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## Eco-system of terrorism in J&K has almost ended: HM Amit Shah

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**SRINAGAR:** Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah today said due to the sustained and coordinated efforts of the Modi Government, the eco-system of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir has almost ended.

He made these remarks while chairing a High-Level Security review meeting on Jammu and Kashmir in New Delhi, today. Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir,



Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary, Director (IB), RAW Chief, Chief of Army Staff, GOC-

in-C (Northern Command), DGMO, Chief Secretary & DGP of Jammu and Kashmir, heads of CAPFs and other senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs attended the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, the Union Home Minister said that in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Zero Tolerance Policy against terrorism, we will achieve the goal of "Terror Free Jammu and Kashmir" at the earliest and all resources will be made available for this. He said that the Modi Government, with the joint efforts of all security forces, is committed to establish complete dominance over terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

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## CM Omar Abdullah meet HM, hopes statehood will be restored

● “Only elected govt can deal with militancy”



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**NEW DELHI:** Jammu & Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah on Thursday held a high-level meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah focussing on key



## Ensure effective implementation of FRA in JK: Minister Javed Rana



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**JAMMU:** Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana, today impressed upon the officers to ensure effective implementation of Forest Rights Act in Jammu and Kashmir.

He was speaking during a meeting held at Civil Secretariat here to discuss issues related

to welfare of tribals in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority, Director, Tribal Affairs and other officers.

While addressing the

meeting, Javed Rana said that the forests and tribals have co-existed for generations and we should not ignore the importance of tribals. “We are committed for empowerment of tribals and implementation of Forest Rights Act is a step towards that direction,” he maintained.

Rana said that we have to safeguard the rights of tribals and work in a mission mode for their development and betterment. He assured that Tribal rights in land and forests shall be respected.

Javed Rana also instructed the concerned divisional officers in Jammu to resolve public issues and grievances with

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## Kulgam Encounter: Top commander among 5 Hizb terrorists killed

● Hizb wiped out from Shopian, Kulgam: Army



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**KULGAM:** Five terrorists were killed, and two army personnel were injured during a fierce encounter at Kaddervillage of Behibagh, Kulgam, on Thursday.

The security agencies have hailed the operation as a major step forward in their mission to eradicate terrorism from the region.

As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) Correspondent, acting on a credible

intelligence about the presence of terrorists in the area, a joint team comprising the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Army's 34 Rashtriya Rifles, and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) launched a cordon-and-search operation late Wednesday night.

The operation culminated in a five-hour-long gunfight, during which five militants belonging to the Hizbul Mujahideen outfit were neutralized.

The slain terrorists were identified as Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Mushtaq Ahmad Yatoo, Irfan Yaqoob, Adil Hajam, and Yasir Javed—all residents of Kulgam district. Farooq Ahmad Bhat, the oldest among them, had been active since 2015 and was a key commander

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## CJ Exhorts Law Students To Be Advocates Of Change

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**JAMMU:** Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority, Tashi Rabstan, today chaired an interactive session organised by the J&K Legal Services Authority in collaboration with DLSA Samba and Dogra Law College, Bari Brahmana.

The event was aimed at educating and empowering law students about their critical role in fostering justice, promoting awareness



and addressing pressing societal challenges.

The Chief Justice was accompanied by M. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority.

R. N. Wattal, Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA) Samba, Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Samba

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## Sports Minister felicitates Roller Skating team for clinching gold in nationals

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 19: Minister for Youth Services

and Sports, J&K, Satish Sharma, today extended felicitations to the J&K Roller Skating team for their 6th consecutive win in the 62nd National Roller Skating Championship held in Mysuru and Coimbatore from December 5 to December 15, 2024.

The Sports Minister appreciated the athletes, saying “Winning 23 medals in a national championship is no small feat. These skaters have made the region proud with their achievements. Their hard work and dedication, coupled with the relentless

efforts of their coaches, are evident in their results. My best wishes are with the team and their mentors for even greater success in the future.”

Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, expressed his pride in the athletes, stating “The roller skating team's success showcases the immense talent that exists in Jammu and Kashmir. It also underscores the importance of providing world-class coaching and facilities, which the Sports Council remains committed to.”

Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council, also felicitated the winning team saying that this victory in roller skating and the spirited performance of the Santosh Trophy team highlight the growing sports culture in our region. Our athletes are demonstrating that with the right support, they can compete and excel at the highest levels, she added. She assured that the Sports Council will continue to nurture and support this

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## ‘Hydel-power generation capacity being doubled to 6647 MWs by 2026’

Riyaz Bhat

**SRINAGAR:** In Jammu and Kashmir, the expenditure trend over the years reveal that a huge part of total expenditure is on purchase of power.



The official documents available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), authorities have said that “Analysis of expenditure trends over the years reveals that the UT of JK faces hard budget constraints on account of the sizable committed nature of its expenditure.”

“They include interest payments, salaries and pensions. Cumulatively,

they constituted nearly 73 percent of its total expenditure in FY 2023-24. A significant part of the total expenditure of the UT is on purchase of power,” it reads.

The document however does not delve into details but mentions that a significant amount of the overall expenditure is being executed on purchase of power.

It further said that although power purchase expenditure cannot be classified as committed expenditure. “Yet in the case of the UT it has assumed the nature of committed expenditure because of historical practice of huge under-recoveries from the sale of power sector.”

“In recent years, there has been some increase in the power receipts with improvement in metering. However, despite this, the gap between cost of power purchase bill and receipts

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## Working with MEA to get international travel advisories removed: CM Omar

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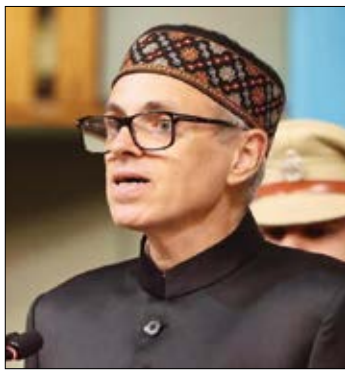
**NEW DELHI:** The Jammu and Kashmir government is working with External Affairs Ministry to help water down travel advisories issued by various countries which have made it “all but impossible” for foreign tourists to visit the Union Territory, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said Wednesday.

In an interactive session at 18th Annual Tourism Summit 2024 organised by the CII, Abdullah said as a result of the 30-35 years of trouble that J&K has gone through, international tourism has not been a focus area.

He said it is simply because the travel advisories that exist make it “all but impossible” for tourists from traditional markets to visit Kashmir.

“As a result of those travel advisories, their insurance is void if they travel into Kashmir and that's a no-no for them. That's something again we are working with the government of India particularly with the Ministry of External Affairs to try and use their good offices to at least water them down initially with a view to completely removing them,” he said.

Abdullah said people of J&K want these high-spending tourists to visit the region. “So, you will find that the guy who was happy to invest in an Innova will



think of investing in a Mercedes because they start seeing high-spending tourist coming...similarly with hotels and everything else,” he said.

The chief minister said in the last few years, the tourism sector in Kashmir has seen growth in volumes because “volumes have allowed us to project a sense of normalcy”.

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# After Ferry Tragedy, Life Jackets Mandatory For Boat Rides From Gateway Of India

MUMBAI: A day after a ferry-Navy craft collision claimed 13 lives off the Mumbai coast, authorities on Thursday made life jackets mandatory for all people taking boat rides from the Gateway of India.

Some tourists, however, said the life jackets would be of help only if people know how to use them. The authorities should instruct people how to use the life jackets in case of an emergency, they said.

Some survivors of the tragedy on Wednesday claimed the ferry did not have enough life jackets.

Thirteen persons, including a Navy personnel and two contractual naval employees, were killed and nearly 100 rescued after the Navy craft carrying out engine trials dashed against the passenger ferry 'Neel Kamal' on Wednesday afternoon. The ferry was carrying more

than 100 passengers from the Gateway of India to the Elephanta

ride of the Mumbai harbour. Sangeeta Dalvi, who was



Island.

Devidas Jadhav, an assistant boat inspector deputed at the Gateway of India, told PTI that they have made the use of life jackets mandatory for every passenger taking ferry boat to Mandva near Alibaug (in neighbouring Raigad), Elephanta Island or while going for a short

travelling to Mandva with her husband for some work, said passengers must use life jackets as they can save lives in case of an emergency.

She also said there was no need for the people to be scared after Wednesday's accident.

"Such tragedies do not happen everyday. We do not

avoid travelling by roads though everyday several accidents occur on roads," Dalvi added.

Suyesh Sharma, a tourist from Chhattisgarh who came to the Gateway of India to take a boat ride as he had time before his return by an evening flight, said life jackets does not prove much helpful in the high sea unless people know how to use them.

"Life jackets could prove helpful only when you know how to use them. Authorities should also tell people how to use them in case of emergency," said Sharma, who often takes up adventure sports like river rafting.

Boat owners from Bhaucha Dhakka (a wharf near the Dockyard Road here) said they insist that people wear life jackets, but passengers are reluctant many a times though they could prove life-saving in case of an emergency.

## Kharge submits privilege notice in RS against Shah over Ambedkar remarks

NEW DELHI: Congress president and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun



Kharge on Thursday submitted a privilege notice against Home Minister Amit Shah for his remarks against B R Ambedkar.

In his notice submitted to the RS Chairman, Kharge alleged that the remarks made by Shah were an insult to the architect of the Constitution and amounted to breach of privilege and contempt of the House.

"I hereby give a notice of question of privilege against Shri Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs under Rule 188 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha)," Kharge said in his notice.

He said on December 17, Shah during his reply in the Rajya Sabha on the discussion on 'Glorious journey of 75 years of the Constitution of India.

