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Collective Effort Needed For Drug-Free J&K: LG

Felicitates 'Pedal Through Paradise' winners
Says J&K is emerging as a land of possibilities

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday felicitated the winners of the 'Pedal Through Paradise' cycling event, describing Jammu and Kashmir as an emerging land of possibilities where young people are excelling in sports, education, innovation and entrepreneurship.



Addressing the gathering, Sinha said the event reflected the optimism, self-confidence and vibrant spirit of a new Jammu and Kashmir, driven by the energy and talent of its youth.

He said the achievement of the winners symbolised the changing face of the Union Territory and highlighted the potential of young people to contribute to inclusive growth and national development.

"The story of Jammu Kashmir is no longer confined to the challenges of the past but it is

also the story of the efforts of the present and the possibilities of the future," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the Jammu and Kashmir Police for extending their role beyond security and law enforcement through community outreach initiatives.

He said programmes such as 'Pedal Through Paradise' demonstrated the police's commitment to strengthening public trust by combining discipline with inspiration | [More on P6](#)



A farmer spreads freshly harvested red cockscomb flowers to dry inside his house in Srinagar. The flowers are sun-dried and crushed into a powder used as a natural colouring agent in signature Kashmiri dishes. KO Photo By Abid Bhat

Ruhullah Set To Quit NC, Lok Sabha On Nov 3

Accuses party leadership of 'betrayal', says NC abandoned Art 370 restoration struggle

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: National Conference (NC) Lok Sabha member Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi has reiterated that he will resign from the party and his Srinagar parliamentary seat on November 3, accusing the party leadership of betraying the people of Jammu and Kashmir and abandoning its commitment to the restoration of Article 370.

In a sharp attack on the party leadership, Ruhullah said nothing had changed since he announced his decision to quit, alleging that the NC had prioritised political convenience over its commitments to voters.

He said the date of his resignation held personal and moral significance as November 3 marks the death anniversary of his father, Aga Syed Mehdi, who was assassinated on the same day.

"His legacy shapes my politics, efforts, and moral compass. Symbolically, that day is synonymous with directions in my life," Ruhullah said.

He added that the brief delay would also allow him to disburse funds from his Members of | [More on P6](#)

Public Office A Trust Reposed By People: LG

Urges UPSC, JKAS qualifiers to uphold humility, integrity and compassion in public service

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday urged successful candidates of the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025 and the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) Examination | [More on P6](#)

First Kashmiri Woman Lawyer Recommended As HC Judge

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Senior Advocate Tabasum Zafar has become the first Kashmiri woman lawyer to be recommended for appointment as a judge of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, with the Supreme Court Collegium approving her name along eight other advocates.

The decision was taken at a Collegium meeting held on October 29, according to a statement issued by the Supreme Court Collegium.

The nine advocates recommended for appointment are Vishal Sharma, Vikram Kumar Sharma, Namgyal Wangchuk, Pawan Kumar Kundal, Tahir

Majid Shamsi, Tabasum Zafar, Amit Gupta, Pranav Kohli and Anupam Raina.

Zafar's recommendation marks a significant milestone for women's representation in the higher judiciary in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Supreme Court Collegium's decision follows an earlier exercise by the High Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice Arun Palli, which had recommended 11 names for appointment as High Court judges in April this year.

The earlier recommendations comprised 10 advocates under the Bar | [More on P6](#)



Rain, Hailstorm Likely In J&K Today

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir is likely to witness brief spells of light rain, thunderstorms, hailstorms and gusty winds at scattered places on Friday, while light snowfall is possible over higher reaches, the Meteorological Centre Srinagar said on Thursday.

According to the weather forecast, weather conditions are likely to remain generally dry on October 31.

Partly cloudy skies are expected from November 1 to 3, with a brief spell of precipitation possible at a few places late on November 1 or during the evening.

From November 4 to 7, the weather is expected to remain generally dry, although isolated places may receive light rain or light snowfall over higher reaches late on November 5 or during the evening.

The Meteorological Centre said no significant weather activity was | [More on P6](#)

HC Strikes Down Hydel Water Charges As Centre' Says J&K Lacked Competence

Bars Govt From Taxing Power Generation Through Water Usage Charges Or Otherwise

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Thursday struck down the levy of water usage charges on hydropower projects under the Jammu and Kashmir Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2010, ruling that the charges were, in substance, a tax on electricity generation that the erstwhile state legislature lacked the competence to impose.

Allowing three petitions filed by 13 independent power producers, a Division Bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar and Justice Rajnesh Oswal declared the impugned provisions unconstitutional to the extent they authorised the levy of water usage charges on hydropower projects.

The Court also restrained the government from



imposing any tax on the generation of electricity under the "garb of water usage charges or any other tax."

The IPPs had challenged the legality of the charges imposed under the 2010 Act, arguing that the use of water by hydropower projects was "non-consumptive" and that the levy, in substance,

amounted to a tax on electricity generation rather than a fee for the use of water.

The Union of India had also maintained that the state legislature was not competent to impose a tax on electricity generation, as the relevant constitutional entry empowers states to tax the | [More on P6](#)

2028 Class 10 Examinations

5 Compulsory Subjects, Skill Paper Optional: CBSE

Observer News Service

New Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Thursday clarified the examination structure for the 2028 Class 10 board examinations, stating that students will have five compulsory subjects and can opt for an additional skill subject that may help them clear the examination if they fail in mathematics, science or social science.

The clarification applies to students currently studying in Class 9 during the 2026-27 academic session, who will appear for their Class 10 board examinations in 2028. It does not affect the current Class 10 batch.

The board also clarified that the interdisciplinary area, along with the modules on Computational Thinking (CT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), will not be included in the Scheme of Studies for these batches.

In a communique to school principals, Praggya M Singh, Director (Academics), CBSE, said the subject 'Individuals in Society' and the 'Modules of CT and AI' in Class 9 during 2026-27, as well as 'Environmental Education' in Class 10 during 2027-28, would not form part of the curriculum for the specified batches.

"To align the introduction of this curricular | [More on P6](#)

₹1-Cr Migrant Land Fraud Case

EOW Kashmir Files Chargesheet Against 5

Agencies

Srinagar: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Kashmir of Crime Branch J&K has filed a chargesheet against five accused persons before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Sopore, in a 2017 case involving alleged cheating, forgery and fraudulent sale of migrant property.

The chargesheet in FIR No. 34/2017 has been filed under Sections 420, 419, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC), according to the details provided by the EOW.

The case pertains to the

alleged fraudulent sale of 14 kanals and 3 marlas of land bearing Survey No. 349 at Wussan, Goshbugh, Pattan, owned by Jawahar Lal Bhat. The complaint alleged that payments exceeding 1 crore were made, but possession of the land was neither handed over nor was the money refunded.

The investigation allegedly revealed a criminal conspiracy involving impersonation, fabricated identity documents and misuse of a purported Power of Attorney to cheat the complainant.

The five accused named in the chargesheet | [More on P6](#)

J&K's New Media Policy Draft Nears Finalisation

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's proposed new media policy will cover social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, with the draft currently under examination and nearing finalisation, Director Information Mamta Yadav said on Thursday.

"If any policy is made, there is a process for it. We have sent a draft and are continuously responding to the queries that are coming in," Yadav said, expressing hope that the policy would be finalised soon.

She said the proposed policy would address areas not covered under the existing framework, particularly the growing role of social media



in communication and public outreach.

"Social media has grown significantly, with platforms like Instagram and Facebook. We have included these aspects in the new policy," Yadav said.

The proposed policy comes

Proposed policy to cover Facebook, Instagram, says Director Information

amid a debate over the growing number of unregulated social media news platforms, online trolling and the circulation of misleading content in Jammu and Kashmir.

On September 30, Education and Health Minister Sakina Itoo informed the Legislative Assembly that the government was working on a new media policy and that the Information Department had been given four months to formulate the guidelines.

The issue was raised by National Conference MLA Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri, who sought measures to address the alleged misuse of social media and online attacks on public representatives.

During the | [More on P6](#)



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Dated : 28-10-2026

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A	Date & Time of Downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 30-10-2026; 10:00 AM
B	Clarifications Start Date	30/10/26, 11:00 AM
C	Clarifications End Date	30/10/26, 04:30 PM
D	e-Bid Submission (Start) Date & Time (Submission of e- tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	30/10/26, 05:30 PM
E	e-Bid Submission (End) Date & Time (Submission of e- tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	19/11/26, 02:30 PM
F	Online e-Bid Opening Date & Time	21/11/26, 03:00 PM
G	Venue of Opening of Technical & Financial e-Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, KPDC, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar
H	Cost of e-Bid Document (e-challan/TR)	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only). (Non-Refundable)
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- The bidders need to submit the proof/Cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through e-Challan/Treasury Receipt pledged to Executive Engineer, KPDC, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar to be Credited to M.H-0801-Power payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the e-Challan/Treasury Receipt must be enclosed along with the e-Bids. No Demand Draft shall be accepted. Further, No Bidder shall be exempted from depositing Cost of e-Bid document even if agency/bidder is MSME.
- All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee for tender participation by all bidders, pledged to the Executive Engineer, KPDC, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar. No Interest would be payable on EMD/Performance Security deposited with the Department. No Bidder shall be exempted from depositing of Earnest Money even if agency/bidder is MSME. The e-Bids of the bidders not submitting the certified copies of above mentioned documents at S.No. (1) and (2) in scanned form shall liable to be rejected.
- Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD needs to be submitted only by the lowest tenderer instantly after opening of e-NIT and must be pledged to the Executive Engineer, KPDC, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar. The same must be submitted to this office within 03 days positively for award of contract.
- The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder's representative will be required to be produced.
- The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
- All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD. Also, Signed and Stamped Copy of SBD is required to be uploaded.
- To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate" - (DSC) Class-III (b) as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.
- Hard Copy of requisite documents shall be required to be submitted only by the Lowest Tenderer with original Performance Security and e-Challan/Treasury Receipt instantly after opening of e-NIT pledged to Executive Engineer, KPDC, ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar.
- The Name of the Work/Job along with e-NIT reference should be superscripted in Bold letters on the envelope and the Name/Firm of the Lowest Bidder should be clearly written on the cover.
- It may be noted that the hard copy should be an exact replica of the uploaded offer documents by the Lowest Tenderer.
- Documents uploaded on the website shall be treated as final.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

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Dated: 29-10-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (Old name) RASHIDA MUSHTAQ W/O MUSHTAQ AHMAD SHERA R/O GANNA COLONY, AHMAD NAGAR to (New name) ZAHOORA W/O MUSHTAQ AH. SHERA R/O GANNA COLONY, AHMAD NAGAR. In future, he/she will be known as (New name) ZAHOORA W/O MUSHTAQ AH. SHERA R/O GANNA COLONY, AHMAD NAGAR. If anybody has any objection, he/she may contact the Passport Office, Srinagar, within 7 days. After 7 days, no objection will be accepted.

ZAHOORA W/O MUSHTAQ AH. SHERA R/O GANNA COLONY, AHMAD NAGAR

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR, SRINAGAR NOTICE

I, Ryhana Niyaz, daughter of Niyaz Ahmad Wani, resident of Shamdipora Mattan bearing Registration No. 24_SET_2022 ,enrollment number 22193197002 have reported the loss of my University marks cards and have applied for the issuance of duplicate marks cards. **Marks Cards Lost: B.Sc. Operation Theatre Technology (OTT), 1st Year and 3rd Year.** Before the University considers issuing duplicate marks cards in my favour, any person having an objection is requested to report the same to the Assistant Controller of Examinations, University of Kashmir, within one week from the date of publication of this notice. The original marks cards, if found, shall be treated as cancelled.

