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AI Alarm: Tech Titans Urge UN To Rein In AI

We Could Lose Control of the Future to AI: OpenAI CEO Altman at UN



Agencies

United Nations: The heads of major artificial intelligence firms pleaded with the United Nations on Wednesday to save the world or at least its people by somehow regulating the fast-expanding technology that they have been designing.

"If managed poorly, I even believe AI could be a risk to humanity as a whole," said Dario

Amodei, chief executive officer of Anthropic. And from his competitor Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, came the assessment: "We could lose control of the future to AI."

Both said the countries of the world, through the UN Security Council, where they testified Wednesday, have to set safeguards of some kind to prevent the technology from getting too powerful to rein in. | [More on P6](#)

J&K ASSEMBLY DAY

TET Resolution Passed, 6 Free LPG Cylinders Trigger Row

» Speaker grills minister over delay in 'one officer, one vehicle' policy » House rejects Bill on govt school enrolment for govt officials' children

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly witnessed a series of key decisions and heated exchanges on Thursday, with the House passing a resolution seeking exemption of teachers appointed before October 31, 2019 from the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), while the government's announcement of six free LPG cylinders for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families triggered a sharp confrontation between the treasury benches and the opposition BJP.

The Assembly also witnessed a discussion over the proposed revised government vehicle policy, with Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather questioning the Transport Minister over the delay in implementing the "one officer, one vehicle" principle.



The House further rejected a Private Members' Bill seeking mandatory enrolment of children of public representatives and government servants in government schools.

On the TET issue, the House unanimously passed a resolution urging the Union Government to amend Section 23 of the Right of Children

to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, to exempt all teachers appointed before October 31, 2019 from appearing in the TET.

The resolution, moved by School Education Minister Sakeena Itoo, also urged the Centre to take necessary legal steps and issue the requisite notification through the

National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE).

During the discussion, members argued that teachers who had served for several years should be exempted from the examination, while stressing the need for regular professional training.

Itoo said the government had already approached the Supreme Court on the issue and urged BJP members to take up the matter with the Centre.

"We are not saying the teachers cannot write the examination, but we cannot ask them to prove their worth by writing a test when many of their students have become doctors and IAS officers," she said.

The resolution was later put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

Meanwhile, Consumer Affairs Minister Satish Sharma informed the House that the | [More on P6](#)

Peer Ki Gali Gets Season's First Snowfall

J&K To Remain Mostly Dry Till Sept 27

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Peer Ki Gali in the Pir Panjal range received the season's first snowfall on Thursday, while rainfall was reported from several parts of Jammu and Kashmir, marking a change in weather conditions after a largely dry spell.

The snowfall was recorded in the higher reaches of Peer Ki Gali along the Mughal Road.

The weather office has, however, forecast mainly dry conditions across Jammu and Kashmir over the next few days.

According to the latest India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast, J&K is likely to experience mainly dry weather from September 25 to 27. No weather warning has been issued for September 25 and 26.

Thunderstorm, lightning and squall activity has been forecast at isolated places on September 27 and 28, while no warning has been issued for September 29 and 30.

For Srinagar, mainly clear weather is expected on September 25, 26 and 27. Partly cloudy conditions with the possibility of moderate rain or thunderstorms | [More on P6](#)

Say 'Super Intelligence', Not AI

The State Department is ordering diplomats in its international organisations bureau to use the term "super intelligence" instead of "artificial intelligence" in all communications following President Donald Trump's attempt to rebrand the technology in his address to the UN General Assembly this week.

"Following the president's remarks at the GA today, please change all references of Artificial | [More on P6](#)

Over 12.89 Lakh J&K Farmers Covered Under Crop Insurance

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government has informed the Legislative Assembly that more than 12.89 lakh farmers have been covered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme, with claims worth Rs 221.71 crore disbursed so far.

According to data tabled in the House, the crop insurance schemes are being implemented across all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir and are open to eligible farmer families subject to prescribed guidelines and eligibility criteria.

The government said around 13.985 lakh farmer families are eligible to avail the benefits of the schemes.

The response came to questions raised by MLAs Farooq Ahmed Shah, Irfan Hafiz Lone and Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Mir.

As per the data, between 2017-18 and 2025-26, an area of 6.86 lakh hectares was brought under insurance coverage, benefiting 12,89,917 farmers. During the period, 3,72,134 crop insurance claims were settled, with cumulative compensation of Rs 221.71 crore.

The highest farmer participation was recorded during the Kharif 2025-26 season, when 2,01,480 farmers | [More on P6](#)

88% Of ST-II Certificates Issued In Jammu Division, Govt Data Shows

Jammu gets 5.04 lakh certificates against 69,660 in Kashmir; Rajouri accounts for over 3 lakh

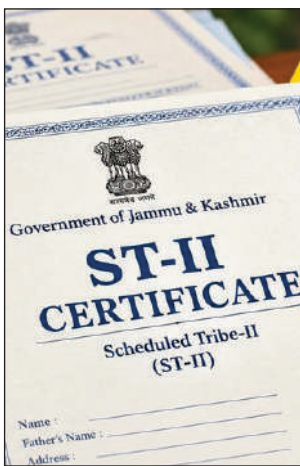
Observer News Service

Srinagar: Around 88 per cent of the Scheduled Tribe-II (ST-II) certificates issued to eligible members of Pahari ethnic groups in Jammu and Kashmir have been issued in the Jammu division, according to data tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

The government informed the House that a total of 5,73,667 ST-II certificates have been issued across the Union Territory.

Of these, 5,04,007 certificates, or about 88 per cent, were issued in the Jammu division, while 69,660, or around 12 per cent, were issued in the Kashmir division.

The figures were provided by the Minister in charge of Revenue in response to a question raised by MLA Narinder Singh Raina.



Rajouri recorded the highest number of ST-II certificates in the UT, with 3,01,091 certificates, accounting for more than half of the total issued across Jammu and Kashmir.

In the Kashmir division, Kupwara recorded the highest number with 34,224

certificates, followed by Baramulla with 29,635 and Poonch with 18,435.

Other districts in the Kashmir division recorded 1,018 certificates in Ganderbal, 836 in Pulwama, 1,290 in Anantnag, 1,735 in Shopian, 347 in Kulgam, 336 in Budgam, 193 in Bandipora and 46 in Srinagar.

In the Jammu division, besides Rajouri, the data showed 17,304 certificates in Kishtwar, 140 in Jammu, 24 in Reasi, seven in Udhampur, three in Doda, two in Ramban and one in Samba. No ST-II certificate was recorded in Kathua.

The government said the certificates were being issued to eligible persons belonging to Pahari ethnic groups residing across Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with the prescribed eligibility criteria.

Shopian Court Orders Reopening Of Siraj-ul-Uloom

Court directs three-member panel to supervise institute's operations



Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: A local court in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district on Thursday ordered the reopening of Darul Uloom Jamia Siraj-ul-Uloom, an educational institution the administration declared an unlawful entity under the anti-terror law UAPA earlier this year.

The court of Principal and Session Judge Shopian, Mehmood Ahmad Chowdhary, directed that until the matter is fully adjudicated, the institute be permitted to reopen and resume educational activities.

Speaking to reporters, Advocate S M Iqbal, who represents the institute, said that while the interim relief has been granted, the main case is still ongoing.

"The main trial is still underway, but we filed an interim application because the future and education of children were at stake. Around 1,200 students were studying at Siraj-ul-Uloom, out of whom approximately 400 were residential boarders as this is a boarding and lodging institution," Iqbal said.

He said the institute submitted that | [More on P6](#)

Need For Continued Vigilance, Proactive Policing: DGP

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Thursday reviewed the security situation in the Union Territory, with a focus on strengthening police capabilities and enhancing the operational preparedness of personnel.

Prabhat chaired a security and operations review meeting at Police Control Room (PCR) Kashmir to assess the prevailing security scenario, a police spokesperson said.

The meeting was attended by senior police officers of the Kashmir Zone, including Inspector General of Police Kashmir Sujit Kumar.

During the meeting,



officers briefed the DGP on the prevailing security situation, operational preparedness and key security-related developments.

Prabhat was also apprised of various initiatives and structured programmes aimed at improving the professional capabilities, operational readiness and specialised expertise of police personnel. | [More on P6](#)

HC Quashes Case Against Pharma Company

Says Seeking Re-Analysis Of Drug Sample Valuable Statutory Right: HC

Correspondent

Srinagar, Sept 24: Seeking re-analysis of drug sample before expiry of a valuable statutory right, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh has quashed criminal proceedings against a pharmaceutical company.

A bench of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal passed the judgment in a petition filed by Maxmed Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd., its director and another accused against proceedings arising from a complaint under Sections 18(a)(i) read with 27(d) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

The case related to a drug marketed as "Amzone", Batch No. MLI-386, manufactured in December 2013 and having an expiry date of November 2015. The sample was lifted on January 16, 2014 from Chest and Disease Hospital, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu.

The Government Analyst, Jammu, in a report dated February 11, 2014, declared the sample "Not of Standard Quality" after it "failed" the prescribed particulate matter test.

The petitioners were subsequently informed about the analyst's report and, within the statutory | [More on P6](#)



Devotees gather at Dastgeer Sahib shrine during the annual Urs in Srinagar. KO Photo By Abid Bhat



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OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEV. PROJECT OFFICER LARKIPORA(HQ Dooru)

Subject: Provisional Selection list of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Larkipora (HQ Dooru) and inviting of objections thereof.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuance to the Government Order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated 28-04-2023 and Communication of Social Welfare Department Vide No:SWD-ICDS/43/2022.dated 14-08-2023 and Approval from Mission Director Poshan J&K vide no. MD/Poshan/Estt/2026/22035-39 Dated:-16.06.2026 and Letter no MD/Poshan/22171-79Dated 18.06.2026 and advertisement Notice were issued vide Notification No. 02 of 2026 dated 24.06.2026. In response to the aforesaid advertisement application forms were received which were scrutinized by the designated selection committee and accordingly tentative merit list and provisional selection list was framed. Tentative Merit list (Annexure-A) and Provisional Selection list (Annexure-B) is hereby published for information of public in general and applicants/ Candidates in particular for filing appeal/Objections if any. The appeal/Objection if any against the selection list shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Officer Larkipora against proper receipt within 10 days (in Office Hours) from the date of publication of this notification. No objection /Appeal shall be entertained after expiry of last date of filing /Appeal/objection.

