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 Many people with dengue can be cared for at home with adequate rest and hydration. But, if you experience any warning signs, go immediately to the nearest medical center.
Watch out for dengue warning signs!
 A drop in body temperature accompanied by any of the following symptoms:
 • Headache and continuous fever above 102°F
 • Persistent vomiting
 • A sharp rise in temperature
 • Dizziness
 • Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in stool, urine or vomit
 • Redness on the skin
 If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest medical center IMMEDIATELY.

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Centre allocates Rs 4,224 crore for 316 rural roads in Jammu and Kashmir

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The Union Rural Development Ministry has sanctioned Rs 4,224 crore for the construction of 316 roads across 19 districts in Jammu and Kashmir under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Phase 4 (PMGSY-4), with a total project length of 1,781 kilometers.

Sources told the news agency, that the highest number of roads stand sanctioned in Rajouri district. It will see the construction of 41 roads with an allocation of Rs 588

Further allocations and road counts for other districts are as follows:

- Kishtwar:** 20 roads, Rs 250 crore 32 lakh (including Bunjwah, Marwah, Mughal Maidan)
- Kathua:** 15 roads, Rs 323 crore 89 lakh (covering Kathua, Barnori, Duggan, and others)
- Kupwara:** 14 roads, Rs 89 crore 68 lakh (including Hayma, Machil, Qadirabad)
- Budgam:** 14 roads, Rs 88 crore 45 lakh (Pukherpora, Khan Sahib)
- Baramulla:** 13 roads, Rs 95 crore 45 lakh (Baramulla, Bhi-jama, Uri)

- Kulgam:** 13 roads, Rs 63 crore 29 lakh (Frisal, Manzgam, Damhal Hanjipora)
- Pulwama:** 12 roads, Rs 97 crore 60 lakh (Aripal, Tral, Pampore)
- Bandipora:** 9 roads, Rs 8 crore 57 lakh (Bandipora, Gurez, Hajin)
- Ganderbal:** 8 roads, Rs 37 crore 90 lakh (Gund, Bracelet, Lar)
- Anantnag:** 7 roads, Rs 3 crore 51 lakh (Bring, Pahalgam)
- Jammu:** 6 roads, Rs 84 crore 31 lakh (Nagrota, Bhalbal Brahmana)
- Samba:** 3 roads, Rs 67 crore 81 lakh (Nud, Purmandal, Samba)

crore 12 lakh. Rajouri's road projects include multiple locations such as Manjakot, Darhal, Kalakot, Dhangri, Nowshera, and Budhal among others.

Poonch follows closely with 40 roads sanctioned, funded at Rs 484 crore 92 lakh. These include roads in Buziaz, Lasana, Mankot, Surankot, Loran, Mendhar, and Poonch town itself. Doda district has 31 roads planned with a budget of Rs 661 crore, covering areas like Chirala, Bhaderwah, Changa, and Udaipur. For Ramban 26 roads have been

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Tourists returning to J&K in good numbers: CM Omar

JI NEWS SERVICE
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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that the tourism sector is once again getting revived in Jammu & Kashmir and number of tourists visiting the Union Territory is increasing with each passing day.

Talking to the reporters in West Bengal where he is scheduled to attend the Tourism Fair, Omar, as per the news agency, said, "Things are not as bad as you are describing. A good number of tourists are returning to the region. The Amarnath Yatra has



also commenced a few days back and a good number of devotees too are visiting the holy cave shrine via two routes. They (devotees) are happy with the situation there," he said.

Omar further added that he has come to Kolkata to participate in the Tourism Fair. "We want a good number of people

from West Bengal to visit Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Pertinently, the tourism activities have once again gained pace amidst the ongoing Amarnath Yatra with the Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Yasha Mudgal yesterday asserting that the sector is reviving again and last

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Prisoner injured in scuffle in Poonch Jail

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 JAMMU, JUL. 9

A prisoner was injured in a scuffle between a group of inmates and security personnel inside the district jail in Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, officials said.

The incident occurred when some undertrials from Kashmir gathered and started demanding a separate barrack for themselves.

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PWD Engineer-in-Chief issues transfer, posting orders on her retirement eve

JI NEWS SERVICE
 SRINAGAR, JUL. 09 (KNO)

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday rescinded "unauthorized" transfer orders issued by the Engineer-in-Chief (Secretary Technical) of the Public Works (R&B) Department on the eve of her retirement, states an order which is in possession of the news agency.

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Fresh rains cool Kashmir, temp dips by 15°C in Sgr

JI NEWS SERVICE
 SRINAGAR, JUL. 09 (KNO)

The mercury has plummeted across Jammu and Kashmir, with Srinagar recording a fall of 15 degrees after rainfall in the summer capital of the region and other parts over the last three days.

According to the news agency, the heatwave has ended abruptly following the fresh rainfall in Srinagar and other parts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The ongoing season has seen record-breaking temperatures in Srinagar and parts of the Valley,

with Srinagar breaking a 72-year-old record by witnessing a maximum temperature of 37.4 degrees on 5 July.

However, the intermittent rainfall that continued over the last three days has cooled down the temperature, with Srinagar recording a maximum of 22.7 degrees - 8.0 degrees below normal.

Similarly, Qazigund, a gateway to Kashmir, recorded 23.1 degrees, which was 5.5 degrees below normal, while Pahalgam's temperature settled at 20.5

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>>> Pulwama terror attack

Operatives purchased aluminium powder online, says FATF

JI NEWS SERVICE
 SRINAGAR, JUL. 09 (KNO)

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has revealed that a key component—aluminium—used in the 2019 Pulwama terror attack was procured by the perpetrators through an online platform.

The FATF 2025 report, according to the news agency, quoting officials states that a suicide bombing that targeted a convoy of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), resulting in the deaths of forty person-

nel in South Kashmir's Pulwama district, was a "big conspiracy" and the terrorists acquired aluminium, the key component used in the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) through the e-commerce platform Amazon (EPOM).

The report states that the attack was planned and carried out by the group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JuM) terrorists and the investigations revealed that a large quantity of explosives was moved across the border into India for the attack. "The

aluminium powder procured online was used to enhance the impact of the blast," it adds.

The FATF report said that the case demonstrates the ways in which terrorist groups are using commercial platforms to access materials that can be used in attacks. "The use of legitimate business infrastructure, such as e-commerce services, poses a growing challenge to counter-terrorist financing efforts," it added. As a result of the

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'J&K targets Rs 1 lakh crore agri GDP by 2030'

JI NEWS SERVICE
 SOPORE, JUL. 09 (KNO)

Director Agriculture, Kashmir Sartaj Ahmed Shah on Wednesday said that they are aiming to boost agricultural and allied sectors' contribution to the Union Territory's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to Rs 1 lakh crore by 2030, up from the current Rs 37,000 crore.

Ahmed in Sopore, as per the news agency, said that achieving this ambitious target would only be possible if farmers

are provided with timely access to quality inputs such as seeds, irrigation, fertilizers and pesticides.

He urged fertilizer and pesticide dealers to uphold quality control and regulatory compliance.

The Director announced that the Restructured Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) is being considered for inclusion of apple orchards, which are currently not covered. "While maize and paddy are the main

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President empowers Ladakh LG to appoint Group 'A' civil service officers in UT

JI NEWS SERVICE
 SRINAGAR, JUL. 09 (KNO)

In a significant move, the President of India on Wednesday empowered the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh to make appointments to all Group 'A' posts of general civil services within the territory.

In a notification, a copy of which is in possession of news agency, the President has directed that all appointments to all Group 'A' posts of general civil services in the administration of Union territory

of Ladakh, shall be made by the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Ladakh, who was appointed under article 239 of the Constitution.

However, the notification stipulates that appointments to two key positions—the Chief Secretary of Ladakh and the Director General of Police—will continue to require approval of the Central Government.

"Provided that, no appointment to the post of Chief Secretary, Ladakh and Director

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Railway Minister reviews LC Gate Safety, launches 15-Day Inspection Drive

JI NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JULY 9

Despite personal grief due to the demise of his father a day ago, the Minister of Railways conducted a telephonic review of critical railway safety matters today, focusing on Level Crossing (LC) gate safety. Demonstrating unwavering commitment, the Minister announced 11 key action points to enhance safety at LC gates and launched a 15-day safety inspection drive in block sections.

Key Action Points for LC Gate Safety:



- 1 **CCTV Installation:** All LC gates to be equipped with CCTV systems and recording facilities, supported by solar panels, battery backups, or UPS, in addition to commercial power supply, to

be completed in mission mode.

2 **Policy Review:** Evaluate converting 'Close to Road Traffic' gates to 'Open to Road Traffic' gates.

3 **Fast-Track Interlocking:** Interlocking of LC gates to be expedited in mission mode.

4 **Railway PSU Involvement:** Engage Railway PSUs for interlocking and construction works.

5 **Lowered TVU Threshold:** Interlocking to begin at 10,000 TVU (previously 20,000).

6 **Mandatory**
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Amarnath Yatra 2025 CRPF Chief reviews security measures at Nunwan base camp

JI NEWS SERVICE
 PAHALGAM, JUL. 09 (KNO)

Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), G P Singh on Wednesday visited the Nunwan Base Camp here in South Kashmir to review security arrangements for the ongoing Amarnath Yatra.

According to the news agency, the CRPF chief conducted a comprehensive inspection of security deployments and logistics along the yatra route. He interacted with officers and personnel stationed

at the base camp. During his overnight stay at Headquarters of the 116 Battalion, the DG held an informal interaction with the jawans, appreciating their dedication, discipline, and round-the-clock readiness.

"As part of his journey along the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra route, DG #CRPF Shri @gpsinghps carried out a detailed review of the security setup at Nunwan Base Camp, Pahalgam—reinforcing #CRPF's active role in

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Nearly 17,000 more pilgrims offer prayers at Amarnath Cave Shrine

JI NEWS SERVICE
 SRINAGAR, JUL. 9

Nearly 17,000 pilgrims paid obeisance at the Amarnath shrine on Wednesday in south Kashmir Himalayas, taking the total number of pilgrims this year to 128,000 in the first week, officials said here.

A total of 16,720 pilgrims paid obeisance at the

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CM Omar Abdullah chairs SKICC & JKTDC Board meetings

JI NEWS SERVICE
 SRINAGAR, JUL. 09 (KNO)

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday chaired the Board meetings of Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) and Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC) after the Boards were reconstituted recently with Chief Minister as chairman of both the Boards.

CM chaired back-to-back board meetings here at SKICC Srinagar. He presided over the 19th board



meeting of SKICC which was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Administrative Secretaries of Finance, Tourism, DG

Planning, Director Tourism, MD JKTDC and Director SKICC.

The Chief Minister emphasized the need for SKICC to emerge as a prominent place for conferences and

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Vande Bharat, Chenab bridge take spotlight at World Expo 2025 in Osaka: Railway Ministry

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 NEW DELHI, JUL. 9

Vande Bharat and Chenab Bridge have emerged as a star attraction at the ongoing World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan, drawing enthusiastic crowds and high praise from visitors for its remarkable journey of modernisation and technological innovation, the Railway Ministry on Wednesday said.

"Held at Yumeshima, an artificial island on Osaka's waterfront, the World Expo 2025 opened its doors on April 13 and

will continue till October 13, welcoming millions of visitors from across the globe. Amid the vibrant international exhibits, the Indian Pavilion, particularly the section dedicated to Indian Railways, has become a focal point of admiration," the ministry said in a press note.

"In the showcase, the magnificent Chenab Bridge, the world's highest Railway bridge soaring across the Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir; the iconic Anji Khad Bridge, India's first

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Mookerjee was versatile intellectual, academician; not just political activist: Dr Jitendra Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JUL. 9

Syama Prasad Mookerjee was a versatile intellectual and academician, not just a political activist, but incidentally his historic contribution in the movement for total integration of Jammu & Kashmir tends to overshadow the fact that he was one of the greatest youth icons of pre-independence India, with a graduation degree in English Honours, post graduation in Bengali literature followed by a PhD



in Statistics, and became a Vice Chancellor at 33.

This was stated here today by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh while paying a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mook-

erjee at a commemorative event marking the 125th birth anniversary of the visionary leader.

Speaking at the gathering, Dr. Jitendra

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DC Rajouri chairs DRSC meeting to enhance preparedness ahead of Budha Amarnath Yatra

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, JULY 9

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma today chaired a comprehensive meeting of the District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) in the VC Room of the DC Office Complex.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the steps taken so far to enhance road safety and issued a series of directions to further streamline efforts. He stressed the urgent need to install road safety devices, strip markings, speed limit signages and conduct safety audits of identified accident-prone hot spots across the district.

In view of the upcoming Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra, the DC asked the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to visit all black spots in coordination with



the Transport, Traffic and PWD Departments. He emphasized immediate identification and rectification of such black spots to ensure the safety of yatis, army convoys and the general public.

To address traffic congestion and parking-related issues, the DC called for the regularization and proper documentation of departmental lands for use as designated parking zones. He also instructed the identification of land for bus and taxi stands. The officers were direct-

ed to identify and notify zones for street vending to streamline roadside activities and avoid encroachments.

Further, the DC instructed concerned departments to issue notices to illegal occupants who have encroached upon departmental roads through constructions like stairs or drains. He emphasized the need for visible and standardized road signage near CHCs, PHCs and critical points with details such as contact numbers of nearby police stations to aid in

emergency response.

The installation of crash barriers at vulnerable stretches was also stressed to prevent mishaps. The DC underlined the importance of raising awareness regarding the Cashless Treatment Scheme for road accident victims, ensuring timely and free medical care in emergencies.

The meeting was attended by ADC Rajouri Chander Prakash, ADC Sunderbani Ramkesh Sharma, ADC Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa, Additional SP Bikram Kumar, SE PWD Tilak Raj, Ex En PWD Aftab Ahmed, CMO Dr. Manohar Lal, Dy.SP Traffic, ARTO Rajouri, representatives of BRO, Ex En PMGSY, Executive Officers of Municipalities and other concerned district and sectoral officers.

Sakeena Itoo distributes relief cheques worth Rs.13 lakh among fire victims in Baramulla

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, JULY 09

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Education, Sakeena Itoo, today distributed relief cheques worth Rs 13 lakh among the 25 fire affected families of Mohalla Jalal Sahib, Old Town Baramulla.

The assistance was provided under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund during a distribution ceremony held at Dak Bungalow.

MLA Baramulla Javid Hassan Baig; MLA Uri Sajjad Shafi; MLA Sopore, Irshad Rasool Kar and other senior officers of district administration were also present on the occasion.

The Minister expressed heartfelt solidarity with the victims, reaffirming



the government's commitment to stand with the citizens in times of crisis. "This is not just financial support, it is government's commitment towards providing assistance to our citizens in times of distress", she maintained.

The Minister asked the administration for ensuring proactive measures to prevent such incidents in

the future, including better fire safety infrastructure and awareness in vulnerable areas. She also directed the district administration to ensure all necessary rehabilitation measures are taken without delay.

While interacting with the victims, the Minister assured them of continued support from the government.

The victims expressed gratitude for the timely intervention and appreciated government's active role in facilitating the much-needed relief.

Pertinently, the fire incident, which occurred on March 2025, had severely damaged 13 residential structures affecting 25 families of Mohalla Jalal Sahib, Old Town Baramulla.

First ever Calico Handicrafts Training center inaugurated in Sangwali Mandi

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, JULY 9

In a groundbreaking development for women's economic empowerment in the region, Deputy Commissioner Samba, Rajesh Sharma officially inaugurated a handicrafts training centre in Sangwali Mandi today, first ever in the area.

The ceremony held at Panchayat Ghar Sangwali Mandi, marks a significant step towards preserving traditional crafts while creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for local women.

The newly opened centre will focus on training women in the art of calico printing, a heritage craft that holds immense cultural significance and market potential. This initiative represents the

administration's commitment to bridging traditional craftsmanship with modern economic opportunities, ensuring that age-old skills contribute to contemporary livelihoods.

Assistant Director Handicrafts Ekshu Sharma emphasized the centre's role in skill development and women's empowerment. The facility is expected to serve as a catalyst for economic transformation in the region.

The Sangwali Mandi centre adds to the robust infrastructure already established by the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom across Samba district. The department currently operates an impressive network of 8 handicrafts centres and 2 handloom centres, demonstrating the administration's sustained commit-

ment to artisan development and craft preservation.

The inauguration witnessed overwhelming enthusiasm from local women, who expressed both gratitude for the initiative and keen interest in participating in the training programs. Their positive response underscores the community's readiness to embrace skill development opportunities that honor traditional craftsmanship while addressing modern economic needs.

The Deputy Commissioner encouraged the women to maximize the centre's potential, stating that such initiatives are crucial for creating self-reliant communities and preserving cultural heritage. His vision emphasizes the dual benefit of

economic empowerment and cultural preservation.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by several key officials, including the CEO of Municipality and Tehsildar Samba, highlighting the collaborative approach of various departments in supporting this initiative. Their presence underscores the administrative commitment to ensuring the centre's success and sustainability.

This milestone inauguration in Sangwali Mandi sets a precedent for similar initiatives across the region. The centre is expected to become a model for other mandis, demonstrating how traditional crafts can be leveraged for contemporary economic development while preserving cultural heritage.

Akhil Thakur assumes charge as Chief Planning Officer Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, JULY 9



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Akhil Thakur, Joint Director Planning has assumed charge as the Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Kishtwar, here today.

The district administration welcomed this development, expecting Sen's expertise to significantly contribute to the district's planning and development initiatives.

ADC, Pawan Kotwal DIO, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar, Tehsildar HQ, Sunali Rani,

besides staff of the Planning Department extended warm welcome to CPO.

They presented a bouquet, congratulating him on his new role and expressing optimism about his leadership in driving the district's development agenda forward.

While interacting with the staff of Planning Department, the CPO laid thrust on team spirit and effective co-ordination from all officers/officials in most transparent and expeditious manner.

DFCO Udhampur imposes restriction on sale of habit-forming drugs, prohibits sale/purchase of Pregabalin 300 mg

J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, JULY 9

The Drug and Food Control Organization Udhampur issued a strict directive to all chemists and wholesale distributors operating within the district regarding the sale and purchase of habit-forming pharmaceutical formulations, particularly Pregabalin 300 mg.

In a decisive move to curb the growing menace of drug misuse in society, the Drug and Food control organization, Udhampur imposed an immediate ban / restriction on the sale and distribution of Pregabalin 300 mg formulations, including any FDC of Pregabalin 300. This step has been taken as part of a broader initia-

tive to combat the rampant misuse of such habit-forming substances and to safeguard public health and safety.

