summit.

The last recorded ascent came in August 1976, when a Japanese expedition climbed the peak.

The Srinagar team had left the

city on September 4 for Sukhnai village, at 2,800 metres, intending to reach Kohenoor Lake that day. They spent the night in the village and began climbing at 5am the next morning.

Their original plan called for an advanced camp on the Sheeshnag glacier, above the col separating Kohenoor South-West from Kohenoor Central.

The route rose sharply from the valley. By 10:30am, they had reached the lake. Three hours later, at the glacier's snout, the weather closed in.

The decision to retreat changed the character of the expedition. Instead of moving heavy loads to a high camp and starting the summit push from there, the climbers chose an alpine-style ascent from their lower base.

Porters carried equipment only as far as base camp. Above that point, the four climbers used no fixed ropes, supplementary oxygen or high camps.

They regained the ground they had lost within two hours of leaving base camp. At 8:10am, they reached the 4,750-metre col between Kohenoor South-West and Kohenoor Central. They roped up, fitted crampons and crossed the Sheeshnag glacier, working around crevasses and the bergschrund before reaching the mountain's north-east face.

There, the route became their own.

The team had plotted a line on a map before the climb and followed it up terrain they say no recorded expedition had previously taken to the summit.

A steep wall consumed two hours and yielded only 200 metres of elevation.

The summit arête presented another challenge. Narrow and exposed, it was broken by pinnacles that forced the climbers to traverse them one at a time. At 1:15pm, they reached the top.

The summit opened a sweeping view of the surrounding ranges, including Thajiwas, Kolahoi, Amarnath, Nanga Parbat, Nichheng, Katsal, Kallatip, Brammah, Flat Top, Sickle Moon



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and Nun Kun, as well as the Zaskar range and peaks above Warwan and Kishtwar.

The climbers left a rock piton as a summit marker.

The descent brought a different danger. The team judged the north-east face unsuitable for coming down and chose the

south-west side, moving through steep gullies and along ridge lines. The route passed through a heavy rockfall zone, with rocks falling around them during the afternoon.

They reached base camp at 7pm and walked out to Sukhnai the following morning.

They have named the route "One

Day Boys — Up & Down."

The climb also adds a new chapter to a mountain group with more than a century of recorded mountaineering history.

The Kohenoor massif has three principal summits. Kohenoor South-West, the highest, is recorded at 5,136 metres. Kohenoor Central, also known as Kunyirhayan, rises to 5,036 metres, while the North-East summit reaches 4,966 metres.

British mountaineer C.G. Bruce climbed the north-eastern summit in September 1898, while Karbir, the Gorkha climber who accompanied him, reached the higher south-western summit. The middle peak followed in 1911, when Captain J.B. Corry, Lt. R.D. Squires, members of the Sherwood Foresters and Dr. Ernest Neve

climbed it.

The massif saw another significant expedition in 1972.

An American-Kashmir team led by Mohammad Ashraf, then Director General of Tourism, climbed all three summits. The expedition included Nazir Ahmad, Vijay Kumar and Mohammad Aslam alongside American climbers.

A Japanese team repeated the three-summit achievement in August 1976.

The record then goes silent.

Climbers continued approaching the Kohenoor peaks from the Sheeshnag side in later decades, but the Srinagar team says those attempts did not result in a recorded summit ascent.

Their expedition changed that history from another direction.

Recorded expeditions to the massif had approached through Sheeshnag and followed the glacier. The Srinagar tetrad came from Sukhnai in the Marwah valley, on the opposite side of the mountain. They climbed directly toward the col between Kohenoor Central and Kohenoor South-West before following their planned line toward the summit.

The route opening forms part of a broader effort by the four climbers to explore new climbing lines in Kashmir.

"We are opening new routes in Kashmir so that fellow climbers can come and climb them, and so we can revive and promote alpinism and mountaineering in the valley," the team said.

Their ascent therefore records two achievements at once: a return to one of Kashmir's historic high peaks after almost 50 years, and a new approach to it from a valley that previous expeditions had left outside the climbing record.

