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NC Faces Internal Storm Over Cabinet Expansion

Meeting of 18 MLAs follows boycott of ministers' oath-taking ceremony

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The National Conference (NC) is facing fresh signs of internal dissent following the recent expansion of the Jammu and Kashmir Council of Ministers, with 18 legislators reportedly meeting in Srinagar on Friday to discuss their response to the reshuffle.

According to sources, 17 NC MLAs and one Independent legislator attended the meeting at the residence of an NC legislator in the airport area of Srinagar.

Sources said the meeting focused on devising a collective strategy against what the legislators described as an "unjust cabinet expansion".

They further claimed that the legislators had reached a consensus on demanding the replacement of four ministers who had taken oath when the Omar Abdullah-led government was formed on October 16, 2024.

"They have completed two years in office and should now be replaced by new faces," sources were quoted as saying.

The meeting comes three days after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expanded his Cabinet, inducting four NC legislators as ministers. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha administered the oath of office and secrecy

to Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mir Saifullah, Shamima Firdous and Altaf Ahmad Wani, popularly known as Altaf Kaloo, at Lok Bhawan on October 27.

The expansion also saw Independent MLA Satish Sharma dropped from the Council of Ministers, taking its strength to nine, including the Chief Minister, the maximum permissible under the existing legal framework.

The reshuffle had triggered disappointment among several senior NC legislators who were not accommodated in the expanded Cabinet. Among those who publicly expressed dissatisfaction were former Assembly Speaker Mubarak Gul and Anantnag West MLA Abdul Majid Bhat, popularly known as Larmi.

Gul had expressed disappointment over being overlooked for a ministerial position, while Larmi questioned the decision to induct another legislator in his place, citing his seniority and experience.

In an apparent organisational adjustment following the developments, NC president Farooq Abdullah appointed Gul as the party's general secretary, replacing Ali Mohammad Sagar, who was inducted into the Cabinet.

The discontent was also visible during the October 27 swearing-in | [More on P6](#)



Workers shift office records and belongings at the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar ahead of the Durbar Move. KO Photo By Abid Bhat

Population Census From Jan 25 To Feb 28

Snow-Bound J&K Areas To Follow Separate Schedule

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The snow-bound areas of Jammu and Kashmir will follow a separate schedule for the 2027 Population Census, while enumeration in the rest of the country, barring poll-bound states and certain other regions, will be conducted from January 25 to February 28, 2027.

According to a notification issued by Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner, the January-February exercise will cover all states and Union territories except Manipur, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Ladakh and the snow-bound non-synchronous areas of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

The reference date for the census will be midnight of March 1, 2027. The revisional round will be conducted from March 1 to March 5, 2027.

The notification also provides for self-enumeration from January 10 to January 24, 2027, allowing people to submit their household details online before the commencement of door-to-door enumeration.

The separate | [More on P6](#)

No Compromise On Communal Harmony, Law & Order: LG

LG Directs Monthly Review Of Properties Linked To Terrorists

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday chaired a high-level meeting with senior security and administrative officials to review the security situation, operational preparedness and administrative arrangements across Kashmir Division, directing officials to sustain action against terror modules and ensure that communal harmony and law and order are maintained at all costs.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Senior Superintendents of Police and senior officials of various departments and security agencies.

Sinha called for sustained and aggressive action against terror modules and directed officials to further strengthen counter-infiltration mechanisms. He emphasised the need for close coordination



between the district administration, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) in carrying out counter-terror operations.

He also directed Deputy Commissioners and SSPs to closely | [More on P6](#)

the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Paying tributes to Patel, the Lieutenant Governor extended greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and expressed hope that the National Unity Day celebrations would | [More on P6](#)

Calls For Unity, Harmony On National Unity Day

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday called upon people across Jammu and Kashmir to uphold the spirit of unity, peace and harmony on the eve of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), observed to mark

the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Paying tributes to Patel, the Lieutenant Governor extended greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and expressed hope that the National Unity Day celebrations would | [More on P6](#)

Digital Money Trails Lead Police To Terror Funding Module

10 Arrested In Shopian; Funds Allegedly Channelled To LeT/TRF Activities

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Police have busted an intra-Union Territory terror financing module allegedly linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and its proxy The Resistance Front (TRF), arresting 10 terrorist associates in south Kashmir's Shopian district.

Officials said the breakthrough followed an investigation into suspected financial networks linked to terrorist activities, during which investigators analysed suspicious online transactions carried out through various digital payment platforms.

The scrutiny helped investigators trace money trails across multiple layers, uncovering a wider network of individuals allegedly involved in terror financing and having links with terrorists and their associates lodged in different jails.



According to officials, the investigation revealed that the accused were clandestinely collecting and raising funds from the general public and channelling the money through established financial networks to facilitate terrorist activities of LeT and TRF.

The funds were also allegedly being used to provide logistical support, including smartphones, to further terrorist activities, they said.

The arrested persons have been identified as Owais Shafi Naikoo, Tajamul Ahmad Shah, Moiz Iqbal, | [More on P6](#)

HC Seeks Report On Mining In Jhelum, STPs, Flood-Control Embankments

Asks Govt To Explain Progress, Milestones Achieved

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Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has sought details from the government regarding mining activities along the Jhelum, the proposed establishment of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and the construction or removal of embankments for flood control.

Hearing a Public Interest Litigation filed by the Environmental Policy Group, a Division Bench of Chief Justice Dr. Pushpendra Singh Bhati and Justice Yash Paul Bourney passed the order after the issues were raised by Amicus Curiae who sought clarification on the nature and extent of legal and



illegal mining activities taking place across the Jhelum, the number of STPs proposed along the river and the status of embankments constructed or removed as part of flood-control

measures. Senior Additional Advocate General submitted that he would respond to all three queries and also explain the execution of the

Kashmir Fruit Traders Get 50% Return Freight Discount

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Northern Railway has proposed a 50 per cent concession on return freight for transportation of apples and other horticulture produce from Kashmir through its joint parcel product – rapid cargo service (JPP-RCS) scheme, officials said.

The proposal was discussed at a joint meeting organised by Jammu division of northern railway in Srinagar to promote safe and economical transportation of Kashmiri fruits through railways, officials said.

The meeting, held at the office of the Director, Horticulture Planning and Marketing, was attended by the Area Manager and other

railway officials, representatives of the Horticulture Department, including Marketing Officers and Assistant Grading Officers from Parimpora, Bandipora and Anantnag, besides cargo aggregators.

Under the proposed arrangement, traders, aggregators and logistics service providers making advance bookings of parcel coaches for both directions through JPP-RCS trains will be charged 1.5 times the normal JP Scale rate for the round trip, effectively providing a 50 per cent discount on return freight, officials said.

The booking and payment process will be completed at the originating station itself, saving | [More on P6](#)

SC: Consensual Intimacy Isn't Rape if Relationship Turns Sour

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Supreme Court on Friday said consensual physical intimacy during a relationship cannot be retrospectively termed rape merely because the relationship subsequently turns sour or breaks down, cautioning against the misuse of criminal law in disputes between consenting adults.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and R Mahadevan expressed concern over the growing trend of failed relationships being converted into criminal cases, observing that emotional discord between two adults should not become a ground for invoking serious criminal charges in the absence of

sexual violence or deception affecting consent.

"In such cases, physical intimacy that occurred during the currency of a functioning relationship cannot be retrospectively branded as acts of rape merely because the relationship soured and no longer subsists," the bench said.

The court made the observations while discharging a Kerala-based man from charges of rape, cheating and contracting a second marriage during the subsistence of his first marriage.

The bench said courts must distinguish between cases where consent was obtained through deception from situations | [More on P6](#)



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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SHOPIAN

Subject: Hiring of Machinery and Vehicles for Snow Clearance during ensuing winters of 2026-27-MC Shopian.

TENDER NOTICE

E-NIT No: MCS/ACCTS/12 of 2026 Dated: 29.10.2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, term e-tenders are invited from the interested persons /agencies for providing following machinery for Snow Clearance during ensuing winters of 2026-27 within the limits of MC Shopian.

S.No	Name of the Machinery/Vehicle	Quantity	Rate to be quoted as per
01	Back Hoe Loader	*06	Per Hour
02	Dumper	*05	Per Trip
03	Tipper	*04	Per Trip
04	Tractor with Snow Leveler	*01	Per Hour

*The trip of the vehicle shall be within 04 Kilometers in the Town.

*Quantity May increase or decrease as per requirement.

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the portal viz: <https://jktenders.gov.in/>, as per the schedule of dates given below:

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	31.10.2026
2	Period of downloading of bid documents	From 31.10.2026 to 08.11.2026
3	Bid submission Start Date	31.10.2026 from 12.00 PM
4	Bid submission End Date	09.11.2026 up to 12.00 PM
5	Date & Time of opening of Bid (Online)	09.11.2026 at 04.00 PM in the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian.
6	Submission of CDR.	The bidder shall be bound to accompany his bid offer with Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) drawn from any Nationalized bank, pledged to the Accounts Officer, Municipal Council Shopian, (without which offers shall be liable for rejection)

1. Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender document in shape of Bank Challan /Receipt (Credited to A/c No. SB-0018040100000611 maintained at Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Branch: Shopian (Main) in favour of Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian amounting to Rs. 200/- (Two Hundred Only) and Bank Challan as perform at Annexure- 1, below in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian.

2. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website. The bids of the responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website <https://jktenders.gov.in/> in the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian.

3. BID SECURITY.

a) Bid Security Declaration: The bid security declaration shall be submitted as per the Format Annexure – 2 (format for the bid security declaration).

4. That, the successful bidder shall have to provide Back Hoe Loader, Dumper, and Tractor with snow leveller, whenever required by MC Shopian for snow clearance of the Town Shopian.

5. The Quantity of the machinery and vehicles to be engaged for Snow clearance may increase or decrease depending upon heaviness /depth of snow fall from time to time and rates to be provided for extra machinery and vehicles will be same (including T & Cs) as quoted in response to this tender.

6. The Machinery/ Vehicle operators must operated day and night as and when required by MC Shopian. Further the vehicles / machinery must operate / engage in close supervision of the officials of the MC Shopian only.

7. The work done claim shall be valid and entertained only after successful report and clearance/work done statement from deputed nodal officials/ supervisory staff, countersigned by Sanitary Inspector of MC Shopian.

8. The successful bidder shall provide the Machinery and vehicles along with fuel charges and no separate fuel will be provided by this institution. Hence rates quoted must be inclusive of fuel.

9. The Machinery/ Vehicles must be readily available as and when predictions will be announced by meteorological department J&K and no eleventh-hour arrangement will be allowed.

10. The interested Agencies/ Contractors must quote their rates for each machinery either hour wise or trip wise as applicable as per above vehicle table.The Lowest quoted rates shall be treated as successful bidder. However, it's important to note that the rates quoted shall be inclusive of All Taxes like GST/Cess/other Taxes etc i.e the taxes are to be borne by the successful agency only.

11. The Machine operators must be having a valid license as applicable under MV Act.

12. The Contractor/Agency must not act/ do any job without supervisory staff, if so same work done shall be treated as null & Void.

13. The Successful Contractor must keep the requisite vehicles ready in the office premises of MC Shopian, as & when requested or at the time of Forecast.

