

DENGUE WARNING SIGNS

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:

- ↑ High and continuous fever above 102°F
- ↓ Persistent vomiting
- ↓ A sharp fall in temperature
- ↓ Disorientation
- ↓ Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in stool, urine or vomit
- ↓ Redness

If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest medical center IMMEDIATELY.

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Show me one image, which shows damage to any Indian structure: NSA Doval asks foreign media

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- We are proud of our indigenous weapons

J1 NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, JUL 11

National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval on Friday launched a scathing attack on foreign media for its biased reportage on India's successful 'Operation Sindoor' against Pakistan.

Speaking at the 62nd convocation of IIT Madras, NSA Doval, according to the news agency said, "Foreign press said that Pakistan did that and this... You tell me one photograph, one image, which shows any damage to any Indian (structure), even a glass pane having been broken." Referring to the



damage caused to air bases in Pakistan, NSA Doval said, "They (foreign media) wrote these things and put out things. The images only showed 13 air bases in Pakistan before and after 10th May, whether it was in Sargodha, Rahim Yar Khan, Chaklala. I am only telling you what the foreign media put out on the basis of images. We are capable of doing that (damage to Pakistani air bases)."

Hailing India's precision in hitting its targets in the criss-cross of Pakistan on May 7, in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 civilians dead, the National

Security Advisor said that the armed forces "hit nowhere else except the targets."

The NSA said, "We decided to hit nine terrorist targets deep inside Pakistan, not near the border. We missed none. No unintended location was struck and each target was selected based on specific intelligence."

"The operation began on May 7 and ended on May 10 after both sides reached an understanding to stop military action," Doval said.

Lauding the indigenous weapons used during 'Operation Sindoor' the National Security Advisor said, "We are proud of

how much indigenous content we used. BrahMos was part of it."

He said India must continue to develop its own defence and technology infrastructure. "We have to develop our indigenous technology," he added.

The NSA also spoke about India's development of 5G technology. He said, "China took 12 years and \$300 billion to develop 5G. We didn't have that time or money. The government worked with IIT Madras and private companies to build a fully indigenous 5G system. Today, India's 5G has nothing foreign in it," he added. KNO

J&K Haj Committee's term set to end on July 19

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Setting the stage for fresh constitution of J&K Haj Committee, the tenure of members of the current panel is nearing completion.

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Police attach terror proceeds worth Rs 18.93 lakhs in Sopore

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In a step towards dismantling the financial infrastructure supporting terrorism, Police in Sopore on Friday said to have attached bank credits amounting to Rs 18,93,426, identified as proceeds of terrorism, in connection with

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Two dead, 4 injured as cab falls into gorge in Ramban

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JAMMU, JULY 11

Two persons were killed and four others suffered injuries today when a cab they were travelling fell into a deep gorge in Ramban district of Jammu and

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>>> Amarnath Yatra

On day-9, over 18,000 pilgrims perform darshan at Holy Cave

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On the ninth day of the ongoing Amarnath Yatra, as many as 18,010 pilgrims performed darshan at the holy cave shrine nestled in the Himalayas, taking the cumulative pilgrim count to over 1.63 lakh.

According to figures available with the news agency today's pilgrims included 12,838 males, 4,343 females, 223 children, 141 sadhus, 8 sadhvis, and 2 transgender devotees. 455 security personnel also had darshan at the shrine.

With this, the total number of pilgrims who have paid obeisance since the beginning of the yatra on July 3 has reached 1,63,726.

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DGP Prabhat commends commitment of forces in securing Amarnath Yatra

J1 NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, JUL 11

Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, Nalin Prabhat on Friday commended the commitment of all security forces in securing the ongoing Amarnath Yatra.

Chairing a security review meeting here in South Kashmir, DGP Prabhat, according to the details available with the news agency, reiterated the need for continuous rehearsal of contingency drills and the imperative requirement for assessing and plugging grey areas.

An official said, "The DGP during the meeting stressed on the need for

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Army deploys over 8,500 troops, advanced tech to secure Amarnath Yatra

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To ensure safe and smooth conduct of the 38-day annual Amarnath Yatra, the Indian Army has rolled out Operation SHIVA 2025, deploying more than 8,500 troops alongside advanced surveillance and combat technology.

Official sources informed the news agency that a large-scale operation, launched in coordination with the Civil Administration and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), is designed to provide a multi-layered security grid along both the Baltal and Pahalgam routes.

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Entrust J&K's security to elected Govt, restore statehood: CM Omar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUL 11

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday asserted that the security of Jammu and Kashmir should be entrusted to the elected government, and the region's statehood must be restored without any further delay.

During the special interaction with the four operators from across the country at Kolkata, the Chief Minister, as per the news agency, said, "We don't want to remain as UT. We want the responsibility of security to be ours."

The Chief Minister stated that during the meeting with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee, he discussed the current situation in J&K and the rest of the country.

"After the meeting, Mamta Banerjee made it clear yes-



terday that she talked about the security control in J&K. Unfortunately, we are presently an UT. Centre, BJP and GoI have promised to restore the statehood. We don't want any further delay in this pious process. Statehood should be ensured at earliest and the responsibility of security should be given to the elected government. We will take care of it," he added.

Furthermore, in a reply
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SIA raids 3 locations in J&K in terror funding case

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUL 11

The State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir conducted search operations at three suspected locations in Jammu, Doda, and Handwara in a case linked to terror financing.

According to a statement, issued to news agency, these searches aimed to secure critical evidence to unravel a complex conspiracy involving

cross-border funding through crypto currency, designed to fuel terrorism and destabilise peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

The statement reads search operations also targeted efforts to identify individuals inciting youth against the Union of India, thereby threatening national security.

"Searches are part of an ongoing investigation under FIR No. 12/2022, under

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Hajj-2025: Final batch of J&K pilgrims returns home

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUL 11

The final batch of Hajj pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir returned home on Friday, marking the successful conclusion of this year's pilgrimage, officials said.

Speaking to the news agency, Dr Shujhat Qureshi, Executive Officer of the J&K Hajj Committee, confirmed that a total of 3,606 pilgrims from the region performed Hajj in 2025.

"This was the last group of



our pilgrims for this year and the last flight from India with 160 passengers," Dr Qureshi said. He added that among

the pilgrims this two pilgrims including one male and one female—both from Srinagar passed away during the pil-

grimage and were laid to rest in Makkah.

In terms of embarkation, he said most pilgrims departed from Srinagar Airport, while 480 left from Delhi, 10 from Mumbai and 2 from Hyderabad. An additional 242 pilgrims were from Ladakh, also facilitated via Srinagar.

On the pilgrims' experience, Dr Qureshi said that the feedback this year was among the best in recent times, especially regarding on-ground arrangements in Saudi Arabia.

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Chief Secretary assesses NHM progress to elevate health indicators across JK

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUL 11

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Friday chaired a high-level meeting to comprehensively review the progress and achievements made under the National Health Mission (NHM) across the UT.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department; Mission Director, NHM; Principals of Government Medical Colleges; Director Health Services, Kashmir/Jammu; Managing Director, JKMSCL and other concerned officers.



While underlining the importance of uninterrupted drug availability in all health institutions, the Chief Secretary directed for submission

of the consolidated weekly reports on the status of essential medicines from every district.

He instructed that Deputy

Commissioners, Directors of Health Services and the Planning Section in his office be given real-time access

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Jammu Crime Branch books cop, teacher among 3 for securing govt jobs using fake documents

AGENCIES
JAMMU, JULY 11

Jammu Crime Branch has booked a policeman, teacher and anganwadi worker for securing government jobs by using fake documents following which three separate cases were registered.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch, Jammu, Benam Tosh here today said that FIR has been registered against Jammu and Kashmir Sub Inspector

Mohinder Paul, presently posted in IRP 4th Bn, resident of Upper Nonial, Tehsil Nowshera, District Rajouri on a written complaint of Sita Ram of Nowshera, District Rajouri for securing job in Police department JKAP in 1995 by using fake educational qualification documents as contents of the complaint, departmental enquiry report and preliminary verification report prima-facie revealed commission of cognizable offence.

SSP Tosh further said that on a written complaint of Bachan Lal of Suchetgarh, Crime Branch also registered a case against Govind Kumar of Village Khamb, R S Pura for getting job in J&K School Education Department as ReT Teacher in 2004 by using fake and forged Permanent Residence Certificate (PRC) and subsequently getting confirmed as permanent Teacher.

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DLSA Srinagar observes 'World Population Day'

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SRINAGAR, JULY 11

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, observed World Population Day on Friday, by organizing a series of legal awareness programmes to highlight the issues arising from over-population and to educate the public about their legal rights and entitlements.

The event was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and was conducted under the supervision of Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar.

As part of the observance, awareness programmes were conducted in slum areas of district Srinagar and at Legal Literacy Club, Government Girls



Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Chanapora.

In GHSS Chanapora, the session was facilitated by Para Legal Volunteer, who served as resource person and engaged with students and staff on the theme of population issues, legal awareness, and rights education.

Simultaneously, in the slum areas, a special initiative was organized to support underprivileged families through the distribution of essential eatables and food items. The event aimed to raise awareness about population related

issues while also addressing immediate nutritional needs of marginal communities which was led by Tasneem Kausar, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Sunila Kumari (JLA) DLSA Srinagar.

The distribution drive was carried out with the help of NGO Justice Foundation.

The initiative reinforced DLSA Srinagar's commitment to bringing legal literacy and rights-based awareness to the grassroots, especially among underprivileged and marginalized populations.

DC Bandipora pays surprise visit to District Hospital; review functioning, patient care



J I NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, JULY 11

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Friday, along with a team of officers, conducted a surprise visit to the District Hospital Bandipora to assess its overall functioning and review the quality of patient care and adherence to work culture norms.

During the visit, DC inspected various sections of the hospital, including the Emergency Ward, In-Patient Wards, OPD, Maternity Unit, and other critical care units. He interacted with patients and attendants to personally gauge their level of satisfaction with the facilities and services being provided.

While taking first hand feedback from the patients, DC emphasized the importance of maintaining patient-centric services, medical hygiene and a disciplined environment within the hospital premises. He issued on-spot instructions to ensure better upkeep of wards and timely delivery of healthcare services.

DC directed the hospital authorities to ensure that all medical and paramedical staff adheres strictly to prescribed dress codes, with their name tags clearly visible on uniforms as per medical protocol.

He further instructed the incharge Medical Superintendent, Dr Tahira, to enforce the hospital duty rosters strictly and ensure that rotational duties are followed meticulously

to maintain round-the-clock medical services. He also stressed the need for punctuality, regular attendance, and effective internal coordination among the hospital teams.

On the occasion, DC assured that the district administration is committed to improving healthcare delivery systems and will continue to carry out regular monitoring to bridge any service gaps. He also underscored the importance of grievance redressal mechanisms and urged the hospital management to remain responsive to the needs of the people.

Among others, DC was accompanied by ADC Bandipora, Zafar Husson Shawl, CMO Bandipora, Dr Ishiyaq Ahmad and other concerned officers.

RD&PR conducts one-day PAI training workshop in Samba

J I NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, JULY 11

In a significant move to strengthen grassroots governance and fast-track local development in line with national priorities, the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RD&PR), Jammu & Kashmir conducted a one-day district-level workshop on the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) in Samba.

Presided over by Deputy Commissioner, Samba Rajesh Sharma, the workshop aimed to sensitize and train government officers on the crucial role of PAI in assessing and accelerating development at the village level.

The event saw participation from Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP) Samba, N.D. Verma, officials from the RD&PR Department and representatives from key line departments involved in rural development.

The workshop's central theme was translating global goals into actionable strategies at the local level.

Thematic Expert at the District Panchayat Resource Centre, Nida Rafiq led an intensive training session that explored the PAI as a dynamic evaluation tool designed to mea-



sure the multidimensional progress of Gram Panchayats across nine themes aligned with the Localized Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).

These include vital areas such as "Poverty Free and Enhanced Livelihoods," "Healthy Panchayat," "Clean and Green Panchayat," and "Good Governance."

Participants were introduced to the findings of the PAI 1.0 (FY 22-23), with report cards now accessible to the public via the official PAI portal (www.pai.gov.in).

The session also spotlighted the upcoming PAI 2.0, which features significant enhancements aimed at improving data accuracy and usability.

These improvements include rationalized indicators for better clarity, integrated data collection forms with in-built validation checks, auto-reported data from relevant line departments to ease the burden on Panchayats, and a stringent multi-tier validation process covering every level from Gram

Panchayat to the national level.

The workshop placed strong emphasis on the practical applications of PAI data. Officials were trained on how to use PAI scores to formulate evidence-based Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs), select Panchayats for the 'Sankalp' initiative via the 'Nirnay' portal, evaluate eligibility for the National Panchayat Awards and implement targeted interventions to achieve LSDG saturation.

The importance of institutional frameworks for PAI 2.0's success was also highlighted, including the formation and activation of State Level Steering Committees (SLSC), District Data Validation Teams (DDVT) and validation systems at the Block level.

The department is organising a series of district-level workshops aimed at sensitizing officials about the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) and its critical link to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Implementation of COTPA-2003 reviewed at Kulgam



J I NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, JULY 11

A review meeting of the District Level Coordination Committee for the implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA)-2003 under National Tobacco Control Program was held today at the secretariat Kulgam.

The meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, Viqar

Ahmad Giri.

During the meeting, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) highlighted the pivotal roles and responsibilities of various departments and stakeholders in curbing tobacco use and ensuring strict enforcement of tobacco control measures across the district.

ADC directed the Chief Education Officer (CEO) and other concerned officers to strictly enforce the provision prohibiting the sale of tobacco prod-

ucts within 100 yards of educational institutions. He also instructed that all government offices and institutions must ensure a tobacco-free environment.

Emphasizing the urgent need for collective responsibility, Giri urged all stakeholders to work in close coordination to ensure the rigorous implementation of COTPA-2003, thereby safeguarding public health and preventing tobacco-related harm.

The meeting was attended by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Noorabad, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, and other district officers. The State Programme Associate, NTCP from the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir, was also present and assured all possible technical support for effective implementation of the programme.

DC Poonch reviews progress of National Rural Livelihood Mission Programme

J I NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, JULY 11

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to review the progress of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) in the district. The meeting focused on assessing ongoing strategies aimed at enhancing rural income through sustainable livelihood initiatives.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of targets and achievements for the financial year 2025-26. Key focus areas included the formation and strengthening of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), promotion of farm and non-farm livelihood activities, SHG-bank linkages, financial inclusion, operationalization of Van



Dhan Vikas Kendras, community-managed training centres and overall physical and financial progress across all blocks.

The District Nodal Officer NRLM informed that the district currently has 4,563 active SHGs comprising 33,243 members, along with 342 Village Organizations and 29 Cluster-Level Federations, indicating a strong foundation of community mobilization and participation.

Discussions also emphasized the need for a well-defined income-generation roadmap with a particular focus on women empowerment through SHGs and

flagship initiatives like the "Lakhpadi Didi" scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner underlined the importance of coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to diversify livelihood options and ensure inclusive, sustainable rural development across the district.

The meeting was attended by the Assistant Commissioner Development, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, District Panchayat Officer, Headquarter Assistant, District Nodal Officer NRLM, Block Programme Managers and other concerned officials.

Power Shutdown

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 11

According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC, in order to carry out Branch cutting of trees in the alignment of these lines and stabilization of these lines, shutdown of several 33KV lines shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations falling under these lines shall remain off while power supply to numerous areas will be affected.

In this connection, shutdown of 33KV Alasteng Power House line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Powerhouse, Manigam, Duderhama, Contingency Plant shall remain off while power supply to Beehama, Arampora, Arch, Nunner,

Manigam, Duderhama, Malshaibagh, Wayil, Gutlibagh and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on 16 & 20 July, 2025.

Also, the shutdown of 33KV Alasteng Nagbal line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Alasteng, Nagbal, Gadoora, Tulbagh shall remain off while power supply to Shuhama, Bakura, Darend, Nagbal, Fatehpura, Gadoora, Tulbagh, Chunduna, Shairpathri and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on 15 & 19 July, 2025.

Besides, the shutdown of 33KV Alasteng Zakura line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Gulabagh, Ahmadnagar, Umarhair, shall remain off while

power supply to Pandach, Pathan Colony, Gulab Bagh, Mir Mohalla, Umarhair, Nowbugh, Ahmad Nagar, 90ft Road, Khalmulla and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on 15 July, 2025.

Further to facilitate 11 KV Reconductoring, conductor, DT Charging and DTR earthing and Tapping, shutdown of 33KV Badampora Kurhama Dab line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Kurhama, Dab, GCET, Sainik School shall remain off while power supply to Kurhama, Youngpora, Baroosa, Old Dab, Checki Baba, Sainik School, Rabit, Kondbal, GCET Safapora and adjoining areas will be affected from 06:00 AM to 11:00 AM on 14 June, 2025.

Uttam Singh joins as Chief Planning Officer Udhampur



J I NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, JULY 11

Uttam Singh, today took charge as Chief Planning Officer, Udhampur, relieving Mohammad Iqbal Zarger. He brings experience from several districts where he held planning and administrative roles.

Before this posting, Uttam Singh served as CPO Jammu from December 2023. His tenure there focused on improving transparency, timely scheme execution and coordination among departments.

In earlier assignments, he worked in districts such as Kathua and Ramban. In Kathua, he supported infrastructure development in border areas. In Ramban,

he handled planning work in difficult terrain, focusing on vital sectors.