Kohenoor had been climbed before, but this time, the mountain entered the record through a different door.

— The author is an adventure photographer and filmmaker from Kashmir, documenting mountains, outdoor adventures, and the stories of the people who live among them.

The Saint of Kashira

In a mountain village of Kupwara, the memory of Maulana Muhammad Amin Owaisi lives on through scholarship, mystical accounts, family memory and thousands of devotees.



Uzair Ashiq

The road to Kashira runs into the mountains of Kupwara, toward a village surrounded by forests and high slopes where the Khanqah and Dargah of Maulana Muhammad Amin Owaisi have stood for decades.

Here, people still speak of a man whose life, as his followers remember it, moved between scholarship and mystical experience, between the visible world and realities that Tasawwuf teaches lie beyond it.

Maulana Muhammad Amin Owaisi was born in 1910 in the Kishanganga Valley. His mother died when he was two. His father died when he was seven, leaving the boy an orphan. His family gave him the name Muhammad Amin, after the Prophet Muhammad [PBUH]. He left home young and began a journey through Islamic learning that eventually took him far beyond Kashmir.

His intellect quickly drew attention. Fellow students noticed the ease with which he absorbed lessons, and some resented the attention he received from teachers.

One student, according to the family tradition, took him to a river and pushed him into the water. The story says that the river carried the boy safely to another place and placed

him on its bed.

After studying at a local seminary, Amin travelled to Amroha, in present-day Uttar Pradesh, to study the Qur'an, Tafseer, Hadith and other Islamic sciences. He completed his first level of education, known as Chhoti Tehseer, returned to Kashmir and became an imam. His reputation grew, and seemed poised to remain there.

Then came the encounter that his spiritual lineage regards as a turning point.

During Tahajjud one night, two men appeared at his door. They embraced him, asked him a religious question and listened to his answer. "Jawab durust hai, kyun ke zehan durust hai," they told him. The answer was correct because the mind was sound.

They instructed him to return to Moradabad and continue studying. Before leaving, Amin asked who they were. One identified himself, according to the account, as Imam Abu Hanifa. The other, he said, was Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmiri. They told Amin that the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, had sent them.

Then they disappeared.

Amin returned to Madrasa-e-Shahi, founded by Maulana Muhammad Qasim Nanautawi, and continued his education in Moradabad before studying in Amroha. Tradition credits him with mastering fourteen branches of knowledge, including Qur'an, Tafseer, Hadith, Fiqh, Usul al-Fiqh, logic, philosophy, medicine, astronomy, Arabic grammar and prosody.

His scholarship, however, did not settle his questions. It further deepened them.

Two Qutubs eventually directed him toward a spiritual guide named Noor-ul-Zaman. Amin reached his



residence and found people gathered outside a small hut surrounded by mango trees. A man emerged and announced that a scholar named Amin had come. He repeated the message, adding that Amin was among those who ate maize.

That detail convinced Amin that the message concerned him.

Inside, he found Noor-ul-Zaman, whose face Amin remembered as radiant. According to the tradition, the saint told him that a sacred message had already come from the presence of the Prophet Muhammad [PBUH], saying that Amin was destined to reach that place. He asked Amin to stay.

Three years of khalwat followed. The tradition records another

mystical encounter, this time with Hazrat Uwais al-Qarni. Amin received instructions to return to Kashmir and continue the lineage. He also received two portions of Durood, Durood-e-Khizri and Durood-e-Nabi.

"Chala ja Kashmiri, wapas Kashmir ki janib; chand Kashmiri tujh se faizyaab honge," he was told: Go, Kashmiri, return toward Kashmir. Some Kashmiris will receive spiritual benefit through you.

Noor-ul-Zaman gave him his spiritual authorization in writing through his son, Fakhar Zaman. Amin also wrote Persian poetry, collecting his own kalam in Manazil-e-Fagr.

When he returned to Kashmir, the stories multiplied.