14. The Contractor must ensure engaging the operating staff who have good/ satisfactory conduct and character, any illegal part/ behavior shall result in Lawful action.

15. No Haltage charges for any machinery shall be paid and the Amount due shall be paid for working hours only.

16. The work is of Public Importance (Essential service), Negligence (any) by successful bidder shall invite both Penal & Legal Action as applicable under Law, including Criminal Proceedings.

17. The onus of Damage to any public/private property or any life shall be on the Agency/ Contractor only. Hence the job must be carried out with utmost responsibility.

18. The Condition of the Machines must be good for avoiding any laxity.

19. The buyer reserves the right to cancel the bid any time without any reason/ explanation.

20. Spike less bucket/other measures must be only used for Snow clearance to prevent any road damage.

21. The successful agency shall furnish an affidavit duly sworn before Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate regarding the acknowledgement of the Terms and conditions and providing of machinery on due time, failing which the the allotment shall not be issued and the shall be cancelled ab-initio.

22. The Food/refreshments and accommodation of the Drivers of Vehicles engaged shall be responsibility of the concerned Successful agency/Contractor and Same in no case shall not be claimed from Municipal Council Shopian.

Instructions to the Bidders regarding E-Tendering process:

a) Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in acquainted bid submission process.

b) To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.

c) The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

d) Bids will be opened online as per time schedule.

e) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.

Note:-Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

f) The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

g) Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Bank Receipt/challan in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian and bid securing declaration must be uploaded with the bid.

h) The Bidder must have to upload (soft copies) of the following documents (Photostat/ Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):-

i) Valid original Bank Challan/ Receipt

j) Call Deposit Receipt (CDR)

k) BID Securing Declaration on stamp paper duly attested by Notary.

l) Valid GST IN/PAN Card No.

m) The Bidder should upload the Tender Document form attached below (Not Mandatory).

n) Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including

o) BID Securing Declaration and tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has /have not been uploaded shall not be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

p) The Highest Bidder will have to submit hard copies of all documents uploaded one-tending portal before issuance of Allotment.

No: MCSPN/SBM/WAP/SC/2026-27/4553-55

DIPK-NB-1978/26

Dated: 30.10.2026.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
Municipal Council Shopian.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that the name of my Daughter as mentioned in her school records and Aadhar Card bearing Aadhar No 9333 0242 5099 has been incorrectly recorded as Mehvish Farooq while as her actual name is Mahira Farooq. Now I want to apply for the correction of same in her school records as well as in Aadhaar from old name Mehvish Farooq to new name Mahira Farooq . In future she will be known as Mahira Farooq. Any person who has any objections or concerns regarding these changes is requested to raise them within 07 days from the date of this notice.

Name -Farooq Ahmad Bhat
F/O - Mahira Farooq
R/O- Chinar Colony Badran Magam Budgam
J&K Pincode- 193401

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Email: sspcrmkmr@jkpolice.gov.in

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NOTICE INVITING SHORT-TERM QUOTATIONS

Sealed short-term quotations are invited from authorized dealers/suppliers for the supply of filled commercial LPG cylinders (19 Kg) to Crime Branch Kashmir for the winter season 2026-27 to be delivered at Crime Branch Kashmir Srinagar on Govt. approved rates.

The rates quoted per cylinder should be inclusive of all taxes viz. SGST/CGST and other charges such as freight, loading/ unloading as applicable under rules.

The quotation must be submitted in a sealed envelope duly marked "for supply of commercial LPG filled cylinders of 19 Kg capacity" addressed to Senior Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch Kashmir, Srinagar and should reach this office by or before 09.11.2026 upto 1600 hrs. The quotations so received will be opened on 12.11.2026 at 1200 hrs. in the office of the undersigned in presence of such bidders who may like to attend the opening of quotations on the scheduled date.

The supply has to be made immediately on placement of the supply order within the prescribed time period.

The quotations shall be accompanied with earnest money deposit (EMD) of Rs.10000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) in the shape of CDR from any branch of J&K Bank pledged to SSP Crime Branch Kashmir, Srinagar without which no quotation shall be accepted. Quotations received after the prescribed date and time shall not be entertained.

The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder(s) will be released within one month after the opening of the quotations, whereas in case of the successful bidder, it will be treated as a part of the security deposit and will be released after supply of LPG for the full winter season 2026-27 has been received by this office

Sr. Superintendent of Police,
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2.	Aadil Jeelani Mir	Late Ghulam Jeelani Mir	Ellahi Bagh RangPora, Madina Colony L.No. 3, H.No. 22	MBA	Secretary – Principal, SSHS
3.	Sabiya Qadir	Late Ghulam Qadir Bazaz	Shahi Mollah Awantibawan Saura	B.A, B.Ed	Teacher/Member
4.	Gazala Qureshi	Late Mohammad Mustafa Qureshi	Ellahi Bagh 90Ft Road	MA, B.Ed	Teacher/Member
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6.	SHIEKH MUZAFFAR AHMAD	FAROOQ AHMAD SHIEKH	Shah Faisal Colony, Ellahi Bagh	BCA	Parent / Member/ Business
7.	JAMEELA	W/o Fayaz Ahmad Geer, D/o Sana ullah Dar	Madina Colony, Rangpora Ellahi Bagh	BA	Parent / Member/ Social Worker
8.	Muzamil Ahmad shah	Ghulam Nabi Shah	Usmania Masjid, Umer Hair	BA	Parent / Member /Business

OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KHANSAHIB

SUBJECT: Application of MEHRAJ UDDIN ZARGAR S/O ABDUL BARI ZARGAR R/O WATRAHAIL District BUDGAM for issuance of R.B.A Certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The case of the above captioned applicant is under process for issuance of R.B.A certificate. In this regard, report submitted by patwari concerned :-

S.NO	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	OCCUPATION
1	MEHRAJ UDDIN ZARGAR	SELF	GOVT EMPLOYEE
2	JABEENA AKHTER	WIFE	HOUSE WIFE
3	AFSHANA MEHRAJ	DAUGHTER	
4	MOHAMMAD ASIF ZARGAR	SON	
5	MOHAMMAD ALIYAM ZARGAR	SON	

In this context, objections are invited from general public regarding the issuance of requisite certificate in favour of the applicant. If anybody has any objection, he/she may submit his/ her objections in this office within 07 days during office hours. No objection shall be entertained after the stipulated time period.

TEHSILDAR KHANSAHIB

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IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT PAMPORE

Case No. /2026

Date of Institution:

In the case of
Aathifa Imtiyaz
D/o: Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat
R/o: Wuyan Pampore
through mother Fahmeeda Akhter
VERSUS
(Applicant)

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

In the matter of:
Application for Registration of Date of Birth of applicant's ward namely Aathifa Imtiyaz D/o: Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat R/o: Wuyan 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 FOR 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 Birth. 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 Birth of Applicant's uncle ward Aathifa Imtiyaz D/o: Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat R/o: Wuyan Pampore (who has been born on 02-03-2015 at SDH 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 according with law.
Given under my hand and Seal of the Court today on 30/10/06 No.

Dated: 20/10/2026

U.I.D No. JK00272
(Ms. Uzma Anfid)
Munsiff/JMIC Pampore
1st Class

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT PAMPORE

Case No./2026

Date of Institution:29/10/20

In the case of:
Farooq Ahmad Wani
S/o: Mohd Sidiq Wani
R/o: Dooninar Tulbagh Pampore
VERSUS
(Applicant)

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

In the matter of:
Application for Registration of Date of Birth of applicant's ward namely Adnan Farooq S/o: Farooq Ahmad Wani R/o: Dooninar Tulbagh Pampore, and issuing the certificate thereof under Section 13 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.
CORAM: Uzma Amin
JO CODE: JK00272

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Given under my hand and Seal of the Court today on 29/10/26 No.

Dated: 29/10/2026

U.I.D No. JK00272
(Ms. Uzma Amin)
Munsiff/JMIC Pampore
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mehvish Mehraj, hereby inform the general public that I have lost my UGC NET Scorecard. Despite my best efforts, I have been unable to trace the said document. The same is hereby declared lost and shall be considered invalid for official purposes.

If anyone finds the said document, kindly inform the undersigned.

Mehvish Mehraj

Media line advrt

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از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار صورہ تحصیل عید گاہ سرینگر

عنوان: درخواست از جانب زرمشی جان زرمشی ریش احمد ن پوٹ ساکنو شهر دست ابرائی لیگل ہیر تحقیقات

استشعار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام

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۲-	مدثر ن پوٹ	38	شادی شدہ	سرکاری ملازم
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CITY

Mirwaiz Welcomes Drop In Violence, Seeks Justice For Peace

Observer News Service

Srinagar- Mirwaiz Umar Farooq said on Friday that the decline in violence in the valley is welcome, but lasting peace requires justice, reconciliation and restoration of public trust.

Addressing the Friday congregation at the Jamia Masjid here, Farooq referred to the recently released International Crisis Group report on Jammu and Kashmir.



"The report says that militancy, street protests and violence have declined in recent years, which everyone welcomes, as no one understands the value of peace more than the people of Kashmir, who have suffered enormously over the past several decades," he said.

However, he said the report also "makes a fundamental point that reduction in violence does not necessarily mean that underlying political grievances have been resolved, or that public confidence has been restored."

"Security is necessary,

and the government has a responsibility to protect lives. But security measures alone cannot provide a lasting answer to a problem that also has deep political and human dimensions," Farooq said. He asserted that "Kashmir remains one of the most militarised places on earth".

"One of the most disturbing aspects highlighted in the report is the scale of arrests and detentions since 2019. According to the Union Home Ministry's own figures,

3,662 people were arrested under UAPA in Jammu and Kashmir between 2019 and 2023, while only 23 convictions were recorded during that period. These figures raise serious questions about prolonged detention, due process and the widespread use of stringent laws," he said.

Mirwaiz said thousands of families suffer the consequences of arrests, detentions and prolonged legal proceedings and they continue to live with uncertainty about the future of their loved ones.

Traffic Curbs On Boulevard Road For Run For Unity Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Traffic movement on Boulevard Road from Lalit Ghat to Kralsangri will remain restricted today from 8:30 am until the conclusion of the Run for Unity event, Traffic Police said.

According to an advisory, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, the event, being organised to mark Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, will start from SKICC and conclude at the Botanical Garden, with VIPs and participants expected to attend.

Motorists travelling towards Nishat, Shalimar and Harwan have been advised to use the Dalgate-Rainawari-Hazratbal route, while those heading towards Lal Chowk from these areas should take the Fore-shore-Hazratbal route.

Commissioner SMC Reviews PMAY-U 2.0 Implementation

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Dr. Basharat Qayoom, reviewed the progress of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0), taking stock of the application process, beneficiary verification and measures being undertaken to ensure that eligible families can avail themselves of the benefits of the scheme without unnecessary delays.

During the meeting, the Commissioner stressed the need to expedite the verification and scrutiny of applications, particularly those pending at various levels. He

directed the concerned officers to work in close coordination, resolve procedural issues promptly and ensure that all eligible applications are processed within the stipulated timeframe.

Dr. Basharat emphasised that the implementation of PMAY-U 2.0 must remain focused on reaching deserving households, particularly those belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low-Income Groups (LIG). He stressed that the verification process must be conducted carefully and transparently, ensuring that genuine beneficiaries do not face unnecessary difficulties.