On assuming charge in Udhampur, Singh thanked the administration for the opportunity and said he would continue to focus on efficient planning and transparent service delivery.

The District Administration Jammu had bid him farewell yesterday on the conclusion of his tenure there. Officers appreciated his professional conduct and effective coordination during his time in the district.

Singh said he looks forward to working with the Udhampur administration and contributing to ongoing and upcoming development initiatives.

Monthly NCORD meeting held at Kulgam

J I NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, JULY 11

A meeting of the District Level Committee under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) was convened today at Kulgam to discuss and strategize measures to curb drug abuse and narcotic trade in the district.

The meeting held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, Viqar Ahmed Giri, reviewed the implementation of directives and decisions taken in previous sessions.

A detailed discussion was held on issues related to drug addiction, emerging areas of concern, hotspots of drug use, and the ongoing efforts by various departments to tackle the menace of drugs.

The meeting also assessed the action taken by enforcement agencies

against drug abuse and narcotic trafficking in the district.

It was informed that during the month of June, 10 drug peddlers were arrested and 8 FIRs were registered.

Further, it was informed that the district has already achieved 100% target in the installation of CCTV cameras, besides 90 inspections were carried out in pharmacies and 05 medical shops were disallowed/suspended for violation in maintaining sale/purchase records.

ADC urged all stakeholders for their active participation in eradicating the drug menace.

The meeting was attended by SDM-DH Pora Bashir-ul-Hassan, ACD Bilal Kamgar, College Principals of Kulgam/Kilam/Frisal, all Tehsildars and other NCORD Committee members.

Power shutdown

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JULY 11

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Nagrota, Sainik School, Kattal Battal, Narian, Chak Dhoke and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 13 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Prabble, Humble, Mangote and Marmat will remain affected on July 12 and 13 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Jakh, Sarore, Bari-Brahmana town and Industrial areas will remain affected on July 13 from 5.30 am to 9.30 pm.

According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC, in order to carry out stringing of conductor from BK Pora to Khandra under RDSS Scheme, shutdown of 33KV BK Pora Khandra Tap line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Station at Khandra shall remain off while power supply to Chattergham, Magraypora, Suthsoo, Gowherpora and adjoining areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 14 & 16 July, 2025.

CS launches first ever MSME Health Clinic to revive sick Industrial Units

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 11

Aimed at building a resilient and growth-oriented industrial ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today launched J&K's first ever MSME Health Clinic.

This pioneering initiative would address the challenges faced by industrial units by facilitating tailored interventions as recommended by the industry stakeholders and professionals from reputed management institutions.

Present on the occasion included Commissioner Secretary, I&C; MD, JKTPD; Director Industries, Jammu/Kashmir; Director Handicrafts, Kashmir/Jammu besides other senior officers from the concerned Departments.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, the Chief Secretary termed the Health Clinic as a critical institutional mechanism for diagnosing the stress factors plaguing industrial units and enabling timely redressal. He underlined the need for optimum utilization of the facility and ensuring that the services being offered are objective, data-driven and need-



based. The MSME sector is the backbone of our local economy and it is imperative that we extend all necessary support to the units that are under stress. The Health Clinic must evolve into a dynamic platform where distressed units can be clinically assessed and supported with actionable remedies.

To ensure efficient and timely decision-making, Dulloo called for seamless API integrations from the departments and institutions like the Power Development Department, financial institutions, the Udyam portal and the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). These integrations, he emphasized, would provide real-time access to data that reflects the ground realities faced by MSMEs, thereby enabling accurate diagnostics and timely interventions.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary, I&C, Vikramjit Singh, informed that the JKMHCC

portal is an innovative digital platform designed to provide comprehensive health monitoring and analytical insights for MSMEs across the region. This initiative aims to identify potential challenges early, offer timely interventions, and facilitate the sustainable growth of businesses, he added.

While throwing light on the embedded key features of the JKMHCC Portal, Director, Industries, Jammu, Arun Manhas revealed that the MSMEs can easily register and log in to access the portal's features. He further divulged that the portal integrates and analyzes critical data from various sources, including UDYAM for comprehensive MSME profile details, EPFO, GST, Power Demand and Financial Information.

The same is going to provide a clear overview of MSME's health status, categorizing them as "Stable," "Recoverable," or "Prone to Sick" based

on a sophisticated weightage and scoring mechanism given to each of the indicators.

The portal also identifies correlation indicators for potential distress such as declining turnover, increased outstanding loans, irregularities in GST filings, declining profits, reduced cash inflows and delays in payments. It will suggest appropriate measures for its revival through dedicated handholding and mentorship after discussion with industry and knowledge partners.

Moreover, the IIM Jammu has been roped in as a knowledge partner in this initiative who along with the professionals from industry would suggest the tailored remedial measures to be taken for reviving each of the unit based on its report card

Thereafter, the Industries Department would offer dedicated assistance in the shape of requisite handholding and mentorship through its district and Divisional level offices together in association with the financial institutions to put these units back to sustainable growth trajectory in a time-bound manner.

DC Kishtwar reviews Local Area Development Plan under R&R Plan of Hydroelectric Power Projects

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JULY 11

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today reviewed the Local Area Development Plan (LADP) under the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Plan of Hydroelectric Power Projects (HEPP) in the District.

The meeting focused on reviewing the physical and financial progress of local area development activities and social and community development packages of HEPP under the R&R Plan.

The review meeting covered four major projects, namely Kiru HEPP, Pakal Dul HEPP, Ratle HEPP and Kwar HEPP.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of adhering to guidelines and completing these works within set



timelines, highlighting that these projects are for the welfare of the common masses, particularly the Project Affected Families (PAFs).

The meeting was attended by officers from concerned departments, executing agencies and Officers of HEPPs. The District Admin-

istration Kishtwar is committed to ensuring the timely completion of the earmarked works, which will benefit the local community and PAFs.



Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen, former Minister and President People's Democratic Front (PDF) called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, today. He was accompanied by Dr Nissar Paul, General Secretary; Shri Showkat Ahmad Raina, Vice President; Shri Mushtaq Shameem, Chief Spokesperson and Shri Sheikh Ab Rashid, Srinagar District President of People's Democratic Front.

The delegation put forth various important matters pertaining to youth empowerment, promotion of tourism sector and reopening of tourists' destinations in Budgam District. They also requested for the constitution of Nilnag Development Authority to boost infrastructure and ensure planned, eco-friendly development of the scenic Nilnag area in Budgam.

The Lieutenant Governor assured the members of the delegation that appropriate action will be taken to address the issues projected by them.



Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today released the patriotic and inspirational song titled "Jai Kashmir - From 370 to Unity, A Tribute to Vision, Courage, and Progress", at Raj Bhawan. The song was penned and composed by Dr. Mohammad Shuaib Zahoor.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated Dr. Mohammad Shuaib Zahoor and his team for dedicating the song to the spirit of unity, development, and transformation in Jammu and Kashmir post-abrogation of Article 370.

The song celebrates national integrity, and honours the tireless efforts of the Lieutenant Governored UT Administration, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, in laying the foundation of a brighter future for the region.

Rana pays tributes to Madra-e-Meherban Begum Akbar Jehan

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 11

Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today paid rich tributes to the revered Madra-e-Meherban Begum Akbar Jehan Abdullah on her 25th death anniversary.

Awareness & Coordination meeting on POCSO Act and Child Protection Units held

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 11

In a significant move to reinforce the protection and empowerment of children through legal awareness and institutional collaboration, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar today organised a comprehensive 'Awareness & Coordination Meeting' focusing on the POCSO Act, JAGRITI Unit, DAWN Unit, and ASHA Unit.

The programme, held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, aimed at creating an inclusive platform for dialogue, sensitization, and commitment to safeguarding the rights and dignity of children.

Aadil Mushtaq, Chief Judicial Magistrate/Chairman, Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC), Srinagar chaired the meeting, which saw enthusiastic participa-

tion from heads of educational institutions, representatives of the School Education department, Para-legal volunteers, members of units and officials of DLSA Srinagar.

At the outset, the objective of the meeting was outlined, to raise awareness among educational stakeholders about the provisions and importance of the POCSO Act and to ensure effective functioning and coordination of institutional mechanisms such as the JAGRITI Unit DAWN Unit and ASHA Unit. The forum provided a robust space for sharing insights, identifying challenges, and evolving a collective strategy to enhance outreach and impact at the school level.

In his address, CJM emphasized the pressing need to integrate legal awareness and child protection strategies within the framework of the school education system. He reiterated that children, being

among the most vulnerable sections of society, must be equipped with knowledge about their rights and have access to responsive and supportive mechanisms.

He also underlined the importance of early legal literacy and community-level intervention in preventing exploitation, abuse, and neglect.

Adv. Suhaila Ali (Panel Lawyer) highlighted the role of Legal Services Institutions in building protective frameworks around children through legal outreach, sensitization drives, and collaborative training modules.

A unanimous resolution was passed during the meeting to launch a joint action plan between DLSA/TLSC Srinagar and the School Education department to conduct structured awareness programmes in all schools of district Srinagar.

These programmes will particularly focus on educating students,

teachers, and staff about the legal provisions of the POCSO Act, available support units like JAGRITI, DAWN, and ASHA, and the channels to report any instances of abuse, harassment, or neglect.

DLSA also announced that regular sensitization drives, legal literacy sessions, and interactive legal camps will be organized in both urban and rural schools with the active involvement of trained Para Legal Volunteers, and legal aid defense counsels. These initiatives aim to empower school communities to act as first responders in matters of child protection and ensure that no child is left behind in accessing justice, safety, and dignity.

The meeting concluded with a shared sense of responsibility, mutual commitment, and a pledge to continue working "Together for a Safer Tomorrow."

J&K IMPARD hosts valedictory ceremony for Joint Foundation Training Course

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The Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (J&K IMPARD) marked the successful culmination of a six-week Joint Foundation Training Course for the 2023 batch of J&K Administrative, Police and Accounts Services with a valedictory function.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, was the chief guest while Commissioner Secretary, GAD, M Raju was the guest of honor on the occasion.

In his valedictory



address, the Chief Secretary exhorted upon the trainee officers to uphold the sanctity of integrity and professionalism in their future roles as administrators. He emphasized the importance of delivering justice in a transparent and responsive manner to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon them to work with zeal and dedication, becoming effective leaders in all administrative situations in the future.

Director J&K IMPARD, Rehana Batul, spoke at length about the efforts made by IMPARD to ensure smooth and suc-

cessful completion of the Joint Foundation Training Course.

She highlighted the institute's collaboration with the Art of Living Foundation to conduct a comprehensive training course on meditation and yoga, which helped the trainees stay focused, motivated and healthy throughout their training.

The Director congratulated the trainee officers on successfully completing the Training Course, expressing hope that it would significantly contribute towards shaping and building their professional careers.

Power Shutdown

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According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL, in order to carry out relocation of old/ wooden frames of 33 KV Exhibition line inside PCR Batamloo, shutdown of 33KV GIS Tengpora Exhibition line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Batamloo and Exhibition shall remain off while power supply to Batamloo, PCR, HSHS, Baranpathri and adjoining areas will be affected from 06:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 13 July, 2025.

NORTHERN RAILWAY			
E-TENDER NOTICE			
Tender Notice No.- 73-2025-26-DEN-TRACK-FZR		Date: 10.07.2025	
DEN/Track/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 31/07/2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. In place of Earnest money deposit, "Bid Security Declaration" is to be submitted or prescribed format as available in document section on the portal.			
Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	
Open	Works	Single Packet System	
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time	
08.07.2025	17.07.2025	31.07.2025 15:00 Hrs	
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	
1.	73-2025-26-DEN-TRACK-FZR	Leading material from any SSE/depot to any SSE/depot and from any CSP within FZR division to FZR division.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	3,56,11,148.16/-	3,28,100.00/-	60 Days
			12 Months
Similar nature of work - "Any P. way work on running line including the nature of tendered work".			
Note. 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.			
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NORTHERN RAILWAY			
E-TENDER NOTICE			
Tender Notice No.- 75, 76, 81-2025-26-ADEN-JRC & 77, 78, 79, 80-2025-26-ADEN-LDH		Date: 11.07.2025	
Sr.DEN-/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-04/08/2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. In place of Earnest money deposit, "Bid Security Declaration" is to be submitted or prescribed format as available in document section on the portal.			
Tender Type	Tendering Section	Packet System	
Open	Works	Single Packet System	
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time	
10.07.2025	21.07.2025	04.08.2025/15:00 Hrs.	
S.No.:	Tender No.	Details of Tender	
1	75-2025-26-ADEN-JRC	Providing and installing automatic water chlorinator for maintaining minimum chlorination level along with operation and maintenance for five years at JRC in the jurisdiction of ADEN/JRC.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	23,98,106.31/-	48,000.00/-	60 Days
			60 Months
Similar nature of work: "NIL.."			
2	76-2025-26-ADEN-JRC	Providing and installing automatic water chlorinator for maintaining minimum chlorination level along with operation and maintenance for five years at JUC in the jurisdiction of ADEN/JRC.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	36,56,655.55/-	73,100.00/-	60 Days
			60 Months
Similar nature of work: "NIL.."			
3	77-2025-26-ADEN-LDH	Providing and installing automatic water chlorinator for maintaining minimum chlorination level along with operation and maintenance for 5 years in the jurisdiction of ADEN/LDH.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	79,93,138.50/-	1,59,900.00/-	60 Days
			60 Months
Similar nature of work: "Provisions/ repair/ annual maintenance contracts for electronic chlorinators"			
4	78-2025-26-ADEN-LDH	Repair to corroded water supply pipelines and interconnection of new pumps with water tanks & heavy repair and maintenance to drainage and sewerage of colony no. 5 to 7 in the section of SSE/WLDH under ADEN/LDH.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	1,85,47,530.06/-	2,42,700.00/-	60 Days
			09 Months
Similar nature of work: "Any civil work other than track work"			
5	79-2025-26-ADEN-LDH	Replacement of worn out doors & windows, sunshades, Mumtaz staff quarters in colony no. 1 to 13 in the section of ADEN/LDH under Sr. ADEN/ LDH.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	1,19,99,605.50/-	2,10,000.00/-	60 Days
			09 Months
Similar nature of work: "Any civil work other than track work"			
6	80-2025-26-ADEN-LDH	Replacement of worn out doors & windows of Gang quarter & staff quarters & Improvement of Flooring in Room, Toilet, Bath & Kitchen of staff quarters and Gang quarters in the section of SSE/WPGW under Sr. ADEN/LDH.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	1,19,99,820.69/-	2,10,000.00/-	60 Days
			09 Months
Similar nature of work: "Any civil work other than track work"			
7	81-2025-26-ADEN-JRC	Repair to worn out doors of staff qrs and plaster flooring repair of staff qrs in colony no. 1, 2, 8 & 9 at JUC & Repair to colony roads and footpaths in colony no. 1, 2 & 3 at JUC under ADEN/JRC.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	1,49,99,685.71/-	2,25,000.00/-	60 Days
			09 Months
Similar nature of work: "Any civil work other than track work"			
Note. 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.			
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NORTHERN RAILWAY			
E-Tender Notice			
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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Packet System	
Open	Works	Single Packet System	
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time	
08.07.2025	17.07.2025	31.07.2025 & 15:00 Hrs	
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	
1	61-2025-26-ADEN-1-FZR	TWR (Through Weld Renewal) 28.312 Km in various yard lines by using Road cum Rail Mobile Flash Butt Welding plant of old AT Welds on LDH-FZR section and BT-FZR section under ADEN-1/FZR in c/w/with TWR of 114.646 KM over Firozpur Division.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	1,68,45,901.42/-	2,34,200.00/-	60 Days
			09 Months
Similar nature of work: "Welding of Rails with Mobile Flash Butt Welding Plant".			
Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. No.- 61-2025-26-ADEN-1-FZR Date: 10.07.2025			
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FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

On day-9, over 18,000...

Officials said that the pilgrimage continues under a multi-tier security grid, with round-the-clock monitoring, medical support, and rescue teams in place to facilitate a safe and smooth yatra for the devotees.

"Transit camps play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra, especially during delays or road closures along the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway. Two such key facilities located at Mirbazar and Qazigund have been strategically established to provide essential overnight shelter to pilgrims. With a combined capacity to accommodate 5,000 yatris (2,600 beds at Mir Bazar and 2,400 at Walnut Factory Levadora), these camps serve as vital logistical hubs, offering rest, safety, and support amid the arduous journey to the holy cave shrine," an official told KNO.

Furthermore, a fresh batch of 6,482 pilgrims left from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu on Friday, heading towards the twin base camps of Baltal and Pahalgam for the ongoing annual Amarnath Yatra.

According to official data, 2,353 pilgrims proceeded via the Baltal route, while 4,129 chose the traditional Pahalgam axis. The convoy, comprising a total of 268 vehicles, moved under a tight security cover. The fleet included 135 buses, 49 Medium Motor Vehicles (MMVs), and 84 Light Motor Vehicles (LMVs).

As per the figures shared by the authorities, the batch consisted of 4,838 male pilgrims, 1,387 females, 16 children, and 241 sadhus and sadhvis. KNO

DGP Prabhat commends...

refining drills to deal dynamically with evolving threats and called for relentless operations in the hinterland."

A police statement said that DGP Prabhat conducted a focused security review with DIG South Kashmir Range Javed Iqbal Mattoo, SSPs of South Kashmir, and senior officers from the Indian Army, CRPF, and BSF. KNO

Army deploys over...