One concerns a Darwesh who had

predicted the date of his own death and said that a Qutub Aqtab would come to him and lead his funeral prayer. According to the account, Maulana Muhammad Amin entered the man's house, and the Darwesh smiled before dying. Amin then performed the funeral prayer.

Another story concerns Miss Hogen, a woman from Austin, Texas. Family tradition says she dreamed of a saint who summoned her toward a landscape she had never seen. She travelled to India and described the mountains and trees in her dream to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. He advised her to visit Himachal Pradesh or Kashmir.

She came to Kashmir and rented a houseboat on Dal Lake. Its owner, Ibrahim Wangnoo, connected her with forest officer Raja Sakhi Wilayat Khan, who took her to Kashira. When she saw Maulana Muhammad Amin, she fainted.

After recovering, she said he was the exact person from her dream. Tradition records that she later completed a forty-day chilla and embraced Islam.

A third account places Amin aboard a ship during his second Hajj. A severe storm struck, and the crew feared for their lives. Amin entered mu-raqaba and then said, "Mere murshid ne sadya hai Yemen; fikr na karo." His spiritual guide had called him to Yemen, he said, and there was no reason to worry.

Hours later, the ship reached an island. It was Socotra, in Yemen, traditionally associated with Uwais al-Qarni.

Such stories form the oral architecture of Owaisi devotion. They are preserved in Noor-ul-Irfan, in Manazil-e-Fagr, and in the memories of his descendants and disciples.

For those who inherit the tradition, the accounts point toward realities that Tasawwuf places beyond ordinary perception: Arwah, Barzakh, Malaykaat, Malakoot, Jabaroot and Lahoot.

The legacy also has a physical address. Kashira became Amin's home, where thousands of Kashmiris came for guidance. His teaching centred on purification of the heart and the creation of a chain of Durood Khawans in Kashmir.

He died in 1969.

His elder son, Amin-ud-Din Owaisi, became the Sajjada Nashin. For decades, he has continued the work with a preference for spiritual guidance over public recognition. Under his stewardship, the Silsila-e-Owaisia has grown from a small circle into a network extending through thousands of devotees and numerous villages in the valley.

That inheritance is personal for me. I have encountered Maulana Muhammad Amin Owaisi through his biography, his poetry and, most intimately, through the memories of my grandfather, Amin-ud-Din Owaisi Sahib.

Nearly a century after Maulana Muhammad Amin Owaisi began his journey, the doors of his Khanqah remain open.

The mountains still surround Kashira, the forest still frames the shrine, and the lineage he returned to Kashmir to establish continues through those who come seeking guidance, carrying with them the belief that the visible world contains only part of the story.

— The author is a debater who documents and shares the spiritual heritage of the Owaisia tradition.

It may have offered a glimpse of what Kashmir needs to build before its own architectural and cultural memory becomes irretrievable.



Improved Apple Demand Brings Relief to Kashmir growers

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Better demand for Kashmir apples in major markets across the country has brought smiles back to the faces of fruit growers, with quality produce fetching significantly better returns than last year and raising hopes of recovering at least part of the losses suffered during the previous season.

Apple harvesting has picked up in low-lying areas of Kashmir, while harvesting in higher belts is yet to begin. At present, Kulu and early Delicious varieties are being harvested, while harvesting of traditional Delicious varieties is expected to begin in around 15 days.

Growers and traders said the market response so far has been encouraging, particularly for premium-quality fruit. Premium apples are currently fetching around Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000 per box, while good-quality boxes are being sold for around Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,500.

The prevailing rates are a major improvement over last year, when even quality produce was fetching only around Rs 300 to Rs 700 per box amid weak demand and difficulties in transporting fruit to outside markets.

Mohammad Yousuf, a grower from Chitragam in Shopian, said that the improvement in demand has come as a major relief for orchardists.

"Last year, growers suf-



fered huge losses. The highway remained a major concern and demand was also weak, because of which even good-quality apples did not fetch satisfactory prices. This year, the demand is encouraging and the rates for quality fruit are much better," he said.

Yousuf said growers were now hopeful that the improved market conditions would help them compensate for at least some of the losses incurred during the previous season.

