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AIIMS Awantipora: OPD Launch Finally In Sight

After Missing Several
Deadlines, Services Likely
To Begin Next Month

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Awantipora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district is likely to begin Outpatient Department (OPD) services in November 2026, an official said, raising hopes of the long-awaited institution becoming functional.

An official said that although the administration had directed the concerned agencies to make the OPD functional by the end of October, the services are now likely to commence in November, subject to completion of pending works and necessary operational arrangements.

The latest timeline comes amid renewed efforts by the district administration to expedite construction, secure statutory clearances and ensure the availability of medical equipment and human resources.

The latest review was conducted by District Development Commissioner Pulwama, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha, who chaired a meeting to assess the construction | [More on P6](#)

Kashmir's New Power Plan: 8-Hour Cuts, 85 More 24/7 Feeders

Revised LCP Prescribes 30-Minute Cuts For Areas With Lowest AT&C Losses

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Power Development Department (PDD) on Saturday announced a revised Load Curtailment Plan (LCP) for consumers in the Kashmir division, with the duration of power cuts linked to Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses.

An official said that the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) has announced the revised plan.

Under the new schedule, areas with AT&C losses above 65 per cent will face eight hours of daily power curtailment, while areas with losses between 40.5 and 65 per cent will face six hours of cuts.

Areas with AT&C losses between 15 and 40.5 per cent will face three hours of daily curtailment, the official said.

Areas with AT&C losses



between zero and 15 per cent will face 30 minutes of power cuts daily.

The official said KPDCL has 1,335 feeders under its jurisdiction. Under the previous LCP, 129 feeders had round-the-clock power supply. The revised plan adds 85 more feeders to the 24/7 supply category, as their AT&C losses are below 20 per cent.

In January this year, the PDD directed the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDC) and KPDCL to initiate strict action, including deductions of up to 50 per cent of salaries of officials in divisions and feeders where AT&C losses exceeded 40 per cent.

The department had also issued a revised LCP prescribing additional | [More on P6](#)

Power Deficit Hits 300 MW Ahead Of Winter

Observer News Service

Srinagar: With the onset of pre-winter, Kashmir is facing a power deficit of nearly 300 MW, raising concerns over the region's preparedness for the upcoming peak winter months.

An official said that power demand in the Valley currently remains around 1,300 to 1,350 MW during peak hours, while availability fluctuates between 1,000 and 1,150 MW.

The official said power availability varies depending on supply conditions, resulting in a gap

between demand and availability. During such periods, authorities enforce grid curtailments to manage the available power, the official added.

The emerging shortfall comes amid Jammu and Kashmir's substantial dependence on electricity imports from other states and Union Territories. The Union Territory imports nearly 84 per cent of its power requirements, while local generation remains limited.

Official figures cited in the earlier report showed that Jammu and Kashmir was importing nearly 2,000 | [More on P6](#)

Airlines Extend Saudi Flight Ban Till Oct 24



KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Air India and Air India Express on Saturday extended the suspension of flights to and from Saudi Arabia until October 24 amid escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia.

The airlines have temporarily suspended services to Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam, Air India said in a post on X, adding that it was closely monitoring the situation and would provide passengers with flexibility during the disruption.

Earlier, IndiGo had also extended the cancellation of its flights to Saudi Arabian cities until October 24.

Akasa Air has suspended flights to and from Riyadh until October 24 and Jeddah until October 21, citing the prevailing security situation in the Middle East.

Air India had earlier cancelled its Saudi services until October 20, while | [More on P6](#)

Omar Thanks PM For ₹475-Cr ITI Upgradation Plan Jammu Cluster Gets ₹240 Cr, Srinagar ₹235.41 Cr Under PM-SETU Scheme

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary for approving Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs) worth 475.41 crore for upgrading Industrial Training Institute (ITI) clusters across Jammu and Kashmir under the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) scheme.

Under the initiative, the Jammu ITI Cluster will receive an approved investment of 240 crore, while 235.41 crore has been earmarked for the Srinagar ITI Cluster.

The Jammu cluster will have

ITI Jammu as its hub, with ITIs at R.S. Pura, Nowshera, Samba and Kathua functioning as spokes.

Similarly, the Srinagar cluster will have ITI Srinagar as its hub, with ITIs at Ganderbal, Kangan, Budgam and Charar-i-Sharif linked to it as spokes.

The initiative will follow a hub-and-spoke model to modernise training infrastructure, introduce contemporary courses and align curricula with evolving industry requirements and domestic and global skill demands.

Abdullah said the investment would strengthen industry linkages, promote outcome-based training and equip the youth of Jammu and Kashmir with industry-ready skills.

He said the initiative would enhance employability and improve access | [More on P6](#)

Kishtwar Minor Rape-Death Case

Crime Branch Files 1000-Page Chargesheet Against 15

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Crime Branch Jammu has filed a chargesheet against 15 accused in the Kishtwar minor rape-death case, with the prosecution report reportedly running into more than 1,000 pages and listing 143 witnesses.

The chargesheet was presented before the Munsiff Judge, Kishtwar, who is holding charge as the Principal District and Sessions Judge in view of the regular presiding judge being on leave.

The chargesheet was filed within 60 days of the SIT taking over the investigation.

According to information available, 12 of the accused remain in jail, while three others have reportedly been granted bail in connection with allegations relating to failure to



report the matter to the police.

Two other accused, identified as drivers Raiz Ahmed and Abid Hussain, are yet to be arrested, according to the information provided. The investigation is reportedly continuing, and a supplementary chargesheet could be filed in the coming weeks.

The Crime Branch has not disclosed the biological father of the newborn delivered by the minor.

Accused named in investigation

The accused include Khalid Hussain, the in-charge headmaster of Government Middle School, Bumalpora, Gorinal, who is accused of sexually exploiting the minor; Sonika Parihar, an NHM-associated staff nurse; Zareena Begum, a hospital sanitation worker; and Peer Baksh Bumal, a local community leader from Udil, Chatroo. | [More on P6](#)

Itoo Warns Schools Over Forced Book Purchases

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Education Minister Sakina Itoo on Saturday warned private schools against forcing parents to purchase books, uniforms and other educational materials from specific shops, saying strict action would be taken against institutions violating the rules.

Speaking to reporters during her visit to Banihal, Itoo said no private school had the authority to compel parents to buy school-related items from a particular vendor.

She said the practice placed an unnecessary financial burden on parents and urged them to report such instances to the concerned Directors, the Secretary of the Education Department or the minister herself.

Itoo said a committee had been constituted to monitor such practices and examine complaints against



private schools. Chief Education Officers (CEOs) and Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs) would also be included in the committee to strengthen monitoring at the district and zonal levels.

Earlier, the minister laid the foundation stone for a new building of Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Banihal, being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 11 crore. MLA Banihal Sajjad Shaheen and senior divisional officers of the Education Department were present on the occasion.

Addressing | [More on P6](#)

IGP Directs Police Stations To Adopt 'Digital Beat Policing'

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Sujit Kumar Singh on Saturday directed all police stations across the Valley to adopt SMART Policing and Digital Beat Policing as an integral part of their day-to-day functioning.

Singh was chairing a conference on "SMART Policing and Digital Beat Policing", attended by Range Deputy Inspectors General of Police, District Senior Superintendents of Police, Additional SPs, Zonal SPs, Deputy SPs and Station House Officers from across the Kashmir Zone.

According to a police spokesperson, the directions were issued in line with the instructions of the Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police.

The initiative aims to transform police stations into modern, efficient, accountable and



citizen-friendly institutions, ensuring faster and more effective delivery of services to the public, the spokesperson said.

During the conference, the IGP emphasised the five fundamental principles of SMART Policing: Strict and Sensitive, Modern and Mobile, Alert and Accountable, Reliable and Responsive, and Techno-savvy and Trained.

He stressed that the concept should not | [More on P6](#)

Centre Amends Ladakh Hill Council Structure, Poll Rules

New Regulation Sets 7-24 Elected Seats,
Defines Council Tenure And Poll Oversight

Observer News Service

Leh: The Centre has amended the legal terminology, administrative structure and electoral provisions governing the Autonomous Hill Development Councils in Ladakh to align them with the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which led to the creation of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Under the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (Amendment) Regulation, the number of elected seats in each council

will be determined by the Ladakh administration, with a minimum of seven and a maximum of 24 seats.

The administration can nominate up to four members from among women and unrepresented communities, subject to the one-sixth limit of the population, the regulation states.

The sitting Lok Sabha member representing Ladakh will be an ex-officio member of the councils constituted for each district.

Each council will have a term of five | [More on P6](#)

Ladakh Deadlock: Centre Says Committed To Political Solution

With the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) rejecting the Centre's draft on constitutional safeguards and democratic | [More on P6](#)

Cattle Feed Bran In Biscuits: FSSAI Moves Against 3 Firms

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Food regulator FSSAI has initiated legal proceedings for prosecution against Surya Food & Agro for using cattle feed bran in manufacturing of Priyagold biscuits and for other serious violations.

Legal proceedings for prosecution have also been initiated against Dodla Dairy Ltd and Ueir Organic Foods Pvt Ltd for serious violations of FSSAI rules and regulations.

The action against Surya Food & Agro, which sells Priyagold biscuits, has been taken as it was using cattle feed bran in manufacturing of the biscuits. The sample of Dodla Dairy's full cream milk was substandard, while pesticide residues were found in yellow raisins sold by Ueir Organic Foods.

In a social media post on



Saturday, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) informed that it has "initiated legal proceedings for prosecution" against these three companies for "serious food safety violations".

FSSAI conducted an inspection of Surya Food & Agro following a consumer complaint. It observed serious food safety

and hygiene deficiencies.

"Bran meant for cattle feed and not intended for human consumption was found being used as a raw material in Priyagold biscuit manufacturing as a source of fibre," the regulator said.

The gunny bags containing the bran were marked to indicate that | [More on P6](#)



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Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir

Scholarship Name 1: SDEF India Scholarship Program 2026-27

Description: The SDEF India Scholarship Program 2026-27, an initiative of the Swami Dayanand Education Foundation (SDEF), supports academically meritorious students from financially constrained families who are beginning professional undergraduate courses in India. Selected students can receive up to INR 50,000 per academic year, renewable for up to four years, subject to annual review and continued eligibility.

Eligibility: Open to students admitted to the first year of a full-time eligible professional undergraduate programme in 2026-27. The applicant's annual family income must not exceed INR 12 lakh from all sources. Applicants should not have taken a drop or gap year after Class 12. Students must meet the applicable academic, entrance examination and category-wise eligibility criteria for their course. Eligible programmes include B.Tech./B.E., MBBS, BDS, and B.Arch. Applicants must be willing to participate in further assessment and selection stages, if shortlisted. Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 50,000 per academic year, renewable for up to four years, subject to annual review and continued eligibility. The scholarship amount is disbursed directly to the student's college or university towards approved

educational expenses.

Last Date to Apply: 30-11-2026

Application mode: Online

Application Only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/SDEF1

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Scholarship Name 3: Aditya Birla Capital Scholarship Program 2026-27

Description: The Aditya Birla Capital Scholarship Program 2026-27, instituted by the Aditya Birla Capital Foundation, supports meritorious girl students studying at government schools and colleges across India. Through financial aid, it enables students from Class 9 to post-graduation to pursue their education with confidence, while fostering academic and personal growth.

