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Rain, Snow Bring Winter Chill, Disrupt Normal Life In J&K



Kishtwar-Sinthan and SSG roads closed; traffic remains very slow on Jammu-Srinagar highway

Baramulla records highest rainfall at 49.5 mm in 24 hours; Gulmarg receives 2-6 inches of fresh snowfall

MeT forecasts another spell of light rain and snowfall over higher reaches on November 13 and 14.

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Rain in the plains and fresh snowfall over higher reaches led to a dip in temperatures across Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, while the precipitation disrupted traffic on several key roads, with two mountain routes closed due to snow accumulation.

According to data Baramulla recorded the highest rainfall at 49.5 mm during the past 24 hours, followed by Gulmarg at 40.6 mm and Kupwara at 37.3 mm.

Pahalgam received 22.4 mm of rainfall, while Batote recorded 16.1 mm, Srinagar 16.3 mm, Bhaderwah 15.3 mm, Banihal 10.5 mm, Kokernag 6.4 mm and Qazigund 5.8 mm. | More on P6

Kulgam Attack: Massive Searches, Suspects Picked Up

- 300 OGWs Questioned, NIA Joins Probe; Security Tightened Across Valley
- CRPF Chief Reviews Security, Calls For Intensified Anti-Terror Ops

Observer News Service



Srinagar: Security forces continued a massive search operation for the third consecutive day on Friday to track down the terrorists involved in Wednesday's attack on a CRPF post in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, while police questioned more than 300 Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) joined the probe.

A top police officer said that more than 300 OGWs had been questioned during the past three days in connection with the attack, which left three CRPF personnel injured.

"Till now 300 OGWs have been questioned. Assailants will soon be nailed," the officer said, adding | More on P6

LG Pays Tribute To Policemen Killed in Kishtwar

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday expressed grief over the killing of two Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel, Babi Chand and Rashpal Kumar, in Kishtwar district, strongly condemning the attack.
In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor said he was deeply grieved by the loss of the two personnel, who laid down their lives in the line of duty.
He said their courage, unwavering dedication and selfless | More on P6

J&K Cabinet Approves Urban Asset, Hydropower Policies

Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet on Friday approved the Urban Asset Mapping and Monetization Policy, 2026 and the J&K Hydropower Policy, 2026, besides clearing several land allotment proposals, including those for setting up fruit mandis at Pattan, Tral and Kulgam.

Sources said that Cabinet meeting was held in Jammu under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

They said the cabinet approved the Urban Asset Mapping and Monetization Policy, 2026, prepared by the Housing and Urban Development Department. The policy aims at systematic identification, | More on P6

Kashmir Stares At 400 MW Winter Power Deficit

Winter demand averages 1,700 MW against 1,300 MW supply

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Kashmir is heading into winter with an average electricity shortfall of around 400 megawatts (MW), as demand rises sharply during peak hours, with officials informing a high-level meeting on Friday that peak consumption could touch 2,400 MW.

The meeting, chaired by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg, reviewed preparations for snowfall and possible disruption of essential services across the Valley.

Officials informed the meeting that average winter electricity | More on P6

'Emergency Air Sorties In North Kashmir By Dec 1'

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg has directed the Civil Aviation Department to operationalise winter air services in Bandipora and Kupwara by December 1 | More on P6

Kashmir Heritage Seminar Links Naranag Restoration To Local Jobs

Shahid Mir

A TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR TIED THE REVIVAL OF A GANDERBAL MONUMENT to public knowledge, shared ownership and income for the villagers who live beside it.

Srinagar: At Naranag on November 11, administrators, conservation professionals, scholars and artists studied the practical questions facing a monument in the Harmukh-Gangbal-Nundkol landscape: an alternative village pathway, protection of the structures and restoration of the spring.

The field visit opened a two-day National Seminar on "Revival, Preservation and Sustainability of Cultural Heritage of Kashmir," organised by Kakini Building Humanity.

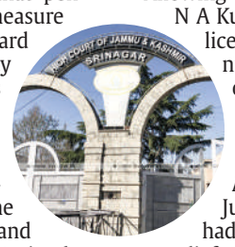
On November 12, the programme moved to SKICC in Srinagar, where civil society joined the gathering.

Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat addressed the seminar virtually. According to Kakini's account, he outlined five essentials: Political Will, Public Spending, Partnership, People's | More on P6

Guarantor's Liability Cannot Override Pension Protection: HC

Bars Bank From Recovering Loan Dues From Employee's Retirement Benefits

M Ahmad



Srinagar: Observing that pension is a welfare measure intended to safeguard the financial security of retired employees and their families and cannot be subjected to coercive recovery measures for a borrower's default, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday restrained Jammu and Kashmir Bank from recovering loan dues from the pension account of a retired government employee who had guaranteed the loan.

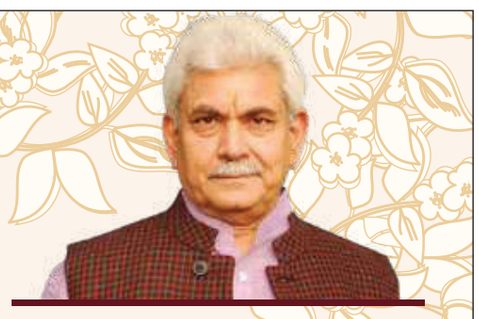
Allowing an appeal filed by N A Kuchay, a retired police personnel and senior citizen, a bench of Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi set aside an order passed by the 3rd Additional District Judge here which had declined interim relief against deductions from his pension account.

Kuchay had approached the court alleging | More on P6



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New ICMR Study To Probe Genetic Roots Of Autoimmune Diseases

Press Trust Of India



The Indian Council of Medical Research has funded a four-year study to investigate the genetic and immunological mechanisms underlying autoimmune diseases by studying families with multiple affected members, AIIMS doctors said on Thursday, appealing to SLE patients to get enrolled in the study.

The project titled 'Genomic Profiling and Identification of Targetable Shared Immunopathogenic Events in Multiplex Families with Autoimmune Diseases' has been awarded to Dr Dipyaman Ganguly of Ashoka University, Sonipat, Haryana, and Dr Ranjan Gupta, Additional Professor in the Department of Rheumatology, AIIMS, Delhi.

The study aims to build a nationwide cohort of 200 families in which multiple members are affected by autoimmune diseases. Each participating family must have at least one member diagnosed with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), commonly known as lupus, Gupta said.

The researchers will conduct genetic and immunological assessments of the enrolled patients and their family members to identify shared biological mechanisms that contribute to the development of these conditions.

The findings could help scientists better understand the disease processes involved and identify potential targets for developing new therapies, he said.

Autoimmune diseases occur when the immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own tissues. A family history of such conditions is associated with an increased risk of developing them, highlighting the importance of investigating genetic and shared immunological factors, Gupta said.

The four-year project will involve clinical centres at AIIMS Delhi; AIIMS Bibinagar, Telangana; Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), Lucknow; St John's Hospital, Bengaluru; Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad; and the Kolkata Medical College. These centres will contribute clinical data and biological samples for the study.

Patients diagnosed with lupus and residing in Delhi-NCR can contact the centre at AIIMS Delhi to check their eligibility for participation, Gupta said. Participation will be subject to eligibility assessment and the study's enrolment requirements.

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Subject: - Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & Style "MAHDAN TOUR & TRAVELS" situated at KANIHAMA NOWGAM BAGATI KANIPORA SRINAGAR KASHMIR

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, I, DANISH BIN ABDULLAH S/o: MOHAMMAD ABDULLAH R/o: KANIHAMA NOWGAM BAGATI KANIPORA SRINAGAR KASHMIR intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "MAHDAN TOUR & TRAVELS" situated at KANIHAMA NOWGAM BAGATI KANIPORA SRINAGAR KASHMIR under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/ Adventure Tour Operator. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case i processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/ Financial Institutions/ Bank/Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration (e-mail Id: - ddtreg123@gmail. com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

FKO

IN THE COURT OF JUDIC MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS, GANDERBAL

Present: Ms. Rameen Rashid Khan

JO Code: JK00316
In the Case of:
Mohammad Ramzan Dar S/o Mohammed Rehman Dar R/o Sehpora Ganderbal

Applicant
V/S
Registrar Births and Deaths Ganderbal

Respondent

In the matter of: Application for issuance of appropriate directions for delayed registration of birth u/s 13(3) of the Registration of Births and Deaths, Act, 1969 as amended.

TO
The General Public

PROCLAMATION

1) The instant application came to be fired before this court on 10.11.2026 under Section 13 (3)(a) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Registration of Births & Death Rules 2000 by the applicant seeking the issuance of direction on Registrar Births and Deaths, for registering Date of Birth of the applicant namely
2) Whereas this court has ordered that the objection from the general public be called for issuance of birth certificate in favour of the above named person.
3) Therefore, this proclamation is issued through this newspaper calling upon the general public to file objections, if any, within a period of seven days, to the issuance of such certificate failing which this court this court shall proceed in accordance with law.

Announced
10-11-201

JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
MDL FIRST CLASS GANDERBAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, want to correct my name in my bank records at HDFC Bank Branch Office Soura, Srinagar bearing A/c No. 50100290365684 from Saqib Shafi Sheikh to Sheikh Saqib Shafi as per my Aadhaar card. Now the same is to be corrected. Objections, if any, may be conveyed to the above mentioned bank, within a period of 07 days. After that no objection will be entertained.

ABASS ADVT.

SHEIKH SAQIB SHAFI

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that the name of my Daughter as mentioned in her Aadhar Card bearing Aadhar No 913644403427 has been incorrectly recorded as Taiba Jaan while as her actual name is Toiba Jaan. Now I want to apply for the correction of same in her Aadhar from old name Taiba Jaan to new name Toiba Jaan. In future she will be known as Toiba Jaan. 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:- Toiba Jaan D/O JAVID AHMAD MIR
R/O-Kripalpora Sari Matipora singhpora
BARAMULLA J&K 193121 fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that the name of my Daughter as mentioned in her Aadhar Card bearing Aadhar No 386931446663 has been incorrectly recorded as Ronak Jaan while as her actual name is Ronauk Jaan. Now I want to apply for the correction of same in her Aadhar from old name Ronak Jaan to new name Ronauk Jaan. In future she will be known as Ronauk Jaan. 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 -Ronauk Jaan D/O JAVID AHMAD MIR
R/O-Kripalpora Sari Matipora singhpora
BARAMULLA J&K 193121 fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that my name as mentioned in my Aadhar Card bearing Aadhar No 839539436725 has been incorrectly recorded as Ajaz Ahmad Ganie while as my actual name is Aijaz Ahmad Ganie . Now I want to apply for the correction of same in my Aadhar from old name Ajaz Ahmad Ganie to new name Aijaz Ahmad Ganie . In future I will be known as Aijaz Ahmad Ganie . 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 -Aijaz Ahmad Ganie
S/O - GH AHMAD GANIE
R/O- TARHAMA KUNZER BARAMULLA J&K 193404 fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Nuzhat Akhter, W/o Riyaz Ahmad Bhat, R/o Kawarhama, Tehsil Kawarhama, District Baramulla, do hereby inform the general public that the name of my ward has been wrongly recorded in her Aadhaar Card bearing No. 3817 3792 0391 as AISHA REYAZ instead of her correct name AANISHA REYAZ. The discrepancy has occurred due to a clerical/typographical error. I have now applied for correction of the same in the Aadhaar records.

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

Sd/-
Nuzhat Akhter fko
Mother of Aanisha Reyaz
R/o Kawarhama, Tehsil Kawarhama, District Baramulla

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar as MOHAMAD UMAIR While as my actual name is MOHAMAD UMAIR FAROOQ C/O ABDUL QAYOOM FAMDA R/O GUNDJAHANGIR SHUMRIYAL KUPWARA District KUPWARA 193223 Now I want to apply for the correction of the same if anybody is having any objection he/she may contact concerned authority within the period of seven days after that no objection will be entertained.

