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BJP Returns To Form Govt In Delhi



KV News Network

NEW DELHI: The BJP will form its government in Delhi after a gap of more than 26 years as it won 48 of the 70 seats in the Assembly polls, the results of which were announced on Saturday, while the AAP secured victories from 22 seats and the Congress

drew a blank for a third straight time.

AAP candidate from Matia Mahal Aaleq Mohammad Iqbal registered the highest victory margin of 42,724 votes in the polls, defeating BJP's Deepti Indora, according to the Election Commission's (EC) data.

BJP's Chandan Kumar Choudhary won the Sangam Vihar seat by the lowest margin of 344 votes.

The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) vote share was 45.56 per cent, while the AAP secured 43.57 per cent votes and the Congress's poll percentage was 6.34.

In the 2020 Delhi Assembly polls, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) got a 53.57-per cent vote share and bagged 62 seats. Despite a 38.51-per cent vote share, the BJP could win just eight of the 70 seats.

In the 1993 Assembly polls, the BJP won 49 seats in Delhi, while the Congress got 14 and the Janata Dal four. Three independent candidates had also secured victories in that election.

The BJP will form its "double-engine" government in the capital as there is a party-led government at the Centre.

BJP's Parvesh Verma and Tarvinder Singh Marwah emerged as the biggest giant-slayers, defeating AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia from the New Delhi and Jangpura constituencies respectively.

In a fierce contest in the New Delhi seat, Verma secured 30,088 votes, while Kejriwal trailed behind with 25,999 votes. Congress's Sandeep Dikshit finished a distant third with 4,568 votes. In another major upset, Marwah defeated

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People's Power Supreme: PM Modi

KC NEWS NETWORK

NEW DELHI: People's power is supreme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday as the BJP headed for a big win in the Delhi assembly elections.



Modi asserted that his party will leave no stone unturned for the city's all-round development and making the lives of its residents better. Development and good governance have won, the prime minister

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SED delivers 60% free textbooks to Govt schools in Kashmir

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR : The School Education Department (SED) Kashmir on Saturday said it has delivered nearly 60 per cent of free textbooks to government schools across the region.

Besides, the Director School Education Kashmir, G N Itoo said that the government was examining the infrastructure and academic gaps highlighted in the ASER-2025 survey.

Speaking to the reporters, DSEK as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "The restoration of Nov-Dec academic session upto 9th standard was taken in a very shortest span of time.

JKBOSE did not get enough time for the ground work but as of now at least 60 per cent of free

textbooks have reached the government schools and the distribution process is going simultaneously."

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End To Reign Of Lies, Deceit: HM Shah

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NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday hailed the Delhi poll results as the beginning of a new era of development in the national capital and an end to the reign of lies, deceit and corruption.

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In a series of posts on X, Shah—who is credited for shaping the details of the party's poll strategy—said Delhi would become an ideal capital under Modi's leadership.

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BJP win in Delhi polls victory of PM Modi's guarantees: Sunil Sharma

● CM Omar mocks INDIA alliance for fighting against each other

Owais Gul

SRINAGAR: Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday described party's win in Delhi assembly polls as victory of PM Modi's guarantees, while J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah mocked INDIA alliance constituents for fighting against each other.

Leader of Opposition in Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, and senior BJP leader Sunil Sharma while talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "Delhi people have rejected the corruption and Arvind Kejriwal's betrayal. They have opted to go with PM Modi's guarantees."

"People have realized that every opportunity lies under Modi's guarantees. Similarly in J&K, the National Conference's



(NC) deceitful politics will also be rejected by the people. Despite making tall claims in its manifesto, NC has failed to come up to the expectations of the people," Sharma said. National Conference (NC) Vice-President

and Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah took a jibe at the INDIA bloc, saying 'Aur lado aapas mein!!!'.

Omar reacted to the post showing early leads by BJP this morning by posting a GIF and wrote "Aur lado aapas mein!!!".

Senior Congress leader and Member of Parliament (MP), Jairam Ramesh, however, stated that the election results reflect nothing more than a referendum on Arvind Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). He also said that Congress will once again form the government in Delhi in 2030. "The 2025 Delhi Vidhan Sabha election results reflect nothing more than a referendum on Arvind Kejriwal and the

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Administrative changes will not affect our relationship with Ladakh: CM Omar



KV News Network

JAMMU: Stressing the historical ties between Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Minister Omar

Abdullah on Saturday reaffirmed that administrative reorganisation would not alter the deep-rooted relationship between the two regions.