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT PAMPORE

Case No./2026
Date of Institution:

In the case of:
Firdous Ahmad Lone S/o: Khazir Mohd Lone
R/o: Munpora Pampore. (Applicant)

VERSUS
Registrar Birth & Deaths
Block Development Officer Pampore (Non Applicant)

In the matter of:
Application for Registration of Date of Death of applicant's uncle namely Mohd Ramzan Lone S/O: Ahmed Lone R/o: Munpora Pampore, and issuing the certificate thereof under Section 13 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.
CORAM: Uzma Amin JO CODE: JK00272

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC
Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in this Court seeking direction to the non-applicant for Registration of Date of Death. Whereas through the medium of this notice, the public at large is informed that in case, anyone has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the Registration of Date of Death of Applicant's uncle namely Mohd Ramzan Lone S/o: Ahmed Lone R/o: Munpora Pampore (who has been died on 18-05-2008 at Munpora, Pampore) to the non-applicant he/she/they shall file the same before this Court in person or through counsel within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objection will be entertained and matter will be taken up for disposal in accordance with law. Given under my hand and Seal of the Court today on 28/10/26
No.
Dated: 20/10/2026 (Ms. Uzma Amin)
Munsiff/JMIC Papore

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CLASSIC PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

AHMADPORA (MAGAM) KASHMIR

Contact No. 9103158664

Ref. No.: GPHS/Adm/11/26
Date: 29-10-2026

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S.NO.	NAME	PARENTAGE	ADDRESS	PH.NO.	OCCUPATION	STATUS
01	Bashir Ahmad Malik	Ghulam Hussain Malik	Goom Ahmadpora	7006409920	Business	Chairman
02	Ghulam Rasool Baba	Ghulam Mustafa Baba	Goom Ahmadpora	9906408712	Ex. Gov. Employee	Principal
03	Syed Ahmad Shah	Syed Hassan Shah	Goom Ahmadpora	954114720	Business	Secretary
04	Firdous Ahmad Bhat	Ab Rehman Bhat	Kanterbugh	9149475694	Pvt. Employee	Parent
05	Syed Maqbool Hussain	Syed Asadullah	Goom Ahmadpora	7889830832	Pvt. Employee	Member
06	Syed Abid Hussain	Syed Abdullah Shah	Kanterbugh	9906843042	Pvt. Employee	Member
07	Ghulam Hussain Malik	Ghulam Ahmad Malik	Magam	9906078771	Driver	Parent

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IN THE COURT JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS PAMPORE

Case No.12026 Date of Institution 16/10/2026

In the case of:
Bisma W/O Abbas Hassan Shah (Applicant)
R/o: Shar Shali Pampore

VERSUS
Registrar Birth & Deaths
Block Development Officer, Pampore (Non-Applicant)
In the matter of Application for Registration of Date of Birth of applicant seeking for recording the date of birth of applicant namely Abbas D/O Abbas Hassan Shah R/o: Shar Shali Pampore and issuing the certificate thereof under Section 13 of the Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969.
Coram : Mrs.Uzma Amin U.I.D No. JK00272

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC
Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant through her mother namely Sehrish Abbas D/O Abbas Hassan Shah in this court seeking direction to the non-applicant for Registration of Date of Birth. Whereas through the medium of this notice, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the Registration of Date of Birth of Applicant (who has been born on 04-01-2022) to the non-applicant he/she/they shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objections will be entertained and matter will be taken up for disposal in accordance with law.
Given under my hand and Seal of the Court today on 16/10/2026

Mrs. Uzma Amin
Judicial Magistrate's Gass
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Zubeeda Akhter, W/o Mehraj Ahmad Bhat, R/o Memandar, District Shopian, hereby declare that my correct name is Zubeeda Akhter, whereas it has been wrongly recorded as Zubeeda Banoo in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 5781 7777 3079. I have applied for correction of the same. Objections, if any, may be submitted to the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objections shall be entertained.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Nazir Ahmad Chek, F/o Ufalida Nazir, R/o Nowgam, District Shopian, hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is Ufalida Nazir, whereas it has been wrongly recorded as Ufida Jan in her Aadhaar Card bearing No. 4726 2682 9884. I have applied for correction of the same. Objections, if any, may be submitted to the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objections shall be entertained.

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I, Tawseef Ahmad Parray, S/o Bashir Ahmad Parray, R/o Bata Maran, Wanpora, District Shopian, hereby declare that my correct name is Tawseef Ahmad Parray, whereas it has been wrongly recorded as Tawseef Bashir in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 6207 9925 7833. I have applied for correction of the same. Objections, if any, may be submitted to the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objections shall be entertained.

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I, Jaweed Ahmad Wani, S/o Ab Gani Wani, R/o Sidiqabad, District Shopian, hereby declare that my correct name is Jaweed Ahmad Wani, whereas it has been wrongly recorded as Javalid Ahmad Wani in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 9747 8176 8927. I have applied for correction of the same. Objections, if any, may be submitted to the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objections shall be entertained.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mohd Yousf Bhat, F/o Hadin Yousf, R/o Tang Mohalla, District Shopian, hereby inform that my son's correct name is Hadim Yousuf, whereas it has been wrongly recorded as Hadin Yousf in his Aadhaar Card bearing No. 7922 5552 0541. I have applied for correction of the same in the Aadhaar Card. Objections, if any, may be submitted to the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objections shall be entertained.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mohammad Ashraf Rather, R/o Hirpora, District Shopian, hereby declare that my ward's correct name is Rohaan Ashraf Rather, whereas it is wrongly recorded as Rohan Ashraf in his Aadhaar Card bearing No. 6591 8551 8144. The correct name may kindly be recorded in the Aadhaar Card. Objections, if any, may be submitted to the concerned authority within seven days..

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THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

SUB OFFICE PULWAMA

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have passed / appeared in SSE / HSE-I/HSE-II (Class 10th/11th/12th) under Roll No: 6115252 Session: Annual Regular 2017 through THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION. The error has been committed by the Muslim Gousia Wakif Secondary school Kakapora against my father's name as Ghulam Ahmad Wani instead of Ghulam Mohd Wani. Now I have applied for correction in the The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education New Campus Bemine Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Sub office Pulwama within seven. days from the date of the publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained. This is published for the information of the general public. The correct particulars be recorded as under:
Name: SHAHID GULL
Fathers Name: GHULAM MOHD WANI
Mothers Name: HAJRA AKHTER
Date of Birth: 03-03-2003.
Residence: RESHIPORA KAKAPORA
Mobile No: 7780918163.

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MIR Faisal Mubashir S/O Mubashir Hussain Mir R/O KADAPORA Anagtnag it is information for general Public that I want to apply for DEE Class Contractor Card if anybody is/ she may contact at Chief Engineer CI &D Wing JKPDC Bemina within a period of seven days No objection Shall be entertained

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I am applying for a D-Class contractor card in the office of SE PWD(R&B) circle Baramulla. If any person has any objection in this regard, they may contact the above mentioned office within 15 days from the date of Publication of this notice ; falling which, no objection shall be entertained.
Name...Sabreena Majid
C/O.. Rameez Raja Ganale
R/O.. Kreshama, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla
Cell.. 8493848345

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I have applied for the issuance of Fertilizer licence. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the office of the Agriculture office Baramula within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Farhana sultan
S/o Mohammad sultan bhat
R/o Andergam pattan

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shamima Bano, W/o Ghulam Rasool Khan, R/o Seriguo Danger Pora, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir UT, do hereby notify the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Shameema Begum" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 8391-5203-4036, whereas my correct and actual name is "Shamima Bano." Now, I intend to correct my name in the said Aadhaar Card and seek publication of the requisite notification in the Government Gazette through Govt. Ranbir Press, Jammu. Any person having any objection in this regard may raise the same before the competent authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.
Shamima Bano
W/o Ghulam Rasool Khan
R/o Seriguo Danger Pora, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, J&K UT.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, F/o Omer Fayaz Bhat, R/o Wailoo, Tehsil Kunzer, Post Office Kunzer, District Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir UT, do hereby inform the general public that my son's name has been wrongly recorded as "Umer Fayaz Bhat" in his Aadhaar Card bearing No. 8644-0076-4242, whereas his correct and actual name is "Omer Fayaz Bhat." I intend to correct his name in the said Aadhaar Card and seek publication of the requisite notification in the Government Gazette. Any person having any objection in this regard may submit the same before the competent authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.
Fayaz Ahmad Bhat
F/o Omer Fayaz Bhat
R/o Wailoo, Tehsil Kunzer, Post Office Kunzer, District Baramulla, J&K UT.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change my name in my jk bank records from Ghulam Mohi-ud-din S/o Ali Mohd R/o Malabuchan Magam to (new name) Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Hurra S/o Ali Mohd R/o Malabuchan Magam. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned JK Bank within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Hurra
S/o Ali Mohd
R/o Malabuchan Magam

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Nighat Akhter, D/o Mohd. Muzafar Najar, R/o Ogmuna, Tehsil Kwarhama, District Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir UT, do hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Nighat Muzaffar" in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 7980 3365 9112, whereas my correct and actual name is "Nighat Akhter." I intend to correct my name in the Aadhaar records accordingly. Any person having any objection in this regard may submit the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the stipulated period.
Nighat Akhter
D/o Mohd. Muzafar Najar
R/o Ogmuna, Tehsil Kwarhama, District Baramulla, J&K UT.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Gulzar Ahmad Wani, S/o Mohammad Shafi Wani, R/o Ketchmatipora, Tehsil Kwarhama, District Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir UT, hereby inform the general public that the name and date of birth of my ward, Moonim Gulzar Wani, have been incorrectly recorded in his Aadhaar Card bearing No. 7754 940 2246. His name has been wrongly recorded as "Momin Gulzar" instead of his correct name, "Moonim Gulzar Wani," and his date of birth has been recorded as 31/12/2013 instead of his actual date of birth, 07/09/2013, as per the Date of Birth Certificate issued by the Block Development Officer, Kunzer. I intend to rectify the above-mentioned discrepancies in his Aadhaar records. Any person having any objection in this regard may submit the same before the concerned authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.
Gulzar Ahmad Wani
S/o Mohammad Shafi Wani
R/o Ketchmatipora, Tehsil Kwarhama, District Baramulla, J&K UT.