## Cong always hated Ambedkar, included his shameful cartoon in NCERT book in 2012: Pradhan

NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Thursday slammed the Congress, alleging it has always hated BR Ambedkar and had even included a cartoon in an NCERT textbook showing Jawaharlal Nehru "whipping" Ambedkar.

He claimed that the "crocodile tears" of the Congress over Ambedkar are just pretence.

"Suddenly the Congress has got a lot of respect for Babasaheb Ambedkar. These crocodile tears of the Congress for Babasaheb are just a pretence, there is a huge difference between their words and actions. The Congress party's hatred and contempt for Babasaheb is well known," Pradhan wrote in a post on X.

The Union Education Minister said that during the rule of the Congress-led UPA-2 government, a shameful cartoon was included in the NCERT textbook for Class 11 in 2012 in which Pandit Nehru was shown "whipping" Babasaheb Ambedkar.

"After strong opposition from BJP, then Human Resource Development Minister Kapil Sibal apologised and announced to withdraw it.

"Obviously, such a shameful act cannot happen unknowingly, this cartoon filled with hatred towards Babasaheb was made public only after the approval of the royal family and the whole country knows who had control of the remote-run government at that time," Pradhan said.

The Union education minister said, "These corrupt people who give themselves 'Bharat Ratna' have never given proper respect to Babasaheb and when the

Honorable Prime Minister Modi ji is giving a grand honour to Babasaheb Ambedkar ji, the Congress party is unable to digest it."

"The Congress party, which makes political gains in the name of Babasaheb



Ambedkar, takes his name only out of compulsion, while the truth is that the entire Congress party, from Jawaharlal Nehru to Rahul Gandhi, has always hated Babasaheb," added Pradhan.

A massive political row erupted on Wednesday as the Congress and other opposition parties launched an all-out attack on Shah for his remarks on Ambedkar and demanded his sacking, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other top BJP leaders rallied to his defence and said he has exposed Congress "anti-Ambedkar" stand.

Competing marches by opposition and NDA MPs over the Ambedkar issue led to shoving and jostling inside Parliament House premises on Thursday with the BJP's Pratap Sarangi getting injured in the melee amid allegations that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi pushed him.

## BJP president Nadda asks Congress to 'stop lying' on Ambedkar issue

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Thursday launched

a fresh attack on the Congress over its treatment of B R Ambedkar as the ruling party's president J P Nadda asked the opposition party to "stop lying".

Nadda reiterated his party's accusations against the Congress for insulting and ignoring Ambedkar and his legacy, and cited the work undertaken by the Modi government to honour his legacy.

His posts on X came amid the opposition's relentless attack on Home Minister Amit Shah for allegedly insulting Ambedkar during his Rajya Sabha speech. He told the Congress and its "rotten ecosystem" that they lost Lok Sabha polls for a third consecutive time in June and performed badly in a number of assembly polls. "In November, you lost badly in Maharashtra. At least now stop lying. Because

your lies will not go unchecked. The truth will always win. Jai Bhim," he said.

Shah has in turn accused the Congress of distorting his remarks and has received strong support from the ruling party, including PM Modi. Nadda claimed the Congress and its rotten ecosystem have been exposed since Wednesday by all those who believe in truth, democracy and social justice.

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of the Chief Horticulture Officer Kupwara H.Q. (Handwara).

Tele/fax No: 01955-262665 – email:kupwaracho@gmail.com

Subject: Open Auction of firewood of Old & Senile trees at Fruit Plant Nursery Kultoora.

OPEN AUCTION NOTICE

The Department of Horticulture District Kupwara intends to Auction the firewood of 25 No's of old & senile trees (Apple= 16 & Pear= 9) existing in Fruit Plant Nursery Kultoora. All the interested parties are informed to participate in the on-spot auction scheduled to be held on 23-12-2024 at 12:00 pm in Fruit Plant Nursery Kultoora. The bidders who are willing to participate in the open auction shall have to deposit CDR amount of Rs. 1500/- (Rupees One thousand five hundred only) pledged to the Chief Horticulture Officer Kupwara (Handwara) before the auction proceedings.

The terms & conditions shall remain as under:

- The successful bidder has to deposit 100% of the auction amount within two days.
- The successful bidder shall not be allowed to lift the material from the nursery till full amount of the bid is remitted.
- The successful bidder has to pay penalty whatsoever imposed upon him by the department in case any damage happens to the public/ private property during excavation and lifting of trees.
- The whole process of excavation of the trees is to be completed within a weeks time positively.
- Any other suitable condition (if any) shall be communicated to the successful bidder on the date of auction on spot.
- The committee reserves the right to accept or reject the offer of the bidder without assigning any reason.
- The CDR of the successful bidder shall be released only after fulfillment of all the terms and conditions laid down above.
- Further details with regard to the open auction of the said trees can be had from the office of the Chief Horticulture Officer Kupwara (Handwara) during office hours on any working day.

Dated: -19-12-2024

DIPK-9733/24

Sd/Chief Horticulture Officer Kupwara(Handwara)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

ELECTRIC DIVISION BUDGAM KPDCL.

Tender Notice.

e-NIT No.:-EDB/91 of 2024-25      D a t e d : 19-12-2024

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from Govt. approved Electrical Contractors, for works, as details below:

Name of the work Items	Adv. Cost (Lacs)	Cost of Tender Doc	EMD	Completion Period	Status Of AAA
Stabilization of 11 KV dedina feeder for providing of power supply to transit Accommodation at Kakanmarm Narbal.	18.6	RS. 1000/-	RS.37200.00	60 days	Accorded

1. Bidders are advised to study the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) / Tender Specifications carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examine, of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications by the bidder.

2. The tender document is available on website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 20-12-2024; 4:00 PM
B	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	20-12-2024; 4:00 PM
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)	06-01-2025, 4:00 PM
D	Clarification start date	21-12-2024; 11:00 AM
E	Clarification End date	25-12-2024; 4:00 PM
F	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format	26-12-2024; 10:00 AM
G	e-Bid submission (End) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	06-01-2025, 4:00 PM
H	Hard Copy of e-tender fee and EMD Instrument & Affidavit that the Firm/Contractor is not Black listed by any of the Govt. Offices.	Up-to 06-01-2025; 04:00 PM in office of the Executive Engineer ED- Budgam
I	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	07-01-2025; 02:00 PM
J	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders
K	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids	office of the Executive Engineer ED- Budgam

No: EDB/8151-54  
Dated:19-12-2024

S/-  
Executive Engineer  
ED Budgam (KPDCL)

DIPK-NB-2884/24

VPNs, proxy servers complicate bomb threat investigations, says Delhi Police

NEW DELHI: As bomb threats threw more than 100 Delhi schools into chaos in the past nine days, police and experts said that VPNs and proxy servers acted as key barriers in solving cases and legal frameworks for obtaining information from these services are inadequate, leading to delays in investigations.

Since May this year, over 50 bomb threat emails have targeted not only schools but also hospitals, airports and airline companies in Delhi, but the police have yet to make any breakthroughs in these cases.

Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had also raised concerns over threats to schools on Wednesday and questioned the police's failure to catch the culprit.

According to senior officials, the Delhi Police have written to service providers like Google, VK (known as Mail.ru), and Outlook.com to obtain the IP addresses of the senders.

In some cases, the police have received responses, but they have not been able to determine the exact origin.

The Delhi Police have also sought the assistance of Interpol through central agencies.

“Our investigation is underway. We are working to trace the origin of the sender. While their servers or domains have been traced to European or Middle Eastern countries, the actual origin remains unconfirmed, as the emails were sent using VPNs (Virtual Private Networks) or proxy servers,” an officer said.

A dedicated unit of the Delhi Police Special Cell has been tasked with investigating the threat cases.



Government of Jammu & Kashmir

DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE (G&P) KASHMIR

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Subject: - Cancellation of e-Tender.

In view of zero response, the e-NIT invited vide No.31 of 2024 dated. 14.08.2024 issued under endorsement No.DFK/GS-e-NIT-31/1291-94 dated. 14.08.2024 with regard to “Outsourcing of Entry Ticketing system of Gulnar Park Baramulla” is hereby cancelled.

Fresh e-Tender of the same shall be floated shortly.

No:- DFK/GS-e-NIT-31/2508-13

Dated.19.12.2024

Sd/-  
Accounts Officer,  
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Directorate of Floriculture,  
Kashmir.

DIPK-9772/24

GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt. Ground Water Division Srinagar

Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar.

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Extension Notice 7TH

Subject: 1. Construction of 02 No. of Bore Wells at different spots in Block Kalaroose in Bandi, Datta in District Kupwara. Reference: This office e-NIT No.24-JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2024-25, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/24-25/Corrs./6373-82, dated: 15-10-2024. Bearing Tender ID No. 2024\_PHE\_260360\_3. Due to “No Response” for the above mentioned works advertised vide e-NIT No. and Tender ID No's under reference. Which was scheduled to be downloaded till 19-12-2024 Upto 11:00 AM are extended as per the details given below

S.No.	Item	Fresh Date
1.	Period of submission of bids	25-12-2024 Up-to 11:00 AM
2	Date of opening of tenders	26-12-2024 11:00 AM

NOTE:  
All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid e-NIT issued vide above referred endstt: nos.  
No:- JS-PHE/GWDS/24-25/Corrs./9323-32  
Dated: 19-12-2024.

Sd/= Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.  
Ground Water Division  
Srinagar

DIPK-9780/24

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SRINAGAR, NEAR J&K BANK(ZALDAGAR )

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Sub: - Extension in bidding time for e-NIT No. 15 OF 2024-25, Dated: 12-11-2024 for below mentioned works:-

LIS Lethpora - Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 02 pumping units, allied Civil Works including Foundation Works, Submersible Pump for Priming, 3-Ton Travelling Crane with Chain Pulley Block, Operator's Cabin and allied electromechanical works.