The ADC, Drug and Food Control Organization Udhampur advised all licensed chemists and wholesale distributors to strictly refrain from dispensing, selling or purchasing Pregabalin 300 mg formulations under any circumstances. Non-compliance with this directive will lead to immediate cancellation of their trade license, without any further notice.

The ADC Drug and Food Control Organization, Udhampur appeals to all stakeholders in the pharmaceutical trade to extend their full cooperation in this critical initiative.

Rana inaugurates Officer's Block at Deers HQ Bemina



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 09

Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javed Ahmed Rana, today inaugurated the newly constructed Officer's Block at Deers Headquarters in Bemina, marking a significant step towards enhancing the department's infrastructure and operational efficiency.

The ceremony was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Sheetal Nanda, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Suresh Kumar Gupta and other senior officers.

The building has been constructed by PWD/R&B Division Srinagar with an expenditure amounting Rs 128.019 lakh.

During the inauguration, the Minister emphasized that the new facility would streamline admin-

istrative operations and provide a modern and efficient work environment for officers.

He highlighted Omar Abdullah-led Government's commitment towards improving the infrastructure, leading to better conservation and management of forests.

The Minister appreciated the Deers HQ for setting up an office suited to current times besides improving the overall administrative efficiency of the department.

Later, the Minister reviewed the functioning of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing and inspected the Geographical Information System (GIS) lab.

Rana underscored the importance of GIS in leveraging technology for efficient and precise tracking and management of forest resources. He noted that

GIS plays a crucial role in safeguarding J&K's rich biodiversity and fostering sustainable development.

The GIS system captures and analyzes a range of geographical data to help departments and organizations make long-term plans regarding biodiversity richness, flood-prone areas, climate change issues and forest fire-prone areas.

The Minister was briefed about the department's working including the completed and ongoing projects besides the future expansion plans. He appreciated the department's performance on some of the pressing issues related to ecology and environment.

The officers also highlighted their issues and concerns hampering department's functioning and sought Minister's intervention in redress of the same.

DC Ramban reviews performance of Health Department

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, JULY 9

A comprehensive review meeting of the District Health Society (DHS), Ramban was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, to assess the performance and achievements of the health department across various verticals. The meeting focused on evaluating ongoing initiatives, identifying gaps in service delivery and issuing directions to strengthen the district's public health infrastructure.

The meeting was attended by ACP Ashfaq Ahmed, ACD Shrinath Suman, Executive Engineer PWD Ranjeet Singh, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kamaljee Zadoo, DHO Dr. Mohd Iqbal Malik, Medical Superintendent DH Ramban Dr. Sudarshan Singh Katoch, District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Naseer, BMO Batote Dr. Opinder Singh Raseem, BMO Banihal Dr. Shabir Ahmed and other concerned officials.

During the meeting, the DC was informed that the district, with an estimated population of over 3.39 lakh, is served by a network of 122 health institu-



tions, including a District Hospital, Trauma Centre, 3 Community Health Centres (CHCs), 9 Primary Health Centres (PHCs), 23 New Type PHCs, and 85 Sub-Centres (SCs). However, staffing remains a challenge, with 268 vacancies in general health services and 61 under the National Health Mission yet to be filled. The DC called for immediate efforts to fill these posts to ensure optimal functioning of health facilities.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the encouraging progress in key health indicators such as OPD/IPD footfall, institutional deliveries, diagnostics and surgeries. While reviewing the Ayushman Bharat PMJAY scheme, the DC noted 94.92% saturation in registration and claims exceeding Rs. 636 lakh for over 10,900 patients. He directed the concerned officers

to ensure 100% saturation in registration across the district.

Reviewing the performance under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, the DC instructed health authorities to intensify X-ray testing, case detection, and prompt treatment of TB cases.

The meeting also discussed the progress under other national health programs, including NVBDCP, NPCBVI, NP-NCDC and NMHP. The DC emphasized the need to strengthen preventive healthcare and early intervention measures through community-level awareness and screening activities.

Notably, Ramban district has excelled in telemedicine services, topping the Jammu Division under the e-Sanjeevani initiative with over 42,000 teleconsultations, exceed-

ing the annual target by almost 300%. The DC commended the efforts and encouraged further expansion of digital healthcare services, especially in remote areas.

He also took a firsthand appraisal of the functioning of Rogi Kalyan Samitis and Jan Arogya Samitis and stressed on enhancing effectiveness in improving healthcare delivery at the grassroots level. The DC directed the health department to organize regular health camps and deploy Mobile Medical Units to provide medical services at the doorsteps of people living in far-flung areas.

Concluding the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed all doctors and healthcare staff to work with zeal and dedication in serving the people of Ramban by delivering accessible, equitable, and efficient healthcare services to all sections of society.

Power shutdown

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JULY 9

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Pathi, Dairy Farm, Devik and Jakheni will remain affected on July 10 from 8 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Bishnah, Nandpur, Salehar, Suhagpur, Seora, Ramgarh, Arnia and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 11 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Suhagpur, Arnia, Allah, Chak Shera, Treva, Jabawal, Jabal Kotli, BSF (BOP), Mulay Chak, Kotli Bishnah, Chak Hasla, Rehal, Pandorian, Mehmoodpur, Sarore, Bishnah Hospital, Kheri, Nandpur, Swankha, Adlehar, Baba Chamliyal, Jearda, Ramgarh, Kamore, Rangoor, Abtal, Nanga, Dadyal, S.M. Pura, Mahaal, Kunjwai, Bandurakh, Seora, Shahpur and its adjoining areas will remain affected on July 11 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Lower Roop Nagar, Buta Nagar, Shant Nagar, Dhok Paloura, Bread Factory and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 10 from 6 am to 8 am.

Maiden property attachment under New Criminal Laws by Jammu Police leads to recovery of Rs 75 Lakhs, distributed among 17 victims in Rs 2.39 crore Job Scam

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JULY 9

In a landmark action under the newly enacted Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), Jammu Police successfully executed its first-ever property attachment in a high-profile job fraud case, resulting in the recovery and refund of Rs 75 lakhs to victims. This milestone reflects the victim-centric approach embodied in India's new criminal justice reforms. The case revolves around Harpreet Singh, a resident of Pallanwala, who posed as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Indian Army and defrauded multiple individuals of more than Rs 2.39 crore by falsely promising them jobs in prestigious government institutions such as the

MES, MoD and DRDO. The fraud came to light when Arun Sharma, a resident of Nagrota, filed a complaint on 6 November 2024, leading to the registration of FIR No. 293/2024 under Sections 319(2), 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 338, and 340(2) of the BNS at Police Station Nagrota, Jammu. The accused was arrested the following day.

Investigation revealed that a sale agreement was executed between Kamaljeet Kour (wife of Suriender Singh) and the accused's mother, Paramjeet Kour, to the tune of Rs 2.22 crore for the purchase of a double-storey duplex building constructed over 8 marlas of land in Channi Bheja, Tehsil Bahu Fort, Jammu. Moreover, an amount of Rs 1,93,50,000



was received by Suriender Singh (co-accused) and his wife from accused Harpreet through online transactions and cash. The amount paid by Harpreet Singh was proceeds of crime collected from innocent victims in lieu of providing government jobs.

Acting on a police plea, the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jammu, passed an attachment order on 18

January 2025 under Section 107(5) BNSS, which was executed by Tehsildar Bahu. A 14-day show cause notice was issued to the accused to justify the source of funds used in the transaction, failing which the property was to be auctioned.

During court proceedings, based on clinching evidence presented by the Investigating Officer, Kamaljeet Kour made a

judicial admission that she had received Rs 1.53 crore from the accused. In a significant development, she voluntarily agreed to refund the amount, initially committing to deposit Rs 50 lakhs within 7 days and the remaining Rs 1.03 crores within two months. Moreover, an amount of Rs 40,50,000 – being a disputed sum – can be proved only during trial.

The Court ruled that the attachment order shall remain in effect until the admitted amount is fully deposited. It also prohibited the seller from creating any third-party interest in the property. The SSP Jammu was directed to open a dedicated account for collecting and distributing the recovered funds among the verified victims.

Today, the recovered amount of Rs 75 lakh has been distributed equally among 17 victims through cheques. This marks the first instance in the UT of J&K under BNSS where defrauded money has been returned to victims, exemplifying the law's focus on justice, accountability, and restitution.

The case was meticulously investigated by Inspector Parvez Sajad (SHO Nagrota), under the supervision of DySP Vinod Kundal (SDPO Nagrota), with overall oversight by SP Rural Brijesh Sharma and SSP Jammu Joginder Singh. Legal assistance was provided by Senior Prosecuting Officer Altaf Wahid, DPO Jammu and financial expertise by Accounts Officer Kamal Bhagat.

Sakeena Itooinaugurates State-of-Art main building of GDC Boniyar



JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, JULY 09

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itooinaugurated the State of Art main building of Government Degree College (GDC) Boniyar here today.

MLA Uri Dr. Sajjad Shafi; MLA Baramulla Javed Hassan Baig; Director Colleges Dr. Firdous Ahmad Giri; Principal GDC Boniyar, Professor Parveen Kousar; faculty members of college; students and locals were present during the inaugural ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister emphasized government's commitment towards providing equitable access to quality education in remote and rural areas. "This new infrastructure is not just a building, it is a symbol of government's vision to empower the youth of Boniyar with knowledge, opportunity and a bright future", she stated.

Highlighting various initiatives of the government regarding development of education sector, Sakeena Itooinaugurated this upgraded infrastructure would significantly enhance the academic environment in the college and attract more students from the surrounding areas.

The Minister further said that education sector, particularly in remote and underserved areas, is being upgraded so as to provide best and quality education to students near their vicinities.

On the occasion, the Minister also interacted with the students, encouraging them to make full use of the facilities for excellence in academics as well as community development.

Pertinently, the newly inaugurated infrastructure features modern classrooms, smart laboratories, a well-equipped library, computer room, auditorium, museum and ample washroom facilities.

CS visits Nunwan, Chandanwadi Base Camps to assess Yatra arrangements

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 9

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today visited the Nunwan Base Camp at Pahalgam to review the arrangements made for the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025.

He chaired a high-level meeting with senior officers of the civil administration, police, security forces, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) and other line departments to assess the facilities being provided to the pilgrims for ensuring their yatra in a seamless manner.

During the review meeting, the Chief Secretary was given a comprehensive briefing on various aspects of Yatra management including accommodation facilities, tent arrangements, water supply, power supply, health care services, sanitation measures and other essential logistics. It was informed that round-the-clock monitoring mechanisms have been established to ensure uninterrupted services and promptly address any emergent issues faced by the pilgrims.

The Chief Secretary took a detailed review of the security protocols, including the deployment of personnel, surveillance measures and technology-based interventions such as facial recognition systems, CCTV surveillance and integrated control rooms for real-time coordination. He laid emphasis on multi-tier security arrangements for safety of the devotees.



Following the review, Dulloo conducted an extensive inspection of the Nunwan Base Camp. He interacted with a cross-section of stakeholders including pilgrims, medical and paramedical staff, officials from various departments, service providers and langar sevadars. He took first-hand stock of the facilities on the ground and expressed satisfaction over the arrangements.

The Chief Secretary appreciated the collective efforts of all the departments and agencies and urged them to continue working with the same commitment to ensure the safe, smooth and successful conduct of the Yatra.

The pilgrims also expressed their satisfaction with the overall arrangements and commended the administration for its dedicated and

proactive approach in facilitating the sacred pilgrimage.

Later, the Chief Secretary visited the Chandanwadi Camp, where he inspected the medical facilities, availability of emergency response systems and preparedness for high-altitude health emergencies. He interacted with the health officials and directed them to ensure adequate deployment of medical staff, ambulances and medicines to cater to the needs of pilgrims traversing this critical point of the Yatra route.

The Chief Secretary was accompanied by the District Magistrate, Anantnag, S. F. Hamid; Senior Superintendent of Police, Amrit Pal Singh; Camp Directors and senior officers of Civil Administration, Police Department, SASB and others.

5-day Civil Defence Training for retired Ex-Servicemen commences at Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JULY 9

A five-day Civil Defence Basic Training Course for retired ex-servicemen of district Doda commenced today at the SDRF Complex, Doda. The programme is being organised in collaboration with the SDRF team and the Zila Sainik Welfare Office (ZSWO) Doda, under the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh and the supervision of the Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, Wg Cdr Tirath Singh ((Retd.).

The training is conducted under the close supervision of Dy. Superintendent of Police (DAR) cum I/C Deputy Controller, Civil Defence & SDRF Component, Doda.

On the first day, SDRF instructors delivered informative lectures on key topics including the history and relevance of civil defence, twelve civil defence services (with a focus on the wardens' service) and essential life-saving techniques such as CPR during cardiac arrest.

The initiative aims to strengthen the preparedness, response capacity and coordination of retired ex-servicemen to assist



during civil emergencies, natural or man-made disasters and community resilience efforts. The participants were also sensitised to their crucial role in supporting and reinforcing the local civil defence framework.

Over the next four days, the training programme will feature interactive sessions, hands-on practical drills and live demonstrations covering areas such as fire safety and suppression, search and rescue operations, first aid and casualty evacuation, crowd management, disaster preparedness planning and

communication during crises.

Such programmes not only leverage the discipline, skills, and experience of retired ex-servicemen but also help build a pool of trained volunteers who can respond effectively during calamities. The training also fosters a spirit of volunteerism and strengthens coordination between civil defence agencies and the community.

Retired participants expressed enthusiasm and commitment to utilise the skills gained to continue serving society in times of need.

Javid Dar chairs reviews meeting of irrigation facilities in rain-fed areas

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 9

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today chaired a meeting to review the irrigation facilities and identify areas for improvement in rain-fed areas of J&K at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

The meeting assessed the current situation and explored the strategies to further enhance irrigation infrastructure and water management practices to benefit the farmers community.

Director Command Areas Development, Kashmir; CEO IWMP; Chief Engineer PHE Kashmir; Superintendent Engineer, PHE Mechanical Circle North; Executive Engineer



PHE, Ground Water Division Kashmir; Chief Agriculture Officer Baramulla and other concerned officials attended the meeting.

The Minister directed the concerned officers to work out potential solutions like implementing modern irrigation technologies, improving water storage and distribution networks and promoting the water conservation practices.

Dar emphasized the government's commitment towards bolstering the agricultural sector, with a particular focus on enhancing the irriga-

tion facilities in rain-dependent areas, to support the farmers and improve crop productivity.

The Minister directed to identify the suitable site in solely rain-fed areas of the districts where borewell can be taken up under various schemes.

Javid Dar emphasised the need for intensifying the awareness campaigns and providing training to farmers on water conservation techniques, efficient irrigation methods and sustainable farming practices.

Mission Shakti organizes Gender Sensitisation Programme in collaboration with JKRLM at lower Barnai



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JULY 9

Mission Shakti, District Hub for Empowerment of Women Jammu Social Welfare Department in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), organised a comprehensive session on Gender Sensitisation and Women-Centric Schemes for Self Help Group (SHG) members at Lower Barnai, here today.

The session organized under the supervision of District Mission Coordinator Mission Shakti Shagun Manchanda was aimed to empower women by generating awareness about gender equality and to educate them about various government schemes focused on women's welfare and development. Gender Specialist, Mission

Shakti Sonali Rana spoke in detail about gender sensitisation, its importance in community development and the wide range of schemes available for women to support their economic and social growth.

JKRLM Block Programme Manager (BPM) Manisha appreciated the efforts of the Mission Shakti DHEW Jammu team and extended heartfelt thanks to the officials for their dedication to women empowerment. She highlighted the importance of such collaborative initiatives in building informed and self-reliant communities.

The programme witnessed active participation from SHG members who engaged in meaningful discussions and expressed gratitude for the informative session.

Jammu Police books notorious drug peddler under PIT-NDPS Act

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JULY 9

In a firm action against drug trafficking, Jammu Police has booked a habitual drug peddler under the PIT-NDPS Act in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bishnah, Sub-Division R.S. Pura. The individual has been lodged in District Jail Udhampur following formal detention orders from the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.

The accused, Shoket Ali S/O Hassan Mir R/O

Sakinderpur Kothy, Bishnah, has a history of involvement in drug-related activities and multiple FIRs under NDPS Act were already registered against him. Despite previous arrests, he continued unlawful activities.

To prevent further offenses, a dossier under PIT-NDPS Act was prepared and approved by the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu. The accused was taken into preventive custody by a team from Police Station Bishnah led by SHO

Bishnah, under the close supervision of SDPO R.S. Pura and SP Headquarters Jammu.

The local community has appreciated the proactive action by Jammu Police. This step reaffirms the commitment of District Police Jammu towards eradicating drug menace and ensuring a drug-free society.

J&K Police urges citizens to report any information related to drug trafficking and join hands in the fight against this social evil.

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Catalogue No.: EAFZR-PMBJK25-1 | Auction Start: 17/07/2025 at 12:30:00
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FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Centre allocates...

approved with Rs 416 crore 10 lakh allocated, including projects in Ramban, Banihal, Rajgarh, Ramsu, and Ukhral. Reasi will see 21 roads constructed with Rs 400 crore 53 lakh sanctioned, covering localities such as Katra, Thakurkot, Anras, and Mahore.

Udhampur's allocation stands at Rs 304 crore 18 lakh for 20 roads, including projects in Udhampur town, Sevna, Chenani, Panchari, and Khoon.

Pertinently, the Union Ministry of Rural Development had initially sought detailed reports on roadless villages from the Jammu and Kashmir government. Following scrutiny by central officers dispatched from Delhi, the Ministry sanctioned the project and shared the final list with senior state officials.

The Public Works Department (PWD) of Jammu and Kashmir, as per sources, has already begun the tender allocation process after receiving approval from the Central Government.

The project aims to improve rural infrastructure and connectivity significantly, facilitating better access to markets, healthcare, and educational institutions for residents of remote villages. KNO

Tourists returning to...

year's figures will be matched soon.

She was talking to the reporters on the sidelines of the two-day National Secretaries Conference, held at SKICC here in which the tourism secretaries from all the states and union territories participated.

During the conference, the Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat had on Tuesday termed the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians dead, as an "Amavas ki kali raat" (a dark night of no moon), stating that while the tragedy was painful, the nation must look ahead and move forward with resilience and unity.

Addressing a Tourism Secretaries' Meet of Union Territories here, Shekhawat had said, "We must not let one dark night define the future. We have to forget the Pahalgam terror attack as 'Amavas ki kali raat' and focus on building a brighter tomorrow." KNO

Prisoner injured...