J&K Bank Organises Breast Cancer Awareness Programme, Stresses Early Diagnosis

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Bank organised a breast cancer awareness programme at its Corporate Headquarters in Srinagar, bringing together medical experts, cancer survivors and employees to highlight the importance of breast health, early detection and compassionate care.

Held under the theme "Know More, Fear Less, Act Early", the programme focused on encouraging open conversations about breast cancer, recognising warning signs, seeking timely medical advice and supporting patients and their families throughout treatment and recovery.

Executive Director Sudhir Gupta chaired the programme, which was attended by Chief General Managers Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat, Ashutosh Sareen and Rajesh Malla Tikoo, along with General Managers, Deputy General Managers, medical experts and other senior officers and employees. Divisional and Zonal Offices across Jammu and Kashmir and outside the Union Territory also participated through video conferencing.

Addressing the gathering, Gupta said a cancer diagnosis affects not only

the patient but also their family, professional life and emotional well-being.

"Behind every cancer diagnosis is a person whose concerns extend to her family, her work and the uncertainties ahead. Through this programme, we want to encourage conversations that women can engage in without hesitation or embarrassment," he said.

He emphasised the need to foster a workplace culture in which employees feel comfortable seeking support and prioritising their health.

"Within the Bank, we must nurture a culture where our colleagues feel comfortable seeking support and giving their health the attention it deserves. The purpose of awareness is fulfilled when better understanding translates into timely action and greater care for one another," he added.

In her opening remarks, General Manager Aneeta Nehru welcomed the participants and stressed the importance of prioritising health through regular screening and timely medical consultation.

"Prioritising our health is a necessity, and making time for screening and seeking medical advice promptly can make a crucial difference to treatment

outcomes," she said.

Renowned surgical oncologist Dr Shabnam Bashir provided an overview of different types of cancer, highlighting the importance of early diagnosis and awareness of warning signs. She thanked the Bank's leadership for organising the programme and providing a platform for discussions on cancer prevention and care.

"Many cancers can be treated successfully when detected at an early stage. Yet around 60 per cent of the cases we receive are already at an advanced stage. We need to talk openly about cancer, recognise warning signs and seek medical advice promptly so that opportunities for early treatment are not lost," Bashir said.

She also highlighted the contribution of tobacco use and unhealthy lifestyle choices to cancer risk, underlining the importance of preventive measures and informed health decisions.

Dr Henana Berjes, a specialist in pain management and palliative care, spoke about the role of caregivers in supporting cancer patients, stressing that effective care must address both physical discomfort and emotional distress.

Youth Festival Held At KGP

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A Youth Festival under the banner of Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2027 was organised today at Kashmir Government Polytechnic, Gogji Bagh, Srinagar, with enthusiastic participation of boys and girls.

The festival provided a platform for young participants to showcase their creativity, artistic abilities and cultural talent through various competitions and

activities, including folk performances, dance, music, Nukkad Natak (street play), painting and poetry.

The event aimed to encourage youth participation, promote India's rich cultural heritage and provide opportunities for young people to express their ideas, creativity and perspectives through art and cultural activities.

Approximately 235 participants took part in the programme, reflecting the enthusiasm, talent and active in-

volvement of the youth in constructive and meaningful engagements.

The festival was conducted in a spirit of cultural participation, creative expression and youth empowerment, in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, which recognises the important role of young people in nation-building.

The programme concluded with an emphasis on encouraging youth to actively contribute towards a progressive, inclusive and developed India.

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR (ACADEMIC SECTION)

Subject: Engagement of Dr. Rozy Jan as Senior Resident on Academic Arrangement Basis, in the Department of Anaesthesiology, Government Medical College, Srinagar.

Reference

: i) This office Advertisement No. 10 of 2026 Dated. 01.08.2026.

ii) Character and Antecedent verification report received from CID, J&K vide Form No. 176695 Dated. 24.10.2026.

OFFICE ORDER No: 1022-RA of 2026.
DATED: 30-10-2026.

Pursuant to the Selection list issued vide Notification No. 24-RA of 2026 Dated. 24.09.2026 and on the basis of Satisfactory verification report of Character & Antecedents by Criminal Investigation Department (CID), J&K. Dr. Rozy Jan, MD, a non-in-service candidate is hereby provisionally engaged as Senior Resident in the Department of Anaesthesiology, on Academic Arrangement Basis, under S.O. 364 of 2020 Dated. 27.11.2020 and Government Order No. 383-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated. 20.06.2024, initially for a period of one year, extendable up to a maximum period of 03 (three) years, subject to satisfactory performance, as certified by concerned Head of Department.

The engagement of the above-named doctor shall further be subject to the following terms and conditions: -

1. The engagee shall submit her joining report, along with duly attested affidavits before the Judicial Magistrate, in the office of the undersigned, to the effect that: -

I. she is a non-in-service candidate and that the information furnished by her in this regard is true and correct. In the event, the information is subsequently found to be false or incorrect, she shall be liable for action under the applicable rules, including cancellation/confiscation of her registration, as may be permissible under the relevant provisions;

II. she shall not participate in any kind of strike during the period of her engagement. In the event she proceeds on strike, her engagement shall be liable to termination in accordance with the applicable provisions of law, including the provisions of the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA), wherever applicable;

III. she shall maintain discipline and proper conduct throughout the period of her engagement. Any act of misconduct shall render her liable to termination of engagement in accordance with the applicable rules;

IV. she is not involved in any criminal activity and that no FIR is pending against her or has been registered against her in any criminal case, except as specifically disclosed by her in the affidavit;

V. she shall not claim an experience certificate in respect of the Senior Residency in the event she leaves the Senior Residency before completion of at least six months;

VI. she shall not indulge in any private practice during the period of her engagement. In the event she is found indulging in private practice, her engagement shall be liable to termination in accordance with the applicable rules;

VII. she shall not claim any further extension beyond the maximum permissible period of Senior Residency under the applicable rules, under any circumstances.

2. The engagee shall execute an agreement with the institution in the prescribed format (Form A) in respect of the various terms and conditions applicable to engagement on Academic Arrangement Basis. The prescribed format may be downloaded from the official website of Government Medical College, Srinagar.

3. The appointee shall be required to join within 21 days from the date of issuance of this order, failing which the order shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio.

4. The Senior Resident engaged on Academic Arrangement Basis shall be paid remuneration as admissible under S.O. 364 of 2020 Dated. 27.11.2020.

5. The Senior Resident engaged on Academic Arrangement Basis shall be entitled to leave as admissible under Government Order No. 451-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated. 08.07.2024.

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This Day In History

- 1876 - Great Backerganj Cyclone of 1876 ravages British India (Modern-day Bangladesh), over 200,000 killed
- 1914 - Great Britain & France declare war on Turkey
- 1917 - World War I: Battle of Beersheba in southern Palestine - "last successful cavalry charge in history" performed by the 4th Australian Light Horse.
- 1922 - Benito Mussolini (Il Duce) becomes premier of Italy
- 1924 - World Savings Day was announced in Milan, Italy, by the Members of the Association at the 1st International Savings Bank Congress (World Society of Savings Banks).
- 1940 - Battle of Britain, fought between the RAF and Luftwaffe over the En
- 1942 - 9th day of the Battle of El Alamein
- 1943 - World War II: F4U Corsair accomplishes the first successful radar-guided interception.
- 1956 - Britain and France join Israeli forces in Egypt and begin to bomb Egypt to reopen Suez Canal
- 1959 - USSR & Egypt sign contracts for building Aswan Dam
- 1960 - Cyclone hits coast of Gulf of Bengal; about 10,000 die
- 1968 - US President Lyndon B. Johnson orders a halt to all bombing of North Vietnam
- 1980 - Senegal routes troops to Gambia due to Libyan threat
- 1984 - Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated by her bodyguards, Satwant Singh and Beant Singh at her home in New Delhi
- 1985 - Last day in Test cricket for Zaheer Abbas
- 1989 - Turgut Ozal elected president of Turkey
- 1989 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1990 - Pakistan make 3-0 drubbing of NZ, Waqar Younis 29 series wkts
- 1991 - Palestinians attend US mideast peace talks in Madrid
- 1992 - Don Keller makes his 18,000th sky dive
- 1993 - 25 people killed during Ghana-Ivory Coast soccer match
- 1998 - Iraq disarmament crisis begins: Iraq announces it would no longer cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors.
- 1999 - Roman Catholic Church and Lutheran Church leaders sign the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, ending a centuries-old doctrinal dispute over the nature of faith and salvation.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Open e-TENDER NOTICE

Name of Work	Preparation of GAD (General Arrangement Drawings) of Important Bridges, Major Bridges, RUB (Road Under Bridges) & Minor Bridges and L-section (Plan & Profile) sheets for various projects under CE/C/JAT/USBRIL using AI Assisted platform.
Advertised Value	Rs 47,70,750 (Forty Seven Lac's, Seventy Thousand and Seven Hundred Fifty Rupees Only)
Bid Security Amount	Rs. 95,500 (Ninety Five Thousand, Five Hundred Rupees Only)
Bid Opening Date and Time	23.11.2026 11:00 hrs.
Last date/time for uploading the tender	23.11.2026 11:00 hrs. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f. 08.11.2026 to 23.11.2026 11:00 hrs.
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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Notice for Tender for Development and operation of Warehouse on Railway land at Bari Brahman Railway station for a period of 25 years.

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Jammu Division, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender from interested eligible parties for "Development and operation of Warehouse/ Storage Units through private investment near/at Bari Brahman Railway station for a period of 25 years," under schedule-3 as per Master Circular 2026 on "Rail Based Logistics through development of Gati-Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminals (GCTs) and 'Cargo Related Facilities (CRF) issued vide Railway Board's letter no. 2021/TC(FM)/ 18/23 dated 14.02.2026. Eligible and interested parties may submit their interest.

For more details & Other information kindly visit Indian Railway's website: www.ireps.gov.in or contact 9779233938. Last date of submission of Tender: Upto 13:00 Hrs on 27.11.2026. No: NR-FZROCML(GDS)/23/2026-CCTC/JAT/NR Date: 30.10.2026

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KO VIEW

Jhelum Needs Accountability

The Jammu and Kashmir High Court's intervention over the condition of the Jhelum exposes a serious failure of environmental governance. Nearly a decade after a public interest litigation brought the river's deteriorating condition under judicial scrutiny, fundamental questions about mining, sewage disposal and embankment protection remain unresolved.

The government should not need repeated judicial intervention to explain how it is protecting Kashmir's most important river.

On October 29, the High Court sought a factual statement from the government on mining along the Jhelum, sewage treatment infrastructure and the status of embankments.

The direction came in PIL No. 8/2017 after amicus curiae Nadeem Qadiri raised concerns about these issues. The government was given three days to submit its response.

The questions expose a troubling disconnect between environmental commitments and administrative performance.

Illegal extraction along the river, untreated sewage and concerns over embankment structures have repeatedly drawn public attention. Their continued presence points to shortcomings in monitoring, enforcement and institutional coordination.

Government departments should be able to produce clear records of mining permissions, violations detected, sewage treatment capacity and the condition of protective structures.