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KO VIEW

Make Colleges
Enterprise Hubs

The challenge Jammu and Kashmir faces today was confronted by Germany decades ago: how to prepare young people for working life when academic qualifications alone could not guarantee employment. Germany responded by strengthening a system that combines classroom education with workplace training. The results are instructive. In 2024, employment among recent vocational education graduates reached 92.2 per cent, compared with the European Union average of 80 per cent. The lesson for Kashmir is clear and concise: education must connect directly with economic activity. Jammu and Kashmir has a troubling disconnect between educational attainment and employment. Government figures put unemployment among people aged 15 to 29 at 13.7 per cent, while the figure among postgraduates stood at 23 per cent. The problem goes beyond a shortage of vacancies. Too many young people complete their education without the practical experience, commercial skills or professional contacts that employers and customers value. The government should make paid enterprise projects a compulsory part of college and university education. Small student teams could run digital marketing services, manage online shops for handicraft producers, develop tourism services, help farmers reach buyers or provide bookkeeping to local businesses. Other ventures could focus on food processing, solar panel maintenance, waste collection and educational technology. These are practical projects with potential customers, rather than classroom exercises designed to earn academic credits. Public funding could provide seed capital, modest stipends, university workspaces and access to experienced business mentors. Local companies could commission assignments and pay for completed services. Students would learn to prepare budgets, attract clients, manage expenses and generate revenue. Successful ventures could continue after graduation, creating jobs for their founders and other young people. Germany's experience shows the value of connecting education with employers. South Korea's startup support system provides another lesson by linking entrepreneurs with investors, accelerators and established businesses. Kashmir need not copy either country wholesale. It should adapt their underlying principle by bringing colleges, industry and commercial opportunity into closer contact. The programme must have clear standards. Colleges should select projects after assessing market demand, publish transparent funding rules and measure results through revenue, employment and business survival. Students from low-income families must receive fair compensation so that compulsory participation does not become an unpaid burden. Independent evaluation should distinguish viable ventures from projects that exist only on paper. The government should also build on existing apprenticeship programmes rather than create another disconnected scheme. Colleges can become places where students test business ideas, gain professional experience and learn to earn before graduation. Kashmir's educated youth should have routes into employment beyond waiting for government recruitment. Public policy must help them turn their knowledge into useful services, viable enterprises and new jobs. The real test of education is whether young people can use it to build an independent economic future.

Kashmir Needs a
Market Built on Trust

Clear prices, accountable workmanship and respect for customers and workers will help local businesses earn the loyalty that expensive showrooms alone cannot secure.



Irshad Mushtaq

An elderly father keeps his afternoon free because a fitter has promised to arrive. A family postpones an outing because its furniture installation remains incomplete. A young entrepreneur leaves work repeatedly to supervise a job that was supposed to be handled professionally. Such experiences may seem minor to a business owner, but they can consume a customer's time, patience and confidence. Kashmir's local businesses have invested in impressive showrooms, attractive displays and ambitious expansion. Their next challenge is to ensure that the service behind the glass doors lives up to the promise made inside them. A customer should know the final price, the person responsible for the work and the date of completion before committing money. When those details emerge only after a purchase, the transaction becomes a test of patience rather than a demonstration of professionalism. A showroom can sell furniture, flooring or household fittings in a single afternoon. Earning a family's confidence takes longer, and a single poorly handled installation can undo years of goodwill. The difficulty often begins when responsibility passes from the seller to the person doing the work. A customer may purchase a product at a large showroom, arrange installation through its staff and assume that the entire job falls under one agreement. The fitter may have a different understanding of the price, the materials or the work involved. Additional charges then appear, deadlines pass and the customer finds himself moving between people who each see only their part of the transaction. Some additional work is unavoidable. A site inspection may reveal a problem that nobody could reasonably have anticipated. The difference lies in how the business handles it. An explanation and an approved revised estimate allow the customer to make an informed choice. A demand for extra payment after work has begun leaves the customer with far less freedom. Businesses can prevent much of this friction by defining responsibilities before taking an order. Customers should know whether an installer is employed by the showroom or hired independently, who sets the labour charges and who will address complaints about workmanship. A business that recommends a fitter should take its recommendation seriously, even when the fitter operates independently. Customers tend to judge the entire experience as one purchase. Loyalty to workers also needs careful judgment. Skilled fitters deserve fair wages, respectful treatment and dependable work. Their experience is valuable to the businesses that rely on them. But a long working relationship should never shield someone from a legitimate complaint. A customer raising a concern does not automatically establish wrongdoing, either. The sensible response is to examine the quotation, messages, photographs and agreed scope of work before deciding what happened. Such procedures protect good workers from unfair accusations while giving customers a credible route to seek corrections. Personal loyalty and professional accountability can coexist. National consumer data suggests that grievance channels are being used on a substantial scale. A November 2025 statement by the Government of India reported that average monthly registrations at the National Consumer Helpline had risen from 37,062 in 2017 to 1,70,585 in 2025. Nearly 65% of grievances were being registered through online and digital channels. These figures cover India, not Kashmir specifically, and the increase does not establish that dishonest business practices have become more common. Greater public awareness and easier access to complaint systems may also explain the numbers. Still, the figures give businesses reason to examine how they handle dissatisfaction before a customer seeks outside assistance. Online shopping presents a related lesson. Local traders sometimes blame digital platforms when customers purchase goods elsewhere, but asking people to support local businesses means little if those businesses leave prices unclear or complaints unanswered. Online commerce also has its own problems. The Department of Consumer Affairs reported that the National Consumer Helpline facilitated about 7.14 crore in refunds involving 15,426 refund-related grievances between April 25 and June 30, 2025. E-commerce accounted for 8,919 grievances and about 3.69 crore in refunds. These figures describe complaints handled through the helpline, rather than the overall failure rate of online purchases. The distinction between local and online shopping is less important than the confidence a seller earns. A local business can explain a product in person, arrange installation and provide accessible after-sales assistance. Those advantages count when customers experience them in practice. Written commitments can help turn good intentions into dependable service. An order should specify the work included, the charges, the expected completion date and the process for approving additional expenses. Businesses should confirm that products, materials and workers are available before promising an installation date. If a delay occurs, the customer should hear about it before making repeated calls. Completion also needs a clear definition. A job may leave loose fittings, unfinished edges or adjustments that still need attention. Customers should inspect the agreed work, record outstanding tasks and receive a clear date for their completion. Where cleaning and packaging removal form part of the agreement, those tasks belong in the final

handover. Such care becomes especially important when serving elderly customers. An older person should be able to ask about a charge without embarrassment, understand a bill without deciphering technical language and receive an honest update about an appointment. Respect also extends to older workers, whose experience can complement the younger generation's skills in scheduling, documentation and digital communication. Kashmir's businesses could strengthen these practices through trade associations and training institutions. Technical instruction should include customer communication, transparent estimates, payment records, property care and complaint handling. Showrooms could track installation delays, repeat visits and unresolved complaints alongside sales figures. A business that knows where its service fails has a better chance of correcting it. Customers, too, have responsibilities. They should pay agreed charges promptly, respect workers and avoid demanding unpaid additions. Fairness cannot depend on which side holds the money or controls the work. Religious and moral commitments gain practical meaning when they guide ordinary dealings, from accurate measurements and fair wages to honest billing and fulfilled promises. A business needs a clear contact for unresolved complaints so that customers are not left passing messages between the showroom, delivery team and fitter. When direct resolution fails, the National Consumer Helpline provides a pre-litigation grievance channel through 1915 and digital services, including its portal and WhatsApp. The process does not guarantee a particular outcome, but it gives consumers a route to seek redress. Kashmir's business community has good reason to protect the reputation it has built through investment, skill and hard work. That protection begins when owners examine complaints fairly, workers honour agreed commitments and customers treat service staff with respect. The brightest showroom may persuade someone to enter. The experience that follows will determine whether that person returns, recommends the business to relatives or chooses another seller next time. A market earns its reputation through thousands of ordinary transactions. A price explained before payment, a worker paid fairly, an appointment honoured and a mistake corrected without argument may attract little public attention. Together, these acts determine whether buying locally feels like a sensible choice. The strongest recommendation a Kashmiri business can receive is simple: the customer understood the price, was treated fairly and received the work that had been promised. That confidence is worth far more than an impressive display.

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Kashmir's Loan Burden

A signature given as a favour can leave government employees in Kashmir facing financial liabilities, damaged credit histories and strained relationships.



Tariq Nigar

A government employee in Kashmir may spend years building a reputation for honesty, meeting household expenses on a fixed salary and saving for his children's education or a future home. When a friend, relative or colleague approaches him to guarantee a bank loan, refusing can become a test of loyalty. His signature, given to preserve a relationship, may expose the financial security he has spent years building. The difficulty begins with a common misunderstanding. Many people regard a loan guarantee as a routine formality, a signature needed to complete paperwork. Legally, however, it can bind the guarantor to repay a debt when the borrower defaults. What begins as a personal favour can become an obligation with consequences for a family that never received a rupee of the loan. Kashmir's close social ties can make this decision particularly uncomfortable. Relatives

remain connected through extended families, colleagues depend on mutual goodwill, and friendships often come with expectations of assistance. A request for a guarantee may arrive with an appeal to trust or a reference to help given in the past. The employee must weigh the risk to his household against the possibility of offending someone whose relationship he values. The law gives this dilemma a financial dimension that needs wider public attention. Section 128 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, generally makes a guarantor's liability co-extensive with that of the principal borrower, unless the contract provides otherwise. A bank may pursue the guarantor for recovery without first exhausting its remedies against the borrower. The signature therefore holds a legal commitment, even when the guarantor has received none of the borrowed money. The consequences can emerge months or years after the original agreement, when the employee may have forgotten the circumstances in which he signed. A borrower who loses the ability to repay, stops paying instalments or avoids responsibility can leave the guarantor facing demands for a debt he never intended to incur. Good intentions at the time of signing provide little protection against the terms of a binding agreement. A government salary can make an employee appear financially secure to a lender and to the people seeking his help. The monthly income, however, already has destinations. School fees, household bills, medical expenses, family obligations and savings for retirement all depend on it. Regular employment gives a person some predictability, but it does not create unlimited borrowing capacity or make him responsible for another person's financial decisions. Credit history creates another twist to tale. A default on the guaranteed loan may affect the guarantor's credit report and CIBIL score, depending on how the account and guarantee are reported. That damage can complicate a later application for a home loan, vehicle loan or personal loan. An employee who has repaid his own debts responsibly may find his borrowing prospects affected by somebody else's failure to meet instalments. Recovery proceedings can deepen the strain. Depending on the agreement, applicable law and the procedure used by the bank, the guarantor may face claims against his assets or other lawful recovery measures. Money saved for a child's education or a medical emergency may have to be redirected towards the outstanding debt. In severe circumstances, the employee may borrow money himself to meet an obligation created by another person's loan. The imbalance is difficult to ignore. The borrower gains access to credit, while the bank obtains an additional source of repayment under the guarantee. The guarantor may receive no direct financial benefit, although he

assumes a potentially substantial liability. His reward is often the satisfaction of helping someone or preserving a valued relationship. That goodwill may prove one-sided when repayment fails and the bank seeks its money. This imbalance does not make all borrowers irresponsible or all guarantees unreasonable. Many people repay their loans as agreed, and a guarantee can serve a legitimate purpose in lending. The concern lies in the casual manner in which such commitments are sometimes treated, particularly when social pressure prevents a prospective guarantor from examining the risks with a clear head. Banks have a responsibility to make the terms understandable before a person signs. Prospective guarantors should have an opportunity to examine the agreement, understand the extent of their liability and learn what may happen if the borrower defaults. A signature should follow informed consent, rather than an assumption that the employee knows what he is accepting because he holds a permanent government job. Borrowers also have a responsibility to recognise what they are asking of someone else. Seeking a guarantee means asking another person to assume a legal obligation linked to a debt whose proceeds will go to the borrower. That request calls for candour about repayment capacity and respect for the guarantor's decision. The hardest change may have to come from

society itself. A refusal to guarantee a loan should not automatically be read as selfishness, distrust or a lack of affection. Someone may be willing to help a relative find another solution, contribute within his means or provide practical assistance while remaining unwilling to assume liability for a large debt. These are different forms of support, and a healthy relationship should leave room for that distinction. The social test is often applied at the wrong moment. When an employee refuses to sign, relatives or colleagues may question his loyalty. Should the borrower default, however, the same people may have little capacity to help repay the debt. The employee is left to confront the consequences in his own household, where the original gesture of goodwill can become a source of financial strain and personal resentment. A government job should never be mistaken for a public guarantee against another person's default. The employee's salary belongs to a life already filled with obligations, hopes and plans. Asking him to place that future at risk to prove his loyalty confuses generosity with liability. The more honest measure of a relationship is whether it can survive a refusal, especially when the price of saying yes may be paid by an entire family.