Ref: - JK Government official e-Procurement portal Tender ID No. :- 2024\_IFC\_264314\_1

EXTENSION NOTICE

Due to No response to above mentioned e-NIT for the subject works, the critical dates are extended as under: -

Pre- bid meeting date	21/12/2024 at 1130 hrs
Bid submission/ Document download / sale end Date	26/12/2024 at 1400 hrs
Date and time of Bid opening	27/12/2024 at 1230 hrs

Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain un-altered as laid down in the original e-NIT.  
No. MIDS/TS/3261-69  
Dated: -19-12-2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Mechanical Irrigation Division  
Srinaga

DIPK-9749/24

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE MECHANICAL RURAL DIVISION, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR.

Corrigendum-I

For E-NIT No. PHE/MRD/TS/81of12/2024DT: - 12-12-2024 issued vide this office No:-PHE/MRD/TS/4247-51 DT:-12-12-2024 and published vide No:2024\_PHE\_267835\_1 is hereby extended due to poor response. The new closing and opening dates are given below:

S.NO.	Description	Date	Time
1.	Closing date	23-12-2024	11:00AM
2.	Bid opening date	23-12-2024	12:00 PM

No:PHE/MRD/4321-25  
Dated:19-12-2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
PHE Mechanical  
Rural Division,  
Srinagar.

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## Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore Campaign Launched across Bandipora District

**BANDIPORA:** In line with the nationwide initiative "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore," the District Administration Bandipora on Thursday launched a week-



long campaign to redress public grievances and enhance service delivery at the grassroot level.

Special grievance redressal camps were organized across the district, bringing government services and grievance mechanisms directly to the people aimed to foster a culture of good governance.

The mega event of the campaign was held at Markundal, Sumbal, where Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Abdul Gani Bhat along with Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri listened to the issues of the public and assured

prompt redressal of genuine public grievances.

At Aloosa, a special grievance redressal camp was presided over by Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Rafi Ahmad Salati and Block Development Officer (BDO) Owais Ahmad Malik.

During the camp, the officers interacted with the public, listened to their concerns, and assured them of timely resolutions. Various issues related to healthcare, sanitation, and developmental works were discussed, with the officers emphasizing the administration's commitment to delivering services at the

grassroot level.

Similarly, a series of grievance redressal camps were organized at various locations across District including Sub-Division Gurez, where nodal officers designated by the District Administration listened to public issues and assured time bound resolution, ensuring doorstep delivery of governance.

The camps organised at various locations across the district also highlighted welfare schemes and public services, aligning with the campaign's objective of promoting good governance and ensuring efficient service delivery.

## District Bandipora Taekwondo Championship 2024 concludes at HSS Hajin

**BANDIPORA:** The District Bandipora Taekwondo Championship 2024 concluded on a high note today at Government Higher Secondary School, Hajin, Bandipora. The event showcased exceptional talent, sportsmanship, and determination from young athletes across the area.

Padmashree Faisal Ali Dar, who is brand ambassador Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan was the chief guest while as Dr. Muneer ul Islam Superintendent Ali's Sports Academy was the special guest on the occasion.

Dr. Muneer ul Islam commended the unique nature of Taekwondo, particularly highlighting its importance in empowering women.

He said, "This game is a unique sport, especially for women, and it plays a vital role in their empowerment.

I am delighted to see such enthusiasm and passion for this sport, especially from the Sonawari zone, He added.

Brand ambassador Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyaan, Faisal Ali Dar, while presenting the medals to the participants emphasised the significance of such events in providing young athletes with the opportunity to shine on both national and international platforms.

He remarked, "This is a big opportunity for all the young players to achieve success in national and international competitions. He urged participants to remain dedicated and consistent in their Taekwondo training, emphasizing that success in the sport requires discipline, hard work, and perseverance.

Faisal Ali, also highlighted the glob-

al recognition of Taekwondo as a respected martial art practiced worldwide. He encouraged the athletes to main-

promoting the values of discipline, fitness, and sportsmanship among the youth. He expressed gratitude to all those



tain a positive mindset and assured them that with consistency and dedication, they could reach the highest levels of competition.

Faisal Ali said that, District Bandipora Taekwondo Championship 2024 not only provided a platform for emerging talent but also played a crucial role in

who contributed to the success of the event and expressed his gratitude to the volunteers, district administrators, the Education Department, the Youth Services and Sports Department, and the people of Hajin for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout the event.

## KVK B'pora Organises Awareness Programme On Minimizing Pesticide Use In Agriculture

**BANDIPORA:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra Bandipora-1 on Thursday organized a Mega Awareness Programme focusing on minimizing pesticide use in agriculture under the HADP Project-18.

An official spokesperson said the event brought together agricultural scientists, experts, and local authorities to emphasize sustainable and eco-friendly farming practices. The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Shabir Ahmad, Scientist in Plant Pathology, who greeted the esteemed guests and participants.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zafar Hussain Shawal, who was the chief guest of the event, lauded the contributions of scientists and extension workers for their unwavering commitment to disseminating advanced agricultural technologies and training farmers. He appreciated their efforts in fostering progress across agriculture and allied sectors in the district.

Dr. Tariq Sultan, Programme Coordinator at KVK Bandipora, underscored the institution's critical role in raising awareness among farmers about the latest agricultural technologies. He shared insights into KVK's ongoing efforts to train farmers and equip them with the knowledge required for sustainable farming. Dr. Tariq Rasool Rather, Chairman of HADP-18, delivered a detailed and engaging lecture on strategies to reduce pesticide use in agriculture. He

highlighted the importance of adopting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and other sustainable approaches to ensure safe and productive farming practices.

Dr. Mudasir Ahmad, Assistant Professor of Entomology at FOH SKUAST-K Shalimar, spoke on the vital role of non-chemical methods in tackling pest-related challenges. He elaborated on practices such as biological control, cultural methods, and the use of pest-resistant crop varieties as effective alternatives to chemical pesticides.

Scientists Dr. Tahir Saleem, Dr. Nazir Ahmad Mir and Dr. Saba Bukhari from KVK Bandipora also interacted with the participants, addressing their queries and providing expert advice on pest management and related agricultural issues.

As a key highlight of the programme, Delta traps, essential tools for monitoring specific insect pests, were distributed among apple growers in the district. This initiative aims to enable farmers to adopt proactive pest management practices, reducing reliance on chemical pesticides. The event concluded on a positive note, with participants expressing their appreciation for the insights and support provided by the experts. The programme marked a significant step towards promoting sustainable and eco-friendly farming practices in the Bandipora district, ensuring agricultural sustainability and enhanced productivity.

## Major General Anupinder Bevli Inspects NCC Headquarters Jammu Group

**JAMMU:** Major General Anupinder Bevli, VSM, Additional Director General of NCC, conducted an inspection of the NCC Headquarters Jammu Group to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the NCC



curriculum and operational systems.

During the visit, Major General Bevli praised the dedication and focused efforts of officers, permanent instructor staff, Associate NCC Officers (ANOs), and civilian staff. He stressed the need to uphold high standards and encouraged all personnel to continue working diligently to achieve the objectives of the NCC.

Brigadier P.S. Cheema, Commander of NCC Group Jammu, briefed the ADG during the inspection, which was attended by all Commanding Officers of NCC units under the Jammu Group.

The ADG issued directives to address non-performing institutes that have failed to meet commitments under the NCC Act, particularly those that have not nominated ANOs/CTOs or filled vacancies. Major General Bevli instructed the group to share a list of such institutions with the Department of Higher Education in the Union Territory for further action.

He emphasized that the lack of commitment from certain institutes limits opportunities for those on the waitlist eager to establish NCC units, which could impact the Directorate's overall performance in securing the RDC Banner.

The General also highlighted the importance of institutional training and accountability of ANOs and Permanent Instructors to ensure high-quality training.

Major General Bevli assured full support to the Group Headquarters and its units, particularly the newly established 6 J&K Battalion NCC and 1 J&K Air Squadron NCC in Udhampur.

The visit underscores the commitment of the NCC leadership to fostering discipline, leadership, and excellence among cadets in the region.

## Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore: Grievance Redressal Camps organized across all 26 Blocks of B'la

**BARAMULLA:** As part of the nation-wide campaign "Prashashan Gaon Ki Ore," the District Administration Baramulla today organized grievance redressal camps across all the 26 blocks of the district, addressing the concerns of the public at the grassroots level.

This initiative, a key highlight of the 'Good Governance Week' celebrated from December 19 to December 24, brings the administration closer to rural areas for prompt grievance redressal and efficient service delivery.

The grievance redressal camps witnessed enthusiastic participation from citizens, including Panchayat representatives, community leaders, and residents from diverse backgrounds voicing their concerns related to essential services such as water supply, electricity, health care, education, road connectivity, and welfare schemes.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa accompanied by the officers from all the line departments hosted a grievance redressal camp at the Govt. Higher Secondary School Chandoosa

Baramulla, where the concerned citizens put forth their grievances seeking prompt resolution.

The DC swiftly resolved a range of issues



on the spot and instructed the concerned departments to expedite the resolution of other grievances raised by the citizens.

Meanwhile, Minga Sherpa highlighted

various welfare schemes run by the government such as Mission YUVA, PM-Vishwakarma, HADP and PM-Kusum, underscoring their transformative potential. He urged the public to actively and wholeheartedly take advantage of these schemes to improve their livelihoods and overall well-being.

Later, the DC visited the Community Health Centre (CHC), where he conducted a thorough inspection of the hospital's facilities. During his visit, the DC engaged with patients, personally inquiring about their satisfaction with the services and amenities provided at the facility.