These concerns also demonstrate why the Jhelum needs an integrated conservation strategy.

Mining can disturb the riverbed and weaken its banks. Untreated sewage degrades water quality, while poorly planned embankment interventions can interfere with the natural movement of water.

Addressing one problem while allowing the others to persist will leave the river exposed to further damage.

Kashmir's experience with devastating floods makes this administrative neglect particularly difficult to justify. Flood management cannot depend entirely on engineering structures and emergency responses. The condition of the river, its natural channels and surrounding wetlands must remain central to any credible flood-protection strategy.

Concrete interventions have limited value when the natural systems supporting the river continue to deteriorate.

The government's response to the High Court should therefore establish what action has been taken, where enforcement has failed and which agencies remain responsible for correcting the damage.

An independent scientific assessment of the riverbed, mining activity, sewage discharge and embankment conditions would provide a credible basis for future decisions. Its findings should be made public, accompanied by clear implementation timelines.

The Environmental Policy Group has rightly emphasised the need for verifiable information on the river's condition. Such scrutiny should become a regular feature of environmental governance rather than an exercise prompted by litigation.

The High Court can demand answers, but the responsibility for protecting the Jhelum rests with the government. Its credibility will depend on measurable improvements in water quality, effective control of illegal mining and proper maintenance of embankments.

Kashmir cannot afford an approach in which environmental protection advances through court orders while administrative accountability remains elusive.



Raqif Makhdoomi

Farooq Abdullah has spent decades in Kashmir politics, long enough to know that a public controversy can sometimes reveal more about a party's fears than its opponents' intentions.

His recent statement has angered the BJP and self-proclaimed Kashmiri nationalists, who have demanded an apology.

The uproar has drawn attention away from a more serious question facing the National Conference: can the Abdullahs keep their government and party intact as internal dissent grows?

Farooq's intervention comes as Aga Ruhullah's planned resignation from Parliament, announced for November 3, threatens to deepen the party's troubles.

The controversy has exposed the distance between the National Conference's public claims of unity and its increasingly strained relationship with a leader who helped the party secure electoral victories.

The party's response to Ruhullah's dissent has been revealing.

Its media machinery initially promoted the argument that if the government had failed to fulfil its manifesto promises, Ruhullah should resign and contest elections without the party's support. Senior leaders maintained that his electoral victory belonged to the National Conference rather than to his personal standing among voters.

That argument ignored the party's own conduct before the parliamentary elections.

Ruhullah had declared that he would not contest another election until Article 370 was restored. As the polls approached, however, National Conference leaders repeatedly visited his home to persuade him to enter the contest.

Their persistence suggested that the party understood the value of his political standing, even if its public statements later sought to diminish it.

The episode also exposed Omar Abdullah's electoral calculations.

After losing the parliamentary election to Engineer Rashid, who contested from jail and won by more than three lakh votes, Omar faced the uncomfortable prospect of remaining a defeated candidate while seeking to lead his party. He subsequently contested the Assembly elections from two constituencies and won both.

Omar had previously said that he would not contest elections until Article 370 and Article 35A were restored. His eventual return to the electoral contest revealed the tension between that declaration and his determination to become chief minister.

The party presented his decision as a response to pressure, although many voters saw a leader deter-

Omar's Old Guard Strategy

The National Conference's cabinet expansion comes as internal dissent, Aga Ruhullah's planned resignation and unfulfilled election promises threaten to weaken Omar Abdullah's hold over his party and government.



mined to return to office.

That determination has also been visible during the cabinet expansion.

Omar has shown little inclination to let pressure from within the party dictate his choices. His immediate challenge is to keep the government functioning while containing discontent among legislators who believe they have been overlooked.

Ruhullah's decision to announce his resignation appears to have caught the party leadership off guard. Leaders who had publicly demanded his departure suddenly began urging him to reconsider. Farooq Abdullah also tried to persuade him to withdraw his decision, but Ruhullah has so far refused to change course.

The reversal has damaged the party's credibility.

Leaders who once sought Ruhullah's help during election campaigns now find themselves defending their demands for his resignation. Their predicament shows the risks of treating a popular representative as expendable once his political usefulness appears to have diminished.

Ruhullah's contribution to Omar's victory in Budgam makes the conflict particularly consequential.

Omar secured a substantial mandate there with Ruhullah's support. The National Conference subsequently argued that it could win elections without him, a claim tested when the party lost the Budgam Assembly seat in the by-election only months after securing 50 seats in the Assembly election.

The defeat was a setback for Omar and an indication that the party's electoral strength could not be measured solely by its Assembly numbers.

Budgam became a test of whether the National Conference could retain its local support amid growing internal disagreements. The result suggested that voters might judge the party differently from the way its leadership judged itself.

The cabinet expansion presents another test. By bringing experienced legislators from Farooq

Abdullah's political generation into the government, Omar appears to be relying on established party figures to contain dissent and protect his administration.

These leaders have spent years in the party and understand its internal relationships. Their presence may help Omar manage disgruntled legislators at a time when rumours of defections have raised concerns about the government's stability.

Farooq Abdullah has witnessed the collapse of a government before. Omar will be keen to avoid a similar outcome. The possibility that legislators could move to rival parties in pursuit of cabinet positions adds another layer of anxiety to an already difficult situation.

Experience, however, can help manage a political crisis without resolving its underlying causes.

The older generation may know how to contain rebellion, but its presence cannot erase the disappointment of voters who expected the government to fulfil its electoral commitments.

Omar faces a challenge beyond Ruhullah's proposed resignation. The promises made before the Assembly elections remain a burden on his government, and the party must eventually account for the distance between its manifesto and its record.

A cabinet assembled to manage internal dissent can buy a government time, but it cannot supply achievements that voters have yet to see.

The National Conference is therefore fighting on two fronts.

It must preserve its legislative strength while convincing the public that its return to power has produced results.

The old guard may help Omar keep his legislators together, but the party's future will depend on whether it can restore public confidence.

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Predictive Power for Kashmir

Artificial intelligence can help Kashmir's electricity network detect failing equipment, anticipate demand and restore supply faster, but its success will depend on reliable infrastructure, skilled engineers and accountable decisions.



Er. Ifrah Yousuf

On a cold winter evening in Kashmir, thousands of households switch on heaters, cooking appliances and lights as temperatures fall.

Electricity demand rises, transformers work harder and distribution feeders face mounting pressure.

Somewhere in the network, a piece of equipment may be approaching failure even before a breakdown becomes visible to consumers.

Traditional systems often discover such trouble after a fault has occurred. Artificial intelligence provides the possibility of detecting it earlier, giving engineers time to intervene before a transformer trips or an entire neighbourhood loses power.

Kashmir needs to take this technology seriously because reliable electricity affects homes, hospitals, businesses and industries alike.

AI can change how power utilities work by helping them spot problems early and fix them before they lead to outages.

The power sector has long invested in generating electricity and transmitting it over long distances. Consumers, however, experience the system through its final stretch, a network of feeders, transformers, switches and cables that delivers electricity to individual homes and businesses.

Failures along this last stretch can turn a technically sound supply system into an unreliable service.

Engineers have traditionally depended on scheduled inspections, established operating rules and experience gained from years in the field.

These methods remain important, but modern distribution networks generate far more information than any individual can examine continuously.

Smart meters, sensors and automated switches record voltage, current, equipment temperatures, consumption and outages. The challenge lies in turning these readings into decisions before a problem escalates. Artificial intelligence can help bridge that divide.

Machine learning systems analyse historical records, identify unusual behaviour and estimate what might happen next. A smart grid that only records events tells engineers what has already happened.

A grid equipped with predictive intelligence can help them decide what needs attention before the next disruption.

Consider a transformer that has served a neighbourhood for years. Its temperature begins rising beyond the levels expected under comparable loads. The change might appear insignificant during a routine inspection, but an AI system analysing equipment performance over time could recognise it as a possible sign of deterioration.

Engineers could inspect the transformer, investigate the cause and arrange repairs during a planned maintenance window.

The same principle applies to circuit breakers whose operating times gradually increase or cables showing readings that suggest insulation problems.

Predictive maintenance helps utilities di-

rect crews towards equipment showing signs of trouble instead of treating all assets according to fixed schedules. It can also help them arrange spare parts and maintenance work before a failure disrupts consumers.

The financial implications are strikingly significant.

Emergency repairs, equipment damage and prolonged outages impose costs on utilities and the people who depend on them. Better predictions can help direct limited maintenance budgets towards assets that need attention most.

The technology cannot guarantee that faults will disappear, but it can give engineers a better basis for deciding where to intervene. Demand forecasting presents another opportunity.

Electricity consumption changes with weather, working hours, holidays and public events. Rooftop solar can reduce demand from the grid during sunny afternoons before consumption rises again at dusk. Electric vehicles can add substantial loads when owners plug them in after returning home. Heatwaves and major cricket matches can also alter consumption in ways that historical averages may fail to capture.

Machine learning models can examine consumption records alongside weather forecasts and other demand trends. They can estimate electricity needs for the coming hour, day or season, with predictions tailored to individual feeders and neighbourhoods. As fresh information becomes available, the models can update their forecasts.

Better estimates help utilities prepare sufficient capacity, reduce the risk of overloaded equipment and avoid unnecessary expenditure on power purchases or infrastructure.

Consumers ultimately benefit when planning decisions are based on actual demand

rather than broad assumptions about how much electricity a region might use.

AI can also assist engineers during an outage. By analysing signals from smart meters, protection devices and field sensors, a system can help identify the likely location of a fault. Maintenance crews can then head towards the affected section rather than spend valuable time searching along a long distribution line.

The technology can also help balance loads between neighbouring feeders when one faces excessive demand and another has spare capacity.

By coordinating switches, voltage regulators, capacitors and batteries, AI systems can support better network performance and help maintain suitable voltage levels for hospitals, factories and other facilities that depend on reliable electricity.

These capabilities, however, depend on the quality of the systems beneath them. Older equipment may lack the sensors and communication links needed to supply useful data.

Integrating AI with existing infrastructure can be expensive, particularly when utilities must modernise several parts of a network before predictive systems become effective.

Cybersecurity presents another concern. As more grid operations become digitally connected, unauthorised access can threaten equipment and disrupt electricity supply.

Utilities must protect their systems while ensuring that engineers can understand, test and verify the recommendations produced by algorithms. A prediction should support professional judgement, with responsibility for critical decisions remaining clear.

Training will be equally important. Engineers and control room operators need the skills to interpret AI-generated alerts, distinguish genuine faults

from misleading signals and respond appropriately.

Investment in software alone will achieve little if the people operating the network lack the training or authority to use it effectively.

AI should extend the abilities of the linemen inspecting a transformer, the control room operator responding to an outage and the engineer planning for a rise in demand. Their field experience and judgement remain essential, particularly when an unfamiliar situation falls outside the data used to train a model.

The real test of a smarter grid will be found in ordinary homes and workplaces.

A shopkeeper should be able to keep business running, a hospital should receive suitable power and a family should spend a winter evening without an avoidable interruption.

These outcomes depend on equipment, people and sound decisions working together.

Kashmir's power distribution system can benefit from predictive intelligence, provided utilities approach it as an investment in public service rather than a purchase of fashionable technology. Better data, modern equipment, trained staff and transparent oversight must accompany its adoption.