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A Kashmiri Daughter's Right to Choose

A young woman's refusal to accept marriage as a foregone conclusion sparks a deeply personal conversation with her aunt about gender inequality, family expectations and the meaning of a life freely chosen.

Munahzah Rashid Sahaf

It's a Sunday and my aunt has come to visit us. She is my favourite aunt and I love to spend time with her. We and her family have lunch together and now I am in my room to pray zuhr. I usually do not like to sit with guests and prefer staying in my room to read, study or just relax. My existence outside my room feels like some kind of a struggle. My parents always complain but I just don't seem to help it. My room is my world. I lean against the headboard of my bed to relax when I hear a knock on my door. It's my darling aunt. She comes in, drags a chair and sits across from me.

"How's your college going?" she asks.

"It's wonderful. Our teachers are superb, though I don't find my classmates particularly serious," I reply.

"In our times, arts was only meant for non-serious and below-average students. It's getting better. Nowadays, a lot of bright and capable students choose it and view it as a serious career path," she says in a nostalgic tone.

"Well, I differ. Nothing much has changed. I wish my parents had allowed me to pursue my studies at a better university. I will never forgive them for this," I retort, sadly.

"Don't get started with that again now. Trust your parents," she says while getting up, hugging and kissing my forehead. "Parents only want the overall best for their kids," she adds.

A storm of emotions whirl in my heart. I had been accepted into a prestigious university outside the state to pursue my undergraduate degree, but my parents had refused. Reason – I was a girl. Apparently, the world wasn't as safe for girls as it was for boys! I wish they had buried me alive rather than kill my dreams.

"Your mother is the gentlest person I have known. It hurts me when I see you distressing her every time you say that you don't want to get married," she says looking into my eyes.

The sudden change of topic feels intrusive. I feel a hot rage running down my spine. I do not like it when my mother shares my personal affairs to anyone.

"It's between me and my mom, why on earth is she talking to me about it," I think.

Not able to contain my anger, I get up and sit on the sofa in the corner of the room. My face turns red and I simply want to run away from the conversation.

"She is too timid to stand up to you when you push her around," she continues.

"Khala! It is my personal matter and I do not want to discuss it with you," I snap.

"Oh, personal matter!" she remarks, making a face. "Your entire



How is my decision of not getting married disrespectful? If parents can't let kids have their own choices, why do they give birth to them, I wonder.

"Look my child! I do not intend to persuade you to marry because, currently there is no proposal for you," she says while getting up from her chair and sitting beside me.

I feel like getting up at this very moment but fear that I might upset her even more. To shorten the telling-off time, I choose to sit beside her and listen. To give myself some sort of respite, I picked a book and randomly opened it.

"Your mother truly worries when you repeatedly threaten that she should never dream of seeing you happily married," she says softly. "The way you bring it up again and again without any provocation, makes me suspect that you actually want to get married," she adds, breaking the tension.

"Khala! You know it's not true," I say smiling back. "I just don't want my mother to have such expectations. I am just readying her for my decision and this time I want her to know, I will not budge, no matter what," I retort.

I do not intend to worry my mother, nor do I say it to intimidate her. In fact, I want to save her from future disappointment. If parents love children unconditionally, so do the children. How can we not?

"Can I ask, why have you taken such a harsh decision? Only if it's a 'personal matter'!" she asks, rolling her eyes.

"Perhaps she is going to taunt me for those two words for the rest of my life," I think. Elders are sometimes so irritating. Even when they see we are not comfortable discussing something, they simply press on.

"Khala! You have always been more of a friend than an aunt to me. But, I do not want anyone to talk me out of this decision," I respond, trying to keep my composure.

"That doesn't answer my question, girl," she says with a sigh.

"What benefit is marriage to a girl? Why should I even consider it?" I say irritated.

As much as I dislike the conversation, I am not able to find a way out of it. I steal a glance at my aunt and find her smiling as if she is recalling a fond memory from the past.

"What is it?" I ask curiously.

A long pause follows, broken only with a sigh that fades into a smile.

"When proposals started pouring in for me, I asked the same questions to my mother. I just remembered how furious she had gotten," she replies laughing.

I imagine the scene in my head.

"These questions are a part of growing up. The rage in you reminds me of my old days," she adds, still



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"KHALA! DO YOU REGRET MARRYING?" I look at my aunt but she chooses to fix her eyes outside the window. **"Don't you ever think how different your life could be if you had taken a stand for yourself?"** I add.

smiling.

I want to know the entire conversation of my Khala and Nani. I wonder whether my mother too had these questions. I have always viewed my Khala's family as perfect, unlike my own. They share such a beautiful bond that hearing her ask those questions feels completely unreal. I wonder if she is making it up, but the genuineness of her eyes and words stop me. Besides, I haven't known her as a person who fakes. She is quite blunt, unlike my mother, sometimes even rude. She would rather tear a person apart than pour honey-dipped words from her mouth just to please.

The silence is getting heavier, so I ask, "What did Nani say?"

"Well, she slapped me. She got furious and reprimanded me for bringing up such silly questions."

"That's not fair! You are making it up! Nani is so sweet and kind. All this hasn't happened," I say angrily, getting up to leave before somehow sinking back down.

"Your Nani told me that she was happy to have raised three wonderful kids and built her own home alongside my father," she continues, rearranging my books on my side table.

"She wanted me to do the same, because she believed it was what I was supposed to do. There are times when a girl just doesn't have a choice," she adds, her voice heavy. "We do what we are supposed to do and then blame parents, siblings, spouses, or situations, whatever fits," she continues.

I stare at her, trying to make sense of what she just said.

"Do you think Nani was right to slap you? Are you justifying all of it?" I retort.

"Maybe she wasn't. Am I justifying it?" she asks, frowning.

"You are making it sound like that. Instead of admitting your cowardice, you are hiding behind gender and situation," I respond with a trace of cockiness.

I can see her eyes welling up, that's not what I had intended. When mothers don't have an answer, they cry. It suddenly dawned on me that my Nani, too, might have cried. My heart softens, and I reach out to take her hand. I feel completely drained and do not want to continue this conversation anymore. I look down at the

open book in my lap, but the words look blurry.

"Did Nani apologise to you?" I mutter.

"No, not at all," she murmurs.

"You just got married and found out your choice didn't matter and lived happily ever after?" I ask, surprised. "And here you are! Trying to convince me to do the same?" I counter.

She looks at me and laughs, "You are right. Three families are jumping over the wall, competing for your hand!"

Her laughter gets on my nerves. This unexpected deflection catches me completely off guard, leaving me irritated and utterly speechless.

"Come on, get ready. The entire Kashmir is desperate to get their son married to you," she says, nudging my arm and laughing.

"Khala! You are impossibly irritating," I snap.

"Love to irritate you until your stomach churns. Poor you! You can't even throw me out of your room – I am so fat and you are so skinny," she says laughing mischievously.

"I am serious," I state, realising that I was much deeper into the conversation than I had anticipated.

A brief pause follows. Then, mustering the courage to ask a question I am sure would get me bashed, I say, "Khala! Do you regret marrying?"

I look at my aunt but she chooses to fix her eyes outside the window.

"Don't you ever think how different your life could be if you had taken a stand for yourself?" I add.

She looks at me, studies my face and finally replies, "No, I do not regret my life."

"But that does not mean every choice I made was right and every sacrifice was necessary. Life is very unpredictable. If we change just one parameter, there are a million possibilities that can unfold," she says, taking a deep breath.

I sit still, turning her words over in my mind.

"You are again justifying what is wrong. Choices do matter. They do to me," I say.

For a moment, neither of us speak. Then she says, "You know, when I was your age, I thought marriage would be the end of my freedom."

I look at her skeptically.

"Don't give me that look," she said,

not marrying doesn't solve the problem either," she says, leaning her back on the sofa and looking outside the window.

"Well, I think it does," I announce.

"It's easy for you to say that while sitting in your own home. Your parents take care of every need and desire of yours. My child! You are too young to understand how the dynamics change when one loses both or one of their parents. A woman needs a man's protection, at least one, be it her father, her brother, her husband or her son. Only the one who loses that protection knows how the eyes of the world change the moment it happens," she says, turning to me. "Boys and girls can be equals, but they can never be the same," she adds.

"I choose to disagree that marriage is a solution to every problem," I snap.

"Me too," she murmurs.

"Then why are you insinuating that it is?" I retort.

"Am I? Marriages don't solve problems, and neither do 'not marrying'," she replies with a smile. "In fact, 'not marrying' doesn't guarantee freedom of choice either," she adds with a smirk.

"What do you mean?" I ask.

"Allah's will prevails over everything. I know boys and girls who really want to get married waiting years for a match, and I know boys and girls who never wanted to marry got married to the very first proposal," she says, holding my book in her hand and studying its cover.

When nothing works, adults think this card always works. Allah has given brains to us so that we can judge what's right and what's wrong for us. Allah has given us choice and the world wants to take it away.

"I still won't change my decision," I say sternly.

"When did I ask you to change it?" she asks.

"Why else are we having this conversation?" I ask.

"Life on earth is nothing but a trial, it's not supposed to be fair. The way we perceive the world changes with time. I only want for you to not make this decision right now and terrorise your mother. When the moment comes, either Allah will change your heart or maybe you will need more time. Or whatever it may be. We will cross the bridge when we get there," she says very softly, holding my hand and brushing it.

Somewhere inside, I feel ashamed. All this while I thought she wanted me to change my decision, but she is clearly only objecting to my proclaiming it.

"On a serious note, my beloved child. Please do not lose faith in the institution of marriage created by Allah. It was supposed to be beautiful, alluring, protective and full of mercy, but society has turned it into something ugly, aversive, abusive and intimidating. I apologise to you on behalf of our generation and the society we created. You were not supposed to feel about marriage what you are feeling," she continues, holding my hand tighter.

A wave of sadness settles in the air. From being sporty and jolly, I see my aunt becoming remorseful as if my feelings overburden her shoulders. I feel overwhelmed by unexplainable emotions.

"The biggest weapon a mother has is 'her supplication'. My girl, until my last breath, I will pray that your generation will be able to bring back into marriage what we have destroyed in the name of culture, gender bias and dogmas, and what-not," she adds.

I will probably spend days replaying this conversation.

Right then my brother barges in and throws himself onto my bed with a thud. I hate it when he comes unannounced like this, messing up my neatly made sheets. Brothers are nothing but pests!

"What are you guys doing here?" he asks, sitting up and tossing my blanket aside. "Mom is asking you to make green tea for everyone," he adds.