Child Development Project Officer,
Poshan Larkipora

No:- CDPOS/POSHAN/LP/2026-27/594-601
Dated: - 21.09.2026

Annexure-A of CDPO/POSHAN/LP/2026-27/ 594-601

DATED:- 21 .09.2026

Tentative Merit List of Applicants for Posts of Sahayikas(Anganwadi Helpers) advertised vide this office No:02 of 2026 dated:24/06/2026 , Poshan project Larkipora													
S.No.	Application Index S.No.	Panchayat Halqa	Name of ward	Name of AWC	Name of Candidate	Parentage/ W/o	Address	D.O.B	Age as On 01.01.2024	Married /Un-Married	Board	Max. Marks (10th)	Marks obtained (10th)
1	15	Batagund C	3	Panzoo B	Shuguffa Akhter	W/o Ishfaq Ahmad Naik	Panzoo	01-01-1989	37 Yrs 0 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	216

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1	39	MC Ward 5	5	Khudhamam D	Uzma Nazir	W/o Aanif Javaid	Khudhamam Dooru	07-04-2000	25 Yrs 8 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	216

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1	23	Batagund A	6	Batagund A	Sumira Jan	W/o Asif Hussain Kuchay	Batagund	30-11-1991	34 Yrs 1 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	267
2	10	Batagund A	6	Batagund A	Asia Jabbar	W/o Firdous Ah Hadi	Batagund	24-11-1997	28 Yrs 1 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	238
3	26	Batagund A	6	Batagund A	Shubeena Akhter	W/o Shaheen Ahmad Kuchay	Batagund	10-10-1990	35 Yrs 2 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	208
4	34	Batagund A	6	Batagund A	Rafi Jan	W/o Haroon Rashid Sheikh	Batagund	05-02-1996	29 Yrs 10 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	195

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1	24	Larkipora A	5	Larkipora G	Ruqia Jan	W/o Tariq Ahmad Rather	Larkipora	10-03-1992	33 Yrs 9 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	224
2	2	Larkipora A	5	Larkipora G	Refath Rashid	W/o Mohd Amin Sheikh	Larkipora	10-02-1997	28 Yrs 10 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	192

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1	48	Kreeri	2	Bragam A	Arbella Bashir	W/o Aalim Baba	Bragam Gundumer	01-04-2003	22 Yrs 9 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	268
2	1	Kreeri	2	Bragam A	Rahila Iqbal	W/o Muneer Ahmad Wani	Bragam Gundumer	14-02-1991	34 Yrs 10 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	251
3	38	Kreeri	2	Bragam A	Shazia Akhter	W/o Nisar Ahmad Naikoo	Bragam Gundumer	05-02-1991	34 Yrs 10 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	214
4	7	Kreeri	2	Bragam A	Tanveera Akhter	W/o Mushaq Ahmad Naikoo	Bragam Gundumer	15-03-1991	34 Yrs 9 Months	Married	JKBOSE	500	201

Provisional Selection List of Sahayikas(AWHs) of Anganwadi centres as shown against each of ICDS Project Larkipora Advertised vide this office No:02 of 2026 dated:24/06/2026.Poshan project Larkipora													
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Child Development Project Officer,
Poshan
Larkipora

DIPK-6031/26 dated : 24-09-2026

NOTICE

It is information to the general public that my name in my **Aadhaar Card bearing No:- 8188-3671-2450 has been wrongly entered as Zaid Bin Nisar which is incorrect.** while my correct and actual Name is **Zaid Nisar Wani**. Now I want the same to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/ she may file his/her objection in the Concerned Authority, within a period of seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Zaid Nisar Wani
S/o Nisar Ahmad Wani
R/o Hamray Tehsil Pattan
District Baramulla

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, ZAHOOR AHMAD BHAT, S/o Mohammad Maqbool Bhat, F/o Aanisa Zahoor, R/o Takiya Batapora, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla, J&K (UT), hereby inform the general public and the concerned authorities that my ward, Aanisa Zahoor, was born on 14/09/2011. Due to inadvertence and lack of awareness, her birth was not registered and no Birth/Date of Birth Certificate was obtained from the concerned authority till date. I now intend to get the birth of my ward registered in the official Birth and Death Records and obtain the requisite Birth Certificate. Any person having any objection in this regard may submit the same before the concerned authority within the prescribed period. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

ZAHOOR AHMAD BHAT
S/o Mohammad Maqbool Bhat
R/o Takiya Batapora, Tehsil Kunzer,
District Baramulla, J&K (UT)

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Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj

(Block Development Officer Tuijer sharief)
I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my son Tawkeer Ahamd War who was born on 20-07-2015 & Mohammad Hazim War who was born on 22-01-2018.. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file same in the office of the BDO Tuijer Sharief within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Mohammad Arif War
F/o Tawkeer Ahamd War & Mohammad Hazim War
R/o Zaloora

Office of Advocate Mohd Moonis Manzoor Lic No.: 1070/23

Wajahat Majeed Gujoo S/o Abdul Majeed Gujoo R/o Parraypora Srinagar V/S PUBLIC AT LARGE (Non-Caveators)
In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C the caveator has reason to believe/apprehension that non caveator may file a suit of any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble court and on the ground of Distorted facts/misrepresent and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at irreparable loss and inconvenience it would be proper that caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any other.

Office of Advocate Mohd Moonis Manzoor Lic No.: 1070/23

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Dated: 03.09.2026

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Name of Candidate	: Iqra Banoo
Date of Admission	: 15.01.2022
Date of Registration	: 09.07.2022
Enrollment No	: 621075520001
Faculty/Subject	: English
Title of Thesis	: Major Thematic Concerns in the Selected Writings of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Manju Kapur : A Comparative Study
Name of Supervisor(S)	: Dr. Manju Sharma
Date of Ph.D. Viva Voce	: 17.08.2026

**Registrar**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Imtiyaz Ahmad Buchh, R/o Buchpora Main Road, New Colony, Srinagar, hereby declare that due to an inadvertent error, the name of my wife and daughter were wrongly recorded in the school records of G.D. Goenka School Lal bazar.

The details are as follows:
Daughter's Name:
Incorrect Name: Syed Aysha Imtiyaz
Correct Name: Syed Aysha Imtiyaz
Mother's Name:
Incorrect Name: Syed Masarat Imtiyaz
Correct Name: Syed Masrat Buchh

If any person has any objection to the above-mentioned corrections, they may inform the school authority of G.D. Goenka School, Lal bazar within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, no objection shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information for the general public that in Adhar card of my daughter bearing No 500548386490 the name is entered as FAZIL AHMAD MIR while my actual name is FAZIL HUSSAIN MIR. Now i want its correction, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact Concern department with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that.

FAZIL HUSSAIN MIR
S/O MANZOOR AHMAD MIR
R/o KADIPORA BUDGAM

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar as NASIR AHMAD KHAN While as my actual name is SHAHID MAJEED PATHAN C/O ABDUL MAJEED PATHAN R/O GLASSDAJI MANIGAH 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.

SHAHID MAJEED PATHAN
C/O :-ABDUL MAJEED PATHAN
R/O :- GLASSDAJI MANIGAH , KUPWARA

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar as AFFARANA BANO While as my actual name is AFREENA MAJEED C/O ABDUL MAJEED KHAN R/O GLASSDAJI MANIGAH 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.

AFREENA MAJEED
C/O :-ABDUL MAJEED KHAN
R/O :- GLASSDAJI MANIGAH , KUPWARA

THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA, SRINAGAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have passed/appeared in SSE (Class 10th) under Roll No. 139076057 Session/ Year: - Annual-2025 through The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. The error has been committed by the Parents / Institution against my name, fathers name and mothers name as RAKIB RIYAZ Father Name RIYAZ AHMAD WANGNOO Mothers Name Rifat Riyaz instead of RAKIB REYAZ WANGNOO Father Name REYAZ AHMAD WANGNOO Mothers name RIFAT ARA. Now I have applied for correction at The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education, New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates Kashmir Division within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained.



This is published for the information of the general public. The correct particulars are mentioned as under:-
Name :- RAKIB REYAZ WANGNOO
Father's Name :- REYAZ AHMAD WANGNOO
Name :- RIFAT ARA
Date of Birth :- 18-06-2008
Residence :- ABI BUCHWARA GHAT NO 5 DALGATE SRINAGAR
Mobile No. :- 7006310176 / 9797245556

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sheikh Mohammad Maqbool, Father of Hoor un Nisa, R/o Zaloora, Tehsil Zaingair, District Baramulla, J&K, hereby inform the general public that my child's name has inadvertently been recorded incorrectly in Aadhaar Card No. 3510 1979 9430 as "Huru n Nisa" instead of the correct name "Hoor un Nisa." I have applied for correction of the said name in the Aadhaar record. Any person having any objection in this regard may submit the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the stipulated period, no objection shall be entertained.

Deponent
Sheikh Mohammad Maqbool

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the General public that my daughter's name and Parantage in her Aadhar Card bearing Aadhar No :-2585 8245 1996 has been wrongly mentioned as Mehnza Jan D/O .Manzoor Ahmad Kumar instead of Mehnaz Manzoor D/O. Manzoor Ahmad Kumhar . Now I am applying for its Correction as per School and Domicile Certificate recard bearing Crt No:- JK-Rev-Dom/2026/295350 . if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may contact the same in the office of the General Manager Ranbir Govt Press Jammu within a period of seven(7) days from the publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained after expiry of stipulated period.



Manzoor Ahmad Kumhar
F/O. Mehnaz Manzoor
R/O :- Guloora (Kral Batapora) .Tehsil :- Langate
Distt : Kupwar. Post Office Langate
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Years after Sanction, MMC Zakura yet to Become Functional

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Mini Maternity-cum-Child Care (MMC) Hospital at Zakura in Srinagar continues to remain non-functional, with the Health and Medical Education Department citing pending repair, renovation and finishing works, besides the continued occupation of the building by security forces.

The issue was raised by Hazratbal MLA Salman Ali Sagar, who sought details regarding the present status of the facility, expenditure incurred so far, additional funds required for its operationalisation and manpower availability at Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Hazratbal.

In its response, the department said the basic building infrastructure of MMC Zakura had been completed, except for certain finishing and allied works. However, the facility could not be made operational due to pending repairs, renovation and internal finishing works, compounded by the continued occupation of the premises by security forces.

The department said administrative approval of Rs 2.99 crore had been accorded for internal finishing and allied development works, with an initial instalment of Rs 75 lakh released. However, the funds could not be utilised because the build-

ing remained occupied.

A revised cost estimate of Rs 10.45 crore has subsequently been submitted. The department, however, termed the estimate "quite exorbitant" and directed the executing agency to revisit it on realistic lines.