Eligibility: Open exclusively to meritorious girl students currently enrolled in Classes 9 to 12, Polytechnic Diploma, undergraduate, or postgraduate courses at recognised government schools, colleges, or institutions across India. Applicants must have secured a minimum of 60% marks in their most recent academic year. The annual parental income of the applicants from all sources must not exceed INR 6,00,000. Prizes & Rewards: Scholarship of up to INR 60,000. Last Date to Apply: 30-10-2026

Application mode: Online

Application Only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/ABCC18

PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name on electricity bill bearing consumer ID No 012040012231 from Late Gh Rasool Shah S/o Toiub Shah R/o Buchoo to Zahoor Ahmad Shah S/o Late Gh Rasool Shah R/o Buchoo. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the PDD office Wagoora within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Zahoor Ahmad Shah
S/o Late Gh Rasool Shah
R/o Buchoo

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name on electricity bill bearing consumer ID No 012040004650 FROM Late Habibullah Shah S/o Late Toiub Shah R/o Buchoo to Javid Ahmad Shah S/o Late Habibullah Shah R/o Buchoo. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the PDD office Wagoora within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Javid Ahmad Shah
S/o Late Habibullah Shah
R/o Buchoo

fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name on electricity bill bearing consumer ID No 0212040004795 from Gh Rasool Shah S/o Gh Mohi-uddin Shah R/o Buchoo to Nisara Begum W/o Late Gh Rasool Shah R/o Buchoo. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the PDD office Wagoora within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Nisara Begum
W/o Late Gh Rasool Shah
R/o Buchoo

FKO

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Name has been wrongly written in my JK Bank Passbook as Sahil Abbas Rather S/O Ali Mohammad Rather while my correct name as per adhaar card is Suhail Abbas Rather S/O Ali Mohammad Rather. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the JK Bank Branch magam within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Suhail Abbas Rather
S/o Ali Mohammad Rather
R/o Tantripora Tangmarg

bmg

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar as FAROOQ AHMAD LOHAR QURASHI While as my actual name is FAROOQ AHMAD QUARASHI C/O NASRULLAH QUARASHI R/O HAIHAMA BATPORA 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.

FAROOQ AHMAD QUARASHI
C/O :- NASRULLAH QUARASHI
R/O :- HAIHAMA BATPORA, KUPWARA

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION PLEASE

The candidate whose photograph is above reports that he/she has lost his/her qualification certificate/s having the following description:-

ROLL NO:- 524521
CLASS :-10TH
YEAR & SESSION:- BIENNIAL- 2000
REGISTRATION NO :- K-97-47898-5021
NAME:- ZAHIDA AKHTER
FATHER'S NAME :-KH KHAIR MOHD WANI
DATE FO BIRTH :-15-04-1982
RESIDENCE:- SHATPORA HAYIHAMA KUPWARA



Now the candidate has applied for issuance of DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE/S, Before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained. (Besides, the lost "QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE", bearing Serial NO/S 0081-AN-1005675 is being be treated as "CANCELLED")

No:F(Certs-I-DQC)B/KD/20

Sd/- Assistant Secretary
Certificates, KD

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION PLEASE

The candidate whose photograph is above reports that he/she has lost his/her qualification certificate/s having the following description:-

ROLL NO:- 504501
CLASS :-12TH
YEAR & SESSION:- BIENNIAL- 2003
REGISTRATION NO :- K-97-47898-5021
NAME:- ZAHIDA AKHTER
FATHER'S NAME :-KH KHAIR MOHD WANI
DATE FO BIRTH :-15-04-1982
RESIDENCE:- SHATPORA HAYIHAMA KUPWARA



Now the candidate has applied for issuance of DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE/S, Before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained. (Besides, the lost "QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE", bearing Serial NO/S 03BKT-352494 is being be treated as "CANCELLED")

No:F(Certs-I-DQC)B/KD/20

Sd/- Assistant Secretary
Certificates, KD

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, SHOPIAN

Revised Auction NOTICE

It is hereby informed for the general public that the office of the Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shopian intends to conduct an auction of C-grade apple boxes @ 100/box minimum presently available within the court premises/ orchard under its administrative control.

All interested persons, are invited to participate in the auction by submitting their sealed bids in the office of the Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shopian within three (03) days from the date of issuance of this notice. The details of the auction are as follows:

Particulars	Details
Item for Auction	Apples
Location	Office premises of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shopian
Minimum Bid Amount	Rs. 98/= per box
Last Date for Submission of Bids	Within 03 days from the date of publication of this notice
Place of Submission	Office of the Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shopian

Bids below the minimum amount will not be considered. The highest bidder shall be required to deposit the bid amount immediately after counting of the boxes.

For further details, interested persons may contact the office of the undersigned during working hours.



Principal
District & Sessions Judge
Shopian

No:-797-799/Poy/spal
DIPK-6868/26
DATED: 17-10-2026

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Dated: 17/10/2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC), the Tender Floating Authority, as specified in clause 1 of BDS, invites e-bids from reputed Contractors having Valid A-Class Electrical Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Chief Electrical Inspector of J&K PDD/Relevant issuing authority/ registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/GEM, as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules of SBD forming part of this document. The detail of works is as under

1.	Name of the Work	Replacement of worn out conductor and rotten poles for various Divisions of KPDC (across various Sub Divisions of STD Sopore) under UT Capex
2.	Estimated Cost(in Lakhs)	20.0
3.	Cost of tender document in Rs. (Non- refundable)	₹ 1002/-
4.	Cost of EMD@2% in Rs.	₹ 40,000/-

Critical Dates

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document/ Sale of Bid Document (Start) / Clarifications start date	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 17 th October, 2026; 04:00 PM
B	Clarifications end date / e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	19 th October, 2026; 04:00 PM
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)/ e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)/ Submission of Hard Copy (end) Date	09 th November, 2026; 02:00 PM
D	Online Technical and Commercial e-Bid opening date & Time	11 th November, 2026; 03:00 PM
E	Financial Bid opening	After completion of process of evaluation of Technical & commercial Bids
F	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER STD SOPORE

All other details viz. Eligibility Criteria, Terms & Conditions, Schedules are mentioned in the SBD forming the part of the document.

Sd/
Executive Engineer, KPDC
Sub Transmission Division Sopore

No: STDS/TS/1217-20
DIPK-NB-1909/26 Dated: 17/10/2026

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL

MAGISTRATE BUDGAM

Present: Easar U Nabi

In the Case of

Farooza
D/O Ghulam Hussain Khan
R/O Garand Kalan
Tehsil and District Budgam

(Applicant)

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Registrar of Births & Deaths (BDO Soibugh)

(Non Applicants)

In the matter of APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 13(3A) OF THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT, 1969, AS AMENDED BY THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2026, FOR AN ORDER FOR DELAYED REGISTRATION OF BIRTH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, an application has filed regarding delayed registration of birth of the applicant namely Farooza D/O Ghulam Hussain Khan R/O Garand Kalan Tehsil & District Budgam has been filed before this court. The Hon'ble court vide order dated 17-10-2026 has directed publication of in a newspaper inviting objections from the general public regarding the proposed delay registration of the said birth. The birth of the applicant takes place on 18-04-1997 at home. The applicant seeks registration of the birth with the concerned birth and death registration authority. Any person having any objection to the delayed registration of the aforesaid birth may file the same before the court within 7 days from the date of publication of the notice. In case no objection is received within the stipulated period. The matter shall be proceeded with in accordance with law.

Given under my seal and signature of this court on 17-10-2026

Sd Special Mobile Magistrate/
Sub Judge Budgam

mcb

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information for the general public that in Adhar card<?> of my son bearing No 7297 8506 1866 the name is entered as Esam while his actual name is Mohammad Esam. 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.

TAWHEED SIDIQ

M/O MOHAMMAD ESAM

R/O SHAHEEN COLONY WANBAL RAWALPORA

mcb

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Khatoon Begum, W/o Abdul Gani Reshi, R/o Buderkote, Tehsil Tangmarg, District Baramulla, J&K UT, do hereby declare that my name has been wrongly recorded in my Aadhaar Card as "Khatoona Begum", whereas my correct name is "Khatoon Begum". Both names refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself. I intend to correct my name in the Aadhaar records as per my supporting documents. Objections, if any, may be submitted to the concerned authority.

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The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education, New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar.

I, Parveez Ahmad Bhat, S/o Abdul Rashid Bhat, R/o Wanganpora Chandihar Eidgah Srinagar, hereby inform the general public that I have lost my Qualification Certificate of Class 10th (Annual/Private), Session 2010. Particulars of the Candidate: Roll No.: 818485, Class: 10th, Year & Session: Annual/Private – 2010, Registration No.: S-01-930077-9030, Father's Name: Abdul Rashid Bhat, Mother's Name: Tota Bano, Date of Birth: 11/11/1985. I have applied for the issuance of a duplicate Qualification Certificate from the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Any person having an objection in this regard may approach the office of the Deputy Secretary, Certificates, Kashmir Division, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.



Sd/-
Deputy Secretary,
Certificates, Kashmir Division.

Media line advt

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I, Amir Farooq, intend to apply for the issuance of the Death Certificate of Late Farooq Wani, S/o Late Ghulam Rubbani Wani, R/o Ellahi bagh, Buchpora Srinagar, who passed away on 16 July 2022.

If any individual, department, or organization has any objection regarding the issuance of the said certificate, they are requested to file their objections in writing with the concerned department within seven (7) days from the date of this notice. After the expiry of this period, no objections will be entertained.

Media Line Adv.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Riyaz Ahmad Kak R/O:- Shampora Nowhatta, Srinagar hereby inform through this public notice that my son namely Farhan Ahmad Kak is presently studying in Class 9th, Section Blue, Roll No. 19 at Motherland High School, Kaka Mohalla, Khawaja Bazar, Nowhatta, Srinagar. It has been found that in the school records, the name of my son and his mother's name has been wrongly mentioned as "Faran Ahmad Kak" instead of his correct name "Farhan Ahmad Kak" and "Kounsar Jan" instead of the correct name "Kounsar". Now I have applied for the correction of my son's name and his mother's name in his school records. If anybody has any objection in this regard, he/she may file the same in the office of the Principal, Motherland High School within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, after which no objection shall be entertained.

Riyaz Ahmad Kak
F/O:- Farhan Ahmad Kak
R/O:- Shampora Nowhatta, Srinagar

Media line advt

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that I, Parveez Ahmad Bhat, S/o Abdul Rashid Bhat, R/o Wanganpora Chandihar Eidgah Srinagar, intend to correct my name in my Service Record from "Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat" S/o Ab Rashid Bhat R/o Wanganpora Chanihar Eidgah Srinagar to "Parveez Ahmad Bhat, S/o Abdul Rashid Bhat, R/o Wanganpora Chandihar Eidgah Srinagar". Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name Parveez Ahmad Bhat, S/o Abdul Rashid Bhat R/o Wanganpora Chandihar Eidgah Srinagar for all purposes and official records.

Anybody having any objection in this regard may submit his/her objection before the concerned department within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of the stipulated period, no objection shall be entertained.

Parveez Ahmad Bhat,
S/o Abdul Rashid Bhat
R/o Wanganpora Chandihar Eidgah Srinagar

Media line advt

CS Lays Foundation Stone For Restoration Of Vittal Bhairav Temple

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Saturday laid the foundation stone for the revival and restoration of the historic Vittal Bhairav Temple at Motiyar, Rainawari, in Srinagar district,



marking a significant step towards preserving Kashmir's rich cultural and architectural heritage.

The restoration project is being undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs 2.84 crore under the Government's heritage conservation initiative. The project aims to preserving the temple's historical, religious and cultural significance.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo, Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation Dr Basharat Qayoom, Director Archives, representatives of the Kashmiri Pandit community and other concerned officials were present on the occasion.

During his visit, the Chief Secretary reviewed various components of the

proposed restoration project and directed the concerned officers to expedite the work while ensuring strict adherence to prescribed timelines and quality standards.

Emphasising the importance of the project, Atal Dulloo said the resto-

ration and conservation efforts were aimed at reviving the temple's decades old glory and preserving its architectural and cultural heritage.

He said the initiative reflected the Government's commitment to conserving the region's heritage while recognising the cultural contributions of different communities of Kashmir's diverse social fabric.

The Chief Secretary observed that the temple holds considerable historical, cultural and religious significance and represents an important part of Kashmir's shared heritage. He expressed hope that the restoration work would help preserve its aesthetic appeal, heritage value and social significance for future generations.

Youth Should Be In Libraries, Playgrounds, Not Involved In Drugs: SSP

Agencies

Srinagar: SSP Srinagar Dr G V Sandeep Chakravarty on Saturday called for greater youth participation in constructive activities, saying young people should spend more time in libraries and playgrounds and stay away from drugs and other harmful influences.

"Youth should be busy in libraries and playgrounds rather than in negative energies," Dr Chakravarty said, according to KNO.

He said Jammu and Kashmir Police would organise cricket tournaments across all districts in October under its civic action programme to engage youth in constructive activities and keep them away from drugs.