"Apple cultivation involves huge expenditure on labour,

fertilisers, pesticides and other inputs. When the crop does not fetch a proper price, the entire family suffers. The rates we are getting this year have given growers some confidence," he added.

Abbas Ahmad, a grower from Dachnipora, Anantnag, said demand from markets outside Jammu and Kashmir had improved and growers were benefiting from better returns.

"Markets like Delhi, Jaipur and Bengaluru are showing good demand for Kashmir apples. If this demand continues and transportation remains

smooth, this can be a much better season for growers," he said.

Meanwhile, the improved market conditions have also prompted some growers in lower belts to harvest apples prematurely in an attempt to take advantage of the current demand.

Fruit traders have cautioned growers against such practices, saying apples picked before attaining proper maturity and colour often fail to command premium prices.

"Demand is certainly good, but growers should not mis-

understand the situation. The market is demanding quality apples, not immature fruit. If apples are harvested prematurely, their size, colour, taste and keeping quality can suffer, and ultimately the grower may get a lower rate," said Mohammad Ashraf Mir, a trader from Fruit Mandi Pulwama.

Growers said transportation has so far remained relatively smooth on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway (NH-44), which is another positive development compared to the difficulties faced during the previous season.

"Last year, highway disruptions added to our problems when the crop was ready for market. This year, transportation is going well so far. We hope there are no major disruptions during the peak harvesting period," Yousuf said.

As harvesting gradually moves from the lower belts towards the higher reaches, growers are hoping that the present demand remains stable through the season. With traditional Delicious varieties expected to enter the market in the coming weeks, growers said sustained demand, fair prices and uninterrupted transportation would be crucial to making the season financially rewarding.

It is pertinent to mention here that more than half of the population in Kashmir are directly or indirectly dependent on the fruit industry—(KNO)

Entry-Exit Arrangements at Jammu Railway Station to Change from Sep 16

JAMMU: Northern Railway has announced a temporary change in the entry and exit arrangements at Jammu Tawi Railway Station from September 16 to facilitate the ongoing redevelopment work while ensuring smooth passenger movement.

Under the revised traffic arrangement, accessed, all passengers will enter the station through the Platform No. 1 side (Old Entry), while departures for passengers who complete their journey will be through the Second Side (Narwal Side).

The Jammu Division said the arrangement has been introduced to prioritise passenger convenience, safety and security during the station's redevelopment. However, if a train arrives on Platform No. 1, family members or relatives who come to drop passengers will also be allowed to exit through the Platform No. 1 side.

Railway officials said the revised circulation plan is a temporary measure aimed at allowing construction work to continue without disrupting passenger movement. Commuters have been advised to follow the directional signage installed at the station to avoid inconvenience.

Northern Railway said passengers will benefit from modern, world-class facilities once the redevelopment of Jammu Tawi Railway Station is completed and sought public cooperation in implementing the new arrangements. (Observer News Service)

Two killed as Matador Overturns

REASI: Two people were killed and seven others injured after a passenger Matador overturned near the Bakkal Tunnel area of Reasi district on Monday, officials said.

An official told said that the Matador, bearing registration number JK14B-2973, was travelling from Bakkal towards Reasi when it overturned on the road near the tunnel. He said two persons died in the accident, while seven others sustained injuries and their identities are being ascertained. "Police and rescue teams have reached the spot and shifted the injured to a nearby hospital for treatment," the official said. Meanwhile, police have initiated necessary proceedings—(KNO)

Body Fished Out from Salal Dam Reasi

REASI: A dead body was recovered from the Salal Dam area of Reasi district on Monday, officials said.

An official said that the body was spotted in the Salal Dam area by locals, following which the matter was brought to the notice of the concerned authorities.

He said that an investigation has been initiated, while the identity of the deceased is yet to be ascertained. Meanwhile, the body has been shifted for necessary legal formalities—(KNO)

J&K's Domestic Power Demand Likely to Surge 11% by FY32

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir power sector is facing a massive transformation as the domestic power demand is projected to surge by 11 percent by the fiscal 2031-2032.