The MMC Zakura project was originally taken up during 2014-15 through the J&K Housing Board at an estimated cost of Rs 12.82 crore under NABARD/Prime Minister Development Package (PMDP). The sanctioned amount has since been utilised in full.

For 2026-27, Rs 10 lakh has been provisioned under the Capex Budget for the balance work. The department said any additional funding requirement would be assessed after a physical assessment and finalisation of the revised DPR.

On making the facility operational on priority, the department said it was sensitive to the issue and committed to completing the hospital in the interest of patient care, but did not specify a timeline.

Meanwhile, SDH Hazratbal records an average OPD footfall of around 680 patients daily, while 15-20 patients are admitted as IPD cases every 24 hours. Additional staff from GMC Srinagar and other health facilities under Block Hazratbal has been deployed, while 47 additional posts have been provided under the National Health Mission.

KU VC Inaugurates Day Care Children's Park

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Institute of Home Science (IHS), University of Kashmir (KU), inaugurated a Day Care Children's Park and a certificate-based 'Bake to Earn' course for young women at the Main Campus.

It aims at supporting the working campus community and promoting skill development and self-reliance among young women.

Day Care Children's Park has been designed to provide a safe, child-friendly space for the children of the working campus community, while the 'Bake to Earn' course will provide young women with hands-on training in baking and related skills, enabling them to learn, create and earn.

Inaugurating the facilities, Vice-Chancellor, KU,

Prof. Nilofer Khan, said the initiatives reflect the University's commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive campus while equipping young women with practical skills and opportunities for economic empowerment.

"A supportive campus must respond to the practical needs of its community while creating meaningful opportunities for skill development. The Children's Park and 'Bake to Earn' course are important steps towards building a more inclusive and empowering University environment," she said.

Dean Academic Affairs, KU, Prof. Shariefuddin Pirzada, appreciated the initiatives and highlighted the importance of creating a conducive campus environment that supports the well-being and professional responsibilities of the University community.

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Thousands Throng Dastgeer Sahib Shrine on Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani's Urs

Agencies

Srinagar: Thousands of devotees thronged the historic Dastgeer Sahib shrine at Khanyar on Thursday as the annual Urs Mubarak of Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (RA), popularly known as Ghaus-ul-Azam, was observed with religious fervour across Kashmir.

The display of holy relics at the shrine drew large crowds, with devotees arriving from different parts of Srinagar and elsewhere in the Valley to offer prayers, seek blessings and participate in religious observances.

The shrine premises and adjoining areas remained packed throughout the day as devotees joined special prayers, recitation of the Holy Qur'an, zikr and other programmes organised to mark the occasion.

Speaking with KNO, Suhaib Ahmad, a devotee from Habba Kadal, said the annual Urs brings together people from across Kashmir.

"Every year, we come here to offer prayers and be part of the Urs. Seeing so many devotees gathered here makes the occasion even more meaningful," he said.

Firdous Jan, a devotee from Budgam, said the Urs serves as an occa-

sion for prayer and remembrance.

"People come here with faith and devotion. It is always special to be part of this gathering," she said.

The Urs of Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (RA) is observed annually at Dastgeer Sahib shrine with special prayers and religious gatherings. The occasion traditionally attracts devotees from across the Valley who visit the shrine to pay homage to the revered Sufi saint.

Elaborate arrangements were put in place around the shrine and adjoining areas to facilitate the movement of devotees and ensure smooth conduct of the annual observance—(KNO)

Vocational Trainers Seek Job Policy

Agencies

Srinagar: Vocational trainers staged a protest in Srinagar on Thursday, demanding removal of private companies from the vocational education system, an end to what they described as exploitation and formulation of a concrete job policy for trainers.

The protest was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Vocational Trainers Welfare Association (JKVTWA), whose members said they have been working in government schools under the vocational education programme while seeking a defined employment framework for their services.

The association has raised concerns over the continued involve-

ment of private Vocational Training Providers (VTPs) in engaging trainers, arguing that the system has left trainers without a clear long-term employment structure.

Vocational education was introduced in Jammu and Kashmir under the Samagra Shiksha programme in 2016. The programme has been implemented through Vocational Training Partners, which are private companies empaneled by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). Vocational subjects have been introduced in government secondary and higher secondary schools across the Union Territory in trades including information technology, healthcare, agriculture, tourism and hospitality,

automotive and other sectors.

The system has expanded over the years, with Samagra Shiksha reporting more than 1,000 government schools covered by vocational education. In 2026, the authorities also initiated recruitment for 2,294 contractual vocational trainer positions in 1,346 government schools, reflecting the continuing reliance on contractual arrangements for the programme.

The trainers' association has been seeking a change in the existing engagement mechanism and a policy that provides greater employment security. It has also previously raised concerns over delayed payments and the role of private VTPs in the implementation of the programme.(KNT)

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- 1066 - Battle of Stamford Bridge; English army under King Harold Godwinson defeat invading Norwegians led by King Harald Hardrada and Harold's brother Tostig, who were both killed
- 1340 - England & France sign disarmament treaty
- 1396 - Battle of Nicopolis: Sultan Bajezid I defeats Crusades armies
- 1493 - Columbus sails with 17 ships on 2nd voyage to the Americas
- 1513 - Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crosses the Panama Isthmus becoming first European to see the Pacific Ocean
- 1597 - Amiens surrenders to French King Henri IV
- 1639 - First printing press in America
- 1639 - Suzuki Shosan, Samurai monk of Zen Buddhism, found awakening
- 1654 - England & Denmark sign trade agreement
- 1663 - Austrian Fort Neuhausl surrenders to invading Turkish army
- 1690 - Public Occurrences, first newspaper in the American colonies (Boston), publishes first & last edition
- 1777 - British general William Howe conquers Philadelphia
- 1780 - Benedict Arnold joins the British
- 1804 - 12th amendment to US constitution, regulating judicial power
- 1820 - French Physicist Francois Arago announces electromagnetism in his discovery that a copper wire between the poles of a voltaic cell could laterally attract iron filings to itself
- 1846 - US troops under Gen Taylor occupies Monterey Mexico
- 1857 - Relief of Lucknow by Havelock & Outram begins
- 1911 - French battleship Liberte explodes at Toulon Harbor, 285 killed.

From KO Archives

Food Insecurity, Drying Rivers Stare Kashmir In The Face

Observer News Service

S RINAGAR- Kashmir is teetering dangerously on food insecurity as precious paddy land shrinks by conversion to rain-fed orchards and climate change wreaks havoc with rivers, reducing their level by two-thirds over the past forty years, a recently conducted study says.

Kashmir's current 40 per cent food grain deficit is likely to touch over 60 per cent in the next 10 years, a report on climate change released here Monday said. The ActionAid International, an NGO working in over 40 countries, in a 28-page report on climate change and its impact in Kashmir, 'On the brink' said that more and more paddy land is being changed into rain-fed orchards resulting in the food grain deficit.

The report also reveals that the deficit in food production in Kashmir valley region has reached 40 per cent putting food security to a greater risk. The food deficit was just 23 per cent in 1980-81.

Kashmir runs in deficit in food grain production while its horticulture sector earns a revenue of Rs 20 billion.

The report warns that the large scale transition from paddy cultivation to rain-fed crops poses risk to food security in Kashmir.

"In the post-World Trade Organisation scenario, as foreign fruits mainly apples have started flooding Indian markets, demand for Kashmir fruits is likely to reduce and the low demand could cripple the capacity of poor and small farmers to buy food grains from the market," says Arjmand Hussian Talib, the author of the report.

Action Aid International had carried a sample survey which revealed that 1489 acres of paddy land have been converted into rain-fed dry land in north Kashmir districts of Kupwara, Baramulla and Bandippra, south Kashmir districts of Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian and central Kashmir district of Budgam.

Warming Shrinks Kashmir's Rivers, Streams: Water levels in Kashmir's rivers and streams have decreased by two-thirds as a result of global warming which is melting most of the Himalayan region's glaciers, a report said on Monday

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Five Days to Learn

A Saturday-Sunday weekend needs a serious audit of holidays, teacher duties, school closures and lost classroom time.



Farooq Ahmad Khan

The case for a Saturday and Sunday weekend is easy to make. Children need hours that belong to neither classroom nor homework, hours to play, read for pleasure, visit relatives and rest. Teachers need a day to prepare lessons and to return to school with energy left. Deleting Saturday from the timetable, however, removes a day of teaching and puts nothing in its place, and Kashmir's academic year has little room to spare.

Winter vacation and occasional closures for weather already claim a share of the calendar, so children could lose teaching time that cannot be spared.

A five-day week works only when the whole school year is rebuilt around it.

The holiday calendar is the first place to look. Schools appear to close for a growing list of occasions, with little sign that anyone asks what the accumulated loss costs in learning.

A common calendar could keep the two Eids, Diwali, Ram Navami and Christmas, along with Republic Day and Independence Day, while reviewing the need for other full-school closures.

Students and staff would still receive reasonable accommodation for observances important to their faith or community. Respect for diversity can coexist with an open school on days that concern only some of its people.

Whatever the final list, it should be settled and published before the academic year begins, with a plain count of the teaching days left after weekends, vacations and holidays. Parents and teachers could then see the year as it is.

If five days fall short, keeping young children in school until late evening is the wrong remedy.

The length and timing of vacations, the use of the school days available and the amount of non-teaching activity during term all warrant examination.

Teachers' time comes next. A teacher who is physically present in school does a child little good when the working day goes to government business unrelated to education.

During term, teaching should come first. Essential public duties may sometimes call on teachers, but routine assignments belong to other personnel, and where a duty is unavoidable the education department should arrange for classes to continue.

Work that can wait for winter or summer vacation should wait.

Private schools lose time to a different burden, the paperwork of registration and renewal.

Preparing repeated sets of documents, following applications from office to office and waiting months, sometimes years, for a decision occupies people who should be running schools.

Regulation is necessary, since children's safety and educational standards cannot be left to chance,



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Shortening the week by a day will expose how many of the remaining days already belonged to something other than teaching. Children will notice the extra day at home at once, while any change in the other five will depend on decisions made before the year opens.

continue provisionally if the authority missed the deadline, subject always to action on a serious safety concern.

First registration may need longer for inspections, and it too should have a firm deadline.

The role of Chief Education Officers and Zonal Education Officers needs the same clarity. They must be able to examine genuine concerns in private schools. Repeated visits, overlapping demands for records and informal directions that interrupt the school day should end.

Inspections would follow published standards, any deficiency would be put in writing, and the school would have a fair chance to respond and correct it.

Oversight would grow more effective, and officers would gain time for government schools that need sustained support with staffing, attendance, facilities and learning.