"The main aim of this project is to keep our

youth, who are the future of our country and the strength of our society, busy in constructive activities and to keep them away from negative energies like social media and drugs," he said.

The SSP said the programme would also include volleyball, indoor games and debates to provide youth with opportunities for positive engagement.

He said J&K Police was conducting civic action programmes across districts and would organise more such activities to strengthen its engagement with youth.

Dr Chakravarty congratulated the participants and said police would continue to support initiatives aimed at preventing drug abuse and engaging youth in constructive activities—(KNO)

SMC Reviews Animal Welfare Infrastructure, Modern Abattoir Construction

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Commissioner Dr Basharat Qayoom on Saturday inspected the animal welfare facility at Tengpora, reviewed the ongoing construction of a similar facility at Chaterhama and assessed the progress of the Modern Abattoir project at Aloochebagh, directing officials to ensure proper maintenance, quality construction and timely completion of the projects.

During his visit to the Tengpora facility, the Commissioner reviewed its functioning, sanitation and overall maintenance. He directed the concerned officers to ensure regular cleaning, proper upkeep of the premises and prompt resolution of maintenance-related issues.

Emphasising the need for hygienic conditions and functional infrastructure, Qayoom said the facility must be maintained to prescribed standards to provide a suitable environment for the animals. He also called for regular monitoring to ensure sustained upkeep.

At Chaterhama, the Commissioner reviewed the progress of the ongoing construction of the animal welfare facility and assessed the quality of work. He directed the engineers and executing agencies to adhere to prescribed standards, ensure proper workmanship and expedite the remaining work without compromising structural quality or functionality.

He stressed that the project should be completed within the stipulated timeline so that the facility could be made operational at the earliest.

The Commissioner also inspected the under-construction Modern Abattoir at Aloochebagh and took stock of the progress of work. He directed the concerned officers to closely monitor construction, ensure compliance with approved specifications and maintain accountability at every stage of execution.

He emphasised that the facility must incorporate appropriate hygiene and sanitation measures and meet prescribed standards for safe and scientific slaughterhouse operations.

Highlighting the importance of effective maintenance alongside infrastructure development, Qayoom said public facilities must be supported by regular supervision and adherence to established operational standards.



SMC Commissioner Calls for Scientific Management of Autumn Waste

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) is set to intensify its autumn sanitation measures, with a focus on the scientific management of fallen leaves, decentralised composting and prevention of indiscriminate waste dumping and open burning under the leadership of Municipal Commissioner Dr. Basharat Qayoom.

The seasonal initiative seeks to address the accumulation of leaf litter across roads, footpaths, parks and institutional premises, which, if left unattended, can obstruct drainage channels, affect urban cleanliness and contribute to air pollution when burnt.

Emphasising the need for a scientific and sustainable approach, Commissioner SMC, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, said, "Autumn waste management requires a planned and coordinated response. Fallen leaves and other biodegradable waste should not be treated merely as refuse but as a resource that can be put to productive use through segregation and composting. Our focus is on ensuring cleaner neighbourhoods while promoting environmentally responsible practices."

The Commissioner has stressed the need to move beyond routine collection and disposal towards a systematic approach that prioritises resource recovery. The proposed measures include dedicated leaf-litter collection, segregation at source, composting and the use of processed organic matter for horticultural purposes.

Ward-level sanitation teams will be tasked with identifying leaf-fall hotspots and vulnerable drainage points, while additional sanitation rounds will be undertaken in areas requiring intensified attention. Particular emphasis will be placed on preventing leaves and other waste from entering drains and water bodies, including the Jhelum, Dal Lake and Nigeen Lake.

"Keeping drains free from leaves and waste is essential to maintaining effective drainage and preventing avoidable blockages. All concerned officers must ensure timely clearance of vulnerable points, with particular attention to areas prone to waterlogging and locations adjoining our water bodies," Dr. Qayoom said.

The Corporation will also strengthen monitoring through ward-wise sanitation plans, field inspections and periodic reporting by the concerned supervisory officers.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Open)



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PRAYERS

FAJR	5: 16
ZUHR	12:16
ASR	4: 17
Magrib	6: 00
ISHA	7: 18



Condolence & Fateha

Haji Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani (Ex. XEN, PDD), breathed his last on October 17, Saturday, at 1:30 p.m, after a brief spell of illness.

The congregational Fateha Khawani will take place on the 20th of October, Tuesday, at Ibrahim Colony, Hyderpora, Srinagar, at 10:30 a.m. Soon after, a condolence meeting will take place at our residence, House #5, Noorabad Colony, Hyderpora, Srinagar.

Namaz-e-Janaza of the departed soul was offered at Hyderpora's Jamia Masjid, while the burial took place at the graveyard, Masjid Ibrahim, Ibrahim Colony, Hyderpora.

The deceased was a noble soul.

Bereaved Family Members:

Dr Yasir Wani (9906691966)
Dr Nasir Wani (9419053008)



Extension Notice to the Tender Notice for supply and refilling of 19.0 kg Commercial Gas (LPG) Cylinders

This is for the information of all concerned that the last date for submission of Tender document notified vide No. IUST/Reg/P&S/Tender_LPG/26/310 Dated: 28-09-2026 for supply and refilling of 19.0 kg commercial gas (LPG) cylinders to the Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, Kashmir (UT of J&K), is hereby extended to 23-10-2026 (04.00 pm).

The detailed tender document can be downloaded from the University website: www.iust.ac.in.

No. IUST/Reg/P&S/Tender LPG/26/322 Sd/-
Dated: 16-10-2026 Assistant Registrar, P&S

DIPK-NB-1905/26 DATED: 17-10-2026

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

No: - 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2026-27 Date: 16.10.2026
DEN-HQ/JAT acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.irops.gov.in with closing date- 10.11.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.irops.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information login to www.irops.gov.in

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tender	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
16.10.2026	02.11.2026	10.11.2026 15:00

S. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1	73-2026-27-JAT-DRM-JAT	Provision of Prefab health unit in the premises of existing health unit at JAT in the section of SSE/IW/JAT/HQ under ADEN/HQ/JAT.			
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		23017058.69	460400.00	60 days	06 Months
Similar nature of work - "Any Civil Work other than track work "					

Note1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against the tender.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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Irshad Mushtaq

Jammu and Kashmir has a prominent economic paradox.

Its orchards produce some of India's finest apples, its artisans make crafts sold in international markets, and its mountains, lakes and meadows attract visitors from around the world.

The region has water resources, hydropower potential, fertile land and a young population. Public funding also provides substantial support for development.

Still, prosperity remains an unfinished project.

The real test of economic policy is whether an apple grower earns more from a harvest, a craftsman receives a fair price for his work, or a young graduate finds a productive job close to home.

The difference between economic growth and household income is central to J&K's future.

A larger budget can finance roads, buildings and public services. Lasting prosperity depends on whether these investments help people produce more, reach better markets and build businesses that survive beyond government support.

The figures explain the scale of the challenge. J&K's economy is estimated at 3.16 lakh crore for 2026-27, with nominal growth projected at 9.5 per cent over the previous year's revised estimate.

Real growth for 2025-26, however, is estimated at 5.8 per cent, below India's projected 7.4 per cent.

Per-capita GSDP in J&K is estimated at 2,06,189 for 2025-26, against 2,51,393 nationally. Estimated per-capita income stands at 1,68,243.

These figures suggest that growth alone will not close the income gap. Productivity must rise, and a larger share of the value generated by local industries must reach the people who sustain them.

Kashmir's Next Big Leap

With salaries, pensions and interest payments consuming a large share of revenue, J&K must make development spending generate stronger economic returns.

The public finances reveal another tension.

Of J&K's budgeted revenue receipts of 90,018 crore in 2026-27, central grants are expected to contribute 58,218 crore, or about 65 per cent. The remaining 31,800 crore is projected from the region's own revenue sources.

Central assistance is indispensable to development in a region with substantial public spending needs. Its long-term value, however, depends on what it helps create.

A cold-storage facility that enables fruit growers to sell at better prices can generate income for years. A processing unit can turn local produce into packaged goods for distant markets. A reliable electricity network can help small manufacturers expand production.

Public money becomes an economic asset when it gives people the means to earn more after the initial expenditure has ended.

J&K's capital investment programme should be judged by this standard.

The 2026-27 budget estimates capital outlay at 25,236 crore, within net expenditure of 1,05,958 crore, excluding debt repayment.

At the same time, salaries, pensions and interest payments are projected to consume 52,743 crore, around 59 per cent of revenue receipts.

These commitments leave little room for waste. The government needs to know whether completed projects attract businesses, create employment, reduce transport costs or improve access to markets.

A road that fails to connect producers with buyers, or a training centre whose graduates struggle to find work, represents a missed economic opportunity.

J&K should publish an annual productiv-

ity report documenting project costs, completion dates, employment, private investment and the income gains achieved by local businesses.

Public expenditure needs to be judged by the economic activity it generates, alongside the infrastructure it creates.

Agriculture provides one of the clearest places to begin.

The sector is estimated to contribute about 20 per cent of the economy in 2025-26, while manufacturing accounts for 19 per cent and services 61 per cent.

Horticulture, dairy, saffron, walnuts, almonds, mushrooms and other local products can generate greater returns when producers participate in processing, packaging, branding and sales. Consider the apple.

Its economic value extends well beyond the orchard. Nursery operators, pickers, graders, packers, transporters, cold-storage businesses and processors can all earn from the same crop. Juice, pulp, vinegar and dried-fruit products can create additional markets.

Farmers gain when they have access to these stages of production instead of depending mainly on the price available at the farm gate.

Crop insurance is part of this effort. The government has included a restructured weather-based insurance scheme covering apples, saffron and selected crops in Jammu, with an insured value of 6,595 crore.

Protection against weather-related losses is useful, but farmers also need irrigation, scientific grading, storage, transparent prices and efficient transport.

Dairy presents a similar opportunity.

The budget proposes seven milk-processing plants with a combined capacity of one lakh litres a day, aiming to increase the share of milk pro-

cessed from 4 per cent to 25 per cent. Around 770 crore is proposed through Union Territory capital expenditure and central schemes.

Successful implementation could help farmers secure better markets while building local food brands.

Tourism needs the same shift in thinking. Visitor numbers alone provide an incomplete measure of success. A longer stay, a locally owned homestay, a village guide, a meal prepared with regional ingredients or a purchase from an artisan spreads more income through the community.

Tourism investment should therefore support year-round activities, village experiences, heritage sites, winter sports and local food markets.

Clean toilets, waste management, safe transport and reliable digital payments are basic business infrastructure. Protecting lakes, forests, meadows and wetlands is equally important because these natural assets support tourism, agriculture and the quality of life of local residents.

Handicrafts need better access to buyers, too. Pashmina, carpets, papier-mâché, wood carving and embroidery possess considerable commercial potential. Artisans need credible authenticity labels, professional photography, better packaging, digital sales channels and direct connections with domestic and international customers.

Young people trained in design, marketing and export documentation could help traditional workshops reach markets that remain beyond their present reach.

Economic planning should connect Jammu and Kashmir's regional strengths rather than treat them as competing interests.

Jammu can expand its role in manufacturing, warehousing, logistics and food processing.

Kashmir can deepen its strengths in horticulture, tourism, crafts and premium food products.

Better transport and commercial links would allow both regions to benefit from a larger market.

Electricity is another constraint on that ambition.

J&K has budgeted 7,100 crore in power-related non-tax revenue for 2026-27, against projected power-purchase expenditure of 9,300 crore. Reducing transmission losses, improving billing, strengthening industrial feeders and expanding rooftop solar could ease pressure on public finances while lowering business costs.

The fiscal position makes disciplined investment essential.

J&K projects a revenue surplus of 9,378 crore in 2026-27, but its fiscal deficit is estimated at 14,685 crore, or 4.6 per cent of GSDP. Outstanding liabilities stood at an estimated 48 per cent of GSDP at the end of 2024-25, rising to 56.8 per cent when off-budget borrowings are included.

Borrowing should finance productive assets, with transparent audits and maintenance plans.

District administrations should also develop five-year economic plans identifying promising industries, barriers to growth and measurable targets for jobs, exports, business survival and household earnings.

The test of a richer J&K will emerge in ordinary places: an orchard where better storage improves a farmer's bargaining position, a workshop where artisans earn more from their skill, or a small factory that can operate without costly interruptions.