The figures said that the power demand of the domestic consumers may surge from 5352 Million Units (MUs) to over 15,000 MUs—swallowing nearly two-thirds of the territory's total energy consumption.

According to the official documents available with KNO, authorities have forecasted that in the overall power sector, the domestic power consumption in the year 2021-22 was 5352 MUs that may surge to 15,066 MUs by the year 2031-32.

It also said that authorities from Jammu and Kashmir targets to reduce its Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses from 46.9 percent to 16.4 percent by 2031-32.

The documents further projected that the peak power demand across Jammu and Kashmir may jump by 54 percent to 4,633 MWs in 2031-32 from 3,000 MWs in 2021-22.

As already reported by KNO, Jammu and Kashmir will likely require nearly an additional 450 Megawatts (MWs) of power during the peak hours in the coming three years.

The official documents in this regard had said that in the ongoing fiscal, Jammu and Kashmir may have a peak demand of 3813 MWs.

It also said that in the coming fiscal 2027-28, the region is likely to require additional 151 MWs of power

during the peak time with a total demand projection of 3964 MWs.

Furthermore, the projections said that in the year 2028-29, Jammu and Kashmir may require additional 300 MWs of power during the peak hours in comparison to the projected demand of the ongoing fiscal.

The official figures also said that in the year 2029-30, Jammu and Kashmir will likely have a peak demand of 4262 MWs that amounts to 449 MWs of additional energy demand to the projection made for the year 2026-27.

Pertinently, this news agency earlier reported that in the past 12 years, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a surge in power demand by more than 24 percent.

The Government of India (GoI) had said that from the fiscal 2014-15 to 2025-26, Jammu and Kashmir recorded a surge in demand of 3,971 MU. The official figures further reveal that the annual energy demand in J&K rose from 16,214 Million Units (MU) in 2014-15 to 20,185 MU in 2025-26.

It also said that the peak power demand at 20,374 MU was recorded in 2024-25.

HC Cancels Bail Of POCSO Accused

M Ahmad

SRINAGAR: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Monday cancelled the bail granted to a man accused under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, observing that the bail had been granted prematurely while the investigation was still underway.

A bench of Justice M.A. Chowdhary, while allowing a petition filed by the government through Police Station Rajpora, set aside the July 11, 2025 order of the Principal Sessions Judge, Pulwama, by which the accused had been granted bail in FIR No. 56/2025.

The case relates to allegations that the accused attempted to molest and sexually assault the victim and allegedly threatened her against disclosing the incident. The victim was initially stated to be around 16 years old, but the investigation established that she was about 14 years old on the date of the alleged occurrence.

The FIR was initially registered under Sections 7/8 of the POCSO Act. During investigation, Section 9 was invoked in place of Section 8 after the accused's relationship with

the victim and other circumstances emerged.

The Court noted that the victim had made an incriminating statement before a Magistrate, which supported the allegations contained in the FIR. It observed that the Sessions Court ought to have considered whether granting bail at that stage would advance the cause of justice or instead thwart it.

The Bench held that the bail had been granted during the investigation and was "too premature", particularly when there was a possibility that the accused could exert pressure on the child or influence her testimony. The Court also noted that the investigation had not been completed when the bail was granted.

The Court, while explaining the legal principles governing cancellation of bail, observed that rejection of bail at the initial stage of a non-bailable case and cancellation of bail already granted operate on different considerations. It held that cancellation of bail requires "very cogent and overwhelming circumstances".

Interference, or an attempt to interfere, with the due course of administration of justice, evasion or an attempt to evade the

course of justice, or abuse of the concession granted to an accused can constitute grounds for cancellation of bail, the Court said.

It further observed that the possibility of an accused absconding, when established from the material placed on record, could also justify cancellation of bail.

In the present case, the Bench held that the material on record warranted cancellation of bail, observing that the release of the accused at that stage could hamper the investigation and result in tampering with prosecution evidence or influencing the victim.

Accordingly, the High Court set aside the Sessions Court's order and cancelled the bail granted to the accused.