"Why me? You make it. You have hands just like me! And just get lost from my room," I retort.

existence is because of your parents. While we respect your space and individuality, you better respect ours," she continues.

Parents and their emotional cards!

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Collective Effort

and duty with social responsibility. Sinha said the police's Civic Action Programmes had created opportunities for youth engagement, skill development and sporting excellence, encouraging confidence and constructive participation in society.

He emphasised that the progress of a region depended on providing its youth with opportunities, confidence in their abilities and a strong sense of unity.

"I have always emphasised that the true upliftment of any region occurs when its youth have faith in their eyes, opportunities in their hands, and a feeling of unity in their hearts," he said.

Expressing confidence that such initiatives would inspire young people, he said they could contribute significantly to national development through talent, hard work and determination.

The Lieutenant Governor also referred to initiatives such as 'Jashn-e-Dal', saying sporting events went beyond competition and helped instil discipline, perseverance and resilience among participants.

Calling youth the nation's greatest strength, Sinha urged the younger generation to actively participate in sports and community programmes.

He also stressed the need to build a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir, calling on all sections of society to participate in the fight against substance abuse. He said those affected by substance abuse must be supported and rehabilitated with empathy and care.

"It is the collective responsibility of all of us to provide the youth with platforms where their energy receives a positive direction, their talent receives encouragement, and their dreams receive the opportunity to be realised," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon people to work together for peace and progress and to build a healthy, prosperous and secure Jammu and Kashmir.

"We must take three resolves today: first, we will always move forward for peace, we will move forward for progress and we will move forward to build a healthy, prosperous, secure, and bright Jammu Kashmir," he said.

DGP Nalin Prabhat, Special DG Coordination S.J.M. Gillani, Commandant General Home Guards Abdul Ghani Mir, ADGP Arvind Nitish Kumar, ADG BSF Ashok Yadav, Director Fire and Emergency Services Alok Kumar, senior police and civil administration officers, members of cycling associations, prominent citizens and youth attended the felicitation ceremony.

Public Office A

2024 to uphold humility, compassion and integrity in public service, emphasising that public office is a responsibility entrusted by the people. Addressing a felicitation ceremony organised for the successful candidates, Sinha congratulated the qualifiers on their achievement and extended his best wishes to their parents for supporting them in realising their aspirations.

He said clearing competitive examinations was a significant achievement, but reminded the young officers that positions and designations were not personal possessions.

"Public office is a trust reposed by the people," he said, stressing that humility was a foremost qualification for good governance and effective administration.

Addressing the JKAS qualifiers, the Lieutenant Governor said their success reflected individual merit as well as the aspirations, resilience and democratic spirit of Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed confidence that the young officers would contribute to truth, justice and public welfare.

Recalling Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's description of the civil services as the "steel frame" of the nation, Sinha urged the candidates to preserve the dignity of public service and focus on meaningful work rather than public recognition.

He said the true test of an administrator lay in responding sensitively to the concerns of the most vulnerable sections of society.

Highlighting the importance of compassion, evidence-based decision-making and commitment to humanity, the Lieutenant Governor advised the young officers to look beyond official procedures and understand the people and circumstances behind administrative decisions.

"Behind every file lies a precious life. I urge you to also look at the data hidden behind files, and to recognise the people standing behind those figures and understand their needs," he said.

Rehana Batul, Director General of the J&K Institute for Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (JKIMPARD); Dr GV SundEEP Chakravathy, SSP Srinagar; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Owais Ali Bhat, Director of Exceptional Academy, and office-bearers of the academy attended the ceremony. (ONS)

Ruhullah Set

Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for public development works.

Rejecting criticism that vacating the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat would amount to abandoning his constituents, Ruhullah said his decision stemmed from what he described as a collective betrayal by the party after the 2024

elections.

"I felt collectively betrayed, not isolated," he said, alleging that the party had moved away from the commitments it made to the people before the elections.

"We committed one thing to the people, and after winning elections, we turned away from those commitments. The consistency and conviction with which I fought were maligned by my own party, casting aspersions on my struggle," he said.

Ruhullah claimed that his differences with the party leadership reached a turning point when he was asked to step aside.

Durbar Move:

However, heavy motor vehicles travelling downhill from Qazigund towards Jammu will be allowed to move in a regulated manner.

Operators transporting fresh and perishable goods and livestock have been advised to plan their movement accordingly in view of the restrictions.

All government offices are scheduled to reopen in Jammu on November 2.

The Durbar Move, a legacy of Dogra rule, is a biannual practice under which the Jammu and Kashmir government functions from Jammu during the winter months and Srinagar during the summer. Introduced by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1872, the practice was discontinued in 2021 during the Lieutenant Governor's rule and restored by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah after he returned to power in 2025.

HC Strikes Down

consumption or sale of electricity, but not its generation.

It contended that no taxes or duties, which are not specifically mentioned in List-II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India can be levied by the State Government under any guise whatsoever. It submitted that under Entry 53 of List-II (State List), the States are authorized to levy taxes on the consumption or sale of electricity but not on generation of electricity. Therefore, it said, the legislative power of the State does not extend to imposition of tax on water drawn by any person for non-consumptive use of water for generation of electricity. It has been submitted that the water usage charges under the impugned enactment are, in fact, a tax on generation of electricity, which would ultimately be collected from the consumers of electricity, who may happen to be the residents of other States.

The J&K government, however, defended the levy, arguing that water resources fell within the legislative domain of the state and that the charges were regulatory in nature.

Rejecting the government's position, the court observed that the nature of a levy had to be determined by its substance and actual operation rather than the nomenclature assigned to it.

The Bench noted that the charges were calculated with reference to the head height from which water was used to propel turbines, rather than the quantity of water drawn or consumed. This, the court held, indicated that the levy was linked to the electricity-generating potential of the water.

The court further observed that the charges collected from hydropower projects were intended to fund the establishment of hydel and multipurpose hydroelectric projects, purchase of existing projects, investment in transmission and distribution networks, and procurement of electricity by the government or its entities.

Since the levy was not linked to any specific service rendered to the hydro-power projects, the court concluded that it possessed the character of a tax rather than a water usage fee.

It held that the erstwhile state legislature lacked the competence to impose such a tax when the legislation was enacted in 2010.

"Even if it is assumed that usage charges constitute a tax on water and not a tax on generation of electricity, still then the respondent-State does not have a case to save the legislation," the Bench said, adding, "This is so because even if it is assumed that the "land" includes "water" or that water is "mineral" still then in the face of nature of categorization of various fields in entries appearing in the State List, it becomes clear that water falls under a separate and distinct category whereas land and minerals fall under distinct categories." While the "water" has been categorized separately under Entry 17 of List-II, the court said, the land has been categorized separately under Entry 18 of List-II with taxing Entry 49. "Taxing entry for mineral is Entry 50 of List-II. However, there is no taxing entry in the State List in respect of the water."

The Court also rejected the argument by the J&K Government that the subsequent adoption of the law under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, could validate a provision that was unconstitutional at its inception.

First Kashmiri

quota and one judicial officer under the Bench quota.

The appointments are part of efforts to address vacancies in the High Court, whose sanctioned strength was increased from 17 to 25 judges in November 2024.

The recommendations will now be processed by the competent authorities

in accordance with the established procedure for judicial appointments.

J&K's New Media

discussion, several legislators called for a regulatory framework to tackle the issue, while others cautioned against restrictions that could undermine press freedom.

Itoo said politicians could not hold the media solely responsible for the misuse of social media, noting that political actors also contributed to the problem. She also called for greater accountability for content circulated on online platforms. (KNO)

Rain, Hailstorm

expected across Jammu and Kashmir until November 7.

Meanwhile, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 22.7 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 4.3 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, according to the department's daily weather report.

Gulmarg recorded the lowest minimum temperature among the main Kashmir Valley stations at minus 0.1 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam recorded a minimum of 2.2 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded a maximum temperature of 22.5 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 2.6 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara recorded a maximum of 24.6 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 2.3 degrees Celsius.

In the Jammu division, Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 31.5 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 14.1 degrees Celsius. Katra recorded a maximum of 29 degrees Celsius, while Kathua recorded 30.8 degrees Celsius.

The Meteorological Centre has advised farmers to continue harvesting and other agricultural operations.

EOW Kashmir

are Brij Nath of Amit Nagar, Muthi, Jammu; Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Dar of Samson, Budgam; Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh of Sachen Banit, Beerwah, Budgam; Zahoor Ahmed Dar of Margipora, Pattan; and Reyaz Ahmad Rather of Margipora, Pattan, Baramulla.

Brij Nath, also known by the aliases Soom Nath, Hadi Nath and Mohan Lal, and Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Dar were arrested in late September, according to the supplied details. Dar subsequently secured bail, while Brij Nath remains lodged in Central Jail.

The EOW had earlier filed a chargesheet in August 2023 in another case, FIR No. 27/2021, against Brij Nath and Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh. The latest chargesheet is the second against Brij Nath and Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh, according to the agency's statement.

SSP EOW Kashmir has advised the public to verify land ownership records and documents thoroughly before entering into property transactions to guard against fraud and financial losses. (KNT)

5 Compulsory Subjects

area with the implementation schedule, the subject 'Individuals in Society' and the 'Modules of CT and AI' in Class 9 (2026-27) and the subject 'Environmental Education' in Class 10 (2027-28) shall not be part of the curriculum for these batches," she said.

Under the revised structure, students will appear for board examinations in five compulsory subjects: two languages, mathematics, science and social science.

However, they will study nine compulsory curricular subjects, including a third language, art education, physical education and well-being, and vocational education.

The board said vocational education would remain compulsory for Class 10 students appearing in 2028. Students can choose between 'Kaushal Vikas' and any one of the 22 skill subjects notified by the board.

According to the CBSE, students opting for one of the 22 skill subjects will have to appear for a board examination in the chosen subject during the 2027-28 academic session. The marks and grades obtained will be reflected in the board-issued marksheet, and students who pass will also receive certification under the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF).

The available skill subjects include artificial intelligence, data science, information technology, financial markets, healthcare and design thinking.

Students choosing 'Kaushal Vikas', on the other hand, will undergo school-based internal assessment and receive a school certificate if they secure at least 33 per cent marks. They will not be required to appear for a separate board examination in the subject.

The CBSE has outlined two pathways for vocational education, allowing students to choose between school-based assessment and a board examination leading to a nationally recognised skill certification.

According to sources in the board, the circular aims to provide clarity to the current Class 9 batch well in advance as students prepare to move into Class 10.

"Our foremost priority is to safeguard students' interests by clearly communicating the academic and examination-related provisions well in advance. The emphasis is on encouraging students to focus on meaningful learning rather than solely on examinations," a source said.



FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2026

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway, in association with other zonal railways, has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY									
Spl. Train No.	Station From		Dept. Time	Station to		Arr. Time	Frequency / Day		Period
02252	New Delhi	VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:35	Patna Jn.		21:30	Tri-weekly	Mon, Wed, Sat	Upto 25.11.26
02251	Patna Jn.		10:00	New Delhi		23:30		Tue, Thu, Sun	Upto 26.11.26
02254	New Delhi	VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:35	Patna Jn.		21:30	Tri-weekly	Sun, Tue, Thu	Upto 26.11.26
02253	Patna Jn.		10:00	New Delhi		23:30		Sat, Mon, Wed	Upto 28.11.26
04512	Chandigarh Jn.		23:35	Patna Jn.		21:15	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04511	Patna Jn.		23:15	Chandigarh Jn.		21:40		Friday	Upto 27.11.26
04616	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.		12:00	Patna Jn.		18:35	Weekly	Tuesday	Upto 24.11.26
04615	Patna Jn.		20:20	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.		23:55		Wednesday	Upto 25.11.26
04008	Anand Vihar(T.)		08:30	Jogbani		15:00	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 07.11.26
04007	Jogbani		18:30	Anand Vihar(T.)		03:00		Sunday	Upto 08.11.26
04028	Anand Vihar(T.)		09:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.		04:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday	Upto 24.11.26
04027	Muzaffarpur Jn.		06:15	Anand Vihar(T.)		05:30		Wednesday, Saturday	Upto 25.11.26
04010	Delhi Jn.		23:05	Sitamarhi Jn.		23:30	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 19.11.26
04009	Sitamarhi Jn.		00:45	Delhi Jn.		20:30		Saturday	Upto 21.11.26
04014	Anand Vihar(T.)	Via LUCKNOW (NR)	15:40	Laukaha Bazar		20:15	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 29.11.26
04013	Laukaha Bazar		22:30	Anand Vihar(T.)		03:40			Upto 30.11.26
04314	Yog Nagari Rishikesh		15:20	Muzaffarpur Jn.		11:45	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04313	Muzaffarpur Jn.		13:15	Yog Nagari Rishikesh		11:15	Weekly	Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04096	Anand Vihar(T.)		00:05	Patliputra Jn.		23:00	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 29.11.26
04095	Patliputra Jn.		00:45	Anand Vihar(T.)		21:30			Upto 30.11.26
04072	New Delhi		21:35	Supaul		06:35	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 28.11.26
04071	Supaul		07:45	New Delhi		15:00			Upto 30.11.26
04052	New Delhi		18:15	Howrah Jn.		23:40	Tri-weekly	Fri, Sun, Tue	Upto 29.11.26
04051	Howrah Jn.		01:40	New Delhi		08:20		Sun, Tue, Thu	Upto 01.12.26
04062	Anand Vihar(T.)		12:00	Bhagalpur Jn.		13:30	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 27.11.26
04061	Bhagalpur Jn.		16:30	Anand Vihar(T.)		20:00			Upto 29.11.26
04312	Yog Nagari Rishikesh		22:20	Kolkata		08:00	Weekly	Friday	Upto 20.11.26
04311	Kolkata		13:55	Yog Nagari Rishikesh		23:30		Sunday	Upto 22.11.26
04624	Amritsar Jn.		20:10	Kolkata		15:00	Weekly	Wednesday	Upto 25.11.26
04623	Kolkata		04:45	Amritsar Jn.		21:05		Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04668	Amritsar Jn.		20:10	Barauni Jn.		02:10	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04667	Barauni Jn.		05:05	Amritsar Jn.		13:50		Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04090	New Delhi		23:30	Danapur Jn.		15:00	Bi-weekly	Friday, Wednesday	Upto 27.11.26
04089	Danapur Jn.		16:40	New Delhi		09:45		Saturday, Thursday	Upto 28.11.26
04098	Shakur Basti		09:20	Darbhanga Jn.		11:45	6 Days a week	Except - Tuesday	Upto 29.11.26
04097	Darbhanga Jn.		14:00	Shakur Basti		18:00		Except - Wednesday	Upto 30.11.26
04076	Delhi Jn.		00:30	Kamakhya Jn.		21:15	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04075	Kamakhya Jn.		05:00	Delhi Jn.		20:40		Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04064	Delhi Jn.		11:00	Gaya Jn.		07:15	6 Days a week	Except- Saturday	Upto 30.11.26
04063	Gaya Jn.		09:15	Delhi Jn.		08:00		Except- Sunday	Upto 01.12.26
04088	New Delhi		15:50	Patna Jn.		12:45	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04087	Patna Jn.		15:10	New Delhi		13:30			Upto 01.12.26
04634	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.		17:30	Purnea Jn.		03:00	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04633	Purnea Jn.		06:00	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.		16:35		Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04652	Amritsar Jn.	Via LUCKNOW (NR)	10:55	Jaynagar		20:00	Tri-weekly	Wed, Fri, Sun	Upto 29.11.26
04651	Jaynagar		04:15	Amritsar Jn.		15:00		Fri, Sun, Tue	Upto 01.12.26
04406	Shakur Basti		19:10	Mansi Jn.		02:30	Date wise	Thu, Fri, Sat, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	05, 06, 07, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14.11.26
04405	Mansi Jn.		04:30	Shakur Basti		11:30		Sat, Sun, Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon	07, 08, 09, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16.11.26
04638	Amritsar Jn.		19:40	Chhapra Jn.		20:45	Weekly	Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04637	Chhapra Jn.		22:15	Amritsar Jn.		00:20		Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04640	Chheharta		08:35	Muzaffarpur Jn.		13:10	Weekly	Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04639	Muzaffarpur Jn.		16:00	Chheharta		21:30		Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04404	Shakur Basti		15:15	Patna Jn.		14:30	Date wise	Thu, Fri, Sat, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	05, 06, 07, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14.11.26
04403	Patna Jn.		15:40	Shakur Basti		15:00		Fri, Sat, Sun, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun	06, 07, 08, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15.11.26
04410	Shakur Basti		13:00	Jhanjharpur Jn.		16:00	Date wise	Thu, Fri, Sat, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	05, 06, 07, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14.11.26
04409	Jhanjharpur Jn.		18:15	Shakur Basti		01:40		Fri, Sat, Sun, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun	06, 07, 08, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15.11.26
04536	Chandigarh Jn.		23:45	Barauni Jn.		00:30	Weekly	Friday	Upto 27.11.26
04535	Barauni Jn.		02:35	Chandigarh Jn.		03:35		Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04209	Varanasi Jn.	Via LUCKNOW (NR)	22:15	Delhi Jn.		13:45	Tri-weekly	Mon, Wed, Fri	Upto 27.11.26
04210	Delhi Jn.		18:50	Varanasi Jn.		09:50		Tue, Thu, Sat	Upto 28.11.26
04213	Ayodhya Cantt.	Via LUCKNOW (NR)	18:20	Anand Vihar(T.)		06:10	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Thursday	Upto 29.11.26
04214	Anand Vihar (T.)		09:00	Ayodhya Cantt.		22:00		Monday, Friday	Upto 30.11.26
04227	Varanasi Jn.	Via LUCKNOW (NR)	11:05	Chandigarh Jn.		04:20	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04228	Chandigarh Jn.		06:00	Varanasi Jn.		00:55		Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04604	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra		18:15	Varanasi Jn.		18:30	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04603	Varanasi Jn.		04:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra		04:40		Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04610	Jammu Tawi	Via LUCKNOW (NR)	05:15	Varanasi Jn.		05:10	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04609	Varanasi Jn.		09:00	Jammu Tawi		08:30		Friday	Upto 27.11.26
04081	New Delhi		23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra		12:00	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 06.11.26
04082	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra		21:00	New Delhi		10:00			Upto 07.11.26
04221	Varanasi Jn.		20:40	Bathinda Jn.		17:00	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 22.11.26
04222	Bathinda Jn.								

'WORLD STROKE DAY'

Stroke Increasingly Hits Younger People, Doctors Warn

Says uncontrolled BP, smoking and inactivity raise stroke risk in youth

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Doctors on Thursday cautioned that stroke is increasingly affecting younger people, warning that changing lifestyles, uncontrolled hypertension, diabetes, smoking, obesity and physical inactivity are contributing to the growing burden of the condition.

On World Stroke Day, they said that many strokes can be prevented through timely identification and management of risk factors, regular health check-ups and healthier lifestyle choices, while emphasising that recognising warning signs and seeking immediate medical attention can significantly improve outcomes.

Doctors said stroke, which occurs when the blood supply to a part of the brain is interrupted or when a blood vessel in the brain ruptures, can lead to serious complications, including paralysis, speech difficulties, cognitive impairment and, in severe cases, death. Although stroke has traditionally been associated with older people, an increasing number of younger individuals are also at risk, making awareness about preventive measures and early symptoms particularly important.

Dr Syed Maqbool, a cardiologist at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu, speaking to KNO, said changing lifestyle patterns have emerged as a major contributor to the increasing risk of stroke among younger people. "Stroke is increasingly affecting younger people, and our changing lifestyle is a major contributor. Uncontrolled hypertension, diabetes, smoking, obesity, unhealthy diets, physical inactivity and chronic stress are silently increasing the risk," he said.

He said the growing burden of stroke was a matter of concern, particularly because many such incidents could be prevented through timely intervention



and better management of underlying health conditions. "The real concern is not just the rising burden of stroke, but our failure to prevent many of these devastating events," he said.

Stating that stroke should not always be viewed as an unavoidable medical emergency, he said, "Most importantly, stroke is not always inevitable. Early detection and control of risk factors can prevent many strokes. Prevention saves lives. Early recognition saves the brain. Every minute matters."

The cardiologist advised people to pay particular attention to blood pressure, blood sugar levels, body weight and daily physical activity instead of waiting for symptoms to develop, and that adopting a balanced diet, avoiding tobacco, maintaining a healthy weight and engaging in regular exercise can help reduce cardiovascular risks and, in turn, lower the risk of stroke.

Dr Showkat Ahmad Shah, a cardiologist at GMC Anantnag, said protecting cardiovascular health was essential for reducing the risk of stroke, as several major risk factors affect both the heart and the brain. "On World Stroke Day, my message as a cardiologist is simple: protecting your heart also protects your brain. The growing burden of stroke is linked to uncontrolled blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, obesity and lack of physical activity, alongside an ageing population," he said.

He said hypertension was particularly concerning because it often develops

without noticeable symptoms, leaving many people unaware that they are at risk. "High blood pressure often causes no symptoms, and feeling well is no reason to stop treatment. Check your blood pressure, take prescribed medicines regularly and make time to walk every day," he said.

Highlighting the importance of recognising stroke symptoms, Dr Shah said sudden facial drooping, arm weakness, difficulty speaking, loss of vision or loss of balance may indicate a stroke and should never be ignored. "Seek emergency care immediately, even if the symptoms improve, and note when they started," he said, warning that delaying treatment in the hope that symptoms would subside could have serious consequences, including permanent disability.

"Do not wait for morning; a few minutes can make a lasting difference to someone's ability to speak, walk and live independently," he added.

Doctors said the time between the onset of stroke symptoms and the initiation of treatment is critical, as prompt medical assessment can help determine the appropriate treatment and improve the chances of recovery. They advised people to seek emergency medical assistance immediately if stroke symptoms appear, even if they disappear after a short period, as temporary symptoms may also signal a serious underlying problem.

They also stressed the need to improve public awareness about stroke prevention, particularly among younger people who may overlook risk factors because they consider themselves healthy, and reiterated that regular health check-ups, adherence to prescribed medication, physical activity, healthy eating and avoiding tobacco remain among the key measures to reduce the risk of stroke.—(KNO)

Woman Killed As Tempo Skids Off Road

Agencies

REASI: A woman was killed while three others, including a minor girl, were injured after a tempo skidded off the road and rolled down in the Dansal area of Reasi during the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday, officials said.