MOHAMAD UMAIR FAROOQ
C/O :- ABDUL QAYOOM FAMDA
R/O :- GUNDJAHANGIR SHUMRIYAL , KUPWARA fko

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT PATTAN

Coram: Mr. Anjeet Sing

In the case of :-
Mohammad Assadullah Bhat
S/o Abdul Aziz Bhat
R/o Wanigam Bala, Tehsil Pattan. Applicant

V/s
BDO Pattan (Registrar of Births and Deaths).

in the matter of: APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF BIRTH AND ISSUANCE OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF RAMEEZ ASSAD BHAT S/O ASSADULLAH BHAT R/O WANIGAM BALA, PATTAN, DISTRICT BARAMULLA.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Through the medium of this publication, the public at large is hereby informed that the applicant have instituted the above captioned petition in which the next date of hearing is fixed on 17-11-2026.If anybody have any objection or want to become a party in the petition/case as applicant/non-aplicant, he/she may approach this court on or before the next date of hearing, failing which the petition/case shall be heard and appropriate orders warranted under law shall be passed.

Announced 12.11.2026
FKO Sd/-Sub Judge Pattan

The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education

Sub Office Magam



I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th, 11th, 12th)under Roll No:. 121006049, 221005113, 321002087 Session: Annual Regular -2024, Annual Regular -2025, Annual Regular - oct/nov 2025 Year 2024,2025, 2025 respectively through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. The error has been committed against my mother's name as Hsaleema B ano instead of Gulshana Bano Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education Sub Office Magam , if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Sub Office Magam within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

Name: Muneer Ahmad Chopan
Father's name: Mohammad Ishaq Chopan
Mother's Name: Gulshana Bano
DOB: 20-06-2008
Residence: S.K. Pora

THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

(SUB OFFICE KUPWARA)

PUBLIC NOTICE



I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class 10TH) under Roll No. 15127418 session :-BI-Annual Year: 2020-21 through The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. The error has been committed by the school Against My Caste as PALA Instead of DOOM.

Now I have applied for correction in The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education, New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, sub Office Kupwara within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained.

This is published for the information of the general public.

The correct particulars be recorded as under:-
Name:- SUHAIL AHMAD DOOM
Father's Name:- BASHIR AHMAD DOOM
Mother's Name:- HALEEMA BAGUM
Date of Birth: 16-03-1994
Residence: VILLAGAM KUPWARA
Mobile No.- 9797111747 fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the electricity connection bearing **Consumer ID: 0202020004895** and **Installation No.: 117183-A,** presently registered in the name of my deceased father, **GHULAM MOHAMMAD MAGRAY (MAFRAY),** who passed away on **19-12-2007,** is proposed to be transferred to my name, **BILAL AHMAD MAGRAY,** S/o Late **GHULAM MOHAMMAD MAGRAY,** R/o New Colony, Batamaloo, Srinagar, J&K UT, being his legal son.

Any person having any objection to the proposed transfer may submit the same before the concerned **Sub-Division, Hazuri Bagh,** within **one week** from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the stipulated period.

Sd/-
BILAL AHMAD MAGRAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar as MEHRAN FAMDA While as my actual name is MEHRAN AHMAD FAMDA C/O ABDUL QAYOOM FAMDA R/O GUNDJAHANGIR SHUMRIYAL KUPWARA District KUPWARA 193223 Now I want to apply for the correction of the same if anybody is having any objection he/she may contact concerned authority within the period of seven days after that no objection will be entertained.

MEHRAN AHMAD FAMDA fko
C/O :- ABDUL QAYOOM FAMDA
R/O :- GUNDJAHANGIR SHUMRIYAL , KUPWARA

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mohammad Yousuf Naqib, S/o Abdul Rahman Naqib, R/o Kunzer, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir UT, do hereby inform the general public that my ward's name has been wrongly recorded in his Aadhaar Card bearing No. 5162 5679 2251 as "Aimun Yousuf" instead of his actual and correct name "Aiman Yousuf".

That his correct name, Aiman Yousuf, is duly recorded in the Date of Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Committee (MC), Kunzer. The discrepancy in the Aadhaar Card is due to a clerical/ typographical error. I have now applied for correction of the same.

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

Mohammad Yousuf Naqib
F/o Aiman Yousuf
R/o Kunzer, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla fko

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT PATTAN

Coram: Mr. Anjeet Sing

In the case of
Mehraj Ud Din Zargar
S/o Ga Hassan Zargar R/o Wanigam Bala, Tehsil Pattan
Applicant

V/s
BDO Pattan (Registrar of Births and Deaths).

In the matter of APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF BIRTH AND ISSUANCE OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF MOHAMMAD ASIF S/O MEHRAJ UD DIN ZARGAR R/O WANIGAM BALA, PATTAN, DISTRICT BARAMULLA,

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Announced
12.11.2026

Sd/-
fko Sub Judge Pattan

Mental Health Awareness Programme Held At UPHC Nishat

Observer News Service

Srinagar- A community mental health awareness programme was organised at the Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) Nishat by the Health Authority, Hazratbal Block, with a focus on strengthening grassroots mental healthcare and equipping ASHA workers to identify and address mental health concerns at an early stage.

The programme brought together health officials, medical professionals and members of the Happy and Healthy Minds (HHM) team to discuss ways of integrating mental health services into primary healthcare and improving community-level intervention.

The event began with a welcome address by Dr Abdul Majid, Block Medical Officer (BMO), Hazratbal, who introduced the subject and highlighted the importance of community participation in addressing mental health challenges.

Among those present were Dr Zeenat, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at SDH Hazratbal; Dr Nasir, ZMO UPHC Hazratbal; Dr Syed Sania, Medical Officer Epidemiology at the CMO Office; and Aneesa, Block Medical Education Officer, Hazratbal.

The HHM team conducted a series of focused sessions covering different aspects of mental health awareness and community-based intervention. Dr Syed Riyaz Hamadani, Project Manager, HHM, introduced participants to the KASHMER and HPVT collaborative projects, while Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Mohd Muzaffar Khan spoke about the genesis of substance abuse in the community.

Clinical Psychologist Sabahat Muzaffar highlighted the identification of mental health disorders and the role of ASHA workers in early detection and intervention. Sumaira Majeed, Team Lead, HHM, coordinated and facilitated the programme.

Mechanical Engineering Dept To Conduct Mock Drill In Srinagar

Agencies

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo on Friday said that the Mechanical Engineering Department (MED) will conduct a citywide midnight mock drill in the district to assess the preparedness of snow-clearance machinery.

Talking to reporters here, DC Labroo, said, "Today itself, MED will conduct a mock drill across the city during night hours so that traffic movement is not disturbed. All machines will be taken out of the workshops and deployed on different routes to check whether they are fully ready for snow-clearance operations."

The DC said the exercise would help officials identify mechanical issues, maintenance requirements and coordination gaps that could affect snow-clearance operations during actual snowfall.

"When the machines move along their designated routes, we will be able to assess whether any additional coordination or maintenance is required. All these aspects will be examined during the mock drill," he said.

The Deputy Commissioner said the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) had already conducted its mock drill on Thursday, with machinery and manpower of the concerned departments kept on alert. "All machinery and manpower are on alert for snow clearance. We are just waiting for snowfall," he said.

Pertinently, the preparedness exercise comes amid an active weather spell in Jammu and Kashmir. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast widespread rainfall across plains and snowfall over higher reaches till November 14—(KNO)

Kashmir University Under Fire for Trimming Century-Old Chestnut Trees

Environmental activists and the grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh have criticised the university administration over the removal of branches from heritage trees believed to have been planted during the Maharaja's reign.

Ansar Hussain



Srinagar: The large branches of two century-old sweet chestnut trees near the History Department of the University of Kashmir have been cut down, prompting environmental activists to accuse the university administration of destroying a piece of the region's natural heritage under the guise of pruning.

The trees, known as sweet chestnuts (Castanea sativa), are believed to have been planted during the reign of Maharaja Hari Singh, who ruled the former princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. Their removal has drawn criticism from the Jammu and Kashmir Climate Action Group, which says the trees represent a rare and endangered variety with a history stretching back about 100 years.

Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat, chairman of the group, said the chestnuts were introduced to Kashmir by Mohammad Rehman Affindi, a friend and Oxford University classmate of Maharaja Hari Singh.

"These are heritage trees planted during the period of Maharaja Hari Singh sahib at several places in Kashmir, including the present-day University of Kashmir," Bhat said.

The university administration has defended its action, saying it carried out pruning because the trees posed a threat to the building housing the Economics Department.

The explanation has drawn objections on social media, where users have questioned whether the work amounted to pruning or the destruction of significant portions of the trees. Photographs and comments circulating online have added to the criticism, with users arguing that the university had removed large branches rather than carried out routine maintenance.

Bhat said the intervention by his organisation had helped prevent further cutting of chestnut trees on the campus. However, he said the damage to the two trees near the History Department had already been substantial.

"Cutting down these trees is a serious issue. With our intervention, we stopped the axing of other chestnut trees, but unfortunately, the University of Kashmir calls it 'pruning', even though all the huge branches of two chestnut trees near the History Department have been cut down," he said.

The dispute has also brought renewed attention to the protection of old trees in Kashmir, where development projects and infrastructure construction have led to the removal of established green cover.

The climate action group cited an earlier incident in 2020, when around 50 similar chestnut trees were felled in the New Theed area of Harwan to make way for a power grid station.

The group said the latest incident raised questions about how public institutions protect heritage trees while undertaking construction and maintenance work on their premises.

It has appealed to the authorities to intervene personally and has specifically sought the involvement of Dr. Karan Singh, the son of Maharaja Hari Singh. The group said his father's role in planting the trees gave the family a particular connection to their preservation.

The criticism also reached Vikramaditya Singh, a former member of the Legislative Council and grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh. Responding to a post by Bhat on Instagram, Singh expressed his anger over the cutting of the trees.

"This is unacceptable. People responsible for this should be taken to task," he wrote.

The university's explanation has placed the focus on a larger question: how institutions balance building maintenance and infrastructure needs with the protection of old trees that hold ecological and historical value.

MBBS Aspirants Protest, Seek NMC Approval For Kashmir Medical College

Agencies

Srinagar: With the admissions deadline approaching, MBBS aspirants and their parents staged a protest at Press Colony here on Friday, urging the National Medical Commission to grant Kashmir Medical College a Letter of Permission without further delay.

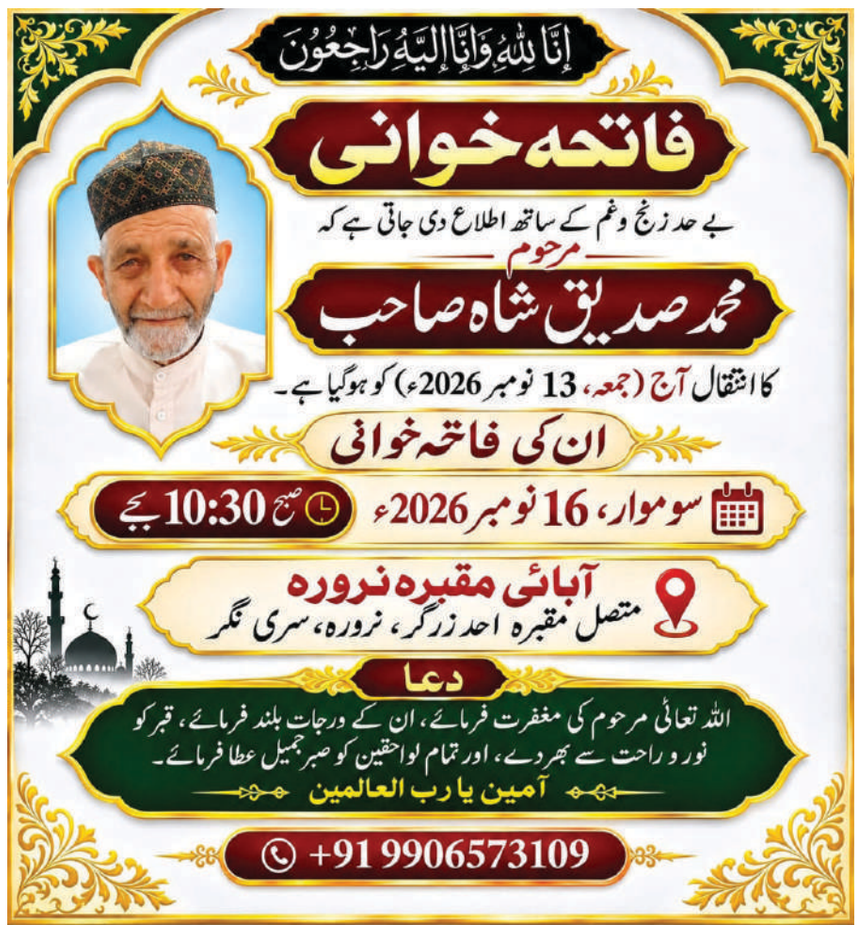
The students and parents expressed concern over the prolonged uncertainty surrounding the proposed medical college, saying the delay in securing the mandatory approval was jeopardising the academic future of more than 100 aspiring medical students. They said their demand was aimed at ensuring that the institution becomes operational and admissions are allowed to begin within the stipulated timeframe, rather than targeting any individual or authority.