An algorithm cannot keep the lights on by itself. Its value lies in giving an engineer enough time, information and freedom to act before a small fault becomes a large disruption.

That is where the future of power distribution begins, way before a household notices that anything might have gone wrong.

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A Valley in Vogue

How Kashmiri clothing has evolved through centuries of political change, cultural exchange and artistic expression, while retaining its distinctive character.



FASHION IN KASHMIR NARRATES SURVIVAL DURING AFGHAN RULE, artistic flourishing under Dogra patronage, adaptation under colonial influence, and modern fusion in a globalized era.

Saima Rashid Khan

In urban pockets or a remote bazaar, you can read history on every body: elders in woolen pherans, young women pairing embroidered cloaks with jeans, and men in sharp coats. Every layer carries a story. The roots of Kashmiri clothing trace back to medieval times, when Persian influence began to shape life in the valley. The pheran, a long flowing cloak, arrived as both a practical garment

and a symbol of modesty. Its name comes from the Persian pherahan, meaning cloak, and it became central to Kashmiri life. Women's pherans grew long, embroidered along necklines and sleeves with delicate patterns, while men's were shorter, designed for ease of movement. Simple footwear like pulharoo and khraw complemented these garments, grounded in functionality and local materials. The mountain robes shifted with the tides of history. Afghan and Sikh rule brought

taxation, instability, and scarcity. In response, garments became utilitarian. But the pheran endured, a constant amidst upheaval. During the Dogra period, Kashmiri shawl industry flourished, producing Pashmina and Kani shawls that travelled to Europe, carrying the valley's craftsmanship across continents. Fashion intertwined with social and religious identities: Hindu women paired flowing taranga headgear with pherans, while Muslim women favoured lighter veils.

British colonial influence introduced trousers, coats, and boots, largely adopted by the elite, hinting at global styles without permeating daily life. By the mid-twentieth century, fashion in Kashmir began to shift. Urban women embraced salwar kameez for daily wear, and sarees entered wardrobes for formal occasions. Men increasingly wore Western-style shirts, trousers, and suits, saving the pheran for winter. Despite these changes, the pheran retained its symbolic power, becoming a cultural emblem worn

during festivals, weddings, and even political gatherings. Its evolution reflects Kashmir's negotiation between history and modernity. Today, young Kashmiris experiment boldly, blending traditional and contemporary styles. Jeans meet pherans, sneakers accompany embroidered scarves. Craftsmanship such as aari, tilla, and sozni embroidery thrives on modern garments and accessories, connecting centuries-old techniques with contemporary aesthetics. Pashmina, once a necessity for

warmth, has become a global brand symbol, coveted from Paris to Tokyo. Social media and Bollywood may introduce daily trends, but Kashmiri artisans ensure that local identity endures, stitched into every garment. Fashion in Kashmir narrates survival during Afghan rule, artistic flourishing under Dogra patronage, adaptation under colonial influence, and modern fusion in a globalized era.

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Beyond the Mirror

At weddings, in homes and on social media, Kashmiri women face constant judgments about how they look.

Seerat Lone

A few days ago, I attended a Kashmiri wedding, one of those grand, colourful affairs that seem to bring the entire community together. The smell of Wazwan filled the air, songs of celebration echoed through the night, and relatives in shimmering pherans and sequined shawls moved from one room to another, laughing, teasing, clicking photos. It was everything a Kashmiri wedding promises to be: loud, warm, and full of life. But, as I stood among the guests, I noticed something unsettling. Young women, dressed in their finest, were being scanned from head to toe. Their clothes, makeup, and even weight was being discussed in low voices that often carried louder than intended. Compliments sounded like judgments, and laughter carried a hint of comparison. That night, it struck me how deeply our society links a woman's worth with how she looks, not with who she is. This obsession isn't limited to weddings. It has seeped into our screens, classrooms, and even conversations at home. Every advertisement, film, and music video tells women to be perfect: flawless skin, glossy hair, and slim bodies. Even in Kashmir, where tradition still holds a strong grip, social media has amplified the pressure. Young girls scroll through endless posts that equate beauty with success. In trying to meet these impossible standards, they lose touch

with their own sense of self. The damage runs deeper than we often realize. I have seen friends skip meals before an event, or shy away from photos because they feel they don't

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"fit in." Behind the selfies and filters are real struggles: anxiety, insecurity, and a constant hunger for approval. Studies show that nearly 70% of young women in India experience body dissatisfaction linked to media exposure. This silent crisis adds another layer of control in a place like Kashmir, where social norms already restrict how women express themselves. When a woman begins to see herself as an object to be evaluated,

she stops seeing her mind and heart as her strengths. This affects her confidence at work, her relationships, and her ability to dream freely. And when men grow up hearing and seeing women spoken of this way, they too begin to believe that beauty defines value. The result is a cycle of perception that benefits industries, not individuals. Breaking this cycle means starting small at home, in schools, and within ourselves. Parents can teach their daughters that beauty is more than skin deep. Teachers can open conversations about how the media distorts self-worth. Friends can stop measuring each other's glow by how much highlighter they wear. Even social media can be reclaimed, if women begin sharing stories that celebrate strength, intellect, and kindness over appearance. Faith, too, offers a quiet rebellion. Islam speaks of Sharaf-e-Insaniyat, the dignity of every human being. It teaches that a person's value lies in their actions and character, not in their looks. That message feels more urgent than ever. I left that wedding thinking about how easily admiration turns into appraisal. As Kashmiri women, we carry centuries of culture, strength, and grace. It's time we remind ourselves that our worth isn't reflected in mirrors, but in the lives we touch, the minds we inspire, and the kindness we carry.

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Men Need to Be Heard

Growing up with the instruction to be strong and never cry, many Kashmiri men learn to hide their pain. Changing that begins with allowing them to speak.

Sadam Bin Jameed

I grew up in Srinagar hearing the same words boys everywhere hear: "Be strong. Don't cry. Be a man." At first, it felt like guidance, a way to survive in a world full of rules and expectations. Over time, it became a weight. A silent, invisible weight that follows you into adulthood, shaping how you speak, laugh, and even breathe. Men in Kashmir, including my friends, classmates, and neighbours, carry burdens no one asks about. There's the pressure to provide for the family, to perform at school or work, to protect loved ones from harm. Fathers work long hours, often juggling multiple jobs, so the household runs smoothly. Sons push themselves to excel in exams, sports, or careers, trying not to disappoint their parents. And brothers act as anchors when the storms of life hit, silently taking on problems that never belong to them alone. But rarely do we pause to ask how they are coping. I've seen the subtle signs of men breaking silently in hallways of hospitals, on streets, and in classrooms. A long stare into nothingness, withdrawal from friends, late-night scrolling through old messages, laughter that

seems a shade too loud. These moments are expressions of the pain we teach men to bury. Global reports show men are far more likely to die by suicide than women. This is reflected in the young Kashmiri men who juggle the expectations at home with dreams they cannot speak aloud. Society rewards endurance and strength while punishing vulnerability. We celebrate men as providers and protectors but rarely as humans

amplified in the valley. Political instability, economic uncertainty, and social expectations shape the environment in which men grow. A young man might dream of leaving for higher education, but worry about supporting his family financially. A husband might feel exhausted from trying to be everything at home, while a father might carry generations of expectation on his shoulders. Each silent struggle con-

of childhood: men must endure. Real courage lies in facing these struggles, sharing them, and asking for help. Emotional health is not gendered. Pain does not discriminate between male or female. Permission to express it often does. If you are a man reading this, your pain is valid. You don't have to carry it alone. Speak to someone: a friend, a family member, or a counselor. Let your words breathe. And if you love a man, including a father, brother, partner, and friend, look beyond the surface. Ask how he is doing, and listen. Your question could be the lifeline he needs. Redefining manhood in Kashmir starts with permission: permission to feel, cry, break, and heal. The bravest thing a man can do is admit he is hurting and still choose to live. That honesty, finally, is strength. And when we allow that, we create a culture where men, too, can grow, recover, and live fully. At the end of the day, strength is not silence. Strength is honesty. And in Kashmir, it is time for men to be heard.

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who need care, love, and understanding. I know men cry. I've cried. We cry in showers, in dark rooms, through work, sarcasm, or anger. Our emotions don't disappear. They wear masks. Many of my peers carry these invisible scars, often alone. I've watched friends joke through exhaustion, laugh off stress, and hide behind stoicism because we are told that showing emotion is weakness. We internalize these lessons, turning our hearts into vaults of unspoken pain. The pressure can feel

tributes to a pattern where men break alone, their pain invisible to those around them. Mental health conversations exist, but men are often left out. Campaigns speak of hope, hashtags spread awareness, but the young man who works three jobs or the student hiding tears behind textbooks rarely sees himself reflected. Husbands smile at dinner tables while carrying the weight of unspoken failures. Sons sit beside their mothers, longing to confess loneliness and fear but remembering the lessons

Jamia Students Take Victory Lap as University Bows on Union Polls

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Students at Jamia Millia Islamia took out a victory march on Friday and began celebrating on campus after the university announced a timeline to restore students' union, which has been dissolved since 2006.

Students described the university administration's approval of the Jamia Millia Islamia Students' Union (JMSU) constitution as a victory for their prolonged struggle to restore an elected representative body. Students waved posters of "student-youth unity long live".

The development follows the university's October 29 order approving the implementation of the JMSU constitution and setting May 15, 2027, as the deadline for its completion.

The university said it would announce the election schedule after the constitution is approved, in accordance with the recommendations and guidelines of the Lyngdoh Committee on student elections. The elections are to be conducted within six weeks of the commencement of the academic session, approximately six weeks from July 16, 2027.

The order also directed that all ongoing show-cause notices, disciplinary inquiries, rustication and suspensions, as well as campus bans issued in connection with participation in the protest, be revoked.

The administration on Thursday asked the protesting students to immediately call off their agitation and hunger strike following the decision. "In view of the above, the protesting students shall call off their protest/ hunger strike with immediate effect," the order said.

The protest began on October 12, with students demanding the restoration of the students' union and a definite timeline for holding elections. The agitation, which included a hunger strike, continued amid a prolonged standoff with the university administration.

On Sunday, the Delhi Police filed an FIR against Congress MPs Imran Masood and Imran Pratapgari, along with others, based on a complaint by Jamia. University officials accused them of trespassing on the campus and inciting unrest during student agitation.

Nagaland United Stun Real Kashmir 3-1 on IFL Debut



Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Debutants Nagaland United SC made an impressive start to their Indian Football League campaign, beating Real Kashmir FC 3-1 in the season opener at the TRC Stadium here on Friday.

JH Remlala gave the visitors an early lead in the third minute before Vanlalhriatzuala K doubled the advantage in the 21st minute.

Real Kashmir reduced the deficit through an own goal by Nagaland United captain Rohmingthanga in the 59th minute, but Vanlalhriatzuala struck again in the 74th minute to seal the win. He was later named Man-of-the-Match.

Nagaland United started on the front foot and took the lead when Remlala capitalised on a defensive lapse following Stephen Lalrinfela's long throw-in to score from close range.

The visitors continued to threaten on the counter and doubled their lead through a well-worked move in the 21st minute.