Such redressal camps were held in all the 26 blocks of the district including far flung areas like Uri, Rampora Rajpora, Raftabad Kandi Belt, with officers from all the line departments, attentively listening to and addressing the grievances raised by the concerned citizens.

## Mega Grievance Redressal Camp held at Markundal

**BANDIPORA:** As part of the nation-wide 'Prashasan Gaon ki Ore' campaign, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Bandipora, Abdul Gani Bhat along with the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri on Thursday presided over a mega grievance redressal camp at Markundal, Hajin.

Addressing the gathering, Chairman DDC emphasized that the week-long activities as part of Prashasan Gaon ki Ore are aimed to disseminate information about various welfare schemes and ensure public grievances are addressed at their doorsteps.

He said these initiatives are part of efforts to enhance public outreach, raise awareness about government programmes and directly engage with the public to understand and resolve their issues effectively.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the introduction of various online services, including revenue records, ration cards, and Tap water and electricity connections, emphasizing the convenience and efficiency these services bring to the public.

He also underscored the importance of the Public Services Guarantee Act, which ensures the timely delivery of services within specified timelines. The DC urged residents to take full advantage of these online services, making access to essential government services easier and faster.

During the event, the DC further urged the residents to prioritize registering their grievances with the concerned departments, assuring them that all issues would be addressed within the designated timelines.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Agricultural Officer Bandipora highlighted the transparency in the processing of applications, ensuring that all procedures are fair and accessible to the public.

Programme Manager Umeed NRLM elaborated on several welfare schemes available to the public, particularly the 'YUVA' initiative and urged the youth to take benefits of this mission.

During the event, several issues were raised by the public including concerns about the availability of health services, slow pace of work on the flood channel protection wall, uninterrupted filtered water supply and others.

Responding to the above issues, the Deputy Commissioner assured the residents that all these concerns will be addressed promptly and urged the concerned authorities to take appropriate action to resolve them at the earliest.

Among others, the event was attended by District Programme Officer Bandipora, Chief Agriculture officer, Lead Bank Manager, District Information Officer, BDO Naidkhai, public representatives and a large gathering of the general public.



## JKGLTF Delegation Calls on Salman Sagar, Raises Issues of Teaching Community

**SRINAGAR:** A delegation from the Jammu and Kashmir General Line Teachers Forum (JKGLTF) met with Hon'ble MLA Mr. Salman Sagar at Nawai



Subha to congratulate him on his election to the Legislative Assembly and to discuss pressing issues faced by the teaching community, particularly General Line Teachers (GLTs).



The delegation presented a detailed charter of demands and highlighted various challenges affecting the teaching fraternity, including service matters, working conditions, and policy-level concerns specific to GLTs.

Mr. Sagar expressed his gratitude to the delegation for their congratulatory remarks and assured them of his commitment to addressing their concerns. He promised to bring the issues raised to the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Education Minister for prompt resolution.

The meeting reinforced the delegation's hopes for positive policy interventions to support the teaching community in Jammu and Kashmir.

## Private Schools Exploit Parents With Exorbitant Book Prices For Little Students

**Srinagar:** Private schools in Srinagar are drawing criticism for charging exorbitant rates for textbooks, with parents accusing them of turning education into a profit-driven enterprise.

The financial strain is particularly evident in kindergarten levels, where the cost of book sets has skyrocketed, leaving parents questioning the ethics of such practices.

Abdul Rashid, a parent whose child attends Oasis School in Gogji Bagh, Srinagar, shared his frustration over the steep prices. "I paid nearly Rs 5,500 for the book set of my UKG kid. This is an outrageous amount for books meant for such young children," he told the news agency Kashmir News Trust.

Similar grievances have surfaced from parents of students in other private schools, who argue that these institutions are inflating prices under the pretext of providing books of "International Cambridge standards.

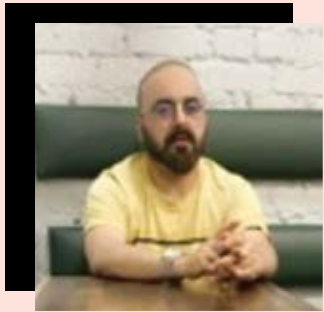
Parents have expressed concerns about the commercialization of education, which they claim is becoming increasingly unaffordable and intolerable. "Education has become a business," one parent lamented. They emphasized that while quality education is essential, the financial burden imposed by schools is forcing many families into difficult situations.

The Director Education recently issued a warning to private schools, cautioning them against selling books at inflated prices. Parents are calling for stricter regulations and greater transparency in school operations to alleviate the financial burden on families and ensure education remains accessible to all.

"Authorities must curb this practice and ensure that parents are not exploited in the name of international standards," said parents.



# Canary Oncoceutics: The AI-Powered Future of Cancer Treatment



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The rising cancer burden in India, particularly in regions like Kashmir, highlights the critical need for innovative and accessible cancer diagnostics. With over 12,000 new cancer cases reported annually in Jammu and Kashmir alone, and more than 60,000 cases recorded in the past five years, the demand for its solutions has never been greater. Among the most common cancers in the region are stomach, esophageal, lung, and breast cancers. These alarming statistics are attributed to factors like environmental pollutants, dietary habits, genetic predispositions, and limited access to advanced diagnostic care.

The reliance on traditional cancer treatment methods like chemotherapy and radiation, often referred to as "blind therapies", poses significant risks to patient health and survival. Blind therapies target cancer cells

from the start.

Canary Oncoceutics: A Game-Changer in Precision Oncology (India's only CLIA and CAP certified diagnostics lab)

Unlike traditional cancer care, Canary Oncoceutics uses the power of genomics, AI, and machine learning to provide personalized treatment plans. This approach replaces blind therapies with targeted, evidence-based treatment strategies. Instead of a "try-and-see" approach, Canary's genomic profiling tools provide oncologists with precise data to identify the best drug or therapy for each patient.

What sets Canary Oncoceutics apart from other cancer diagnostics providers in India is its status as India's only diagnostics lab to be CLIA certified and CAP accredited. This certification establishes Canary's credibility, accuracy, and adherence to the highest global standards in clinical laboratory testing.

### Technologies Used by Canary Oncoceutics

#### 1. Canary Pulse™ (Liquid Biopsy)

What it does: Uses a simple blood test to detect circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) in the bloodstream.

How it works: Tumors release fragmented DNA into the blood. Canary Pulse™ captures and analyzes this ctDNA to detect cancer mutations and track the effectiveness of treatment.

#### Benefits:

Non-invasive: No need for painful tissue biopsies. Real-Time Monitoring: Tracks how well a patient is

related to targeted therapy.

How it works: While Canary Acuity™ offers a comprehensive analysis of over 1,091 genes, Canary Focus™ targets only key genes that are linked to cancer progression.

#### Benefits:

Faster Results: Provides insights much faster than full genomic profiling.

Cost-Effective: Canary Focus™ is an affordable option for patients.

Customizable: Analyzes genes most relevant to specific cancer types.

Impact in India: Patients from low-income communities now have access to affordable genomic profiling. By analyzing only essential genes, Canary Focus™ makes precision oncology available to underserved populations.

How Canary Oncoceutics Compares to Global Competitors

#### Competitors in Cancer Diagnostics

Competitors in the cancer diagnostics space known for its genomic profiling services, but it comes with higher costs and limited accessibility in India, making it a less feasible option for many patients. They specialize in solid and liquid biopsies but provide data on fewer genes compared to Canary Oncoceutics' 1,091-gene coverage, limiting the comprehensiveness of its analysis. Other international competitors offer molecular profiling services, but their tests are typically more expensive with longer turnaround time, leading to delays in diagnosis

Acuity™, oncologists can identify genetic mutations in cancers from the start, ensuring patients receive the right treatment on Day 1.

#### Faster Diagnosis

Conventional cancer diagnostics take weeks, but Canary Pulse™ offers results swiftly, enabling oncologists to make faster treatment decisions.

#### Affordable Care

Traditional genetic profiling can cost 2.5-6 lakh (\$3,000 to \$7,500) per patient. Canary's tests are more affordable, providing essential genomic data for lower costs.

#### Better Treatment Outcomes

By identifying mutations like EGFR, BRAF, and ALK, Canary enables oncologists to prescribe targeted therapies instead of generic chemotherapy, improving survival rates by up to 30%.

#### Hypothetical Case Study: The Journey of a Cancer Patient

Patient Background: A 45-year-old patient in Kashmir is diagnosed with Stage 3 lung cancer.

Initial Treatment: The patient is treated with a 6-month cycle of chemotherapy. Unfortunately, after the treatment period, doctors find that the cancer has progressed to Stage 4.

#### Where Things Went Wrong:

Upon performing genetic testing, doctors discover that the patient has a mutation in the EGFR gene, which makes him resistant to traditional chemotherapy. This means that the patient could have been treated from



as well as healthy cells, leading to unnecessary side effects, treatment failures, and delayed recovery. But with the arrival of Canary Oncoceutics, India is now witnessing a revolutionary shift in cancer care. By offering AI-driven, precision oncology solutions, Canary Oncoceutics introduces personalized, affordable, and effective cancer diagnostics. This innovation enables oncologists to design individualized treatment plans and eliminate the need for "trial-and-error" therapies.

### The Problem with Blind Therapies

For years, cancer treatments like chemotherapy, radiation, and generalized drug regimens have followed a "one-size-fits-all" approach. While these treatments have been effective for some, they often fail to consider the genetic and molecular uniqueness of each cancer. As a result, many patients are subjected to therapies that may not work for their specific genetic mutation.

#### Drawbacks of Blind Therapies

Non-Specific Targeting: Both cancerous and healthy cells are destroyed, leading to side effects like hair loss, fatigue, and weakened immunity.