According to the protesting aspirants, the issue has remained unresolved for the past five months despite repeated efforts to seek intervention from the concerned authorities.

One of the students said they had approached the High Court in September and received a favourable hearing on October 27, but the matter was yet to reach a conclusion. "With November 16 approaching and the next court hearing scheduled for November 20, we are worried about losing another academic year. We appeal to the concerned authorities to intervene and resolve the issue at the earliest," he said.

The students maintained that an early decision on the LoP would not only protect their academic interests but also help strengthen medical education facilities in Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA) has extended its support to the affected students and called on the Union Health Ministry to intervene urgently to resolve the pending approval issue, expressing serious concern over the five-month delay.



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ASR	3: 51
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This Day In History

- 1380- King Charles VI of France crowned at age 12
- 1524- Francisco Pizarro begins his 1st great expedition, near Colombia
- 1550- Pope Julius III proclaims new seat on Council of Trent
- 1675- Pope Clemens X declares Gorcumse martyrs divine
- 1680- Gottfried Kirch discovers the Great Comet of 1680 (Kirch's Comet/Newton's Comet)
- 1834- William Thomson, later scientist Lord Kelvin, enters Glasgow University at just 10 yrs 4 months
- 1856- American Gail Borden is issued a patent for technology related to his invention of condensed milk
- 1864- One of the last public executions in England: Franz Muller is hanged for murder in front of a crowd of 50,000 outside Newgate Prison
- 1881- Charles Guiteau put on trial for the assassination of US President Garfield
- 1885- Serbia invades Bulgaria, beginning the two-week Serbo-Bulgarian War; the Serbs are later defeated decisively [O.S. November 2]
- 1889- New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) begins her attempt to surpass fictitious journey of Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg by traveling around the world in under 80 days. She succeeds, finishing the trip in 72 days, 6 hours
- 1896- Power plant at Niagara Falls begins operation
- 1907- The Third Duma (Parliament) meets in Russia; following Tsar Nicholas II's limiting of the franchise, a conservative majority holds sway and suppresses the radical elements
- 1908- Albert Einstein presents his quantum theory of light
- 1910 - 1st airplane flight from deck of a ship, Norfolk, Va
- 1915 - Tomáš Masaryk demands independence for Czechoslovakia
- Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk
- 1918 - Republic of Czechoslovakia created with Tomáš Masaryk as its 1st president
- 1919 - Red Army captures Omsk, Siberia
- 1921 - The Communist Party of Spain is founded.
- 1931 - Ottawa Mint Act is proclaimed in Britain
- 1935 - Nazis deprive German Jews of their citizenship
- 1954 - Egyptian pres Naguib fire, state of emergency declared
- 1969 - Apollo 12 (Conrad/Gordon/Bean) launched for 2nd manned Moon landing
- 1975 - Spain, Morocco & Mauretania sign accord about Spanish Sahara
- 1977 - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat repeats willingness to visit Israel to Walter Cronkite
- 1981 - 2nd Space Shuttle Mission-Columbia 2-returns to Earth
- 1984 - Astronauts aboard "Discovery" pluck a 2nd satellite from orbit
- 1984 - NASA launches NATO-3D
- 1990 - France performs nuclear test at Mururoa atoll
- 1990 - Great Britain performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1994 - 1st trains for public run in Channel Tunnel under English Channel
- 1994 - Space shuttle STS-66 (Atlantis 13), lands
- 2001 - War in Afghanistan: Afghan Northern Alliance fighters takeover the capital Kabul.
- 2001 - OPEC announces that it intends to cut its crude oil output quotas by 1.5 million barrels per day effective, but only if non-OPEC producers cut their output by 500,000 barrels per day as well.
- 2002 - The United States House of Representatives votes not to create an independent commission to investigate the September 11 attacks.
- 2008 - Italy plunges into recession, its first since the start of 2005, after GDP contracts a steeper-than-expected 0.5% in the third quarter
- 2008 - Hong Kong becomes the second Asian economy to tip into recession, its exports hit by weakening global demand
- 2008 - Eurozone officially slips into recession for the first time since its creation in 1999, pushed down by recessions in Germany and Italy
- 2012 - A series of protests against austerity measures occur across Europe including Spain, Portugal, and Greece
- 2017- Zimbabwe Army seizes key sites in capital Harare following tensions over Robert Mugabe's dismissal of vice-president Emmerson Mnangagwa

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KO VIEW

Campus Green Destruction

The University of Kashmir has a history of doing damage to its own green heritage.

The recent cutting of branches from century-old chestnut trees is not an isolated incident. It follows an earlier episode at Naseem Bagh in 2009 and 2010, when extensive pruning and cutting destroyed much of the garden's iconic shade.

The university defended that exercise as necessary to remove old and overgrown branches, but the damage went far beyond routine maintenance.

Nearly 15 years later, the same disregard appears to have returned. This time, century-old chestnut trees on the university campus have suffered heavy branch cutting.

The intervention of a civil society climate group limited the damage largely to two trees. That intervention prevented further harm, but the university's record calls for a closer examination of how it manages its natural heritage.

The campus has undergone considerable construction over the past decade to accommodate modern academic needs. Expansion is a legitimate institutional responsibility, but it should never come at the cost of indiscriminate damage to established greenery.

The University of Kashmir is an educational institution with a distinctive historical landscape. Its old trees, gardens and shaded pathways are part of a heritage that belongs to generations of students and the wider community.

The recent cutting of the iconic green tunnel at Amar Singh College points to the same problem. Its administration defended the decision by citing the age of the trees.

Such justifications expose a troubling approach to conservation, in which the age of a tree becomes a reason for its removal rather than a reason for greater care.

Old trees need expert assessment and appropriate maintenance, rather than arbitrary cutting.

These institutions are custodians of public assets. Their administrations may change, but the historical and environmental value of their campuses goes well beyond individual tenures.

The chestnut trees at Kashmir University, planted during Maharaja Hari Singh's time, also hold historical significance. The demand by his grandson to hold those responsible accountable should prompt a transparent inquiry into who authorised the cutting and what expert advice informed the decision.

Kashmir needs a clear conservation policy for its educational campuses. It should protect heritage trees, green tunnels and established landscapes through independent assessments, expert supervision and strict rules governing pruning and removal.

Construction projects should also undergo proper scrutiny to prevent avoidable damage to existing greenery.

Universities teach students about environmental protection and sustainability. Their own campuses should demonstrate those principles.

Kashmir's educational institutions must move beyond defending damage after it occurs and adopt a culture of conservation before it is too late.

Those responsible for the latest cutting should be held accountable, and the protection of the region's living heritage must become a binding institutional responsibility.

The Next Big Farm Idea

With fertile land, water and a favourable climate, Kashmir has opportunities to create jobs through modern farming and food processing.



Tajamul Islam Salroo

A young man sits at home, checking his phone for the latest government job notification. His father owns a few kanals of land, but he has never thought of using it to earn a living.

Another young man looks at the same amount of land and sees a chance to grow mushrooms in an empty room, set up a polyhouse or start a nursery.

The land is the same, but their thinking is different.

One waits for a job, while the other looks for a way to create one.

Unemployment and the lack of industries are major concerns in Kashmir. But the valley has a resource that many young people overlook: its farmland.

Fertile soil, plenty of water, a suitable climate and a long farming tradition give Kashmir many opportunities to build small businesses. The problem is that farming is still seen mainly as a family occupation rather than a business that can grow and employ others.

Apple remains the mainstay of Kashmir's horticulture industry. High-density plantations, better rootstocks, drip irrigation and scientific pruning are helping farmers grow more fruit on less land.

This progress is important, but depending too much on one crop can create problems. Kashmir needs more farmers to explore other crops and find new markets.

Almonds, walnuts, cherries, pears, plums, peaches, apricots, kiwi, blueberries and hazelnuts can grow in different parts of the valley.

With the right techniques, farmers can make better use of their land and earn from more than one crop.

Polyhouses and greenhouses provide another opportunity.

Farmers can grow tomatoes, cucumbers, capsicum, lettuce and broccoli in controlled conditions and supply them for longer periods. A young person who starts with a small polyhouse and supplies vegetables to a few hotels can gradually build a business and employ other people.

Mushroom cultivation is also worth exploring.

It needs little space and can begin in an empty room or a rented building. Young entrepreneurs can grow button or oyster mushrooms, dry and package them, and supply them directly to restaurants and shops.

Saffron is already famous around the world, but local growers often miss out on much of its commercial value because marketing goes through outside businesses.

Better corms, irrigation, grading, packaging and local branding can help them earn more. Floriculture provides similar opportunities.

Roses, lilies, tulips, gladiolus and marigolds can be sold to hotels, event organisers and retailers.

Beekeeping is another option. It provides honey and wax and also helps pollinate fruit trees. Lavender, rosemary and mint can be used to make essential oils, herbal products and cosmetics.

However, farmers should first find out who will buy these products and where they can be processed. Growing something without knowing where to sell it can lead to losses.

Kashmir also has local products such as kala zeera, lotus stem, water chestnut and traditional rice varieties. Better farming, packaging and marketing can help these products reach more customers.

> **Kashmir needs** more factories and large industries. But it should also make better use of the opportunities already available in farming and food processing. Young people need to look beyond the question of where to find a job. They should also ask what they can grow, make and sell, and how their work can create jobs for others.

There are opportunities beyond crop cultivation.

Dairy farming, poultry, sheep and goat rearing, fish farming, trout production and silkworm rearing can provide income throughout the year. Better cattle care, animal feed and milk marketing have already helped increase milk production over the past decade.

These activities can also be managed alongside orchard work.

Some of the biggest business opportunities begin after the harvest. A farmer grows walnuts, but someone else can earn by cleaning, grading, packaging, storing, transporting and selling them. The same applies to apples and other fruits.

Small businesses can set up fruit grading units, cold storage facilities, dehydration plants, juice and pulp units, mushroom packaging centres and dairy processing facilities. Honey and dried fruit can also be sold under local brands, including through online platforms.

A farmer who sells raw walnuts earns the basic market price. An entrepreneur who grades, packs and sells them under a brand can earn more. Dried apples, vinegar and other processed products work in much the same way.

There is money to be made not only by growing crops but also by turning them into products people are willing to buy.

Young people do not need large farms or huge investments to enter this sector. Mushroom cultivation, beekeeping, small nurseries and vegetable growing can begin with limited money. Those with more capital can set up cold storage units, grading facilities or commercial dairy farms.

People who do not own land can also take part. They can lease farmland, work with existing farmers, rent machinery or provide services related to packaging, transport and marketing. Engineers, management graduates and food technologists can bring their skills to areas such as accounts, quality checks, product development and sales.