The jail authorities tried to persuade them to return to their barracks, asserting that there is no such provision, they said.

One of them, Adil Hamid Dar of south Kashmir's Shopian, who is facing trial in a case related to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, suffered injuries when he fell while the security staff was trying to restore order, the officials said.

They said the injured prisoner was shifted to the district hospital in Poonch where his condition was stated to be stable.

Later, additional police personnel were deployed at the district jail to maintain law and order, the officials said.

PWD Engineer-in...

It states: "The Office of Engineer In Chief (Secretary Technical), Public Works (R&B) Department has issued transfer and posting vide Order No. PW/EIC/Estab/36 of 2025 dated 17/06/2025."

It read that the above order has been issued in violation of the "Policy on Transfers/Posting of Government Employees of the Government."

The order states the transfer and posting order issued by the Engineer-in-Chief stands rescinded ab initio.

Pertinently, the Engineer-in-Chief, who retired on June 30, 2025, had issued several transfer orders involving engineers and technical staff within the department without the approval of the Competent Authority. "These orders were found to be in violation of the government's transfer policy.

Taking serious note of the matter, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary immediately issued directions to the Administrative Department to rescind all such unauthorized orders.

In compliance with these directions, the Administrative Department has rescinded Order No. PW/EIC/Estab/36 of 2025 dated June 17, 2025, through Government Order No. 216-PW(R&B) of 2025 dated July 9, 2025.

The Deputy CM has also issued firm instructions stating that violations of the government's transfer policy will not be tolerated under any circumstances—(KNO)

Fresh rains cool Kashmir...

degrees - 5.7 degrees below normal.

In Kokernag, the mercury settled at 23.9 degrees - 3.4 degrees below normal; Kupwara recorded 23.8 degrees - 7.3 degrees below normal; and Gulmarg, a famous ski resort, recorded 15.6 degrees - 6.2 degrees below normal.

Meanwhile, the Jammu region also recorded below-normal temperatures, with Jammu city recording a maximum of 31.4 degrees - 4.0 degrees below normal.

Banihal recorded 25.5 degrees (3.8 degrees below normal), Batote 23.3 degrees (4.2 degrees below normal), Katra 28.8 degrees (3.4 degrees below normal), and Bhandarwah 25.4 degrees (5.6 degrees below normal).

Moreover, the Director of the Meteorological Department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, said that generally cloudy weather is expected tomorrow, with the possibility of intermittent light to moderate rain and thundershowers at many places. "A few places in Kashmir and Jammu divisions may receive intense showers and torrential rain, with the possibility of heavy rain at isolated places in Jammu division," he said.

He added that from 11 to 13 July, hot and humid weather is expected again, with the possibility of a spell of light rain and thundershowers at scattered places. A spell of light to moderate rain and thundershowers is also anticipated at many places from 14 to 16 July.

Furthermore, the MeT has issued an advisory stat-

ing that there is a possibility of intense showers at a few places in J&K, with the potential for heavy rain at isolated locations in Jammu division.

"Flash floods are expected at some vulnerable spots, along with landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones until tomorrow," it reads. It also warns of a possible rise in water levels in rivers, streams, local Nalas, and waterlogging in some low-lying areas.

Additionally, farmers have been advised to suspend irrigation and other farm operations until tomorrow. KNO

Operatives purchased...

investigation, nineteen individuals were charged under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, including sections related to terrorist financing.

Among those charged were seven foreign nationals, including the suicide bomber.

Law enforcement agencies recovered moveable and immovable assets connected to the operation, including vehicles and locations used as hideouts.

The FATF said that jurisdictions should work with private sector entities to improve oversight of transactions involving dual-use materials. It added that enhanced coordination between financial intelligence units, law enforcement agencies, and e-commerce providers is necessary to address the misuse of online platforms in support of terrorist activities.

Pertinently, in Pulwama terror attack case on August 25, 2020, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) filed a 13,500-page chargesheet in a special NIA court in Jammu. The chargesheet named 19 accused, including Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar, his brothers Abdul Rauf Asghar and Ammar Alvi, and his nephew Mohammed Umar Farooq, who was later killed in an encounter in 2019.

The NIA stated that the attack was directed by JeM's Pakistan-based leadership, with clear digital, forensic, and oral evidence establishing links between local operatives in India and their Pakistani handlers.

The NIA further noted that Adil Ahmad Dar, the suicide bomber, was deliberately projected as a local terrorist to give the impression that the attack was home-grown. However, investigations revealed extensive planning, logistics, and material support from across the border.

The NIA also named six individuals still at large, including Mohammad Ismail, Sameer Ahmad Dar, and Ashaq Ahmed Nengroo all of whom had fled to Pakistan in addition to Masood Azhar, Rauf Asghar, and Ammar Alvi. KNO

'J&K targets Rs 1 lakh...

crops under coverage right now, there is a strong need to include apples. We are optimistic that the scheme will be approved by September, and by next season, apple growers will be able to avail insurance benefits under RWBCIS," Ahmed stated.

Addressing concerns over fertilizer quality, the Director clarified that there have been no formal complaints of misbranded or substandard chemical fertilizers like DAP, Urea, or MOP in the region so far.

"A complaint cannot be considered valid unless verified through lab testing. The tests are conducted at the Lal Mandi facility, and unless the nutrient value falls below the permissible limit, we cannot label any fertilizer as misbranded. Thankfully, none of the samples of DAP, Urea, or MOP have shown any such deficiency," he said.

On the recent climatic challenges, the Director acknowledged that the heatwave had triggered drought-like conditions in many areas. However, he added that the recent rainfall has come as a blessing and could potentially reverse the losses.

"We were witnessing a distressing dry spell, but by the grace of Allah, the weather changed and some rainfall occurred. If we receive another couple of good showers, we expect much of the crop damage to be recovered. We are hopeful for a decent harvest," he said. KNO

President empowers...

General of Police, Union territory Ladakh shall be made except with the previous approval of the Central Government," reads the notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). KNO

Railway Minister reviews...

Interlocking: All gates above 10,000 TVU to be interlocked, regardless of ROB/RUB/LHS plans.

7 Random Voice Recording Checks: Daily random checks of voice recordings at non-interlocked LC gates (minimum 2 per division).

8 Functional Voice Loggers: All DRMs to ensure voice logger systems are operational at non-interlocked gates.

9 Standardized Safety Measures: Speed breakers and warning boards to be standardized and corrected at all LC gates.

10 Accelerate Infrastructure: Expedite construction of LHS/RUB/ROB to eliminate LC gates.

11 Conflict-Prone Gates: Identify gates prone to public pressure or manhandling; ensure RPF/Home Guard deployment.

A 15-day safety inspection drive targeting LC gates in block sections has also been initiated to ensure compliance and enhance safety standards across the railway network.

CRPF Chief reviews security...

ensuring a safe and smooth pilgrimage for all devotees." the CRPF said on X.

"At HQ 116 Bn, where he stayed overnight, the DG engaged in an informal interaction with the troops—highlighting the importance of the Yatra and our collective responsibility to make every devotee feel secure and at ease. He appreciated the personnel for their alertness, professionalism, and sense of purpose in service."

The 38-day Amarnath Yatra that commenced on

July 3 will end on August 9. KNO

Nearly 17,000...

3,880-metre high holy cave shrine in the Himalayas in south Kashmir on Wednesday, the officials said.

The pilgrims included around 12000 men, 3800 women, four hundred security forces personnel and dozens of Sadhus and Sadhvis.

CM Omar Abdullah chairs...

other events so that the SKICC is utilized to its optimal level and it is able to earn sufficient revenue to bear its own expenses. He called upon the SKICC management to employ strategic marketing tools to acquaint corporates and private organizations about this facility which has the potential to be hub of activities all the year round. CM expressed concern over under-utilization of SKICC and asked the Tourism department to build a distinct MICE brand identity for the SKICC so as to utilize this facility. "It is essential to target corporates, event planners, and government agencies to ensure higher bookings for SKICC and minimize unutilized days. This would help SKICC to augment its revenue", CM said during the meeting. CM also called upon making recoveries of outstanding dues pending with departments, private entities and individuals. CM also called for assigning clear roles to the staff and better supervision to get best out of the available human resource.

This was the first Board meeting of SKICC after the Board was recently reconstituted with the Chief Minister as chairman of the Board. The last board meeting of the SKICC Board was held in November 2020.

The agenda delved on action taken on decisions of previous board meetings, audit reports, reconciliation of accounts with AG's office, status of segregation of utilities between SKICC and Centaur Hotel which has been outsourced to Leela Palace & JSW Realty by the UT Administration last year, HR matters and absorption of Centaur Hotel staff in other organizations of Tourism department.

In another meeting, the Chief Minister chaired the 95th Board of Directors meeting of the J&K Tourism Development Corporation and stressed on the need to increase the visibility of JKTDC assets so that tourists and people in general seek accommodation in JKTDC hotels and guest houses earnestly. He called upon improving the services and facilities in JKTDC properties to enhance the experience of guests so that they prefer to take JKTDC accommodation every time they visit J&K.

CM expressed concern over misuse of JKTDC properties and revenue leakages. "Every single JKTDC asset be installed with an independent smart meter," CM asserted, underlining the need to improve monitoring of JKTDC huts and hotels and to check misuse of assets. He called upon improving the overnight-stay potential of huts in remote tourist areas. CM gave directions to make maximum number of rooms including premium ones available for better marketability through Online Travel Aggregators so that JKTDC hotels and huts are used to optimum capacity. He called for developing JKTDC App for efficient marketing and better accessibility to its services.

CM called for audit of assets to evaluate the lacunae and how to improve deficiencies. The JKTDC management was directed to adopt best practices being followed in the private sector to improve its functioning.

Among various agenda points discussed in JKTDC board meeting, the onboarding of Online Travel Aggregators for marketing and sale of hotel rooms and accommodations, reimbursement of outstanding dues from other departments, revision of rentals of JKTDC accommodation allotted to various departments & organizations, financial statements, unpaid dues of retired officials and action taken on previous board decisions figured prominently.

JKTDC Board meeting was also attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secy to Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Administrative Secretaries of Finance, Tourism, Industries, DG Planning, Director of Tourism & Managing Director JKTDC—(KNO)

Vande Bharat, Chenab...

cable-stayed rail bridge in the challenging Himalayan terrain; the state-of-the-art Vande Bharat Express trains, known for their speed and passenger comfort; and many more latest advancements in electric locomotives underscore India's commitment to sustainable mobility," it added.

According to officials, several Japanese visitors gathered around the Indian Railways exhibit, keenly listening to presentations about the genesis of one of the world's largest Rail networks and its incredible transformation over the decades.

The ministry stated that the blend of engineering marvels and sustainable technology left many in awe.

"Visitors have praised not only the scale of the projects but also India's vision of integrating modern infrastructure with environmental consciousness," the press note said.

The theme for the Expo 2025 is "Designing Future Society for Our Lives", with three sub-themes namely Saving Lives, Empowering Lives and Connecting Lives, beautifully aligns with the Indian Railways' vision of delivering safe, inclusive and sustainable transportation, it added.

The officials said the Indian Railways through interactive sessions and immersive digital displays is actively engaging global audiences, reinforcing its image as a modern, innovative and eco-conscious mobility leader.

Mookerjee was versatile...

Singh reflected on the wide-ranging contributions of Dr. Mookerjee, calling him not only a political icon but also one of the most brilliant scholars of the 20th century.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, who represents the parliamentary constituency that includes Kathua district and the site where Dr. Mookerjee was arrested in 1953 for

Josh-e-Watan Volleyball Championship held in Handwara under "My Youth My Pride" Initiative



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HANDWARA, JULY 9, 2025:

In a significant move to promote youth engagement and commemorate the supreme sacrifice of braveheart DySP Humayun Muzammil Bhat, the Josh-e-Watan Volleyball Championship was organized at the Indoor Sports Stadium Handwara under the banner of "My Youth My Pride."

The event was a collaborative effort by Youth Civil Society Kashmir, Handwara Police, and the J&K Sports Council. A total of eight teams from across various districts of Kashmir Valley participated in the championship, fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and unity among the youth.

The championship was inaugurated by DIG North Kashmir Range, Shri Maqsood-ul-Zaman (IPS), who lauded the passion and energy of the young participants. He also commended the organizers for hosting an event that carries deep emotional and social sig-

nificance.

The concluding prize distribution ceremony was graced by SSP Handwara, Shri Mush-taq Ahmad Choudhary (JKPS), who presented trophies, medals, and cash prizes to the winning and runner-up teams. In his address, SSP Handwara praised the players for their enthusiastic participation and acknowledged the vital role of civil society in empowering youth through constructive platforms like sports. He emphasized the importance of remembering and honouring those who have laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Local residents, particularly the youth, expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the efforts of Handwara Police in creating such meaningful opportunities. They also voiced hope that similar events will continue to be organized to channel the talents of the younger generation in a positive direction.

entering Jammu & Kashmir without a permit—linked to the late leader's sacrifice to the eventual abrogation of Article 370. "Three generations dedicated their lives to this cause, and perhaps it was destined that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would fulfill Dr. Mookerjee's unfinished mission," he said.

Recalling historical moments, Dr. Jitendra Singh narrated how Dr. Mookerjee was detained the moment he crossed into Jammu and Kashmir. He termed the arrest "discriminatory and unfortunate," adding that Dr. Mookerjee's subsequent death in custody under suspicious circumstances denied him any legal recourse, as the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court did not then extend to the region.

Dr. Jitendra Singh noted the emotional significance of representing the very location where Dr. Mookerjee was apprehended. He recalled how, as Gujarat Chief Minister, Mr. Modi had held a rally at the same place, underscoring the symbolic continuity between Dr. Mookerjee's vision and the current government's constitutional decisions.

Beyond politics, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized Dr. Mookerjee's formidable academic achievements. "He was a first-rank graduate in English, pursued post-graduation in Bengali literature, earned a PhD in Statistics, and was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University at a time when the faculty was dominated by British scholars," he said, pointing out that Dr. Mookerjee's intellect earned admiration even from the colonial establishment.

The Minister also highlighted Dr. Mookerjee's personal integrity, recalling how he resigned from both the Vice-Chancellorship and the Nehru Cabinet on matters of principle. "He believed that if his ideology didn't align with the Cabinet's, he had no right to continue as a minister," Dr. Jitendra Singh said, contrasting that era's political ethics with today's.

In a personal reflection, Dr. Jitendra Singh shared that Dr. Mookerjee was the first Vice President of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)—a position Dr. Jitendra Singh now holds. "One of my first decisions as Vice President was to acknowledge Dr. Mookerjee's foundational role by placing his name at the top of the CSIR succession board," he added.

Concluding his address, Dr. Jitendra Singh quoted Dr. Mookerjee's words: "No one can be a leader unless he is first a good worker," and "Never leave any responsibility half-done." The Minister said he has tried to imbibe these values in his own public life.

The commemorative event was attended by a large gathering, including senior officials, academicians, and admirers of Dr. Mookerjee's enduring legacy. As the nation reflects on the life of one of its most complex and committed leaders, today's event served as both homage and a reminder of the enduring relevance of his ideals.

DLSA Srinagar launches 90-Day 'Mediation for the Nation' campaign

SRINAGAR, JULY 09: In a determined push to strengthen alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and bring justice closer to the people, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, under the leadership of Tasleem Arief (Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar and Chairman, DLSA), convened a high-level review meeting with all judicial officers of district Srinagar.

The meeting marked the formal launch of the ambitious 'Mediation for the Nation' campaign, a 90-day nationwide drive aimed at promoting mediation as a time-bound, efficient, and relationship-preserving tool of justice.

The campaign, as envisioned by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority (JKLSA), seeks to identify and resolve a wide range of pending matters civil disputes, family conflicts, commercial cases, MACT claims, land acquisition matters, bank recovery suits, and



compoundable criminal cases, through structured and effective mediation processes in every court of the district.

Addressing the Ld. Judicial officers, Chairman DLSA called mediation 'the justice of tomorrow delivered today,' and stressed that mediation not only reduces the burden on courts but also restores peace, dignity, and mutual respect between disputing parties. He urged all judicial officers to actively spearhead the identification of suitable cases and promote a culture of dialogue and reconciliation in their respective courts.

"This drive is not just about resolving cases, it's about transforming how we deliver justice. Media-

tion empowers people to settle disputes amicably, without prolonged litigation. We appeal to the litigant public to embrace this opportunity and resolve their disputes with dignity, speed, and satisfaction," said Tasleem Arief.

The meeting witnessed active and committed participation from the Learned Judicial Officers of district Judiciary Srinagar, who expressed full support for the initiative and pledged their efforts to ensure its success. The campaign is expected to usher in a wave of speedy resolutions and reinforce public trust in the judiciary through the power of dialogue and mutual understanding.

DC Poonch reviews Shri Buddha Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025 arrangements at Mandi Complex

JJ NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, JULY 9

In preparation for the smooth and successful conduct of the upcoming Shri Buddha Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025, the Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal today conducted an extensive review of the necessary arrangements at the Mandi Mandir Complex.

The review meeting witnessed the participation of Additional District Development Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Development, Officers from Line Departments, members of the Temple Management Committee and prominent civil society representatives.

The primary focus of the meeting was to assess the preparedness and finalize key arrangements for the annual pilgrimage.



The Temple Management Committee projected several essential requirements including accommodation for pilgrims, provision of ration and firewood for langars, availability of drinking water and other logistical needs crucial for ensuring a smooth and safe yatra.

Civil society members also shared valuable suggestions and concerns pertaining to the pilgrimage. They appreciated the proactive efforts of the Deputy Commissioner and the district administration for regularly convening meetings to ensure timely planning and execution of Yatra arrangements.

The DC assured timely resolution of the projected issues and directed the concerned departments to work in close coordination for effective execution of responsibilities. He stressed the importance of fulfilling duties with dedication to ensure a spiritually enriching experience for the devotees.

The Deputy Commissioner also lauded the continued cooperation extended by the Temple Management Committee, civil society members, Security Forces and officers from various departments in making the Yatra a success.

District level workshop on Panchayat Advancement Index held at Kishtwar



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KISHTWAR, JULY 9

The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj J&K organized a one-day district-level workshop on the Panchayat Advancement Index at the Conference Hall, New DC Office Complex, Kishtwar here.