This year's deployment comes amid increased security concerns following the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, with threats emanating from Pakistan-backed proxy elements.

They said that as part of the extensive deployment, a dedicated counter-UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) grid featuring over 50 C-UAS and EW (Electronic Warfare) systems has been positioned to counter drone-based threats. "Live surveillance via UAVs (drones) and PTZ camera feeds is actively monitoring Yatra convoys and the Holy Cave. Engineer task forces have been mobilised for infrastructure tasks like bridge laying, track widening, and landslide mitigation," they added.

The operation also includes over 150 doctors and paramedics, two Advanced Dressing Stations, nine Medical Aid Posts, a 100-bed hospital, and 26 oxygen booths backed by 2 lakh litres of oxygen, sources said, adding that Signal companies, EME technical detachments, and Bomb Detection & Disposal Squads have also been deployed.

Provisioning of emergency rations for 25,000 people, quick reaction teams (QRTs), tent cities, water supply points, and essential plant equipment, they added.

The Army is utilising real-time convoy tracking from Jammu to the Holy Cave, integrating feeds from drones and high-resolution cameras. This technology-backed situational awareness is enabling swift threat detection and immediate coordination among agencies in case of emergencies. Indian Army helicopters are on standby for rapid evacuation or any contingency response, adding an aerial dimension to the operational readiness, an official said.

"Operation SHIVA 2025 represents a comprehensive blend of manpower, technology, and preparedness to ensure a secure and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage for lakhs of devotees," he added.

The Yatra, which commenced on July 3, will conclude on August 9. KNO

Entrust J&K's security...

to a query on Bihar voter list, Omar said that Jammu and Kashmir is the place where elections don't take place easily. "We have witnessed 2024 elections after the gap of ten years. I am among the persons who want the elections to be held in any way," he said.

Meanwhile, as per a post on X, Office of Chief Minister, J&K, Omar highlighted the unique tourism experiences Jammu & Kashmir has to offer.

He also invited the tour operators from across the country to collaborate in promoting the region and assured full support from the government.

"Chief Minister held a special interaction with tour operators from across the country, highlighting the unique tourism experiences Jammu & Kashmir has to offer. He invited them to collaborate in promoting the region and assured full support from the government," the post reads. KNO

SIA raids 3 locations...

Sections 18, 38, and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, along with Sections 120B, 121, and 121A of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station CI-SIA Kashmir. These searches yielded vital evidence, marking a breakthrough in exposing the clandestine financial networks that keep the pot of terrorism boiling in Jammu and Kashmir," it reads.

It added recovered articles/electronic devices are expected to aid the SIA in identifying and apprehending co-conspirators and accomplices orchestrating these anti-national activities.

"The SIA remains determined in its commitment to rooting out terrorism and its support systems, including sophisticated methods like crypto currency-based funding, which are increasingly exploited to perpetuate violence and radicalization," it reads. KNO

Hajj-2025: Final...

"Only airline services drew some concerns from the

pilgrims," he said.

He said that one J&K pilgrim remains in Saudi Arabia due to medical observation. "The J&K Hajj Committee is closely monitoring the case in coordination with CGI Jeddah," Dr Qureshi said.

Asked about the fee structure for the upcoming Hajj, Dr Qureshi clarified that no changes have been confirmed so far, and rates will be determined once the tendering process is finalised.

"Seventy percent of pilgrims go through the government quota managed by the Hajj Committee, while thirty percent use the private quota. The overall quota for India for Hajj 2026 is likely to be announced by July 15," he stated. KNO

Chief Secretary assesses...

to this data, enabling prompt interventions wherever shortages are noticed.

Reviewing the Biomedical Equipment Management and Maintenance Programme (BEMMP), the Chief Secretary asked the concerned departments to complete the Equipment Profile exercise by August, as already directed. He underscored that maintaining functional equipment is central towards improving the patient outcomes and minimizing the service disruptions.

Dulloo expressed concern over the vacancies in DNB (Diplomate of National Board) seats across major hospitals of the UT. He directed for taking measures to fill these seats, including offering the opportunities to in-service Medical Officers, where external candidates are unavailable.

The Chief Secretary laid special focus on the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) while directing the Health Department to cover every school and Anganwadi centre across J&K. He stressed the need to screen children for key health indicators, including anaemia and other common disorders enabling targeted medical interventions at an early stage.

In line with the government's commitment to equitable health access, Dulloo reiterated that no Primary Health Centre or Sub-Centre especially in remote and hilly areas should be left without doctors or requisite paramedical staff. He emphasized the need to fill vacant positions and deploy staff strategically to serve the underserved populations.

Taking stock of the critical care infrastructure being developed under PM-ABHIM, the Chief Secretary reviewed the status and timelines of various projects in the districts. He called for expedited completion of all ongoing works, urging the officials to meet deadlines without compromising on quality.

During the meeting, the functioning of key NHM programmes such as e-Sanjeevani (Tele-Consultation), Tele-MANAS (Mental Health Counselling), Tele-ICUs and free ambulance services was also reviewed.

The Chief Secretary expressed satisfaction over the reach of these initiatives but stressed on wider public awareness and operational efficiency to ensure they benefit every needy citizen.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the TB Elimination and Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) prevention programmes being run under NHM, urging intensified screenings, follow-ups and outreach campaigns especially in high-risk populations.

Secretary, H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah, informed the meeting that unlike past the NHM, J&K, received five instalments totalling Rs 806.93 crore of central share and Rs 195.08 Cr for infrastructure maintenance in 2024-25 against a resource envelope of Rs 601.54 crore and Rs150.20 crore respectively.

He added that J&K has achieved 99% institutional deliveries in 2024-25 and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has significantly dropped from 16 to 14 as per SRS 2022 Bulletin, which is better than the national average of 26 per 1000 live births. As per HMIS data 2024-25, IMR has been recorded as 9.35 per 1000 live births, he reiterated.

While giving the account of achievements, MD NHM Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary informed that 86% of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) are operational in J&K.

Additionally, he informed the meeting that the number of free drugs had been increased from 23 to 96 at SHC-AAMs and from 71 to 175 at PHC-AAMs during FY 2024-25. Free diagnostic services have also been expanded resulting in 242.75 lakh OPD evaluations at these health facilities from 2023 till date.

Moreover, it was revealed that Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) teams regularly conduct screenings in schools and Anganwadi Centres, with 91% of targeted beneficiaries (0-18 years) screened in 2024-25.

In addition, 9.35 lakh patients have received tele-consultation services from FY 2023-24 to June 2025 and over 103,396 calls have been received by the Tele-MANAS unit established at IMHANS. It was revealed that 489 ambulances are operational under the 102-108 Ambulance Service. Also 10,164 (90%) ASHAs have qualified for NIOS certification, which is the highest in the country.

Regarding the status of critical infrastructure raised under PM-ABHIM, the meeting was apprised that 10 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) besides 20 Integrated Public Health Labs (IPHLs) and 287 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs) have been raised under this flagship programme.

It was said that the projects to the tune of Rs 512.00 crore have been allotted to HSCC (India) Ltd for execution across the UT. More than 200 works have been awarded and 150 works have started in the last couple of months under this programme across the districts of the UT-(KNO)

Jammu Crime Branch...

separate case, he said that a written complaint was received from Khursheed Ahmed Naik of Khari, Ramban in which the complainant alleged that Ghulam Hassan Naik and his daughter Shakeela Bano, both residents of village Khari, Tehsil Khari, District Ramban having date of birth as 06-12-1966 is a government Teacher, Shakeela Bano having date of birth as 01-01-1976 is employed as Anganwadi Worker, father and daughter have an age difference of nine years and 26 days only.

The complainant further alleged that Shakeela Bano is illiterate and in order to get her selected as Anganwadi Worker (AWW), her father manipulated, tampered the

CM Omar taken significant steps to empower J&K women: Sunil Verma

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, JULY 11

Jammu & Kashmir National Conference today observed the 25th death anniversary of the esteemed "Madr-e-Meharban", Begum Akbar Jehan Abdullah, with a solemn function at the District Headquarters, JKNC Udhampur. The senior NC leader paid heartfelt tributes to her enduring legacy of social welfare, women's empowerment, and unwavering commitment to the people of J&K.

The event was organized by District President (Urban) Sunil Verma, who recalled Begum Akbar Jehan as "a guiding light in J&K's journey toward dignity, democratic awakening, and compassion". He emphasised her pivotal role in championing education, healthcare, and basic human liberties during the region's most challenging times.

Sunil Verma also highlighted the continuing legacy of women empowerment under the present National Conference-led government. "The present NC Government headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has taken significant steps to empower the women of Jammu and Kashmir. During just eight months of Omar Abdullah's Chief Ministership, National Conference fulfilled several poll manifestoes like free travel for women in government buses, increased marriage assistance from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000, provision of 200 free electricity units to AAY consumers, doubling of ration for AAY families, and many more," he asserted.

Ram Parshotam Sharma, District President (Rural), said, "Her quiet strength and boundless compassion uplifted countless lives. Even in moments of adversity, she stood as a symbol of hope, resilience, and social justice." Advocate Bharat Bhusan Sharma, Zonal Vice President, noted, "Madr-e-Meharban was

school records of Shakeela Bano thereby committing forgery.

The Crime Branch has registered a case against individuals and others on the basis of the contents of the complaint and preliminary verification report.

The SSP said that three separate cases have been registered at Police Station Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu and investigations started.

J&K Haj Committee's...

Official sources told news agency that the present committee—constituted by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on July 20, 2022—is set to conclude its term on July 19, 2025.

The seven-member body constituted in 2022 included prominent figures such as Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi (then MP), DDC Baramulla chairperson Safena Baig, former MP Talib Hussain Choudhary, Mohd Rafiq Chashti, Molvi Mohd Ashraf, and Syed Mohd Rafiq. Member Parliament Mian Altaf Ahmad was inducted into the panel following completion of MP term by Masoodi. In line with the Haj Committee Rules, the new committee is expected to consist of seven members including a sitting Member of Parliament, two Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs), and one representative from local bodies. The Lieutenant Governor, who acts as the Administrator under Article 239 of the Constitution for the Union Territory, holds the authority to appoint the committee.

Once the nominations of members are notified, the first meeting of the newly constituted committee must be convened within 45 days to elect a chairperson from among its members.

It is worthwhile to mention that Haj Committees in States/UTs play a role in facilitating the annual Haj pilgrimage. KNO

Police attach...

FIR No. 105/2024 registered at Police Station Sopore.

The case is being investigated under Sections 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 38, 39, 40 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Section 7/25 of the Arms Act. The attachment was carried out following due approval from the competent authority under the UA(P) Act, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency.

"The action marks a crucial move in the ongoing crackdown against terror financing networks and logis-



more than just the wife of Sher-e-Kashmir; she was a torchbearer of women's empowerment and nurtured the ideals of Naya Kashmir long before they became mainstream."

While paying tributes to Madr-e-Meharban Begum Akbar Jehan, Akash Verma, Additional Spokesperson of JKNC, said she was a symbol of compassion and courage who worked tirelessly for the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden. "Her efforts laid the foundation for social reforms in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in the fields of women's education and welfare. The youth must take inspiration from her life and contribute meaningfully to society," he added.

The National Conference leaders reiterated their pledge to uphold the values of Madr-e-Meharban and strengthen the fabric of democracy and social welfare in the region.

Among those who were present included Sardara Begum, Ex-BDC; Sardar Gurmeet Singh, District Vice President; Ch. Abdul Rashid, District Secretary; Amarnath, District President SC Cell; Ghulam Hassan Kanth, Senior Leader NC; Manmohan Verma, Block President Tikri; Jagdish Singh, Block President Ghordi; Om Parkash Bhagat, Block President Udhampur Rural; Om Parkash Sanyal, Block President Udhampur City; Tirath Ram, Block President Kulwanta; Jagdish Bhardwaj, Senior NC Leader; Ratna Devi; Radhey Rani; Rajkumari; Rita Gupta; Usha Devi; Ramesh Kumar; K.K. Raina; Ram Lal Bhagat; Tirath Singh; Parvez Iqbal; and Amit Malhotra, Youth Leader.

IIM Jammu hosts Inspiring Lecture on "Op. SINDOOR" under Kartavya - Social Responsibility Club



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JULY 11

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, through its Kartavya - Social Responsibility Club, organized an evocative and deeply insightful lecture on "Operation SINDOOR" at the Mandapam Auditorium on 10th July 2025. The session brought together students, faculty, staff, and newly admitted students with their parents for a rare and moving interaction with officers of the Indian Army who served on the frontlines. The event was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, who honoured the officers with mementos and praised their service to the nation.

The session featured Major Sahil Sharma, SM, as the lead speaker, who offered firsthand insights into the motivation, strategic rationale, and operational execution of Operation SINDOOR. Through a compelling narrative supported by an impactful slide presentation, Major Sharma guided the audience through the real-time challenges, tactical planning, and courage involved in the mission. His address provided a deeply human perspective on national defence and highlighted the values of resilience, discipline, and leadership under pressure. He was joined by Major Prarabdh Bhadoriya, Together, the two officers

offered the audience a rare window into the realities of national security and military strategy, drawing connections between battlefield decisions and broader principles of leadership. Present during the occasion were Dr. Harsha Jariwala, Co-Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu, Brigadier Neeraj Soni (Retd.), IIM Jammu and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, CAO, IIM Jammu. The presence of academic leaders and senior officials further underscored the institute's commitment to holistic education and nation-building. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from across the IIM Jammu community, including faculty members, staff, and students from various programs. For the incoming batches and their parents, it served as a powerful and memorable introduction to the ethos of the institute—an ethos rooted in service, learning, and leadership beyond the classroom.

As the event concluded, the auditorium resounded with applause, not only in honour of the officers but also in recognition of the sacrifices made daily by the armed forces. The session reaffirmed IIM Jammu's mission of cultivating socially conscious, nationally committed, and ethically grounded leaders who will shape the future of India and the world.

Khatana holds public darbar at BJP Headquarters in Srinagar



JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JULY 11

Hon'ble Member of Parliament Ghulam Ali Khatana held a Public Darbar at the BJP Headquarters, Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar, where he met with numerous delegations, local citizens, and party workers who presented a wide range of public issues including development, infrastructure gaps, and employment concerns.

While addressing media persons after the event, Shri Ghulam Ali Khatana launched a scathing attack on the National Conference (NC) and Congress, accusing them of misguiding the people of Jammu & Kashmir for decades. "NC and Congress have made non-sensitive issues appear sensitive just to stay politically relevant. Instead of leading the people towards development, they deliberately kept the region trapped in confusion and backwardness," Khatana said.

During the public interaction, MP Khatana patiently heard the grievances and assured people of timely action by taking up matters with the concerned departments. The Darbar was a part of

tical support systems aiding terrorist organisations and their affiliates."

"J&K Police remain firmly committed to dismantling the entire terror ecosystem—ideological, operational and financial. The public is urged to remain vigilant and report any information that can help isolate and eliminate threats to peace and national security," the statement reads. KNO

Two dead, 4 injured...

Kashmir.

Police said that at about 7:30 pm, a cab ferrying passengers driven by Mohammad Rafiq of Gujara Paristan, fell down into a deep gorge near Senabati.

Two persons died on the spot and four others suffered injuries.

The injured were shifted to Primary Health Centre Ukhral for treatment and were later shifted to GMC Anantnag in Kashmir, said police.

TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 10-07-2025, 1600 hrs. to 11-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 04 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 haltagge between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 12-07-2025:-

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.

HMVs/Load Carriers:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HMVs 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 HMVs.

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 HMVs shall be allowed from Minamarg towards Srinagar at 0500 hrs. to 1000 hrs. Similarly, LMVs followed by HMVs 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, HMVs (upto ten tyres only) shall be allowed from Shopian towards Poonch. These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Baffliaz) 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)

DIP/J-3358/25

Date: 11-7-25

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR(UT)
OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR, UDHAMPUR
(Tel/Fax:- 01992-270801 e-mail:- tehsiludh@gmail.com)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Government of J&K, Revenue Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar vide Order No. 100-JK(Rev) of 2024 dated 02.08.2024, regarding conferment of ownership rights to the displaced persons of 1965 in respect of State land;

Whereas, the broad guidelines relating to the grant of proprietary rights to the DPs of 1965 shall be as under:

- An application shall be made by the eligible persons classified as the Displaced Persons of 1965, before the Tehsildar concerned, duly supported with the following documents:
 - The document showing that the land is duly allotted to the DPs and they or their legal heirs have been continuously holding the land from the date of allotment to this date and that the entries to that effect have been duly recorded in the relevant revenue record;
 - The document showing that the land allotted to the DPs has been under their or their legal heirs personal cultivation from the date of allotment to this date and that the entries to that effect have been recorded in the relevant revenue record;
 - In case, the original Displaced Person in whose favour the proprietary rights are to be granted has expired, the same shall be transferred as per the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 read with the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005/ Muslim Personal Law/ Other inheritance laws as applicable to all the legal heirs of the deceased Displaced Person;
 - Affidavit from the eligible displaced Persons (Allottees) that the application has been made by the original Displaced Persons/ all his legal heirs, as per the applicable inheritance laws and no legal heir has been omitted and the said person (s) has/ have not encroached any State land/ Kahchariae land /Govt land.
- The land ceilings mentioned in the Cabinet Order No. 578-C of 1954 shall apply to all the cases taken up for consideration under this policy. However, there shall be no fresh allotment under any circumstances.
- The definition /composition of the family of the eligible persons, shall be the same as set out in Explanation to Para 2 in Cabinet Order No. 578-C of 1954;
- The proprietary rights on the land situated within the limits of the Municipal Corporation/ Committees shall not be conferred;
- Displaced Persons /legal heirs has not sublet the land or created third party interest therein or converted the land for any other use than the agriculture except for residential purposes/ agricultural allied activities as permitted under J&K Land Revenue Act 1196 Svt.
- The allottee or his legal heirs shall not be entitled to the ownership over the allotted State land in case such allotment has been obtained by him through fake/ forged documents or by suppressing the material facts;
- The Tehsildar shall received each case from the applicant, complete in all respects, properly diarize it and thereafter submit it, after full and proper enquiry and scrutiny, and with clear recommendations to the AC(R)/SDM.;
- The Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) of the District concerned or SDM concerned, as the case may be, after the necessary examination/ due diligence under norms, and with the prior approval of the Deputy Commissioner (District Collector) , shall order the concerned Tehsildar to effect the mutation in favour of the applicant (Displaced Persons of 1965) as per the Standing Order 23-A;
- The Deputy Commissioner concerned shall submit the monthly progress report of these mutations to the Divisional Commissioner / Financial Commissioner, Revenue and shall ensure that Tehsildar /SDM/ ACR hold weekly camps in the village/ areas where Displaced Persons of 1965 are in possession of the land as per revenue records. The DC concerned shall further ensure that no eligible class of persons is left out of the instant policy framework;
- The Financial Commissioner Revenue, J&K shall issue further clarification / guidelines, if any, required for smooth implementation of this policy.