Vincent Lalduhawma set up Vanlalhriatzuala on the right, and the forward finished superbly with a right-footed strike into the far corner.

Real Kashmir gradually grew into

the contest and created a few chances before the break.

Thabiso Nelson Brown's header went over the bar in the 24th minute, while Joseph's header from a corner narrowly missed the target.

Goalkeeper Vanlalhriatpuia also made two important saves in first-half stoppage time to preserve Nagaland United's two-goal lead.

The hosts returned with greater urgency after the break and pulled one back in the 59th minute when Rohmingthanga inadvertently turned Lalvenhima's cross into his own net.

The goal lifted Real Kashmir, but Nagaland United remained dangerous going forward and restored their two-goal cushion in the 74th minute.

Zomuansanga played a fine through ball to Vanlalhriatzuala, who beat the advancing goalkeeper before slotting the ball into the empty net.

Real Kashmir pushed for another goal but struggled to break down the visitors' defence.

Nagaland United defender Laldanmawia came close to adding a fourth in the 83rd minute, but goalkeeper James Kirthan produced a fine save.

The hosts continued to search for a late breakthrough, but Nagaland United held firm to secure a

INDIA Bloc Expects Huge Turnout at Nov 1 Rally

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Preparations for the INDIA bloc's November 1 rally at Ramlila Maidan were in full swing on Friday, with CPI(M) Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas claiming that 10 lakh people would come to Delhi and alleging that authorities were trying to prevent participants from reaching the national capital.

The rally, which will begin around 11 am, is part of the opposition bloc's campaign demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged electoral irregularities and cancellation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

People are expected to start arriving in Delhi from the night of October 31, while Delhi Police has permitted the gathering between 10 am and 5 pm.

Brittas, who visited the venue, said preparations are in full swing. He said the November 1 gathering would be a turning point in the country's political history.

"Tomorrow, we will conduct the public impeachment (of CEC). Day after tomorrow, on November 1, we will hold a historic rally. It would be a turning point in the history of this country. Ten lakh people will come to Delhi," he said.

Alleging that the government and its agencies were trying to prevent people from entering Delhi, he said, "Heinous measures are being adopted by the Government of India and its agencies, Central paramilitary forces and Delhi Police to block people entering Delhi. Whatever may be their tactics, we will not budge." CPI(M) general secretary M

A Baby said people would begin arriving in the capital on the night of October 31 and the rally would be addressed by INDIA bloc leaders and invited civil society representatives.

"Leaders of the INDIA bloc parties and other invited civil society leaders would address the refusal of Narendra Modi government to remove the vote thief, Mr Gyanesh Kumar, from his position," Baby said.

He said the government's refusal to act would lead to more massive struggles across the country. The opposition would also continue its agitation to reclaim Jantar Mantar as a site for public protests.

"To restore Jantar Mantar as a site of protest, we would continue our struggle. Thousands of Jantar Mantars would be erected in all corners of India," he said.

CPI(M) MP V Sivadasan said thousands of people will participate in the rally and arrangements are being made to accommodate the expected gathering.

"Opposition parties and intellectuals, citizens' organisations, and representatives of different mass and class organisations will participate in this rally. These rallies will create a new history of political movement," he said.

He said people's unity would challenge the BJP and RSS, adding that the era of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah would "come to an end".

Congress leader Udit Raj said preparations are on, and alleged that the police and the government were creating hurdles. He said traders' organisations were being approached to oppose the rally.

"An attempt is being made to

disrupt the rally through traders' organisations, whereas we are holding it in the interests of traders as well," he said.

Raj said traders had suffered due to demonetisation and the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), and they were being pressured through tax-related mechanisms.

"There is GST, VAT, income tax and various other ways to harass them, but they are being made to speak (against the rally). Otherwise, traders will also benefit from this rally. They will get freedom and business will also take place," he said.

Asked about Delhi Police permitting the programme only from 10 am to 5 pm, Raj said, "We will conclude within that time. There is no need to worry about it."

Traders' associations have raised objections to the rally being held ahead of Diwali, citing the possible impact of traffic restrictions on businesses around Ramlila Maidan.

The November 1 rally will be preceded by a symbolic public impeachment of Gyanesh Kumar, which the INDIA bloc has postponed from Friday to Saturday in view of rain in Delhi.

The programme will be held at 3.30 pm at Congress presidential Mallikarjun Kharge's official residence, with former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar scheduled to preside over the proceedings. Kharge is expected to move the motion, while Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will deliver the concluding remarks. At least 30 speakers representing 21 political parties, besides civil society members and people affected by the SIR exercise, are expected to participate.

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NC Faces Internal

ceremony, which was reportedly boycotted by 11 legislators supporting the ruling alliance, most of them belonging to the NC.

Friday's gathering has added to speculation about the extent of dissatisfaction within the ruling party. Sources said some legislators who had also stayed away from the oath-taking ceremony could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements, suggesting that the number of MLAs unhappy with the Cabinet expansion could be higher.

However, the political significance of the gathering was disputed by NC MLA Nazir Ahmad Gurezi, who told news agency Kashmir News Service (KNS) that the legislators had been invited by Lolab MLA Qaiser Jamsheed Lone for lunch and that no political significance should be attached to it.

The meeting reportedly brought together several senior legislators, including Gurezi, Gul and Larmi, along with other party MLAs.

The Cabinet expansion was the first major reshuffle since the NC-led government assumed office in October 2024. With the induction of four new ministers and the dropping of Satish Sharma, the Council of Ministers has reached its maximum permissible strength.

The latest developments have brought renewed attention to internal differences within the ruling party over ministerial representation, seniority and the composition of the government.

Population Census

scheduling for snow-bound areas is aimed at accommodating geographical and weather-related challenges in these regions.

The census, originally scheduled for 2021, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is being conducted in two phases: House Listing and Housing Census, followed by Population Enumeration.

The 2027 exercise will be India's eighth census since Independence and the first since 2011, when the country's population was recorded at 121.08 crore, comprising 62.32 crore males and 58.75 crore females. The country had 24.95 crore households at the time.

The Union Cabinet has approved Rs 11,718 crore for conducting the nationwide exercise.

No Compromise On

monitor anti-national elements within the administration and accord priority to efforts aimed at combating radicalisation.

Reviewing measures against the terror-supporting ecosystem, the Lieutenant Governor called for monthly reviews of the attachment of properties belonging to narco-terrorists and those supporting terrorism.

He said action against narco-terrorists must continue unabated and directed officials to maintain relentless

crackdowns on drug smugglers and peddlers to realise the vision of a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

Emphasising the importance of maintaining communal harmony and public order, Sinha said there should be no compromise on these issues.

"Under no circumstances should communal harmony and the law and order situation be allowed to deteriorate. We must institutionalise best practices and implement District Convergence Plans to ensure sustainable peace and development," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also stressed the need for swift resolution of public grievances, observing that strengthening the connection between citizens, police and the administration was of paramount importance.

He called for setting up district-level social media cells to swiftly counter misinformation and directed officials to ensure an effective mechanism to address the circulation of misleading content.

With the winter season approaching, Sinha directed the administration to ensure adequate stocks and uninterrupted availability of essential commodities across Kashmir.

He also stressed the need for robust snow-clearance mechanisms to ensure that roads remain accessible and people do not face difficulties during the winter months.

The meeting further reviewed the progress of key infrastructure projects across Kashmir Division, with the Lieutenant Governor emphasising the need for effective administrative co-ordination and continued attention to development works.

Those present at the meeting included Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo; Chief Secretary-designate Sajjan Singh Yadav; Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat; Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Chandraker Bharti; Special Director General, Coordination, Police Headquarters, S J M Gillani; ADG CID M K Sinha; Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department, M Raju; Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor Govind Jaiswal; IGP Kashmir Sujit Singh; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg; Range DIGs, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and other senior officials.

The meeting reviewed the security scenario, future operational strategies and administrative preparedness, with particular focus on maintaining peace, strengthening security coordination and ensuring essential services during the winter season.

Calls For Unity,

further strengthen the spirit of oneness and peace in the Union Territory.

In his message, Sinha described Patel as a timeless symbol of selfless service, patriotism and unwavering integrity, saying his vision as the architect of national unity had helped forge a strong and united India.

He said the occasion should serve as a reminder of the importance of

strengthening peace, harmony and national solidarity.

"On this sacred occasion, I appeal to all sections of society, especially our youth, to uphold the spirit of unity and work together to build a stronger, self-reliant Jammu Kashmir," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He expressed hope that the celebrations would reinforce the values of togetherness and collective responsibility among people across the Union Territory. (ONS)

Digital Money Trails

Imdad Yousuf Ganie, Saqib Zahoor Wani, Liyaqat Nazir Lone, Aamir Ahmad Ganie, Firdous Thokar, Mohd Hanief and Kaju.

A case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Shopian. The FIR number is 231/2026.

Officials said the investigation had uncovered a wider network of individuals allegedly involved in financing terrorist activities and maintaining links with terrorist associates lodged in different jails.

Further investigation is underway to establish the full extent of the suspected financing network, identify additional financial linkages and ascertain the involvement of other individuals.

More arrests are expected, officials added.

7 Papers, 50% In

may, under exceptional circumstances and for good and sufficient reasons recorded in writing, grant exemption from qualifying the examination and declare the probation completed.

A major feature of the revised rules is the introduction of a seven-paper examination, with each paper carrying 100 marks, taking the total to 700 marks. Every probationer will have to secure at least 50 per cent marks in each paper to qualify.

The Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) will conduct the examination twice a year, as far as practicable, at such places and times as determined by the Commission.

The rules provide three regular chances and one additional mercy chance to every probationer to clear the examination. Candidates who miss an examination due to circumstances beyond their control may also seek permission from the Government to avail themselves of the missed opportunity.

The notification further provides that applications for appearing in the examination will be routed through the concerned Administrative Department, while the JKPSC will prescribe the detailed procedure for conducting the examination separately.

In a provision allowing access to reference material, candidates will be permitted to consult Bare Acts, Rules, Regulations and Manuals during the written examination. However, such material must contain only the relevant legal provisions and must not

carry annotations.

The syllabus, attached as an annexure to the notification, covers seven broad areas relating to administration, Jammu and Kashmir's regional profile, service regulations, revenue administration, development policies, social welfare and the legal framework governing public administration.

Paper I, titled Management and Public Administration, covers management principles, organisational behaviour, human resource management, leadership, performance management, communication, government schemes and public administration.

Paper II, Comprehensive Overview of Jammu and Kashmir, deals with the Union Territory's geographical and demographic features, economy, agriculture, horticulture, tourism, society, culture, languages, ecology, environmental issues and infrastructure development.

Paper III, Service Rules and Office Procedure, includes Civil Services Regulations, Conduct Rules, Leave Rules, Classification, Control and Appeal Rules, the Right to Information Act, public service delivery, office procedures, e-Office, SPARROW, e-HRMS and digital governance.

Paper IV, Revenue Laws and Land Administration, covers property and registration laws, land revenue legislation, agrarian reforms, land acquisition, protection of migrant properties, mutation records, Jamabandi, land grants and digital land records.

Paper V, Government Schemes and Development Policies, focuses on employment generation, industrial growth, Panchayati Raj, municipal legislation, Jal Jeevan Mission, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, rural development, industrial policies and Startup India.