The chief minister expressed these remarks while chairing a high-level meeting with delegation from the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil and senior officers of Jammu and Kashmir to discuss and resolve various concerns of students, patients and residents of Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo,

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Two Months On, No Breakthrough In Identifying Badhaal Deaths

Jahangeer Ganaie

SRINAGAR : More than two months have passed since the mysterious deaths in Rajouri's Badhaal village, yet authorities remain unable to determine the exact cause of the tragedy.

Despite extensive investigations, locals are still waiting for answers.

Since December 7, 2024, a total of 17 people—including 13 children—have died from an unidentified illness.

While no new cases have



been reported in the last 20 days, and all previously admitted patients have recovered, the fear and uncertainty

continue to grip the village. Speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer

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Kashmir wetlands census set for mid-Feb: Officials

Mubashir Alam Wani

SRINAGAR: With subzero temperatures subsiding in the Kashmir valley, wetlands are witnessing a resurgence in migratory bird populations, with authorities preparing for an extensive bird census between February 15 and 20, officials said.

Altaf Hussain, Wildlife Warden Wetlands, Department of Wildlife Protection told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that with an improvement in both day and night temperature, the valley wetlands were witnessing resurgence in migratory bird population.

The official said the department is planning a yearly

census to provide precise data on migratory bird population, stating that the guest birds have shown a promising increase



over the last two years.

"Currently, our wetlands have a significant bird population, and we anticipate similar numbers to last year," the official said, adding that previous censuses recorded over

12 lakh birds across Kashmir's wetlands. Water Regulation Success in Hokersar Wetland

The top officer also added that they achieved a major breakthrough in maintaining the water levels inside the Hokersar wetland, stating that newly

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3 lakh migratory birds arrive in Hygam wetland

Waris Fayaz

SRINAGAR: The Hygam Wetland in north Kashmir has once again become a haven for migratory birds, with around 3 lakh avian visitors from more than 25 species flocking the area this winter, even as anti-poaching squad is on high alert, officials said.

Wetland serves as a seasonal home to thousands of migratory birds including White Heeled Duck, Shoveller, Red-Crested Pochard, White-Eyed Pochard, Pintail, Mallard, Gadwall, Coot and Graylag. It spans over 7.25 kilometres and has around 1,400 hectares of land and is designed Ramsar site.

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Sakeena Itoo attends CAC meeting of PM-AJAY

KV News Network

NEW DELHI : Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, attended the Central Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) here on Saturday.

The CAC meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar to review progress on the scheme and formulate strategies aimed at the socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Castes (SC) communities across India.

During the meeting, the CAC held extensive discussions on three components of the scheme i.e.; Adarsh Gram, Grant-in-aid and Hostel component. The committee

further deliberated on strategies to expand the scheme's reach to larger SC population and enhance its effectiveness. Emphasis was placed

impact.

While presenting the status of Jammu and Kashmir in the meeting, Sakeena Itoo highlighted that 91 CSCs,



on strengthening collaboration at the States and District levels, fostering greater community participation, ensuring timely project implementation, and monitoring the outcomes to achieve maximum

4993 Solar lights, 63 Smart classes, 21 Gyms (Open/Indoor), 11 Smart Libraries and other infrastructure has been established at various locations across J&K

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Delhi poll results not vindication of PM Modi’s policies but referendum on Kejriwal: Congress

NEW DELHI: Results of the Delhi Assembly elections are not a vindication of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies but a referendum on Arvind Kejriwal and AAP, the Congress said on Saturday as it vowed to bounce back from another whitewash.

The Congress also asserted that it would form a government in the national capital in 2030.

The BJP has returned to power in Delhi after more than 26 years, sweeping away the AAP from the national capital in another big win to extend its saffron footprint in the country. The Congress has drawn a blank in the polls once again after 2015 and 2020.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the assembly election results reflected nothing more than a referendum on Kejriwal and AAP.

"After all, at the height of the prime minister's popularity in 2015 and 2020,



AAP had won decisively in Delhi. This shows that, rather than being vindication of the policies of the prime minister, this vote is a rejection of Arvind Kejriwal's politics of deceit, deception, and vastly exaggerated claims of achievement," he said in a post on X.