An official said that the accident occurred near Last Galla in Dansal, leaving a woman dead and

three others injured during the previous night. He said all the injured were shifted to a hospital, where the woman was declared dead, while the others were undergoing treatment. The deceased was identified as Gulshan (45), a resident of Dhanour. The injured were identified as Subash, a resident of Dhanour; Altaf, the driver of the vehicle and a resident of Dharore; and a minor girl whose identity is yet to be ascertained. (KNO)

Four Injured In Vehicles Collision On NH-44

Agencies

RAMBAN: Four persons were injured after a truck and two cars collided on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) in the Dalwas area of Ramban district on Thursday, officials said.

An official told KNO that the accident occurred near the New Petrol Pump at Dalwas when a truck bearing a

Uttar Pradesh registration number collided with two cars travelling from Jammu towards Srinagar.

He said four persons sustained injuries in the collision and were shifted to District Hospital Ramban for treatment. Their identities were not immediately known.

Police have taken cognizance of the incident and a probe is underway—(KNO)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Subject: Provisional Selection List for the post of Assistant Scientific Officer (Crime Scene) UT Cadre, Item No. 21 advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 06 of 2025 dated 22.07.2025, Home Department.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, vide Indent No. Home-FSL/4/2024-10-HOME(7394260) Dated 24.03.2025 among other posts, received the request for making direct recruitment to the 23 posts of Assistant Scientific Officer (Crime Scene) as per the following breakup:

S. No.	Advt No	Item No.	Name of the post	Cadre	OM	SC	ST 1	ST 2	OBC	ALC/IB	RBA	EWS	Total
1.	06 of 2025	21	Assistant Scientific Officer (Crime Scene)	UT Cadre	10	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	23

Whereas, as per the Indent/Advertisement Notification, the prescribed qualification for the post is/was as follows:

"Masters Degree in Forensic Science from any University recognized by the UGC"

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) advertised the aforesaid post among other posts of Home Department vide Advertisement Notification No. 06 of 2025 dated 22-07-2025 and the cut-off date, i.e., the last date for applying for the aforementioned posts and for determining the eligibility/academic qualification and validity of category certificates and other such documents of the candidates which may be required as per Indent was 17.09.2025; and

Whereas, the Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted written examination for the above mentioned post on 25.02.2026; and Whereas, the JKSSB, vide Notification No. JKSSB-COEEXAM(UT)/08/2026-03 (7839130) dated: 24.04.2026, issued the result/Score Sheet of the candidates who appeared in the OMR Based Written Examination held on 25.02.2026, for the said post. Thereafter, schedule for Documents Verification (D.V.) of the Candidates falling under the consideration zone was notified vide Notification No. JKSSB/10/2026-03 (7911572) dated: 11-06-2026 followed by Supplementary Document Verification (D.V.) vide No. JKSSB-COEEXAM(UT)/08/2026-03 (7839130) dated 16.06.2026; and

Whereas, the Selection Committee for preparing the selection to the aforementioned post was constituted vide Order No. 243-SSB of 2026 Dated 29.06.2026; and

Whereas, the provisional selection list for the aforementioned post prepared as per the merit/eligibility of the candidates and having regard to the extant rules /regulations was placed before the Board in its 364th Meeting held on 16.09.2026, which, after deliberations and consideration of the matter, approved its notification.

Now, therefore, the Provisional Selection List for the above-mentioned post of Assistant Scientific Officer (Crime Scene) UT Cadre, Item No. 21 advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 06 of 2025 dated 22.07.2025, Home Department is hereby notified as per Annexure-A to this Notification. It is further notified that:

- This Provisional Selection List shall be subject to outcome of the OAs/Writ Petition(s), if any, pending in any competent court of law.
- This shall also be subject to the outcome of any pending inquiry, if any, involving candidate(s), figuring in this Provisional Selection List.
- This is a Provisional List and shall be subject to the change(s) as per the objections as may be received against it and mere figuring in it shall not confer any right to selection, which shall be finalized after examination of the objections based on merit.
- In case any candidate/s is(are) aggrieved with this Provisional Selection List or intend(s) to furnish any document/clarification regarding his/her withheld candidature, he/she may represent through the email address selection.aso@outlook.com within Ten (10) days from the date of this Notification, beyond which no representations whatsoever shall be entertained. The representations in this regard shall necessarily include complete details of the candidate including Name, Address, Roll Number and an active Contact Number.

By Order.

(KHURSHID AHMAD SANAI) JKAS,
Secretary,
J&K Services Selection Board.

Annexure- "A"
Provisional Selection List of candidates for the post of Assistant Scientific Officer (Crime Scene) of Home Department in J&K Forensic Science Laboratory, advertised vide Notification No. 06 of 2025 dated 22.07.2025, UT Cadre under Item No. 21.

Selection List under Open Merit													
S. NO.	DV. NO.	ROLL NO.	APP. ID	CANDIDATE'S NAME	FATHER'S NAME	DOB	Selection Category	ADDRESS	Total Marks	QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF PASSING	NAME OF INSTITUTE	REMARKS/ DEFICIENCY
1	1-KMR	2010040	2526600010387	SAQIFA YASEEN KHAN	MOHD YASEEN KHAN	02-03-2001	RBA/OM	44, Brar, ani Gandan, Mattan, Anantnag	70.75	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2024	University of Mumbai	
2	1-JMU	1010045	2526600008266	ANUJ SHARMA	BABU RAM	15-07-2000	OM	Village-Amra, Post Office Khoon, Majajta, Udhampur	68.75	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2024	Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur	
3	2-KMR	2010041	2526600010705	KHALIDUL ISLAM RATHER	MOHAMMAD GULZAR RATHER	23-12-1988	OM	Khiamam, Tehsil-Srigufwara, Anantnag	67.75	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2012	Osmania University, Hyderabad	
4	2-JMU	1010007	2526600003228	AALIYA	SALIL SACHDEVA	14-01-1998	OM	117 A, Lane No. 02, Ekta Vihar, Gangajal, Jammu	65.50	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2020	Gujrat Forensic Science University	
5	3-JMU	1010005	2526600001440	SANIYA SHARMA	DAVIDNER DODRA	16-11-1999	OM	793, Lane No. 07, Talab Tillo, Jammu	65.00	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2022	Chandigarh University	
6	3-KMR	2010002	2526600000239	INAIN HUSSAIN KHAN	ALTAF HUSSAIN KHAN	07-07-1999	OM	2, Lane No. 08, Hafiz Bagh, Srinagar	64.00	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2024	Amity University, Haryana	
7	4-JMU	1010042	2526600002203	SMALIE ATRI	MOHAN LAL	27-05-1996	SC/OM	Datta, Talab Birpur, Bari Brahmana, Samba	61.50	M.Sc. in Forensic Science & Criminology	2020	Panjab University, Chandigarh	
8	5-JMU	1010015	2526600009100	AARUSHI SHARMA	AWADESH KUMAR	29-05-1997	OM	W. No. 67, Upper Muthi, Jammu	61.25	M.Sc. in Forensic Science & Toxicology	2020	Chandigarh University	
9	4-KMR	2010010	2526600003184	JUNAID JAVID	JAVAJD AHMAD DAR	18-08-1999	OM	70, Monghama, Pulwama	60.50	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2022	Bundelkhand University, Jhansi	
10	5-KMR	2010013	2526600000752	ADNAN KHURSHED MIR	KHURSHED AHMAD MIR	25-08-1999	OM	016, Bilal Colony, Mugam / Shahwalli, Drugmulla, Kupwara	58.75	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2025	RIMT University, Mandi Gobindgarh	
Wait list under Open Merit													
1	6-JMU	1010008	2526600003484	RIYA GUPTA	VARINDHAR KUMAR	13-10-1996	OM	610 A, Gandhinagar, Jammu	55.00	M.Sc. in Forensic Science & Toxicology	2020	Chandigarh University	
2	7-JMU	1010028	2526600001656	SAMIKSHA JASROTIA	JAKESH SINGH	11-11-2002	OM	Chandwan, near shiv mandir, Marheen, Kathua	54.75	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2025	Amity University, Haryana	
3	8-KMR	2010021	2526600002883	HEENA NAQUSHBANDI	SYED MUMTAZ AHMAD NAQUSHBANDI	22-07-1999	OM	Gratbal Manasbal, Kohistan colony, Sarapora, Jar, Ganderbal	52.25	M.Sc. in Forensic Science & Criminology	2023	Panjab University, Chandigarh	
4	9-JMU	1010018	2526600007396	AVNI LANGER	ATUL LANGER	23-08-2002	OM	396, Sector 3, Channi Himmat, Jammu	51.00	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2025	The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata	
5	9-KMR	2010003	2526600005932	MUNTAZIR MANZOOR	MANZOOR AHMAD MIR	06-03-1999	OM	Syedpora Hamchi Hazratbal, Mukdam Mohalla, Srinagar	49.75	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2024	RIMT University, Mandi Gobindgarh	
Selection list under SC Category													
1	18-JMU	1010030	2526600006428	PREETI	SWARN LAL	17-01-1999	SC/OM	H. No. 43, VPO Dhamni, Kathua	34.75	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2022	Lovely Professional University, Punjab	
2	No Eligible candidate found in the respective category												
Selection list under ST1 Category													
1	8-JMU	1010035	2526600003073	SAJAD MUSTAFA FAIZI	MUMTAZ HUSSAIN	02-02-1989	ST1/OM	Village Hari, W.N.O. 04, Hari, Surankote, Poonch	53.75	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2013	Bundelkhand University, Jhansi	
2	No Eligible candidate found in the respective category												
Selection list under ST2 Category													
1	10-JMU	1010011	2526600006315	ZERISH FEROUS	IRFAN JAVED	09-01-1997	ST2/OM	21, Ajmat Abad, Thanamandi, Rajouri	49.25	M.Sc. in Forensic Science & Criminology	2021	Panjab University, Chandigarh	
2	25-JMU	1010039	25266000021907	VINKER BAKSHI	KRISHAN KUMAR BAKSHI	13-07-1998	ST2	61, Mehra Nagrota, Rajouri	20.00	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2023	Chandigarh University	
Wait list under ST2 Category													
1	19-KMR	2010029	2526600007537	QURAT UL AIN	SYED MANZOOR	31-12-1999	ST2	104, Nilasar, Wagoora, Baramulla	18.75	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2025	Rayat-Bahra University, Punjab	Recommendation withheld subject to production of Original documents
Selection list under OBC Category													
1	18-KMR	2010034	2526600002092	SHAHID SHAFI	MOHAMMAD SHAFI HAJAM	03-08-2000	OBC	35 A, Shilvat, Sumbal, Bandipora	30.00	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2023	Lovely Professional University, Punjab	
2	No Eligible candidate found in the respective category												
Selection list under ALC/IB Category													
1	No Eligible candidate found in the respective category												
Selection List under RBA Category													
1	7-KMR	2010018	2526600001849	SHOWKAT HUSSAIN BAMBROO	MOHAMMAD AYUB BAMBROO	07-09-1997	RBA/OM	Mirwani, Damthal, Hanji Pora, Kulgam	55.50	M.Sc. in Forensic Science	2023	OPJS University, Churu, Rajasthan	
2	No Eligible candidate found in the respective category												
Selection list under EWS Category													
1	No Eligible candidate found in the respective category												
2	No Eligible candidate found in the respective category												

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Sd/-
Khurshid Ahmad Sanai (JKAS)
Secretary
J&K, Services Selection Board.