Keeping in view of the above, eligible beneficiaries of Tehsil Udhampur are hereby informed to apply in the office of the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the publication of this notice.

No:-TUDR/OQ/2025-26/1641
Dated:- 09 /07/2025

DIP/J-3327/25

Date: 11-7-25

Sd/-
TEHSILDAR
UDHAMPUR



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR, JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 40 of 2025-2026 Dated. 08-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are 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 (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Facelifting renovation of existing toilets ground floor including drainage system at directorate of Animal Husbandry Jammu	PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu	44.07	600	2% of Advertised Cost	240 days	16-07-2025 (12.00Pm)	"A&B "

Position of AAA: Accorded

Position of TS: Sanctioned

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	XXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu
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 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu
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 e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu and upload the same i.e treasury challan / receipt, Earnest money/ Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu. 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 LI be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu at the time of allotment.

No: - EE/R&B\BN/3226-45

Date:- 08-07-2025

DIP/J-3323/25

Date: 11-7-25

Sd/-
(Er. Sandeep Gupta)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Bakshi Nagar Jammu

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH. DIVISION KATHUA
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT No. 68/JSPHEMK of 2025-26 dated: 10-07-2025

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua, on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered/ reputed firms.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee (In Rs)	Earnest Money	Estimated Cost	Bid Validity
1	2	3	4	5	6
Providing, Installation, testing and commissioning of open well submersible pump set, and the allied works at Ramkot-I.	Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Kathua	Rs. 200.00 (Non-Refundable) In the shape of Treasury Challan in favour of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua & also mentioned the e-NT No. and date	2% (pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua)	1.25 lac	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 10-07-2025 (06:00PM) and uploaded from 10-07-2025 (6:00 PM) to 16-07-2025 (04:00 PM). The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table.
- The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the tenderer shall be debarred from participating in tendering process for a period of 1 year.
- The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division Kathua on 17-07-2025 at 01:00 P.M or any other day convenient to the Ex. Engineer in the Office chambers of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division Kathua.
- The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division Kathua during office hours and shall be communicated separately.
- Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

No: JSPHEMK/1397-1400

Dated: 10-07-2025

DIP/J-3314/25

Date: 11-7-25

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Division
Kathua

EDITORIAL

Safety of women in Chenab region

At a time when concerns around women's safety continue to dominate headlines across India, the launch of 'Bharosa' by the Jammu and Kashmir Police in the Chenab region stands out as a model initiative rooted in sensitivity, strategy, and systemic reform. More than just a law enforcement effort, this comprehensive programme marks a shift in how policing is perceived and practised—especially in rural and semi-urban regions where fear, social stigma, and underreporting have long silenced women victims. Bharosa is rightly structured around the three pillars that can truly effect change—prevention, response, and empowerment. Its early success shows that safety is not just about police presence, but about building trust, offering dignity, and delivering justice in real time. One of the most commendable aspects of Bharosa is its investment in capacity building. The collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), which trained 95 women police personnel in gender sensitisation, complaint redressal, and community engagement, reflects the programme's understanding that professional policing must also be humane. In many communities, particularly in conflict-sensitive zones like Chenab Valley, the mere presence of a trained, empathetic woman officer can change how survivors view the justice system. Moreover, Bharosa goes beyond the police station. With 94 awareness campaigns reaching over 4,400 individuals, and legal and cyber safety sessions benefiting 4,700 more, this initiative is quite literally meeting women where they are—on the ground, in their homes, and in their language. The use of technology—like AI-enabled surveillance, GPS-enabled patrols, the JK Police eCOP app, and the round-the-clock 112 helpline—cements this effort as future-ready without losing its community-driven core. Crucially, reforms under Bharosa are not just about technology, but also about accountability and accessibility. The implementation of digitised FIRs, e-FIR filing, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for crimes against women signal a robust administrative intent to remove procedural delays that often discourage victims from seeking help. Enforcement of the POSH Act in the region is another step toward making public and institutional spaces safer for women. What makes Bharosa particularly effective is its collaborative nature. By roping in civil society organisations, government bodies, educational institutions, and the local population, the initiative ensures that women's safety is not seen as the sole burden of the police, but as a shared societal goal. In a region historically marred by insecurity and limited trust in institutions, Bharosa offers hope. It has already led to a rise in crime reporting and public confidence, indicating that when women believe they will be heard, they speak. And when the system responds with sensitivity and resolve, it rebuilds the fractured trust between citizens and law enforcement. However, Bharosa must not be a one-off or confined to just a few districts. Its model should be replicated across Jammu and Kashmir and in other underserved regions of the country. Sustained funding, regular monitoring, and expanding its scope to address related issues like domestic violence, trafficking, and workplace harassment will be crucial for its long-term success. Bharosa is more than just an initiative—it is a promise. A promise that women in Chenab region will not have to fight for dignity and justice alone. A promise that the state is finally ready to listen, respond, and protect. And most importantly, a promise that policing can indeed be humane, effective, and transformative.

Family planning in India: Need for couple-centric strategies

SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

India has been able to bring down its total fertility rate in recent years. But the not so good news is that there still exists a big gap between total fertility rate (TFR) or the average number of children a woman has and total wanted fertility rate (TWFR) or what the rate could be if all unwanted pregnancies could be averted and women could have the number of children they wanted. One in three women (36 per cent) in India experienced unwanted pregnancies, according to the 2025 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and YouGov survey across 14 countries.

Bihar, among the top three high fertility states in the country, is a prime example where TFR has come down to 3, but TWFR is 2.2, indicating many of these births are unintended. In addition to poor access to health and contraceptive services, deeply entrenched patriarchal norms have exacerbated problems women face in planning families.

However, some districts have shown that these barriers can be overcome. About 14 million unwanted pregnancies were avoided over 10 years by training and motivating rural health workers to work with communities and advise them about family planning services by Janani, a Patna-based non-Governmental organisation working on family planning. One of



the reasons why this strategy worked was its insistence on deploying couples only as FP motivators. By training the wife, it was able to get women to step out of their traditional roles and empower them to be change agents.

The success in addressing misconceptions about family planning by the husband-wife team was due to the well-defined roles and responsibilities of each partner. For instance, while the wife looked after the women, her husband was in charge of

advising the men. Along with providing accurate information about intrauterine devices (IUDs) and oral pills, the couple offered advice to pregnant women about nutrition and child spacing. More importantly, they stressed the importance of the health of the woman. They explained that a woman should not be the one to bear the burden of family planning and feel compelled to undergo tubal ligation. They educated men about the option of no-scalpel vasectomy (NSV), which was

quicker than tubal ligation and required no surgery. Mother-in-laws, who played a vital role in deciding the size of the family, were also brought on board.

Considering 44 per cent of the districts in India reported a high percentage of women marrying before turning 18, perhaps this 'contraceptive couple' team strategy could be tweaked to reach out to adolescents as well. Secondly, adolescent fertility rates in India remain high at 14.1 per cent per 1000 women aged 15-19, according to UNFPA's

2025 State of the World Population report, Real Fertility Crisis. Of the 118 districts in the country with high teenage pregnancies, Bihar tops the list with 19. The state has 23.39 million adolescents, comprising 28.2 per cent of its population. Worryingly, not many of them have accurate sexual and reproductive health (SRH) information. A Population Council study found that of the 10,400 adolescents interviewed in 36 out of 38 districts in Bihar, only 44 per cent of girls between the ages 13-14 and 56 per cent of boys aged 13-14 knew that a woman could not become pregnant after kissing or hugging and 10 per cent knew that a woman could get pregnant at first sex.

The study also found that 14.1 per cent of unmarried adolescent boys and 6.3 per cent of unmarried adolescent girls had premarital sex, and of them, 22 per cent of boys and 28.5 per cent of girls had premarital sex before 15. Further, a large proportion of adolescents in sexual relations with a romantic partner had engaged in unprotected sex. Gender equality plays a big role in making informed choices. If India is to fulfil its commitment to Family Planning 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals of providing equitable contraceptive choices to all marginalised communities, especially women and adolescents, it must accelerate its efforts.

(The writer is journalist writing on development and gender. Views are personal)

The role of spiritual sense in common sense

AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

Let me start with common sense. What do we consider it? That we know what is right and what is not, what should be done and what should be avoided, and what should be feared and what shouldn't. This is wisdom, not common sense. With a very small percentage being exceptions, most everyone considers that what is right is what he thinks is right, what should be done is what he has decided to do, and what should be feared is what scares him personally.

Common sense is defined as good sense and sound judgement. If this were common, then would so many people be making mistakes day in and day out and suffering? No, common sense, as it should be, is highly

uncommon. There is a general belief that everyone should accept what we consider as right to be perfect. Is it? Has anyone become omniscient? No, only God is. Analysing it, there are cultural differences. In the West, eating meat is very common.

In our country, those who are strictly vegetarian are a good percentage. What older people consider right, the younger generation calls outdated. Devotees of God consider taking shelter of God as everything, because God is (The Bhagavad Gita 7.19). Non-devotees consider spiritual practices an utter waste of time and energy. So we have to come to a common ground. How do we do that? We have to go to the authority who has created us. He must know, just as a manufacturer of a complicated machine knows how to operate it.

Aren't our bodies the most complicated machines ever made? Therefore, we must approach God for common sense, which is a spiritual sense. We will see how. Lord Krishna has warned in the Bhagavad Gita, "Lust, anger and greed are the three doors to hell, which cause ruination of the soul. Therefore, one should give up these three." (16.21) Let us examine if we are doing that. Lust occupies the top position in our thinking. We are forever lusting for tasty food, something exciting to see, etc. This is a very common flaw, approved by common sense as we assume it to be. Who, except a select few, is trying to restrain one's senses?

Being greedy is not so uncommon either. What motivates most people? Let us collect more, because "The more, the

better" is considered desirable. Considering greed as a door to hell is farthest from our minds. Anger is considered an asset, not something one should control.

Hating others is the worst of the lot. Lord Krishna has let us know that He sends envious, harmful, cruel and low-grade people to the world again and again, and that too in demonic species (16.19). Do we want to control our hateful thoughts? Far from it, they rule us. Let us see why help from God is most crucial for a quality life. But first we have to realise that we are small, helpless, largely ignorant and unsafe, really. It should be common sense to realise this fact, but we don't, despite constant realisations to the contrary. Throughout the day, we come across situations when we feel small, very

helpless. We don't know what to do, but we don't think of taking help where it is available, i.e. from God. We go into cyclic thinking to somehow try to get out of tricky situations. Where is common sense? Take, for example, our natures.

All of us have faults in us, and we know that we cannot do a thing about them. For a lusty person, he or she realises that what he or she is thinking is wrong, but is helpless to stop it. The conclusion is: we all have some sense. How much depends upon the extent of our knowledge, both spiritual and material. Then, there are sanskars (good values) inherited from our ancestors, besides what we bring from our previous lives. Personal experiences also come in handy, as does guidance from experts like doctors.

The top common sense, as has been pointed out in this article, is the spiritual sense—when we are aware of God's instructions for us and have a good connection with the Almighty. Then and only then do we have a really common/spiritual sense. Otherwise, it is an illusion only. What is my experience? Over the years, I have realised that whatever I know is insufficient for a quality living. As I took shelter in God, my reformation started. My Lord took one fault of mine every alternate day and made me realise how ignorant I was. There is not much to learn except to accept that all souls, no matter where they come from. This makes a lot of sense.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher. Views are personal)

Aging dams: India's struggle to manage flood risks in a changing climate

MOHIT SHARMA

The monsoon season has now enveloped the entire subcontinent. While intense and prolonged heatwaves threatened human lives before the rains, the country is now grappling with a different set of challenges—erratic and heavy rainfall, both driven by climate change. These unpredictable downpours are making the management of large dams and reservoirs increasingly difficult in India.

Reports from Himachal Pradesh have confirmed damage to the Patikari Hydroelectric Project (HEP) and the Jiwa Small HEP due to cloudbursts. In Kangra district, several workers from the under-construction Indira Priyadarshini Hydel Project went missing after a flash flood struck the site on June 25. In southern India, dams remain on high alert as heavy rains persist across the region. Thirteen shutters of the

Mullaperiyar Dam were opened to release water into the Periyar River, with the water level approaching full capacity. The situation is likely to deteriorate further in the coming months, potentially leading to rain-related disasters.

In October 2023, a sudden calamity in Sikkim became a pivotal moment in the discourse on dam safety and climate change. A Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) from South Lhonak Lake triggered devastation at the 1,200MW Teesta 3 hydropower project in Chungthang, claiming 42 lives and affecting 88,000 people throughout the Teesta basin. This tragedy ignited urgent discussions about the management, safety, and long-term sustainability of dams across India.

India ranks as the third-largest dam-owning country in the world, following China and the United States. According to the National Register

of Large Dams 2023, the country has over 6,200 large dams. Of these, around 70 per cent are more than 25 years old, 1,034 are between 50 and 100 years old, and 234 are over a century old. Recent inspections have revealed that two dams have critical defects that could lead to failure, while 183 others have issues requiring urgent intervention.

Although India's dam safety standards are on par with those of developed countries, there have been several notable cases of dam failures and poor maintenance. Passed as a response to deficient surveillance and maintenance, India came up with the Dam Safety Act in 2021 for "proper surveillance, inspection, operation and maintenance of selected dams to prevent dam failures and ensure their safe functioning". It gave way to the formation of a National Committee on Dam Safety to oversee dam safety policies and regulations, a National

Dam Safety Authority to look into implementation issues involving States, a State Committee on Dam Safety (SCDS) and State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO). The law also calls for comprehensive safety reviews of all dams by an independent panel of experts, besides making it compulsory for the dam owners to take time-bound safety actions.

Crucially, the Act mandates the implementation of emergency action plans and early warning systems (EWS) — measures that were missing at the Sikkim hydroelectric project. Former Union Power Minister RK Singh publicly acknowledged that the presence of an EWS could have significantly reduced the damage to the Teesta II dam at Chungthang. Similarly, an investigation into the 2014 Beas River tragedy — where 24 students from Andhra Pradesh were swept away by the sudden release of 450 cumecs of water — highlighted the lack of an

EWS at the Larji Dam in Himachal Pradesh. The report cited "a complete disconnect between the generation engineering team and barrage staff" as one of the primary causes of the incident. The incident was cited by Himachal Pradesh chief secretary Prabodh Saxena in 2023 when he pitched for stringent action against dam authorities for failing to fulfil their duties. Saxena had pointed out that though a part of the devastation is bound to be natural, the responsibility of the dam authorities must also be fixed for failing to comply with the laws.

"It is time to send notices and not letters or reminders," the chief secretary had told the officers, attributing the damage to negligence in adhering to dam safety checks as per the Dam Safety Act 2021. In January this year, the Supreme Court expressed dissatisfaction with the slow implementation of the

Dam Safety Act. During a hearing on the Mullaperiyar Dam case, the Apex Court criticised the executive for failing to act promptly, stating that it had yet to "rise from its slumber" despite the Act being passed by Parliament. The court also rebuked the central Government for its delay in establishing the National Committee on Dam Safety, which was legally required to be formed within 60 days of the Act taking effect.

The slow pace of early warning system (EWS) installations has become a growing concern as well. Since the Dam Safety Act was passed, less than 4 per cent of large dams have been equipped with EWS. Questions are also being raised about the adequacy of manpower to effectively implement the Act. Following the establishment of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), over 200 officials from the Central Water Commission (CWC) were

reassigned to the NDSA secretariat and given additional responsibilities. This shift has impacted the functioning of the CWC, which plays a vital role in overseeing the control, conservation, and management of India's water resources.

Experts believe that the Dam Safety Act holds significant potential to address existing gaps, provided it is implemented without delay. The World Bank, a key funding partner in India's ambitious Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP), has highlighted the growing challenges posed by erratic rainfall patterns and their impact on dam safety.