The workshop aimed to sensitize stakeholders about the Panchayat Advancement Index, a tool designed to evaluate the developmental status of Gram Panchayats.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Pawan Kotwal presided over the event which was

attended by ACD Kaiser Bhawani and other concerned officers and field functionaries.

The workshop covered various themes under PAI-2.0, including child-friendly panchayat, water-sufficient panchayat, clean and green panchayat and self-sufficient infrastructure in panchayats.

Participants received hands-on training on the PAI portal to ensure efficient data entry and monitoring.

The workshop concluded with an interactive session, where participants discussed operational aspects of the PAI initiative.

ADDC Ramban accorded warm farewell



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RAMBAN, JULY 9

The District Administration Ramban today bid a warm and heartfelt farewell to Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Roshan Lal who has been transferred to serve as ADC Doda.

The farewell ceremony held under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan was marked by deep appreciation for Roshan Lal's commendable service and administrative acumen.

The event witnessed the presence of senior officers including ADC Varun-

jeet Singh Charak, ACR S. Shokat Hayat Mattoo, ACP Ashfaq Ahmed, CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, ACD Shrinath Suma, Xen PWD Ranjeet Singh, Tehsildar Deep Kumar, AD FCS&CA Niyamatullah Sheikh, along with other officers who came together to extend their best wishes.

The Deputy Commissioner lauded the outgoing ADC's unwavering commitment to public service, describing him as a dedicated officer who consistently led with integrity and inspired excellence among his colleagues. He acknowledged Roshan Lal's significant contribution to developmental projects

and administrative efficiency in the district.

Several speakers, including the ADC, highlighted Roshan Lal's instrumental role in the successful implementation of various government schemes and his ability to meet administrative targets with professionalism and determination.

Roshan Lal expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support and cooperation he received during his tenure in Ramban. He shared meaningful reflections from his service journey and thanked the district administration for organizing a memorable farewell.

Free aids and assistive living devices distributed to Senior Citizens, Divyangjans in Bhandarwah

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BHADERWAH, JULY 09

The Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), organized a free of cost Aids and Assistive Living Devices distribution camp at the Community Hall Bhandarwah.

The camp was organized under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh and the supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Tariq Parveez Qazi.

The initiative was conducted under the Government of India's Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) and Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) Schemes, aimed at providing essential aids and assistive living devices to senior citizens and persons with disabilities (Divyangjans), enhancing their mobility, dignity and quality of life.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhandarwah, Sunil Bhutyal who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, lauded the efforts of the Social Welfare Department and ALIMCO for reaching out to the most vulnerable sections of society and ensuring they receive the support they



deserve.

He emphasized that such initiatives reflect the government's commitment to inclusive development and the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas." He personally distributed many of the aids and devices to the beneficiaries, interacting warmly with them and assuring continued support from the administration. He also encouraged the community to spread awareness about these schemes so that more eligible people can benefit in the future.

Tehsildar Bhandarwah, Kamalpreet Singh and Tehsil Social Welfare Officer, Shah Nawaz Ahmed also participated in the event and assisted in its smooth conduct.

During the distribution, a range of prosthetic and mobility aids were handed over to the beneficiaries, including wheelchairs, walkers, walking sticks,

hearing aids, elbow crutches, waist belts and knee braces. The presence of dedicated officers and volunteers ensured the event was conducted with dignity and efficiency.

At the conclusion of the camp, Niyaz Ahmad, Vice-President of the Handicapped Welfare Association, District Doda, conveyed his sincere gratitude to the Department of Social Welfare, ADC, Tehsildar, TSWO and the ALIMCO team for organizing the camp. He highlighted the positive impact of such initiatives in empowering the elderly and specially-abled individuals to lead more independent and fulfilling lives.

The event was marked by a spirit of care and inclusivity, reinforcing the collective resolve to build a more accessible, compassionate, and equitable society.

DC Udhampur reviews progress under TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan



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UDHAMPUR, JULY 9

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today chaired a meeting with officers of the Health Department to review the current status of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, with a focus on accelerating efforts towards a TB-free Udhampur.

The Chief Medical Officer Udhampur, Dr Anil Manhas, presented a comprehensive overview under the National TB Elimination Programme in the district through a PowerPoint presentation.

During the meeting, the DC also reviewed the implementation of the Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative, launched under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat

Abhiyan, aimed at providing additional support to TB patients and improving treatment outcomes.

The DC emphasized the need to further strengthen the efforts and directed all departments to work in close coordination to achieve the goal of a TB-free Udhampur. Highlighting the critical role of community involvement and inter-departmental cooperation, the DC instructed the Health Department to prioritize outreach to vulnerable and underserved populations, especially those residing in remote areas. She directed the department to carry out mapping of vulnerable groups, enhance diagnostic and treatment services and promote early detection through focused screening and testing drives.

Secretary DLSA Bandipora holds monthly review meeting with LADCs

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BANDIPORA, JULY 09

In order to assess the performance of Legal Aid Defence Counsels (LADCs) of district Bandipora, a monthly review meeting of LADCs was convened in the office chamber of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Bandipora.

The meeting aimed to ensure that the LADCs are meeting the standards of service delivery as well as to identify challenges faced by them, and to discuss strategies for improvement of their work profile in dispensation of justice.

The meeting was chaired by Sheikh Babar Hussain, Secretary, DLSA Bandipora and the chief LADC along



with his team participated in the said meeting.

Secretary DLSA, Bandipora reviewed their work done statements as per their job profile mentioned in LADC Modified Scheme, 2022.

Chief LADC presented the status of the cases assigned to them, including the number of cases sub-judice in the various courts, their disposal, and pendency. He submitted

that a total of 64 cases are with them out of which 35 cases are of Sessions Trial and 29 are of Magisterial Trial.

Secretary DLSA, Bandipora reviewed the case files and registers maintained by the LADCs and observed that they are attending their cases properly and are maintaining their respective registers for handling remand work, bail work, legal assistance provided

by them to the legal aid beneficiaries at pre-arrest, arrest and remand stage on daily basis.

Moreover, they have also maintained the relevant records regarding their visits paid to Police Stations and jails as per their job profile and also conducted awareness programmes as per calendar of activities issued by J&K LSA and direction of DLSA Bandipora.

Chief LADC brought several issues into the notice of the Secretary DLSA Bandipora and sought their redressal.

Secretary, DLSA Bandipora, assured the Chief LADC that he will take up the matter with the Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, for filling up the vacant posts of supporting staff at the earliest and extension of instant scheme to Peripheral courts.

It was resolved that the Legal Aid Defence Counsels shall ensure compliance with the resolutions adopted and Secretary, DLSA, Bandipora shall monitor the progress of the Legal Aid Defence Counsels and review their performance.

DC Kishtwar chairs DLC meeting regarding verification of PMAY (Urban) 2.0 beneficiary cases

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KISHTWAR, JULY 9

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma convened 2nd District Level Committee (DLC) meeting regarding Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- PMAY (Urban) 2.0 beneficiary verification in the district Kishtwar.

Out of 40 cases reviewed, 38 were rejected due to non-fulfillment of guidelines and eligibility criteria, while 2 cases are pending for title verification.

The DC directed Tehsildar Kishtwar to facilitate



the applicants of pending cases for expeditious disposal, emphasizing the importance of transparency and proper identification of eligible beneficiaries to ensure timely benefits reach deserving households.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Pawan Kotwal; Teh-

sildar, Nirbhay Sharma; DSWO Zubair Ahmed; Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal; Tehsildar HQ Sunali Rani besides concerned officers and officials.

The District Administration reaffirmed its commitment to the successful implementation of PMAY (Urban), aligning with the vision of "Housing for All."

EDITORIAL

Resounding reply to terror!

In the wake of terror, when shadows of fear attempt to dim the light of devotion, it is often faith that stands tall, undeterred. The ongoing Amarnath Yatra is a shining testament to that truth—a perfect reply to those who seek to divide and destroy. Just weeks after the cowardly terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 innocent lives, over one lakh pilgrims have completed the sacred journey to the Amarnath cave shrine within the first six days of the Yatra. This isn't just a statistic—it is a moral victory for every peace-loving citizen of India and a defiant message to the enemies of harmony: your bullets cannot silence belief. The annual Amarnath pilgrimage, flagged off on July 2 by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, has seen an overwhelming response this year, with more than 3.31 lakh devotees registered and more joining through on-the-spot registrations. Far from being deterred by threats, the number of pilgrims has surged, showing that the spiritual heartbeat of this nation remains strong, resilient, and unyielding. Despite the chilling memory of the April 22 attack in Pahalgam, the twin routes—Nunwan-Pahalgam and Baltal—are bustling with life, chants of “Har Har Mahadev,” and a resolve that no bullet can shatter. The robust security grid, involving the Indian Army, CRPF, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and high-tech surveillance tools like facial recognition and drone monitoring, has created an atmosphere of assurance. But beyond all these arrangements, it is the collective courage of the pilgrims that steals the spotlight. They are not just undertaking a religious trek; they are making a statement—loud and clear. Lieutenant Governor Sinha rightly termed the Yatra as a “journey of faith”, but it is also a journey of national spirit. When thousands brave the harsh Himalayan terrain, and potential threats, to reach the cave shrine at 3,880 meters, they symbolize more than devotion—they become torchbearers of a shared cultural legacy and a unified stand against terror. The administration's meticulous arrangements—from RFID tracking and medical posts every 2 kilometers to newly inaugurated yatri niwas facilities and over 125 community kitchens—reflect an unwavering commitment to both security and hospitality. But perhaps even more remarkable is the solidarity shown by the people of Kashmir, many of whom have come forward with warmth and generosity, offering food, shelter, and support. This local embrace underscores an oft-overlooked truth: the battle against extremism is not between religions, but between humanity and hate. In an age where terror often seeks to create ruptures in the social fabric, the Amarnath Yatra is stitching together something far more enduring—hope. With every pilgrim who completes the arduous climb, the fearmongers lose ground. With every chant that echoes through the Himalayas, the spirit of peace triumphs over violence. Let there be no doubt: this is not just a pilgrimage—it is a spiritual resistance. A reminder that India's soul cannot be hijacked by fear. A proof that faith, when armed with unity and courage, becomes invincible. As the Yatra progresses toward its culmination on August 9, let us celebrate not just the numbers, but the spirit behind them. This year's Amarnath Yatra is more than a religious event—it is a living, breathing answer to terror: we do not fear you, and we never will.

Crafting a New India: Rajnath Singh's Defence Doctrine



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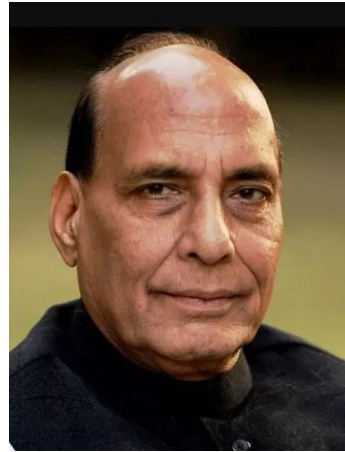
Rajnath Singh, a towering figure in Indian politics, stands as a symbol of unwavering nationalism, strategic foresight, and exceptional leadership. On the occasion of his 74th birthday, the nation reflects on the remarkable journey of a man whose simplicity, perseverance, and deep-rooted patriotism have left an indelible imprint on the political and defence landscape of India. As the country's Defence Minister, he has emerged as a steadfast architect of India's security framework, a driving force behind a self-reliant defence ecosystem, and a guardian of national interest.

His political life is a narrative of struggle steered by principles, where national interest has always triumphed over personal gain. Rajnath Singh's rise to prominence is not a product of mere circumstance but the outcome of years of tireless dedication and strategic insight. In

the transformative era of Amrit Kaal, he has elevated India's role in global defence by fostering indigenous capabilities and pushing India from being an importer to becoming an exporter of defence technologies. His leadership is a blend of vision and action—constructing a new India built on the foundations of self-reliance and robust defence preparedness.

At international forums, his clarity and conviction have redefined India's stance. In a bold move at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Qingdao, China, he refused to endorse the joint declaration, exposing Pakistan's duplicity on terrorism. This decisive act sent a strong signal to the global community that the new India, under leaders like Rajnath Singh, will not tolerate double standards or compromise on national security. The world is witnessing a resurgent India, confident and assertive, no longer willing to be subdued.

His contributions to the defence sector have been revolutionary. Under his stewardship, India has seen a significant push for indigenisation through policies like the Defence Production Policy. By imposing a ban on the import of over 100 defence items, he has prioritised domestic manufacturing and propelled the 'Make in India'



initiative to new heights. Indigenous fighter jets, cannons, and drone technologies are now at the forefront, and private industries have been encouraged to enter the defence sector, fostering partnerships with DRDO and other key institutions. His strategic vision in drone technology has not only fortified India's military capabilities but also expanded their use in agriculture, disaster relief, and traffic management through the Rs 2000 crore drone incentive package.

Rajnath Singh's unequivocal stand on Pakistan reflects the strength and clarity of his leadership. His assertion that dialogue is possible only after Pakistan ends its support to terrorism and acknowledges its culpability shows his firm resolve.

Moreover, his insistence that any talks would be centred solely on Pakistan Occupied Kashmir underscores India's renewed strategic confidence. His leadership strikes a fine balance between peace advocacy and preparedness for retaliation, making India's security doctrine both robust and flexible.

The recent 'Operation Sindoor', carried out in response to a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, exemplifies the changed dynamics of Indian military strategy—swift, aggressive, and self-reliant. The successful joint action of the Indian Air Force and Navy, utilising indigenous weapons and drones, demonstrated the practical success of his Atmanirbhar Bharat vision in defence. It marked a significant shift from reactive posturing to proactive deterrence. Rajnath Singh has rightly said, “Peace is only an illusion, we must be in a state of war-like readiness every moment.” This philosophy now defines India's strategic outlook.

His commitment to innovation in defence is reflected in initiatives like Innovation for Defence Excellence (IDEX) and the Technology Development Fund (TDF), both designed to harness youth talent and accelerate technological advancement. He has continually urged scientists and engineers to dominate emerging fields such as

artificial intelligence and quantum computing—areas crucial to future warfare and national security. His vision ensures that India is not just keeping pace with the global defence race but leading it.

From his early days in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad to holding the highest positions of power—Chief Minister, Party President, Home Minister, and now Defence Minister—Rajnath Singh's journey is a testimony to his organisational prowess, ideological commitment, and administrative innovation. His honesty, humility, and unflinching patriotism are rare traits that distinguish him as a leader of extraordinary calibre.

On this milestone of his 74th birthday, the nation does not merely celebrate an individual but honours a visionary whose life has fortified the spirit of India's defence ideology and self-reliance. Rajnath Singh's legacy is not only rooted in today's achievements but extends into the aspirations of tomorrow. His life will remain a beacon of inspiration for generations to come, reminding the nation that strong leadership, rooted in values and guided by vision, is the cornerstone of a safe, self-sufficient, and sovereign India.

Supercomputers and Artificial Intelligence Create Future Green Industries

VIJAY GARG

Supercomputers and artificial intelligence (AI) are indispensable tools for cooking up the next generation of advanced materials. Advanced computers allow scientists to rapidly design better alloys, chemical catalysts, and plastics using millions of potential candidates. Tomorrow's high-tech materials are being road-tested this way to cut down human trial and error.

Reshaping the world for a fossil fuel-free future means working quickly. Climate scientists say

emissions must peak by 2025 to minimize environmental damage. And by designing computational materials together with manufacturers who can build and test them quickly, science could rapidly develop technologies like more powerful solar cells and car batteries.

Michael is the name of a supercomputer dedicated to just one task - discovering the ultimate battery system. Researchers at University College London will use Michael (named after renowned physicist and chemist Michael Faraday) to digitally build and test prototypes in every new material and type of

cell possible to improve battery life, performance, and price.

Finding a resilient design for solid-state batteries would be a huge breakthrough for electric vehicles and energy storage. Lighter, longer-lasting, and cheaper solid-state technology could vastly improve vehicle range and charging times. And the energy from solar and wind power could be more efficiently stored until ready for use.

Scientists working in the US and UK led the way in the 1970s in developing the lithium-ion battery used in today's electric cars, laptops, and camer-

as. But commercial units were only developed once Japanese electronics giant Sony pushed the technology forward in 1991 for mass production.

Partnerships between companies and universities could ultimately crack solid-state battery design. Startup Britishvolt, chemicals company Johnson Matthey, and Oxford University are part of a seven-strong consortium looking to win the international race to create a durable product. But they are only one among many.

Replacing liquid or polymer electrolytes used in lithium-ion batteries, often prone to overheat-

ing, with a solid conductor like ceramic, may take some large number crunching. Electric vehicle makers Mercedes-Benz are working with IBM and its quantum computers to find successful designs that might include cheap and plentiful materials found in seawater.

Nissan is partnering with NASA to open a solid-state battery plant in 2024 that uses no rare or expensive metals. The plan is to create a large database of materials that can be mixed and matched for the best combinations.

But computational materials may be needed in virtually every industry.

And by rapidly classifying millions of substances on their ability to conduct electricity, their toughness, or the way they reflect light, AI and supercomputers can speed up the process of creating materials for just about anything.

Duke University researchers have successfully used supercomputers to design two new magnetic materials from a list of more than 200,000 substances. One is useful for making hard drives and computer memory, and another uses no rare earth metals and can operate at high temperatures.

The business of conversion: Foreign funding and conspiracy of social disintegration

DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

Religion is the soul of any society, but when the use of religion turns into a 'business', then the question is not just of faith but of the security of the nation, social harmony and moral values. A big conversion racket exposed by the ATS in Uttar Pradesh has brought this horrifying truth in front of us. Allegedly led by "Chhangru Baba" alias Jamsheduddin, this gang was not only converting innocent people, but there was also a systematic network, foreign funding and caste-based targeting behind it.

The way the modus operandi of this racket has come to light, it reveals conversion as a well-planned business. This was not a decision of personal faith, but a mission run by foreign money - in which religion, caste, women and society were treated as a commodity. According to the FIR and investigation report, there was a proper 'rate card' for conversion. The rate of conversion for upper caste girls was up to Rs 15-16 lakh, while for other

girls it was Rs 8-10 lakh. Imagine, when religion also starts being evaluated on the basis of caste and gender, to what level it becomes a symbol of degradation.

The report states that this racket had 40 bank accounts in which more than Rs 100 crore was sent from abroad. On whose instructions was this money sent, for what purposes, and from which countries - these questions are not just of the investigating agencies but of the entire country. Was it only for conversion or is there some other big global, political or ideological conspiracy hidden behind it?