Trial-and-Error Approach: Patients often undergo multiple rounds of treatment before finding one that works.

Delayed Response: With no insight into drug efficacy, patients must wait weeks to see if the treatment is working. Financial Burden: Failed therapies increase healthcare costs, causing financial strain on families.

Blind therapies rely on chance, not precision. This is where Canary Oncoceutics makes a difference. By using AI-driven, data-based cancer care, Canary eliminates guesswork and provides personalized treatment options

responding to treatment.

#### Early Detection: Identifies cancer even before symptoms appear.

Impact in India: Since Canary Pulse™ only requires a blood sample, patients in rural and underserved areas no longer need to travel to big cities like Delhi or Mumbai for testing. This approach makes cancer detection more accessible, faster, and less invasive.

#### 2. Canary Acuity™ (Comprehensive Genomic Profiling)

What it does: Analyzes over 1,091 cancer-related genes to identify actionable mutations.

How it works: Canary Acuity™ identifies genetic mutations that drive cancer, enabling oncologists to select drugs that target those specific mutations.

#### Benefits:

Targeted Therapy: Identifies which targeted drugs (like Osimertinib) are most effective for each patient's cancer.

Avoids Blind Therapies: Instead of guessing which drugs will work, doctors know exactly which treatment is best from Day 1.

Comprehensive Report: Identifies resistance mutations that might cause certain drugs to fail.

Impact in India: For cancer patients in India, Canary Acuity™ reduces the trial-and-error approach. Doctors receive actionable genetic data from the beginning, allowing them to design customized treatment plans that improve survival outcomes.

#### 3. Canary Focus™ (Targeted Gene Panel)

What it does: Tests for mutations in 119 key cancer-related genes, focusing on the most essential mutations

and treatment. In contrast, Canary Oncoceutics offers faster turnaround, affordable pricing, and accessible team within India, giving it a significant edge over its global competitors although Canary is an internationally accredited name.

#### How Canary Oncoceutics is Better

Wider Gene Coverage: Canary tests analyze 1,091 genes, whereas most competitors analyze fewer.

Faster Turnaround: Canary delivers faster test results with minimal delays.

Lower Cost: Tests like Canary Focus™ make genomic profiling affordable and accessible to patients in India.

Local Availability: Unlike competitors, Canary Oncoceutics has deputed a dedicated team in India to address the growing cancer burden in the country. This strategic move is driven by more than just business interests — it reflects a deeply empathetic response to the plight of cancer patients who are often unable to afford exorbitant testing costs. By establishing local testing facilities, Canary ensures that diagnostic tests are conducted locally within India, thereby reducing delays, lowering costs, and making life-saving cancer diagnostics more accessible to underserved and economically vulnerable patients. This initiative aims to bridge the affordability gap and offer world-class cancer care to every patient, regardless of financial status

Why Canary Oncoceutics is a Game-Changer for Cancer Care in India

#### Eliminating Blind Therapies

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Day 1 with a targeted drug like Osimertinib, which is specifically designed for cancers with this mutation. However, this discovery was only made after six months of ineffective treatment.

#### How Canary Could Have Helped

If Canary Acuity™ had been used at the start, doctors would have detected the EGFR mutation from the very beginning. The patient could have been treated with the correct drug on Day 1, saving six months of wasted treatment time.

#### Conclusion: A New Hope for Cancer Care in India

The cancer burden in India is significant, but with Canary Oncoceutics, patients finally have access to world-class, AI-powered cancer diagnostics. By eliminating blind therapies, Canary ensures that every patient receives personalized, precise, and effective cancer treatment.

With tools like Canary Pulse™, Canary Acuity™, and Canary Focus™, cancer care in India is becoming faster, smarter, and more accessible. Patients no longer have to suffer from failed treatments or travel to distant cities for diagnosis. Canary Oncoceutics brings the power of personalized cancer care to every doorstep.

With AI, machine learning, and advanced genomic profiling, Canary Oncoceutics ensures that cancer patients receive the right treatment from the start. Personalized care. Affordable care. Precision care. This is what the future Canary Oncoceutics promises.

By choosing Canary, India can finally leave behind blind therapies and embrace AI-driven precision oncology that gives every patient the chance to live longer, healthier lives.

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# Ensure effective implementation of FRA in JK: Javed Rana

Expedite construction of Tribal Bhawan for timely completion

**JAMMU:** Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana, today impressed upon the officers to ensure effective implementation of Forest Rights Act in Jammu and Kashmir.

He was speaking during a meeting held at Civil Secretariat here to discuss issues related to welfare of tribals in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority, Director, Tribal Affairs and other officers.

While addressing the meeting, Javed Rana said that the forests and tribals have co-existed for generations and we should not ignore the importance of tribals. "We are committed for empowerment of tribals and implementation of Forest Rights Act is a step towards that direction," he maintained.

Rana said that we have to safeguard the rights of tribals and work in a mission mode for their development and betterment. He assured that Tribal rights in land and forests shall be respected.

Javed Rana also instructed the concerned divisional officers in Jammu to resolve public issues about various schemes, physical and financial position of the department, digital interventions besides



and grievances with empathy and ensure rights of tribals over land and their livelihood are protected at all costs. He also directed the officers to expedite the construction of Tribal Bhawan ensuring project's timely completion.

During the meeting, the Minister was informed

# J&K Athletes continue to shine at National Competitions

Sports Minister felicitates Roller Skating team for clinching gold in nationals

**JAMMU:** Minister for Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Satish Sharma, today extended felicitations to the J&K Roller Skating team for their 6th consecutive win in the 62nd National Roller Skating Championship held in Mysuru and Coimbatore from December 5 to December 15, 2024.

The Sports Minister appreciated the athletes, saying "Winning 23 medals in a national championship is no small feat. These skaters have made the region proud with their achievements. Their hard work and dedication, coupled with the relentless efforts of their coaches, are evident in their results. My best wishes are with the team and their mentors for even greater success in the future."

Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, expressed his pride in the athletes, stating "The roller skating team's success showcases the immense talent that exists in Jammu and Kashmir. It also underscores the importance of providing world-class coaching and facilities, which the Sports Council remains committed to."

Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council, also felicitated the winning team saying that this victory in roller skating and the spirited performance of the Santosh Trophy team highlight the growing sports culture in our region. Our athletes are demonstrating that with the right support, they can compete and excel at the highest levels, she added. She assured that the



# Div Com reviews implementation of National Clean Air Programme in Srinagar

Directs SSCL for green carpeting of central verges, dust-free footpaths, covering of spaces beneath flyovers

**SRINAGAR:** The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Thursday chaired a meeting of Srinagar Smart City Limited to review implementation of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in Srinagar.

He also reviewed developmental works being executed under NCAP, proposal plans and Saving Action Plan.

Besides CEO SSCL/ Commissioner SMC, Dr Owais Ahmad and Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, the meeting was attended by senior officers of SSCL, R&B, Social Forestry, Traffic, Transport, Pollution Control Board, I&FC, Floriculture, other concerned departments and experts.

At the outset, CEO SSCL gave a detailed presentation of developmental projects executed for implementation of NCAP and the proposed plans.

He briefed the chair regarding Annual Targets/ Reduction values achieved for PM10 levels, status of funds

under the National Clean Air Programme, activities undertaken by Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to improve air quality, projects under Annual Action Plan, major



ongoing projects under NCAP, creation of green zones, upgradation of roads, landscaping of parks and procurement of Mechanical Road Sweepers and Water Sprinklers for dust control.

While addressing the meeting, Div Com directed the officers to undertake plantation activities in the medians of roads solely during the designated plantation season. He emphasized that no planting should occur during the winter

months.

He directed for completion of fencing & land filling of medians and other civil works & developmental projects within the stipulated timelines.

Besides, Div Com called regulation of different sources of air pollution including industrial effluent & brick kilns.

To enhance the air quality within the city, the Div Com mandated the implementation of green landscaping along the central verges of roads, the maintenance of dust-free footpaths and ensure pothole-free roads. He also gave instructions for the innovative development of areas located beneath flyovers.

# MD JJM reviews implementation of mission in Ganderbal & Budgam

**SRINAGAR:** Mission Director (MD) Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Khurshid Ahmad Shah today reviewed the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in twin districts of Ganderbal and Budgam in his office chambers at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

The meeting follows a series of interactions held by the MD to assess the overall position regarding various components of JJM. Detailed presentations were given by the concerned officers about the status of ongoing works in their respective divisions. The chair was apprised that 61 works related to nine schemes are going on in the Ganderbal districts which have been saturated already but works

related to uncovered and new habitations are going on in full swing. Regarding Budgam district, the MD was informed that 163 schemes were taken up under



JJM out of which 101 schemes have been completed. The chair was assured that remaining schemes will be completed within the set timelines.

The chair was also informed

that Divisional and Sub-divisional control rooms have been established for grievance redressal in Budgam District.

The MD directed the

Executive Engineers and field officers to speed up the pace of works being executed and assured them full support of Mission Directorate to achieve the set targets.

# Good Governance Week-2024: Srinagar Admin gears up for 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' campaign

DC stresses to ensure quality disposal of public grievances; launching mass awareness regarding Government Welfare & Self-employment schemes

**SRINAGAR:** In connection with Nationwide Campaign 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' as part of Good Governance Week-2024, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to gear up the line Departments for successful conduct of programmes under the initiative.

At the outset, the DC highlighted the objectives of the 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' campaign scheduled to be held from December 19 to 24, 2024. He said that the initiative is aimed to bring Administration at the doorsteps of the rural population and address their grievances in a time bound and qualitative manner.