A calendar order alone will accomplish none of this. Education needs substantially greater public investment: enough qualified teachers, functioning classrooms, libraries, sports facilities and learning support.

Government schools in particular need the resources that let their pupils benefit from the hours they spend there.

An extra day off has little value when the other five days are poorly supported.

I think a Saturday and Sunday weekend is worth pursuing, because it gives children a healthier balance of work and rest. But it should begin with an honest count of teaching days and a serious effort to remove the activities that consume school time without educating anyone.

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KO VIEW

Kashmir's Chemical Alarm

In Srinagar, especially in the city's more affluent neighbourhoods, some families are becoming unusually careful about what enters their homes.

They are spending on cancer-related precautions, changing diets, watching their lifestyle and, in some cases, installing advanced water purifiers.

The thinking behind these choices is simple: Kashmir's orchards use large quantities of pesticides, and people worry that chemicals used on apple trees can eventually reach soil and water.

That anxiety has acquired a sharper edge this week.

The Jammu and Kashmir government told the Legislative Assembly that around 51,000 cancer cases are currently registered in the Union Territory. Gastrointestinal, lung and breast cancers account for a significant share of reported malignancies, according to the health minister.

The figure needs attention without turning it into proof of a pesticide-cancer link.

Cancer has many causes, including tobacco, diet, infections, genetics, pollution and age. Pesticide exposure remains one environmental factor worth examining because the World Health Organization recognises that pesticides can produce acute and chronic health effects, with risk depending on the chemical, dose and route of exposure.

Kashmir has a particular reason to take that question seriously.

A recent discussion on agrochemical use put pesticide application in J&K at about 3.69 kilograms per hectare, against a national average of roughly 0.22 kilograms.

The figure needs careful verification against the underlying agricultural dataset, but even the scale of the reported difference calls for stronger monitoring.

There is also older research from Kashmir that needs renewed attention.

A published investigation into brain-cancer patients found that 389 of 432 patients with recorded exposure had worked in orchards, lived in orchard areas or were children playing there.

The research identified exposure to several chemicals, including chlorpyrifos, dimethoate, mancozeb and captan. The findings point to an association and warrant further research. They do not establish that pesticides caused those cancers.

This is where public policy needs to move ahead of public fear.

Farmers need clear spray schedules, protective equipment and practical training. Markets need stronger residue testing. Drinking-water sources near intensive horticultural areas need regular testing for relevant chemicals. Health authorities need better exposure data alongside cancer surveillance.

Households also need accurate advice. Boiling water kills disease-causing microbes, but it should not be treated as a general pesticide-removal method.

An alkaline label on a purifier also does not, by itself, prove that it removes pesticide residues.

Kashmir's fruit economy is worth protecting, so is the health of the people who grow, sell and eat that fruit.

Kashmir's New Degree Experiment

A new approach to undergraduate education puts student choice, mentoring and real-world problems at the centre of learning.



Dr. Ashraf Zainabi

A campus produces wastewater, leaf litter and an energy bill, and it shelters a biodiversity of its own.

Students can treat the water, compost the leaves with worms, survey the wildlife and investigate the power the buildings consume, and a degree built around such work would look little like a list of lectures.

Design Your Own Degree, or DYOD, promises that degree.

I teach DYOD courses at IUST Awantipora, and I hold that within four years it should become the soul of NEP 2020. The claim is conscious and calculated.

The policy is in its sixth year, and its early years went to building structures, testing ideas and persuading institutions that change was possible. The next four have to move what works out of experiment and into scale.

NEP 2020 rebuilt the architecture of higher education around flexibility, multidis-

ciplinary learning, experiential education, creativity, critical thinking and choice. A redesigned building can still house the same old classroom, however, so the change that counts happens in pedagogy.

DYOD puts the student, rather than the timetable, at the centre.

Undergraduates get room to explore disciplines, connect knowledge and discover their direction, while the instructor moves from transmitting information toward mentoring and guiding.

The policy provides the architecture, and DYOD can supply some of its educational soul.

Islands of experimentation make poor evidence. A few motivated instructors, keen students and friendly administrators can make almost any pilot look like a success. But the true test begins when the model has to work in many departments, institutions and disciplines with thousands of students.

The national question should shift from whether this can work to how it works at scale. J&K already stands near the front of that movement.

The sequence I would follow is plain.

Year one goes to consolidation, an honest audit of curriculum design, mentoring arrangements, assessment, laboratory access, faculty willingness, workload, student guidance and administrative coordination, none of which can be left to improvisation.

A programme that sends students explor-

ing disciplines has to give them the institutional support to do it, and sometimes that support is financial.

Year two brings expansion beyond a few enthusiastic departments and a handful of universities, with each institution adapting the model to its own academic strengths, infrastructure and students while keeping choice, interdisciplinarity, experiential learning and

mentoring intact.

Year three standardises quality and leaves curiosity free.

India has no use for thousands of identical DYOD programmes, but it can use a shared understanding of good interdisciplinary education: how much mentoring a student receives, how a multidisciplinary project is assessed, what makes experiential learning worth the name, how faculty workload is counted and which infrastructure is essential.

National and institutional frameworks have to answer those questions.

Year four is mainstreaming, when project-based learning, field investigations, design

thinking, problem-solving and student-led inquiry stop sounding innovative and become ordinary features of an undergraduate degree.

Changing the structure of a degree is easier than changing the culture of learning, and that culture lives in the faculty room.

Mentoring interdisciplinary projects takes time, training and institutional recognition. An instructor with a heavy departmental workload



DYOD should be judged by whether it produces a different learning experience and whether that experience can be delivered reliably at scale, and the novelty of its timetable counts for little.

cannot add hours of daily mentoring and be expected to perform both jobs equally well.

The point favours DYOD and asks that it be taken seriously.

Experiential learning cannot live on classrooms and lecture notes. Students need laboratories, field sites, libraries, digital resources, fabrication spaces and real problems to work on.

Kashmir campuses sit among problems that are local and global at once: water, waste, biodiversity, climate change, tourism, agriculture, urbanisation and public health.

Students of biology, chemistry, physics, economics, computer science, management and the social sciences can meet the same problem

from different directions, where a textbook would give them only one.

Interdisciplinarity becomes real that way and stays rhetorical otherwise.

The ambition behind NEP 2020 is larger than a new degree structure. India wants graduates who think, communicate, collaborate and innovate, and who can respond to problems that never come labelled by university department.

Traditional degrees will keep their place, so the live question is whether they suffice for the world today's students are entering.

DYOD should be judged by whether it produces a different learning experience and whether that experience can be delivered reliably at scale, and the novelty of its timetable counts for little.

Institutions willing to answer its difficult questions honestly, and to withhold applause for the attractive ones, will learn the most.

The wastewater, the leaf litter and the energy bill will still be there in four years. Whether students are treating, composting and measuring them as ordinary coursework will show whether the experiment has ended.

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The Sedentary Life Taking Hold in Kashmir

Young professionals are moving less as work and leisure become increasingly tied to desks and screens.



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People head to offices each day, scroll through phones during breaks, and squeeze in occasional gym sessions.

They assume this routine keeps them fit enough, but reality paints a fuller picture.

True fitness goes far beyond appearance or scale readings. It depends on how smoothly the body handles everyday demands. Young adults in India and Kashmir gradually see this balance shift when movement stays low.

Recent studies highlight that forty to fifty percent of Indian adults keep physical activity below essential guidelines. Low activity levels raise chances for major health concerns. Sedentary patterns dominate among young adults, where more than half dedicate long stretches of the day to sitting. This trend of unseen decline brings visible effects in daily life.

Doctors treated a twenty-five-year-old gym enthusiast in Lucknow. He developed a slipped disc after he lifted heavy loads without correct form. Pain and restricted motion stopped his normal routine for several months.

Physicians in Ahmedabad document a forty percent climb in spine conditions among young adults. Extended time on screens, improper

posture, and limited movement drive these changes.

Doctors in Bengaluru identify fatty liver conditions in young professionals. Inactivity and lifestyle patterns link to these diagnoses. Fatigue often appears first, and people tend to pass it off as ordinary.

These examples repeat in cities nationwide and point to a common experience. Similar patterns appear in Srinagar where young professionals juggle demanding schedules with limited movement.

Clear signals emerge when the body calls for greater movement and care. Energy levels drop after routine efforts and indicate reduced cardiovascular fitness along with metabolic shifts.

Sedentary behaviour lowers energy production and elevates long-term disease chances. Neck and back stiffness follows hours of desk work or phone use. Poor posture combined with extended sitting now creates musculoskeletal challenges for young Indians.

Doctors see problems in teenagers and office workers that earlier appeared mainly in older groups. Heavy screen time and low activity levels explain the shift.

Balance becomes harder to maintain during regular movements. This ability demonstrates strong connections between brain, muscles, and joints. Inactivity and posture issues often reduce proprioception, the sense of body position in space.

Shortness of breath appears with light tasks such as stair climbing. This response shows lower cardiovascular fitness, a condition that spreads with inactive habits.

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Many major issues begin with these gentle cues including slight pain, tightness, or low energy. Early response prevents escalation. Young adults sometimes develop fatty liver disease with initial vague

sensations, and quick action keeps complications at bay.

Physical inactivity stands among the main drivers of lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, obesity, and heart disease.

India sees a notable increase in non-communicable diseases within young adult groups. Lifestyle habits connect directly to this rise. Worldwide, close to one third of adults hold activity levels below suggested targets and encounter parallel health pressures. Daily habits combine to create the situation.

Extended sitting works alongside poor posture, abundant screen exposure, uneven sleep schedules, and persistent stress.

Simple actions bring fitness back into reach and strengthen overall function. Daily movement of thirty minutes or more builds essential capacity. Breaks every thirty to forty-five minutes from sitting maintain circulation and energy. Correct posture at the workspace protects the spine and supports comfort. Strength training paired with flexibility work enhances mobility and power. Close attention to body cues allows smarter decisions throughout the week.

Fitness extends past visible muscle definition or online images of workouts. It centers on efficient movement, steady breathing, solid balance, and quick recovery.

Contemporary routines slowly diminish these qualities even as outward appearance stays acceptable.

Your body communicates constantly through sensations you encounter. Each individual holds the power to engage with those messages and cultivate enduring vitality. The next time energy dips or stiffness arrives, pause and respond. Your body already knows what it needs.

The real strength begins the moment you act on that knowledge.

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The Lucknow Forster Never Saw

A century after A Passage to India, Eras Medical College presents a different Lucknow, where an old city's cultural inheritance lives beside medicine, research, education and philanthropy.