Social media was used extensively in the modus operandi of this racket. Weaker sections were lured by making fake videos, motivational speeches, 'relief' received by accepting Islam' viral. First they were mentally influenced, then financial inducements were given and finally forced conversion. This is like psychological warfare - where the brain is won first, then the body. And the saddest

thing is that it was given the name of religion.

In this case, the conversion of an entire family from Balrampur district has been confirmed. There, women and children were targeted and forced to convert. This is not an exception, but part of the same pattern - in which rural, uneducated and economically backward communities are targeted. This is the exploitation of social inequality. When the state, society and administration are unable to protect these families, such gangs spread their web.

The most dangerous aspect of this racket was caste-based pricing. More money was paid for converting girls from higher castes. This means that conversion has become a tool not just for religion but also for breaking the caste-social structure. This is not only a ploy to weaken Hindu society but also a strategy to disintegrate the nation internally.

The so-called secular intellectuals are silent on this issue. The same class that cries for 'secularism', talks about the 'soul of the Constitution', has

become mute today. Why? Has conversion also been considered freedom of expression? Isn't it a violation of human rights to forcefully change the religion of a poor, Dalit, woman or tribal? If someone objects to a Dalit entering a temple, then there is hue and cry, but when the same Dalit is forced to convert for money, then no one speaks. This silence itself is a crime.

It is also worth noting that political parties often do not react openly on such matters due to vote bank politics. Such anti-national acts are ignored in the name of 'sensitivity' of minorities. The question is, has the integrity and social harmony of the country become smaller than the vote bank? If any Hindu organization talks about stopping conversions, it is called fundamentalist, but when foreign money comes in the name of conversion and breaks the society, everyone becomes silent.

This is not an isolated case. There are gangs active in various parts of the country who are converting people by taking advantage of social weakness,

economic compulsion and lack of education. To deal with this, anti-conversion laws should be strengthened. Digital tracking mechanism should be strengthened to monitor foreign funding. There should be a system for rehabilitation and psychological counseling of the affected families. It is important to make the society self-reliant and aware through education and employment.

Religion is a matter of the soul, making it a tool for bargaining is not only a crime but also an insult to humanity. When conversion is done out of individual consciousness but out of greed, fear or deceit, then it is not religion but exploitation. It is important for us to identify these organized crimes going on under the guise of conversion, oppose them and make organized efforts to save the society from such activities. Do not sell or buy religion - rather understand, assimilate and protect its dignity.

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Loneliness: 1 in 6 people worldwide affected, 100 deaths every hour: WHO

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Nearly 17 per cent or one in six people worldwide is affected by loneliness, and the condition was linked to an estimated 100 deaths every hour -- more than 8,71,000 deaths annually between 2014 and 2023, according to a new report by the World Health Organization (WHO) on Tuesday.

The report showed that while loneliness has significant impacts on health and well-being, strong social connections can lead to better health and longer life. Buy vitamins and supplements

The WHO defines loneliness as the painful feeling that arises from a gap between desired and actual social connections, while social isolation refers to the objective lack of sufficient social connections.

On the other hand, social connection is the



way people relate to and interact with others.

The report noted that the highest rate of loneliness was reported among adolescents and young adults (20.9 per cent among 13-17-year-olds and 17.4 per cent among 18-29-year-olds).

The feeling of being lonely was also more common in low-income countries, where nearly one in four people (24 per cent) report feeling lonely.

The highest rates are found in the WHO African Region (24 per cent

-- twice the rate in high-income countries (about 11 per cent).

Loneliness was also reported from the Eastern Mediterranean (21 per cent), and the South-East Asia (18 per cent) regions. However, the European Region has the lowest rate, at about 10 per cent.

"In this age when the possibilities to connect are endless, more and more people are finding themselves isolated and lonely," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

"Apart from the toll it takes on individuals, families, and communities, left unaddressed, loneliness and social isolation will continue to cost society billions in terms of health care, education, and employment," he added. Buy vitamins and supplements

While data on social isolation is more limited, it is estimated to affect up to 1 in 3 older adults and 1 in 4 adolescents, the report said.

According to the report, poor health, low income and education, living alone, inadequate community infrastructure and public policies, and digital technologies are the major reasons for loneliness.

The report underscores the need for vigilance around the effects of excessive screen time or negative online interactions on the mental health and well-being of young people. Buy vitamins and supplements

Mental health support key for burn survivors to tackle stigma and discrimination: Study

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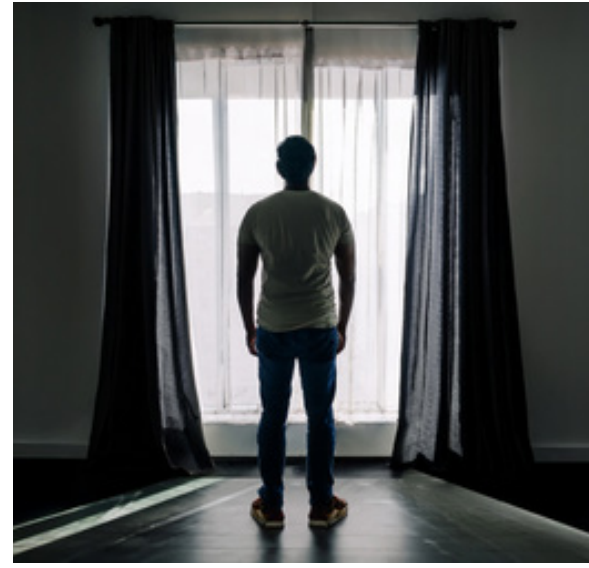
Providing mental health support is essential for burn survivors to help them tackle the stigma and discrimination, according to a study.

While survival rates among burn patients have increased with better medical care, they are subjected to stigma and discrimination in hospitals and healthcare settings, said the researchers.

The study, based in Uttar Pradesh, found that institutional neglect, under-resourced facilities, overburdened staff, and systemic failures are some reasons for burns patients receiving discriminatory and low quality of care.

It can result in emotional, physical, and psychological damage, particularly for patients with visible disfigurements or disability and those from underprivileged backgrounds.

"Burn survivors, par-



ticularly women and poor people receive blame and isolation and face neglect in hospitals. At the same time, overworked and under-supported healthcare staff struggle with burnout, which can lead to unintentional but harmful behaviour towards patients," said Pratishtha Singh, The George Institute for Global Health.

"Addressing both

patient experiences and system challenges is key to building compassionate and fair burn care," Singh added.

Burns is a major public health problem. Worldwide, there are about 180,000 deaths each year, with the greatest burden in low- and middle-income countries.

India contributes to the largest burden approxi-

mately 2.1 million burn injuries, 25,000 deaths, and more than 1.4 million disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) annually.

The research, published in the peer-reviewed journal Burns, also proposed a set of policy and practice recommendations to address these gaps.

The recommendations include introducing structured training and counselling for healthcare providers on burns-related stigma, patient-centred care, and mental health support; updating medical and nursing curricula on aspects of burn recovery.

The team also suggested strengthening hospital-based support systems including mental health services and rehabilitation pathways, especially in public facilities; and to develop and implement anti-discrimination policies by engaging multiple stakeholders, including government departments, legal aid services, and civil society.

Indian pharma exports strong at \$4.9 billion in April-May, says Pharmexcil

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Pharmaceutical exports in India stood strong at \$4.9 billion in April-May FY26, according to the latest update by the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil).

Pharmexcil is an authorised export promotion agency under the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

The data showed that the sector has made a 7.38 per cent expansion compared with the same period last year. This indicates that the industry is continuing with its upward trajectory and marking a significant presence globally.

This growth is due to "strategic initiatives focused on sustainable manufacturing, expanded global market presence, and digital innovation," Pharmexcil said, adding



that the efforts may bolster India's ambitious goal of achieving a trillion-dollar trade target for its pharma industry.

"India's pharmaceutical exports continue to demonstrate a steady year-over-year growth, with drug formulations and biologicals continuing to dominate the export category," Namit Joshi, chairman of Pharmexcil, was quoted as saying in a media report.

"We attribute this growth to rising global demand, streamlined regulatory approvals, techno-

logical innovations, strategic partnerships, and economic stability," Joshi added.

Notably, formulations and biologicals accounted for 75.74 per cent of the total of the pharma exports. Bulk drugs and drug intermediates also expanded by 4.40 per cent in May.

Vaccine exports saw a 13.64 per cent increase and reached \$190.13 million, while surgical items (up 8.58 per cent) and Ayush and herbal products (up 7.36 per cent) also saw healthy growth.

According to Pharmexcil, about 76 per cent of India's pharmaceutical export destinations include the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) region, as well as Europe, Africa, and Latin America.

However, the US remains the top destination. In May, exports to the country were valued at \$1.7 billion in May -- representing 34.5 per cent of total pharma exports and a 1.5 per cent expansion.

While Europe and Africa saw moderate growth, the ASEAN region emerged as a newly contracted area.

According to Joshi, the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) discussions showed it will significantly enhance supply chains and improve access to affordable medicines. It will also attract foreign direct investment, particularly in contract development and manufacturing (CDMO) and joint research.

Policy reforms key to boost global equity in organ transplantation: Lancet

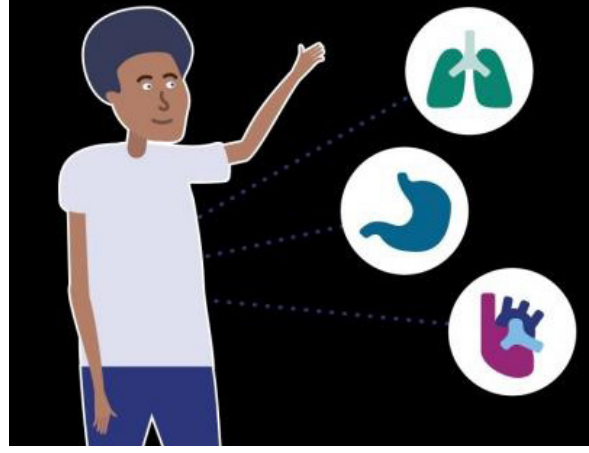
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Policy changes are crucial to ensure equitable access to life-saving organ transplants for underserved and marginalised populations, according to a global study led by international researchers, including from India.

While solid organ transplantation has improved globally, many patients, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), struggle to access these services.

The research, part of The Lancet's series promoting equitable access to life-saving organ transplantation treatments, highlights critical disparities in access to life-saving transplants, underscoring the need for equitable solutions across low- and middle-income countries.

It noted that advancements in organ preservation and improvements in



immunosuppression have led to improvements in solid organ transplantation worldwide, but access remains a key concern for underserved and marginalised populations.

The study outlined a policy agenda to address disparities in access to transplantation and post-transplant care. These disparities are not just local issues, but global challenges that affect the lives of many.

"As we strive to advance global health, we must prioritise public investment and accountability, ensuring that innovative treatments are accessible to all, regardless of socio-economic status," said Dr. Vivekanand Jha, co-author and Executive Director, The George Institute for Global Health India. Buy vitamins and supplements

Despite organ transplantation being a cost-effective therapy, chal-

lenges include a low donor pool and limited immunosuppressive medication resources.

While high-income countries, such as the US, Spain, and South Korea, report over 100 transplants per million annually, many regions in Africa, Asia, and South America remain below 20 per million. The paper categorised India among countries with multiple transplant centres but facing significant challenges with funding and prioritisation.

"India faces challenges in public investment and care coordination despite existing frameworks," revealed the study.

It further showed that in the country most transplants occur in private hospitals that are concentrated in urban areas, with no comprehensive national policy covering transplantation costs, despite available free dialysis in many states.

Australian scientists discover proteins that could help fight cancer, slow ageing

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A team of Australian scientists has identified a group of proteins that could transform approaches to treating cancer and age-related diseases.

Researchers at the Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) in Sydney discovered that these proteins play a crucial role in controlling telomerase -- an enzyme responsible for protecting DNA during cell division, Xinhua news agency reported.

The breakthrough clarifies how telomerase both supports healthy ageing and fuels cancer cell growth, highlighting new possibilities for treatments that slow ageing or stop cancer by targeting these newly identified proteins, the team said. Buy vitamins and supplements

Telomerase helps maintain the ends of chromosomes, known as telomeres, which are vital for genetic stability.



Telomerase adds DNA to the ends of chromosomes (telomeres) to protect them from damage.

While telomerase is essential for the health of stem cells and certain immune cells, cancer cells often exploit this enzyme to grow uncontrollably.

CMRI Researchers have now identified a new set of proteins that play a vital role in controlling this enzyme.

In the paper published in the journal Nature Communications, the team highlighted that three proteins -- NONO, SFPQ,

and PSPCI -- guide telomerase to chromosome ends; disrupting them in cancer cells prevents telomere maintenance, potentially stopping cancer cell growth.

"Our findings show that these proteins act like molecular traffic controllers, making sure telomerase reaches the right destination inside the cell," said Alexander Sobinoff, the lead author of the study.

"Without these proteins, telomerase can't properly maintain telomeres, a finding which has significant implications for healthy aging and cancer progression," Sobinoff added.

Hilda Pickett, head of CMRI's Telomere Length Regulation Unit and the study's senior author, noted that understanding how telomerase is controlled opens new possibilities for developing treatments targeting cancer, ageing, and genetic disorders linked to telomere dysfunction. Buy vitamins and supplements

Study finds genetic mutation responsible for making humans more prone to cancer

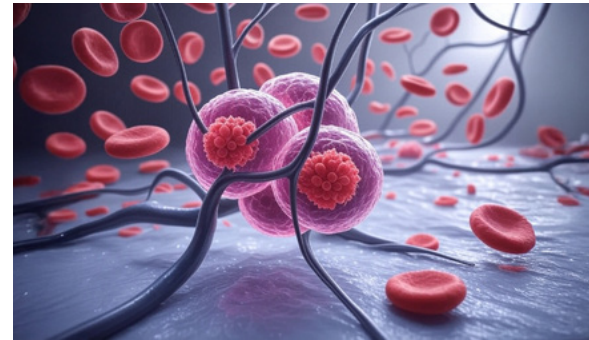
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A team of US researchers has identified a genetic mutation that increased the risk of humans getting cancer, paving the way for new treatments for the deadly disease.

Researchers from the University of California Davis, US, explain why certain immune cells in humans are less effective at fighting solid tumours compared to non-human primates.

The study, published in the journal Nature Communications, revealed a tiny genetic difference in an immune protein called Fas Ligand (FasL) between humans and non-human primates.

This genetic mutation makes the FasL protein vulnerable to being disabled by plasmin -- a tumour-associated enzyme. This vulnerability seems unique to humans and is not found in non-human primates, such as chimpanzees.



"The evolutionary mutation in FasL may have contributed to the larger brain size in humans," said Jogender Tushir-Singh, Associate Professor in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology.

"But in the context of cancer, it was an unfavorable tradeoff because the mutation gives certain tumours a way to disarm parts of our immune system," Tushir-Singh added.

FasL is an immune cell membrane protein that triggers a programmed cell death called apoptosis. Activated immune cells,

including CAR-T cells made from a patient's immune system, use apoptosis to kill cancer cells.

The UC Davis team discovered that in human genes, a single evolutionary amino acid change -- serine instead of proline at position 153 -- makes FasL more susceptible to being cut and inactivated by plasmin.

Plasmin is a protease enzyme that is often elevated in aggressive solid tumours like triple-negative breast cancer, colon cancer, and ovarian cancer.

This means that even when human immune cells are activated and

ready to attack the tumor cells, one of their key death weapons -- FasL -- can be neutralised by the tumour environment, reducing the effectiveness of immunotherapies.

The findings may help explain why CAR-T and T-cell-based therapies can be effective in blood cancers but often fall short in solid tumours. Blood cancers often do not rely on plasmin to metastasize, whereas tumors like ovarian cancer rely heavily on plasmin to spread the cancer.

Significantly, the study also showed that blocking plasmin or shielding FasL from cleavage can restore its cancer-killing power. That finding may open new doors for improving cancer immunotherapy.

By combining current treatments with plasmin inhibitors or specially designed antibodies that protect FasL, scientists may be able to boost immune responses in patients with solid tumours.

Grievance redressal must go beyond disposal to ensure citizen's satisfaction, Says Dr. Jitendra Singh

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh today called for a fundamental shift in the way public grievances are handled, emphasizing that grievance redressal must go beyond disposal to ensure citizen's satisfaction.

The Minister said, grievance redressal ought to be a tool for systemic reform and ease of living.

Addressing the National Workshop on "Effective Redressal of Public Grievances, NextGen CPGRAMS and Progress Review," Dr. Jitendra Singh said the government must treat grievances as opportunities to identify flaws in policies

and administrative rules.

Tracing the evolution of grievance redressal in India, the Minister recalled how, in 2014, only about two lakh grievances were filed annually, and many government websites created for this purpose remained unused. "Today, more than 26 lakh grievances are filed every year. This reflects a transformation in public trust and the system's responsiveness," he said, crediting the shift to the government's push for citizen-centric digital governance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Dr. Jitendra Singh described grievance redressal as integral to the Prime Minister's vision of "Maximum Governance, Minimum Government," stressing that accountability, transparency, and timely feedback were key to achieving "ease of living" for citizens. Recounting personal interventions,



he said he and senior officials had made random calls to citizens on Friday evenings to gauge satisfaction. "We tried to reconnect with people who had become disengaged from the system," he said.

The Minister also highlighted innovative efforts like setting up a human interface after grievance disposal—where trained personnel call complainants to assess satisfaction levels—and the identification of recurring grievance patterns to flag deeper policy issues. "If a complaint is coming from different parts of the country, it is time to question the underlying rules or procedures," he remarked,

noting that over 1,600 obsolete rules had already been scrapped as part of a systemic clean-up.

Adding a broader institutional context to the workshop, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Shri V. Srinivas, said the government had made major strides in technology adoption and procedural reforms through CPGRAMS 7.0. "Grievance redressal time is now down to 15 days, and citizen satisfaction levels have touched 62%. Over 1.15 crore grievances have been redressed between 2019 and 2025," he said. The CPGRAMS platform, now linked with

all Central Ministries, State Governments, and 23 Administrative Training Institutes, has also received international recognition from the Commonwealth Secretariat and the IBM Centre for Excellence.

Dr. Jitendra Singh reiterated that the goal of governance is to create a framework where citizens can seek happiness without harming other fellow citizens, and that public service delivery must reflect this principle. "You don't have to define happiness, but governance must ensure it is possible without infringing on fellow citizens. That's our job," he said.