Under DRIP Phases II and III, and with financial support from both the World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, India plans to rehabilitate 736 dams across 19 states over 10 years, with a total budget allocation of ₹10,211 crore. However, positive outcomes

can be realised promptly only when political will, bureaucratic efficiency, financial prudence, and institutional capacity align and work together in harmony. Additionally, investments must prioritise technologies that are affordable, socially and culturally appropriate, and environmentally sustainable.

The season of heightened flood fears has arrived once again. With the Dam Safety Act in force since 2021, the Government's responsibility and accountability for preventing such disasters have become even more pronounced.

Making data public and ensuring that standard operating procedures are robust and accessible to people may be a good starting point to achieve the objectives.

(The writer is senior journalist. He has worked as a consultant with the Jal Shakti Ministry. Views are personal)

Traditional medicine crucial to achieving global goals of Universal Health Coverage: Ayush Ministry

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Global goals like Universal Health Coverage (UHC) can only be met when traditional medicine becomes an essential part of the national health policy and wellness delivery, said Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, Ministry of Ayush.

Speaking at the third conference on beauty, wellness, and traditional medicine organised by ASSOCHAM, Samagandi said India's holistic health future lies in combining traditional medicine with modern policy and practice.

"Holistic health is a fundamental right and to truly achieve it, India must integrate traditional systems into the core of its healthcare framework," he added.

The conference brought together key stakeholders from the industry and



policy tables to deliberate on the theme.

"Beauty and wellness are not just about appearance; they are a reflection of balance, harmony, and inner well-being. By aligning nature, science, and self-care, we don't just

enhance how we look, we elevate how we feel and live," said Dr. Blossom Kochhar, co-chairperson, ASSOCHAM National Wellness Council and Chairperson.

"By working together -- industry, academia,

and government -- we can ensure safe, high-quality solutions that build trust, foster global leadership, and make a positive impact on millions of lives, both here and around the world," added Suresh Garg, CMD, Zeon Lifesciences.

The experts also emphasised the need for standardisation of beauty and cosmetic products to ensure consumer safety and reinforce market credibility.

"By adhering to regulatory benchmarks like those set by CDSCO and BIS, the industry not only protects public health but also empowers Indian brands to compete confidently at home and abroad," said Vikas Tiwari, Lead - Regulatory Affairs-HPC, Reliance Retail.

Deliberations at the conference centered on the immense potential that India's beauty and wellness heritage holds to lead the global shift toward holistic wellness.

Poor heart health may signal gestational diabetes risk in pregnancy: Study

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NEW DELHI

Women with poor cardiovascular health may be at a higher risk of developing gestational diabetes and coronary artery calcium (CAC) in midlife, according to a study.

CAC refers to the build-up of calcium deposits in the walls of the coronary arteries, which supply blood to the heart. It is a significant indicator of heart disease risk.

The findings, published in JAMA Cardiology, suggest that gestational diabetes is a marker of pre-pregnancy cardiovascular health. It also underscores the importance of healthcare providers in helping patients improve their cardiovascular health both prior and after pregnancy.

"We need to optimise cardiovascular health early in the life course," said lead author Natalie Cameron, instructor in the Department of Medicine's Division of General Inter-



nal Medicine at Northwest-

ern University, US. In the study, the investigators analysed patient data originally collected from 1985 to 2010. Of the more than 1,000 participants included in the cohort, the average age

was 28.6 years. All participants had at least one singleton birth and did not have pre-pregnancy diabetes.

Overall, the investigators found that participants with poor pre-pregnancy cardiovascular

health compared to those with better pre-pregnancy cardiovascular health were more likely to have a pregnancy complicated by gestational diabetes and were more likely to develop CAC.

"Patients with gestational diabetes and other adverse pregnancy outcomes should follow up with a primary care provider so we can optimise heart health after pregnancy," Cameron said.

"We need to take a good pregnancy history, ask about lifestyle behaviours such as diet and physical activity, and screen for cardiovascular disease risk factors. Then we can work with patients to help them optimise their heart health throughout their life course," she added.

The researchers also urged revamping postpartum primary care for women with adverse pregnancy outcomes to seamlessly help patients get from obstetrics to a primary care provider.

Study shows cancer in childhood may raise risk of severe Covid in adults

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NEW DELHI

While medical advances are boosting the survival rate of cancer in childhood, the survivors could be at a higher risk of developing severe Covid-19 as adults, according to a new study published in the journal The Lancet Regional Health-Europe.

The study from Karolinska Institutet in Sweden showed that health risks may remain long after treatment has ended.

The results show that childhood cancer survivors had a lower risk of contracting Covid but were 58 per cent more likely to develop severe disease if they did become infected.

Severe Covid was defined as the patient receiving hospital care, intensive care, or death related to the infection.

"It is important to understand that even



though these individuals were not infected more often, the consequences were more serious when they did become ill," said Javier Louro, a postdoctoral researcher at the

Institute of Environmental Medicine at Karolinska. The team investigated how adult childhood cancer survivors in Sweden and Denmark were affected by the Covid

pandemic.

The study included over 13,000 people who had been diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20 and who were at least 20 years old when the pandemic began.

They were compared with both siblings and randomly selected individuals from the population of the same gender and year of birth.

The differences in risk were particularly clear during periods of high transmission, such as when new virus variants such as alpha and omicron spread rapidly.

"Our results suggest that childhood cancer survivors should be considered a risk group in future pandemics or other health crises," Louro said.

"This could involve prioritising them for vaccination or offering special protection during periods of high transmission," the researcher added.

New pocket-sized sensor to detect asthma, lung damage causing sulphur dioxide

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NEW DELHI

Scientists from the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, have developed a new low-cost sensor that can help detect toxic sulphur dioxide (SO₂) gas responsible for respiratory irritation, asthma attacks, and long-term lung damage, at extremely low concentrations, said the Ministry of Science and Technology.

CeNS, Bengaluru is an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), under the Ministry. SO₂ is a toxic air pollutant commonly released from vehicles and industrial emissions, and even minute exposure can cause serious health issues and long-term lung damage. It is hard to detect before it has an adverse effect on health.

While real-time monitoring of SO₂ levels is



essential for human health and environment existing technologies are often expensive, energy-intensive, or unable to detect the gas at trace levels.

The team fabricated the sensor by combining two metal oxides -- nickel oxide (NiO) and neodymium nickelate (NdNiO₃), through a simple synthesis process.

"While NiO acts as the receptor for the gas, NdNiO₃ serves as the

transducer that efficiently transmits the signal, enabling detection at concentrations as low as 320 ppb, far surpassing the sensitivity of many commercial sensors," said the researchers, led by Dr. S. Angappane.

Angappane and team also developed a portable prototype that incorporates the sensor for real-time SO₂ monitoring.

"The prototype features a straightforward threshold-based alert

system that activates visual indicators, green for safe, yellow for warning, and red for danger, allowing easy interpretation and response, even by users without scientific expertise," said the researcher, in the paper published in the journal Small.

The sensor is compact and lightweight, which makes it suitable for use in industrial areas, urban locations, and enclosed spaces where continuous air quality monitoring is necessary.

"With its high sensitivity, portability, and user-friendly operation, this sensor system offers a practical solution to monitor and manage SO₂ pollution, supporting public health and environmental safety," said the team, while highlighting the potential of material science to create accessible technologies for real-world challenges.

New gene therapy shows potential for restoring hearing loss

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NEW DELHI

In a significant scientific breakthrough, an international team of researchers has developed a novel gene therapy that can improve hearing in children and adults with congenital deafness or severe hearing impairment.

In the study, Swedish and Chinese used gene therapy and improved hearing in 10 patients, and the treatment was well-tolerated.

"This is a huge step forward in the genetic treatment of deafness, one that can be life-changing for children and adults," said Maoli Duan, consultant and docent at the Department of Clinical Science, Intervention and Technology, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.

The study, published in the journal Nature Medicine, comprised 10 patients between the ages of 1 and 24 at five hospitals in China, all of whom had



a genetic form of deafness or severe hearing impairment caused by mutations in a gene called OTOF.

These mutations cause a deficiency of the protein otoferlin, which plays a critical part in transmitting auditory signals from the ear to the brain.

The gene therapy involved using a synthetic adeno-associated virus (AAV) to deliver a functional version of the OTOF gene to the inner ear via

a single injection through a membrane at the base of the cochlea called the round window.

The gene therapy worked rapidly and helped the majority of the patients to recover some hearing in just a month.

A six-month follow-up showed considerable hearing improvement in all participants, with the average volume of perceptible sound improving from 106 decibels to 52.

The younger patients, especially those between the ages of five and eight, responded best to the treatment.

One of the participants, a seven-year-old girl, quickly recovered almost all her hearing and was able to hold daily conversations with her mother four months afterward. However, the therapy also proved effective in adults.

"Smaller studies in China have previously shown positive results in children, but this is the first time that the method has been tested in teenagers and adults, too," Duan said.

"Hearing was greatly improved in many of the participants, which can have a profound effect on their life quality. We will now be following these patients to see how lasting the effect is," the expert said.

Importantly, the results also show that the treatment was safe and well-tolerated.

Should anti-ageing medicines be banned in India?

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NEW DELHI

In the wake of the untimely death of actress Shefali Jariwala that raised concerns over the effects of cosmetic procedures, experts said that although the anti-ageing medicines have gained significant popularity, these are mostly unregulated and pose severe health risks.

Shefali, widely known for her breakout performance in the iconic 2002 music video 'Kaanta Laga', passed away in Mumbai on June 27. She was 42.

Preliminary reports suggest cardiac arrest behind her death. However, reports also reveal the usage of a cocktail of anti-ageing injections, allegedly self-administered while fasting.

"Anti-ageing medicine is becoming very popular but it's mostly unregulated. Many of these products are sold without proper scientific studies to prove they work. Some



may even have harmful side effects, especially if taken for long periods," former AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria, said.

"Anti-ageing is not a scientific term. Such products do not reverse or stop natural ageing. Skin whitening is possible with certain medications, but that is not the same as anti-ageing," added Rajeev Jayadevan, Convener, Research Cell, Kerala State IMA.

Media reports citing police investigation noted

that Shefali was using skin whitening and anti-ageing treatments, particularly glutathione and Vitamin C for about eight years without active medical supervision after an initial consultation.

"When a medication is given as an IV injection, it bypasses the natural protection offered by gut absorption and liver metabolism. Thus, the drug may reach very high concentrations in blood and tissues," Jayadevan, said.

said. "IV medications must be carefully regulated and contamination avoided at all costs," he added.

The expert also noted "reports from Australia and Philippines about contamination of IV glutathione vials with toxins and also serious side effects of such products".

India is currently seeing a rapid rise in the cosmetic race. According to the latest ISAPS Global Survey, India ranked among the top 10 countries globally for aesthetic/cosmetic procedures, trailing only global leaders like the US, Brazil, and Japan.

"There is definitely a need to regulate such medicines. If there's no proper evidence about their safety or usefulness, and they are found to be harmful, then yes -- they should be banned. The same applies to other medicines, like muscle-building drugs that are often misused," Guleria said.

PM Modi's five-nation tour strengthens India's global standing: Kavinder

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Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta described Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent five-nation diplomatic tour as a watershed moment in India's evolving global stature, asserting that it has set new standards in the realms of strategic, economic, and cultural diplomacy.

Speaking at the meeting held here today, the BJP stalwart said the Prime Minister's tour of Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia has not only deepened India's engagement with the Global South but has also reinforced the nation's position as a decisive force on the international stage. "Under the dynamic



leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bharat has entered a new era of diplomacy. The successful culmination of this tour demonstrates how India's global role is expanding – from combating terrorism to securing critical economic interests and forging deeper ties with the diaspora," he said.

Highlighting the major achievements of the tour, Kavinder noted that at the BRICS Summit in Brazil, the global consensus on India's tough stand against terrorism was a significant diplomatic milestone. "PM Modi made it categorically clear that those who per-

petrate terror and those who suffer from it cannot be placed on the same pedestal. This principled stand was endorsed by all BRICS nations – a testimony to India's growing moral authority in global affairs," he added.

The former Deputy CM also emphasized the economic significance of the agreements signed with resource-rich nations like Ghana and Namibia, pointing out that these pacts will boost India's self-reliance by ensuring access to vital minerals like uranium, lithium, gold, and diamonds. "These resources are critical for sustaining India's growth as it moves towards becoming the world's third-largest economy. The PM's efforts have reduced our dependence on any single country for these materials," he said.

On the cultural front, the senior BJP leader praised the strengthening of ties with the Indian diaspora, particularly in Trinidad and Tobago, where the Prime Minister received a warm welcome. "This tour has deepened our emotional and cultural connect with people of Indian origin. It is heartening to see that leaders in these countries share a deep bond with Bharat," he stated.

The former deputy Chief Minister stated that the PM's tour has elevated India's stature on the world stage, laying the foundation for enhanced cooperation with African and Latin American nations. "This is not just a diplomatic success – it is a strategic transformation of India's global identity," he said.

Upholding Hindu Traditions our collective duty: Rekha Mahajan

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Senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan said that the Holy Shraavan Mass (Month), as per the Hindu calendar, holds deep spiritual importance and is marked by devotion, austerity, and prayer, making it a sacred period for seekers and devotees across the country.

In this connection, Rekha Mahajan today paid obeisance to Maa Parvati and Lord Shiv during a special ceremony in which she distributed green bangles among married women.

Speaking on the occasion, Rekha Mahajan extended heartfelt greetings to the people on the auspicious beginning of Shraavan Mass, one of the holiest months in the Hindu calendar dedicated to Lord Shiva. She said



the distribution of Green Bangles is a cherished part of Hindu tradition and cultural heritage, symbolizing marital bliss, prosperity, and devotion.

The senior BJP leader emphasized the dire need to preserve and promote our rich traditions and cultural practices which have been passed down through generations. "In today's fast-paced world, it is our responsibility to

uphold the essence of our spiritual and cultural identity," she added.

Rekha Mahajan further appealed to the younger generation to actively participate in traditional festivals and rituals to stay connected with their roots. She said that such practices not only foster a sense of belonging and unity but also help strengthen the social and moral fabric of our society.

Police arrests 03 drug peddlers in Pulwama, Awantipora

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Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested three drug peddlers in Pulwama & Awantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A Police party headed by SHO Police Station Pampore at a checkpoint established at Samboora near Bujibagh Crossing, intercepted two suspicious persons. They have been identified as Shakir Arsheed son of Arsheed Ahmad Bhat resident of Samboora and Muzamil Gul son of Gh Mohd Sheikh resident of Samboora. During search, substantial quantity of contraband substances was recovered from their possession.

India Rolls Out First-Ever e-Truck Incentive Scheme Under PM Modi's Green Mobility Vision

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Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the guidance of Union Minister for Heavy Industries & Steel, Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy, the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), Government of India, has launched a groundbreaking scheme to provide financial incentives for electric trucks (e-trucks) under the PM E-DRIVE initiative. This marks the first time the Government of India is extending direct support for electric trucks, aiming to accelerate the country's transition to clean, efficient, and sustainable freight mobility.

Highlighting the significance of the scheme, Union Minister Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy stated, "Diesel trucks, though constituting only 3% of the total vehicle popula-

tion, contribute to 42% of transport-related greenhouse gas emissions and significantly worsen air pollution. This pioneering scheme, guided by the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, represents India's first dedicated support for electric trucks. It will drive our nation toward sustainable freight mobility, a cleaner future, and the realization of Viksit Bharat by 2047, in alignment with our net-zero emissions goal by 2070."

Under the scheme, demand incentives will be extended to N2 and N3 category electric trucks, as defined under the Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR).

The N2 category includes trucks with a Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) above 3.5 tonnes and up to 12 tonnes.

The N3 category covers



trucks with GVW exceeding 12 tonnes and up to 55 tonnes. In the case of articulated vehicles, incentives will apply only to the puller tractor of the N3 category.

To ensure reliability and performance, the scheme mandates comprehensive manufacturer-backed warranties.

The battery must be covered under a warranty for five years or 5 lakh kilometres, whichever is earlier.

The vehicle and motor must have a warranty of five years or 2.5 lakh kilometres, whichever is ear-

lier.

To promote affordability, the incentive amount will depend on the GVW of the electric truck, with the maximum incentive set at 9.6 lakh per vehicle. These incentives will be offered as an upfront reduction in the purchase price and reimbursed to OEMs via the PM E-DRIVE portal on a first-come, first-served basis.

The scheme is expected to support the deployment of approximately 5,600 e-trucks across the country. A dedicated provision for 1,100 e-trucks registered in Delhi has been

made, with an estimated outlay of 100 crore, aimed at addressing the capital's serious air quality challenges.

Key sectors set to benefit include the cement industry, ports, steel, and the logistics sector. Several leading OEMs such as Volvo Eicher, Tata Motors, and Ashok Leyland are already engaged in manufacturing electric trucks in India, enhancing indigenous capabilities under the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision.

The initiative has received a warm response from both manufacturers and users of e-trucks, who acknowledge the scheme's potential to lower logistics costs and reduce carbon emissions.

As a strong show of CPSE leadership, the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has committed to procure 150 e-trucks over the next two years for

deployment across multiple locations. Additionally, SAIL has set an internal target to ensure that at least 15% of all vehicles hired across its units are electric.

To qualify for the incentives, the scrapping of old, polluting trucks is mandatory, ensuring a dual benefit of modernising vehicle fleets and reducing emissions.

This forward-looking initiative by the Ministry of Heavy Industries aligns with the Government of India's broader objective of building a self-reliant electric mobility ecosystem. By extending incentives to e-trucks, the scheme aims to reduce operational costs for transporters, encourage clean energy adoption in the heavy vehicle segment, and enhance air quality in urban and industrial regions, bringing India closer to a sustainable, low-carbon future.