He added that the purpose of the campaign is to reinforce the principles of good governance and improve service delivery at the grassroots level.

Dr Bilal asked the Officers to hold mass awareness camps in all Panchayat Blocks of the District and provide Government services directly at their doorstep. He directed the Departments of Labour, Employment, Agriculture,

Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, FCS&CA, Health, Social Welfare, ICDS, Rural Development, R&B, KPDC, PHE, Health, Education,

camp at panchayat level and take all required measures in coordinated manner for the successful execution of the programme. He emphasized the Officers



NRLM, Revenue, Forest Cooperatives and other line Departments to reach out to the people by conducting joint programmes during the Good Governance Week-2024.

The DC also asked the Officers to ensure active participation of public representatives and youth in the awareness

to focus on spot redressal of public issues and grievances.

The DC directed Officers to highlight achievements, success stories and best practices through video presentations in sectors like Rural Development (RDD), Health, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Holistic Agriculture Development Programme

(HADP), Self-Employment and other Government sponsored welfare schemes.

Dr Bilal further asked the Officers to ensure timely sharing of details about applications disposed under Service Delivery, grievances redressed in Grievance Portal, Best Good Governance Practices and Success Stories during the weeklong campaign.

During the meeting, DC stressed on utmost coordination among the line Departments and instructed to set up a Control Room at DC Office for effective monitoring of the activities being conducted during the week-long campaign of 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' in the District.

Besides, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Syed Ahmad Kataria, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Joint Director Employment, Zeenat Ara, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Lead District Manager, Block Development Officers of Harwan, Khonmoh, Srinagar & Qamarwari, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives, the meeting was attended by the Officers of R&B, KPDC, PHE, Health, Education, NRLM and other Departments.

# DC Shopian inaugurates J&K Bank branch at Ramnagri

Universalising financial inclusion, reaching the last mile

**SHOPIAN:** A new J&K Bank branch was today inaugurated and dedicated to the public by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar, at Block Headquarters Ramnagri in presence of senior officers of the J&K Bank.

The opening of branch, a long cherished demand of the area, aims to universalize financial inclusion, ensuring that everyone has access to financial services, particularly those in remote areas.

The bank's efforts to expand its reach will undoubtedly contribute to the economic growth and development of the block, Shahid Saleem said on the occasion. He congratulated the local people and the bank for the feat on the occasion.

The branch will facilitate access to all financial services, enabling individuals and businesses to participate in the economic mainstream, said Shabir Ahmad Bhat, Divisional Head, J&K Bank.

DDC Member, Safia Reyaz; ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; DIO, Showkat Hussain Ganie, Zonal Head, Pulwama - Shopian, Shaista Manzoor, Cluster Head, Shopian, Asaf Rasool, Cluster Head, Pulwama, M Umer, other staff of J&K Bank and locals in large numbers were present on the occasion.

Locals who were present in hundreds were elated and rejoiced on the opening of the bank branch.

# 3-Day Skill Development programme concludes at Bandipora

**BANDIPORA:** A three day Farmers' Skill Development Training programme under Capacity Building Activities organised by the Department of Sericulture Bandipora concluded on Tuesday at the Sericulture Nursery Ayatmulla, Bandipora.

Speaking on the occasion, District Sericulture Officer (DSO) Bandipora emphasized that Sericulture has been recognized as a low-investment occupation that not only creates employment opportunities but also generates income. He stressed that this makes it an attractive livelihood option, especially in rural areas, where it can contribute to both individual and community economic development.

Furthermore, he said that the favorable climatic conditions, coupled with the active participation of a large number of women in the sericulture industry, will significantly contribute to the growth and advancement of the silk industry, driving it to new heights in the district. Addressing the gathering, the DSO

said that the main aim of the event was to promote silkworm rearing at the farm level in order to increase cocoon production. "Sericulture, being a cash crop, offers a profitable and



sustainable alternative to traditional farming," he added.

After successful completion of a 03 days training programme, the Department of Sericulture Bandipora distributed certificates and Rearing Kits among 40 farmers.

# DLSAs Srinagar & Budgam launch campaign for old, terminally ill prisoners at Central Jail Srinagar

**SRINAGAR:** The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, in collaboration with the DLSA Budgam, launched a significant campaign to identify and assist elderly (over 70 years) and terminally ill prisoners at Central Jail Srinagar.

The initiative, undertaken under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority, aims to ensure the well-being and legal rights of vulnerable inmates.

The event was held under the chairmanship of Jaffer Hussain Beg, Chairman DLSA Srinagar/Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar and Om Prakash Baghat, Chairman DLSA Budgam/Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Budgam and under the supervision of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar/ DLSA Budgam.

As part of this initiative, Nusrat Ali Hakak accompanied

by officials from DLSA Srinagar and the Legal Aid Defence Counsels of both districts, visited Central Jail Srinagar. The campaign focused on assessing the legal and health needs of

elderly and critically ill inmates, ensuring their access to justice, and providing necessary assistance in line with the principles of human rights and dignity. In addition to the campaign, a general awareness programme on Plea Bargaining was conducted for the inmates. Legal Aid Defence Counsels emphasized the importance and

benefits of plea bargaining, explaining how it can expedite judicial proceedings, reduce litigation costs, and enable quicker resolution of cases. The interactive session aimed to

enhance legal awareness among the inmates, empowering them to make informed decisions about their legal rights and options. This initiative reflects the commitment of DLSA Srinagar and DLSA Budgam to promote justice and uphold the rights of prisoners, particularly the vulnerable sections including elderly and terminally ill inmates.



# Pulwama kick-starts 'Sushasan Saptah - Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore 2024'

Successful Grievance Redressal Camps held to amplify Good Governance at grassroots

**PULWAMA:** Grievance Redressal camps were successfully conducted across Pulwama District today as part of the ongoing nationwide campaign 'Sushasan Saptah - Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore 2024', organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, from December 19th to 24th.

These camps aim at fostering transparent, accountable and citizen-centric governance, addressing public grievances promptly and effectively, ensuring Good Governance at the grassroots level.

A successful camp was held at Halqa Chandhara, Block Pampore to resolve public grievances and ensure efficient

service delivery, promoting Good Governance principles in the region.

In Panchayat Halqa Gangoo, the camp focused on delivering transparent and accountable governance while addressing community concerns efficiently.

Grievance Redressal Camp at Panchayat Halqa Aripal, Block Aripal, emphasized responsive governance and efficient service delivery, ensuring citizens' needs are met effectively.

The initiative aims at improving governance and fostering trust between citizens and the administration.

Such campaigns play a pivotal role in strengthening public service delivery mechanisms and ensuring grassroots participation in governance.

# JKEDI hosts Orientation Program for students of SAM College Budgam

Students gain real time exposure about entrepreneurship, startups

**PULWAMA:** Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Thursday organized a one-day Entrepreneurship Awareness program cum orientation for the students of Government Sheikh-ul-Alam Memorial (SAM) Degree College, Budgam.


entrepreneurship orientation programme (EOP) was conducted for the Commerce and BCA students of the college.

The students interacted with the faculty and experts at JKEDI who briefed them about the evolving startup landscape in the U.T of Jammu and Kashmir along with business plan modeling, Detailed Project Report (DPR) formulation, capacity building and providing financial and market linkage including handholding and mentorship support to the aspiring entrepreneurs.

The students were briefed

about various program verticals of the institute and their functions. The role of entrepreneurship as

and entrepreneurship. The program was coordinated by the Centre of New Enterprise



a career choice was also discussed during the visit. The students brainstormed on various innovation driven startup ideas along with their viability to be turned into successful business ventures.

Later, the students participated in the question answer session and put forth their understanding of various topics related to startups

Creation (CNEC), under the supervision and guidance of Director JKEDI, Rajinder Kumar Sharma. Faculty from different verticals shared their expertise with the students and the role of the institute in creating an enabling ecosystem for entrepreneurship while detailing various interventions it is carrying out to do the same.



# ANXIETY HAS ABILITY

## to perceive changes in our breathing: Study

People with higher levels of anxiety have altered perceptions of their breathing, which can lead to even more anxiety, according to a University of Otago researcher. Lead author Dr Olivia Harrison, now a Rutherford Discovery Research Fellow in the Department of Psychology, says anxiety is one of the most prevalent mental health conditions, with even more people suffering in the current pandemic. For the paper, published in *Neuron*, the researchers looked at how the symptoms of anxiety that end up in our body, such as a racing heart, sweaty palms, fast breathing, can feedback and possibly start a negative spiral of emotions, creating even more anxiety.

The study, conducted by Dr Harrison while at the University of Zurich, involved thirty healthy people with low anxiety and thirty people with moderate levels of anxiety. Participants completed a questionnaire and two breathing tasks, with one during a brain imaging session to assess changes in blood oxygenation and flow.

"We found people who have higher levels of anxiety have altered perceptions of their breathing compared to people with lower anxiety - they are actually less sensitive to changes in their breathing, they have reduced 'insight' into how well they are able to perceive their body, and they have altered brain activity when they are predicting what will happen to their breathing in the future," Dr Harrison says.

"We might believe we are very 'in-tune' with our bodies, but what we've seen is that anxiety can actually reduce our ability to notice changes in our breathing. This is really important, because if we don't realise

when we are breathing faster or harder due to being worried, then we could more easily have further symptoms such as feeling lightheaded - if we don't realise what is happening in our body, then these symptoms can make us feel even worse and worry us even further."

While the study does not provide answers about how to effectively treat anxiety, it is a starting point to understand how higher levels of anxiety can influence body perception.

"Even this knowledge might help to make a few things clearer; when we are anxious, we are likely 'tuning out' from body symptoms, even though we might not know it.