The Congress took the lead in

highlighting the various scams that occurred under Kejriwal and the voters pronounced their judgement on his 12 years of "misrule", he added.

"The Congress was expecting to do better. It has, however, increased its vote share. The campaign of the Congress was vigorous. It may not be in the assembly

but it is definitely a presence in Delhi, a presence that will be expanded electorally with the sustained efforts of lakhs of Congress workers," Ramesh said.

"There will be a Congress government once again in Delhi in 2030," he asserted.

Congress media and publicity department head Pawan Kherra said the meltdown of a section of so-called liberals is completely bizarre.

"They didn't give these lectures on opposition unity to AAP when the party went to Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, etc to fight elections and weaken anti-communal, secular vote. Delhi election result is a rejection of the Trojan horse that attempted to damage the liberal cause across the country," he said.

"Majority of liberals are rightly cheering the fall of the facade so that the real champion of liberal values – the Indian National Congress – can emerge stronger to take the BJP on and defeat it," Kherra said on X.

Central Govt Doing Everything To Weaken Constitution, Democracy In India: Priyanka

WAYANAD(Kerala): Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday claimed that the country was going through a period where the government at the Centre was doing everything "to weaken the Constitution and democracy in India".

Priyanka, the Wayanad MP, was speaking at a booth-level leaders meeting at Mananthavady assembly constituency here where she said that till date victims of the landslides that hit the high-range district are facing housing troubles and have not received adequate compensation.

The Congress leader said that the central government "at least" declared the Wayanad landslides as "a disaster of severe nature due to our efforts in the Lok Sabha" and expressed hope that as a result more funds will be received for the rehabilitation of the victims.

She also referred to the various instances of loss of lives due to wild animal attacks in the district and said that the human-animal conflict was also leading to loss of livelihoods.

Priyanka said the last time she was here in Wayanad, the district administration said that it needed more funds to mitigate the human-animal conflicts and to ensure safety of the people.

"I said I will work with them and that together we will try to find as much funding as we can to help them to do the work they need to do and also find new types of solutions for the problem," she said.



Matha Church at Pallikkunnu in Kalpetta, the sources said.

On Sunday, she will hold meetings with booth-level leaders in Eranad and Thiruvambadi assembly constituencies.

On Monday, she will hold meetings with booth-level leaders at Wandoor and Nilambur assembly constituencies and will also visit families of a few victims of wild animal attacks, the sources said.

This is her second visit to Wayanad after she won the Lok Sabha bypoll from there.

End To Reign Of Lies, Deceit; Start Of New Era Of Development: Shah On Delhi Poll Results

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The double-engine government will take the pace of development in Delhi to a new high, he said in a post on X. In a series of posts on X, Shah – who is credited for shaping the details of the party's poll strategy – said Delhi would become an ideal capital under Modi's leadership. The BJP is determined to fulfil all its promises and make Delhi the number one capital of the world, he said.

Residents of Delhi have shown that repeated false promises cannot mislead people, he said, asserting that they answered through their votes to the problems of a polluted Yamuna, dirty drinking water, broken roads, overflowing sewers and liquor shops in every street. Be it respect for women, self-respect of unauthorised colony residents or the immense possibilities of self-employment, Delhi will now become an ideal capital under Modi's leadership, he said.

BJP president JP Nadra said the party's massive win was a victory of people's unwavering support in its model of service, good governance, welfare of the poor, and development under Modi's able leadership.

FIR lodged against Rahul Gandhi for making ‘anti-national’ statement

BHUBANESWAR: An FIR has been registered against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Odisha's Jharsuguda district for allegedly making an "anti-national" statement, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

The FIR was registered on Friday based on a complaint lodged by members of BJP, its youth wing, RSS, Bajrang Dal, of Jharsuguda district against Gandhi to IGP Northern Range, Himanshu Lal on February 5, the officer said.

An FIR has been registered against Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, at Jharsuguda police station (case No 31) under section 152 (criminalizes acts that threaten India's sovereignty, unity, and integrity), 197(1)(d) (for making or publishing false or misleading information that

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Public Works (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA

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NO-T-1/EEA/9715-18 Dated: 07/02/2025

CANCELLATION NOTICE

Subject:- Preparation and formation of DPRs/Autocad Drafting to RnB Divisional office Awantipora for the FY year 2024-25.