BSP will form next govt in J&K: Dharmveer Singh



BSP organizes review meetings in Kishtwar & Udhampur districts

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Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) organized review meetings in Kishtwar and Udhampur districts on Friday in which apart from strengthening the party, the current situation in the state was discussed in detail. During the meeting, BSP Central coordinator Dharmveer Singh Ashok, Daya Chand and BSP state president Darshan Rana were present. Apart from this, District Kishtwar District President Sumit Kumar, District Udhampur Shyam Lal, Zone Incharge Doda Kishtwar Amit Bhagat and Zone Incharge Udhampur, Ramban, Reasi Mangal Dass along with District and Assembly Committee members were present during the meeting. Addressing the meetings, Central Coordinator Dharmveer Singh Ashok said that party workers will have to work hard to strengthen the party so that Bahujan Samaj Party can form the next government in Jammu Kashmir.

He said that all the governments that have been in Jammu and Kashmir till date have misled the people. Targeting the Congress NC, BJP and PDP, he said that these political parties have always done the politics of regionalism and religion in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the current government has also completely failed to live up to the expectations of the people. On this occasion, Central Coordinator Daya Chand will also put forth his views and said that the Bahujan Samaj Party is continuously moving forward with strength in Jammu and Kashmir and the party will strongly participate in all the elections held in Jammu and Kashmir. Giving information about the activities of the party, Jammu and Kashmir President Darshan Rana said that the party is continuously working for the betterment of the backward class people of the society. He said that under the membership campaign being run by the party across the state, lakhs of people have been given party membership in Jammu and Kashmir. Both the district presidents also put forth their views in the meeting and gave information about the activities of the party at the district level.

2nd Int'l conference on 'Sustainable Power and Energy Research' begins at NIT Srinagar

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The 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Power and Energy Research (ICSPER-2025) commenced on Friday at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The two-day event, being held in online mode from July 11-12, is being organized by the Department of Electrical Engineering, NIT Srinagar, in collaboration with NIT Warangal, Telangana.

The conference was formally inaugurated in a virtual ceremony graced by eminent academicians and industry experts from India and abroad. The conference is being held under the patronage of Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, Director NIT Srinagar, and Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, Director NIT Warangal.

Prof. Roohie Naaz Mir, Dean (Research & Consultancy), NIT Srinagar is the Co-Patron of the conference, while Prof. Mairaj Ud Din Mufti, Head Department of Electrical Engineering, is serving as the General Chair. Prof. Shameem Ahmad Lone is the Organizing Chair, supported by Organizing Sec-

retaries Dr. Farhad Ilahi Bakhsh (NIT Srinagar), Dr. Ram Krishan, Dr. Altaf Badar, and Dr. M. N. Alam (NIT Warangal).

While welcoming the delegates, Prof. Shameem Ahmad Lone highlighted the primary objective of ICSPER-2025 to bring together researchers, academicians, and industry professionals to address key challenges and innovations in sustainable power and energy systems.

"This conference provides a collaborative platform to exchange ideas, knowledge, and experience in various domains of energy engineering and technology," he said.

In his message, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, said that the future of energy lies in sustainable solutions that can meet the growing global demand while safeguarding the environment.

"ICSPER-2025 serves as an ideal platform for scholars and experts to present transformative research that contributes to building an energy-resilient world. I am confident that this conference will foster a rich dialogue on innovative ideas and lead to new avenues for

academic and industrial collaborations," he added.

Prof. Atikur Rehman, Registrar NIT Srinagar, praised the organizers for successfully conducting the international conference on a theme of global significance. Scholarly engagements play a vital role in strengthening academic culture and fostering a collaborative research environment, he said.

Prof. Mairaj Ud Din Mufti, Head Department of Electrical Engineering and General Chair of the Conference, expressed his privilege in briefing about the 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Power and Energy Research (ICSPER-2025).

He said the conference is structured around seven regular tracks and twelve special session tracks, all centered on the core theme of sustainable power and energy. They received a total of 842 paper submissions from both national and international researchers.

International authors have contributed from countries including the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Malaysia, Qatar, Saudi

Arabia, Sri Lanka, and Ethiopia, while national submissions have come from various prestigious institutions such as IITs, NITs, and other reputed universities and technical institutes across India.

Prof. Mairaj Ud Din Mufti further said that the submitted papers were reviewed by a panel of 460 national and international reviewers. Based on their expert assessments and in view of maintaining academic standards, only 120 papers were selected for presentation at the conference, resulting in an acceptance rate of around 15 percent, he said.

"These 120 selected papers will be presented over the two days of the conference and will be published in three volumes of the Springer Lecture Notes in Electrical Engineering book series, which is indexed in Scopus. Each volume will feature approximately 40 papers, and the published proceedings will be shared with all contributing authors once finalized," Prof. Mairaj Ud Din Mufti said.

Prof. Mufti also mentioned that extended versions of a few outstanding papers will be

considered for further review and potential publication in internationally recognized journals such as Sustainability (SCI, Impact Factor 3.3), Strategic Planning for Energy and the Environment (Scopus), and the Australian Journal of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Scopus).

The session was followed by addresses from Co-Patron Prof. Roohie Naaz Mir and Patron Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi of NIT Warangal. They stressed on the importance of research collaborations and sustainable solutions in the field of energy.

Chief Guest, Prof. Akhtar Kalam, a globally renowned expert in energy systems, spoke about the urgent need for transitioning to cleaner and smarter energy solutions. He encouraged young researchers to focus on interdisciplinary approaches and collaborate globally to tackle the pressing challenges of climate change and energy security.

Professor Kalam also praised the efforts of NIT Srinagar and NIT Warangal for creating a meaningful platform to promote research and dialogue on sustainable

energy solutions.

Earlier, Prof. Atif Iqbal, who was the Guest of Honor for the inaugural session, delivered a special address appreciating the efforts of the organizing institutions in advancing sustainable energy research.

A formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Farhad Ilahi Bakhsh (Organizing Secretary), who acknowledged the support and active participation of all stakeholders, speakers, and attendees.

He said the main goals of ICSPER-2025 include facilitating the exchange of expertise among scientists, engineers, and practitioners in the sustainable power sector; promoting interdisciplinary collaboration across fields such as renewable energy, electrical engineering, environmental science, and public policy; and disseminating cutting-edge research findings.

"The conference also aims to promote awareness about sustainability challenges and offer publishing opportunities through conference proceedings and affiliated journals," Dr. Farhad added.

Katra delegation meets Dr Karan Singh in Delhi, discusses proposed Ropeway issue

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A delegation from Katra, district Reasi of Jammu region today met with Dr. Karan Singh ji, former Sadr-e-Riyasat of J&K and submitted a memorandum requesting that the proposed site for the Vaishno Devi ropeway be shifted to an alternate location along the traditional route.

The delegation expressed concern that the current plan would severely impact the livelihoods of several lakh



people who depend on the existing path.

Dr. Karan Singh ji advised that the matter be taken up by the local MLA and MP with the Hon'ble Lt Governor of J&K for due consideration.

Vijay Krishna Parashar calls to declare Cow as 'Rashtra Mata' and Open Yoga Schools

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On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima, Movement Kalki's advisor and renowned Yoga Guru Shri Vijay Krishna Parashar Ji Maharaj conducted a grand Havan Yajna and Satsang at Jandoor Ashram, District Kathua. A large number of devotees participated in this spiritual gathering.

During his address, Guru Parashar Ji strongly condemned the atrocities being committed against Mother Cow, calling her the symbol of divinity and life in Sanatan Dharma. He stated:

"The cow must be declared as Rashtra Mata (Mother of the Nation), and strong, permanent laws must be enacted for her



protection."

He highlighted that after the abrogation of Article 370, the existing animal protection laws in Jammu & Kashmir became defunct, and the government has not introduced any new legislation to pro-

tection cows. This, he said, raises serious concerns about the government's intent.

In bold words, Guru Parashar Ji stated:

"If you cannot protect Mother Cow, then you have no moral right to hold

power. Resign and let true dharmic leaders guide this nation forward."

Announcement of Yoga School Establishment

He also announced that Movement Kalki will soon set up yoga and spiritual education centers in rural areas like Kathua, to guide the youth toward a life of discipline, dharma, and national service.

He appealed to all Santatan followers and cow devotees across India to unite and raise their voices to launch a national-level movement to stop cow

slaughter and demand legal protection for cows.

Key Highlights:

Havan Yajna and Satsang held on Guru Purnima at Jandoor Ashram

Strong demand to declare Cow as 'Rashtra Mata'

No new cow protection law post Article 370 abrogation

Serious questions raised on the government's inaction

Movement Kalki warns: A major protest will be launched if law is not made

Announcement to open yoga schools in rural regions

Movement Kalki remains deeply committed to the protection of Dharma, Indian culture, cow welfare, and spiritual awakening across the nation.

India witnessed a new era of development under PM Modi's leadership: Pawan Sharma

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Pawan Sharma, Senior Leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former State Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, has articulated strong opinions on the Congress party's legacy and the transformative impact of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership since 2014, during an address to BJP karyakartas at a meeting.

Sharma alleged that the Congress party's governance since independence in 1947 has been marked by unfulfilled promises, misgovernance, and a pervasive culture of corruption. He stated that this has hindered India's development and deprived the nation of its rightful growth.

Sharma declared that the Congress party's failure to meet national expectations and impede development for decades was a consequence of a deeply entrenched culture of corruption. He asserted that the party's leadership failed to address key issues, leading to widespread disillusionment.

Sharma highlighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership has brought about a significant change in the



nation's trajectory since 2014. He emphasized that PM Modi's vision, leadership, and governance have transformed India, making it a beacon of hope and progress.

Sharma pointed out several key initiatives undertaken by the government under PM Modi's leadership, including:

Economic Reforms: Implementation of bold economic reforms, such as Goods and Services Tax (GST) and demonetization, to promote economic growth and transparency.

Infrastructure Development: Focus on developing world-class infrastructure, including roads, highways, and railways, to enhance connectivity and boost economic growth.

Social Welfare Schemes:

Launch of various social welfare schemes, such as Jan Dhan Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, and PM Awas Yojana, to promote financial inclusion, health, and housing for all.

Good Governance: Emphasis on good governance, transparency, and accountability, ensuring that the benefits of development reach the grassroots level.

Sharma expressed his admiration for PM Modi's leadership and vision, which have transformed India's trajectory.

He emphasized that the nation is moving towards a brighter future under PM Modi's guidance and urged the people to support the government's initiatives for a developed and prosperous India.

Director Sericulture J&K visits Cocoon Auction Market at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, JULY 11

Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, IAS, Director Sericulture J&K, today visited Cocoon Auction Market at Udhampur where hundreds of silkworm rearers and buyers of Silk Cocoons participated with great enthusiasm and fervor.

On the occasion, Mr. Bhat conducted a detailed inspection of the auction market and took stock of the on-ground arrangements and facilities being provided to silkworm rearers and buyers. The aim, he reiterated, is to ensure a smooth, transparent, and hassle-free auctioning process, enhancing the experience for both sellers and buyers. He emphasized that both Silkworm Rearers and Buyers must be facilitated with all the basic amenities and to ensure hygiene for creating a vibrant and blissful environment in and around the Cocoon Auction Market.

While interacting with stakeholders, Mr.



Bhat informed that over 60,000 kilograms of green cocoons have already been procured by buyers—mostly from outside the Union Territory till yesterday and so far more than Rs . 2.50 Crore worth of transactions have been taking place in the Cocoon

Auction Market, with the highest price recorded at Rs 1600/= per kilogram today. As many as 1600 silkworm rearers have sold their produce in the Cocoon Auction Market at Udhampur from July 1, 2025, to date, reflecting growing confidence

and participation among cocoon growers. Keeping into account the huge rush of Silkworm Rearers it has been decided that the cocoon auction market shall continue to function for one more week.

Addressing the gathering, the Director emphasized the Department's commitment to bolstering marketing avenues for silkworm rearers across the Union Territory. He informed that a number of new initiatives are in the pipeline to ensure assured and accessible market linkages, especially for farmers from remote and rural belts.

"A proactive approach is essential for inclusive development of the rural population, particularly the weaker sections. We are focused on providing doorstep marketing support and developing forward linkages within the UT, considering that currently over 70% of cocoon produce is sold outside J&K," Mr. Bhat said.

He further stated that cocoon auction markets

across Jammu province are being conducted in a manner to bring buyers—both from within and outside J&K in order to provide competitive and transparent platform enabling silkworm rearers to earn better returns without having to travel far.

The Director was accompanied by District Sericulture Officer, Udhampur, and many other senior officers and field functionaries of the department. Their presence underscored the Department's collective commitment to the upliftment of the sericulture sector and ensuring that silkworm rearers receive the support they need in terms of infrastructure, training, and market accessibility.

The Cocoon Auction Market at Udhampur explicitly reflects Department's ongoing efforts to empower silkworm rearers, promote sustainable sericulture practices, and make J&K a hub of high-quality silk cocoon production in the country.

Shiv Sena appeals to connect with their cultural traditions

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Aarti organized at Suryaputri Tawi River (Tawi Riverfront) is a great effort to promote Dogra cultural heritage along with spirituality, the young generation should enthusiastically take part in it, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit.

A team of party leaders including Shiv Sena state chief Manish Sahni today participated in the Aarti organized by Shri Raghunath Ji Corridor Develop-



ment Council and Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) at Suryaputri Tawi (Tawi Riverfront).

Sahni described the Aarti as a spiritual practice as well as a mass celebration and said that organizing the Aarti on the banks of the Sun Putri Tawi River is to express respect and reverence towards the canals

along with the chanting of mantras and the transmission of positive energy from the lamps. The Aarti organized on Suryaputri Tawi is like 'Ek Panth Do Kaaj' (Ek Panth Do Kaaj) during

which the rich Dogra heritage and culture is being promoted along with spirituality. Sahni has appealed to the local people, tourists, especially the younger generation to participate in the Aarti festival and promote it. Sahni also suggested setting up stalls of Dogra cuisine at this place.

The United Kingdom joins France in contemplated capital increase in Eutelsat; with Bharti Space also committing € 150 mn, taking the total amount to € 1.5 billion

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Eutelsat (ISIN: FR0010221234 - Euronext Paris / London Stock Exchange: ETL) announces that The United Kingdom(1) is to participate in the contemplated capital increase announced by Eutelsat on June 19, 2025. This additional participation from another key reference shareholder will increase the total amount to be raised to €1.5 billion, further underpinning the execution of Eutelsat's long-term strategic vision.

His Majesty's Government, via The Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology of the United Kingdom, has joined The French State via the APE (Agence des Participations de l'Etat), Bharti Space Limited, CMA CGM, and FSP (together the "Reserved Capital Increase Investors") in a commitment to subscribe to the Reserved Capital Increase and the Rights Issue pro rata its shareholding post

the Reserved Capital Increase, for a total amount invested of €163.3 million.

The commitments of the Reserved Capital Increase investors remain subject to, inter alia, shareholders' approvals at an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting to be held around the end of the third quarter of calendar 2025, customary regulatory approvals, as well as the execution, under mutually acceptable conditions, of an amended, non-concerting shareholders' agreement reflecting the ownership structure post Reserved Capital Increase.

Subject to the above, the Reserved Capital Increase Investors have also committed to vote in favour of the transaction at the extraordinary shareholders' meeting (which would implement the governance(2) changes in connection with the Reserved Capital Increase and during which the Company will also request new authorisations for the Rights Issue) and to maintain their share ownership until the launch

of the Rights Issue.

The Reserved Capital Increase would amount to €828 million, to be subscribed by the French State via APE for €551 million, Bharti Space Limited for €30 million, His Majesty's Government for €90 million, CMA CGM for €100 million, and FSP for €57 million. The subsequent Rights Issue would amount to €672 million.

The Reserved Capital Increase and the Rights Issue are expected to be completed by the end of calendar 2025.

Following the two transactions, and subject to participation from investors, the French State would hold a stake of 29.65% of the capital and voting rights, while Bharti Space Limited, His Majesty's Government, CMA CGM and FSP would respectively hold 17.88%, 10.89%, 7.46%, and 4.99% of the share capital and voting rights, being specified that the Reserved Capital Increase Investors would not be in a position to launch a public takeover.

Earlier, French President Emmanuel Macron while speaking at the Paris Air Show in Le Bourget in June 2025 had called for more investment from other countries as well such as India to team up with France. He had said "This must be the solution for our major strategic partners in the Gulf, India, Canada and Brazil."

The Rt Hon Peter Kyle, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology added: "From checking the weather forecast on our phones to navigating with GPS in our cars, satellites underpin industrial activity worth €364 billion to the UK economy. But their critical role extends far beyond economic growth.

As our adversaries increasingly use space technologies to harm us, resilient satellite connectivity has become essential to our continent's national security. This investment reflects our commitment to support the development of these critical tech-

nologies and maintain an important stake in the global satellite communications sector."

Sunil Bharti Mittal, Co-Chairman, Eutelsat Group stated: "I am delighted that the UK has joined Bharti and the French State in announcing further investment in Eutelsat Group, and I thank Prime Minister Starmer for his vision and leadership on this matter.

"Today, governments require secure and reliable sovereign connectivity solutions, and Eutelsat is uniquely positioned to meet this need. Eutelsat's OneWeb was the first complete low-Earth orbit constellation, and the company is the first and only provider able to provide customers with access to both low-Earth orbit and geostationary orbit services. This new capital injection will allow Eutelsat to go further and faster in developing innovative new technologies and services under the leadership of its new CEO, Jean-François Fallacher.