Haider Abbas

History looks different when seen through the doors of a modern medical university.

Anyone entering Eras Medical College in Lucknow today would find little of the world associated with Dr Aziz, the central figure in E.M. Forster's A Passage to India, published in 1924.

Aziz was attached to a glorious past while living under an insular and prejudiced British imperial order.

A century later, Eras presents a different picture of the city. Technology, scientific research, medicine and education have become part of daily life on its campus.

The setting gives this story its particular force.

Lucknow was once the seat of a Persianised elite that ruled Awadh from at least 1722 until 1857. The last king was deposed that year and sent to Kolkata. British rule followed and continued for 90 years until independence in 1947.

Independence brought Partition, and with it another rupture in the life of the city.

Families from Awadh and Uttar Pradesh moved to the other side of the new border. A city once described by William Howard Russell as more enchanting than Rome, Athens or

Constantinople, when seen from La Martiniere's Constantia, was ravaged and divided. Lucknow came to be associated with decline, stagnation and a fading cultural world.

Then institutions such as Eras began writing a different chapter.

About half a century after those upheavals, Eras came into being. Its story is closely tied to brothers Mohsin and Meesam Khan, whose commitment to education helped build the institution, alongside their sister Professor Farzana and her husband, Vice Chancellor Professor Abbas Mehdi, an academic leader in his own right.

Their achievement lies partly in the balance they have created. Eras brings together elements of Lucknow's oriental inheritance with modern scientific education. Culture, manners, academic discipline and scientific work occupy the same physical space.

Walk through the sprawling campus and the change becomes visible through its students. Young women and men move through the grounds with knapsacks on their backs. The canteen fills with laughter and liveliness. The campus is busy, but its activity has a sense of direction.

Students are there to study medicine, pursue research and prepare for professional lives that may take them far beyond Lucknow.

That transformation gains another dimension when set against V.S. Naipaul's account of the city.

When the Nobel laureate visited Lucknow, he devoted a 40-page chapter, The End of the Line, to the city in his 1990 book India: A Million Mutinies Now. His account was sharply critical. He saw a city weighed down by decline and found little that appeared luminous.

Eras may have given Naipaul another place to look.



Cities often become prisoners of the stories written about them.

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Lucknow still contains crumbling buildings and monuments that speak of an extraordinary past. Their condition tells one story about the city, but Eras tells another.

The Khan brothers chose to invest their resources in science and education, seeking achievement in a field with consequences well beyond the campus.

The institution's story also extends beyond classrooms and laboratories.

Charity has become part of its institutional practice. Non-faculty staff and employees receive the same food served during Ramzan and during the months of mourning that follow.

Free medical camps are held throughout the year, including outside India. Hundreds of patients receive treatment without payment as part of Eras's social responsibility.

Such acts can appear small beside the language of universities,

hospitals and scientific research. For a patient who receives medical treatment without a bill, the institutional balance sheet takes on a very different human meaning. The gesture is equally concrete for an employee sharing the same meal served to others during Ramzan.

Eras has also extended its educational project beyond Lucknow, establishing a campus in Barbados in the Caribbean. The institution says the

same ethos is practised there, taking an idea born in Lucknow into another part of the world.

Since its establishment in 1997, Eras has produced thousands of medical professionals who now work around the globe. Its facilities include modern operating theatres and departments for radiology, oncology and cardiology. Its academic contribution includes thousands of research papers published in internationally recognised journals.

These figures describe an institution, but the campus reveals something larger about Lucknow.

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Eras belongs to a later chapter. Its significance lies in the fact that an institution rooted in a city burdened by historical loss has chosen science as its language of renewal.

The old Lucknow has not vanished. Its architecture, food, manners, memories and cultural inheritance remain part of the city. Around them, new institutions are building a different future.

Perhaps that is the more revealing way to read Lucknow today.

Its history remains visible in stone, while its future can be found in laboratories, operating theatres, lecture halls and the young people moving between them.

A century after Forster, the city has another story to tell.

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J&K Working on Establishing AI Centre of Excellence: Govt

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government has set in motion plans to establish an Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence, adopting a phased roadmap to build a regional AI ecosystem and advance its digital transformation agenda, the legislative assembly was informed on Thursday.

In a written reply to Zadibal MLA Tanvir Sadiq, the government said it is promoting AI and other emerging technologies in the Union territory as part of its broader digital transformation and technology-enabled development initiatives.

"A phased and coordinated approach has been adopted for development of an AI ecosystem encompassing technological infrastructure, capacity building, skill development, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and deployment of AI-based solutions across different sectors," it said.

It said the Department of Information Technology, being the nodal department for IT and digital initiatives in J&K, is facilitating various initiatives in collaboration with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, IIT Jammu, Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics, academic institutions, industry and other stakeholders.

"The Department has

initiated the process for establishment of an AI Centre of Excellence in J&K, equipped with advanced AI laboratory and computing infrastructure, incubation and innovation facilities, and support for research, skilling and development of AI-based solutions," the government said.

It also said that a whole-of-government approach is being pursued for identification and implementation of suitable AI use cases in different departments, with emphasis on improving efficiency of processes, evidence-based decision-making and citizen-centric service delivery.

"The Government is also exploring development of IT/ITeS (Information Technology Enabled Services) infrastructure and IT Park in the UT, while leveraging existing institutional facilities such as it is and Polytechnics for imparting AI skills and facilitating access to laboratory and learning centres," the government said.

Accordingly, it added, that AI Labs, AI Learning Centres and Centres of Excellence are proposed to be promoted at appropriate institutions and locations in a phased, need-based and resource-specific manner, subject to availability of infrastructure, technical expertise and funds, with emphasis on optimal utilisation of existing facilities and creation of sustainable AI capabilities across the UT.

2,891 Medical Officer, 9,723 Paramedical Posts Vacant Across J&K: Govt Reshipora 125-bedded district hospital likely to be completed by 2027-28; Rs 132.18 cr released so far

Observer News Service

Srinagar- As many as 2,891 posts of Medical Officers and 9,723 posts of paramedics and nurses are lying vacant across health institutions in Jammu and Kashmir, the government informed the Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

The figures were shared in response to a query raised by Budgam MLA Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi regarding the health sector. According to the government reply, 9,723 paramedical and nursing posts are vacant, while 2,891 Medical Officer posts remain unfilled across various health institutions.

The government said that pending regular appointments, staffing gaps are being managed through interim arrangements, including engagement of personnel under the National Health Mission (NHM) and on academic arrangement basis, wherever feasible and administratively permissible, reported news agency KNO.



The government further said 416 Medical Officers selected through the J&K Public Service Commission (JKPSC) have recently been received by the department, of whom appointment orders for 335 candidates have been issued.

It added that 1,567 paramedical/non-gazetted posts have been referred to the J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB) for selection of suitable candidates.

Reshipora hospital work

70% complete

On the status of the 125-bedded District Hospital at Reshipora, Budgam, the government said construction work is in progress and around 70 percent physical progress has been achieved.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of financial year 2027-28, subject to availability of funds and timely completion of the remaining works, it said.

The government said

rupees 13,217.53 lakh (rupees 132.18 crore) has been released for the project so far, against which rupees 12,336.56 lakh (rupees 123.37 crore) has been spent.

It said Rs 11,106.56 lakh was released during the current financial year, against which an expenditure of Rs 225 lakh has been incurred.

Regarding the 100-bedded Critical Care Unit at Reshipora, the government said work on the AAC block is in progress. The ground and first floors have achieved around 95 percent progress each, while the second floor has reached around 70 percent completion.

Plastering work is around 82 percent complete on the ground floor and 90 percent on the first floor, while work on the second floor is continuing. Tiling, plumbing, fire-fighting and wall-chasing works are also in progress.

The government added that reinforcement cutting and bending for the columns of the third floor is underway.

As per the figures furnished in the reply, SKIMS has 150 vacant Medical Officer posts and 1,216 paramedical/nursing posts. At the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK), 967 Medical Officer and 150 paramedical posts are vacant, while the Directorate of Health Services Jammu (DHSJ) has 462 Medical Officer and 2,744 paramedical vacancies.

At the Directorate of Ayush, 55 Medical Officer and 115 paramedical posts are vacant.

Among the government medical colleges, GMC Srinagar has 474 Medical Officer and 531 paramedical/nursing vacancies; GMC Anantnag 107 and 107; GMC Baramulla 62 and 260; and GMC Handwara 134 and 378, respectively.

The figures also include GMC Jammu, with 150 vacant Medical Officer and 1,216 paramedical/nursing posts, while GMC Udhampur has 66 Medical Officer and 1,216 paramedical/nursing vacancies.

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AI Alarm: Tech

They also called for the world to make sure that the power of AI isn't concentrated in one company or country. They also touted the benefits of the technology for bettering humanity and what Altman called "giving people more power over their own lives".

Those tech leaders "are telling us in stark terms that it cannot be left to them to prevent disaster from befalling the world," British Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband said at the Security Council. "We cannot ignore them because they are right."

AI will be at the heart of G20 discussions. Miliband said when the UK leads the G20 next year, it will put controlling AI at the heart of discussions, looking for a single set of global standards "to ensure that AI development is safe."

But, the United States said: Don't do it.

Worries about control of AI are "not a reason to pause its further development or to constrain it with new global governance structure," said White House Science Adviser Michael Kratsios. "We want you, our allies and partners, to share in the benefits of this technology."

The US and China are jostling for AI dominance — and Chinese UN Ambassador Fu Cong emphasised that all countries should be able to choose AI technology as they see fit.

He warned against "banding together into a petty us-vs-them clique in the tech sector and forcing other countries to take sides" and enabling unnamed major powers that he described as seeking "digital hegemony." He called on countries instead to promote open-source models — China's approach to the technology.

For most of the world leaders, one key question about AI is this: Who should control life-and-death decisions — human or machine?

Amodei, Altman and Hugging Face CEO Cl  ment Delangue, who spoke via a glitchy remote connection, spoke with the UN's most powerful council because they and world leaders are trying to figure out not just whether to control AI, but by whom, how it could possibly be done and when it might be just too late.

The day before, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned of "killer robots." Experts and European leaders said that's not hyperbole but something that's either already a grim reality or perilously close.

Amodei called on world leaders to agree on not letting AI build biological weapons, figure out how to verify what models have the capability to do and "establish common standards" for testing and for loss of control and misuse.

French Foreign Minister Jean-No  l Barrot, whose country convened Wednesday's meeting, compared the current state of AI to both the runaway computer HAL9000 in the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey" and the dawn of the atomic age.