The accused has been directed to surrender before the SHO, Police Station Rajpora, if the investigation is still ongoing, or before the competent court if the investigation has concluded and the chargesheet has been filed, within one week.

The Court made it clear that failure to surrender within the stipulated period would invite coercive steps to secure the accused's custody.



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GIST OF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

e-NIT No:	MDSK/TS/2026-27/24
Date	14.09.2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on percentage (%) basis from Registered/Reputed firms for the below mentioned work:-

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Position of AA	Position of TS
1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate contract for repairs to TATA LPTA 715 and TATA LPTA 713 Model Snow Clearance Machinery of Machinery Division Kashmir for the Snow Clearance season 2026-27.	300/-	5,00,000/-	10,000/-	Works programme approved by CE vide order No. M&HED/K/ Acctt/26 of 2026-27 Dt.30.04.2026..	TS accorded by SE vide No. SEMHK/ TS-14/18 Dt. 04.07.2026

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

01	Publish date	14-09-2026 (18:00hrs)
02	Date of start of downloading of bid document	14-09-2026 (18:30 hrs)
03	Bid submission start date	14-09-2026 (18:55hrs)
04	Bid submission end date	24-09-2026 (09:30 hrs)
05	Date and time of opening of bids (online)	24-09-2026 (14:00 hrs)

No: MDSK/TS/2373-77
Dated: - 14-09-2026.

DIPK-5677-26
DT: 14/09/2026

Sd/
Executive Engineer,
Machinery Division, Srinagar

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S.DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites Open E-Tenders against the below-mentioned works and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date **06.10.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments towards the tender document cost and Earnest Money only through the payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal, like Net Banking, Debit Card, Credit Card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft Banker's Cheque, Deposit Receipt, FDR etc, are not allowed. For more information log on to www.ireps.gov.in

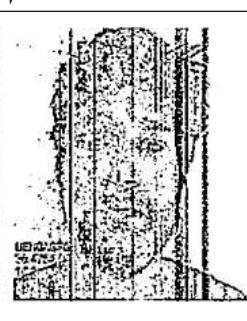
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DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS GANDERBAL, J&K.
Beehama Ganderbal 191201, Tel: 0194-2416443 Fax 0194-2416443. Email:
LOOK-OUT NOTICE.
Police Station Safapora Ganderbal Vide Communication No. PSS/5-A/2026/2425 dated 07-09-2026 has intimated that Accused person namely Nizam u din S/O Akbar Ali R/O Karbala, Dayalbagh New Abadi City District Agra Kiraoli, Uttar Pradesh involved in Case FIR No 21/2026 U/S 8/20, 21, 29 NDPS Act of P/S Safapora, Ganderbal is evading arrest since 16-09-2026. Despite various efforts, his whereabouts are unknown.
DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCUSED,

Particulars	Nizam u din S/O Akbar Ali R/O Karbala, Dayalbagh New Abadi City District Agra Kiraoli, Uttar Pradesh
Postal Address	New Abadi City District Agra Kiraoli, UP
PIN Code	282005 GPO Dayalbagh, Agra, UP
Tehsil	Dayalbagh
Police Station	New Agra Police Station
Age	25 Years.
Height	5.11"
Face	Oval
Complexion	Fair
Dress	Wearing Trouser & T- Shirt
Aadhaar No	271714981458
Passport No	V1396947



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 Safapora : 9541216609
No. SADS/NCORD/Abs-LOC/2026/48928-63
Dated. 14-09-2026
DIPK-5701-26
DT: 14/09/2026
Sr. Superintendent of Police,
Ganderbal

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DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar
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For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K, UT. The Director Finance, Department of Tourism, UT of J&K invites online tenders for Request for Proposal (RFP) For Operation & Maintenance of the Yoga and Wellness Centre created under Svadesh Darshan and Repair, Renovation, Operation & Maintenance of Aparna Ashram at Mantalai, District Udhampur, UT of Jammu and Kashmir through Public Private Partnership
The online tender along with the scanned copy of CDR/FDR, Bid Fee and other relevant documents should be uploaded on or before 16.11.2026 upto 4.00 PM hrs