"I echo President Macron's words at the Paris Air Show last month, where he urged France's major strategic partners in the Gulf, India, Canada and Brazil to join the coalition backing Eutelsat Group as the global Space Champion."

Jean-François Fallacher, Chief Executive Office of Eutelsat, stated: "We are delighted by this support from His Majesty's Government, which has been one of the mainstays of OneWeb, and subsequently Eutelsat's anchor shareholders from the outset of our Low Earth Orbit journey. In the current environment it is crucial that our countries continue to collaborate and support each other, including in Space, which has become a key sovereign strategic asset. We remain committed to the UK which we consider as one of our home markets and to supporting the development of OneWeb to address the needs of all our sovereign and commercial stakeholders."

World Population Day Observed in Anantnag & Kulgam

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ANANTNAG / KULGAM JULY 11

Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) Anantnag observed World Population Day with a series of awareness programmes held in Anantnag and Kulgam districts, focusing on the theme of population growth and its impact on society.

In Anantnag, the event was organized at Higher Secondary School Soaf Shali, where over 100 students participated with great enthusiasm. The programme aimed to sensitize young minds about the challenges posed by rapid population growth and the need for sustainable living.

Mr. Rouf Ahmad Najar, Lecturer at HSS, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He inspired the students to think critically about population-related challenges and to contribute towards building a responsible and sustainable future.

Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad, a noted academician and social thinker, served as the Resource Person. In his impactful session, he discussed the merits and demerits of population growth, emphasizing its implications on education,

healthcare, employment, and environmental sustainability. He also stressed the importance of awareness, family planning, and balanced development for future generations.

Interactive sessions and student presentations added vibrancy to the event, making it informative and thought-provoking for all attendees.

In Kulgam, the event was held at PM Shri School Wanpora, where more than 90 students actively participated. The school's Headmaster, Mr. Gulzar Ahmad, was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Students and resource persons spoke on the relevance of World Population Day, shedding light on the importance of controlling population growth through education and awareness. Position holders in various activities were felicitated with medals.

MY Bharat Anantnag expressed its gratitude to the school administrations and participants for their enthusiastic involvement. The organization reaffirmed its commitment to promoting youth participation in addressing vital social and developmental issues.

PM to distribute over 51,000 appointment letters at Rozgar Mela

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly inducted candidates across various government departments and organisations tomorrow via video conferencing. He will also address the appointees during the 16th edition of the Rozgar Mela, which is set to take place simultaneously at 47 locations across the country.

According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), over 10 lakh appointment letters have been handed out through the Rozgar Melas conducted nationwide thus far.

The recruitment drive



spans several Central government ministries and departments. The appointees, drawn from different parts of the country, will join services in the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Posts, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Financial Services, and the Ministry of Labour

and Employment, among others, said a statement.

The Rozgar Mela initiative forms part of the government's ongoing effort to prioritise employment generation. The scheme is intended to provide meaningful job opportunities to the youth, thereby enabling their active participation in nation-building, as per the statement.

BJP, ECI have conspired to 'steal' Bihar election: Rahul Gandhi

AGENCIES
BHUBANESWAR, JULY 11

Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, on Friday lashed out at BJP and Election Commission of India alleging that "a new conspiracy has been hatched to 'steal' the upcoming Bihar election".

Addressing the 'Samvidhan Bachao Samavesh' here at Baramunda Ground, the senior congress leader charged that the election was 'stolen' in Maharashtra in the past, similarly an attempt to steal Bihar election is being made.

"BJP is attacking the constitution throughout the country. Yesterday, I was in Bihar. As the election was stolen in Maharashtra, Election Commission of India in collusion with BJP is acting in a similar fashion to steal Bihar election", he said.



Accusing ECI of hatching a new conspiracy to steal the election in Bihar, he said the top poll body is acting like an agent of BJP and is not doing its duty.

Citing the alleged manipulative practices in Maharashtra, Gandhi said "as many as one crore new voters were added in between the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls. Nobody knows who these voters are and from where they came. We have appealed to the ECI several times to provide us with the voters list, videography, but it has not paid heed to our plea".

Criticising the Odisha model of BJP-led governance, he said, "The lone

work of the BJP government in Odisha is to snatch away the wealth of poor people. The previous BJD government did it in the past. Now the BJP government is doing the same. On one side, there are poor and deprived sections, on the other side, there are five to six billionaires and the BJP government".

Dwelling on the mismanagement during Puri Rath Yatra, Gandhi accused the Odisha government of willfully delaying the pulling of the chariot of Lord Jagannath to enable the family of industrialist Gautam Adani to pull the chariots.

"This is the Odisha model of governance. Development is being done to serve the interest of two or three industrialists while the wealth of poor, deprived and marginalized sections are being snatched", he pointed out.

ICG rescues two crew members from US vessel stranded off Andaman & Nicobar Islands

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) carried out a rescue operation for the US sailing vessel 'Sea Angel' yesterday, which was stranded about 52 nautical miles south-east of Indira Point, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The yacht carrying two crew members was disabled amid rough conditions with a blown sail and entangled propeller, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Upon receiving the distress alert, MRCC Port Blair alerted all nearby merchant vessels and



launched rescue coordination protocols. Further, ICG ship Rajveer was deployed and the ship established communication with the stranded crew and conducted an on-site assessment. Despite heavy winds and mechanical disablement, the crew was found safe and in good health.

The yacht was successfully towed and escorted to Campbell Bay harbour today morning, the statement added.

Planned parenthood crucial for maternal, child health, says Nadda

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

Union Health Minister JP Nadda, on the occasion of the World Population Day today, underscored the importance of planned parenthood in ensuring improved maternal and child health outcomes.

Observed annually on July 11, this year's theme, 'Healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy for the health and well-being of mother and child', highlights the critical role of informed family planning in public health.

In a message shared on social media platform X, Nadda stated, "World Population Day serves as a platform to raise awareness about family planning and renew our commitment to addressing population-related challenges." He emphasised that planned parenthood is integral to achieving healthier outcomes for mothers and children.

Highlighting this year's slogan, "The right age to become a mother is when the mind and the body is ready," the Health Minister called for increased awareness around physical and emotional preparedness for parenthood. "This underscores the importance of informed and empowered decisions with both physical and emotional readiness," he noted.

Nadda further stated that through public health facili-



ties, including Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, the Central Government is working to deliver essential family planning services across the country. These efforts, he said, are "empowering families and paving the way for a healthier India."

Meanwhile, the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) State of World Population Report 2025, released earlier this week, noted that 36% of Indian adults experience unintended pregnancies, while 30% face an unfulfilled desire for more or fewer children. Alarming, 23% experienced both.

Commenting on the report, Dr Sombir Ray, Unit Head at CK Birla Hospitals, CMRI, Kolkata, described the figures as indicative of broader systemic issues related to reproductive health access, education, and empowerment.

"I think this is not just a statistic, but it is indeed millions of families going through emotional, financial, and physical consequences of either a lack of timely information or support.

"Even more concerning is the fact that many unin-

tended pregnancies are largely preventable. This signals a huge gap in reproductive awareness, availability of contraceptives, and open communication about family planning. Public and private healthcare systems must come together to take adequate measures.

"We need to make greater investments in community education, increase access to contraceptive counseling and fertility support, and make reproductive health services accessible to both men and women in communities both urban and rural," the doctor said.

She called for stronger collaboration between public and private sectors in healthcare, stressing the need for greater investment in community education, wider access to contraceptive counselling, and improved reproductive health services, particularly in underserved urban and rural areas.

India is home to over 1.46 billion people, making it the world's most populous country, after China. According to a new UN Population Fund's (UNFPA) 2025 State of World Population Report released on June, 2025, the population is expected to grow to approximately 1.7 billion before beginning to decline around 40 years from now. China's population is estimated to reach 1.41 billion this year.

Scindia urges speedy execution of DoNER projects in Manipur during high-level review

AGENCIES
IMPHAL, JULY 11

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, today called for expedited implementation of key development projects in Manipur, citing delays in critical sectors such as tourism, connectivity, and handloom.

Speaking during a high-level review meeting co-chaired virtually with Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla at Raj Bhavan, Imphal, the Minister, who attended the meeting virtually, emphasized the need for targeted action to overcome persistent bottlenecks and deliver tangible results.

The meeting reviewed the status of ongoing DoNER and North Eastern Council (NEC) projects across the state. Manipur Chief Secretary P.K. Singh presented a detailed update, highlighting progress and challenges in several priority areas. These



included development of handloom and handicrafts, promotion of Polo, enhancement of tourism infrastructure, strengthening transport and connectivity, implementation of palm oil cultivation under the NMEO-OP, logistics improvements, and investment promotion in Manipur.

Revisiting discussions from the previous review held on April 17, 2025, the session also focused on the advancement of vibrant village initiatives, monitoring of PMO-priority projects, and resolution of distressed or delayed projects under central schemes.

Offering point-wise feedback, Minister Scindia urged departments to adhere to timelines and maintain momentum. Governor Bhalla reinforced the call for timely execution, directing officials to intensify ground-level implementation and prioritize outcome-driven governance.

The meeting was attended by the Secretary to the Governor, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), senior administrative secretaries, and officials from the North Eastern Council who participated via video conference.

Delhi to host 4th edition of SEMICON India 2025 exhibition in September

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

In a step to bolster the semiconductor supply chains and adoption of next-generation technologies, the fourth edition of SEMICON India 2025 will be held at the national capital's Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Centre - IICC) from September 2 to 4.

The fourth edition will have a theme of 'Building the Next Semiconductor Powerhouse'. This event will be jointly organised by India Semiconductor Mission or ISM and Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI).

SEMICON 2025 will take place under the aegis of the India Semiconductor Mission, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. The upcoming September event will witness a high number of stakeholder participation, showing the success of the SEMICON India program. It will attract many international semiconductor companies.

The SEMICON 2025 exhibition will have four international pavilions one each from Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia for fostering the bilateral cooperation with India.

As part of its commit-

ment towards training and skill development, the event will also conduct upskilling and career counselling sessions for students and young talent.

SEMICON India 2025 exhibition will host more than 300 companies from 18 countries, showing the grand value of this event in the entire electronics value chain. This three-day conference will also feature addresses from CXOs or Chief Experience Officers and expert speakers from different fields. India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and SEMI announced the opening of the registration process from today onwards.

Calcutta HC asks for report from Centre on Bengali migrant workers 'pushed back' into Bangladesh

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, JULY 11

The Calcutta High Court today directed the Union Home Ministry to submit a detailed report on whether migrant workers from West Bengal had been sent to Bangladesh.

The court also instructed Chief Secretary Manoj Pant to remain in contact with his counterpart in Delhi to gather information about the workers.

The court has also directed the Centre to submit a detailed report on the entire matter before it comes up for the next hearing on Monday.

The directive from the division bench of the Calcutta High Court was issued during a habeas corpus hearing concerning six migrant workers from Birbhum who had gone to Delhi for work. The petitioner alleged that some of them, including a family with an eight-year-



old child, were sent to Bangladesh.

The lawyer appearing for the petitioners claimed that on June 18 last month, six individuals were detained in the K.N. Katju Marg area under the Rohini Police District in Delhi.

After being detained, they contacted their families and informed them that they had been arrested by Delhi Police on suspicion of being Bangladeshis. They urged their families to come to Delhi quickly and help secure

their release.

Upon hearing this, the family members immediately set out for Delhi. However, upon arrival, they were informed by the K.N. Katju Police Station that those detained on suspicion of being Bangladeshis had been handed over to the BSF (Border Security Force) and 'pushed back' into Bangladesh.

The family members alleged that the police have not provided any information regarding where in West Bengal the pushback occurred. They

also stated that they have contacted the state labour department regarding the matter.

The division bench comprising of Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty and Justice Ritabrata Kumar Mitra then asked the lawyer appearing for the Centre Dhiraj Tribedi to submit a detailed report regarding the latest situation of the migrant to the court before the next hearing on Monday.

However, in a similar case related to the detention of migrant workers in Odisha the Calcutta High Court on Thursday raised several critical questions: Why have the Bengali migrant workers been detained? On what basis? Has any FIR been filed? What actions have been taken following their detention? And where are the workers currently being held?

The same bench of Justice Tapabrata

Chakraborty and Justice Ritabrata Kumar Mitra instructed West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Pant to convey these questions to his Odisha counterpart. The court said that it would determine its next course of action after reviewing the response.

The bench also directed Pant to appoint a senior official—not below the rank of secretary—to coordinate with the Odisha government and ensure swift action. The matter will next be heard on Monday.

The bench today asked, What is the difference between this case and the one in Delhi? In response the petitioner's lawyer Raghunath Chakraborty said that in the Odisha case, no one was sent out of the country. However, in this case, there is such an allegation—the family was sent to Bangladesh. Following this, the High Court asked for a report from the Union Home Ministry.



TMC leader shot dead in West Bengal's Bhangar

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, JULY 11

A local Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader was shot dead on Thursday night in the Bhangar area of West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district, triggering tension in the locality.

According to the police, the victim, 38-year-old Rajjak Khan, was the president of the TMC's Chaltaberia unit and was a close aide of Canning East MLA Saokat Molla.

Khan was returning home after attending a party meeting when unidentified assailants attacked him near Siristala, under the jurisdiction of the Kashipur police station, police said.

"A preliminary investigation indicates that Khan was shot thrice and stabbed multiple times, including a fatal neck wound, suggesting a deliberate attempt to ensure his death," a senior police officer said.

The attackers reportedly arrived on motorcycles and ambushed Khan in a deserted area near a canal. He was rushed to a hospital, but was declared dead on arrival.

No arrest has been made yet, but a police team has been deployed in the area, and the investigation is underway. CCTV footage is being examined, and several

locals have been questioned.

TMC legislator Saokat Molla held the Indian Secular Front (ISF) responsible for the murder, alleging that ISF-backed criminals orchestrated the attack.

"Rajjak was a dedicated party worker. Those losing ground in Bhangar, particularly the ISF, are behind this crime," Molla said. He further alleged that ISF MLA Nawsad Siddique had encouraged anti-social elements in the region.

The ISF denied any involvement and claimed the killing was the result of an internal conflict within the TMC.

Bhangar has been a flashpoint for frequent political clashes between the TMC and ISF, with both parties vying for control in the area.

3rd Test: Pant is still recovering from the hit, Jurel will continue to keep wickets, says BCCI

AGENCIES
LONDON, JULY 11

India's vice-captain Rishabh Pant remains under medical observation after suffering a blow to his left index finger during Day 1 of the third Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy at Lord's.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) confirmed on Friday that Pant is "still recovering" and will not take the field at the start of Day 2. In his absence, reserve wicket-



keeper Dhruv Jurel will continue to don the gloves. "Rishabh Pant is still recovering from the hit on his left index finger.

The BCCI medical team continues to monitor his progress. Dhruv Jurel will continue to keep wickets on Day 2," the BCCI posted

on X.

The injury occurred during the 34th over of England's innings on Thursday when Pant attempted to stop a leg-side delivery from Jasprit Bumrah to Ollie Pope. The ball struck the tips of Pant's left index finger as he dived full stretch, causing visible pain. He received treatment from team physio Kamlesh Jain and had his fingers heavily strapped, but walked off the field shortly after completing the over.

Archery WC: Jyothi, Parneet enter compound women SF; Rishabh, Aman bow out in second round

AGENCIES
MADRID, JULY 11

India's Jyothi Surekha Vennom and Parneet Kaur booked their spots in the compound women's semifinal at the fourth stage of the Archery World Cup of the season.

Jyothi, who topped the qualification round, defeated the Turkish archer Hazal Burun 147-144 in the quarterfinal to set up a final-four meet with Korea's Han Seungyeon. Meanwhile, Parneet made it to her maiden World Cup semifinal after beat-



ing Oznur Cure Girdi of Turkey by 142-141.

Parneet, a 2023 Asian Champion, had never medalled individually

outside the continent and missed out on selection for the first three stages of this year's World Cup circuit - in Florida, Shanghai and

Antalya.

She was just two points off her personal best of 704 with 702 points in the 72-arrow qualification round on Tuesday and now stands two matches away from her first World Cup podium.

"For me, to make some three steps that I want to focus on during my shot. And when I'm not shooting and sitting behind (the line), she told me to do a bit of calligraphy or draw something. That's improved my focus pretty well," Parneet told World Archery.

That hunger was there in everyone's eyes: Mandhana on historic T20I series win in England

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

After India women sealed their first T20I series in England with a match to go, star batter Smriti Mandhana lauded the team's all-round show in the series so far and said there was hunger in everyone's eyes, which was reflected in their performance.

India made history at Old Trafford on Wednesday night by winning the fourth T20I by six wickets. In the match, Deepti Sharma had become only the second Indian woman to reach 300 international wickets after Jhulan Goswami.

"The way our bowlers



bowled in all four matches. Even in the third T20, the way they came back. They restricted them in the last 4-5 overs and gave them 25-odd runs. They were clear about the fielding. I would really put it down to these two aspects. Because

the kind of clarity and the kind of fielding everyone's done," Mandhana said in a video shared by BCCI on its social media.

"Everyone's looking definitely a lot fitter. So I would just say that a lot of credit goes to them. I just

feel like they were under a lot of pressure coming into the series. But the way they have come and bowled here makes me really happy.