Young people can start exploring these ideas before spending years preparing for government jobs. They can begin by looking at the problems around them. Why do we import vegetables that can grow here? Why do farmers sell their produce cheaply while consumers pay much higher prices? Why are some local products available only during certain months? Why do we have so few local brands of honey, dried fruit and packaged food?

These questions can lead to business ideas. But a good idea also needs training, planning and practical experience. Watching farming videos is useful, but young people must learn how to work with the soil, manage costs and find buyers.

The government, educational institutions and farmers all have a role to play. Farmers need to understand their costs, market prices and likely profits. Schools and colleges should introduce students to farming and agri-business through practical training. Government departments should provide timely advice, technical support and help with approvals rather than simply distributing information about schemes.

SKUAST-K should work more closely with farmers and help them find solutions suited to local conditions. Better storage, transport and links with buyers are also needed. Loans and subsidies should go to people with practical business plans and the training to run them.

The Holistic Agriculture Development Programme gives Kashmir a useful starting point. Its success should be judged by how many businesses it helps create and how much additional income farmers earn. The number of people receiving subsidies alone tells us very little. Financial support can help someone start a business, but the business still needs a good idea, hard work and customers.

Different parts of Kashmir have different strengths. South Kashmir can build on its apple industry while expanding walnut, cherry, vegetable and dairy farming. Pampore and nearby areas can focus on saffron cultivation, processing and branding. North Kashmir has scope for fruit growing, vegetables and protected farming. Suitable areas can also develop medicinal plants, floriculture and nurseries, while places with enough water can support fish and trout farming.

Small farmers can achieve more by working together. Farmer Producer Organisations help them buy seeds and other inputs, share machinery and bargain for better prices. Ten farmers working as a group can often achieve what one farmer cannot manage alone.

Kashmir needs more factories and large industries. But it should also make better use of the opportunities already available in farming and food processing. Young people need to look beyond the question of where to find a job. They should also ask what they can grow, make and sell, and how their work can create jobs for others.

The next successful entrepreneur may start with a small polyhouse, a mushroom unit or a few kanals of leased land. He may not need to move to a city or wait for a government vacancy. He may already have the resources to begin, but needs to look at them differently.

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The Power Puzzle

Untapped hydropower, inefficient distribution and seasonal shortages undermine the region's energy security.



Uzma Qadir Mir

Electricity keeps a modern economy alive. It powers factories, lights up schools, runs hospitals, and touches almost every part of daily life. From farms to factories to services, nothing works without a steady flow of power. In today's world, it is a basic need for growth.

In Jammu and Kashmir, however, electricity remains a paradox.

The region has extraordinary hydropower potential thanks to its mountains and fast-flowing rivers. With over 15 hydropower plants and an estimated annual generation of more than 29 million units, Kashmir appears, at least on paper, to be energy-rich.

The Chenab, Jhelum, and Indus tributaries hold enough promise to make it one of South Asia's most energy-secure regions. But the reality is starkly different.

Kashmir suffers chronic power shortages, especially during the long, freezing winters. Blackouts are common, homes struggle to stay warm, and industries remain constrained.

Instead of exporting surplus energy, the Union Territory buys electricity from the national grid at high cost.

This mismatch between resources and outcomes is the essence of Kashmir's paradox of power.

Economists speak of comparative advantage, the idea that regions should focus on what they can produce most efficiently. For Kashmir, that advantage clearly lies in hydropower.

Studies estimate the region could generate over 20,000 megawatts of electricity, but only about 3,500 megawatts has been tapped so far. Projects like Baglihar, Dulhasti, Kishanganga, Uri, and Salal feed power into the grid.

In theory, this should make Kashmir self-sufficient and capable of exporting energy to the rest of India. But unlike Norway, which successfully turned its rivers into a surplus power economy, Kashmir still faces routine blackouts.

Most plants here are run-of-the-river projects, which produce far less electricity in winter when river flows shrink, precisely when demand peaks. Even the installed capacity of 3,500 megawatts often operates below full efficiency because of technical limits.

Transmission and distribution losses are another glaring problem, reaching 45 to 50 percent in some areas, more than double the national average of about 20 percent. This is pure economic waste.

Households rather than industries consume most of the electricity in the valley, largely because of the harsh climate and the need for heating. Urban growth and population surge have only added pressure.

During winter, demand rises to around 2,500 megawatts, but supply often hovers near 1,000 megawatts, leaving a gap of over 1,500 megawatts.

This shortfall forces costly imports and causes indirect losses in productivity and investment.

Many hydropower projects are operated by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation, which sends much of the electricity to the national grid while the local government receives only a modest royalty.

Critics argue that Kashmir's rivers light up other states while its own residents sit in the dark, a dynamic often described as an energy drain.

Every unit exported or lost reduces opportunities for local growth. Industries hesitate to invest, and agriculture remains stuck without the cold storage and processing facilities that reliable power could support.

Electricity shortages ripple through every part of society. Small industries such as carpet weaving, paper making, and agro-processing depend on stable power. Many rely on diesel generators, which are expensive and polluting, reducing competitiveness and discouraging investors.

In winter, schools and colleges hold classes in freezing rooms, and students preparing for exams often study by candlelight. Hospitals face disruptions in surgeries and diagnostic services when power cuts hit smaller clinics without backup systems. Families turn to firewood, coal, and kerosene for heat, fueling deforestation, indoor pollution, and health problems.

These hidden costs, known as negative externalities, are not reflected in electricity prices but weigh heavily on society.

From an economic perspective, Kashmir's electricity sector is far from efficient. Outdated infrastructure and poor maintenance lead to heavy technical losses. Theft and unpaid bills add commercial losses, forcing either subsidies or higher prices for those who do pay. Low collection rates mean the power department recovers only a fraction of its costs, deepening financial stress.

Large hydropower projects also carry environmental trade-offs. Dams alter river ecosystems, threaten fish populations, and displace villages, raising questions of compensation and livelihoods. Climate change adds another layer of risk by altering snow reserves and river flows, making hydropower less predictable.

Relying on a single source of energy is risky. A more balanced mix of solar, small hydro, and possibly wind power would provide stability.

Resource-rich regions often export raw materials while importing finished goods. Kashmir exports electricity yet depends on outside supplies to meet basic needs, a pattern similar to a rentier economy.

Weak institutions and the gap between resource ownership and local benefit worsen this imbalance. But this paradox is not beyond repair.

Small hydro projects, community-managed plants, and solar micro-grids can reduce dependence on central projects. Modern transmission lines, smart meters, and better management could sharply cut losses. Fairer revenue sharing and joint ownership models would give Kashmir a stronger stake in its own resources.

Promoting energy-efficient appliances, better home insulation, and more responsible consumption can ease winter demand, while solar power can balance seasonal shortages. Transparent billing and active community participation can rebuild trust in the power sector.

Kashmir's electricity economy is a textbook example of resource abundance coexisting with local scarcity.

The problem lies in institutions, inefficiency, and political choices.

With smarter management, diversified energy sources, and stronger local control, electricity can shift from being a barrier to becoming a driver of growth.

A future where Kashmir's rivers light its homes, power its industries, and create jobs is within reach.

The challenge is to ensure that this natural wealth fuels prosperity for the people who live closest to it.

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The Kashmir Its Saints Envisioned

The spiritual legacy of Nund Rishi and Lal Ded offers a vision of society built on mutual respect, humility and responsibility.



Dr S Bashir Ahmad Veeri

The conference organised by Maraaz Adbi Sangam at Qaimoh on November 10 brought an old question into public discussion: What has Kashmir done with the wisdom left behind by its saints, poets and spiritual thinkers?

The question is especially relevant at a time when the valley is facing environmental destruction, social divisions and a growing distance between the values people speak about and the way they live.

Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Alam Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani (RA), widely revered as Nund Rishi, remains central to this discussion. His contribution to Kashmir goes far beyond religious devotion.

Through his Shruks, he gave the Kashmiri language a powerful moral voice. His poetry encouraged ordinary people to examine their own lives and the society around them. He wrote about greed, pride, injustice and hypocrisy, while placing humility, compassion, honest work and respect for all living beings at the centre of human life.

One of his greatest contributions was his choice of language.

Sheikh-ul-Alam used Kashmiri to express deep spiritual and philosophical ideas at a time when such knowledge often remained within religious and intellectual circles. His verses brought these ideas into people's homes and village gatherings. People could remember them, recite them and relate their meaning to everyday life.

His Shruks made complex thoughts easy to understand without losing their depth.

This also connects him to Lal Ded, whose spiritual verses had already shown the power of Kashmiri as a language of thought and expression. The relationship between these two figures remains one of the most important chapters in Kashmir's cultural history.

Sheikh-ul-Alam held Lalla in deep respect. Her Vakhs grew out of the philosophical tradition of Kashmir Shaivism, while his spiritual teachings developed within Islam and the Rishi tradition.

Their different religious and philosophical backgrounds make their shared cultural legacy even more meaningful.

Their association does not mean that their beliefs were identical or that the differences between their traditions disappeared. Rather, it shows that people can respect and learn from one another while holding different religious convictions. Kashmiri became a shared language through which their distinct spiritual visions reached ordinary people.

This understanding of Kashmiriyat needs greater emphasis than the tendency to use it as a convenient catchphrase.

A plural society does not grow by pretending that differences do not exist. It grows when people respect one another's beliefs and identities without seeing them as a threat. Lal Ded and Sheikh-ul-Alam show how mutual respect can exist even when religious traditions remain distinct.

Their teachings also place a responsibility on today's society. Respecting saints has little meaning if their words remain limited to religious gatherings, annual commemorations and public speeches. Their real value becomes clear when people apply their teachings to their daily lives.

Sheikh-ul-Alam's criticism of greed and showiness, for example, speaks directly to a society where people's actions often fall short of the values they publicly claim to follow.

His teachings about nature make this contradiction even more apparent.

Kashmir's forests, rivers and natural landscapes face growing pressure from pollution, unplanned construction and the excessive use of natural resources. The Rishi tradition placed simplicity, restraint and respect for God's creation at the centre of spiritual life. These values also guide how human beings should treat the natural world.



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When people pollute rivers, clear forests for construction or turn natural landscapes into commercial opportunities without considering the damage, they fail in their responsibility towards the land. Environmental destruction is also a moral issue because it raises questions about how people understand their relationship with nature.

Sheikh-ul-Alam's teachings give us an ethical way to examine this relationship, even though his writings were never meant to serve as a government policy document on environmental management.

Kashmir's debate on development also needs this broader understanding of progress.

Roads, schools, institutions, economic activity and public infrastructure are essential for improving people's lives. But their value also depends on the principles that guide their construction and use.

A healthy society needs fair public institutions, humble leadership and citizens who stand against prejudice, dishonesty and indifference. Economic growth alone cannot answer the larger question of what kind of society Kashmir wants to become.

The same applies to Kashmiriyat. Its meaning is found in hospitality, fairness, compassion and respect for fellow citizens. The shared respect for Lal Ded and Sheikh-ul-Alam gives Kashmir a rich cultural inheritance. But remembering the past alone cannot guarantee justice or equal rights.

Protecting vulnerable communities and allowing people to express their genuine differences must also be part of Kashmiriyat.

The conference organised by Maraaz Adbi Sangam can contribute to this wider discussion if its work continues beyond the event.

Literary groups, universities and cultural institutions have an important role in preserving, translating and discussing the Shruks and Vakhs. Younger generations should read these works as living literature that speaks to their own lives, rather than as old texts belonging to a distant past.

This also calls for honesty in the way we understand our saints. Their writings and the times in which they lived should guide our understanding, rather than interpretations shaped to suit present-day arguments.

Their teachings become more meaningful when we study them seriously and recognise both the shared values and the differences between their traditions.

Sheikh-ul-Alam and Lal Ded left behind a literary legacy that belongs to all Kashmiris. Their words came from the language people spoke in their homes and villages, bringing spiritual thought into everyday life. Their teachings continue to ask something difficult of us: examine your own actions before judging others.