The region already has substantial public support and valuable economic assets. Its next phase of development depends on connecting them to productive work.

When public investment helps local businesses grow, households save and entrepreneurs reinvest, government spending begins to generate returns beyond the budget year.

That is how J&K can build an economy in which prosperity is measured less by the money allocated and more by what people earn from the opportunities around them.

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Planning Before Poles

New electricity installations along the Pampore-Pulwama road should be checked against the proposed widening before public money goes into work that may need to be repeated.



Farooq Ahmad Khan

There is a difference between building infrastructure and making it work.

A hospital may have modern equipment, specialist doctors and dependable electricity, but its usefulness begins much earlier, on the road an ambulance must take to reach its gate.

At Kakapora, this needs attention as work begins on the proposed Medicity at Lelhar.

The project deserves support. Better medical facilities could spare families long journeys for specialised treatment, create jobs and bring new economic activity to the area. Its success, however, will depend partly on decisions being made outside the hospital complex, particularly along the already congested Pampore-Pulwama road.

The concern begins with a simple observation.

New electric poles have recently been installed along a stretch of road that local residents have long wanted widened. The poles are reportedly intended to provide a dedicated electricity supply to the Medicity.

Reliable power is essential for a medical institution, so is adequate road access. The question is whether the two requirements have been planned together.

The road through Kakapora is approximately 18 feet wide, according to my local observation. Traffic jams are common, and vehicles struggle to pass through the available space. A functioning Medicity will bring ambulances, patients, attendants, medical staff and supply vehicles. The additional movement will place further demands on a road already struggling with existing traffic.

An ambulance heading towards a hospital cannot make up for minutes lost in congestion simply because the destination has excellent facilities. The quality of healthcare depends partly on how quickly patients can reach it.

This makes the proposed road widening an important part of the Medicity's preparations. It also raises questions about the new electric poles.

Have their locations been checked against the proposed road alignment? Will any stand within the space needed for widening? Have the electricity authorities and the Roads and Buildings Department jointly inspected the stretch?

These are practical questions that need clear answers before more permanent installations proceed.

The installation of poles alone does

not prove that departments have failed to coordinate. An approved plan may already account for future widening. A public clarification would settle the concern and reassure residents that the electricity infrastructure will fit the road's intended dimensions.

If the two projects have been planned separately, however, the consequences are easy to foresee.

Poles installed today could need relocation tomorrow. Foundations might have to be broken, fresh sites excavated and electrical conductors adjusted. Workers and machinery would return to repeat tasks that careful planning could have completed correctly the first time.

Government estimates have a known expression for such work: utility shifting. The phrase sounds routine, almost harmless. The expenditure behind it comes from public funds, and residents must live with the disruption.

I recall a television skit in which a Waterworks Department employee urged a road worker to finish macadamisation quickly. The water department needed the road completed so its workers could dig it up to lay a pipe. Both employees were ready to do their jobs. The absurdity lay in the sequence, with one department completing work that another was preparing to undo.

“The Medicity should proceed with the infrastructure needed to make it accessible and useful. Before more poles go up and more public money is committed, the authorities should establish how the road and its electrical supply will fit together.

The joke worked because people recognised the situation. Public works can proceed on schedule within individual departments while producing an inefficient result when viewed together.

Kakapora has an opportunity to avoid that outcome before the Medicity adds another activity to the area.

The cost of poor coordination would extend beyond relocating poles. Excavation could obstruct traffic, interrupt electricity supply and delay road construction. Dust, debris and repeated digging would add to the inconvenience for residents and businesses along the route.

The institutional problem is equally familiar. The electricity agency may point to a completed installation, while the road authorities explain that widening must await the removal of utilities.

Both departments may have records showing that their assigned work has progressed. The public experiences the combined consequences.

Administrative responsibility must account for the finished result, rather than the completion of separate departmental tasks.

The District Development Commissioner, Pulwama, should convene the rel-

evant authorities for a joint inspection of the road and the proposed Medicity access. The inspection should establish whether the new poles conform to the planned road alignment and identify any conflicts before further expenditure makes corrections harder.

Residents also need clarity on the widening proposal itself.

What width is planned? Has the alignment been finalised? Will additional land be needed? Which approvals and financial provisions remain pending?

Clear answers would help establish whether the project has moved beyond discussion towards implementation.

Planning should also account for drainage, pedestrian movement, hospital entrances and parking. A wider road can lose much of its usefulness if vehicles waiting outside the hospital or parked along its edges consume the additional space.

The area must be planned for the traffic and daily activity the Medicity will generate, rather than its construction alone.

A joint site inspection and a shared plan are modest administrative steps. Their value lies in preventing avoidable expenditure and keeping public works from obstructing one another. Departments can retain their individual responsibilities while working towards a com-

mon result.

Kakapora needs better healthcare, dependable electricity and roads capable of serving the people who will use the new facilities. These are connected public needs, and the planning should recognise that connection.

The Medicity should proceed with the infrastructure needed to make it accessible and useful. Before more poles go up and more public money is committed, the authorities should establish how the road and its electrical supply will fit together.

The difference between efficient administration and expensive repetition may come down to a site inspection held before construction advances.

For the families who will travel to the Medicity, and the taxpayers who will fund it, that decision could prove as consequential as the infrastructure itself.

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Kashmir's Road Ahead

Jammu and Kashmir has made major strides in road building, but a seamless transport system remains a work in progress.



Uzma Qadir Mir

The road to Kashmir's high-altitude villages often begins with a single bend in a mountain.

One moment you pass through a busy market filled with arguments over crop prices, and the next you are on a cliffside road with the Jhelum shining far below.

Travel in Jammu & Kashmir has always depended on roads like these. People grow up reading weather reports for survival. A sudden snowfall can turn a 20-minute trip into an overnight wait. A landslide can cut off an entire tehsil from the rest of the world.

These disruptions were once accepted as part of the landscape, woven into conversations and expectations.

Families planned weddings around weather forecasts. Students kept buffers of days while preparing to leave for exams in Jammu. Farmers held their breath while trucks full of apples trundled through the mountains, hoping the road ahead stayed open long enough to reach a mandi.

Life moved forward, though often on a timetable that the mountains controlled.

A shift began when the region witnessed an unprecedented push in building and modernizing roads. Villagers speak about the macadamization drives the way one might recount the arrival of electricity decades ago.

Over 41,000 kilometers of roads now run across the Union Territory, three-quarters of them black-topped. Administrators point to the remarkable pace of construction, an average of more than 20 kilometers a day.

What once took seasons of negotiation and approvals now moves with a momentum that feels new to the region.

In hamlets tucked deep into hillsides, this progress has reshaped daily life. Students from remote areas reach schools without worrying if the bridge ahead survived last night's storm. Pregnant women are no longer carried for miles on makeshift stretchers to reach district hospitals. Banking vans, ration trucks, and ambulances appear in places where they were once rare visitors.

Under rural schemes aligned with the national PMGSY program, nearly every eligible habitation has been connected, bringing essential services within reach for families who once lived beyond the map's edges.

Still, the story of connectivity in Jammu & Kashmir has never been just about laying asphalt.

A region marked by steep slopes and delicate soil requires more than wider roads. The real breakthroughs have come from tunnels that pierce winter blockades and bypass avalanche traps.

The recent opening of the 6.5-kilometer Z-Morh tunnel near Sonamarg has already transformed a notorious stretch of road into a dependable passage. Residents say the valley feels closer now, as if time itself has been compressed into minutes.

Officials expect a jump in winter tourism, and local shopkeepers echo this optimism.

A hotel owner in Sonamarg described the tunnel as "a second chance," recalling years when an early snowfall wiped out half the season.

Several more tunnels, including those on the Mughal Road, in Kupwara, and along NH-701, are under construction, each carrying the promise of linking communities that have spent generations negotiating with nature for passage.

The strategic significance of this transformation remains clear in every discussion.

Border districts depend on uninterrupted movement for supplies and security logistics. All-weather connectiv-

ity strengthens the confidence of people living near the frontlines.

For these communities, a tunnel is more than infrastructure. It is a lifeline, a guarantee that help can arrive when it matters most.

Economic life has also shifted. Tour guides speak of winter travelers as a new source of income. Small businesses in Gurez and Karnah, once isolated for months, now participate in markets with modest regularity. Freight costs have come down in places where reliable access allows traders to plan shipments without bracing for unpredictable closures.

Even with this progress, the road network carries its own burdens.

Himalayan roads age faster than planners expect. A single night of heavy rain can undo months of work. Engineers describe maintenance as a continuous battle against gravity and water. Newly built stretches show cracks within a season if drainage is inadequate.

Without a steady budget for upkeep, these achievements remain vulnerable.

Environmental stresses add another layer of concern. Construction through forests and slopes disrupts drainage channels, disturbs wildlife routes, and shifts soil that has held its shape for centuries.

Residents in some villages speak of springs drying or streams turning murky after heavy excavation nearby. Development here demands constant balance, with every tunnel and corridor raising questions about ecological cost.

Some of the highest regions still wait for dependable links. Seasonal roads, especially those leading to border villages, freeze or wash away for long periods. Families keep stockpiles of essentials, aware that help may not arrive quickly when the road gives way. Progress has reached these places, though not evenly.

The deepest gap in the region's connectivity puzzle remains the absence of seamless rail travel linking Kashmir to Delhi.

For years, the public has hoped for a single uninterrupted journey that carries passengers across mountains without the uncertainty of the highway. The ongoing US-BRL project marks one of the most ambitious engineering efforts in the country, but daily travelers continue to depend on a combination of trains, taxis, and buses, with mandatory stops at Jammu or Katra.

This disjointed travel pattern carries enormous economic consequences.

Apple growers, who form the backbone of Kashmir's rural economy, lose income every season to transport delays. A highway blockade during peak harvest can trap fruit-laden trucks for days. Spoilage rises, market prices fall, and entire families bear the brunt of the loss.

A simple, direct rail freight corridor could change this calculus, reducing transport time and giving growers the stability they have long demanded.

The absence of such a link keeps the region tethered to an older vulnerability.

Policy discussions signal a long-term vision centered on all-weather corridors, improved governance, and better maintenance.

A future built on resilient infrastructure calls for multimedial thinking: integrating road, rail, tunnels, aviation, and environmental stewardship into a single strategy.

Road expansion alone cannot carry the weight of a region that battles snow, rain, landslides, and economic pressures with equal intensity.

The past few years have reshaped mobility in Jammu & Kashmir in visible and meaningful ways.

Life moves faster, safer, and with more certainty. Even as progress carves new pathways through the mountains, a complete transformation depends on connecting every mode of travel into one dependable system.

When that happens, the mountains will stand less as barriers and more as gateways, linking Kashmir to the rest of India in ways that feel long overdue.

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A Brave Heart in a Hospital Room

The ten-year-old student faced painful procedures with patience, finding comfort in her hobbies and the affection of her medical team.



Syed Nissar H Gilani

My heart ached when I read in the local newspapers about Hafsa Ismail, a fifth-grade student at Presentation Convent in Srinagar, who died at the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences after battling an exceptionally rare form of blood cancer.

I had never met her or her family before her death. Still, her story reached me with an immediacy that years of professional experience had taught me to expect from certain encounters with suffering.

For decades, I anchored health programmes on Doordarshan Srinagar, interviewing oncologists and hematologists about blood cancers and the rare disorders that challenge medical science. I had listened to specialists explain diagnoses, treatments and the limits of their knowledge.

Those discussions gave me an understanding of the clinical language surrounding such illnesses. Hafsa's death brought me face to face with what that language can leave out.

A disease described in a hospital as exceptionally rare becomes, within a family, the daily reality of a child who should have been thinking about school, her siblings and the common pleasures of being ten.

Her ordeal began in November 2025, when an unremitting fever marked the start of a long struggle against the disease.

Speaking with her father after

her death, I learned something of the suffering that followed.

The medical details were grave enough, but my thoughts kept returning to the age at which she had been asked to endure them.

Hafsa was exceptionally gifted, her father told me, and stood out among her siblings for her brilliance and intellect. Her future had held possibilities that her family could scarcely have begun to imagine. Her illness brought those possibilities into painful uncertainty.