"Everyone was really pumped. Everyone was ready to go. We were just waiting for the time to click. Sometimes you kind of get that vibe that everyone's tuned in. That hunger was there in everyone's eyes. And I think that really reflected in the performance," she added.

India defeated England in the first-ever T20I contest between the two sides in 2006 but hadn't won an away T20I series against them until the victory at Old Trafford.

National Karting Championship to commence on July 12

AGENCIES
COIMBATORE, JULY 11

As many as 74 youngsters representing 10 teams across four categories form highly competitive grids as the first round of the MECO-FMSCI National Karting Championship Rotax Max Classes, starting on Saturday.

The Championship comprises six rounds, with the grand finale slated for November 8-9. The four National champions in the Senior Max, Junior Max, Mini Max and Micro Max categories, identified at the conclusion of the championship, will represent India in



the Rotax Max Challenge Grand Finals in Bahrain (November 29 to December 6).

The 2025 season is featured by the introduction of the Mini Max category for racers under 11 years of age, positioned between the Micro and Junior Max classes.

The Senior Max has attracted 34 entries. Bengaluru racers Rishon Rajeev

(Birel Art India) and brothers from Peregrine Racing Rohaan Madesh and Ishaan Madesh are expected to dominate, while the competition among the trio is likely to be close and thrilling.

The Junior Max category will be headlined by last year's champion Pune's Arafath Sheikh (Crest Motorsports) and Chennai's Eshanth Vengatesan

(MSPORT) with a clutch of rookies ranged against them.

Competition is expected to be extremely sharp in the Mini Max class, which has a bunch of racers who have moved up from Micro Max. Rivaan Dev Preetham (Chennai, MSPORT), along with Hamza Balasrinorwala (Mumbai, Crest Motorsports), Rehan Khan Rasheed (Chennai, MSPORT), Yatharth Gaur (Faridabad, Leapfrog Racing) and Danish Dalmiya (Pune, Rayo Racing), who were consistently claiming podiums in the Micro Max class last year, have all moved to the new Mini category.

3rd Test: Pope has his 'fingers crossed' as Stokes battles injury at Lord's

AGENCIES
LONDON, JULY 11

England skipper Ben Stokes seemingly struggled with an apparent groin injury during Day 1 of the Lord's Test on Thursday. He was seen limping around the pitch while he navigated his way to an unbeaten 39 at Stumps.

England vice-captain Ollie Pope has his 'fingers crossed' and is hoping for a magical recovery for the all-rounder, given the importance of the third Test, with the series tied at one-a-piece.

"Fingers crossed he can do something magic



and come back strong. Clearly we've got a big Test over the next four days and a big two coming up. It's important to try to manage him.

"One of my roles is to make sure he doesn't push

himself to a ridiculous place. I'm sure the physios and medics will work with him to lay out a plan and I'll help push him in the right direction," said Pope in the post-day press conference.

Joe Root showed his class in making runs on a hard-fought and attritional day of Test cricket, reaching 99 not out as England reached 251/4 in 83 overs against India at stumps on day one of the third Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy Test at Lord's.

Although England showed incredible resilience and grittiness in the face of the Indian bowling attack, it was quite a contrast to their usual aggressive 'Bazball' style of play. Pope, who scored 44 off 104 deliveries, said England are satisfied with the way they adapted and will aim for a 400-500 + score.

FC Goa announce departure of club captain Odei Onaindia

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

Indian Super League (ISL) side FC Goa have officially announced the departure of Spanish centre-back and club captain Odei Onaindia.

His exceptional game-reading, aerial strength, and calmness under pressure made him one of the most dependable centre-backs in the league.

Onaindia joined the Gaurs ahead of the 2023-24 season, following head coach Manolo Marquez from Hyderabad FC. The move reunited him with a tactical setup he was well-



acquainted with, allowing the defender to settle in quickly. He struck up a formidable partnership with Sandesh Jhingan and the duo played a crucial role in FC Goa's strong

defensive performances in the last two seasons as per ISL.

"Our Captain gave everything, every tackle, every drop of sweat for our badge. He wore the

orange with pride, played with heart, and led us to glory.

"For two unforgettable years, he showed us what it truly means to be a Gaur on and off the pitch. Thank You @onaindia.odei. We would like to wish you all the best for your next chapter, once a Gaur, always a Gaur," read the post by FC Goa.

Even after Jhingan's injury, Onaindia remained a steady presence at the back, forging a strong understanding with Nim Dorjee during the latter half of the campaign and the start of the following season.

Spurs sign Mohammed Kudus from West Ham on long-term deal

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LONDON, JULY 11

Tottenham Hotspur have signed Mohammed Kudus from West Ham United, subject to work permit, the Premier League club said.

The Ghana international has agreed to a long-term contract and will wear the number 20 shirt.

He joined West Ham United in August 2023 and made his Premier League debut the following month as a substitute before netting two goals on his full debut, which came in the UEFA Europa League.

He enjoyed an impressive first campaign in Eng-



lish football with 14 goals and nine assists to his name. That term, he also claimed West Ham's Goal of the Season prize with a sensational solo effort against SC Freiburg in the 2023/24 UEFA Europa League - a goal which was

also nominated for the 2024 FIFA Puskas Award. Named Ghana Footballer of the Year in each of the last two years, the forward made a total of 80 appearances in all competitions over a two-year spell at London Stadium,

scoring 19 times.

Mohammed spent his early years locally with Strong Tower FC before joining the Right to Dream Academy in 2012.

Ahead of his 18th birthday, he moved to Europe and joined Nordsjaelland in 2018 and, after making 57 senior appearances and scoring 14 times for the Danish outfit, he earned a move to Ajax in July, 2020.

Mohammed made an instant impact for the Dutch side with four goal involvements in his opening three appearances. In his debut season, he helped Ajax claim the Eredivisie title and the Dutch Cup (KNVB Cup).

'Huge honour, something to reflect on when I'm finished': Starc on landmark 100th Test

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KINGSTON, JULY 11

Ahead of his landmark 100th Test match on Sunday, speedster Mitchell Starc reflected on his long journey and injury battles which he overcame to prove his longevity in the red-ball format.

Starc is set to become only the second Australian fast bowler, after Glenn McGrath, to reach the milestone when he takes the field for the third and final Test against the West Indies in Kingston on Sunday. The day-night match also presents Australia with a chance to complete a series sweep.

"I've looked after or



tried to look after my body and be able to find ways through pain barriers to make an impact for the team," Starc told cricket.com.au ahead of reaching the milestone that only 15 of Australia's 471 Test cricketers have managed.

"I've been a player that's been injured and left them a man down before and I never wanted to do that again. So to find ways when things weren't going well, or things were sore, or if I was carrying something, to still be able to push through and finish

games and still be impactful, was part of it.

"But I've also had a lot of help along the way, with trainers and physios and my best mates being teammates, all helped me to keep playing and wanting to compete and still be a part of the group."

With only five wickets needed to reach the coveted 400 mark, Starc could be in for a double celebration if he joins McGrath in achieving the feat in Kingston.

"I didn't think I'd play one (Test). (It's) pretty humbling to play that much. A huge honour, probably something more to reflect on when I'm finished," said Starc.

ADC inaugurates 3-day Blind Cricket Tournament at Sports Stadium GDC Bhaderwah



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BHADERWAH, JULY 11

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhaderwah, Sunil Kumar Bhutyal today inaugurated a three-day cricket tournament for visually impaired players at the Sports Stadium, Government Degree College (GDC) Bhaderwah. The event is being held under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh and marks

the fourth such tournament hosted in Bhaderwah.

Organized by the Cricket Blind Association J&K in collaboration with the District Administration, Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA), and the Social Welfare Department, the tournament aims to inspire visually impaired players to participate in sports, boost their morale and help them pursue careers in athletics.

On the inaugural day, a spirited match was played between the Red and Blue teams, with the Blue team emerging as the winner. Key officials including CEO BDA, Naib Tehsildar, Social Welfare Officer (SWO), Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), and other departmental representatives were present and extended their support to the event.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC commended

the organizers and participants for showcasing exceptional determination and skill. He reaffirmed the administration's commitment to promoting inclusive sports and supporting initiatives that empower persons with disabilities. The tournament will continue over the next two days with enthusiastic participation from visually impaired players across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

I&C deptt Kashmir holds Interactive Session with PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries

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SRINAGAR, JULY 11

In a proactive step towards strengthening the implementation of the PM Vishwakarma Yojana, Director of Industries and Commerce, Kashmir, conducted an impactful interaction session with scheme beneficiaries at Conference Hall, Sanat Ghar, Directorate of Industries and Commerce Srinagar.

The meeting, aimed to understand the on-ground impact, challenges, and suggestions directly from stakeholders, was organized in collaboration with the PM Vishwakarma State Level Project Management Unit (SLPMU).

PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries, coordinators from various ITIs, and departmental representatives were present in the



meeting.

The session served as a platform for gathering first-hand feedback from trained artisans and craftspeople, understanding issues related to training, toolkit distribution, and credit support, besides identifying gaps in market linkages and post-training engagement.

It also discussed convergence efforts across institutions and implementation

partners

Addressing the participants, Khalid Majeed, Director Industries & Commerce Kashmir, emphasized the importance of direct engagement and feedback-based governance for the success of such large-scale livelihood initiatives.

"The PM Vishwakarma Yojana is not just about training—it's about restoring dignity and economic

security to our traditional artisans. This interaction helps us ensure that the benefits reach the right hands, on time, and with full effect," Director said.

PMVK beneficiaries and representatives from Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) shared updates on training progress and placement linkages.

The scheme beneficiaries expressed their gratitude for the opportunity and raised concerns regarding credit support, e-voucher utilisation, and local market opportunities.

The session concluded with reiteration from the Director to strengthen coordination, resolve pending issues, and ensure timely benefits delivery under the PM Vishwakarma scheme.

SWD, ALIMCO distribute Prosthetic Aids to PwDs, Senior Citizens in Thathri

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THATHRI, GANDOL, JULY 11

The Social Welfare Department, Doda, in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) – a public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India – organized a prosthetic aid distribution camp today at R&B Dak Bungalow, Thathri. The event was held under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh and overall supervision of District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Doda, Tariq Parveez Qazi.

The program was chaired by Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Thathri, Sheetal Sharma.

During the camp, assis-



sive devices and appliances were distributed to 34 beneficiaries identified during prior assessment camps in Thathri. The aids provided included adult and child wheelchairs, CP chairs, hearing aids, MSIED kits, smart canes, smartphones, Daisy players, Braille kits, crutches, walking sticks, rollers, calipers, artificial limbs, knee braces, lumbo-sacral belts and silicon foam cushions, among others. These modern and scientifically designed

devices aim to improve the mobility, independence and quality of life of the recipients.

The initiative was undertaken under two flagship schemes of the Government of India: the Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) Scheme for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) for senior citizens. These schemes aim to reduce the impact of disability, prevent secondary disabilities and promote

physical, social and psychological rehabilitation, thereby enhancing the economic potential of the beneficiaries. Such camps play a vital role in empowering the differently-abled and elderly population by providing them tools for self-reliance and inclusion in society.

The event was organized on the ground by TSWO Thathri, Rajesh Sharma and was attended by SDM Thathri Sheetal Sharma, ALIMCO team from Mohali led by audiologist Tushar Chowdhary and other officials.

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Committee on Govt Assurances holds introductory meeting in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, JULY 11

The Committee on Government Assurances of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today convened an introductory meeting at the Assembly Complex, Srinagar.

The meeting was chaired by the Committee Chairman, Sajad Gani Lone and attended by members Ch. Mohammad Akram, Javaid Ahmad Mirchal, Hilal Akbar Lone, Iftikar Ahmad, Mian Mehar Ali, Mohan Lal, Sunil Bahardwaj and Shagun Parihar.

Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandita, briefed about the agenda of the meeting.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman emphasized that the Committee would scrutinize the assurances, promises and undertak-



ings made by the Ministers on the floor of the House from time to time. He said the Committee would also assess the extent of their implementation and check whether they have been fulfilled within the stipulated time frame.

He underscored the significance of the Committee's role in holding the government accountable

and ensuring transparency in governance. He also stated that there is ample scope for effective work, and frequent meetings will be held to ensure that all assurances made in the House are tracked and fulfilled.

The Committee resolved to conduct a department-wise review of the pending assurances to yield tangible outcomes.

The Chairman urged all the members to extend full cooperation and contribute constructively to the Committee's functioning, thereby playing an enabling role in ensuring that government commitments made to the members are met seamlessly.

During the meeting, the members shared valuable suggestions and raised several issues of public importance for the Committee's consideration.

DLC Shopian approves 28 cases for housing assistance under PMAY-U

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SHOPIAN, JULY 11

A District Level Committee (DLC) meeting was today held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta at Mini Secretariat to approve the verified cases for PMAY-U (2.0) in the urban area of Shopian.

A total of 28 eligible cases were recommended by the ULB-level committee to the District Level Committee for approval in the first phase. The committee was apprised that 273 beneficiaries were found eligible who had applied online upon ground level verification under the scheme.

IICT upgrades skill of 11,000 carpet weavers under various flagship schemes

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SRINAGAR, JULY 11

In a major boost to expand the pool of trained human resource, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Srinagar, under the aegis of Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, has master trained around 11,000 carpet weavers from different districts, under various skill development programmes.

The weavers have been trained on modified carpet looms which shall go a long way in penetrating niche markets for the famed hand-knotted carpets, which is the second most exported handmade product from Kashmir.

In a press statement released here today, Director IICT, Zubair Ahmad said that the services of master trainers who have distinguished themselves in the field of carpet weaving are availed to train skilled and semi-skilled carpet weavers in different batches, both in IICT premises at Bagh-e-Ali Mardan Khan and carpet clusters of different districts. "This face-to-face interaction and training shall go a long way in safeguarding the rare



skill of weaving intricate hand-knotted carpets, which have a huge export market, both within and outside the country," he stated.

The exports of hand-knotted carpets from Kashmir have touched Rs 838.70 crore in the last three financial years, despite challenges due to global conflicts which have affected markets in Middle East and other destinations.

In order to make the training programmes more attractive for trainees, IICT also provides monthly stipend as per Scheme Guidelines. "The stipend for these short-term training programmes of 4-6 months' duration with intake capacity of 20, ranges from Rs 1000 to Rs

3750 per month under various skill-based schemes of Ministry of Textiles," he added.

The training programmes include Skill Upgradation and Capacity Building Training & Short-Term Training Programmes of the Ministry of Textiles and Skill Development Training Programme of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

The Director also stated that under the Guru-Shishya Hastshilp Programme, the services of National Awardees shall be availed to provide skill upgradation training to registered carpet weavers. "Under this 2-month training programme, each trainee shall be provided a stipend of Rs 7500 per month," he stated.

DC Kishtwar reviews arrangements for upcoming Shri Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JULY 11



The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of developmental works and necessary arrangements for the upcoming Shri Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025 commencing from 25th of July 2025 and shall culminate on 5th of Sept 2025.

The meeting was held at the VC Room, DC Office Complex Kishtwar.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed ongoing infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing facilities for pilgrims, including the completion of Yatri Bhawan, renovation of sanitary complexes, development of the area surrounding the Bhawan, uninterrupted power and water supply during the Yatra, medical

facility, publicity, online and offline registration, construction of road from Chishoti to Hamori, sanitation and cleanliness, status of Chishoti Bridge and Traffic Plan.

Special emphasis was laid on the timely completion of Chishoti Bridge. The DC directed the Executive Engineer PMGSY to double the shifts for its timely completion.

The DC also instructed the ACD Kishtwar to ensure proper cleanliness and sanitation in the area and directed the outsourcing of sanitation workers in coordination with SDM Paddar. Additionally, the installation of 4 mobile toilets was ordered. The DC directed SDM Paddar to notify the cut-off timing of the Yatra and advisory for the general public in consultation with SSP Kishtwar.

The meeting also reviewed the preparation

of parking zones, including a parking zone at Gulabgarh Paddar that can accommodate about 2000 vehicles. Directions were issued to all concerned officers to expedite the works, maintain quality standards and improve all already established assets. They were also directed to prepare a list of their staff deployed during the Yatra period and share it along with their contact numbers with the Control Room and DC Office Kishtwar.

The meeting was attended by SSP Nareish Singh, ACD/CEO KDA Kaiser Bhawani, SDM Paddar Dr. Amit Kumar, besides other concerned officers and Officials.

The District Administration Kishtwar is committed to ensuring a smooth and hassle-free experience for the pilgrims during the Shree Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025.

Dr Karwani inspects construction work on transit accommodations for PM Package Employees



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SRINAGAR, JULY 11

Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), J&K, Dr Arvind Karwani, inspected several transit accommodation sites for PM Package Employees under construction in the North Central and South Kashmir.

Dr Karwani, while interacting with the site engineers, emphasized achieving the targets in a time bound manner. He particularly underlined the importance of speedy completion of allied works like boundary wall, internal roads and basic amenities at the sites, so that the possession of allotted quarters can be handed over to the employees at the earliest. He enjoined upon the engineers to

ensure quality of the work.

Dr Karwani also interacted with the PM package employees who raised their demands like availability of basic amenities like water supply, power supply, sanitation, education and recreational facility for their children besides repair of pre-fab structures at Pulwama and Kulgam.

Pertinent to mention that 6000 quarters at 20 different locations across the Kashmir valley under PMDP programme are being constructed for PM Package employees, out of which about 3500 stand constructed.

The construction work on allied works like boundary wall, Internal roads, drainage, STP and community hall is also going on in full swing.