"These results are just the beginning of our understanding about how the communication between the brain and body can start to break down with anxiety. We hope to use this information to help improve treatments by giving people the tools to perceive their body better and break the negative cycle of anxiety leading to symptoms leading to more anxiety."

The next step, now running at the University of Otago, is to investigate whether treatments such as exercise or anti-anxiety medications may help people perceive their breathing more accurately and whether this contributes to reductions in anxiety.

"We know that many types of medicine, particularly Eastern medicine, have used breathing as a tool for improving mental health for centuries. We also know that things like yoga, meditation and exercise can help to calm us and reduce our worries, but we don't yet know why or how these practices work.



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Also known as Fuller's earth clay and bentonite clay, Multani mitti is one of the most commonly used ingredients for skincare. It also holds a special place in Ayurveda and is widely used in the Indian subcontinent and across the world. The composition of this clay includes calcium bentonite and magnesium chloride. It also has historical significance as women have been using it for its hair and skin benefits since ancient times.

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### Eco-system of

Amit Shah said that the unprecedented participation of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in the Assembly elections and Lok Sabha elections shows that they have full faith in the democracy of the country.

Union Home Minister appreciated efforts of the security agencies for a significant decline in terrorist incidents, infiltration and recruitment of youth in terrorist organizations.

He directed all security agencies to continue working in a coordinated manner to eliminate terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Shah emphasized on the implementation of Area Domination Plan and Zero Terror Plan in mission mode.

### CM Omar

will be restored, emphasizing that the current responsibility of law and order and security lies with the Lieutenant Governor.

“The meeting with the Home Minister was regarding the situation in J&K, restoration of statehood, ...There were talks over statehood to J&K and there is hope that it will be restored. At present, the responsibility of law and order and security is of the LG. I have told the Home Minister that terror and militancy can be dealt with only by including the people of J&K by taking into confidence the elected representatives,” he said.

### Ensure effective

empathy and ensure rights of tribals over land and their livelihood are protected at all costs. He also directed the officers to expedite the construction of Tribal Bhawan ensuring project's timely completion.

During the meeting, the Minister was informed about various schemes, physical and financial position of the department, digital interventions besides challenges and subsequent strategies to overcome those challenges.

Other matters that came up for discussion during the meeting included status of water supply, green spaces and water bodies under the AMRUT-2 scheme.

### Kulgam Encounter:

of Hizbul Mujahideen. He had 37 FIRs registered against him. Mushtaq Ahmad Yatoo had joined the Hizbul Mujahideen cadre in 2020 and according to police, was also deeply entrenched in terrorist operations.

Brigadier Anirudh Chauhan, Commander of 2 Sector Rashtriya Rifles, while addressing the press after the gun-battle, lauded the coordinated efforts of the security forces. “We achieved significant success when we received news last night that a group of Hizbul Mujahideen cadres was present in the residential area. The operation was planned meticulously and launched jointly by the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and CRPF. Farooq Ahmad Bhat, who played a pivotal role in reviving terrorism in the region, was among those neutralized. With the elimination of these five terrorists, not only has Hizbul Mujahideen's presence in Shopian and Kulgam been wiped out, but terrorism in Kashmir has suffered a significant setback,” he told reporters.

He further credited the success to the cooperation of local residents. “I would like to thank the people of Kulgam, who provided crucial information and extended their full support during the operation. The synergy of security forces and the commitment of the Indian Army to establish peace in Kashmir could be gauged by today's success,” Brigadier Chauhan added.

During the encounter, two soldiers sustained gunshot injuries and were promptly evacuated to the 92 Base Hospital in Srinagar. Both are reported to be in stable condition and are expected to recover soon.

According to Javed Iqbal Matoo, DIG South Kashmir, the operation also led to the recovery of arms, ammunition, and important documents. “These items will be examined as part of the ongoing investigation and have been included in the FIR. The sustained surveillance and intelligence-sharing among

security agencies proved effective in today's gun-battle,” Matoo said during a press briefing.

By the security grid, elimination of these key figures is being hailed as a significant victory. “The killing of Farooq Ahmad Bhat and his associates has dealt a severe blow to Hizbul Mujahideen's capabilities in south Kashmir,” Matoo said. He reiterated the security forces' resolve to root out terrorism from the valle.

### CJ Exhorts Law

, Th Gulchain Singh Charak, Chairman, Dogra Education Trust, Sandeep Singh Sen, Secretary, DLSA Samba, Principal, Dogra Law College, Dean, Dogra Group of Colleges, besides other faculty members of the school were present on the occasion.

In her welcome address, Shuchi Sharma highlighted the importance of such interactive sessions in bridging gap between legal education and its practical application. She emphasised the need of nurturing socially conscious and professionally competent lawyers. He underlined that programs like this are crucial for instilling in students a deeper understanding of their responsibilities as future custodians of justice.

The Chief Justice, in his keynote address, appreciated the role of students and acknowledged their talent displayed through the skit. “Such initiatives particularly of the law students can prove a milestone in spreading awareness among the masses especially in rural areas, if they associate with the Legal Services Authority and reach to the last man standing in the queue” said Justice Tashi. He urged the student community to come forward and take proactive role in bringing the change in the society.

The Chief Justice directed the Legal Services Institutions to rope in the law students in their calendar of activities including Lok Adalats so that the future law practitioners understand their role in amicable resolution of issues besides creating informed citizenry. He urged the students to use their legal education to foster equality, uphold constitutional values and ensure justice reaches the most vulnerable sections of the society.

The Chief Justice also planted a sapling in the campus of Dogra Law College, symbolizing growth, sustainability and a commitment towards a greener future.

While tracing the history of legislation regarding acid attack, Advocate Rohit Verma, Panel Lawyer, HCLSC Jammu in his impactful presentation said that it was on the directions of Apex Court that IPC was amended and Section 326 A & B were incorporated therein to ensure that the perpetrators of acid attack are not only booked but are also punished with stringent punishment as per the law. He further informed the audience that similar provision has been incorporated U/S 124 (1) & (2) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023.

Advocate Verma also highlighted the broader social and emotional impact of acid attacks emphasising that these heinous crimes are not just physical assaults but are attacks on person's dignity and identity. He pointed out the significant role of laws like Section 357C of the CrPC, which mandates free medical treatment for victims and the Victim Compensation Scheme, which ensures financial relief. He urged the law students to become advocates of change and spread awareness to prevent such crimes in the future.

A poignant skit was also performed by the students of Dogra Law College portraying the social evils like dowry demands, domestic violence, Pre-natal sex determination of child, unlawful termination of pregnancy, eve-teasing and the dastardly act of acid attacks. The scintillating performances rendered by the students in the skit left the audience spellbound.

On the occasion, NALSA theme song was also played which eloquently displayed the mission, motto and objective of Legal Services.

Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, Chairman, Dogra Education Trust, felicitated the Chief Justice, expressing gratitude for his inspiring address and guidance to the students.

This interactive session stands as a testament to the commitment

of Dogra Law College and the J&K Legal Services Authority in nurturing the next generation of legal professionals and empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the justice delivery system.

### Sports Minister

talent to bring further laurels to Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, this incredible achievement is a testament to the athletes' hard work and the specialised training provided under the guidance of J&K Sports Council coach Krish Gupta. Their rigorous practice sessions at the Skating Rink, MA Stadium, Jammu, have clearly paid off, setting a new benchmark of excellence for roller skating in the region.

### Hydel-power

is substantial,” reads the document.

It also states, “This has been in part financed from the UT's Budget and remains a cause of stress to the public finances.”

Besides, the official documents reveal that the hydel-power generation capacity is being doubled to 6647 MWs by 2026

“The estimated hydro power potential of the UT of JK is 18,000 MW, of which about 14867 MW has been identified. Out of the identified potential, only 3526.65 MW that is 23.72 percent of identified potential has been harnessed so far which consists of 1197.4 MW in State Sector, 2250 MW in Central Sector and 79.2 MW in IPP (Independent Power Producers) mode,” it reads.

The documents further reveal that JK is in the process of doubling the hydel power generation capacity by 2026 by developing 4 power projects having power generation capacity of 3014 MWs (1000 MW Pakal-Dul, 850 MW Rattle, 624 MW Kiru and 540 MW Kwar).

“Further, power generation capacity is proposed to be augmented by 3,284 MWs by 2030 through 4 power projects including 1856 MW of Sawalkote, 930 MW of Kirthai- II, 240 MW in Uri (stage-II) and 258 MW in Dulhasti (stage-II),” it reads.

### Working with

“At some point we will have to move from volume to value because we are not going to sustain these numbers.

“In short term, my worry is that these numbers will spike

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This is an information for general public that in my Aadhar card bearing Registration No; 7557 3240 9249, my name, parentage and Address has been Wrongly mentioned as Khalid Sadiq, D/O Mohd Sadiq Reshi, R/O ward NO 08 Bandipora. While as my Actual and correct name, parentage and Address is khushboo Sadiq, D/O Mohmad Sadiq Reshi, R/O Lankreshipora ward NO 08 Bandipora. Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person has any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Concern Authorities with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Khushboo Sadiq.**  
**D/O Mohmad Sadiq Reshi.**  
**R/O Lankreshipora, ward No 08 Bandipora.**

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**Safiya Bano.**  
**D/O Late Bashir Ahmad Turk Gojar.**  
**R/O Kudara Bandipora.**

## Public NOTICE

### Registration for Tour & Travel Agency

Whereas, i Tabasum Bashir D/o Bashir Ahmad Bhat R/o Sozeith Goripora, Lawaypora district Srinagar, intends to apply in the department of tourism for registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name & style "Esla Tour & Travel" situated at Sozeith Goripora, Lawaypora, under the Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas i will submit State Subject/Domicile, Qualification Certificate, Experience Certificate (Minimum 5 years), Pan Card, Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement ( Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letterhead/Visiting Card) inner-outer Photograph of the unit and two passport size photos to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to registration of my Unit as an Excursion agency. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/ 82/ 2011-2012, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hearby notified for information of General Public, Financial institutions/ Bank/Organzation etc.(If) any person have any kind of objection they can file the same at the Office of Deputy Director Tourism TRC, Srinagar (email id: ddtreg123@gmail.com) or contact on 7051545446, within the period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, after the passage of time no objection will be entertained and case shall be processed under rules.

because the train will start coming directly into valley from next year and then the volumes will rise. But then at some time we will have to move from volume to value and that's when making ourselves attractive for foreign tourists is a way to go,” he said.