Paper VI, Social Welfare, Human Rights and Community Protection, includes reservation provisions, women and child protection laws, social security programmes, pension schemes, scholarships, the National Health Mission, Ayushman Bharat and human rights legislation.

Paper VII, Legal and Regulatory Framework for Governance and Public Order, covers the Constitution of India, Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, Prevention of Corruption Act, Public Safety Act, taxation laws and other regulatory legislation.

The rules also provide that probationers covered under the new framework will be exempted from passing any other departmental examination prescribed in their respective feeder services.

The notification supersedes the Jammu and Kashmir Combined Competitive Services (Probation and Examination) Rules, 2000, issued through SRO 130 of 2000, along with other existing rules relating to matters covered under the new framework.

The notification has been issued by

order of the Lieutenant Governor.

HC Seeks Report

affidavit filed by the Divisional Commissioner on October 25.

The court further directed the senior AAG to indicate the milestones achieved so far in the matter related to flood mitigation. The matter has been listed for further hearing on October 31.

In September last year, the Court had sought a response from the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir on concerns raised over industrialisation in "flood-prone" areas including the proposed Rs 104.02-crore "Plug-and-Play" Industrial Park at Nowgam here.

According to EPG, while approving the Master Plan-2035 through State Administrative Council Decision No. 40/5/2019 dated February 13, 2019, the SAC directed that no development or construction activity be permitted along the National Highway Bypass from Pantha Chowk to Nowgam as the area formed part of a flood-absorption basin.

EPG has sought a technically independent hydraulic audit of the Jhelum, including mapping of historical and present cross-sections, bed-level changes, silt deposits, constricted reaches, weak embankments, encroachments and hydraulic obstructions.

Kashmir Fruit

traders time and paperwork, they said.

The meeting also discussed the commercial viability of the proposal, freight charges, cargo handling arrangements, train schedules and collection and delivery facilities.

All stakeholders welcomed the proposal and stressed the need for close coordination between Northern Railway and cargo aggregators to ensure its effective implementation on the ground and extend direct benefits to fruit growers, they said.

Several meetings have already been held between the Railways and cargo aggregators to explore ways to improve rail-based transportation of horticulture produce from Kashmir.

The railway administration assured fruit growers of all possible assistance and said stakeholders would be informed about the future course of action and progress of the scheme, officials added.

SC: Consensual

where a person later regrets having consented to sexual relations because the relationship did not last.

"There is thus a need to distinguish between an absence of consent in its entirety because of it having been built entirely on a mirage of deceit and falsehood at the outset on the one hand from the experiencing of regret over having consented to past sexual acts, owing to the later demise of the relationship," it said.

The court observed that regret following the breakdown of a relationship, by itself, cannot convert

consensual intimacy into a criminal offence or set the criminal justice system in motion in a manner that deprives the accused of liberty and reputation.

It also questioned whether a man could be said to have committed deceit or fraud merely by deciding to withdraw from a consensual relationship.

"Can such a decision be termed as deceit or fraud? Clearly not," the bench said.

The judges said rape is a grave offence that must be invoked in situations involving actual sexual violence, coercion or manipulation of consent.

"Rape, being a heinous offence, must be reserved for situations where there is real sexual violence, coercion, or manipulation of consent," the court observed.

It added that converting every failed consensual relationship into an allegation of rape could dilute the gravity of the offence and undermine the criminal justice process.

The bench, however, cautioned against overlooking genuine complaints of sexual assault, noting that rape remains heavily underreported and many victims continue to remain silent due to concerns about their own and their families' honour and reputation.

"For every case where the provisions related to rape are misused, there are several cases that never see the light of day," it said, emphasising that genuine cases must be pursued vigorously wherever the facts establish sexual assault and violence.

The court also expressed concern over the stigma, harassment and reputational damage caused by false allegations, observing that criminal proceedings should not become instruments of vengeance following the breakdown of relationships.

The case arose from a woman's allegations that the accused had concealed his previous marriage and entered into a marriage with her at Mysuru, inducing her to believe that their union was lawful.

According to the prosecution, the woman, who was divorced from an earlier marriage, alleged that she and the accused cohabited between 1996 and 2003 and that he had sexual relations with her on the basis of consent obtained through deception.

She had accused him of rape, cheating and breach of trust, alleging that he concealed the fact that his first marriage was still subsisting.

The man approached the Supreme Court after the Kerala High Court dismissed his plea seeking discharge and quashing of the criminal proceedings.

The Supreme Court held that the ingredients of rape, cheating and deceit were not made out against him and discharged him from the charges.

The bench said courts must examine the entirety of a relationship rather than assess it solely from the circumstances in which it ended, while ensuring that criminal law remains available to protect genuine victims of sexual violence.

Saffron Growers Fear Another Poor Season, Say Flowering Remains Scanty

Cite inadequate irrigation, shortage of quality corms, land conversion, porcupine attacks; seek revival of National Mission on Saffron

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Saffron growers in Kashmir fear another disappointing harvest as flowering remains significantly below normal levels across most saffron fields despite the peak flowering period, raising concerns over the future of the region's traditional crop.

Growers said flowering, which usually peaks after mid-October, has remained scanty this season, with comparatively better results reported in a few fields having access to irrigation. They said most growers continue to depend on rainfall, leaving their crops vulnerable to dry spells and changing weather conditions.

Abdul Majeed Wani, president of the Saffron Growers Association Kashmir, told KNO said the situation was worrying but expressed hope that flowering could improve in the coming week.

"Usually, saffron fields turn purple after mid-October, but this year flowers are appearing in very small numbers across most areas. Fields with better irrigation have shown comparatively encouraging results, and we hope flowering improves in the coming days," he said.



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Wani said the difference between irrigated and rain-dependent fields highlighted the need to restore irrigation infrastructure and ensure adequate water supply across the saffron-growing belt.

Growers seek immediate intervention

Ashiq Hussain, a saffron grower from Chandhara in Pampore, said inadequate irrigation, shortage of quality corms, conversion of saffron land for other purposes and porcupine attacks were compounding the sector's difficulties.

He said porcupines damage underground corms, affecting the crop's ability to regenerate, while the loss of saffron land and inadequate availability of quality planting material were hampering efforts to revive unproductive fields.

"The government needs to act now. We have been raising these issues for years, but growers continue to face the same problems. Irrigation, quality corms, protection of saffron land and measures to control porcupine attacks require immediate attention," he said.

Growers said the majority of

saffron fields remained dependent on rainfall and called for the restoration of defunct irrigation systems, improved water distribution and effective implementation of existing projects.

They also urged the authorities to prevent the conversion of traditional saffron land and ensure adequate availability of quality corms to rejuvenate old and less productive fields.

Production decline raises concern

Government data shows that saffron production declined from 17.33 metric tonnes in 2021 to 14.87 MT in 2022, before marginally improving to 14.94 MT in 2023.

Growers have reported a further deterioration in subsequent seasons, estimating production at around 30 per cent of normal levels in 2024 and nearly 10 per cent in 2025.

The scanty flowering reported this season has heightened fears of another poor harvest, threatening farmers' incomes and livelihoods associated with saffron cultivation.

Growers said repeated losses had made cultivation increasingly difficult to sustain, under-

scoring the need for long-term measures to address the underlying causes of declining productivity.

Demand revival of National Mission on Saffron

Growers called for renewed focus on the National Mission on Saffron, saying irrigation facilities, quality planting material and protection of saffron-growing land were essential to revive the sector.

They urged the government to assess the condition of saffron fields, restore irrigation infrastructure, promote scientific cultivation practices and introduce effective measures to protect corms from damage.

"The situation is alarming, and we cannot afford to lose another season. Functional irrigation, quality corms and protection of saffron fields can help improve productivity, but concrete measures are needed without delay," growers said.

They said saffron was not only a source of livelihood for farming families but also an integral part of Kashmir's agricultural heritage, urging the government to prioritise its revival—(KNO)

Cabinet Led By CM Approves Two New Industrial Estates



SRINAGAR: The Council of Ministers, recently chaired by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, has approved the establishment of two new Industrial Estates in Jammu & Kashmir, involving a combined investment of ₹162.72 crore.

The approved projects include a New Industrial Estate at Pehlipora, Lar, Ganderbal, at a cost of ₹60.92 crore, and Industrial Estate Bhagthali (Part-II), Kathua, at a cost of ₹101.80 crore.

The Chief Minister said the projects would strengthen industrial infrastructure, attract investment, promote local manufacturing and create new employment opportunities for the youth.

He added that these initiatives would contribute to sustained economic growth and further strengthen the industrial ecosystem across Jammu & Kashmir. (Observer News Service)

J&K Govt Appoints Five Members To Haj Committee

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Friday appointed five members to the Union Territory Haj Committee for a period of three years, with Member of Parliament Mian Altaf Ahmad among those nominated.

According to a notification issued by the Revenue Department, the appointments have been made by the Lieutenant Governor under Sections 17(1) and 18(1) of the Haj Committee Act, 2002, read with Rule 20 of the Haj Committee Rules, 2002.

The appointed members include MP Mian Altaf Ahmad, legislators Javadi Iqbal and Mir Mohammad Fayaz, Zafar Iqbal Manhas and Ahsan Ul Haq Mirza.

The notification further states that the Executive Officer of the Haj Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member of the J&K Haj Committee.

The members will hold office for three years from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette. (Observer News Service)

Minor Driving Cases Decline In Srinagar: DySP Traffic

SRINAGAR: Cases involving minors driving vehicles on Srinagar's main roads have declined significantly this year, but the practice continues in the city's outskirts, Deputy Superintendent of Police Traffic Mehboob Ul Haq said, urging parents to ensure that children do not drive before reaching the legally permitted age.

Haq said traffic violations remain a concern in Srinagar city centre, particularly wrong parking and wrong-lane driving. He stressed the need to raise awareness about lane discipline and develop a stronger civic sense among road users.

He said traffic congestion was also linked to violations of traffic rules, adding that better compliance by motorists could help ease jams across the city.

While acknowledging the decline in cases of minors driving on main roads, Haq said the persistence of the practice in peripheral areas required attention from parents and greater awareness among the public. [KNT]

MeT Predicts Dry Weather Till Nov 7

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Day temperatures across most parts of Kashmir remained above the seasonal average on Friday, while the Meteorological Department has forecast generally dry weather across Jammu and Kashmir till November 7.

According to the daily weather bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Kupwara recorded the highest maximum temperature in the Kashmir Valley at 24.6 degrees Celsius, which was 3.4 degrees above the seasonal average.

Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 23.8 degrees Celsius against the normal of 20.8 degrees, while the minimum settled at 4.9 degrees Celsius, 1.9 degrees above the seasonal average.

Qazigund also recorded a maximum of 23.8 degrees Celsius, followed by Pahalgam at 19.8 degrees, Kokernag at 21.4 degrees and Gulmarg at 15.2 de-

grees Celsius.

Gulmarg recorded the lowest minimum temperature in the Valley at 2 degrees Celsius, followed by Kupwara at 2.2 degrees, Pahalgam at 3.3 degrees and Qazigund at 4 degrees Celsius.