The Minister also acknowledged the growing global interest in India's grievance redressal model, with countries like Bangladesh, Maldives, and South Africa sending delegations to study CPGRAMS and related initiatives such as the Digital Life Certificate

system. He urged for more frequent engagements beyond the annual workshop, citing the availability of new digital meeting infrastructure.

The workshop, held at the Indian Institute of Public Administration's iconic T N Chaturvedi Hall, was attended by senior bureaucrats from across India, including Secretaries, Chief Secretaries, training institute heads, and grievance officers. Organized by the DARPG, it marked a continued push to make governance more accountable, data-driven, and citizen-first.

The national workshop witnessed participation from several key officials and experts including Shri K. Padmanabhaiah, Chairman, ASCI; Professor Avanish Kumar, Dean, School of Public Policy & Governance; and senior administrators from Central Ministries and State Governments.

IGP Jammu chairs review meeting on implementation of New Criminal Laws

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Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jammu Zone, Shri Bhim Sen Tuti, IPS, chaired a review meeting at Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu to review the implementation of the newly enacted criminal laws, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA). Present at the meeting, both in person and virtually were all Range DisG; District SSSP; and CPO and Sr PO, ZPHQ Jammu.

The IGP stressed the importance of a smooth and uniform rollout of the new legal framework and directed all districts to step up capacity building of SHOs, IOs, and court staff. Officers were instructed to conduct awareness drives for legal and field units, ensure procedural compliance,

and maintain performance dashboards for regular monitoring.

Highlighting key provisions, IGP noted that the reforms focus on victim-centric justice, speedy investigations, and digital transparency. He emphasized on the liberal use of provisions and tools such as e-FIR, e-Summons and e-Sakshya. Officers were briefed on the correct application of BNSS provisions, including 60/90-day charge sheet deadlines, property restoration under Section 107, and Trial in Absentia provisions under Section 356.

District-wise performance metrics were also reviewed. Ramban, Kishtwar, and Udhampur showed commendable adherence to charge sheet timelines, while Kishtwar recorded 100% compliance in FSL visit mandated for cases punishable over 7 years.

Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat appoints R.S. Chib as State Office President

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The Working Committee of the Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat (ABGP) held a meeting on 9th July, during which Sh. R.S. Chib was appointed as the State Office President of the organization.

In his new role, Sh. Chib will be available at the ABGP Office, Kargil Sahaghar, Ambphala every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to attend to consumer complaints and grievances. This initiative aims to provide a regular and accessible channel for consumers seeking assistance with issues related to goods or services.

State President Sh. Thakur Das Sharma, Organising Secretary Sh. Rajeev Bhardwaj, Vibhag President Sh. Manish



Sabharwal, State Vice-President Sh. Purshotam Abrol, State Media Incharge Sh. S.K. Mishra, State Mahila Pramukh Smt. Vandana Trehan, State Pryavaran Pramukh Sh. Deepak Jandial, State Executive Member Smt. Pooja Abrol, State Employment Generation Heads Sh. Satish Sharma and Smt. Sakina Bano, Organizer Raghunath District Smt. Kamaljeet Kour were

present at the meeting and nominated and complimented Sh. R.S. Chib in his new role.

All citizens facing consumer-related problems are encouraged to approach Sh. R.S. Chib at the designated venue and time to seek help and resolution. ABGP remains committed to protecting consumer rights and ensuring timely redressal of grievances.

Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shakshik Mahasangh celebrates Guru Purnima at Agriculture University, Jammu

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In honor of Guru Purnima, the Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shakshik Mahasangh (ABRSM), Agriculture University Jammu unit, organized a heartfelt program to celebrate the birth anniversary of Sage Vyasa, revered as one of the greatest Gurus in Indian culture.

The event saw prominent personalities from the educational and cultural sectors coming together to honor the role of teachers and gurus in shaping individual lives and society.

Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, the Guest of Honor, delivered an insightful address highlighting the significance of Guru Purnima. He explained that the word Guru in Sanskrit

means "the one who removes darkness" and emphasized how gurus illuminate our paths with knowledge, wisdom, and guidance. Dr. Singh pointed out that Guru Purnima, celebrated on the full moon day of Ashadha, is not only a tribute to Sage Vyasa, but also a day for all disciples to express their gratitude for the invaluable teachings imparted by their mentors. "On this sacred day, let us strive to embody the virtues and wisdom imparted by our Gurus," he said.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Jaspal Singh Warwal, in his address, resonated with the importance of this day, describing the Guru as the remover of ignorance, much like the moon dispels the darkness. He emphasized that Guru Purnima is cel-



brated across Buddhism, Jainism, and Hinduism, marking a day of reverence for teachers who impart wisdom and guide their students. "Gurus are like candles, burning themselves to light the way for others," Dr. Warwal shared. He urged the gathering to honor their gurus, not just on this special day but every day, by following their teachings and acknowledging their sac-

rifices.

Dr. Amit Jasrota, President of the Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shakshik Mahasangh, Agriculture University Jammu, welcomed the participants and shed light on the evolving role of teachers in modern society. He stressed that teachers continue to be the cornerstone of knowledge, growth, and character development in an ever-changing world.

Dr. Gurdev Chand, General Secretary of the Mahasangh, presented the vote of thanks, expressing his gratitude to the esteemed speakers, participants, and organizers who made the event a success.

The event was attended by faculty members, students, and guests, with notable participation from Devraj Thakur, National Joint Secretary of ABRSM (Incharge Higher Education, Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh). A series of speeches and cultural programs were also held to further commemorate the spirit of Guru Purnima.

Guru Purnima remains a timeless celebration of knowledge and respect, reminding us all of the powerful impact that a dedicated teacher or guru can have on shaping a better society.

Two Annual Training Camps concluded at NCC Training Academy, Nagrota

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First time, post Operation SINDOOR in which the normal life of general public including NCC Cadets was immensely impacted, 5 J&K Battalion NCC of Poonch recently conducted two eventful Annual Training Camps of ten days each for 1000 NCC Cadets of Poonch and Rajpuri Districts at NCC Training Academy, Nagrota, Parasailing for 125 NCC Cadets at Suchetgarh, Adventure Trek for 400 NCC Cadets to Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh and a preparatory cadre for 75 Ex NCC Cadets of Agniveer and Police entry aspirants. Many eminent personalities visited the Annual Training Camp and motivated and guided the NCC Cadets. Maj Gen Anupinder Bevil, VSM, ADG NCC Directorate JK&L was amongst the first to visit the NCC Cadets and infuse fresh blood in the budding young generation. During his visit he talked and laid emphasis on new learning, instil discipline to achieve goals of life and training to shape as per individual aims. The audience was truly amazed and rejuvenated to keep going, work

harder and become the icons of the country. Brig Pranav Mishra, DDC, JK&L Dte & Brig DN Pandey, Group Commander of NCC Jammu Group keenly interacted with the NCC Cadets and guided them to engage in multi-directional approach towards leading a good and successful life. Engineer Chanddeep Singh, the first Indian Para Champion at National & International level inspired the NCC Cadets by narrating his challenging life's story and what qualities made him what he is today. The NCC Cadets were at the top of the world to hear what a human is capable to achieve when he or she decides to follow the path of a disciplined goal achiever. RJ Juhie of 92.7 Big FM organised a panel discussion and interaction with the NCC Cadets on UNFOLLOW DRUGS - Say No to Drugs. Shri Joginder Singh, JKPS, SSP Jammu, Ms Pallavi Singh, Director, Programmes JKSPYM, SLCA, J&K, Shri Rohit Abrol, Project Manager, TIPID and Dr Vinay Kumar, Deptt of Social Work, CU, Jammu were the eminent visitors and participants. The NCC Cadets were impacted to never ever think of touching drugs for fun



and maintain only good friends in life who would not derail anyone of them. Sqn Ldr Poonam Yadav, the Vice Principal of Sainik School Nagrota educated the NCC Cadets on the various opportunities to join the Indian Air Force. She inspired the NCC audience with her own special achievements of her career. SKY is the LIMIT was the theme of her talk. The NCC EVEREST GIRL of Ladakh, the amazing Junior Under Officer Miss Abida Afreen with a personal feat of the summit of the 8848 Meters world's highest peak visited the NCC Cadets and shared her journeys key take away points during her preparation. She emphasised NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. The talk sparked 11000 KVA current in the motivation of NCC Cadets. Mrs Surbhi Kohli Bamba, a Life Skill Coach guided the NCC

Cadets with innovative and extremely effective ways of thinking and modifying the life and thought process to achieve the greatest heights. The NCC Cadets were also introduced to live training on Drones by Lt Col Tajinder Sharma. 125 NCC Boys and Girls experienced the adventures of Parasailing near the Indian BoP Suchetgarh, RS Pura, just a stone's throw from the international border with Pakistan. It was a lifetime thrill of flying in the air. This adventure not only boosted their confidence but also aimed to dispel fears and build mental resilience. The activity underscored the importance of physical fitness, risk-taking and discipline, fostering a sense of achievement that will resonate throughout their lives. 400 NCC Cadets were launched from NCC Training Academy in

three batches for Trekking Adventure to Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh. The participants trekked each day, visited places of natural beauty, mountains, historical monuments, war memorial, international cricket stadium, ancient religious places, waterfalls and Tea Garden. The NCC Cadets fired from .22 Rifles, played many sports & games, took practical classes on various NCC subjects, health & hygiene, fire-fighting drills, cyber security, self-defence, perfected skills of piloting, military drill & parade, negotiated the Obstacle Course, did YOGA coinciding with the 11th International YOGA Day, physical Training, tent pitching, cultural dance & songs, trekked to Trikuta, witnessed the parade at BoP Suchetgarh, community living and unlimited fun and frolic during the training making new friends for life. Maj Gen Anupinder Bevil met one of the returning trek group of 127 NCC Cadets from Dharamshala and took feedback from the participants. The General Officer inspired them with his insights of developing the NCC Cadets by multipurpose activities organised by the NCC in

the UT of J&K and Ladakh. He also checked on the progress made by the 20 NCC participants in the forthcoming IDSSC 2025 and guided them. During his visit, the General Officer had informal chat with the NCC Cadets while himself standing in the queue for getting lunch and eating with them in the Messing facility area. Such initiatives opens up the lines of communication and feedback system with the leader, leading to efficient result oriented organisational efforts in progressing various NCC activities tailor made for the budding NCC generation. The General Officer guided and appreciated the never ending endeavours of the team of Col Naresh Kaushik, Lt Col Sachin Phogat, JCOs, PI Staff, Associate NCC Officers, Clerical, support staff and noteworthy contribution of Sub Nok Singh, Hav Jarnail Singh, Hav Mohd Iqbal, ANO Kajal Sharma & ANO Kuldeep Chander Sharma of the Poonch NCC Battalion for being the torch bearers of the NCC Cadets and the citizens of the remote border areas of Poonch and Rajouri.

ABVP Jammu Kashmir Contributes Rs 1,21,000 to CM Relief Fund on its 77th Foundation Day



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ABVP Jammu Kashmir submitted Rs 1,21,000 to the CM Relief Fund through Divisional Commissioner on its 77th Foundation Day. Fund collected to support individuals affected by shelling during Indo-Pakistan border tensions.

Sannak Shrivats, State Secretary, ABVP Jammu Kashmir stated that, "ABVP's 77th Foundation Day, ABVP Jammu Kashmir donated Rs 1,21,000 to the CM Relief Fund, as part of our 'Rahat Kosh' Abhiyan. ABVP collected this Fund statewide by ABVP Karyakartas across all organizational districts, nagar and colleges universities and market

This fund aims to provide relief and assistance to individuals affected by shelling and border tensions, and support their recovery and rehabilitation.

Mega donation drive of

Rs 1,21,000 was submitted to the CM Relief Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide relief and assistance to individuals affected by shelling and border tensions between Bharat and Pakistan. This Fund will utilize the welfare of shelling affected individuals and families, supporting their recovery and rehabilitation.

ABVP Karyakartas statewide collected the fund from various sources, including marketplaces, college students, and university students.

In this delegation Sannak Shrivats (State Secretary ABVP Jammu Kashmir), Tilak Thakur (State Organising Secretary) Akshi Billowria (CWC Member), Harish Sharma (Mahanagar Secretary), Abhay Pratap Singh (Mahanagar Joint Secretary), Sahil ji (Mahanagar Org Secretary) were also present

Pays floral tributes to Youth leader Rohit Kerni on his 5th death anniversary

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Ajay Kumar Sadhotra former minister and Additional General Secretary JKNC recalled Rohit Kerni's commitment towards strengthening the party at the grassroots level and his unwavering devotion to public welfare. He also highlighted his selfless service, honesty, and dedication towards the party's mission. He recalled his efforts in engaging with youth on key issues and empowering them to take an active role in politics.



leader said that the objective of SRO-43 is to provide immediate relief and support to the families of government employees or civilians who lost their lives in service or due to militancy-related actions. "It is highly unfortunate that the families who are already suffering the trauma of losing their loved ones are being made to wait for years due to official apathy," he stated.

Highlighting the alarming statistics, Rattan Lal pointed out that as many as 928 cases under SRO-43 remain pending. He said that no serious thrust has been given in the past decade to resolve these long-pending files, which defeats the very purpose of compassionate appointments.

to carry forward his mission and uphold the values he stood for in public life. Sadhotra also reiterated the demand of Statehood for J&K because dual power system will neither be beneficial to J&K nor to the country.

Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), has strongly urged the Government to

expedite the long-pending cases under SRO-43 (Compassionate Appointment) scheme across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Provincial President was speaking after paying floral tributes to Rohit Kerni, Youth NC leader on his fifth death anniversary at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan in Jammu.

Expressing serious concern over the inordinate delay, the senior NC

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION REASI Mail ID:- xenpwrdrandbreasi@gmail.com CORRIGENDUM

The Corrigendum issued by this office vide No: - 2445-49 Dated: -01-07-2025 & vide this office No: - 2450-51 Dated: - 01-07-2025 in context of the e-NIT No:- 20 of 2025-26 Dated:- 19-06-2025 & e-NIT No : 22 of 2025-26 Dated:- 21-06-2025 shall be treated as withdrawn ab-initio.

No:- 2562-66
Dated: 07/07/2025
DIP/J-3240/25
Date: 9-7-25

Sd/-
(Er. Pawan Kumar Bogia)
Executive Engineer
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TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 08-07-2025, 1600 hrs. to 09-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 03 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather.
- Commuters belonging to Reasi, Katra, Udhampur, Patnitop, Doda and Ramban town are requested to keep their photo ID card to prove their identification after cut off timing from Jammu/Udhampur so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- Passengers/LMVs operators are advised to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW during day time due to apprehension of shooting stones between Ramban and Banihal.
- Goods carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable/live stock are advised to load their vehicle as per advisory issued by Traffic Police Headquarters time to time as there is single lane traffic and poor condition of road at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather on Jammu Srinagar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable from Valley towards Jammu are advised to load and park their vehicle timely (every morning before 9.00 am at designated place between NAVYUG Tunnel and Levdoora) so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- HVMs Operators/Owners are requested to desist from overloading and carry sufficient fuel during journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. It is further requested that vehicle owners must double check the fitness of their vehicles and carry sufficient fuel before undertaking journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- HVMs with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary haltage between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 10-07-2025:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions SANJY Convoy /LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44) viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa. However, HMVs shall be allowed on alternate days. TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing this traffic.

SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA 2025

Please refer to Yatra Advisory No. 01 dated 27-06-2025

CUT OFF TIMINGS FOR LMVs/PASSENGER/PRIVATE CARS: -

To be released from:-

- Nagrota (Jammu) towards Srinagar: from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
- Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar: from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs &
- Qazigund towards Jammu: from 1130 hrs to 1400 hrs.

TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings. No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings.

HVMs/Load Carriers:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HVMs shall be allowed from Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44 and no HMV shall be allowed after 1900 hrs . TCU Udhampur shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HVMs.

Moreover, in view of ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025, to provide hassle free movement of trucks carrying fresh/perishable goods on NH-44. UT administration has decided, all tankers of Petrol, Diesel, LPG bulk gas, all trucks carrying empty LPG Cylinders; all empty vehicles of FCI; any other vehicle loaded/empty upto 10-tyres shall use only Mughal Road while returning to Jammu, as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025

Kishtwar- Sinthan- Anantnag NH-244:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, LMVs/HPSVs shall be allowed from both sides viz from Anantnag towards Kishtwar and vice- versa on Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road. These vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantnag from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishtwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. No HMV other than designated HPSVs shall be allowed as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

SSG ROAD

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, (after getting green signal from the BRO) traffic movement shall be allowed on regulated manner on Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari road. LMVs followed by HVMs shall be allowed from Minamarg towards Srinagar at 0500 hrs. to 1000 hrs. Similarly, LMVs followed by HVMs shall be allowed from Sonamarg towards Kargil at 1130 hrs to 1730 hrs. No vehicle shall be allowed after cut off timing.

SFs Convoy, plying from Srinagar to Kargil and vice versa shall plan their movement in such a manner so that Yatra convoys (both UP and DOWN) don't get disturbed.

Mughal Road:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from Road maintenance agencies (GREF). LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Mughal road viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa via Poonch. However, HVMs (upto ten tyres only) shall be allowed from Shopian towards Poonch. These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Baffiaz) and Herpora (Shopian) at 0700 hrs. upto 1800 hrs. as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025.

ADVISORY :-

People are advised to undertake journey only after confirming status of the road from Traffic control units as under:-

- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191- 2740550, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (9419993745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (8491928625)
- PCR Kishtwar (9906154100)
- PCR Kargil (9541902330, 9541902331)

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Date: 9-7-25

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION UDHAMPUR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. 41 of 2025-26 Dated:-08.07.2025 (3rd call)

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K** e-tenders are invited on **percentage basis** from the **eligible consultants registration with Council of Architecture (CoA) India** for the below mentioned work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Earnest money @2% of Advertised Cost	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
1.	Providing structural and architectural consultancy for construction of New Radiology Block at Associated Hospital, GMC, Udhampur.	1.48	600/- (only treasury challan will be accepted)	2960/-	15days	15.08.2025 after 1200 Hrs

Position of AAA = **Accorded**
Position of funds = **Available**

1.	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	08-07-2025
2.	Period of downloading of bid documents	08-07-2025 from 1800Hrs.
3.	Bid submission Start Date	08-07-2025 from 1800Hrs.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	14-07-2025 upto 1800 Hrs.
5.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	15-07-2025 after 1200 Hrs.
6.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

- The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://jktenders.gov.in).
- Bidders shall upload EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR duly pledged to the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur. The Earnest Money Deposit (2% of the Advertised Cost of the tender) from all the bidders in the shape of CDR/FDR before evaluation of technical bids. The EMD of successful bidder shall be released after successful completion of the work. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- Cost of tender document:** Bid must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of **Treasury Challan/receipt issued after date of issuance of e-NIT under MH 0059-Rev mentioning the name of work otherwise will not be accepted** for which the tender fee was deposited in favour of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Udhampur. Copy of receipt of cost of tender document should be uploaded on official website www.jktenders.gov.in upto the specified bid submission date and time.
- Time schedule:** The work, as per "Scope of work" should be completed in 90 days.