S/NO	RFP No	Bid Fee	EMD
1	RFP No: 01 of 2026-27 Dated 11.09.2026	Rs. 11, 800.00	Rs. 16,64,000.00

- The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website www.iktenders.gov.in
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DT: 14/09/2026

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The electricity connection with Consumer ID 0203010008675 & Installation No. 137252-R1 registered in the name of FAYAZ AHMAD SHAGIO S/o AB GANI SHAGOO R/o 141 FIRDOS COLONY BEMINA SRINAGAR is to be transferred in favour of FAREEDA W/o Late FAYAZ AHMAD SHAGIO R/o 141 FIRDOS COLONY BEMINA SRINAGAR. If anybody having any Objections, if to the same must reach Sub. Div (Watal Kadal) within a week at the most.
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Saudi Oil Pipeline Knocked Out for Weeks as Houthi Grip Tightens

AP

CAIRO: Saudi Arabia faces a mounting energy and security crisis as a key oil pipeline hit by drones is expected to remain largely out of service for three to five weeks, while Yemen's Houthi rebels expand their hold over strategic Red Sea territory.

The East-West Pipeline, Saudi Arabia's critical alternative route for exporting crude amid disruption in the Strait of Hormuz, was shut after Thursday's drone attack, which Riyadh blamed on Iranian-backed militias in Iraq.

The 1,200-km pipeline carries crude from Saudi Arabia's eastern oil fields to the Red Sea port of Yanbu. It was reportedly moving around 4 million barrels a day, equivalent to roughly 4% of global oil supplies, before the attack. Its total capacity is about 7 million barrels a day.

The damage, including at a major pumping facility, could take weeks to repair. The pipeline may operate partially during repairs, but the volume remains uncertain.

Oil prices rose more than 2% Monday as markets reacted to the growing threat to global supplies.

Houthis tighten grip on Red Sea

Adding to Riyadh's troubles, the Iran-backed Houthis have seized the strategically located Greater and Lesser Hanish islands, just 160 km north of the Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

The rebels had already captured the Red Sea port city of Mokha and the island of Mayun last week, strengthening their ability to threaten shipping through one of the world's key maritime chokepoints.

The Hanish islands are also just about 32 km from a US military base in Djibouti.

The developments come as the Strait of Hormuz remains severely disrupted by the wider Iran-US war, forcing Saudi Arabia to rely increasingly on its Red Sea export routes.



Saudi exports already hit

Saudi oil exports to Asia have plunged amid the Houthi attacks, falling from around 3.4 million barrels per day in June to just 128,000 in August, according to Kpler data. Exports recovered somewhat to around 700,000 barrels per day this month.

The latest pipeline shutdown threatens to further restrict Riyadh's ability to move crude to international markets.

Riyadh's options narrow

Saudi Arabia now faces a difficult choice between escalating militarily, pursuing diplomacy with the Houthis and Iran, or relying on Washington for greater protection.

Each carries significant risks. A renewed Saudi military campaign in Yemen could trigger heavier attacks on its energy infrastructure, while diplomacy could require concessions to the Houthis and their Iranian backers.

US support, meanwhile, is far from guaranteed.

President Donald Trump has appeared reluctant to widen the Middle East war, particularly with US forces already heavily deployed around the Strait of Hormuz and facing depleted stocks of sophisticated missile interceptors.

Trump has said Iran was "probably" behind the Saudi pipeline attack, but Washington has yet to signal whether it will intervene directly in Yemen.

For Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has spent years trying to move Saudi Arabia beyond the Yemen war and focus on economic transformation, the latest crisis threatens to drag the kingdom back into a conflict it had hoped to leave behind.

With Hormuz disrupted, the East-West pipeline damaged and the Houthis advancing along the Red Sea, Saudi Arabia's escape routes for its oil are rapidly narrowing.