"Just as with the atom back then, the international community must now regulate AI in order to make the most of its potential and avoid the worst," Barrot said.

Other leaders and nations are paying close attention to AI.

His wasn't the only concern expressed during this high-profile UN meeting week.

"We must not allow the cost of today's hesitation to become tomorrow's catastrophe," said Liberian UN Ambassador Lewis G Brown II.

Ukrainian President President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, speaking at the General Assembly, said some kind of human control over machines must be achieved soon. Otherwise, he said, for his country — at war for four and half years — it may be just too late.

"There is already a real possibility that AI, not only people, will begin to decide what happens on the battlefield. And we need peace before we reach that point," Zelenskyy said.

Last month, a Russian drone seemingly using AI "autonomously made a targeting decision that killed three Ukrainians. Killer robots are technically easy to build, and they are real. We should not be under any illusions otherwise," Kentaro Toyama, an information technology professor at the University of Michigan, said in an email.

Data scientist Rumman Chowdhury, co-founder of the accountability nonprofit Humane Intelligence, said the idea of killer robots "evokes a science-fiction villain, when the question I want the public to ask is much more concrete: Who authorized a machine to select and attack a target, under what constraints, and who answers for the result?"

The UN meeting unfolded as Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in Washington for a much-anticipated state visit. AI interests are looking to what comes out of Xi's discussions with US President Donald Trump.

Earlier, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said the two countries had discussed a potential new "notification mechanism" for AI incidents that could impact national security.

But on Tuesday, Trump, lauding AI as "superintelligence," said the United States would reject efforts to control the technology as it tries to win the development race with China. Kratsios was the one of the few who used that term in the Security Council. (AP)

Say 'Super Intelligence

Intelligence' to Super Intelligence' in our documents and positions. We will be using SI' in all remarks, positions and press elements moving forward," said an email sent Tuesday to employees by Michael Drager, deputy assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of International Organization Affairs.

That bureau is in charge of US diplomatic missions to all UN and multilateral agencies around the world. The email, titled "Change in Nomenclature AI to SI," was obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday. It was not immediately clear if other State Department bureaus had or would follow suit.

On Tuesday, Trump told the UN General Assembly that he would "officially" change the name of AI, saying the existing name makes the technology seem "fake" and that US government documents would from that point forward use "super intelligence."

"The use of the word artificial makes intelligence fake, it makes it sound fake and it is not fake. It's actually amazing," Trump said.

The president said at the UN that "from the point forward" US government documents "will be changed to use the much more accurate term super as opposed to artificial. So it's super intelligence."

Drager's email was sent shortly after Trump's speech, but it wasn't clear on Wednesday whether similar orders had been sent at other agencies. Such an order would likely mean adjusting the name of the "AI Force" that Trump announced this weekend to the "SI Force."

On Wednesday, US representatives used the SI term at a UN Security Council meeting about AI, where tech executives urged the United Nations' most powerful body to rein in the developing technology.

AI's rapid ascent has spurred dire warnings from AI company CEOs, lawmakers and others about the technology outpacing humans' ability to control it and calls for global guardrails.

Trump has rejected efforts to slow the AI development race through greater government oversight, saying he does not want to

hinder industry and that the US needs to ensure an edge over China.

Trump claimed on social media Monday that the US is leading over China on AI and that he was "not going to stifle Growth, of something that will be bigger than the Industrial Revolution, or the Internet, itself."

AI is expected to be a key topic when Trump welcomes Chinese leader Xi Jinping to Washington for a visit starting Wednesday. (AP)

Over 12.89 Lakh

were covered across all 20 districts. During the same season, 93,680 claims were settled, involving compensation of Rs 54.80 crore.

The government further said PMFBY coverage, which was earlier limited to select districts, has now been extended across the Union Territory, expanding access to insurance protection for farmers facing crop losses due to adverse weather conditions and other covered risks.

Recent government reviews have also stressed wider enrolment of eligible farmers and timely settlement of claims under PMFBY and the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS).

TET Resolution Passed

government had approved a scheme to provide six free LPG cylinders annually to AAY families.

He said the scheme had received approval from the competent authority and an order for its implementation would be issued shortly.

The announcement triggered a noisy exchange between the government and opposition benches, with the BJP accusing the National Conference-led government of reneging on its election promise of providing 12 free cylinders.

Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma accused the government of misleading people and questioned how it would fulfil even the six-cylinder commitment.

The BJP also raised the issue of other promises, including free electricity and ration, leading to protests from the treasury benches.

National Conference MLAs and Congress members responded with slogans, while BJP legislators raised counter-slogans. The Speaker intervened and asked the protesting members to take their seats before proceedings returned to normal.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary later hit back at the BJP over the LPG row, asking the party to explain the delay in restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

"We made promises before the people, but BJP made promises in Parliament and before the Supreme Court," he said, adding that the government had begun implementing its manifesto commitments and still had three years left in its term.

During Question Hour, the Speaker also questioned the Transport Minister over the delay in implementing the revised government vehicle policy proposing the principle of "one officer, one vehicle".

Satish Sharma said the revised policy was under consideration and would provide for exceptions based on security requirements, field duties, additional charges, operational exigencies and functional requirements.

He said the General Administration Department had given the go-ahead to the policy on September 1 and that it would be notified within two months.

Rather questioned why the policy had not yet been notified despite the committee constituted to examine the issue having already submitted its recommendations.

"What have you done in these 24 days? How many months do you take to go through files? This is an important matter," the Speaker said.

He also questioned why officers holding charge of more than one department were using two vehicles, stressing that government resources could not be used for luxury when Jammu and Kashmir faced financial constraints.

The Transport Minister said inter-departmental consultations were under way and assured the Speaker that he would examine the matter and provide the details.

The House also rejected a Private Members' Bill moved by Langate MLA Sheikh Khursheed Ahmad seeking mandatory enrolment of children of public representatives and government servants in government schools.

The government opposed the Bill, maintaining that mandatory enrolment was not feasible and that children had the fundamental right and liberty to choose where they wanted to study.

The concerned minister said the government was upgrading infrastructure in government schools and acknowledged that some institutions still required improvement.

She said the focus should be on improving the quality of government schools and convincing people to choose them rather than making enrolment compulsory.

The minister also pointed to students from government schools qualifying in examinations such as NEET.

Khursheed, however, maintained that improving infrastructure alone would not be sufficient and argued that increased enrolment could also contribute to strengthening government schools.

He said policymakers should examine the issue and reiterated that the children of ministers, MLAs and government employees should also study in government institutions.

Peer Ki Gali Gets

are likely on September 28 and 29.

Jammu city is also expected to remain mainly clear till September 27, followed by partly cloudy conditions with a possibility of moderate rain or thunderstorms on September 28 and 29.

The weather is likely to remain comparatively stable during the first part of the forecast period, with the possibility of localized thunderstorm activity increasing towards September 27 and 28.

The snowfall in the higher reaches is also expected to bring a further drop in temperatures, with snowfall likely to become more frequent as the season progresses.

Shopian Court

properties were deteriorating and the government had not made proper administrative arrangements.

Until witnesses are examined and the trial concludes that unlawful activity was going on at Siraj-ul-Uloom, the institute should not remain locked, he said.

"It will take time to prove that everything complies fully with the Constitution of India and no unlawful acts were committed," Iqbal noted.

The advocate said that the Judge observed that the government's material at this prima facie stage is not sufficient to justify keeping the entire institution completely shut.

"The court found that excessive power had been exercised relative to the allegations made," he added.

However, he said that the reopening of the institution comes with a condition that the government has to constitute a three-member supervisory committee to supervise the operations. The court has also instructed that wide publicity be given through newspapers and media so that any students who left — whether they obtained admission elsewhere or not

— can return without any hindrance or barrier.

According to the notification issued by the Government, the allegations were that unlawful activities were being carried out in the institute, Advocate Bashrat Abdullah said.

In response, he said that they produced all relevant documents and evidence on behalf of Siraj-ul-Uloom and the applicants.

"On the other hand, the opposing side failed to provide any evidence to support their claim that unlawful activities were taking place. Now, the Hon'ble Court has framed a committee comprising the district administration... this committee will collaborate with the management and applicants of Siraj-ul-Uloom to fulfil all conditions specified in the order," he said.

In April this year, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg issued a two-page order based on a dossier pointing towards the alleged illegal activities at Darul Uloom Jamia Sirajul Uloom at Imam Sahib area in the district.

According to the order issued by Garg on April 24, there were "credible inputs and evidence on record, to indicate sustained and covert linkages of the institution with Jamaat-e-Islami, which the Government of India banned in 2019".

Political parties had criticised the government's decision and demanded a rollback of the notification.

Need For Continued

the spokesperson said.

The DGP emphasised the need for continued vigilance, proactive policing, close coordination and timely sharing of actionable intelligence to strengthen preparedness at the field level.

He also stressed the importance of regular, specialised and need-based training, with emphasis on modern and technology-enabled policing.

Prabhat directed officers to ensure continuous opportunities for professional development and capacity building of police personnel.

HC Quashes Case

period, communicated their intention to controvert the report and seek re-analysis of the sample. Their communication referred to testing at an NABL-accredited laboratory.

The prosecution contended that the petitioners had not specifically requested testing by the Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL), which is the statutory authority whose report is conclusive under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The Court, however, rejected the contention that the reference to an NABL-accredited laboratory amounted to abandonment of the petitioners' statutory right.

The Court examined Section 25 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, particularly subsections (3) and (4), and held that once an accused communicates within the prescribed period an intention to controvert the Government Analyst's report, the statutory mechanism for securing a conclusive analysis by the Central Drugs Laboratory has to be given meaningful effect.

The Court observed that the use of the word "may" in Section 25(4), in the circumstances of the case, could not be construed as conferring an unfettered discretion to defeat the statutory safeguard available to the accused.

Holding that the petitioners had been deprived of their valuable statutory right to have the drug sample tested by the Central Drugs Laboratory before the expiry of its shelf life, the Court quashed the criminal proceedings arising from the complaint.

J&K Pays Rs 52.75 Lakh Monthly Rent For 2,241 Health Facilities

Agencies

SRINAGAR: As many as 2,241 dispensaries and other health institutions across Jammu and Kashmir are functioning from private or rented buildings, with the government spending Rs 52.75 lakh every month on rent, the Legislative Assembly was informed on Thursday.

The information was provided in response to a question by Channapora MLA Mushtaq Gu-roo, who sought details of health institutions operating from rented premises, the expenditure involved and the government's plans to develop permanent infrastructure.

According to the government's reply, the monthly rental expenditure for these institu-



tions stands at Rs 52.75,309, crore annually.