In Jammu division, Jammu recorded a maximum temperature of 27.5 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 16 degrees, while Katra recorded 25.6 degrees as the maximum and 15.8 degrees as the minimum.

The department recorded 0.4 mm of rainfall in Pahalgam during the preceding 24 hours, while Qazigund received trace precipitation. No rainfall was recorded at Srinagar, Kupwara, Kokernag and Gulmarg during the period.

According to the forecast, weather is likely to remain generally dry on October 31, while partly cloudy conditions 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.

Damaged Siphon Awaits Restoration In Pulwama

Agencies

PULWAMA: More than 12 years after the 2014 floods, farmers in Pulwama and Shopian are still awaiting restoration of a key irrigation siphon damaged during the deluge, forcing them to rely on an inadequate pumping system.

Located in Rakh village of Pulwama, the siphon, according to KNO, carried water across the Ranbiera rivulet to agricultural fields in villages including Rakh, Zahid Bagh, Darbagh, Naina, Batpora and Watchi. Its destruction disrupted irrigation supplies, affecting farm productivity for years.

Farmers said repeated appeals for reconstruction have gone unheeded. With the next agricultural season five to six months away, they have renewed their demand for immediate restoration.

"The siphon has remained damaged since the 2014 floods. Our fields continue to suffer due to inadequate water supply," farmers said.

They said parts of the canal network have fallen into disuse, while the temporary pumping arrangement has proved unreliable.

Abdul Rashid, a farmer from Batpora, said the system depends on erratic electricity and often fails to supply enough water to distant fields.

"We need a permanent solution, not temporary arrangements," he said.

Another farmer, Shabir Ahmad of Zahid Bagh, said authorities have offered assurances for years without visible progress.

Farmers said restoring the siphon would revive the original irrigation network, ensure a dependable water supply and reduce dependence on electricity-driven pumps.

An Irrigation and Flood Control Department official acknowledged the delay, saying a project for reconstruction of the siphon and restoration of the canal network had been prepared but could not be executed due to certain issues. —(KNO)

Teacher Killed As Vehicle Rolls Off Road In Rajouri



Agencies

SRINAGAR: A teacher was killed while his son sustained injuries after a Tata carrier vehicle went out of control and skidded off the road in the Jaglanoo area of Kotranka in Rajouri district on Friday, officials said.

An official said that the vehicle, bearing registration number JK06B-2633 and carrying grass, went out of control before skidding off the road.

He said two persons were injured in the incident and were shifted to a nearby hospital, where one of them was declared dead.

The deceased was identified as Mohd Amin, a teacher and Head of Institution at Middle School Madhar, while the injured was identified as his son, Mohd Ashaiq.

Police have taken cognisance of the incident and initiated further proceedings—(KNO)

Director Information Reviews Functioning Of DICs Across Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Director Information, Mamta Yadav on Friday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the functioning of District Information Centres (DICs) across Kashmir Division, with a focus on strengthening district-level information dissemination, improving media coordination and ensuring effective coverage of government activities and public welfare initiatives.

Joint Director Information (Hqrs), Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Joint Director Information Kashmir, Syed Shah Nawaz Bukhari; Deputy Director Information (PR/

AV), Javid Ahmad Rather; Deputy Director (PR) Kashmir, Mohammad Rafiq Zullah; Deputy Director (Hqrs), Kashmir, Zubair Ahmad; Cultural Officer, Field Publicity Officer, District Information Officers of Kashmir division and other concerned officers also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the Director took a detailed assessment of the functioning of District Information Centres, reviewing their publicity activities, media outreach, field-level coverage, infrastructure, manpower requirements and overall performance.

Stressing the importance of District Information Centres as the grassroots com-

munication network of the DIPR, Mamta Yadav said that these centres have a significant role in ensuring that information about government policies, programmes, developmental initiatives and public welfare schemes reaches the people in a timely, accurate and accessible manner.

"DICs are the face of the DIPR at the grassroots level. Their role goes beyond disseminating information; they serve as an important link between the administration, media and the public. It is imperative that every district unit functions with dedication, professionalism and a clear sense of responsibility," she said.

NORTHERN RAILWAY (E-Auction Notice)		
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1	EAFFZ- MPS26-9	Allotment of Multi-Purpose Stall (MPS) at Amritsar & Firozpur Cantt Railway Station.
2	EAFFZ- PRKG26-14	Allotment of Parking lot (comprehensive) on contract at Jalandhar City Railway station.
3	EAFFZ- TSV26-2	Allotment of contract for Train side vending (TSV) of various catering items by Train No. 14654/53 (Amritsar-Hissar-Amritsar)
Date of Auction: 16.11.2026		
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5	EAFFZ- MIS26-21	a) Setting up and operation of Travel Help Desk at Amritsar Railway Station. b) Setting up and operation of Water Vending Machines at Amritsar, Phagwara & Firozpur Cantt. Railway station. c) Setting up and operation of Food Van at Ludhiana Railway premises adjoining to wall of Jagraon Bridge in Colony No. 10 and small food van near TTE Rest house at Ludhiana Railway Station.
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DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION KASHMIR

Samanderbagh- S.P College Road Srinagar-190001 (Non-Teaching Section)

Subject: Tentative Seniority list of MTS (Laboratory Bearers) appointed under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Special Package for Kashmiri Migrants.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Tentative Seniority List of MTS (Laboratory Bearers) appointed under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Special Package for Kashmiri Migrants as it stood on 01-01-2025, was notified vide this office Notification No: DSEK/NTS/641/2025/PMP/2966-80, dated: 21-11-2025 for inviting objections; and

Whereas, (06) six objections were received from CEO Srinagar, Kupwara and Budgam and have been accordingly updated in the seniority list; and Whereas, in order to verify the particulars MTS (Laboratory Bearers) appointed under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Special Package for Kashmiri Migrants, this Directorate vide letter No: DSEK/NTS/641/2025/403 Dated: 0302-2026 sought personal files of these officials from concerned CEOs; and

Whereas, personal files in respect of MTS (Laboratory Bearers) appointed under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Special Package for Kashmiri Migrants have been received from respective CEOs and necessary correction/update in particulars have been incorporated in the seniority list; and

Whereas, this Directorate vide letter No. DSEK/NTS/641/2025/979 dated 04.04.2026, requested the Administrative Department for providing the merit scores of the MTS (Lab Bearers) appointed under the Hon'ble PM's Package in terms of Government Order No. 878-Edu of 2010 dated 28.12.2010 and Government Order No. 37-Rev/MR(GR) of 2015 dated 19.02.2015 for preparation of Seniority list of MTS (Lab Bearers); and

Whereas, the Administrative Department vide No. Edu-NGK/139/2026-01 (7747154) dated 06.08.2026, has forwarded copies of Government Order No. 878-Edu of 2010 dated 28.12.2010 and Government Order No. 37-Rev/MR(GR) of 2015 dated 19.02.2015, with directions to finalize the seniority list in accordance with the provisions contained in the aforesaid Government Orders; and

Whereas, upon examination of the aforesaid Government Orders, it was observed that the Selection Serial Numbers are available in respect of the incumbents appointed under Government Order No. 878-Edu of 2010 dated 28.12.2010, whereas, in respect of the official(s) appointed under Government Order No. 37-Rev/MR(GR) of 2015 dated 19.02.2015, no Selection Serial Number is available; instead, only a Simple Serial Number is indicated;

Now, therefore, Tentative Seniority list of MTS (Laboratory Bearers) appointed under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Special Package for Kashmiri Migrants based on the selection serial number in their selection lists, as advised by the Administrative Department as it stood on 01/09/2026 forming Annexure to the notification, is notified for wide circulation among all the members of the service for inviting objections, if any, within a period of 07-days, from the date of issuance of this Notification, with necessary documentary evidence, duly authenticated by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer/ Chief Education Officer, concerned.

Further, the Chief Education Officers concerned shall ensure that no official other than those appointed as MTS (Laboratory Bearer) under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Special Package for Kashmiri Migrants are figuring in the seniority list.

No.: DSEK/NTS/641/2025/2882-2901
Dated:29/10/2026

Director
School Education Kashmir

Notification No.: DSEK/NTS/641/2026/2882-2901

Dated: 29/10/2026

S.no	S.No.allotted in the separate seniority List(Tentative)	District	Selection S.No & S.no	Name of the employee appointed under PM Package	Name of the post (Whether Divisional Level/ District Level during appointment)	Qualification	Present Place of Posting	DOB	Date of appointment	Category
1	1	Anantnag	11	Amit Pandita	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	HSS Vessu	08-11-1986	28.12.2010	OM
2	2	Budgam	14	Sunny Bhat	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	BHSS Budgam	10-10-1991	28.12.2010	OM
3	3	Srinagar	15	Sandeep Tutoo	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	BHSS Jawahar Nagar	17-01-1987	28.12.2010	OM
4	4	Budgam	20	Amit Koul	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	GHS Budgam	03-09-1990	28.12.2010	OM
5	5	Kupwara	25	Deepak Kumar Pandita	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	BHSS Hatmulla	01-08-1989	28.12.2010	OM
6	6	Anantnag	6	Sandeep Bhat	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	HS Dalwath	01-04-1988	28.12.2010	RBA
7	7	Anantnag	2	Shoib Nazir Khan	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	HSS Gohan Vailloo	13-02-1991	19.02.2015	OM
8	8	Anantnag	6	Malik Mutahir Jan	MTS (Lab Bearer)	B.Sc.	BHS Sagam	05-02-1992	19.02.2015	OM
9	9	Anantnag	9	Anupama Kichloo	MTS (Lab Bearer)	BBA	GHS Seer Hamdan	13-01-1992	19.02.2015	OM
10	10	Anantnag	11	Ashwani Koul	MTS (Lab Bearer)	B.Sc. (IT)	HS Levedora	01-01-1989	19.02.2015	OM
11	11	Anantnag	12	Vishal Tickoo	MTS (Lab Bearer)	B.Sc, B.Ed	GHS Mattan	04.03.1992	19.02.2015	OM
12	12	Baramulla	18	Sushant Koul	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	BHS Fatehpura	25.12.1993	19.02.2015	OM
13	13	Kupwara	20	Anubhav Jagat Raj Bhat	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	BHS Gushlie	22-03-1992	19.02.2015	OM
14	14	Srinagar	21	Varsha Tickoo	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	GHS Hyderpora	15-12-1993	19.02.2015	OM
15	15	Anantnag	24	Vikram Raina	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	GHS Khanabal	07-01-1989	19.02.2015	OM
16	16	Srinagar	25	Manju Razdan	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	GHS Hyderpora	15-10-1992	19.02.2015	OM
17	17	Anantnag	28	Rajesh Bhat	MTS (Lab Bearer)	B.com	HS Gopalpora	15-08-1992	19.02.2015	RBA
18	18	Kupwara	30	Nishu Bhat	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	GHSS Kupwara	07-03-1992	19.02.2015	RBA
19	19	Anantnag	32	Pooja Thakar	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	GHS Mattan	14-11-1993	19.02.2015	RBA
20	20	Kupwara	34	Frozan Begum	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	BHSS Warson	04-10-1990	19.02.2015	ST
21	21	Baramulla	36	Sonny Lata	MTS (Lab Bearer)	12th	GHSS Baramulla	22-08-1983	19.02.2015	SC

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