What moved me most was the account of how she conducted herself through treatment.

Hafsa endured painful procedures with remarkable patience, remaining cheerful and disciplined without complaining.

The doctors and paramedical staff in the Department of Clinical Hematology at SKIMS were deeply touched by her character. They created a special room for her, where the young patient became a much-loved presence in the ward.

Even under strict medical isolation, Hafsa took care with her appearance. She wore her favourite clothes, kept herself immaculate and occupied herself with creative hobbies.

Such details might seem small beside the machinery of a hospital, with its procedures, medical assessments and difficult decisions. To me, they reveal something essential about the child who lived inside the diagnosis.

She continued to take pleasure in the things available to her, preserving a sense of herself while illness narrowed the world around her.

Her courage should never obscure the cruelty of what she faced.

Children are often praised for their bravery when they face serious illness, and Hafsa's conduct plainly moved those who cared for her.

But a ten-year-old should never have to demonstrate extraordinary



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fortitude to earn our admiration. Her patience was a gift to those around her, rather than a reason to accept the suffering that demanded it.

The staff at SKIMS understood that treatment involves more than medical procedures. They brought

Hafsa toys and gifts, gave her personal attention and tried to make her hospital room a place where she could retain some pleasures of childhood. Their kindness brought comfort to a young patient facing circumstances few adults could bear to contemplate.

As someone who has spent years speaking with medical professionals, I see in their conduct an example of the humane practice of medicine, one in which the patient remains a person rather than becoming a diagnosis.

That example also sharpened my criticism of commercial hospitals whose approach to patients can place financial gain ahead of healing.

Medical expertise and advanced facilities are essential, but neither can substitute for compassion.

A family confronting a rare cancer already faces an ordeal that reaches far beyond the hospital bed. The quality of care must be judged partly by whether the people providing it recognise that suffering and respond with kindness.

Hafsa's story has reached well beyond her hospital room. Tributes have come from people in different parts of the world after her story appeared in newspapers and circulated on social media. Many have been moved by her courage, grace and faith during her final days. I understand that response.

Her life has touched people who never knew her because the facts of her story are painfully recognisable.

A child became ill, a family watched her suffer, and a team of medical professionals tried to help her through an illness that proved fatal.

The tributes also speak to the need for medical science to keep searching for better treatments and cures for rare blood cancers.

I cannot claim that every such illness will soon become treatable, or that advances in research can spare all families a similar loss. But Hafsa's death strengthens my hope that scientific knowledge will continue to advance until fewer children face diseases that medicine struggles to control.

I will remember her through the account of a child who faced painful

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treatment with extraordinary grace, and through the doctors and nurses who responded to her with affection.

Her ten years were far too few.

The least we can do in remembering her is to keep faith with the medicine her caregivers practised, one that brings scientific skill and human tenderness to the same bedside, even when a cure remains beyond reach.

May Hafsa rest in eternal peace.

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Saving Nature Is Part of Our Faith

Islamic teachings connect religious duty with care for the Earth. Applying these principles could help Kashmir confront its environmental problems from the ground up.



Aqib Ul Ahad Wani

Kashmir is changing, and not always for the better.

Walk along the banks of the Jhelum and you'll spot plastic bottles bobbing in the water. Drive through what used to be thick forest, and you'll find stumps and dust.

In villages and towns, garbage piles up faster than it's cleared. Some streams that once ran clear now carry more sewage than snowmelt.

It's not just a local problem. Climate change, pollution, and deforestation are hitting hard everywhere. But here in Kashmir, where nature has always been a part of daily life—where mountains, rivers, and orchards define our land—this crisis feels personal.

And yet, in the middle of this mess, there's a wisdom that many of us grew up with but rarely connect to the environment anymore: our faith.

Islam has always had something to say about how we treat the Earth. But somewhere along the way, we stopped listening.

Take a closer look at the Qur'an and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), and you'll see a clear message: nature isn't ours to abuse. It's a trust, a gift from God, and we're its caretakers.

In Islam, humans are not kings of creation. We are Khalifah, stewards. That means we're supposed to protect what's been placed in our care. That includes forests in Kupwara, the lakes in Ganderbal, the orchards in Shopian, and the wetlands in Pampore.

There's a verse in the Qur'an that says:

"Do not commit abuse on the Earth, spreading corruption." (2:60) That's not just about war or injustice. It's also about pollution. It's about cutting down trees recklessly. It's about pouring chemical waste into rivers. It's about turning meadows into dumping grounds. And it's about waste.

We see it every day. Plastic wrappers along mountain trails, leftover food rotting outside markets, water flowing endlessly from public taps. But the Prophet (PBUH) once said: "Do not waste water, even if you are



Imagine if every mosque in Kashmir used its Friday sermon to talk about waste, water use, and tree planting. Imagine if our religious schools included environmental care as part of their curriculum. It wouldn't be a new idea. It would be a return.

beside a flowing river." That's not poetry. It's principle. Even at abundance, we're called to be mindful.

Think about how often Islam ties faith to cleanliness. Ritual washing before prayer uses water, but carefully. You're meant to use just enough, never too much. In fact, the Prophet used less than a litre of

water for his ablution.

And it's not just water. Islam encourages planting trees and protecting animals. The Prophet said that planting a tree—even if the Day of Judgment is about to begin—counts as a good deed. That says something about hope. About responsibility. About the long view.

In Kashmir, we're already seeing what happens when that long view disappears.

Our glaciers are melting faster. Our springs are drying. Once, every village had its own nallah. Now, many rely on tanker water. The Dal Lake has shrunk. The Wular is choked with weeds and plastic.

Wildlife like the hangul deer are nearing extinction. We've already lost snow leopards from many areas.

This isn't just climate change from somewhere else. It's also what we're doing right here.

But it doesn't have to stay this way. The Prophet established Hima—protected zones where grazing and hunting were limited so nature could recover. Early Muslims respected these areas. It's a model we could bring back in our own hills and forests.

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Because these teachings have always been here. We just stopped connecting the dots.

Islam doesn't separate faith from the physical world. It links prayer to purity, charity to feeding animals, and good character to how we treat public spaces. Removing a thorn from a road is called charity in Islam. Can we imagine what littering says about us?

In a place as beautiful, and as fragile, as Kashmir, these lessons are not just spiritual. They're practical. They're urgent.

Maybe it's time we stopped looking only to governments and NGOs to fix our environment. Perhaps we need to look inward, too, to our homes, our habits, our values, and to the words we've read and repeated since childhood, but rarely applied to the Earth under our feet.

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Actor Imran Khan Challenges 'Leave India' Notice in Bombay High Court

Press Trust Of India

Mumbai: Actor Imran Khan, a US citizen and an OCI cardholder, on Saturday filed a petition in the Bombay High Court challenging a notice issued by the Mumbai Police directing him to leave India by October 28 for allegedly violating rules by participating in a political demonstration.

The 43-year-old actor, in the plea filed through his advocate Zulfiqar Memon and MZM Legal, termed the notice as "illegal, perverse, drastic and bad in law."

The plea requested the High

Court to quash the notice and stay its operation in an interim relief.

The plea stated that there is no provision under the current law or statutory rules that prohibits an OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) cardholder from participating in a peaceful protest.

The plea is expected to be mentioned for an urgent hearing before a division bench comprising Chief Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi and Justice Advait Sethna.

"The notice has been issued without disclosing any reasons, supporting material, or specific statutory contravention. It was issued without inquiry,

a show-cause notice, or any opportunity for the Petitioner (Khan) to respond to the alleged violations," the plea said.

The police action taken earlier this week against the actor follows Khan's brief detention during an agitation at Mumbai's August Kranti Maidan on October 10 during which protesters had gathered at the site in solidarity with a demonstration by Cockroach Janta Party in Delhi demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over the SIR issue.

According to officials, Khan was served a departure order

after authorities invoked statutory provisions under Section 7 (2)(C) and Section 29 of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, which grant powers to the government to restrict the movement of foreign nationals and enforce their mandatory removal.

Under Section 7 (2)(C), the government has the authority to issue directions prohibiting, regulating, or restricting the presence or continued presence of any foreigner, specifically empowering officials to order that an individual "shall not remain in India or in any specified area therein."

Additionally, the notice invokes Section 29, which permits the government to direct the removal of a foreign national for contravening any provisions, rules, or orders of the Act, or pursuant to an adverse security report. The section equips law enforcement officers with all reasonable powers necessary to enforce the directive.

Khan, the nephew of Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan, who has starred in several Hindi films, has been directed to leave the country on or before October 28, failing which deportation procedures under Section 29 may be initiated.

JKBOSE Sets Up Grievance Redressal Cell Ahead of Annual Exams

Panel To Address Complaints, Ensure Timely Resolution Of Examination-Related Issues

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) has constituted a grievance-cum-monitoring cell to address complaints, queries and other examination-related issues during the forthcoming annual examinations.

According to a press release issued by the board on October 16, the cell will register grievances, ensure their timely disposal and initiate corrective action wherever necessary.

The cell will function under

the direct supervision of the Secretary, JKBOSE.

The initiative aims to ensure prompt resolution of problems faced by stakeholders during the examination process and facilitate timely intervention in cases requiring attention.

The board has also urged centre superintendents and supervisory staff to safeguard the integrity of the examinations and ensure that they are conducted in a fair, transparent and orderly manner.

JKBOSE said the integrity and sanctity of the examinations would be protected at all costs.

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AIIMS Awantipora:

status, pending works, statutory approvals and preparedness for operationalising facilities at the campus.

According to details shared during the meeting, AIIMS Awantipora has achieved around 81 per cent overall physical progress, while financial progress stands at approximately 72.59 per cent.

The meeting was informed that the revised master plan and associated changes had been approved. A detailed presentation was also made on the phase-wise construction schedule, infrastructure, statutory clearances and other essential components required for the institution's functioning.

The DDC said operationalisation should be treated as a priority, particularly in view of the healthcare needs of the people and the approaching winter season.

Reviewing Phase-I works, officials informed the meeting that Hospital Block-1 had achieved 100 per cent progress, while Hospital Block-2 was around 99 per cent complete.

The DDC directed the executing agency to address all outstanding issues on priority, with instructions to make the OPD functional by the end of October wherever feasible.

The meeting also reviewed Phase-II, which includes academic, administrative and hostel buildings. Officials said civil works had reached an advanced stage. The executing agency was directed to complete the remaining civil works within 20 days wherever technically feasible and ensure that the buildings are made functional by the end of November.

Reviewing Phase-III, the DDC directed agencies to accelerate work on components reporting 75 to 80 per cent progress, including remaining hospital blocks, academic buildings, residential quarters, hostels and external development works.

He also directed the completion of the shopping complex and guest house at the earliest.

On statutory clearances, the DDC directed all concerned departments to provide pending No Objection Certificates before the end of October and prepare a clear action plan to secure the necessary approvals without further delay.

The DDC further directed authorities to ensure the availability of required Senior Residents and other essential human resources before the OPD begins functioning. Officials were also asked to submit details regarding manpower availability and identify facilities ready for operationalisation.

The institution is expected to strengthen access to specialised medical services and reduce the need for patients to travel long distances for consultations and treatment once it becomes fully operational.

For residents of Pulwama, Shopian, Anantnag and other parts of south Kashmir, AIIMS Awantipora is expected to provide a major boost to the region's healthcare infrastructure. However, the commencement of OPD services remains subject to the completion of pending works and necessary operational arrangements. (inputs from KNO)

Kashmir's New Power

hours of power cuts in areas with AT&C losses above 40 per cent and between 15 and 40 per cent.

In an official communication, the PDD said the measures were aimed at improving billing efficiency and collection efficiency

and reducing AT&C losses. (KNO)

Power Deficit

MW of electricity from other states and Union Territories.

Against an installed generation capacity of 1,197 MW from Jammu and Kashmir-owned power plants, actual generation has been fluctuating between 360 and 400 MW, according to officials.

The region's local generation includes 298 MW from the Baglihar-I hydroelectric power project, 49 MW from other projects in Kashmir division and 20 MW from independent power producers in Jammu division.

Meanwhile, figures from the State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC) recorded a power load of 1,170 MW in Kashmir division and 1,130 MW in the Jammu division.