No:-

Dated:-08-07-2025

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Udhampur

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Date: 9-7-25



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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh Short e-NIT No. DRSP/25 of 2025-26 Dated 08-07-2025 (2nd Call)

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** e-tenders are re-invited on **percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of document	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for complete -on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
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1	Temporary arrangement to be made on the eve of Independence Day for the year 2025-26 at R.S.Pura (under non plan 2025-26)(2 nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	1.59	600	3,180 (2% of the Advertised Cost)	10 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 16-07-2025	"A", "B", "C" & "D" Class

Position of AAA :- Accorded by the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle South, Jammu's vide order No: 215 of 2025 Dated: 06/05/2025.

Position of TS :- Accorded

Project Authority :- Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Jammu Zone

Major Head of Account :- Under Non Plan fo the F.Y. 2025-26.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08-07-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08-07-2025 to 15-07-2025, upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	10-07-2025 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura
4	Bid submission Start Date	08-07-2025
5	Bid Submission End Date	15-07-2025 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	16-07-2025 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of **Treasury Receipt/e-challan in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division R S Pura through Treasury, indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) and Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura.** The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of **L1** be submitted to the **Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura** at the time of allotment.
- The date of Treasury Challan, Earnest Money/Bid Security must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End Date. However, if the tender for the same work has been re-invited after 1st or More calls, the bidders who have already bid for that work can re-use the same Treasury Challan/Earnest Money/Bid Security in the successive calls for the said work.**

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Date: 9-7-25

India, Brazil sign agreement on cooperation in combating terrorism and transnational organised crime

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

India and Brazil have signed several agreements, including one on combating international terrorism and transnational organised crime, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's State visit to Brazil, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said today.

The agreements aim to enhance cooperation between the two countries in various areas.

A Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in renewable energy and another MoU on cooperation for the sharing of successful large-scale digital solutions for digital



transformation were also inked, said MEA Secretary (East) P Kumaran, addressing a special press briefing on PM Modi's State Visit to Brazil.

After the delegation-level talks, there was a signing and exchange of MoUs and agreements.

Three agreements and seven MoUs were signed today and exchanged in front of the President and the Prime Minister.

India and Brazil issued a joint statement in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism and violent extremism. They emphasized the urgent need for a unified international response, affirming that no justification exists for such heinous acts.

In a significant step, both sides welcomed the signing of the Brazil-India Agreement on Cooperation in Combating International Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime.

The leaders also underscored their intent to disrupt terror financing, including through mechanisms such as the United Nations and the Financial

Action Task Force (FATF).

"The leaders called for concerted action against all UN-designated terrorists and terrorist entities, including those listed by the 1267 UNSC Sanctions Committee, such as Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). The leaders reaffirmed their strong commitment to continue taking active measures to disrupt terror financing channels, including through the UN and FATF," the joint statement said.

Both leaders unequivocally condemned terrorism, including cross-border terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations.

PM given warm welcome in Windhoek on last leg of his five-nation tour

AGENCIES
WINDHOEK/NEW DELHI, JULY 9

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in the Namibian capital Windhoek today on the final leg of his five-nation tour, describing Namibia as a "valued and trusted partner" in Africa with whom India seeks to boost bilateral cooperation.

This is the first visit of Prime Minister Modi to Namibia and the third-ever Prime Ministerial visit from India to the sub-Saharan African country.

The Prime Minister was received by Selma Ashipala-Musavyi, Minister of International Relations and Trade of Namibia, at the airport. He was accorded a traditional welcome on his arrival.



During the visit, he will hold bilateral talks with President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah and address the Namibian Parliament.

"Landed in Windhoek a short while ago. Namibia is a valued and trusted African partner with whom we seek to boost bilateral cooperation. Looking forward to meeting President Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah and addressing the Namibian Parliament today," PM Modi posted on X.

IAF fighter plane crashes; two pilots feared dead



AGENCIES
JAIPUR, JULY 9

Two pilots are feared killed as an IAF fighter plane crashed today near Bhanuda village in Rajaldesar region of Ratangarh sub-division of Churu district in Rajasthan.

The aircraft was probably on its routine sortie

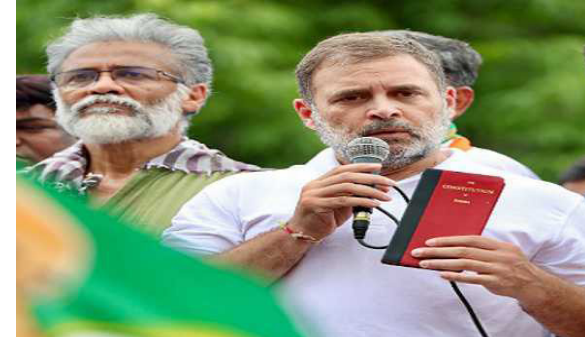
when it caught fire and fell down in a deserted field on the outskirts of Bhanuda. The locals found two burnt and mutilated bodies which are believed to be of pilots. Police and Army authorities reached the spot along with fire tenders soon after villagers informed them about the incident.

Rahul accuses BJP of trying to steal Bihar polls on the lines of Maharashtra

AGENCIES
PATNA, JULY 9

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, holding aloft a copy of the Constitution, today alleged that the BJP was attempting to steal votes in the upcoming Bihar assembly elections as "they did in Maharashtra" in the name of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

The Congress leaders was addressing a gathering in a march that he led from the Income Tax roundabout to the Election Commission's (EC) office. The march was stopped near the Shaheed Smarak during the dawn-



to-duck Chakka Jam protest called by the opposition Grand Alliance (GA) demanding immediate halt to the SIR.

Rahul accused BJP of attempting to rig the upcoming Bihar Assembly polls "on the lines of what they did in Maharashtra."

were being made by the BJP to steal votes in Bihar."

He said the BJP realised that the Opposition understood the "Maharashtra model", and now they have brought a new "Bihar model", a tactic to snatch away the votes of the poor.

Accusing the EC of working to favour the BJP, Rahul said that instead of discharging its responsibility to protect the Constitution, the government was functioning like the offshoots of BJP and RSS.

He warned EC that the law will not spare it if it failed to protect the Constitution and discharge its responsibilities towards the people of Bihar.

3 killed as bridge collapses over Mahisagar river in Gujarat



AGENCIES
VADODARA, JULY 9

At least three people were killed and four others injured after a bridge over Mahisagar river collapsed in Gujarat's Vadodara district on Wednesday, police said.

A portion of the Gambhira bridge connecting

Vadodara-Anand suddenly collapsed this morning, causing four vehicles passing through it to fall into the river, police inspector Vijay Charan said. So far, bodies of three persons have been fished out of the river and four others have been rescued. The identities of the deceased are yet to be ascertained.

Trump, Netanyahu, and Vance hold 90-minute unscheduled trilateral talks to resolve Gaza crisis

AGENCIES
JERUSALEM/WASHINGTON, JULY 9

In a surprise development during Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to Washington, he was reported to have held an unscheduled 90-minute meeting with US President Donald Trump, and US Vice President JD Vance yesterday evening, intensifying efforts to secure a 60-day ceasefire and a hostage deal in the ongoing Gaza conflict.

According to Axios, the meeting which followed a dinner between the two leaders the night before,



was not on Netanyahu's official itinerary but came amid a fresh wave of diplomatic activity and cautious optimism surrounding the stalled negotiations.

The media agency reported that the trilateral meeting coincided with a separate round of diplo-

matic activity at the White House, where a Qatari delegation—acting as a key mediator in the Israel-Hamas negotiations—held lengthy discussions with senior US officials. Qatar continues to play a central role in facilitating indirect dialogue between the war-

ring parties.

Trump, speaking at a cabinet meeting earlier yesterday, confirmed he would be discussing the Gaza issue with Netanyahu, remarking, "We have to get this solved."

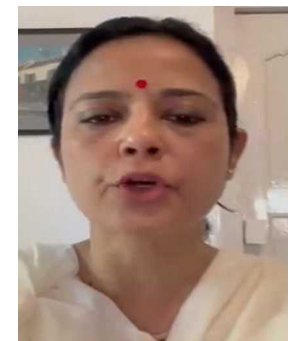
According to US envoy Steve Witkoff, who has been leading the proximity talks in Doha, three out of four major points of contention between the two sides have already been addressed, leading to greater optimism in the White House regarding the chances of reaching a settlement. "Hopefully we will reach an agreement by the end of the week," he said.

TMC MP Mahua Moitra alleges migrant workers from Bengal are illegally detained in Odisha

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, JULY 9

The allegation that Bengali-speaking migrant workers from West Bengal are being harassed by the Odisha government has escalated into a major political controversy, with TMC MP from Krishnanagar, Mahua Moitra, alleging today that 23 workers from her constituency are being detained in Odisha under the pretext of documentation.

In a video message posted on her X handle, Moitra said, "This video is to bring to the urgent notice of the Chief Min-



ister, the chief secretary, and the DGP of Odisha that 23 workers from my constituency in Mirzapur village under Panighata GP in Nadia district are currently being illegally detained in an interrogation centre by the Orient police station of

Jharsuguda district."

She claimed that a total of 444 Bengali-speaking workers from West Bengal are being held in Jharsuguda district, of which 23 are from her constituency.

Odisha Police confirmed that 444 migrant workers employed in construction, mining, and various industrial units across the district have been detained for verification on suspicion of being Bangladeshi nationals and Rohingyas allegedly residing in India without documentation.

Officials in the Odisha government have also clarified that, following directives from the Min-

istry of Home Affairs, all districts in Odisha were instructed to form Special Task Forces (STFs) headed by Superintendents of Police. Each STF has been assigned a Foreigners Registration Officer (FRO) to identify and facilitate the deportation of undocumented migrants.

"The SP of Nadia has already spoken to the SP of Jharsuguda, who has informed him that they are being detained on the pretext of some documentation drive. All these workers have valid documents like Aadhaar cards and voter ID cards," said the MP from Krishnanagar.

Shivakumar fuels buzz on Siddaramaiah's national role

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

Adding fuel to the ongoing speculation about Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's possible shift to national politics, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar today strongly endorsed Siddaramaiah's leadership and hinted at his role in the party's national backward class strategy.

"Along with being the present Chief Minister, he will also contribute in his own way to strengthen the Congress Party and support backward classes," Shivakumar told reporters, describing Siddaramaiah as "one of the



leaders of the backward classes of the Congress party."

The statement comes at

a time when the Congress high command is reportedly considering elevating Siddaramaiah to a national role, possibly as part of a larger strategy to energise its OBC leadership bench across the country. Shivakumar's remarks, rather than dismissing such talk, appear aligned with that direction.

Shivakumar further revealed that a 15-member delegation of senior OBC Congress leaders will be arriving in Karnataka shortly for a party-organised outreach. "Maybe I don't know, but the day after tomorrow, myself, Siddaramaiah ji, and our general secretary will also have a meeting," he said.

Clashes, rail blockades, and protests mark Bharat Bandh in Bengal over anti-worker, anti-farmer policies

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, JULY 9

West Bengal witnessed widespread unrest today as Left parties and affiliated trade unions enforced a nationwide general strike across the state, protesting against what they termed as anti-worker and anti-farmer policies of the central government.

The bandh, which was part of a larger nationwide protest, led to significant disruption in public transport, clashes with police, and the detention of several protesters across districts.

From early morning, Left Front supporters hit the streets in large num-



bers, particularly in Kolkata and South Bengal districts, blocking railway tracks and attempting to shut down markets and offices. According to the police, 20 people have

been arrested so far for destroying government property and breaking the law and order situation in the state.

Violent scuffles broke out at several locations,

with the most high-profile incident taking place at Gangulibagan in Jadavpur, South Kolkata, where SFI's All India General Secretary Srijan Bhattacharya was allegedly injured during a confrontation with police.

According to party sources, Bhattacharya was dragged away from the protest site, his shirt torn in the melee. He later accused the police of manhandling him and slammed the Trinamool Congress (TMC) for attempting to sabotage the strike to appease the BJP.

In response, TMC remained firm in its opposition to the bandh. The state government had earlier issued a notification

mandating attendance in government offices and ordered all schools to remain open, indicating its intent to maintain normalcy.

In multiple areas, including Belgharia and Barrackpore in the North 24 Parganas district, Krishnanagar in the Nadia district, and Jadavpur, protesters blocked railway lines, forcing trains to a halt and causing major delays during peak office hours.

A similar disruption was reported at Talpur station in Tarakeswar, where Left-affiliated agricultural workers obstructed the Arambagh-bound local train.

Bumrah returns to familiar hunting ground as India eye 2-1 lead

AGENCIES
LONDON, JULY 9

India's pace unit, already riding high on Akash Deep's sensational 10-wicket performance and Mohammed Siraj's incisive bowling, is set to get even more dangerous with the return of spearhead Jasprit Bumrah for the third Test at Lord's.

With the five-match series tied 1-1, Bumrah's comeback gives India a decisive advantage against an England side still struggling to find bowling rhythm on benign surfaces.

India's bowling dominance at Edgbaston exposed England's vulnerabilities with the bat, and the return of Bumrah, a proven match-winner at Lord's, adds to the pressure. His presence not only boosts India's wicket-taking capabilities but also provides tactical depth and experience that could prove critical in swinging



the series.

Akash Deep, who picked 10 wickets in the previous Test, is expected to retain his place, having impressed with his accuracy and reverse swing. Siraj too, having taken six wickets, has found a rhythm that consistently threatens the England top order.

In contrast, England's bowling has looked toothless, especially with Josh Tongue and Brydon Carse failing to trouble Indian batsmen. The inclusion of Jofra Archer is seen as a desperate but necessary

move. Archer's pace and bounce could make a difference at Lord's, but he returns after an injury, plagued spell and will be under immediate scrutiny. Shoaib Bashir's lack of penetration has further weakened the home side's attack, as India's deep batting order has shown no signs of discomfort against spin.

Skipper Shubman Gill has led by example, racking up 269 and 161 in the second Test to anchor India's massive win. Alongside Gill, Ravindra Jadeja and Yashasvi Jaiswal

have also contributed crucial runs. The batting lineup, which includes the returning KL Rahul and wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant, looks settled and confident heading into the Test.

For England, the spotlight remains on senior batsmen Joe Root and Ollie Pope. The middle order has struggled under pressure, with only a 303-run stand between Harry Brook and Jamie Smith offering any resistance in the previous Test. If they are to turn things around, consistent contributions from the top order will be essential.

The pitch at Lord's is expected to offer a fair contest between bat and ball. The iconic slope could aid swing bowlers like Bumrah and Archer. Weather forecasts predict mostly sunny conditions for the first three days, with clouds returning late in the match, potentially assisting seamers.

SA20: MI Cape Town to face Durban's Super Giants in opener on Dec 26; final on Jan 25

AGENCIES
JOHANNESBURG, JULY 9

Defending champions MI Cape Town get their title defence underway with a clash against Durban's Super Giants on December 26 at the picturesque Newlands, as SA20 announced its fixtures for Season 4 on Wednesday.

The final of the competition will take place on January 25, 2026 with Qualifier 1 scheduled for January 21, the Eliminator on January 22 and Qualifier 2 on January 23. Venues for the final and the play-offs will be confirmed on a later date.

"We have carefully planned the fixtures to make the most of the festive season and school holidays. We want SA20 to be a part of the holiday season festivities in our once-off window for this year. We're also excited to host New Year's Eve and New Year's Day fixtures for the first time. We can't



wait to be a part of the New Year's celebrations with the fans," league commissioner Graeme Smith said.

South Africa's premier franchise T20 league will usher in the holiday season with a bumper Boxing Day opener. December 27 marks the first double-header of Season 4, with Centurion hosting a special derby between Pretoria Capitals and Joburg Super Kings while Paarl Royals and Sunrisers Eastern Cape clash at Boland Park in Paarl.

Kingsmead, home of

Durban's Super Giants, will be a hive of activity in the week leading up to the New Year, with the east coast venue welcoming both MI Cape Town (December 28) and Joburg Super Kings (30 December) within the space of a couple of days.

Fans will have the opportunity to toast the New Year in style with another cracking double-header set for Gqeberha and Cape Town on December 31, 2025. Two-time champions Sunrisers Eastern Cape will welcome the Paarl Royals at an always-

joyful St. George's Park, with the excitement building up for MI Cape Town and Pretoria Capitals at Newlands later in the day (2100 hrs IST).

The festivities will continue on New Year's Day when Joburg Super Kings and Durban's Super Giants look to start 2026 on a high note at the Wanderers.

Elaborating on the reception SA20 has received in India, Smith explained, "It's been phenomenal to witness how SA20 has struck a chord with fans in a vibrant cricket market like India. What's truly heart-warming is seeing Indian fans follow emerging SA20 talents like Lhuan-dre Pretorius, Wiaan Mulder, and many others who've honed their skills in the competition. India remains a key market for SA20, and we'd love to see more fans travel to South Africa for the matches. They certainly won't be disappointed."

Jofra Archer returns to England playing XI for Lord's Test vs India

AGENCIES
LONDON, JULY 9

Jofra Archer has been named in England's playing XI for the third Test of the ongoing Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, as the hosts look to bounce back from a heavy defeat at Edgbaston. The Sussex pacer replaces Josh Tongue for the Test at Lord's, starting Thursday, July 10.

The Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy series is finely poised at 1-1 following India's 336-run victory at Edgbaston on Sunday.

Archer has played 13 Tests for England and picked 42 wickets at an average of 31.04. Previously, Archer made a return to the England Test set-up for the first time since February 2021 after being named in the squad for the second Test against India.

A recurrence of an elbow injury and stress fracture in the back meant



Archer was largely sidelined from playing Tests for England after February 2021.

There are a lot of question marks over the England side after they lost to India for the first time at Edgbaston Stadium in the

second Test. India looked in control throughout the five days in Birmingham and dominated both the English batters and bowlers.