Amazon Great Indian Festival Diwali Edition Goes Live With Extra Savings, Cashback

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: Amazon India has launched the Diwali Edition of its Great Indian Festival from October 28, offering discounts across electronics, smartphones, fashion, home appliances and everyday essentials, along with bank offers, cashback rewards and faster deliveries.

The festive sale features discounts of up to 80% on consumer electronics, fashion and beauty products, while customers can avail a 10% instant discount on eligible transactions using HDFC Bank credit cards and credit card EMI. Prime members can also receive an additional ₹250 cashback on a curated selection of products.

Customers can save up to 40% on smartphones and accessories, with no-cost EMI options for up to 12 months. Home, kitchen and outdoor products are available with discounts of up to 50% on more than one lakh items, while smart TVs and home entertainment products offer savings of up to 65%.

Among the featured electronics deals, the ASUS Vivobook 15 (2026) is available at ₹62,990 against its listed price of ₹1,59,990, while the Lenovo Idea Tab 11 with Tab Pen is priced at ₹18,749, down from ₹48,000. The Canon EOS R100 mirrorless camera is available for ₹40,489.

The sale also features discounts on large appli-



ances, including washing machines, refrigerators and air conditioners, alongside offers on fashion, footwear, luggage, jewellery and beauty products from leading brands.

Amazon Pay has introduced Shopping Loan, a financing option available at checkout on Amazon, in ahead of Diwali and Dhanteras. Eligible customers can access credit of up to ₹3.5 lakh for purchases worth ₹50,000 or more, with repayment tenures of up to 24 months. The facility initially covers categories including two-wheelers, smartphones, laptops and tablets.

Additional benefits include up to 22% off on flight bookings, 75% off on hotels and 17% off on bus bookings. Amazon Pay ICICI Bank credit cardholders can also receive additional cashback during the sale, while eligible Amazon Pay Later users can avail 10% cashback, subject to applicable terms.

The company has also expanded Amazon Now, its rapid-delivery service, to more than 120 cities across India. Customers can access groceries and everyday essentials, with discounts of up to 50% on eligible products.

Sacrifices Of Martyrs Continue To Inspire J&K Police: DGP Prabhat

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Asserting that sacrifices continue to inspire efforts of Jammu and Kashmir Police to maintain peace and security, Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat on Thursday said force is committed to mentor younger generation and help society in addressing social evils.

Addressing the closing ceremony of 'Pedal Through Paradise 2026', organised by J&K Police at Police Golf Course, Dal Lake, the DGP Prabhat, according to KNO paid rich tributes to 1621 police martyrs and announced 'Martyrs Memorial' football and hockey tournaments in their honour.

He said, "Youth is an asset and the future of the nation. Their aspirations and participation in productive activities are important for the overall progress of society and the country's economic development."

DGP Prabhat said, "Sports provide young people with an opportunity to develop discipline, fitness and a sense of responsibility."

The DGP said that more and more youth engagement, more and more sporting activity are a prerequisite for a very healthy, heartening and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

DGP Prabhat said cycling is not merely a symbol of a healthy lifestyle but it also helps in instilling discipline among participants.



He said excessive mobile phone use and screen addiction have become a concern across the world, affecting individual health and society, adding that participation in sports could help young people develop healthier habits.

The DGP said the police, in coordination with the administration, have been organising sporting events at the district level to encourage wider youth participation.

Referring to recent events, he said participation in the Kashmir Marathon had been encouraging, while 'Jashn-e-Dal' also witnessed participation from women and young people.

DGP Prabhat said the upcoming sporting calendar included Martyrs Memorial football and hockey tournaments to honour police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty and encourage young people to participate in sports.

The cycling event was organised by J&K Police to promote fitness, discipline and a healthy lifestyle among young people—(KNO)

Representatives of J&K Finance and Accounts Services Employees' Associations called on Finance Minister Javid Ahmad Dar and congratulated him on assuming charge of the Finance Department.



Iran warns of ‘devastating’ economic fallout from any new Israeli attack

Press Trust of India

TEHRAN: Iran on Wednesday warned of a devastating economic impact from any new Israeli-led attack, as the votes were counted in an Israeli election that could determine the future of the regional war.

Under Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has vowed to topple Iran's government, the two countries have directly fought a war for the first time in their history after decades of enmity.

Tuesday's pivotal election gave Israelis a chance to offer a verdict on Netanyahu's right-wing government, amid mounting US and Israeli threats of renewed attacks against Iran following their launch of the war in February.

"Devastating impact on int'l markets of any Israel-instigated military misadventure in Arabian Gulf region remains major concern for both gas suppliers and consumers," Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said in a post on X, referring to recent discussions at the Gas Exporting Countries Forum summit in Moscow.

Since the war erupted, it has severely disrupted energy shipments from Gulf countries after Iran began blockading the Strait of Hormuz, through which around a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas used to travel.

Iran has restricted passage and regularly attacks vessels that attempt to cross without its authorization.

In retaliation, the United States has been maintaining a naval blockade of Iranian ports, seeking to squeeze the country's economy.

On Wednesday, the Wall Street Journal reported that Washington had told several Gulf Arab countries to prepare for a possible "short, intense military campaign" against Iran after the US midterm elections on November 3.

But the newspaper, citing people briefed on the conversations, said President Donald Trump had not made a final decision.

'Existential threat'

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On Sunday, Israel's Channel 12 reported that Netanyahu and Israeli military chief Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir had clashed over an order for unspecified military action that defense officials feared could trigger renewed fighting with Iran.

Netanyahu denied the report.

As the votes were counted on Wednesday in the election, no clear winner had emerged between Netanyahu's bloc and an opposition camp led by Eisenkot.

Tehran has said the outcome of the polls "makes no difference."

On Sunday, Araghchi said a resumption of war with the US and Israel would also not change Iran's positions.

"They have already done so twice and have seen the results. If they want to try again, they know they will achieve no different outcome from those of the past," he said.

Iran's military meanwhile has warned it would retaliate more widely against any new attack, with security chief Mohsen Rezaei saying it could strike US-related infrastructure including data centers and other artificial intelligence targets.

Tehran has dismissed Netanyahu's threats to topple the Iranian government, calling them "empty" and "a sign of desperation."

Temp Dips Across North, Delhi October Coldest in 4 Yrs

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Daytime temperatures dropped sharply across northern India on Thursday, with Delhi registering its coldest October day in four years, as heavy rain lashed the region amid the weakening of 'very severe' cyclonic storm 'Arnab'.

Maximum temperatures ranged from 20.6 degrees Celsius in Haryana's Karnal to 27.4 degrees Celsius in Punjab's Patiala, with Delhi's base weather station, Safdarjung, recording 25.4 degrees, about 5.6 degrees below normal.

The IMD has issued 'red' and 'orange' alerts for thunderstorms in the Delhi-NCR region, Uttar Pradesh, and much of the northern states over the next two days.

The forecast comes as heavy rains lashed West Bengal, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh, and triggered heavy floods in Odisha, as Cyclone Arnab turned into a deep depression on Thursday, a day after making landfall in Andhra Pradesh and the Yanam coast.

In Delhi, dark clouds hung over the capital since morning, with the city recording trace rainfall in the last 24 hours.

The maximum temperature at

Safdarjung, Delhi's base weather station, settled at 25.4 degrees Celsius, 5.6 degrees below normal. It was the lowest for an October day since October 8, 2022, when the maximum was 23.4 degrees Celsius.

In Haryana and Punjab, maximum temperatures dropped several degrees below normal at many places, according to the MeT office.

Haryana's Ambala recorded its maximum at 23.8 degrees Celsius, six degrees below normal, while Karnal's maximum settled at 20.6 degrees, nine degrees below average.

Narnaul, Rohtak and Bhiwani recorded their respective maximum temperatures at 25.5, 24.6 and 28 degrees Celsius, up to six degrees below normal.

In neighbouring Punjab, Patiala recorded its maximum at 27.4 degrees Celsius, three degrees below normal.

Ludhiana, Amritsar, Pathankot, Bathinda and Faridkot registered their respective maximum temperatures at 30.4, 30.6, 29, 31 and 34.9 degrees Celsius.

The Met Office in Lucknow has also predicted a significant drop of around 5-8 degrees Celsius in maximum temperature across Uttar Pradesh on October 29 and 30.

₹35 Crore PNB Fraud: Noida Farmer Loses ₹87 Lakh in Savings



Press Trust of India

NOIDA: Account holders of Punjab National Bank in Greater Noida alleged that nearly Rs 35 crore went missing from their savings accounts and fixed deposits, with several customers claiming they neither authorised fund transfers nor received alerts about the transactions, officials said on Wednesday.

Police said the management suspended several bank employees, including the branch manager, and registered a case at the Beta-2 police station, which has jurisdiction over the bank branch.

The bank management assured authorities that it would address the account holders' complaints, they said.

Vijendra Singh, one of the affected customers, told reporters that his savings account, which earlier

had around Rs 87 lakh-88 lakh, now showed a balance of only Rs 1 lakh.

Singh said he was a farmer and had received compensation from the authority.

Another account holder, Haneef Khan, said he maintained a savings account at the Punjab National Bank branch at Aichhar in Greater Noida. "My savings account had Rs 39 lakh, but now nothing is showing in it. I neither received any message nor signed any document authorising the transfer of funds," he said.

Zakir, another account holder who claimed to have had Rs 9.5 lakh in his account, alleged that he had not received any text message from the bank regarding the transactions. He said he learnt about the alleged fraud only after visiting the bank.

Police said further investigation is under way.

IndiGo Posts ₹1,879-Cr Q2 Loss on Fuel Costs, Rupee Fall

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The country's largest airline IndiGo on Thursday reported narrowing its loss to Rs 1,879.1 crore in the September quarter as increased fuel costs and rupee depreciation roiled profitability, with CEO Willie Walsh asserting that the carrier has a lot of options to deal with higher operating expenses.

The airline, which had a loss of Rs 2,582.1 crore in the 2025 September quarter, will remain focused on short-haul operations and exercise a prudent approach on capacity amid the overall challenges in the industry.

Briefing the media for the first time after taking charge as the CEO in August wherein he discussed the latest quarterly performance, Walsh also indicated that airfares are likely to remain elevated due to the steep rise in fuel prices.

In the second quarter of the current fiscal year, the total income of InterGlobe Aviation, the parent of IndiGo, rose to Rs 24,311.9 crore from Rs 19,599.5 crore in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing.

However, total expenses in the latest September quarter surged to Rs 26,188.4 crore, with aircraft fuel expenses surging 67.2 per cent to Rs 9,966.8 crore.



"We responded with prudent capacity reduction and yield management, supporting strong revenue performance but only partially offsetting the higher costs. Despite these actions, the quarter resulted in a net loss of around 19 billion rupees," Walsh said in a release about the September quarter performance.

The airline said exceptionally high fuel costs and rupee depreciation weighed on profitability besides continued geopolitical turmoil.

In the 2026 September quarter, capacity was reduced by 1 per cent to 40.8 billion ASKs (Available Seat Kilometres) while the number of passengers flown decreased by 4.7 per cent to 27.5 million.

For the December quarter, IndiGo said the capacity in terms of ASKs is expected to grow by early single digits as compared to the year-ago period.

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