Reference:- This office e-NIT No. 125/EEA/RNB/Of 2024-25/9021-31 Dated: 21/01/2025

It is for the information of all registered contractors/ Firms/ Agencies that during technical evaluation it has been found that two bids were received online for above mentioned work and only one bidder has been assessed as technically responsive.

In view of it the above referred NIT is hereby cancelled and shall be invited afresh.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
R&B Division Awantipora.

DIPK-11756/24

AAP Drowned Due To Liquor Policy, Focus On Money: Anna Hazare

MUMBAI: As the BJP on Saturday headed to capture the Delhi seat of power after more than 26 years, activist Anna Hazare, once a mentor to Arvind Kejriwal, said the AAP "drowned" due to the liquor policy and its focus on money.

In a jibe at Kejriwal, the anti-graft activist further said a candidate's character should be clean and he should know the virtues of sacrifice.

The Aam Aadmi Party, born from Hazare's anti-corruption crusade, is trailing behind the Bharatiya Janata Party as votes are being counted for the 70-member Delhi assembly polls held earlier this week.

Trends and results on the Election Commission website showed the BJP ahead in 48 seats and the AAP in 22.

AAP veteran and former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia conceded defeat from Jangpura while party supremo Arvind Kejriwal stared at a possible loss from the New Delhi seat.

"With the liquor policy issue came the money and they drowned in it. The (AAP's) image was tarnished. People saw him (Arvind Kejriwal) talking about clean character and then about liquor," Hazare, who led the anti-corruption movement in 2011, told reporters in Ralegan Siddhi village.

Hazare said the AAP lost as it failed to understand the need to serve people selflessly and took the wrong path.

"Money took the front seat which dented AAP's image, leading to its defeat," he added.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Office Of The Executive Engineer JSD (PHE)

Rural Water Supply Division, Ganderbal/Sgr.

H.Q: Cheki-Duderhama Ganderbal.

NOTICE INVITING e - TENDERS:

GIST OF Fresh e - NIT No. :- 39 /JS-PHE/RWSD/Civil of 2024-25

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir U.T, e - tenders are invited **(in TWO - Cover System)** on "Percentage basis" for Registered / Approved / Valid Civil Contractors/Agencies for the following work(s):

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost of work (₹ In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In ₹)	Amount of earnest money/E MD (@ 3%) (In ₹)	Time for completion	Class of contract or	Major Head of account	Tender Call
1	Balance work of Construction of Pumphouse / Operator quarter for WSS Kurhama and allied works under JKIDFC/ UT Capex.	19.223	500.00	57700.00	30 DAYS	BEE&CEE	JKIDFC/UT CAPEX	Ist

Position of Funds:- Available

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in> **From 07.02.2025 (05:00 PM) UPTO 14.02.2025 (12:00 P.M)**

1) GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: [www.jktenders.gov.in](https://jktenders.gov.in)

As per schedule of dates given below

TABLE (II)		
01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	07.02.2025
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 07.02.2025(05:00 P.M) To 14.02.2025 (up to 12:00 P.M.).
03	Bid Submission Start Date	From 07.02.2025(05:00 P.M)
04	Bid submission End Date	To 14.02.2025(up to 12:00 PM)
05	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	14.02.2024 at 03:00 PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer JS-PHE RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr (H.Q. Cheki Duderhama Ganderbal)

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer JS-PHE RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st)). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified and shall be valid for 45 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer JS - PHE RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr (H.Q. Cheki Duderhama Ganderbal) on 14.02.2025at 03:00. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue

Sd/-
(Er. Samiullah Beigh)
Executive Engineer JS-PHE
RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr.

DIPK-11727/24

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SUMBAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No.77 of 2024-25/R&B Division Sumbal
(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following work:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money(Rupees)	Time of Completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Development of Imambarda Qadeem Hussiyan Mohalla Shilvath at Shilvath Sonawari Sumbal.	207.8	800/-	41560/-	15Days	Revival, Restoration, Preservation, Maintenance of Architecture and Heritage	BEE/ CEE