Marx, Lenin, Ho Chi Minh Roads in Kolkata to Get New Names

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: A committee set up by West Bengal's BJP government is mulling proposals to rename several roads, bridges and public places in the state, including three prominent Kolkata thoroughfares named after communist leaders Vladimir Lenin, Karl Marx and Ho Chi Minh.

The 10-member panel, headed by Swami Pradip-tananda, popularly known as Kartik Maharaj of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, is expected to hold its first meeting after Durga Puja, when proposals for re-naming roads in Kolkata are likely to be taken up, a senior member of the advisory committee said on Monday.

The three roads under consideration are Lenin Sa-

rani, Karl Marx Sarani and Ho Chi Minh Sarani.

"No decision has been taken yet, and the recommendations will be made after the Durga Puja in October," committee member and senior BJP leader Tathagata Roy told PTI.

Roy said he had suggested that Karl Marx Sarani in Kidderpore be renamed after Bengali poets Michael Madhusudan Dutt or Rangalal Bandyopadhyay, citing their association with the area.

He also proposed re-naming Lenin Sarani, earlier known as Dharmatala Street, after mathematician and former Bharatiya Jana Sangh president Debaprasad Ghosh.

"All these are recom-mendatory to be submitted after the Pujas and for final decision by KMC," Roy said. Asked if the Lenin statue at Esplanade crossing in the heart of the city would be removed, Roy said, "If there is a suggestion in this regard, I hope the board will think accordingly."

For Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Roy proposed the name of American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Roy also suggested that some places bearing the names of Muslim figures be renamed after personalities whom he described as "nationalist Muslims".

He proposed, among others, the names of writer Qazi Abdul Wadud, educationist Begum Rokeya and author S Wajed Ali as alternatives for the Titumir-named bus stand in Barasat.

"I have also suggested to the Metro Railway authorities that the names of certain stations in the Tolly-gunje-Garia stretch of the Blue Line be changed after respective places instead of names of personalities to be of help to the commuting public and residents of the area," he said.

The former Meghalaya governor also called for naming an important city road after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Besides Roy, chief minister's adviser Subrata Gupta and Kolkata Municipal Corporation Commissioner Smita Pandey, among others, are members of the committee.

Roy said the committee's recommendations would subsequently be sent to the state Assembly.

Responding sharply to the proposals, the Mamata Banerjee-led faction of the Trinamool Congress called the move an act of "ven-detta politics".

J&K Govt Gets 5 Weeks to Respond to PIL on Advocate General Appointment

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: With the post of advocate general of Jammu and Kashmir lying vacant for nearly two years, the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Monday gave the government five weeks to respond to a plea seeking the immediate appointment to the key constitutional post.

Jammu and Kashmir Advocate General D C Raina submitted his resignation in October 2024, two days after a National Conference-led government assumed office in the Union Territory.

The post remained vacant bringing to the fore a rift between the Lok Bhavan and the elected government in the absence of business rules.

Hearing the public inter-

est litigation (PIL) virtually, the Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Push-pendra Singh Bhati and Justice Rajnesh Oswal issued the notice to the government through the chief secretary and law secretary, directing them to respond by the next date of hearing on October 21, advocate Harsh Dubey told PTI.

Dubey, who had filed the PIL through his counsel Kannu Karan Prasher earlier this month, said the court, after hearing both sides, observed that the post of advocate general is a constitutional office of considerable importance and the continued vacancy of such a post is not desirable.

The court also observed that the advocate general is the highest law officer and legal head of the State and, accordingly, directed the respondents to consider the matter and take an appropriate decision in accordance with law within five weeks.

In his petition, Dubey has sought directions to the competent authorities to take immediate and effective steps for filling up the post of advocate general.

The petitioner has also sought a mandamus directing the respondents to forthwith initiate and complete the process prescribed under Section 79 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 for appointment of the advocate general and take a decision within a reasonable time as may be fixed by the court.

The PIL has contended that the prolonged vacancy of the advocate general's office has implications beyond routine government litigation, as the office is a constitutional functionary entrusted with important responsibilities relating to the administration of justice and legal affairs of the government.

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