Abdullah also said that he is in talks with the Civil Aviation Ministry to develop an airstrip in Kishtwar under 'Udan' scheme.

He said Jammu tourism is a “blank canvas” as he sought help of businessmen and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) to develop the region and new destinations in the Kashmir Valley as traditional hubs have become saturated.

He said one of the regrets in the government is that Jammu has pilgrim tourism by the grace of God as one crore plus yatris come to the Vaishno Devi shrine for ‘darshan’, the “sad fact is that we have not been able to divert them to other tourist destination in the region”.

“Now, if we were able to divert 15 per cent of them that is 15 lakh... a number that has sustained tourism in Kashmir for decades,” he said.

“...Maybe we made the Yatra much easier and because connectivity is so good that they just come in, finish the ‘darshan’ and leave. It really is a challenge and I don't think I have an easy answer for you,” he said.

The chief minister also invited filmmakers from south India to start looking J&K as the movie making destination.

## NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I, Khursheed Ahmad Bhat, intend to add my caste to my name. This amendment should also reflect in my name when mentioned as parentage on the school records as per the birth certificate issued by the Block Development Officer, Chadoora.

Old Details:

- Son's Name: Towfeeq Khursheed
- Father's Name: Khursheed Ahmad
- Date of Birth: 21-12-2008
- School: New Convent School, Gogjibagh

New Details:

- Son's Name: Towfeeq Khursheed
- Father's Name: Khursheed Ahmad Bhat
- Date of Birth: 21-12-2008
- School: New Convent School, Gogjibagh

The updated parentage details should include the caste in my name in my son's school records, as per the parentage mentioned on the birth certificate. If anyone has any objections to this amendment, please report the same to the office of the school at the earliest.

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**Ab Rashid Dar.**  
**S/O Late Ab Ahad Dar.**  
**R/O Nathpora Bandipora.**

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**Javaid Iqbal Bhat.**  
**F/O Muhammad Numaan Bhat.**  
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**Shakeela Begum.**  
**W/O Showket Ali Khan.**  
**R/O Kaloosa Muslim Abad Bandipora.**

### Formulate plans for year-round supply of green fodder: Rana

JAMMU: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana, today emphasised the need for increased fodder production and

pasture improvement to coup up with the fodder demand. The Minister was chairing a meeting at Civil Secretariat here held to review the functioning of Agrostopology.

Highlighting the adverse impact of grazing on natural regeneration and reduction in palatable species of grasses, Javed Rana pointed out the need to enhance the production and productivity of fodder, thereby reducing pressure on forests. He said that significant focus should be given to Agrostopology which

is aimed at fodder production by planting palatable grasses and tree species which provide high quality fodder. He added that areas with high cattle density and routes of nomadic graziers should be prioritised for taking up the interventions.

Underlining the importance of green fodder round the year for sustained and economical milk production, Rana asked for formulating cropping plans to ensure round the year supply of green fodder.



# Hybrid model agreed for Champions Trophy and ICC events from 2024-27

The ICC has finally reached a breakthrough in the 2025 Champions Trophy impasse, with a hybrid model agreed upon that will see India's matches in the eight-team event taking place at a neutral

venue. In both instances, all matches are taken to include knockout games such as the semis and the final. The agreement begins with the 2025 men's

T20 World Cup, the first tournament of the next events cycle and which has now been awarded to Pakistan. The choice of neutral venue will be made by the tournament host and will need to be approved by the ICC. In the case of the Champions

Asian nation if it is a quadrangular). This is thought to have been one of the points pushed for by the PCB in its negotiations during the impasse, although the ICC has only said that it will not object to such an event being staged and that similar neutral venue arrangements will apply as those in the ICC event model. The resolution also says that no ICC director will make a public announcement on the tri-series, which will be a matter solely between the BCCI and PCB.

The resolution will allow all parties to breathe a considerable sigh of relief, given how close it is to the start date of the Champions Trophy. The uncertainty has plagued the event from the moment the BCCI notified the ICC that it would not travel to Pakistan for the event more than a month ago.

That sparked off a period of intense negotiations between the PCB, BCCI and the ICC, and was complicated by the poor political relations between the two countries. The governments of both countries were involved in final approvals on the agreement but were also present through the process; Mohsin Naqvi, the PCB chair, is the interior minister in Pakistan's government. Jay Shah, who was the BCCI secretary until December 1 when he took over as ICC chairman, is the son of India's home minister, Amit Shah. The PCB had begun by insisting they would not adopt a hybrid model for the event but subsequently began to push for any solution to be more equitable and just in the longer term. In that sense, they will be happy to have secured an agreement on not playing matches in India in the next two ICC events in the country.



venue. In return, Pakistan's matches in ICC events hosted by India will also take place at a neutral venue.

ESPNcricinfo has seen a resolution with details of the agreement, which went through an ICC board vote. In the agreement, during the 2024-2027 event cycle, all matches involving India in an event hosted in Pakistan will be played at a neutral venue, and in return

Champions Trophy in Pakistan, and will apply to the 2025 women's ODI World Cup in India, and the 2026 men's T20 World Cup which is co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka. The last event offers an easy solution with Sri Lanka as co-host but it would mean that any game India and Pakistan are drawn to play - a group game or a knockout - will take place in Sri Lanka. It could also apply to the 2028 women's

Trophy, the PCB has to propose a neutral venue within 24 hours of the resolution being passed. The UAE has been the frontrunner, though Sri Lanka has also been mentioned. The PCB will retain full hosting rights for the event.

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Ashwin has always been a bit of a thorn for our side: **Mitchell Starc**

BRISBANE: Australia pace bowler Mitchell Starc has paid a glorious tribute to the just-retired India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, saying he has been "a bit of a thorn" for their side in some of the memorable contests.



Ashwin, India's premier off-spinner, on Wednesday surprised the cricketing world by announcing his retirement in the middle of the Test series against Australia.

He retired from the game as the second-highest wicket-taker for India in Tests with 537 scalps from 106 matches, placing him only behind the legendary Anil Kumble (619 wickets).

Ashwin played 23 Tests against Australia from 2011 to 2024, taking 115 scalps, including a 10-wicket and seven five-wicket hauls. He also played a big in India's stunning series win in 2020-21.

"He (Ashwin) has always been a bit of a thorn in our side over in India and played a part in series here in Australia. It's been a fantastic career and I'm sure it will be celebrated that way," Starc told SEN Radio after the third Test here ended in a draw.

"His numbers speak for themselves. He's been an incredible bowler for India for a long time, over 500 wickets."

Ashwin enjoyed a great rapport with Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon, both of whom having 500-plus wickets.

"He (Ashwin) has got a close working relationship with Nathan (Lyon) and that mutual respect between teams and for someone of his calibre - congratulations on his career. It's been a fantastic career and I'm sure it will be celebrated that way," added Starc.

## Rogers, O'Neill and Sutherland blow Hurricanes away to hand Renegades first win

Melbourne Renegades 78 for 4 (Seifert 37\*, Brown 13, Ellis 2-12) beat Hobart Hurricanes 74 (Ellis 35, Sutherland 3-14, O'Neill 3-16, Rogers 3-25) by six wickets

Hobart Hurricanes crumbled to their lowest BBL total, and lost Matthew Wade to a calf injury, in a shambolic six-wicket loss against Melbourne Renegades in Geelong.

After being asked to bat first, Hurricanes' innings at GMHBA Stadium lasted less than 13 overs on Thursday night as they were skittled for 74. They fell well short of their previous low benchmark - 91 against Sydney Sixers in 2015.

New Zealander Tim Seifert, who pulled off a remarkable catch behind the stumps, belted an unbeaten 37 as Renegades chased down 75 in only nine overs.

Captain Nathan Ellis saved Hurricanes from worse embarrassment, smashing 35 after coming to the crease at 32 for 6. Ellis then bowled superbly, taking 2 for 12 from his three overs, to clearly be Hurricanes' best player.

In a further blow for Hurricanes' hopes of breaking through for their first title, Wade was assessed for a calf injury after pulling up sore behind the stumps. Wade, who was on the player microphone for Fox Cricket, expressed his frustration via the commentary when there was a long delay in being able to get off the field.

Ben McDermott eventually replaced Wade as Hurricanes' wicketkeeper after two overs of chaotic communication. The former Australia player didn't return to the field for the rest of the match, sitting on the bench with a compression bandage on his calf.

After conceding boundaries from his first two balls, Renegades seamer Tom Rogers struck back to take 3 for 25, including being on a hat-trick. Fellow opening bowler Fergus O'Neill also claimed wickets in consecutive deliveries. Captain Will Sutherland joined Renegades' wicket party, finishing with career-best T20 figures of 3 for 14.

It was the first BBL match in Geelong since last year's match between Renegades and Perth Scorchers was abandoned due to an unplayable pitch.

Renegades move to 1-1 after losing their opening game of the tournament on Monday night against Sixers. Hurricanes will attempt to put a disastrous start to the season behind them when they host Scorchers on Saturday.





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