Centrally owned hydropower projects in Jammu and Kashmir, with a combined generation capacity of nearly 2,200 MW, were generating around 1,100 MW, according to the figures cited in the earlier report.

Shortfall projected during October

The power situation is also being viewed against projections of electricity shortages during October.

It was previously reported that Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were likely to face a power deficit of 14 per cent during solar peak hours in October, according to the Northern Regional Power Committee (NRPC).

The committee had also projected a deficit of around 12 per cent during non-solar hours.

The projections indicated a power shortfall of nearly 400 MW during solar peak hours and 337 MW during non-solar peak hours across Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

With demand remaining above available supply during peak hours, the approaching winter is likely to put further pressure on the power supply system, particularly as electricity consumption rises during colder months.

Airlines Extend

Air India Express had suspended operations until October 17.

The flight disruptions come amid rising tensions in West Asia following reported Houthi attacks targeting civilian infrastructure in Saudi Arabia, including Riyadh airport.

Itoo Warns Schools

a public gathering, Itoo said the elected government was committed to fulfilling its promises and addressing public grievances despite the challenging circumstances in Jammu and Kashmir.

Crime Branch Files

Other accused include Tariq Hussain, Farooq Ahmed, Gh. Qadir Sheikh, Noor Din and Mohd. Ishaq. Their alleged roles relate to procuring medicines, facilitating arrangements, transportation or attempts to suppress information about the incident.

The investigation has also named Abdul Latief Bhanday, a teacher posted at Middle School Majhori, and Haroon Mir, a medical shop owner accused of illegally operating a shop from the premises of Primary Health Centre (PHC) Chatroo.

The precise allegations against each accused are matters for the prosecution to establish before the court. Their inclusion in the investigation does not, by itself, establish guilt.

Raiz Ahmed and Abid Hussain, both drivers, are yet to be arrested, according to the information available. Their status is distinct from that of the accused against whom the chargesheet has been

filed.

Three accused reportedly granted bail

Three accused were reportedly granted bail in proceedings concerning allegations of failure to report the matter to the police. Manzoor Ahmed Bunal was also reported to have received bail on similar allegations after furnishing surety bonds.

The Principal Sessions Court, Kishtwar, had earlier rejected the regular bail applications of staff nurse Sonika Parihar, hospital sanitation worker Zareena Begum and community leader Peer Baksh Bunal.

The prosecution had cited the gravity of the allegations, the alleged roles of the accused and concerns about possible witness intimidation or interference with evidence.

Biological paternity remains undisclosed

An important unanswered question concerns the biological paternity of the newborn delivered by the minor. The Crime Branch has not disclosed the biological father's identity in the information available so far.

Biological samples were reportedly collected during the investigation. Any conclusion about paternity would need to be supported by verified forensic findings and official investigative records.

Case transferred to Crime Branch

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 34/2026 at Police Station Chatroo following the minor's death on August 20, 2026. It was subsequently transferred to the Crime Branch's Special Crime Wing, Jammu, and re-registered as FIR No. 27/2026.

The case concerns allegations of sexual exploitation of a minor, an attempted termination of her advanced pregnancy outside an authorised medical setting, alleged lapses in medical treatment and attempts to prevent the matter from reaching law-enforcement authorities.

The chargesheet reportedly invokes applicable provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

With the chargesheet submitted, the case will proceed through the judicial process. Further investigative developments, including a possible supplementary chargesheet, may follow.

The guilt or innocence of the accused will ultimately be determined by the competent court on the basis of evidence presented during trial.

Omar Thanks PM

to livelihood opportunities for young people across the Union Territory.

The Chief Minister added that the investment would help transform ITIs into modern skill development hubs, ensuring that vocational training remains responsive to changing economic needs and emerging employment opportunities.

The PM-SETU initiative aims to upgrade industrial training infrastructure and make vocational education more relevant to the needs of industry and the changing employment landscape.

Cattle Feed Bran

the material was intended for cattle feed.

Other deficiencies were observed in plant hygiene, pest control, raw material storage and segregation, personnel hygiene, premises maintenance and handling of intermediate formulations.

FSSAI had earlier suspended the licence of Surya Food & Agro following serious non-compliances observed during inspection. Now, it has initiated legal proceedings for prosecution against the company.

In the case of Dodla Dairy Ltd, FSSAI found that the sample of full cream milk was substandard. A regulatory sample of 'Full Cream Milk' was collected from Dodla Dairy for analysis. The food analyst declared the sample substandard due to non-conformity with the prescribed milk fat specifications.

Upon appeal by the company, the sample was referred to the Referral Food Laboratory, which "confirmed that the sample was unsafe due to the presence of detergent/caustic soda and substandard due to milk fat below the minimum prescribed limit."

The findings of the lab established violations relating to unsafe and substandard food under the FSS Act, 2006.

Hence, the competent authority granted sanction for initiating prosecution against Dodla Dairy and the other food business operators (FBOs) associated with the manufacture and marketing of the product.

The authorities directed further prosecution proceedings for the unsafe and substandard food.

In the case of Ueir Organic Foods, the regulator found pesticide residues in the sample of yellow raisins. FSSAI collected a regulatory sample of yellow raisins for analysis.

The food analyst declared the sample unsafe due to "pesticide residues exceeding the prescribed maximum limits".

The company appealed and then the sample was sent to the referral food laboratory, which confirmed that the sample was unsafe due to Thiamethoxam and Fluopyram metabolites exceeding the maximum permitted limits.

The violations were considered punishable under the FSS Act, 2006, relating to unsafe food. Hence, the competent authority under FSSAI granted sanction for initiating prosecution against Ueir Organic Foods Pvt Ltd.

Meanwhile, FSSAI has issued notices to Sun Ridges Health Carers and Narpadham Foods for non-compliances of rules relating to storage, hygiene and sanitation.

A notice has been issued to Sha Kantilal and Jayantilal, seeking clarification regarding the business activities and the reason for licensed premise being closed during inspection.

In the last six months, the central food regulator has stepped up its enforcement actions against FBOs and e-commerce companies. FSSAI is also informing the public at large through social media platforms.

Centre Amends

years from the date appointed for its first meeting, unless dissolved earlier. The term can be extended if holding elections is considered impracticable.

The regulation also replaces references to the state and governor with the Union Territory of Ladakh and Administrator, respectively.

It provides that the State Election Commission for the Union Territory of Ladakh will have the superintendence, direction and control over council elections and electoral rolls.

Election disputes can be taken directly to the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh through election petitions filed within 45 days of the declaration of results.

The regulation defines the district areas covered under the Act to include Leh, Sham, Nubra,

Changthang, Kargil, Zaskar and Drass, along with any newly created districts.

The councils will have the powers of panchayats at the district level and will be deemed to be district-level panchayats for exercising powers and performing functions under the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989.

Ladakh Deadlock

governance, Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra on Saturday expressed disappointment over the move and urged the region's leaders to continue negotiations with mutual trust, patience and an open mind.

Addressing a press conference in Leh, Kundra said the 32-page proposal prepared by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs was dismissed within hours of being presented to the Ladakh representatives on October 16, a day after they held discussions with the Centre.

"The government of India is fully committed to finding a political solution at the earliest and to establishing a democratically elected body that fulfils the aspirations of the people of Ladakh," the chief secretary said.

The LAB and KDA have maintained that the Centre's proposal does not meet their demands for constitutional safeguards and a legislature with meaningful powers.

Kundra said the government had made concerted efforts to develop an alternative constitutional framework and asserted that further discussions were necessary to arrive at a mutually acceptable arrangement.

"It was surprising to see that the document was dismissed outright within just two hours of being received," he said, adding that officials had spent three to four weeks preparing the proposal in good faith.

Explaining the framework, Kundra said the home ministry had shared a detailed document outlining a possible constitutional framework for Ladakh, following discussions with the region's leaders on October 15.

"The document proposes a two-stage approach involving a constitutional amendment and a subsequent regulation under Article 240 of the Constitution, with provisions envisaged for a directly elected Union Territory-level body and safeguards concerning land, natural resources, culture and other issues raised by the representatives," the chief secretary said.

He clarified that the document was intended to facilitate further discussion and was not the outcome of a concluded legislative process. The proposed constitutional provisions and the subsequent regulatory framework would require detailed examination and deliberation before being finalised, Kundra said.

Several institutional questions also remained open for consideration and examination, including the nomenclature and composition of the proposed body, the method of election, representation of women and underrepresented communities, and nominated and ex-officio members.

The authority responsible for conducting elections, delimitation of constituencies, electoral rolls, tenure and the relationship of the proposed body with existing institutions such as the LAHDCs, Panchayats and municipalities would also need to be examined.

The proposal envisages introducing a new constitutional provision, Article 371-K, specifically for Ladakh, followed by a separate regulation under Article 240 to define the functioning of the

proposed institution, he said.

"Not every detail can be incorporated into a constitutional amendment. Therefore, a separate regulation would also be framed under Article 240," Kundra said.

Appealing to the leaders involved in the dialogue, Kundra said mutual trust was essential for meaningful negotiations with an open mind. "Negotiations require an open mind, mutual trust and, above all, patience," he said.

He said the government did not want to rush into an arrangement that could shape Ladakh's governance for decades without ensuring that it met the expectations of the people.

"We must ensure that the framework ultimately established for Ladakh is one with which the people are satisfied, not only the political leaders but also ordinary citizens," he said.

Kundra also urged the leadership not to allow disappointment over individual meetings to create a perception that the process had yielded no progress.

Seeking to underline the Centre's efforts to address local concerns, Kundra cited the increase in reservation for local residents, recognition of regional languages and reservation for women in the hill councils.

He said reservation for Scheduled Tribes in Ladakh, which stood at 10 per cent in 2019, had been increased to 84 per cent for local people.

The LAB and KDA have expressed dissatisfaction with the home ministry's proposal and maintained that their demands for constitutional safeguards and a legislature with executive, legislative and financial powers remain central to the negotiations.

The two sides will meet again in New Delhi on October 22 to discuss their respective proposals and attempt to bridge the differences.

Kundra expressed hope that the process would move towards a conclusion in the coming weeks and months, reiterating that the Centre remained committed to establishing a democratically elected body for Ladakh at the earliest.

"There is no reason for anyone to lose hope," he said.

IGP Directs Police

remain confined to policy documents but must be reflected in the conduct, working culture and public service delivery of every police station.

Singh directed all Station House Officers to institutionalise Digital Beat Policing in their respective jurisdictions.

He said beat officers should undertake regular field visits, maintain meaningful interaction with local residents and ensure that policing services reach every section of society.

Digital Beat Policing, also known as e-beat policing, uses technology such as mobile applications, GPS tracking and QR code or RFID scanning to replace conventional paper-based beat records and physical check-ins.

The system is intended to strengthen public outreach, maintain digital beat records, improve service delivery and enhance accountability, community participation and technology-enabled policing.

The IGP said police stations remained the primary point of contact between the police and the public and must be accessible, responsive and equipped with modern technology.

He emphasised the need to integrate SMART Policing and Digital Beat Policing into routine police functioning to improve efficiency and strengthen public service delivery across Kashmir.

IUST Hosts CQAI Initiative To Explore Frontiers Of Quantum Technology

Prof. N. S. Vidhyadhiraja's talk underscores CQAI's growing role in connecting Kashmir's academic ecosystem with the frontiers of quantum research and next-generation technologies.

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA- In a significant step towards strengthening Kashmir's engagement with frontier science, Chinar Quantum AI (CQAI) marked a landmark academic engagement at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, featuring a distinguished talk on quantum science by Prof. N. S. Vidhyadhiraja, a renowned scientist in theoretical condensed matter physics.

The session brought advanced scientific thought into closer dialogue with Kashmir's academic community, highlighting the growing importance of quantum science in shaping the future of computation, materials research and emerging technologies.

The engagement reflects a broader vision: positioning Kashmir not merely as a recipient of scientific knowledge, but as an active participant in the global transformation driven by quantum technologies.

Connecting Kashmir to the Global Quantum Conversation
Quantum science is rapidly evolving from fundamental research into a strategic frontier with implications for computing,



communication, materials discovery and national technological capabilities. As countries and institutions invest in quantum research, building scientific awareness, research capacity and interdisciplinary collaboration has become increasingly important.