The government said the

suitability of rented premises is assessed by field-level health authorities, including Chief Medical Officers, Block Medical Officers and Medical Officers.

The assessment considers factors including availability of space, accessibility, basic healthcare infrastructure, patient privacy and other prescribed standards, it said.

The government said the exercise is intended to ensure that healthcare services are delivered from safe, accessible and appropriate premises.

On permanent infrastructure, the government said efforts are underway to construct permanent buildings for health institutions currently operating from rented accommodation.

The process will be under-

taken in phases, with the aim of strengthening healthcare infrastructure and reducing recurring expenditure on rent.

However, the government said constructing permanent buildings for all such institutions would require an investment running into thousands of crores of rupees, which cannot be accommodated within available resources in the short term.

It said the construction would therefore be taken up in phases, subject to availability of funds and completion of other required formalities.

The government added that the process would be planned to ensure that healthcare services are not disrupted during the transition to permanent facilities.

Road Accident on Ring Road Leaves Five Buffaloes Dead

JAMMU: Five buffaloes were killed and four others seriously injured after an unknown vehicle reportedly hit a herd of nine buffaloes on the Ring Road near Kotli Mian Fateh village in Miran Sahib area of Jammu, sources said.

Sources said that the buffaloes were moving along the road when the vehicle hit the herd. Five buffaloes died on the spot, while four others sustained serious injuries in the accident.

Further details about the vehicle and its driver were not immediately available. Police rushed to the spot and took cognizance of the incident. [KNT]

J&K Adopts Regulated Approach to Mining, Govt tells Assembly

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Thursday said it was following a regulated and sustainable approach to mineral extraction to balance environmental protection with the availability of construction material for development and infrastructure projects.

The government stated this in a written reply in the Legislative Assembly to a question raised by MLA Irfan Hafiz Lone regarding measures being taken to address environmental concerns arising from mining activities while ensuring adequate availability of construction material in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the reply, mineral extraction in the Union Territory is regulated under the Jammu and Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016, along with applicable environmental and statutory requirements.

The government said the regulatory framework was intended to ensure that mineral extraction is carried out in accordance with prescribed norms while meeting the material requirements of ongoing development and infrastructure works. [KNT]

FDA Inspects 108 Canteens, Messes across J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), J&K, has intensified food safety inspections at canteens, messes and other food establishments in universities, medical and engineering colleges, hospitals, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Gujjar-Bakerwal hostels across the Union Territory.

During the special drive, 108 premises were inspected and 62 food samples collected for testing at NABL-accredited laboratories, officials said.

The inspections covered FSSAI registration and licensing, hygiene and sanitation, medical fitness of food handlers, potable water, food storage and handling, pest control, waste management and use of food-grade materials.

Twenty-four premises were found operating without valid FSSAI registration or licence, prompting action under the Food

Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

Fifteen cases were compounded under Section 69, with fines totalling Rs 35,000, while three cases were recommended for penal action under Sections 56 and 58 of the Act.

Officials said the inspections also detected deficiencies in pest control, food-handler fitness, storage and handling practices, sanitation and use of non-food-grade materials.

Food Safety Officers have been directed to conduct follow-up inspections and ensure compliance with notices issued to the establishments.

The FDA said food safety in educational and healthcare institutions remains a priority and that inspection, sampling and enforcement drives will continue across J&K.

Consumers have been urged to report suspected unsafe or adulterated food through the toll-free helpline 104.

JDI Kashmir Employees Condole Demise of Abdul Ahad Bhat

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SRINAGAR: Joint Director of Information, Kashmir, Syed Shahnawaz Bukhari, along with officers and officials of the Joint Directorate of Information (JDI), Kashmir expressed profound grief and sorrow over the sad demise of Abdul Ahad Bhat, Driver at JDI Kashmir.

A condolence meeting was held at the JDI Kashmir, wherein the officers and officials expressed their deep anguish over the untimely demise of Abdul Ahad Bhat. The participants recalled his association with the department and expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and relatives during this difficult hour of grief.

While conveying their sympathies to the family, the officers and officials prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul and for courage to the be-



reaved family to bear this irreparable and profound loss.

The officers and officials of JDI Kashmir also visited the residence of the deceased and met the bereaved family members to express their heartfelt sympathies and share their grief.

Among others, Deputy Director of Information (Hqrs), Zubair Ahmad; Deputy Director of Information (PR), Mohd Rafiq Zulla, and other officers and officials of JDI Kashmir attended the condolence meeting.

SKIMS, SKUAST Join Hands to Promote Millets for Better Health



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SRINAGAR: Calling for a systematic revival of traditional food and lifestyle practices, Director SKIMS Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie on Thursday said healthier dietary habits could play an important role in addressing the growing burden of non-communicable diseases.

He was speaking at a national seminar on "Millets for One Health", organised jointly by Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) and Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology (SKUAST), in collaboration with Kheti Virasat Mission.

Renowned millet expert Dr. Khadar Valli, popularly known as the "Millet Man of India", attended the seminar as Guest of Honour. The event brought together farmers, academicians, healthcare professionals, students and representatives of various institutions.

Prof. Ganie said traditional food systems contained valuable knowledge that needed to be rediscovered and integrated

with modern scientific understanding.

"We need to revive our old practices. This seminar is a significant step in that direction," he said.

The SKIMS Director, a renowned endocrinologist, highlighted the rising prevalence of lifestyle-related diseases, obesity and nutritional deficiencies, while cautioning against excessive dependence on highly processed foods and junk-food culture.

He also stressed the importance of micronutrients and dietary diversity for metabolic health and said promoting millet cultivation and consumption could help households return to healthier eating practices.

"The kitchen has to be brought back to its rightful place in our homes," Prof. Ganie said, linking healthier food choices with family meals and healthier lifestyles.

He further announced that SKIMS and SKUAST would strengthen their collaboration by combining expertise in medicine, nutrition, agriculture, research and public health to promote healthier and more sustainable food systems.

NC Govt Failed to Fulfil Promises: LoP Sunil Sharma

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Leader of Opposition in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Sunil Sharma on Thursday said the National Conference-led government has failed to fulfil its promises and provide basic amenities during its two years in office, questioning its commitments on free LPG cylinders, electricity, jobs, education and healthcare.

Reacting to the government's approval of six free LPG cylinders annually for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families, Sharma termed the decision a "mockery" and questioned the earlier promise of providing one free cylinder every month to every household.

"They had announced that one cylinder would be given to every household every month. Today they have made a big joke with the people of J&K by giving only six cylinders in the name of AAY," Sharma said while speaking to reporters at the Assembly Secretariat, as per KNO.

He asked, "If they have to give only to AAY, then where are those 24 cylinders over the past two years? And what about the rest of the people?"

Sharma also questioned the government's earlier promise of 200 units of free electricity for AAY families. "Two years ago, one year ago, the CM said he would give 200 units of electricity to AAY. That has not been

delivered either," he said.

He further questioned the status of the government's commitment to provide one lakh jobs, alleging that several promises made to the people remained unfulfilled.

On the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), Sharma said teachers who had served for years were being asked to prove themselves again, expressing concern over the manner in which the issue had been handled.

"Teachers have contributed immensely to building our society and shaping generations. Yet, the government has failed to hold any meaningful debate on their concerns and has shown little sensitivity towards their difficulties. The manner in which this issue has been handled has left the teaching community deeply disappointed," he said.

On healthcare, Sharma said around 1,500 doctor posts were vacant and 219 ventilators in Government Medical Colleges were non-functional. He also questioned diagnostic facilities and the availability of essential materials, including CT scans and X-ray films. "The health infrastructure cannot be allowed to suffer while the government continues to offer excuses. When patients are struggling to access basic healthcare, the government must answer why critical posts remain vacant and why essential equipment is lying defunct," he said.

Govt Taking Prompt Measures to Restore Ventilators at GMC Baramulla: Sakeena Itoo

SRINAGAR: Minister for Health & Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, today informed the Legislative Assembly that the government has accorded top priority to ensure availability and functionality of critical-care equipment in Government Medical Institutions. The administration is taking all necessary steps for timely restoration and maintenance of ventilators at Government Medical College (GMC) Baramulla, she added.

The Minister stated this while replying to a Calling Attention Notice moved by Legislator Javid Hassan Baig.

The Minister informed the House that 14 ventilators have been installed at GMC Baramulla comprising five Hamilton, five Evolution and four Oxivent units, all of foreign make requiring specialised consumables and servicing through certified agencies. She said the functionality status of all ventilators has been examined in detail and remedial measures have already been initiated.

She said that the government is according top priority to the early restoration of all non-functional ventilators and strengthening the maintenance mechanism for critical-care equipment. "Our foremost priority is to ensure that critical-care facilities remain fully functional and readily available for patients. We are taking all necessary measures to strengthen the system, address maintenance-related issues and ensure preparedness to meet any eventuality," she said.

The Minister said that as an interim measure, the department has also taken up the matter directly with the concerned company's headquarters to secure the required consumables and servicing support, thereby ensuring continuity of critical-care services.

The Minister further informed the House that the earlier Bio-medical Equipment Maintenance & Management Programme (BEMMP) arrangement through Medicit Healthcare Services Private Limited under JKMSCL has expired and the matter is presently under consideration with JKMSCL for finalisation of a sustainable and effective maintenance mechanism. (Observer News Network)



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Corrigendum No.: SDM/LA/25/1778-79

Dated: 24/09/2026

Subject: Corrigendum to Preliminary Notification issued under Section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 for acquisition of land for construction/improvement of Red Bridge to Dehrain Road (KM 0.850 to KM 8.460), 53 RCC/760 BRTF/Project Beacon.

Reference: Preliminary Notification No. SDM/LA/25/1178-87 dated 09.06.2025.

CORRIGENDUM

Whereas, this office issued the Preliminary Notification under Section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, vide Notification No. SDM/LA/25/1178-87 dated 09.06.2025, for acquisition of land situated at villages Naw arunda, Ishem and Dardkote, Tehsil Uri, District Baramulla;

And whereas, during scrutiny of the land acquisition record, it has been noticed that at Serial No. 24 of the land schedule pertaining to Village Naw arunda, Survey No. 183 has inadvertently been mentioned in the aforesaid Preliminary Notification;

And whereas, upon verification of the relevant revenue record and other land acquisition records, it has been ascertained that the correct Survey Number is Survey No. 182;

And whereas, it is further clarified that the Survey No. 183 mentioned at Serial No. 24 of Village Naw arunda is a clerical/typographical error, and the same shall be read and treated as Survey No. 182 for the purposes of the present land acquisition proceedings;

And whereas, it is further clarified that the aforesaid correction does not involve or result in any change in the title, ownership/shareholding rights, identity of the landowners or the area of land proposed to be acquired. The land covered by the correct Survey No. 182 pertains to the same owners/shareholders as reflected in the relevant land acquisition record, and no additional land or different ownership interest is intended to be brought under acquisition through this corrigendum;

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and clarified that Survey No. 183 mentioned at Serial No. 24 of the land schedule of Village Naw arunda in the aforesaid Preliminary Notification shall henceforth be read and treated as Survey No. 182.