Perhaps the greatest tribute Kashmir can pay to its saints is to put their teachings into practice.

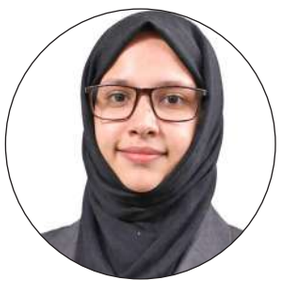
A society that remembers its poets but neglects its rivers, speaks of compassion while allowing injustice, and celebrates mutual respect while encouraging suspicion still has much to learn.

The real test of Kashmir's inheritance lies in how closely its people bring their everyday lives and public conduct in line with the wisdom of those they continue to honour.

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Do We Really Understand Fatima?

Dr. Ali Shariati's reading of Fatima Zahra challenges us to look beyond her family ties and recognise her intellect, public voice and independent identity.



Dabirah Hassan

Gatherings held in the name of Fatima Zahra (a.s.) often follow a familiar pattern.

Speakers remember her as the daughter of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.), the wife of Imam Ali (a.s.) and the mother of Imam Hasan and Imam Husayn (a.s.).

Much of the discussion then turns to her family life and the suffering she endured.

These relationships are deeply important, and Dr. Ali Shariati never questioned their significance. But in his book Fatima Is Fatima, he asks whether they tell us everything about who she was.

His answer is captured in three simple words: Fatima is Fatima.

He wanted people to see Fatima Zahra as a person in her own right, with her own thoughts, abilities, responsibilities and place in society. Her identity could not be explained only through her relationships with others.

Fatima Zahra had her own intellectual strength, historical standing and understanding of the world around her.

She had a voice and a clear position on the issues of her time. Her Sermon of Fadak, delivered after the passing of the Prophet, shows her ability to reason, argue and speak publicly on matters of justice and truth.

She understood the society she lived in and was willing to speak against injustice. Her modesty did not make her silent, motherhood did not take away her individuality, and her responsibilities at home did not keep her away from public life.

Over time, however, much of the devotion surrounding her has focused on her home, motherhood and suffering. Her story is often told without giving enough attention to the ideas and principles that guided her life.

The Holy Qur'an was revealed more than fourteen hundred years ago in a particular historical setting, but people in different generations continue to find meaning in its teachings by bringing their own questions to it. The same is true of great personalities.

Fatima Zahra's life can guide later generations only when we look at the whole person and understand the ideas she stood for.

This becomes especially important when we look at the lives of women today. Women attend universities, lead institutions and succeed in different professions. Society celebrates these achievements, but often struggles to accept the independent choices that education encourages them to make.

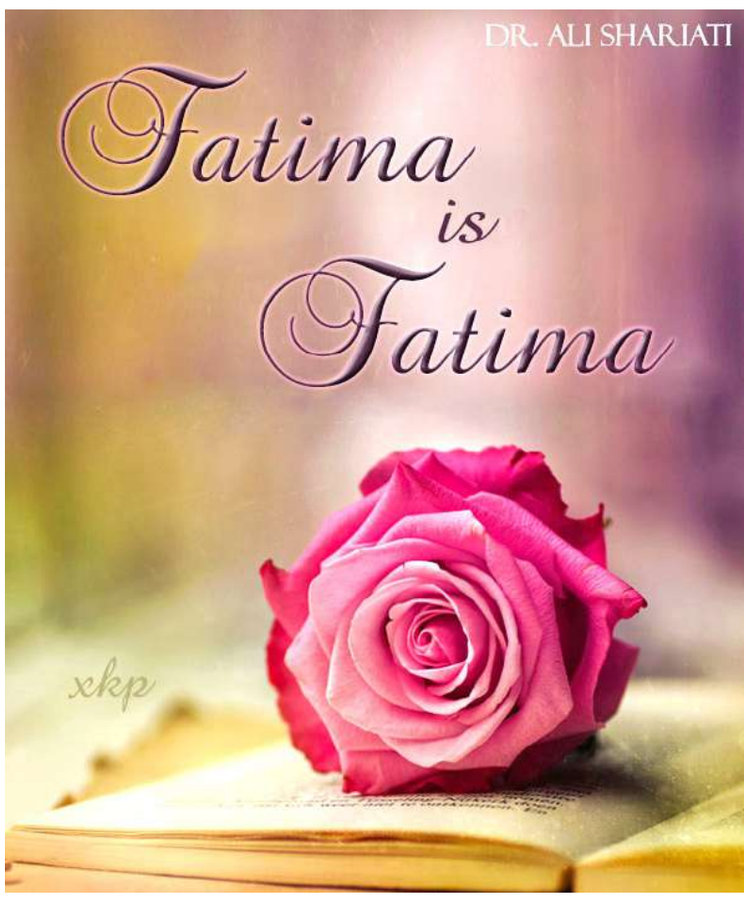
A woman may be encouraged to work, but her professional identity is not always taken seriously. Society speaks of empowerment, while continuing to judge women by their appearance, customs and the expectations of others.

She is expected to build a career, look after her family, meet social expectations, remain emotionally strong and hold on to her principles. When managing all these responsibilities becomes difficult, she is often made to feel that she has fallen short.

Women are also frequently introduced through their family relationships, while their own work and achievements receive less attention.

Two different pressures add to this problem.

Traditional expectations can limit a woman's education, progress and freedom to make decisions. At the same time, social media, consumerism and constant comparison



encourage her to measure her worth through appearance, popularity, wealth and public approval.

Caught between these expectations, a woman can lose sight of her own identity.

Defining Fatima Zahra mainly through her family relationships comes from the same narrow way of thinking that continues to limit women today.

Her life offers lessons that speak to both problems.

A woman who understands her worth does not have to measure her success by other people's praise or her beauty by society's standards.

Marriage does not take away her individuality, motherhood does not end her intellectual interests, and having a profession does not mean giving up her moral values.

Her life also shows that kindness and courage can exist together. A person can be gentle and respectful while remaining firm about what is right. Respecting others does not mean giving up one's position when faced with injustice.

A woman who faces discrimination at work or pressure to remain silent about wrongdoing needs the confidence to recognise right and wrong. Silence is not always a virtue. There are times when speaking up becomes a responsibility.

The Sermon of Fadak also gives an important lesson about education. Its depth of thought and clarity of argument show what learning can achieve.

A degree or a job is only one part of education. Its greater purpose is to help people think independently, ask questions, recognise injustice and understand the difference between truth and falsehood.

An educated woman can recognise misinformation and exploitation, question harmful customs and stand up for herself. But she also needs access to education and the confidence to put her knowledge into practice.

Family and society should not be seen as opposing choices. A woman who gives time to her family is sometimes told that she has limited her ambitions. A woman who pursues a career may face questions about her commitment to her family.

Fatima Zahra's family life was an important part of who she was, but it did not take away her awareness of society or her responsibilities beyond the home.

The real question is whether society gives women the respect, opportunities and support they need to fulfill their responsibilities. Men, too, must share family responsibilities instead of leaving them entirely to women.

The same applies to how we understand modernity.

Freedom means making informed choices rather than following every passing trend. Independence means having the confidence to think and act according to one's principles. Empowerment means using one's abilities to contribute to society, rather than simply appearing successful.

Her patience and perseverance through hardship should also be understood in the right way. They did not mean accepting injustice or silently living with oppression. They also involved knowing when to speak, seek help and stand firm.

The responsibility for change cannot rest on women alone. A society that praises Fatima Zahra's honour must also respect women in its homes, workplaces and institutions.

If it celebrates her intellectual strength, it must allow women to learn, think and express their views. If it remembers her courage, it must create an environment where women can speak without fear, humiliation or discrimination.

These questions concern men, families, religious institutions and schools as much as they concern women.

We cannot recreate the seventh century, nor can we understand its outward practices without knowing the circumstances in which they existed.

What we can take from that period are the principles that guided Fatima Zahra's life: courage and honesty for a woman at work, intellectual strength for a woman in education, awareness and good values for a mother, and respect, justice and responsibility towards women for men.

Gatherings, recitations and expressions of devotion are important, but following her example asks much more of us. It means allowing her ideas to influence how we think, treat others and live our lives.

A society can gather to remember Fatima Zahra, speak lovingly of her and celebrate her life, while still refusing to make room for a woman who thinks, speaks and stands up for what she believes in.

The real question, then, is whether we are prepared to recognise in today's women the very qualities we admire in Fatima Zahra.

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High Airfares May Become New Normal Amid Rising Fuel Costs

Agencies

Kuala Lumpur: High airfares could become the new norm as airlines contend with soaring jet fuel prices and mounting operating costs, the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines' chief said on Friday.

Wong Hong, director-general of the association grouping 18 airlines in the region, said carriers were trying to contain ticket prices while protecting their finances and avoiding fare increases that could drive passengers away.

But the industry is operating in a substantially different cost environment from a year ago when jet fuel was about $80 a barrel, compared with around $180 currently, he said.

Fuel accounts for a third of airline operating costs, making further price increases a threat to carriers' financial performance, he said.

"I believe so," Wong said after an Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) conference when asked whether high airfares would become a lasting feature rather than a temporary adjustment. "We are living in completely different market conditions and a completely different cost environment ... and it looks like these high prices will continue to prevail."

On whether airlines could implement another round of fare increases if fuel prices remain high, Wong said there was no clear answer as passenger price sensitivity varies across markets.

Major airlines across the Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America have raised base fares, hiked fuel surcharges or added extra fees since the Iran war began in late February. The AAPA's data showed that passenger traffic across Asia-Pacific slumped for five consecutive months from April to August, before rebounding marginally in September. For the first nine months this year, overall passenger traffic in the region still grew by 1.9 per cent.

"Airlines will try their best to hold on to the fares that they can charge without trying to lose passengers, but it is a tricky dilemma," Wong said.

Airlines face a mismatch between ticket sales and fuel purchases, complicating their ability to manage rising costs, he said. Passengers often book flights months in advance, locking in fares before airlines purchase the fuel needed to operate those flights.

Beyond fuel costs, Wong said airlines continued to face supply side challenges including aircraft delivery delays and the high cost of maintaining older aircraft. But he said carriers had shown resilience and travel demand remained strong.

Centre Extends Ban on Zakir Naik's IRF for 5 Years

Amit Shah Says His Group Promotes 'Venomous Ideology'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Centre on Friday extended the ban on fugitive preacher Zakir Naik's Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) for another five years under the stringent UAPA, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah saying that the outfit was propagating a "venomous ideology" of terrorism and separatism.

In a gazette notification, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said that the IRF has been engaged in activities prejudicial to the security of the country with potential to disturb peace and communal harmony. The earlier five-year ban on the organisation was set to expire on November 14.

"Led by fugitive terror preacher Dr Zakir Naik, the organisation has been involved in sinister anti-India designs, including inciting communal hatred and promoting terrorism," Shah said in a post on X.

"In steadfast adherence to PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's vision of zero tolerance towards terrorism and anti-national activities, MHA extends the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation as an unlawful association under the UAPA," he added.

The Home Minister further said that the group had been instigating violent unrest, encouraging the regrouping of absconding terrorists, and fomenting communal discord.

According to the MHA notification, the government invoked powers under Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), to declare the IRF an unlawful association, a decision previously upheld by the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal.

"The Central Government is of the opinion that the IRF and its members, particularly the founder and President of the IRF, Dr Zakir Abdul Karim Naik alias Dr Zakir Naik, has been encouraging and aiding its followers to promote or attempt to promote, on grounds of religion, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious communities and groups which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country," the notification read.

The ministry said that Naik's speeches and statements were "objectionable and subversive", accusing him of inspiring youth in India and abroad to commit terrorist acts.

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Rain, Snow Bring

Fresh snowfall was reported from several higher reaches, with Gulmarg receiving around 2-6 inches of snow.