Position of AA/TS:- Available

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	08-02-2025 from 2.00P.M
3	Bid submission Start Date	08-02-2025 from 2.00P.M
4	Bid Submission End Date	14-02-2025 upto 4.00 P.M.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	15-02-2025 at 11.00 A.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in the shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal. (The Date of Treasury Challan and CDR must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End Date. The Treasury Challan must clearly depict the NIT No., S.No of work and Name of work against which the T.C has been deposited. The T.C should be deposited to the M.H 0059-Rev.
- Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.**
- The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @5% of contract value in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 days after opening of Bids, which shall be released after successful completion of work with D.L.F. This will replace the EMD @ 2% of the advertised cost undertaken by the Bidder**
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
- Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Price escalation and Taxes:-** The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)**
- All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-
 - All bidders shall upload Copies of Original Documents defining constitution/Legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence Address.
 - All Bidders shall upload Valid Registration Card with renewal (Latest), But the registration card issued by the PWD(R&B) should be renewed by the issuing Department i.e PWD(R&B). The Registration Card should be online available on JKPWDOMS website created by JKPWD. No other card shall be entertained issued by other department.
 - All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document non-refundable)
 - All bidders shall upload CDR/FDR/BG @ 2% of advertised Cost pledged to opening authority.
 - All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No.
 - All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B and read circular issued by finance Deptt. Vide his No:-FD-CODE/371/2021-02, Dated:-24-02-2023
 - While uploading the bid documents all the bidders shall ensure that bid name, JKPWDOMS, Registration card name, GST-3B Legal/trade names must be the same, failing which the bidder shall be considered as non-responsive. Furthermore if the bidder is a proprietor of a firm and GST Legal/trade name (does not correspond with the particulars of firm) an affidavit duly attested by 1st Class Magistrate shall have to be uploaded, also.
- The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
- All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.
- Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises

17. For drawing of agreement of the contract and memorandum of an agreement relating to sake of bill of exchange one rupee for Rs.10,000/- or part thereof shall have to be realized/deposited by the Contractor at his own to revenue Head of Accts.0030/ Stamps of Deputy Commissioner Stamps J&K UT.

18. The Bidder emerging as 1st Lowest (Successful Bidder) has to complete the work & if he fails in completion of the work allotted to him, the bill deposit, unpaid work done and the EMD submitted by him shall be forfeited & the Agency shall be debarred to participate in the future tenders of this Division for one year.

No. R&B/Slb/24/8581-87.
Dated:-08-02-2025.

DIPK-11747/24

Sd/
Executive Engineer
R&B Division Sumbal

Grand Seminar of JKPUF and JKCSF Held in Bandipora

Bandipora: A grand one-day seminar of the Jammu & Kashmir Pensioners United Forum (JKPUF) and Jammu & Kashmir Civil Society Forum (JKCSF) was held at the district headquarters in Bandipora. An official spokesperson said the event saw enthusiastic participation from all basic members of both forums, where key issues concerning pensioners and civil society were deliberated upon. The seminar, conducted under the able guidance and leadership of State President Mr. Ab Qayoom Wani and his team, provided a platform for in-depth discussions on several pressing concerns. The speakers emphasized the need for reduction of the pen-

sion commutation period from 15 years to 12 years, increase in medical allowance to 10,000, enhanced

and eradication of social evils prevailing in society. Many zonal-level committees were constituted during the seminar. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Malik was nominated as the Chief Organizer of JKCSF, while Mr. M. M. Mir was appointed as the Chief Organizer of JKPUF. Additionally, the following zonal heads were unanimously nominated for different zones of the Bandipora district. Mr. Abdul Jabar (Sumbal) Mr. Nishter (Hajin) Mohammad Akber Najar (Quil) Mr. M. Yousuf para (Bandipora)

and Gh. Qadir Dar (Gurez) Several prominent speakers, including Mr. Peer-zada Muzaffer, Shah, Mr. Jabar, Mr. G. H. Mir, Mr. Para, Mr. Bashir Ahmed mir, Mr. Farooq, and Mr. Maqbool, addressed the gathering, shedding light on the vital concerns faced by pensioners and civil society. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. G. M. Lone, President of JKCSF, District Bandipora. The event was hailed as a landmark initiative, reflecting the commitment of both forums toward advocating for the rights and welfare of pensioners and the broader community.



benefits for senior citizens, social justice and empowerment of all sections of society, timely release of pensioners' benefits and removal of disparities

Massive Forest Fire in Khunmoh Contained, Culprit Nabbed

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: A massive forest fire that broke out on Friday evening in the Khunmoh area of Awantipora forest division was successfully brought under control by a joint operation involving the Forest Department and Wildlife Department.