With the game at Lord's expected to provide a different kind of wicket to

Headingley and Edgbaston, Archer's inclusion could prove vital to the Ben Stokes-led side.

Tongue, 27, is the player who made way for Archer in the playing XI and will likely be feeling unlucky as he is currently the leading wicket taker in the series with 11 scalps to his name, one more than Akash Deep who cemented his place in the squad during the second Test.

Gus Atkinson misses out on the playing XI after having been added to the England squad ahead of the third Test. Atkinson, 27, has not featured since injuring his hamstring in the one-off Test against Zimbabwe in May.

England Playing XI: Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Harry Brook, Ben Stokes (C), Jamie Smith (WK), Chris Woakes, Brydon Carse, Jofra Archer Shoaib Bashir

Rob Walter confirms Williamson's commitment despite skipping Zimbabwe tour

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

New Zealand head coach Rob Walter has confirmed that star batter Kane Williamson remains committed to international cricket, even though the 34-year-old has opted out of the upcoming tour of Zimbabwe and declined a central contract for the 2024-25 season.

Williamson, one of the greatest cricketers to represent New Zealand, has chosen to manage his workload and pursue opportunities in franchise cricket, but his long-term involvement with the Black Caps remains firmly on the table, according to Walter.

Speaking to the New Zealand Herald, Walter shed light on his recent conversation with the veteran batter. "Myself and Kane have had a nice conversation, a long conversation," Walter said.

"It was really great to



catch up with him and discuss cricket. It was great to get his lens on New Zealand cricket and the Black Caps. He's been so influential in their success over the years."

Despite recent absences from the national team setup, including stepping down as white-ball captain after last year's T20 World Cup and missing the Zimbabwe series, Williamson's

international career is far from over.

"But then also to discuss what the future might look like. I've said it repeatedly, he's still very committed to the Black Caps, and wants to play international cricket," Walter insisted.

"I don't think it'll be too long until we see that."

New Zealand's upcoming schedule includes a T20I series against Aus-

tralia and two white-ball series against England in October, followed by a home summer featuring the West Indies in all formats. While Williamson's immediate participation in these fixtures remains uncertain, his potential return is being left entirely in his hands.

Walter stressed that the door remains wide open for the veteran to resume short-format duties if he chooses.

"Exactly what his involvement would be in the short-format game going forward would be a decision for Williamson and he would be welcomed with open arms," the coach stated.

Praising Williamson's adaptability and class, Walter added: "Quality players stay quality players, and they just work at finding a method to be successful in all formats. He's a generational talent, I've got no doubt he'd find a way."

Hamza Shaikh named England U19 captain for opening Youth Test against India

AGENCIES
LONDON, JULY 9

Right-handed batter Hamza Shaikh has been named as England U19 captain for opening men's Youth Test match against India, to be held at the County Ground in Beckenham from July 12.

Shaikh returns as skipper of the 15-member playing squad after he led the England U19 side for the first time against Sri Lanka last summer. Shaikh, who played for England in 2024 Men's U19 Cricket World Cup, was not part of the U19s tour to South Africa in the winter after he was called into the Lions squad.

The squad also includes Rocky Flintoff and Archie Vaughan, who are the sons of former England skipper Andrew Flintoff and Michael Vaughan respectively. Rocky had made 222 runs in the recent Youth ODI series against India.

Thomas Rew, who was England's leading run-



getter in the series with 280 runs in five innings, finds a place in the team, so as Alex French and Jack Home, who picked eight wickets each in the five-game series which India U19 won 3-2.

Sebastian Morgan, who featured in four Youth ODIs against India and took five wickets, including that of 14-year-old batting sensation Vaibhav

Suryavanshi, has been named in a Youth Test squad for the first time.

Indian-origin Aaryan Sawant, who scored a century for the side against South Africa earlier this year, is also included alongside Ekansh Singh and Jay Singh. After the game in Beckenham, India and England U19 sides will play second red-ball game at the Ambassador Cruise

Line Ground in Chelmsford from July 20-23.

England U19 squad for first Youth Test against India: Hamza Shaikh (Captain), Tazeem Ali, Jaydn Denly, Rocky Flintoff, Alex French, Alex Green, Jack Home, Ben Mayes, Sebastian Morgan, James Minto, Thomas Rew, Aaryan Sawant, Ekansh Singh, Jay Singh and Archie Vaughan.

Gill achieves career-best ranking in Tests; Brook becomes new top-ranked batter

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

India captain Shubman Gill has achieved a career-best position in ICC Men's Test Batting Rankings, even as England batter Harry Brook has dethroned Joe Root to be the new top-ranked batter in the longer format.

Gill, whose knocks of 269 and 161 made him only the second player in history to register scores of above 150 in both innings of a Test match and claim the second highest aggregate ever by a batter in Tests with 430 runs, has jumped 15 places to be at a career-best sixth position.

Gill's previous best was 14th position which he reached in September last year and started the ongoing series ranked 23rd. Brook, meanwhile, rises to top of the Test batters' rankings following him hitting a magnificent 158 in the first innings of the second Test in Birmingham.



Brook had earlier been number one Test batter for one week in December last year and him taking the top spot in the rankings again means Root is pushed to the second spot, along with a reduction of 18 rating points.

Other batters to make notable gains after the Edgbaston Test are India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who is up six places to 39th after valuable knocks of 89 and

69 not out, and England wicketkeeper-batter Jamie Smith, who is in the top 10 for the first time after his solid innings of 184 not out and 88 lifted him 16 slots to tenth place.

India's new-ball bowlers Mohammad Siraj and Akash Deep, who had a five-for each, have also made huge inroads in the Test bowling rankings. Siraj's seven wickets in the match have lifted him six places to 22nd while Akash

has jumped 39 places to a career-best 45th position after finishing with a maiden ten-wicket match haul.

South Africa's Wiaan Mulder, who made headlines with his unbeaten 367 against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo, has jumped 34 spots to a career-best 22nd position in the batting rankings list. He also picked three wickets, which has now moved him up by four places to 48th among bowlers.

In terms of all-rounders' rankings, Mulder made a great jump by reaching a career-best third position and is now only behind Jadeja and Bangladesh's Mehidy Hasan Miraz. Others to gain after performances at Bulawayo include South Africa batters David Bedingham, who is up four places to 43rd and Lhuan-dre Pretorius, who has jumped eight places to 60th position. In terms of bowlers, Corbin Bosch is up six places to 51st position.

Transport Commissioner visits Baltal, Domail Base camp, Sonamarg

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, JULY 9

Transport Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan today conducted an extensive visit to key locations along the Amarnath Yatra route to review the transport arrangements and coordination among various agencies.

He was accompanied by ARTO Ganderbal and other field officials.

The visit included inspections at Baltal, the base camp at Domail and a high-level review meeting with key stakeholders, including SSP Traffic (Rural), Camp Director Domail, OC Beacon and officials of the SSB.

The focus of the meeting was to streamline the vehicular movement, ensure road safety, monitor transport operations and enhance inter-agency



coordination for benefit of the pilgrims.

At Baltal, the Transport Commissioner reviewed free transport services being provided to pilgrims. He interacted with the drivers and instructed them to prioritize safe, disciplined and comfortable travel for all the pilgrims. He also received positive feedback from the pilgrims, many of whom expressed satisfaction with the transport facilities and services being made available during the Yatra.

He also visited the

Weighing Bridge at Sonamarg, where he directed the ARTO Ganderbal to submit a comprehensive proposal for modernization of the facility. This included integration of advanced monitoring gadgets and provision of adequate accommodation and infrastructure for the staff working at the site.

The Transport Commissioner emphasized the need for sustained vigilance, coordination and public service commitment to ensure continued success of the Yatra operations.

DC Srinagar inspects progress of ongoing works on S R Gunj Primary Health Centre

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 09

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today conducted a comprehensive onsite inspection of the ongoing construction works on Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) S R Gunj (Maharaj Gunj) in Shahr-e-Khaas area of the City.

During the comprehensive site visit, DC reviewed each construction component, assessed the current progress of the health facility being constructed. He also took stock of the pace and quality of the work.

While reviewing the progress, DC was apprised that over 50 percent of the works including brickwork, internal plastering, door & window framework and tile work stands almost completed with the remaining works being carried out at a fast pace.



On the occasion, DC directed the concerned executing agency to ensure accelerating the pace of works on each component of the prestigious project so that the local population is benefited.

He underlined the importance of inter-departmental coordina-

tion to resolve issues, if any, in the project to eliminate delays ensuring timely completion of the health facility.

DC stressed the importance of robust inter-departmental coordination to promptly address any issue, to avoid delay, so that the health facility is made operational at the earliest. He maintained that the health facility will strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in the Shahr-e-Khaas area of the City and provide quality healthcare facilities to the residents.

During the visit, DC was accompanied by the Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Chief Medical Officer, Dr Tahir Sajad; Executive Engineer R&B, Executive Engineer KPDC, Tehsildar Khan-yar, Zonal Medical Officer, S R Gunj and others concerned.

Mediation for the Nation: Chairman DLSA Bandipora holds review meeting with Judicial Officers

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BANDIPORA, JULY 09

In order to promote mediation as a preferred mode of dispute resolution to reduce the backlog of cases and promoting amicable dispute resolution, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora Wednesday convened the review meeting of all the judicial officers of district Bandipora.

DLSA, Bandipora, under the leadership of its Chairman, Khalil Ahmad Choudhary (Pr. District and Sessions Judge) Bandipora conducted a comprehensive meeting to officially launch the 'Mediation for the Nation' campaign, a 90-day Mediation Drive.

The campaign aims to settle pending civil, family, commercial, MACT, Land Acquisition, Bank Recovery and compoundable criminal cases across all courts in the district through effective mediation, ensuring timely justice and reducing the burden on the Courts.

During the meeting, Chairman DLSA Bandipora, who is also the Principal District & Sessions Judge, emphasized the importance of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, especially mediation, in building public trust and promoting peace in the community. He encouraged all judicial officers of district Bandipora to iden-

tify the maximum number of cases for mediation and to actively participate and coordinate to make the campaign a success.

"This 90-day mediation drive is a step towards justice at the doorstep. Mediation not only saves time and resources but also preserves relationships. We also appeal to the litigant public to come forward and take advantage of this initiative," Chairman DLSA stated.

He also emphasized the importance of Lok Adalats in strengthening access to justice for all. He highlighted how disputes, especially in MACT and matrimonial matters, can be resolved efficiently with mutual understanding and without prolonged litigation.

"The goal of the Special Lok Adalat on MACT and Matrimonial Cases scheduled on 26th July, 2025 is to provide timely justice, reduce the pendency of cases, and offer relief to the aggrieved parties through compromise and settlement.

Both MACT and matrimonial cases deeply affect lives and families, and deserve sensitive yet swift handling," he said.

Chairman DLSA encouraged all judicial officers of district Bandipora to identify the maximum number of cases for the said Special Lok-Adalat and coordinate to make the Lok Adalat a suc-

cess. During the session, Chairman DLSA also directed judicial officers to identify and prioritize cases related to serving armed personnel, servicemen, and Veer Naris. He stated that these sections of society have made immense contributions and sacrifices for the nation and must receive expedited and respectful access to justice.

"It is our duty to ensure that the families of armed forces personnel, including Veer Naris, do not face unnecessary legal delays. Their cases must be identified and resolved with utmost sensitivity and urgency," the Chairman said.

He urged court staff and legal aid functionaries to actively reach out and extend support to such litigants, and to facilitate their access to legal aid, mediation services, and early disposal mechanisms by ADR mechanism.

The meeting saw participation of Sushil Singh, Additional District Judge Bandipora; Iqbal Ahmad Akhoun, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bandipora; Sheikh Babar Hussain, Secretary DLSA Bandipora; Aman-deep Singh, Munsiff/JMIC Bandipora; Rahila Rashid, Munsiff/JMIC Sumbal and Mehak Mehboob, Munsiff/JMIC Gurez through online mode, who pledged full support.

DC Srinagar reviews sanctioning of cases of entrepreneurs under Mission Yuva

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In order to ensure swift and seamless implementation of Mission YUVA scheme aimed to facilitate the success of enterprises in the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Wednesday chaired a meeting here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, DC took a department wise review in implementation of Mission Yuva scheme and stressed the stakeholder departments to ensure swift and seamless implementation of the scheme to facilitate the success of youth-led enterprises in the district.

DC stressed strong on-ground implementation and effective interdepartmental coordination to avoid delays in sanctioning & disposal of benefits to the eligible beneficiaries. He directed regular performance monitoring of progress under Mission YUVA on a daily basis and convening District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meetings every Wednesday till the disposal of all the received applications.

On the occasion, DC asked the stakeholder



departments to redouble the efforts to ensure swift processing/ verification and uploading of Mission Yuva cases on the portal.

He stressed on implementation of Mission YUVA into a viable platform for empowering youth through sustainable self-employment and entrepreneurship ecosystem in the district.

Earlier, DC took a detailed appraisal about the status of awareness campaigns going on at Panchayat level, Municipal Wards of the district aimed to cover all eligible beneficiaries under Mission Yuva.

He also evaluated the progress of DPR formulation by the stakeholder departments including EDI, DIC, DSEO and Employment department and was informed that as

many as 329 DPRs have been formulated so far and are being submitted to DLIC for accord of approval.

During the meeting, detailed information was given on the status of Mission YUVA including the number of applications received, processed, sanctioned, etc under the scheme.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Rifat Aftab Qureshi; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; General Manager DIC, Hamida Akhtar; SDM West, Irfan Bahadur, Deputy Director Employment, Dr. Sheeba, DSEO, Shah Ismail Bangroo, LDM(Banks), Nilofar Jan and Officers from EDI, NABARD, NRLM, Agriculture and other concerned Departments.

'My Right to Sight' campaign kick-starts from GHSS Vessu in Qazigund Anantnag

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ANANTNAG, JULY 09

In a significant step aimed at strengthening student health services in schools, School Education department Anantnag, in collaboration with Help Poor Voluntary Trust (HPVT), formally launched the 'My Right to Sight' initiative at Government Higher Secondary School Vessu, Qazigund.

Chief Education Officer Anantnag, Ali Mohammad Bhat, District Education Planning Officer Anantnag, Dr. Syed Reyaz Ahmad (also serving as Project Manager, HPVT), Principal of HSS Vessu, faculty members, and students from various institutions of Cluster Vessu attended the event.

This noble initiative is designed to enable the early detection and timely correction of vision-related issues among school-going children. Through this project, students will receive comprehensive eye examinations, and corrective spectacles will be provided free of cost to those identified with vision impairments.

In his address, CEO Anantnag praised the humanitarian efforts of the Help Poor Voluntary Trust and reiterated the department's commitment to the overall well-being of students, highlighting that good vision is fundamen-

tal to effective learning and academic success.

Speaking on the occasion, DEPO Anantnag emphasized the critical convergence of health and education, and encouraged Heads of Institutions and teaching staff to extend their full cooperation during the project's implementation across their respective schools.

Project Manager HPVT provided a detailed overview of the project's vision and execution plan. He reaffirmed HPVT's mission to serve marginalized communities and ensure that no child is left behind due to untreated visual disabilities.

Under Phase-I, the 'My Right to Sight' campaign will cover all Govt. Schools in the Zones of Aishmuqam, Qazigund, Vailoo, and Verinag, aiming to benefit hundreds of students, particularly from remote and underserved areas of district Anantnag.

The launch event concluded with a symbolic screening of students, marking a promising beginning to a student-centric health initiative. The program was enthusiastically received by both students and faculty, and is widely regarded as a crucial step towards building a healthier and more inclusive educational environment.

ADC Kupwara visits Drugmulla, undertakes inspection of govt. offices

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KUPWARA, JULY 9

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara,

Gulzar Ahmad Rather conducted a surprise inspection of various government offices in the Drugmulla Tehsil today.

The inspection covered several government offices including the New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) Drugmulla, Tehsil office Drugmulla, Block Development office (BDO) Drugmulla, and Government Girls Middle School Bumhama.

During the visit, ADC observed that a number of

employees at the BDO office were found unauthorisedly absent from duty.

While reviewing the functioning of the Tehsil Office Drugmulla, NTPHC Drugmulla, and the Government Girls Middle School Bumhama, ADC expressed satisfaction on their overall working. He appreciated the commitment of staff at these offices and institutions.

At the Government Middle School Bumhama, he held an interactive session with the teaching staff and emphasized the need to strictly adhere to the online class schedule, urging teachers to follow it in letter and spirit to ensure uninterrupted learning for students.

SKUAST-K, KVK B'gam host Animal Health Camp at Buzgoo Nagam

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BUDGAM, JULY 9

Under the visionary leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Budgam, through its extension outreach organized an Animal Clinical Camp today at Buzgoo (Block Nagam).

The event was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Raihana Habib Kanth, Director Extension, SKUAST-K, as the chief guest, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from local farmers and livestock owners.

A dedicated team of



veterinarians from KVK Budgam, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Shuhama (SKUAST-K) and officials from Animal Husbandry Department provided

on-spot veterinary care including health check-ups, treatment, deworming, vaccination, and mineral supplements. Over 70 livestock including cattle, sheep received treatment

and preventive care free of cost.

Prof. (Dr.) Raihana, in her address, reiterated SKUAST-K's commitment to empowering rural communities through timely veterinary interventions, disease prevention, and scientific livestock management.

She appreciated the efforts of KVK Budgam in delivering need-based animal health services to the doorsteps of farmers and emphasized the critical role of regular health check-ups and vaccination in preventing disease outbreaks and enhancing farm income.

NMBA: Intensive IEC campaign against drug abuse held at GHSS Hiller Arhama

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ANANTNAG, JULY 9

In a significant step towards addressing the growing concern of substance abuse among youth, a comprehensive Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign was today organized at Government Higher Secondary School Hiller Arhama under the ambit of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA).

The campaign was aimed at spreading awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse and encouraging the younger generation to adopt a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.



Principal of HSS Hiller Arhama emphasized the crucial role of educational institutions in shaping the minds of the youth and steering them away from the path of addiction.

This was followed by a series of informative and motivational sessions delivered by resource persons, counsellors, and subject experts who spoke at length about the psycho-

logical, physiological, and societal impact of drug abuse.

Speakers highlighted how drug addiction not only destroys individual lives but also tears apart families and hampers the socio-economic development of communities. They urged the students to stay vigilant, make informed choices, and act as responsible citizens by raising awareness within their peer groups and families.

Special emphasis was laid on early intervention, mental health support, and community vigilance as key strategies in the fight against substance abuse.