According to the Meteorological Centre Srinagar's daily weather bulletin, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 15.2 degrees Celsius, 0.7 degrees below normal, while the minimum settled at 6.2 degrees Celsius, 4.9 degrees above the seasonal average.

Gulmarg recorded a maximum temperature of 6.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of minus 0.5 degrees Celsius. The maximum was three degrees below normal, while the minimum was almost in line with the seasonal average.

In Pahalgam, the maximum temperature settled at 14.1 degrees Celsius, 1.1 degrees above normal, while the minimum was recorded at 4 degrees Celsius, 5.2 degrees above the seasonal average.

Kupwara recorded a maximum temperature of 10.3 degrees Celsius, 5.7 degrees below normal, while the minimum settled at 4 degrees Celsius, 3.7 degrees above normal.

Qazigund recorded a maximum of 13.4 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 6.4 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag registered 14 degrees and 5.2 degrees Celsius, respectively.

In the Jammu region, Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 28 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 16.3 degrees Celsius. Banihal recorded a maximum of 25.5 degrees Celsius, while Bhaderwah registered 15.3 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, fresh snowfall led to the closure of the Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road (NH-244) and the Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri (SSG) road on Friday.

An official said that vehicular traffic was suspended on NH-244 due to snow accumulation, while the SSG road was closed following fresh snowfall along the Zojila axis.

The Traffic Police said the Mughal Road (NH-701A), connecting Poonch and Shopian districts, would be open for traffic from both sides on Saturday, subject to favourable weather conditions, road clearance and permission from the maintenance agency, GREF.

Light motor vehicles, followed by heavy motor vehicles of up to 10 tyres, would be allowed to ply on the road until 6 pm. No vehicle would be permitted beyond the prescribed cut-off time, the advisory said.

Meanwhile, traffic movement on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) remained very slow during the past 24 hours due to single-lane stretches, uneven road surfaces at Dawal in Udhampur and between Marog and Kishtwari Pather, besides a vehicle breakdown at Nachlana.

An official said traffic was being regulated at Dawal, where a stretch of around 30-40 metres remains single-lane.

For Saturday, subject to favourable weather and improved road conditions, passenger light motor vehicles, private cars and goods-carrying vehicles, including heavy motor vehicles and other permitted vehicles, would be allowed to ply on NH-44 in both directions between Jammu and Srinagar. Security forces convoys would also be permitted to move in both directions after confirmation of the highway's status from the Traffic Control Unit Ramban.

The Traffic Police advised commuters to undertake journeys on NH-44 during daytime and avoid night travel due to the risk of shooting stones and landslides, besides ongoing construction work between Ramban and Banihal.

In view of widening work on the Digdol-Khooni Nalla stretch, the movement of Kashmir-bound oil and gas tankers carrying inflammable material would remain restricted during daytime between 7 am and 7 pm, as such vehicles are not permitted through tunnels. Up-bound tankers would be allowed beyond Chenani only between 5 pm and 5 am, the advisory said.

Operators of goods carriers transporting fresh perishable items and livestock were advised to plan their journeys in accordance with traffic advisories. Heavy vehicle operators were also asked to avoid overloading, ensure vehicle fitness and carry sufficient fuel.

Commuters were advised against unnecessary stoppages between Ramban and Banihal, particularly in landslide- and shooting stone-prone areas. The Traffic Police urged travellers to confirm road conditions with the respective Traffic Control Units before starting their journeys.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar has forecast a brief spell of light rain and snowfall over higher reaches at scattered places towards late afternoon on November 13 and 14.

The weather is expected to remain generally dry from November 15 to 21, although cloudy conditions may develop towards November 20 and 21. Generally dry weather is likely to continue from November 22 to 24.

The MeT department has advised farmers to resume agricultural operations from November 15 onwards. It had earlier cautioned that precipitation and snowfall over higher reaches could affect movement along important mountain passes and hilly roads, advising travellers and transporters to remain updated about weather and road conditions.

Kulgam Attack: Massive

that many of those questioned had been released.

Meanwhile, a team of the NIA has joined the investigation. An official said the team visited the scene of the attack and collected forensic evidence. Investigating agencies are also examining footage from nearby CCTV cameras to trace the attackers' movements and establish their possible escape routes.

The cordon and search operation entered its third day, with police and other security forces conducting searches in residential houses, orchards and adjoining areas at multiple locations across the district.

A heavy deployment of security personnel has been reported in Matalhama, Chadar, Bhan, Mah, Akhran, Nowpora, Zangalpora and Kelam Gund, besides adjoining hamlets. Search teams are moving through residential localities and orchard areas, while sniffer dogs have also been pressed into service to assist the operation.

Officials said several suspects had been picked up for questioning as security agencies intensified efforts to establish the movement of those involved in the attack and gather further evidence.

Security forces have erected barricades and deployed armoured vehicles at several places in the district. Vehicles are being stopped and frisked at security checkpoints as a tight vigil is maintained across the area.

The agencies are using both human and technical intelligence to develop leads and trace the attackers. Senior police and security officers have also visited the attack site and reviewed the security arrangements.

Investigators are also examining possible links of Mohammed Lateef Bhat, a local commander of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), with the attack. Bhat had reportedly escaped a security operation in Shopian in July this year. However, officials said confirmation regarding the identity of the attackers was awaited.

The attack took place on Wednesday afternoon in the Akhran area of Kulgam, near Mir Bazar, when suspected terrorists opened fire at a CRPF post, injuring three personnel, one of them critically.

SECURITY TIGHTENED ACROSS VALLEY

Following the attack, authorities have strengthened security arrangements across Jammu and Kashmir, with additional checkpoints established at several vulnerable locations and intensified frisking of commuters and checking of vehicles, particularly along the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway (NH-44) and other sensitive stretches.

The intensified measures are visible in Awantipora, Pampore and other parts of south Kashmir, besides Srinagar city, where additional police and CRPF personnel have been deployed at important junctions and entry and exit points.

Armoured vehicles have also been stationed at select locations, while round-the-clock patrolling and random checking of vehicles are being carried out to prevent any further incident.

A senior police officer said the security grid had been reviewed across the Valley following the attack, with special attention being paid to vulnerable locations and movement along highways.

"Security arrangements have been reviewed and strengthened across the city and the Valley as a precautionary measure. Additional checkpoints have been established, vehicle checking and frisking intensified, and deployment increased at sensitive junctions. Our priority is to prevent any further untoward incident while ensuring that normal public movement is not affected," the officer said.

The Special Operations Group (SOG), along with other security forces, has also been deployed at sensitive locations, highways and busy public areas.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Home Affairs convened a high-level security meeting after receiving a briefing from the CRPF on the incident.

CRPF DG REVIEWS SECURITY

Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force G P Singh visited Kulgam on Friday and reviewed the security situation following the attack.

Singh also interacted with field officers of the CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police at Sadura in Anantnag, where discussions were held on intensifying counter-insurgency operations in the Valley, the paramilitary force said in a post on X.

Later, the CRPF chief visited the Army's 92 Base Hospital at Badami Bagh cantonment in Srinagar and met the injured CRPF jawan undergoing treatment there.

"DG CRPF @gpsinghips visited 92 Base Hospital, Srinagar today and met with CRPF jawan injured in the terrorist attack at Kulgam and enquired about his health and treatment and wished him a speedy recovery," the CRPF said.

The force added that Singh assured all possible assistance to the injured jawan and his family.

The search operation and investigation were continuing as security agencies maintained heightened vigilance across Kulgam and other parts of the Valley.

LG Pays Tribute

service to the nation would always be remembered.

Sinha also extended his deepest condolences to the bereaved families, expressing solidarity with them in their hour of grief.

"We stand shoulder to shoulder with them in solidarity," he said. (ONS)

J&K Cabinet Approves

mapping and optimal utilisation of urban assets owned by Urban Local Bodies to generate revenue for civic development.

The Cabinet also cleared the J&K Hydropower Policy-2026, which seeks to promote sustainable energy development and attract private investment for hydropower projects up to 100 MW in IPP/PPP mode.

In another decision, the Cabinet gave its nod for e-auctioning through the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, for grant of an exploration licence for copper and nickel and associated mineralisation in the Sumcham Padder block in Kishtwar district.

The Cabinet also approved the transfer of 32 kanals of Shamilat land at Nadikhai and Poshwari in Hajin area of Bandipora district to the Power Development Department for construction of a Grid Station.

Sources said the Cabinet also approved allotment of land for establishment of fruit mandis at Tral, Pattan and Kulgam. (KNO)

Kashmir Stares

demand in Kashmir stands at around 1,700 MW against an average supply of 1,300 MW.

Reviewing the power situation, Garg directed the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) to strictly adhere to scheduled power curtailment timings, ensure timely repairs of damaged transformers and strengthen workshop capacity wherever required.

Officials said adequate buffer stocks of transformers were available in all districts and nearly 80 per cent of branch-cutting work had been completed. The Divisional Commissioner directed the department to complete the remaining work at the earliest.

With several remote areas facing the possibility of prolonged road closures during heavy snowfall, Garg directed the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department to complete advance stocking of LPG, petroleum products, rice and wheat in Gurez, Karnah, Machil, Keran and other snowbound areas within one week.

He stressed that adequate supplies must be ensured before snowfall disrupts road connectivity to prevent shortages of essential commodities

The meeting also reviewed snow clearance arrangements across highways, major roads, streets and interior lanes. Garg directed the Mechanical Engineering Department, Roads and Buildings Department, PMGSY, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Bodies and Border Roads Organisation to clearly define their areas of responsibility to avoid confusion during snowfall.

He instructed the agencies to make optimal use of available machinery and manpower and complete pending stage contracts to ensure timely snow clearance.

On healthcare preparedness, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Health Department to identify expectant mothers and critically ill patients in remote and vulnerable areas in advance so that they could be shifted to safer locations or temporary shelters wherever necessary before heavy snowfall.

He also directed the National Health Mission to provide four-wheel-drive ambulances to the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir for distribution among districts, in addition to ambulances available under the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra arrangements.

The meeting reviewed heating facilities in hospitals, availability of essential medicines and deployment of medical personnel in far-flung areas.

Garg also directed the Jal Shakti Department to ensure uninterrupted functioning of drinking water supply schemes, including lift water supply systems, and arrange water tankers wherever required.

The Forest Department was asked to maintain adequate firewood stocks at depots across the Valley.

Regarding possible disruptions to flight operations at Srinagar Airport, the Divisional Commissioner directed airport authorities to provide timely information to passengers about schedule changes caused by adverse weather conditions.

In Srinagar city, the Municipal Corporation was directed to identify areas vulnerable to waterlogging and keep dewatering pumps ready for deployment.

Garg further instructed district administrations and concerned departments to maintain round-the-clock control rooms, including the Integrated Command and Control Centre, and designate nodal officers for coordination during emergencies.

He stressed the timely communication of weather and avalanche warnings to residents, particularly those living in vulnerable areas.

The Divisional Commissioner also directed departments to maintain records of public complaints, including the time an issue was reported and the time taken to resolve it, to ensure accountability during winter emergencies.

Deputy Commissioners from across Kashmir briefed the meeting about district-level preparations and issues requiring immediate attention.

Senior officials from KPDCL, R&B, MED, PMGSY, BRO, NHAI, Health, Jal Shakti, FCS&CA, Police, Traffic and other departments attended the meeting.

'Emergency Air Sorties

to facilitate emergency transportation from remote and inaccessible areas during the winter season.

The direction was issued during a high-level meeting convened to review winter preparedness across Kashmir Division.

Taking note of delays in the commencement of winter air sorties, Garg stressed the need to make the facility operational within the stipulated deadline to ensure connectivity for people living in snowbound areas.

He also directed the Director of Srinagar Airport to ensure timely dissemination of information to passengers and the general public about changes in flight schedules due to adverse weather conditions.

Reviewing the availability of essential commodities in remote areas, including Gurez and the Karnah-Machil-Keran belt, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department (FCS&CA) to complete advance stocking of LPG, petroleum products, rice and wheat within one week.