Through engagements of this nature, CQAI seeks to strengthen the bridge between frontier scientific research and regional academic institutions, creating opportunities for students, researchers and aspiring scientists to engage with the ideas, chal-

lenges and possibilities shaping the next generation of technology.

Prof. Vidhyadhiraja's participation brought valuable scientific perspective to this endeavour, reinforcing the importance of connecting foundational research with the broader quantum ecosystem.

Beyond a Talk: Building Scientific Capability in Kashmir

For CQAI, the significance of such engagements extends beyond a single academic session. They form part of a larger commitment to nurturing scientific

curiosity, strengthening institutional connections and contributing to the development of a quantum-ready talent ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

The long-term ambition is to create an environment in which advanced scientific knowledge can translate into research opportunities, specialised capabilities and meaningful participation in India's expanding quantum landscape.

As India's National Quantum Mission advances the country's quantum technology ambitions,

regional scientific ecosystems will play an important role in widening access to knowledge, developing talent and fostering collaboration.

CQAI's vision is to help connect Kashmir's intellectual potential with these national and global opportunities.

From Kashmir to the Quantum Frontier

The engagement at IUST represents the kind of scientific dialogue that can help shape a region's technological future. Transformative progress begins when world-class ideas reach new academic communities, when students are encouraged to engage with unanswered questions, and when institutions create pathways from learning to research and innovation.

For CQAI, the objective is not simply to introduce quantum science and technology to Kashmir, but to contribute to an ecosystem in which Kashmir can increasingly participate in the frontier science, talent development and technological ambitions of the quantum era.

From Kashmir to the Quantum Frontier, CQAI is working towards a future in which scientific capability knows no geographical boundaries.

ASMEA, AEJAK Launch Life-Saving Skills Initiative At J&K Bank

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The All Sikh Minority Employees Association (ASMEA) and the All Employees Joint Association Jammu & Kashmir (AEJAK), in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Bank, organised a CPR and First Aid Training Programme at the Bank's Corporate Headquarters in Srinagar on Saturday. More than 70 employees of J&K Bank participated in the session, aimed at equipping participants with essential life-saving skills and enabling them to respond effectively to medical emergencies.

The programme reflects the commitment of ASMEA and AEJAK to promoting public health, emergency preparedness and community welfare. It also aligns with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Fit India and Healthy India movement, and the vision of Honorable Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha which emphasises the importance of health, fitness and well-being.

SSP Srinagar, Dr. G. V. Sundeeep Chakravarthy, IPS, highlighted the crucial role of CPR and First Aid training in saving precious lives. He emphasised that timely intervention during a medical emergency can make a significant difference before a patient reaches the hospital. He stressed that individuals



equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills can provide immediate assistance and potentially save lives.

Rajesh Malla Tikoo, Chief General Manager (ARS), also underscored the importance of promoting life-saving skills and building awareness about emergency response. He emphasised that trained individuals can provide critical assistance during the vital minutes before professional medical help becomes available.

Aneet Kanwal Singh Bagee, General Manager (HR), highlighted the significance of CPR and First Aid training, noting that such initiatives can help create a more aware, prepared and responsible workforce capable of responding effectively to medical emergencies.

Shabir Ahmad Bulla, Deputy General Manager (HR), also participated in the programme, reflecting the Bank's support for initiatives that

promote employee awareness, safety and well-being.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jagmeet Kour Bali, Chairperson of ASMEA and AEJAK, said, "Every life is precious, and even a few minutes can make the difference between life and death during a medical emergency. Our initiative began in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and has since evolved into a mission to train at least one person in every household in CPR and First Aid. Our objective is to empower ordinary citizens with the knowledge and confidence to respond to emergencies and help save precious lives before professional medical assistance arrives."

Dr. Bali further emphasised that CPR and First Aid training should become an integral part of community preparedness, encouraging institutions, organisations and individuals to take an active role in learning these essential skills.

Article 371 Can Provide Constitutional Safeguards For Ladakh: CS Kundra

Agencies

LADAKH: Ladakh Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra on Saturday said Article 371 of the Constitution offers sufficient flexibility to provide constitutional safeguards for Ladakh, with a separate provision, proposed as Article 371K.

Addressing a press conference here, Chief Secretary Kundra, as per KNO, said, "These provisions were discussed during negotiations to address the region's demands and are under active consideration."

He said, "Several models had been considered, including the Sixth Schedule, statehood and a Union Territory with a legislature, before Article 371 was proposed as a possible alternative."

"Fundamentally, as I said, it is about constitutional safeguards. It has many models," he added.

Kundra said the Sixth Schedule was designed for a different geographical, historical and cultural context, particularly in Northeastern states where minority tribes require protection against possible discrimination by majority tribes.

"They need protection against any discriminatory action from the majority. So, the Sixth Schedule has a different geographical, historical, cultural context and it doesn't make much sense to talk about it here," he said.

On the demand for statehood or a Union Territory with a legislature, he said Ladakh currently receives 100 per cent funding from the Centre, including



for employees' salaries and pensions.

He said that in Union Territories with legislatures, such as Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi, public accounts are separate and the administrations have to meet salary and pension obligations through their own income. "So, it was suggested that we will fulfil the fundamental demand of the central government. But we will find another creative solution for that," he said.

Kundra further said Article 371, under which special provisions from Article 371A to Article 371J already exist, could provide the flexibility required to frame constitutional protections suited to Ladakh. "Article 371A to J is still there. So, Article 371K was suggested that it will be written especially for Ladakh. Now, in the last meeting, you agreed to this," he said.

He said the minutes of the previous meeting had been signed by the participants, describing the atmosphere as positive. "And in general, we can say that it was a happy atmosphere that good progress has been made," Kundra said. (KNO)

Beerwah Bridge Ready For Inauguration, Set To Ease Traffic Woes

SRINAGAR: The long-awaited Beerwah Main Bridge over Nallah Sukhnag on the Magam-Beerwah Road is ready for inauguration, offering hope of relief to commuters affected by recurring traffic disruptions following the closure of the existing bridge.

The new bridge is expected to improve connectivity through Beerwah town, ease congestion and facilitate smoother movement of traffic, including emergency services.

According to project details, available with KNO, the bridge has been constructed by the Public Works Department (R&B), Beerwah Division, under NABARD at an estimated cost of 7.9965 crore.

Sources said that after final testing, the bridge is likely to be inaugurated next week by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

Meanwhile, reconstruction of the footbridge in Chadoora, damaged in the devastating 2014 floods, is underway. Officials said the work is expected to be completed within the next two months, with the bridge likely to be opened to the public in December.

Work on the Chadoora Main Bridge over Nallah Doodganga is also progressing. MLA Chadoora Ali Mohammad Dar recently inspected both bridges during a day-long tour of the constituency and reviewed the progress with officials.

The completion of the Beerwah bridge and ongoing work on the two Chadoora bridges are expected to improve connectivity and address long-pending infrastructure demands in the area—(KNO)

KU Seeks Details Of Missing Books, Financial Valuation

SRINAGAR: The University of Kashmir has directed heads of departments, directors of research centres and directorates, and other campus authorities to undertake physical stock verification of books in their respective libraries, with the university setting a two-month deadline for submission of verified reports and details of missing books.

A circular issued by the University Librarian, Allama Iqbal Library has called for a systematic assessment of library holdings to ensure accountability, proper maintenance and accurate updating of book inventories across the university.

The circular requires departments, research centres and directorates to constitute internal stock verification committees and submit a final verified report, along with the prescribed annexures, to the office of the University Librarian within two months of the circular's issuance. The matter has been marked urgent.

Under the prescribed procedure, the physical verification data must be compiled in the formats attached to the circular. Authorities have been asked to calculate the percentage of book losses in accordance with the General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, Rule 215, as adopted by the University Library Committee through its decision attached as Annexure-B.

The verification exercise is also intended to establish whether any reported loss falls within the permissible limits under the rules. For this purpose, committees must compare the total number of books issued or consulted during the period under review with the total number of missing books.

The prescribed stock-verification format requires details of the total collection, present collection, weeded-out books, books damaged in the 2014 floods, books lost by users for which costs have been recovered, books currently in circulation, and books issued or consulted from January 2001 to December 2025. The format also requires the total number of missing books and a remarks column.

The circular separately stipulates that where a missing book has a purchase cost exceeding Rs 1,000, the concerned head of department or director must provide a detailed written clarification and justification explaining the circumstances of the loss.

For recording missing books, the attached format requires the accession number, title, author and printed price of each book. The total price is to be calculated by Allama Iqbal Library. The completed list must be prepared in MS Excel and emailed from the official email address of the head of department to the designated library email addresses specified in the circular.

The document also refers to a Library Committee resolution dated January 23, 2025, which amended the interpretation of permissible book losses under the university's stock-verification regulations.

According to the resolution, the earlier wording referred to losses of five volumes per 1,000 volumes of books issued in a year. The corrected wording, aligned with GFR 2017, refers to books "issued/consulted" in a year, provided the losses are not attributable to dishonesty or negligence. The correction was approved with retrospective effect. The resolution also defines books counted as "consulted" to include those accessed by users within library premises for reading, reference or study, as well as books taken off shelves for photocopying but not formally issued.

For estimating consultations, the resolution directs libraries to use visitor data derived from footfall registers maintained by Allama Iqbal Library, seminar libraries and campus libraries. Where visitor registers are missing, outdated or unavailable, the total number of visits is to be determined by the librarian or head/director of the respective library, duly endorsed by the relevant departmental committee. A verification certificate must then be prepared and forwarded to Allama Iqbal Library for further calculations. -(KNT)

GoI Should Respect J&K Assembly's Statehood Resolution: Speaker Rather

Agencies

BUDGAM: Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather on Saturday said the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir remains a crucial issue, asserting that the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly reflects the collective will of the elected representatives of the people.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of a workers' convention held at his residence in Badipora, Chadoora, Rather, as reported by KNO, said the resolution was significant as it was passed unanimously by the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir, urging the Government of India to restore statehood at the earliest.

He said Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had repeatedly raised the demand for restoration of statehood before and after the Assembly elections. However, the latest resolution carries particular significance as it represents the collective voice of the elected House, he added.

The Speaker also referred



to earlier resolutions passed by the Assembly, including the resolution adopted in 2024 seeking restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's "special status" and the resolution passed in June 2000 concerning the restoration of constitutional and legal safeguards previously available to the people of the erstwhile state.

"The Government of India should respect the Assembly's resolution," he said, adding that doing so would amount to respecting democratic institutions and the mandate of the people.

On the National Conference-led government completing two years in office, Rather said developmental works were underway and that people were largely satisfied with the government's performance in areas he had visited.

Northern Railway Revises Train Timings In Jammu Division

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Northern Railway's Jammu Division on Saturday revised the timings of several trains operating through Jammu and Katra following the extension of Train No. 19223/19224 Sabarmati-Jammu Tawi Express up to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra.

According to a statement, the revised schedules will come into effect on different dates from October 17 onwards. Passengers have been advised to check the updated timings before commencing their journeys.

Under the revised schedule, Train No. 22478 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Express will depart from Katra at 5:40 am, Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan station at 6:08 am, Jammu Tawi at 7:08 am and Martyr Captain Sunil Kumar Choudhary Kathua at 8:01 am from October 20.

Train No. 14503 Kalka-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express will depart from Jammu Tawi at 3:20 am and Martyr Captain Tushar Ma-

hajan station at 4:12 am, reaching Katra at 4:47 am from October 20. Train No. 15656 Katra-Kamakhyia will depart from Katra at 3:40 am and Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan station at 4:06 am from October 21. Train No. 14612 Katra-Ghaziपुर City will depart from Katra at 3:40 am from October 22.

Train No. 19415 Sabarmati-Katra will depart from Jammu Tawi at 4:15 am and Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan station at 5:16 am, arriving at Katra at 6:25 am from October 25. The Jammu Tawi-Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan DMU (Train No. 74909) will depart Jammu at 8:10 am and reach its destination at 10:10 am from October 20.

Changes have also been announced for several other trains connecting Jammu with Katra and other destinations. Train No. 22318 will depart from Jammu at 6:50 am from October 21. Train No. 16031 will depart Jammu at 8:42 am and Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan station at 10:38 am, reaching Katra at 11:50 am from October 18.