It is specifically clarified that the Final Award in respect of the present acquisition has not been issued as on the date of this corrigendum and, accordingly, the correction made herein shall be duly incorporated in the Final Award and all records prepared hereafter.

Except for the above correction, all other contents, particulars and terms of the Preliminary Notification shall remain unchanged.

This corrigendum shall form an integral part of the aforesaid Preliminary Notification and shall be placed on the relevant land acquisition file for future reference.

SDM/Uri/2026/ 1776-79

Dated: 24/09/2026

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Prince Kumar (IAS)
Collector Land Acquisition
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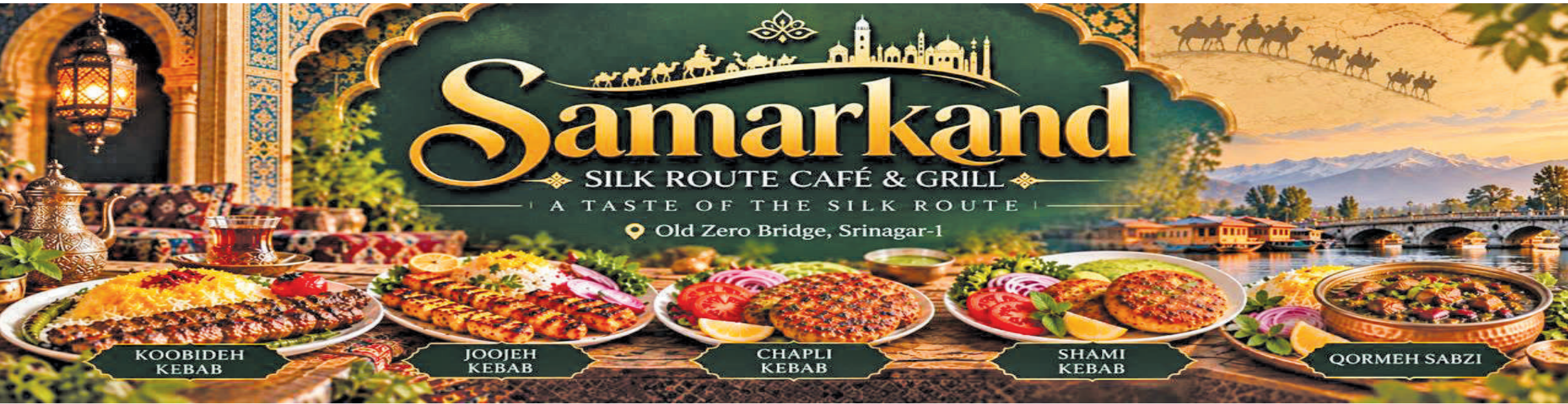
Subject: Advertisement for Engagement of Guest Faculty

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications on the plain paper are being invited from the eligible candidates for delivering guest lectures on the vocational subjects Electronics & Hardware and Telecommunication being taught in the institution. Interested candidates can submit their applications along with Curriculum Vitae in the office of undersigned up to 30th of September 2026 or they can also mail the same on the official mail ID of the institution viz: bhssbemina3118@gmail.com. The candidates applying must possess a degree in the relevant subject and must not be a government servant.

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Wangchuk Apprehends Might Be Killed in 'Encounter'

Press Trust of India

LEH/JAMMU: Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk on Thursday expressed apprehension that he might be killed in an "encounter" for speaking out against the government, as he demanded the resignation of Union Home Minister Amit Shah over last year's violence in Leh that killed four people.

Addressing a gathering on the first anniversary of the September 24 violence during protests last year over demands for statehood and Sixth Schedule safeguards, Wangchuk said he had received warnings regarding threats to his life and was prepared to face any outcome if

it served to awaken the nation.

"They have put me in jail. Now there is even a possibility that I could be encountered somewhere. People tell me, 'You will be encountered'. If that happens, let it happen — so that the country wakes up," the activist said.

Wangchuk also demanded that the report of the judicial inquiry be made public, and warned that an independent "people's tribunal" will be constituted to probe the police firing if the report is not released.

Holding the home minister politically responsible for the deaths during the last year's agitation, Wangchuk asserted that accountability must be fixed for the incident.



"Today, from Ladakh, I say — Amit Shah should resign. He has to take responsibility for what happened in Ladakh," Wangchuk said, alleging that security personnel used automatic weapons,

including AK-47s, against local youth, who were subsequently branded as "anti-national".

Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's demand for Shah's resignation over police action against students at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, Wangchuk supported the call but questioned Gandhi's silence over the situation in Ladakh.

"Rahul Gandhi stood up and asked how such weapons could be used against students, demanding Amit Shah's resignation. I support that," Wangchuk said.

"But if he demanded Amit Shah's resignation earlier, then what about what happened in Ladakh, where AK-47s were used and people were killed, with bullets hitting their heads and chests?" he said.

Referring to the deaths during last year's protests, he alleged that protesters were killed by firing from automatic weapons.

"A year ago, when the youth of Ladakh were trapped in such a situation, their lives were taken and they were subsequently branded as anti-national. Today, I say that those responsible must take responsibility," he said.

Wangchuk also linked the violence to the longstanding demands of Ladakh, including constitutional safeguards, and alleged that assurances made to the people had subsequently not been fulfilled.

He said justice for Ladakh was not merely the responsibility of the people of the Union Territory but of the entire country.

A shutdown was observed in Leh and other parts of Ladakh on Wednesday, marking the anni-

versary of the September 24 violence. Shops and business establishments remained closed in Leh and Kargil, while traffic was thin on the roads, affecting normal life. The day is was observed by some in Ladakh as "Martyrs' Day".

Wangchuk alleged that heavy security deployment and restrictions had contributed to the relatively low public participation in Thursday's commemoration.

"People are afraid because there are barricades everywhere and armed personnel have been deployed in villages and at crossings," he alleged, adding that some village representatives and students were being discouraged from attending programmes commemorating those killed.

Pakistan Strikes Afghan Sites After Drone Incursion

Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has conducted precision aerial and drone strikes on ten locations across Afghanistan in response to recent attempted drone attacks from the neighbouring country a day earlier, Information Minister Ataulloh Tarar said on Thursday.

Tarar said that the strikes were "deliberate, precise, calibrated and proportionate and strictly limited to identified military objectives directly linked to the attempted attacks against Pakistan".

The development comes a day after Pakistan shot

down eight drones after they entered the country's airspace from Afghanistan, security sources said.

"In exercise of its sovereign right to self-defence, Pakistan conducted precision aerial and drone strikes against 10 locations in Afghanistan used for launching and storing these drones," Tarar said in a statement.

The minister warned that Pakistan will neither accept nor tolerate attacks launched from Afghan territory, whether by terrorist groups or by the Afghan Taliban regime itself and any violation of Pakistan's sovereignty will be met with an immediate

and decisive response.

"Threats, denials or attempts to deflect responsibility by Afghan Taliban will neither alter the facts nor constrain Pakistan's inherent right to defend its territory, its people and its national security," he said.

He also said that Pakistan condemns in the strongest possible terms the deliberate and unlawful incursion into Pakistan by drones on September 23, launched from Afghan territory, which "constitutes a blatant violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity and is a grave and unacceptable act of aggression."

Salman Khan Story: Uber Driver to Asian Games Medallist

Press Trust of India

NAGOYA: A part of the history-scripting Asian Games double sculls bronze-winning pair, rower Salman Khan was an Uber cab driver on the Delhi NCR roads nine years ago before exchanging the steering with the oars.

Salman and Satnam Singh on Thursday won India's first-ever men's double sculls medal at the Asian Games, a bronze.

But before that, Salman was crisscrossing the Delhi NCR roads in his WagonR to sustain his family after his father's death.

"Yes, after my father's death in 2016, I had to look after my family as I am the eldest sibling. So, I worked as an Uber driver with a WagonR with me," Salman told PTI after he

and Satnam won India's lone medal in rowing.

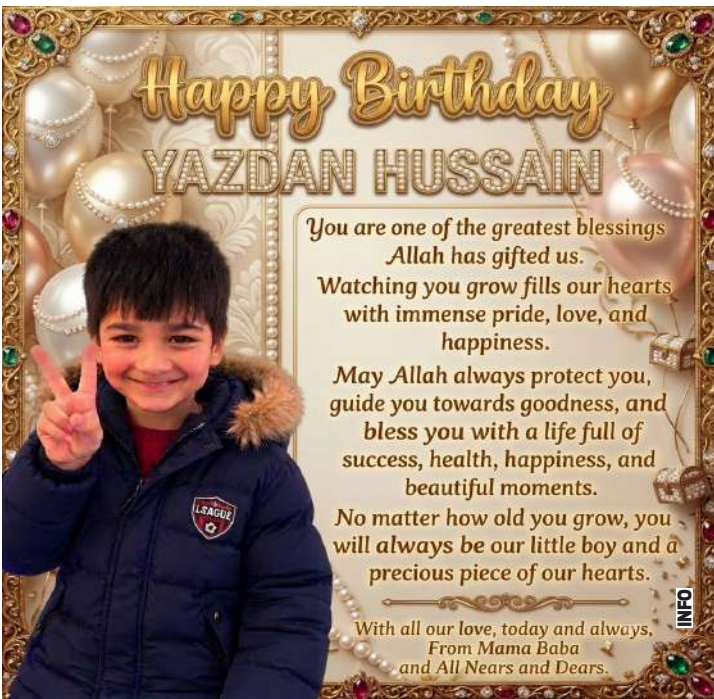
"I did it for just one year, that was in 2017. While working as Uber driver, I also keep on filling recruitment forms for the Indian Army."

One year later, he made it to the Indian Army, which was also a dream come true, as his late father had wanted him to join the defence forces.

"It was my father's dream for me to join Indian Army, which I was able to fulfill," said the rower from Amethi in Uttar Pradesh.

"Joining Indian Army led to taking up rowing and now I am here," he said about his achievement.

For 28-year-old Salman, who won his maiden Asian Games medal, the rowing journey began in 2018 after he joined the Bombay Engineering Group of Indian Army.



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