He stressed that adequate stocks should be maintained in all far-flung areas to prevent shortages and inconvenience to residents during road closures.

Kashmir Heritage

Participation and Persuasion.

Together they form a framework for turning commitment into resources, institutional cooperation and public ownership.

Kakini defines persuasion as listening, explaining and building trust, so residents help decide the future of the landscape they know and care for.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha told the audience at SKICC that Kashmir's significance reaches beyond its natural beauty to philosophy, spirituality, language, aesthetics and human thought.

He called for research, translation and wider public access to that inheritance, welcomed Kakini's research and documentation at Naranag, and urged sensitive preservation of the heritage of all communities.

His reference to the teachings of Lalleshwari and Nund Rishi underscored an inheritance whose value passes from one generation to the next.

That inheritance gives the work its weight.

Kashmir's traditions of historical writing, philosophical inquiry, poetry, music and craftsmanship make revival a chance to reconnect young people with the achievements and skills of those who came before them.

At Naranag, Kakini works as a partner under Adopt a Heritage 2.0, with guidance from the Archaeological Survey of India and the approvals that govern conservation work.

The organisation recognises the ASI's stewardship and credits the Ganderbal district administration and the J&K Culture Department for their essential cooperation.

Its wider proposals include interpretation and visitor-facilitation facilities, informed by research through its association with the Indian Institute of Heritage.

"The aim is to consider Naranag within the larger landscape, respecting its archaeological significance, its ecology and the everyday needs of the community," Kakini said in a statement.

"That approach opens opportunities for local guides, artisans, transport providers, hospitality businesses and women's enterprises. Better interpretation encourages visitors to spend more time learning about the area, and locally provided services help tourism income circulate within the community."

Kakini described the gathering's achievement as bringing scholarship, administrative engagement and community concerns into a common programme of action after two years of preparation.

The organisation's leadership, Chairman Maj Gen R. K. Raina, Veteran; President Cdr Sanjay Kaul, Veteran; and VP & Secretary Dr Aanchal, thanked the Union Ministry, the Lieutenant Governor, the J&K Government, the ASI, the district administration, institutional partners and participants.

Kakini has set its own measure of success: a monument better protected, a story better understood and a community better able to prosper alongside its heritage.

At Naranag, the stones, the spring and the people who live beside them now share a single plan.

Guarantor's Liability

that the bank was deducting loan instalments from his pension account after the principal borrower failed to repay the loan. He submitted that pension was his sole source of livelihood and that the bank had initially assured him that no further deductions would be made after he brought his retirement to its notice.

However, the deductions allegedly continued, compelling him to approach the civil court seeking recovery of money and an injunction against further deductions.

The bank opposed the plea, arguing that Kuchay, having stood as a guarantor, was jointly and severally liable with the borrower for repayment of the loan under the law governing contracts of guarantee and banking transactions.

The High Court, however, observed that the trial court's refusal to grant interim relief was not based on sound reasoning or the true spirit of law.

Referring to the Supreme Court judgment, the court observed that pension and other retiral benefits are protected against attachment and coercive recovery measures.

It also referred to earlier judgments of the J&K High Court which had affirmed the protection available to pension received by retired government employees.

The bench observed that pension was a welfare measure intended to ensure financial security for retired employees and protect them and their families from dependence, vagrancy and destitution in old age.

"A pension is a regular payment made to a Government employee upon his superannuation as a financial assistance so that the said Government employee does not feel dependent on someone else and he is protected from vagrancy and destitution in his olden days," the court observed.

The court held that such a benefit could not be subjected to coercive recovery measures merely because a borrower, for whom the retired employee had stood as guarantor during his active service, had defaulted on repayment.

Clarifying the scope of its directions, the court said the bank was not precluded from recovering its dues from the principal borrower through legally permissible means.

Accordingly, the appeal was allowed and the bank was restrained from recovering any amount from Kuchay's pension account towards repayment of the financial assistance obtained by the principal borrower.

However, regarding Kuchay's claim for refund of the amounts already deducted, the court left the matter to be adjudicated by the trial court on the basis of evidence, granting him liberty to pursue the relief before it.

The trial court was also directed to decide the matter independently on its merits without being influenced by the observations made by the Court.

Political Rivalry Should Never Turn Into Personal Hostility: CM Omar

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Emphasising the importance of maintaining mutual respect despite differences of opinion, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said political rivalry should never turn into personal hostility.

Abdullah was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the 22nd All India Vice-Chancellor's T20 Cricket Tournament 2026 at the main campus of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), here.

Being hosted by the varsity from November 13 to 23, the prestigious tournament has brought together 24 teams representing universities from different parts of the country, including six teams from Jammu and Kashmir and 18 from other states.

"I am often asked about my views on those who contest elections against me, criticise me on social media or express their disagreement through media interviews. My answer has always been the same: they may be my political opponents, but they are certainly not my enemies," the chief minister said, drawing thunderous applause from the audience.

He said if given an opportunity, he would happily sit down with them over a cup of tea, ask about their families, and have a cordial conversation with them.

"The same should apply to all of you. On this cricket field, you should leave no stone unturned in your pursuit of victory. Give it your absolute best, compete with all your might, but



once the match is over, let friendship and mutual respect prevail," he said.

"Compete fiercely, give your best and fight for victory, but let the rivalry end with the final ball. Once the match is over, embrace one another and walk away as friends. Because this is a contest, not a conflict. You may be my opponent, but you are not my enemy," he added.

Emphasising that the spirit of the tournament should go beyond competition, the chief minister said that while teams would compete against each other on the field, the real achievement would be the friendships and bonds they establish during their stay in Jammu.

He observed that victory and defeat were integral to sports and urged participants to treat both with equanimity.

Quoting renowned writer Rudyard Kipling, he said, "If you can meet with triumph and disaster, and treat both those imposters just the same," adding that success and failure were temporary, while the friendships and memories created through such events endured.

Referring to Jammu and Kashmir's recent sporting achievements, the chief minister said that if the same team continued to win every time, Jammu and Kashmir might not have had the opportunity to bring home the Ranji Trophy last year, underlining that competition and changing fortunes were part of the sporting journey.

Abdullah said the tournament was a welcome initiative that provided an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the contribution of university employees who work behind the scenes in strengthening academic institutions.

"Universities are not just about students. They are also built by the people who work behind the scenes to make these institutions shine. Often, these employees do not get the opportunity to come to the forefront. This tournament gives them a platform to showcase their talent and come together through sports," he said.

Welcoming the participating teams to Jammu, he described the city as the City of Temples and invited the players to visit Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and explore the region's cultural and historical attractions, including the Border Tourism facilities along the International Border.

The chief minister also encouraged the visitors to experience the hospitality and culinary traditions of Jammu, particularly the rich Dogra cuisine, which he said deserved as much appreciation as the well-known delicacies of Kashmir.

Religious Leaders Back Simpler Weddings

Agencies

SRINAGAR: With Kashmir's wedding celebrations increasingly turning into "a competition" over food, spending and social status, religious leaders across the Valley on Friday called for a return to simpler marriages and the traditional "seven-dish Wazwan."

Backing the Kashmir Waza Association's decision of not serving wedding dinners after 10 pm, prominent religious scholars told KNO that the move is a welcome step, but more needs to be done to discourage unnecessary customs, excessive spending and the growing trend of families trying to outdo one another through elaborate wedding feasts.

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, addressing the congregation at the historic Jama Masjid Srinagar, welcomed the Association's decision, saying it is a positive step towards bringing discipline and simplicity to wedding celebrations while respecting the dignity and hard work of the Waza community.

He assured the Association of the full support of the Mutahida Majlis-e-Ulema for its efforts towards social reform. "Much more needs to be done to address growing extravagance, unnecessary additions to wedding customs and competitive displays of wealth that have placed a financial and social burden on families," he said, urging people to preserve the beauty of Kashmiri traditions while doing away with wasteful practices.

Grand Mufti of Jammu and Kashmir Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam Farooqi appreciated the measures taken by the Waza community to improve Wazwan arrangements, ensure punctuality and maintain discipline and tradition. He urged people to keep the number of Wazwan dishes and other arrangements moderate and make Nikah simple, dignified and easy, and called upon religious scholars and Imams to ensure that Nikah ceremonies were conducted within reasonable timelines. "Our traditions and cultural values are our identity, but they should not become an obstacle in performing an important Sunnah like Nikah," he said.

Maulana Riyaz-ul-Haq Noorabadi, Imam and Khateeb at the historic Aasar-e-Shareef Dargah Hazratbal, also welcomed the decision, saying it will have a positive impact on society, and called for simple Nikah ceremonies.

Aga Syed Hadi, a Shia religious scholar, called the decision a welcome step and urged the Waza Association to issue a memorandum recommending a limited number of dishes, saying the responsibility of bringing change should not be left entirely to the public. "Our society may not understand on its own. The Waza Association should take the initiative. We traditionally had seven dishes in Wazwan, and we should return to that practice," he said.

200 LPG Cylinders Seized From Shop In Pampore's Crowded Market

Legal Metrology Department flags safety concerns, seeks confiscation proceedings

Syed Mohammad Burhan

PULWAMA: The Legal Metrology Department has seized approximately 200 domestic LPG cylinders from a shop in the congested Kadlabal market area of Pampore in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, citing serious safety concerns and alleged violations of regulations governing the storage and distribution of liquefied petroleum gas.

According to an official communication submitted by the Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology Department, Pulwama, to the Deputy Commissioner Pulwama on November 11, the seizure was carried out during an enforcement inspection conducted at a commercial establishment located near Hamdaniya Mission School, Kadlabal.

The department said the premises were found storing around 200 LPG cylinders despite being an ordinary commercial shop, with no documentary evidence establishing its authorisation as a designated LPG storage point.

Officials expressed concern over the storage of such a large quantity of inflammable material in a densely populated commercial area surrounded by other business establishments and frequented by the public, warning that any mishap could endanger human lives and public property.

During the inspection, a person present at the premises, identified in the official proceedings as Muneer Ahmad Khan, stated that the cylinders belonged to an Indian LPG agency. However, he could not produce documents establishing their ownership, source, authorisation or the legality of their storage at the premises.

The department subsequently seized the entire stock under Section 13 of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000, through Seizure Memo No. 6812 dated November 11.

The seizure proceedings also mention the recovery of 74 domestic gas consumer card books. The seized cylinders reportedly carried markings associated with Pampore Indane and Nengroo Indane Gas Service.

In a communication to the Deputy Commissioner, the Assistant Controller requested that the seizure report be taken on record under Section 6A(1) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and that proceedings for confiscation be initiated under Sections 6A and 6B of the Act.

LAB to Intensify Ladakh Agitation, Urges Poll Participation

Press Trust Of India

LEH/JAMMU: Ahead of the upcoming polls to panchayats, municipalities and hill councils, the Leh Apex Body (LAB) announced plans on Friday to intensify its ongoing agitation, while former member of Parliament Thupstan Chhewang appealed to the people of Ladakh to participate in the democratic exercise in large numbers.

In a related development, climate activist Sonam Wangchuk has questioned the nature of his confinement in a social media post, alleging that he is being forcibly prevented from leaving his residence.

The panchayat and municipal elections are scheduled for November 21, followed by polls to all the eight Ladakh autonomous hill development councils on December 4.

LAB chairman Chering Dorje Lakruk, who is leading a sit-in protest in Leh, announced that the agitation would be intensified from Saturday, with religious leaders expected to lead a proposed hunger strike, while public participation would remain voluntary.

Clarifying that the agitation is unrelated to the upcoming elections, Lakruk said it was planned well in advance to press the government to resume dialogue on constitutional safeguards and the demand for a Union Territory-level elected government headed by a chief minister.

He said the decision to intensify the movement follows the government's failure to hold the proposed October 22 dialogue with Ladakh's representatives.

"We are in complete coordination with the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) and in the coming days, we will intensify our agitation in both Leh and Kargil," he said.