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

IN THE COURT OF ASSISTANT COLLECTOR 1ST CLASS (TEHSILDAR) DEVSAR

PROCLAMATION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Whereas, this court is in receipt of copy of order dated 26.09.2026 from the Honorable Court of Principal District Judge Kulgam issued in case titled Mohammad Ashraf Beigh S/o Bashir Ahmad Beigh R/o Arigatnoo Tehsil Pahloo versus Mohammad Jabar Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohiudin Bhat R/o Brinal

Whereas, by virtue of said order, this court is under direction to put the residential house, along with land measuring 07 marlas, of judgment debtor namely Mohammad Jabar Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohiudin Bhat R/o Brinal, situated on survey numbers 1219 min, at village Brinal on sale under law;

Complying with the directions, this court obtained valuation report of subject residential house from Assistant Executive Engineer PWD (R & B) Sub-Division Devsar Vide No. R-1/SDD/1150 dated 30.09.2026.

Accordingly, proclamation is issued for the sale of the subject immovable property.

The subject property, described below, shall be sold by open auction at village concerned i.e Brinal on 28-10-2026 at 2.00 PM and the interested persons are intimated to remain available on spot.

Description of the property.

S.No	Village	Detail of property	Base price of subject property	Remarks
1	Brinal	Single storey residential House situated on survey number 1219 min.	₹553074/- (Five lac fifty three thousand and Seventy four)	As per evaluation report of Assistant Executive Engineer PWD (R & B) Sub-Division Devsar
2	Do	Land measuring 07 Marlas falling under survey number 1219 min (Abade-Deh)	₹221550/- (Two lac twenty one thousand five hundred and fifty)	As per notification No.44 of DCK/Reader-Stamp/2025 dated 31.12.2025
Total			₹774624/- Six lac Seventy-Four thousand six hundred and twenty four	

No. TD/OQ/1255-1259
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CJP Founder Gets Conditional Bail, Must Sign Peace Bond

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke was granted conditional bail and asked to sign a peace bond on Saturday, police sources said.

Dipke was detained moments after he stepped out of his house in Delhi's Jhandewalan area to participate in the CJP's "Lehra Do Tiranga" protest at Connaught Place on Friday. He was arrested on Saturday morning for allegedly violating a peace bond furnished by him on October 10.

"Based on the assurance given in the peace bond, he was let off. We are awaiting for the written order for further details," a senior police officer told PTI.

Dipke was produced before a special executive magistrate at the Mandir Marg police station and was granted bail on certain conditions. However, police have not issued a



statement on the development.

Security in and around the police station was stepped up to maintain law and order.

Police served two notices to Dipke on Friday before the gathering at Connaught Place for the "Lehra Do Tiranga" march and the moment he stepped out of his house, he was put under preven-

tive detention.

More than 20 police personnel turned up at Dipke's Jhandewalan residence before the scheduled 5 pm march on Friday to serve the notices.

While the first notice barred him from holding a demonstration, procession or rally in the vicinity of Connaught Place, the

second one, issued by the special executive magistrate, concerned the bond conditions imposed on Dipke and CJP leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka.

The second notice reiterated that the three were bound down after being taken into preventive custody and produced before a court, which had directed them to maintain peace and good behaviour for a year.

On October 10, Dipke, Das and Ranka were taken into preventive custody ahead of a planned protest and produced before a special executive magistrate's court at the Delhi Cantonment police station. They were released after furnishing surety bonds of Rs 50,000 each and undertaking to maintain peace and good behaviour for a year.

Police detained more than 150 protesters on Friday and registered multiple FIRs for breaching prohibitory orders.

Delhi Police Clears Congress Rally on Nov 1

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police has allowed the Congress to hold a rally at Ramliya Maidan on November 1 and issued a no-objection certificate (NOC) for the event, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

On September 30, the INDIA bloc finalised a joint action plan over the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) row, including rallies and 'save democracy marches', with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge saying all parties agreed that elections should be held using ballot papers instead of EVMs. Then, Kharge said the party would organise a mega rally in Delhi on November 1.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) Rohit Rajbir Singh said, "The Indian National Congress (INC) has planned a rally at Ramliya Maidan on November 1 and had approached the Delhi



Police for the requisite NOC. The NOC for holding the rally at the designated protest site has been issued for the period from October 25 to November 3."

The Delhi Police is in constant coordination with the organisers, traffic police, and other concerned agencies to ensure appropriate law-and-order arrangements, effective traffic management, and the smooth conduct of the proposed rally, police said.

INDIA bloc's last month meeting had come days after The Indian Express reported

that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi objected on record at least 14 times over the past 10 months to decisions and orders on the SIR that they said were issued without their knowledge or recommendation.

Under fire over red flags raised by two of its commissioners over the SIR process, the EC has said differing views and observations are normal in any institution's deliberations, and that all its orders carry full legal sanction and follow established statutory procedures.

Chanderpaul: West Indies Can Win Anywhere After India Showing

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: Former West Indies skipper Shivnarine Chanderpaul said the Caribbean's spirited outing against India during the white-ball tour will be a massive confidence booster for them and hoped for it to resonate in their performance in Test cricket as well.

Led by Shai Hope, the Windies pushed India hard both in the ODIs and T20s, reminding the nation that once they ruled world cricket.

"Oh! Definitely. They believe now that they can win matches out there or anywhere, and they've done it. You know, once the guys have some success and they can do it, they will definitely back themselves to get the job done," Chanderpaul responded to PTI in an interaction organised by Cricketaaa.



Ajay Sethi, owner of the West Indies Champions franchise, also attended the meeting, stressing on the platform the World League Legends gives to former cricketers to come together.

Chanderpaul said the challenge will be for the Windies to carry forward the success to the red-ball format.

"The Test team must be working hard. They haven't won much. They won a few

games recently in the Caribbean against Pakistan and against Sri Lanka. So there are a few wins here and there, but it's not as much as you know you would like it to be.

"But I think in between, there is a bit of spark, and, hopefully, that can grow. They have some very good players still there. If the team comes well together in any match, they could definitely win," he said.

The left-handed batter lauded Hope for leading the West Indies from the front on the tour to India.

"Hope has played a lot of cricket in Guyana. He's learnt how to bat on those wickets. If anybody could score runs on the Providence wicket in Guyana, they could score runs anywhere. He learned how to play spinners there. He has developed his cricket

really well."

Hope led the West Indies' batting charts in this series, making 278 runs in ODIs and 261 runs in T20s.

Chanderpaul was not amused.

"You can see, he is scoring much freer. He is more confident now. He can go out and express himself from early. Yes, he is not going to go crazy out there and throw his bat away. He played proper cricket shots, and he hit proper boundaries in good areas," he added.

West Indies' cricketers have shown the world that a lucrative career can be made by becoming T20 freelancers, shunning central contracts with the home board.

Chanderpaul did not mind players taking their own career course and said Test cricket can sustain itself amid this talent drain.

FSSAI Proposes Ban on Added Sugars in Baby Foods

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Food regulator FSSAI has proposed banning addition of fructose and sucrose in food products for infants up to six months of age, a move aimed at safeguarding children's health by minimising early exposure to added sugar.



The objective is to strengthen nutritional safeguards for infants, according to a statement from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has published a draft amendment to the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020, proposing to "prohibit the addition of sucrose and fructose in food products intended for infants up to six months of age".

The draft Food Safety and

Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Amendment Regulations, 2026 seeks to further strengthen the existing regulatory framework by ensuring that infant nutrition products are formulated in accordance with age-appropriate nutritional requirements.

The draft notification has been published for public consultation. Stakeholders can submit objections and suggestions within 60 days.

The ministry said the emphasis is on minimising exposure to added sugars during the earliest stages of life.

At present, the existing regulations prescribe comprehensive nutritional composition, quality and safety standards for various categories of infant nutrition products, meant for children from birth up to 24 months of age.

Under the current provisions, lactose and glucose polymers are the preferred sources of carbohydrates. Su-

crose and/or fructose could be added only when required as a carbohydrate source, subject to prescribed limits.

Now, the draft amendment proposes a specific restriction on the addition of sucrose and fructose in products intended for infants up to six months of age.

The proposed provision states that "sucrose and fructose shall not be added in the products intended for infants up to the age of 6 months".

"The first six months of life represent a critical period for healthy growth and development, making appropriate nutrition particularly important. The proposed restriction seeks to ensure that infant nutrition products meet the nutritional needs of this age group without unnecessary addition of sucrose and fructose," the ministry observed.

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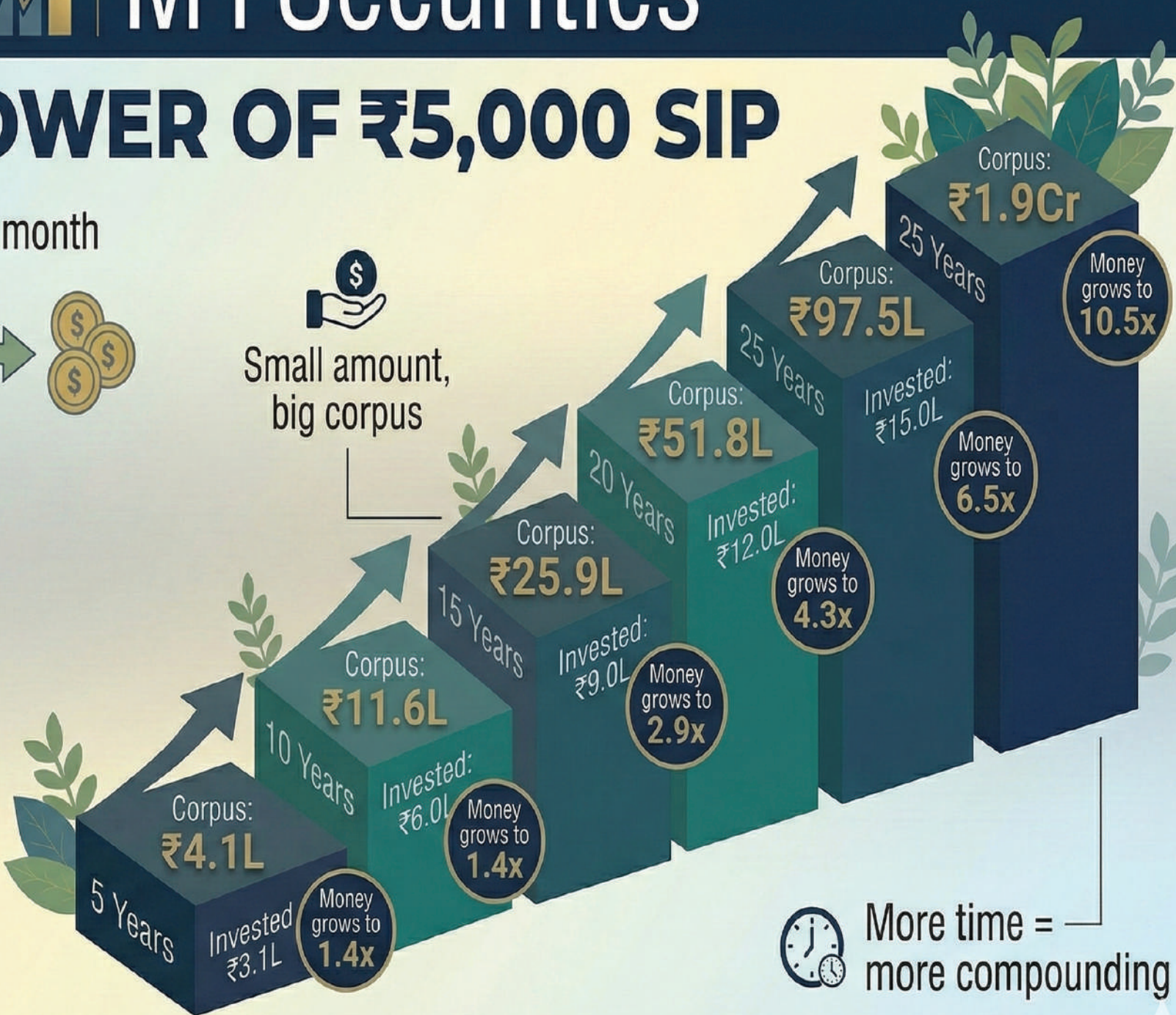
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