Besides resumption of talks, Lakruk said the agitation also focuses on the liquor policy, protection of land, employment and other safeguards for Ladakh.

Questioning the timing of the hill council elections, he alleged that it looks like an exercise akin to "Operation Lotus" to benefit the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Meanwhile, Chhewang has appealed to people across the region to participate wholeheartedly in the hill council elections, describing the polls as a historic opportunity to strengthen grassroots-level democracy and empower local communities.

In a press statement, Chhewang, one of the founding members of the LAB, urged women to come forward and participate in the electoral process, pointing out that one-third of the seats have been reserved for them for the first time.

He said the reservation offers women an important opportunity to assume leadership roles and become active participants in decision making and governance.

Highlighting the significance of the elections following the creation of six new districts, Chhewang said Ladakh now has eight districts and argued that each should eventually have its own elected hill council to ensure that governance reaches people at their doorsteps.

Welcoming the decision of the BJP and the Congress to contest the elections, he expressed hope that other political parties and groups would also participate, thereby strengthening democratic representation.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2026

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

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
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02251	Patna Jn. VANDE BHARAT	10:00	New Delhi	23:30	Tri-Weekly Tue, Thu, Sun	Upto 26.11.26
02254	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Tri-Weekly Sun, Tue, Thu	Upto 26.11.26
02253	Patna Jn. VANDE BHARAT	10:00	New Delhi	23:30	Tri-Weekly Sat, Mon, Wed	Upto 28.11.26
02435	Patna Jn. VANDE BHARAT	08:00	New Delhi	21:30	Date Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
06598	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	17:55	Yesvantpur Jn.	19:45	Date Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04512	Chandigarh Jn.	23:35	Patna Jn.	21:15	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04511	Patna Jn.	23:15	Chandigarh Jn.	21:40	Weekly Friday	Upto 27.11.26
04616	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.	12:00	Patna Jn.	18:35	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 24.11.26
04615	Patna Jn.	20:20	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.	23:55	Weekly Wednesday	Upto 25.11.26
04228	New Delhi	18:00	Varanasi	09:00	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04028	Anand Vihar(T.)	09:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.	04:30	Bi-Weekly Tuesday, Friday	Upto 24.11.26
04027	Muzaffarpur Jn.	06:15	Anand Vihar(T.)	05:30	Bi-Weekly Wednesday, Saturday	Upto 25.11.26
04010	Delhi Jn.	23:05	Sitamarhi Jn.	23:30	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04009	Sitamarhi Jn.	00:45	Delhi Jn.	20:30	Weekly Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04014	Anand Vihar(T.) Via LUCKNOW (NR)	15:40	Laukaha Bazar	20:15	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 29.11.26
04013	Laukaha Bazar Via LUCKNOW (NR)	22:30	Anand Vihar(T.)	03:40	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04314	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	15:20	Muzaffarpur Jn.	11:45	Bi-Weekly Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04313	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:15	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	11:15	Bi-Weekly Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04096	Anand Vihar(T.)	00:05	Patliputra Jn.	23:00	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 29.11.26
04095	Patliputra Jn.	00:45	Anand Vihar(T.)	21:30	Daily Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04072	New Delhi	21:35	Supaul	06:35	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 28.11.26
04071	Supaul	07:45	New Delhi	15:00	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04052	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah Jn.	23:40	Tri-weekly Fri, Sun, Tue	Upto 29.11.26
04051	Howrah Jn.	01:40	New Delhi	08:20	Tri-weekly Sun, Tue, Thu	Upto 01.12.26
04062	Anand Vihar(T.)	12:00	Bhagalpur Jn.	13:30	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 27.11.26
04061	Bhagalpur Jn.	16:30	Anand Vihar(T.)	20:00	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 29.11.26
04312	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	22:20	Kolkata	08:00	Weekly Friday	Upto 20.11.26
04311	Kolkata	13:55	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	23:30	Weekly Sunday	Upto 22.11.26
04624	Amritsar Jn.	20:10	Kolkata	15:00	Weekly Wednesday	Upto 25.11.26
04623	Kolkata	04:45	Amritsar Jn.	21:05	Weekly Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04668	Amritsar Jn.	20:10	Barauni Jn.	02:10	Weekly Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04667	Barauni Jn.	05:05	Amritsar Jn.	13:50	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04090	New Delhi	23:30	Danapur Jn.	15:00	Bi-weekly Friday, Wednesday	Upto 27.11.26
04089	Danapur Jn.	16:40	New Delhi	09:45	Bi-weekly Saturday, Thursday	Upto 28.11.26
04098	Shakur Basti	09:20	Darbhanga Jn.	11:45	6 Days a week Except - Tuesday	Upto 29.11.26
04097	Darbhanga Jn.	14:00	Shakur Basti	18:00	6 Days a week Except - Wednesday	Upto 30.11.26
04076	Delhi Jn.	00:30	Kamakhya Jn.	21:15	Weekly Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04075	Kamakhya Jn.	05:00	Delhi Jn.	20:40	Weekly Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04064	Delhi Jn.	11:00	Gaya Jn.	07:15	6 Days a week Except- Saturday	Upto 30.11.26
04063	Gaya Jn.	09:15	Delhi Jn.	08:00	6 Days a week Except- Sunday	Upto 01.12.26
04088	New Delhi	15:50	Patna Jn.	12:45	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04087	Patna Jn.	15:10	New Delhi	13:30	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 01.12.26
04634	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.	17:30	Purnea Jn.	03:00	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04633	Purnea Jn.	06:00	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.	16:35	Weekly Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04652	Amritsar Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	10:55	Jaynagar	20:00	Tri-weekly Wed, Fri, Sun	Upto 29.11.26
04651	Jaynagar Via LUCKNOW (NR)	04:15	Amritsar Jn.	15:00	Tri-weekly Fri, Sun, Tue	Upto 01.12.26
04406	Shakur Basti	19:10	Mansi Jn.	02:30	Date-Wise Sat, Sun, Mon	14 to 16.11.2026
04405	Mansi Jn.	04:30	Shakur Basti	11:30	Date-Wise Sat, Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed	14 to 18.11.2026
04638	Amritsar Jn.	19:40	Chhapra Jn.	20:45	Weekly Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04637	Chhapra Jn.	22:15	Amritsar Jn.	00:20	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04640	Chheharta	08:35	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:10	Weekly Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04639	Muzaffarpur Jn.	16:00	Chheharta	21:30	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04404	Shakur Basti	15:15	Patna Jn.	14:30	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04403	Patna Jn.	15:40	Shakur Basti	15:00	Date-Wise Saturday & Sunday	14 & 15.11.2026
04410	Shakur Basti	13:00	Jhanjharpur Jn.	16:00	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04409	Jhanjharpur Jn.	18:15	Shakur Basti	01:40	Date-Wise Saturday & Sunday	14 & 15.11.2026
04536	Chandigarh Jn.	23:45	Barauni Jn.	00:30	Weekly Friday	Upto 27.11.26
04535	Barauni Jn.	02:35	Chandigarh Jn.	03:35	Weekly Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04021	Gorakhpur Jn. Via LUCKNOW(NR)	07:00	New Delhi	23:10	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04058	Anand Vihar(T.)	00:20	Chhapra	19:20	Date-Wise Tuesday	17.11.2026
04057	Chhapra	22:10	Anand Vihar(T.)	17:20		
04054	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah	23:40	Date-Wise Sat, Mon, Wed	14, 16 & 18.11.26
04053	Howrah	01:40	New Delhi	08:20	Date-Wise Sat, Mon, Wed, Fri	14,16,18 & 20.11.26
04530	Sirhind	11:25	Saharsa Jn.	17:00	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04529	Saharsa Jn.	19:15	Ambala Cantt.	22:20	Date-Wise Sunday	15.11.2026
04335	Muzaffarpur	20:40	Dehradun	01:40	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04067	Patna Jn.	18:00	New Delhi	14:00	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04079	Darbhanga Jn.	04:00	New Delhi	07:50	Date-Wise Saturday, Sunday	14 & 15.11.2026
02456	New Delhi	07:45	Kanpur Central	13:15	4 days a week Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
02455	Kanpur Central	15:00	New Delhi	20:20		
04209	Varanasi Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	22:15	Delhi Jn.	13:45	Tri-Weekly Mon, Wed, Fri	Upto 27.11.2026
04210	Delhi Jn.	18:50	Varanasi Jn.	09:50	Tri-Weekly Tue, Thu, Sat	Upto 28.11.2026
04213	Ayodhya Cantt. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	18:20	Anand Vihar(T.)	06:10	Bi-Weekly Sunday, Thursday	Upto 29.11.2026
04214	Anand Vihar (T.) Via LUCKNOW (NR)	09:00	Ayodhya Cantt.	22:00	Bi-Weekly Monday, Friday	Upto 30.11.2026
04227	Varanasi Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	11:05	Chandigarh Jn.	04:20	Bi-Weekly Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
04228	Chandigarh Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	06:00	Varanasi Jn.	00:55	Bi-Weekly Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.2026
04604	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:15	Varanasi Jn.	18:30	Weekly Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
04603	Varanasi Jn.	04:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	04:40	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 01.12.2026
04610	Jammu Tawi Via LUCKNOW (NR)	05:15	Varanasi Jn.	05:10	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
04609	Varanasi Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	09:00	Jammu Tawi	08:30	Weekly Friday	Upto 27.11.2026
04221	Varanasi Jn.	20:40	Bathinda Jn.	17:00	Weekly Sunday	Upto 22.11.2026
04222	Bathinda Jn.	20:50	Varanasi Jn.	17:30	Weekly Monday	Upto 23.11.2026
04201	Varanasi Jn.	16:20	Ayodhya Dham Jn.	21:40	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
04202	Ayodhya Dham Jn.	22:20	Varanasi Jn.	04:00		
04002	Hazrat Nizamuddin	23:45	Dadar	22:40	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 24.11.2026
04001	Dadar	00:15	Hazrat Nizamuddin	21:35	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
02309	Rajendra Nagar (T)	20:10	New Delhi	15:00	Tri-weekly Wed, Fri & Sun	Upto 20.11.26
02310	New Delhi	19:00	Rajendra Nagar (T)	14:00	Tri-weekly Thu, Sat & Mon	Upto 21.11.26
05736	Katihar Jn.	21:00	Amritsar	09:45	Weekly Wednesday	Upto 25.11.2026
05735	Amritsar	13:25	Katihar Jn.	23:45	Weekly Friday	Upto 27.11.2026
02563	Barauni Jn.	07:40	New Delhi	05:10	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
02564	New Delhi	17:55	Barauni Jn.	15:10		Upto 01.12.2026
02569	Darbhanga Jn.	06:30	New Delhi	04:00	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
02570	New Delhi	12:15	Darbhanga Jn.	10:00		Upto 01.12.2026
05579	Purnia Court	16:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	01:05	Bi-Weekly Friday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
05580	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Purnia Court	13:45	Bi-Weekly Sunday, Tuesday	Upto 01.12.2026
05575	Saharsa Jn.	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	01:05	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 24.11.2026
05576	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Saharsa Jn.	10:30	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
02397	Gaya Jn.	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:40	Weekly Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
02398	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:30	Gaya Jn.	11:15	Weekly Monday	Upto 30.11.2026
03639	Dhanbad Jn.	18:30	Shakur Basti	18:40	Bi-Weekly Monday, Friday	Upto 30.11.2026
03640	Shakur Basti	21:10	Dhanbad Jn.	23:45	Bi-Weekly Tuesday, Saturday	Upto 01.12.2026
05219	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:00	Weekly Friday	Upto 27.11.2026
05220	Anand Vihar Terminal	12:00	Muzaffarpur Jn.	09:45	Weekly Saturday	Upto 28.11.2026
05193	Chhapra Jn.	14:00	Pathankot Jn.	22:15	Weekly Monday	Upto 23.11.2026
05194	Pathankot Jn.	00:30	Chhapra Jn.	09:15	Weekly Wednesday	Upto 25.11.2026

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