Officials told Kashmir Convener that as soon as information about the fire was received, a large-scale firefighting operation was launched. Range Officer Pampore, Dr. Muneesa Bandy, said the fire, which erupted at multiple locations in Khunmoh forests, was mainly due to ongoing dry weather conditions. The lack of snowfall this year has made forests highly susceptible to fires, and even a small act of carelessness can lead to widespread destruction.

"Our joint team, including staff at the block level, remained vigilant and responded swiftly. When the fire broke out, the Forest Department,

Wildlife Department, and the Forest Protection Force were the first to reach the site. As the flames spread, we sought additional assistance from the SDRF team. By Saturday morning, we had successfully brought the fire under complete control," Dr. Bandy stated.

Fortunately, only dry grass was damaged, and no green trees or forest cover, often referred to as "green gold," were affected.

Appealing for public cooperation, Dr. Bandy urged people to take precautions when visiting forests, warning against starting fires or discarding cigarettes. "We have activated helpline numbers, and we urge the public to report any forest fire immediately so we can respond effectively. If anyone is found deliberately starting a fire, strict action will be taken," she added.

Revealing that an individual had been caught setting the fire, she confirmed that an FIR has been lodged against him. "We have apprehended the culprit, and legal proceedings have begun to ensure he receives the maximum punishment under the law," she said.

Dr. Bandy further informed Kashmir Convener that 20 forest fire incidents have been reported in the Pampore forest range this year, primarily due to dry weather and reduced snowfall. An advisory had been issued earlier, warning that January and February would see a peak in such fires. While some of these fires have occurred naturally, the department has been working round the clock to minimize damage.

"Fortunately, in the Pampore range, all fire incidents so far have been surface-level, burning only dry grass. No crown fires have occurred, and no trees have been affected," she assured.

‘Dual Control System’ not in favour of J&K People’: Rajouri MLA Iftikhar Ahmad

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JAMMU: Congress leader and Member Legislative Assembly from Rajouri, Iftikhar Ahmad voiced strong criticism of the 'dual control governance system' in Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting its negative impact



on the people of the Union Territory. In an exclusive interview with news agency KINS, Iftikhar Ahmad who is lone congress MLA from the Jammu division, elaborated on the governance challenges created by 'dual system', where according to him 'administrative functions are split between the Lieutenant Governor (LG), Chief Minister and the Union Home Ministry'. "While some responsibilities are handled by the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Minister, critical areas like law and order fall directly under the Home Ministry. This fragmented system has resulted in a lack of clarity in governance in Jammu and Kashmir," Iftikhar said. He criticizes the central government for delaying the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, despite promises made by top leaders. "If the Prime Minister and the Home Minister have committed to restoring statehood, what is stopping them now?" he asked. "They claim conditions have improved since the revocation of Article 370, yet they refuse to act

on their assurances." Challenging the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), MLA Iftikhar Ahmad questioned, "Do BJP MLAs from Jammu not support the return of statehood? When will the government decide, which is the right time? The people deserve clear and honest answers." Addressing the recent security issues in the Union territory he said that the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir is a direct result of governance failures. Iftikhar also condemned the recent targeted killings. "The attack on the Ex- Armyman and his family was shocking. These tragic incidents should never have happened. Those in power are responsible and must be held accountable." Iftikhar called for a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry into the mysterious deaths in Badhal, Kishtwar. "While the situation has shown improvement, a thorough investigation is necessary to deliver justice to the victims and their families," he emphasized.

Reiterating Congress's position within the NC-led alliance, Ahmad made it clear that the party has already said that it will not join the government until statehood is reinstated. "We formed a pre-poll alliance with the National Conference, but we have made it clear that our involvement in governance depends entirely on the restoration of statehood," he said. "While we support the NC-led administration from outside, we will not assume ministerial roles until our conditions are met."

On the topic of reservations, Ahmad said that those who have benefited from reservations rightfully deserve that support. He added that as an elected representative, it is his responsibility to ensure that the needs of his constituency are met. "I have conducted comprehensive reviews of all departments in my constituency to guarantee that government schemes are reaching the people effectively." (KINS)

CS Atal Dulloo reviews development of tourism infrastructure under PRASHAD Also takes stock of facilities offered to pilgrims at Shiv Khori shrine

Jammu: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting of Tourism Department to take stock of the completion of projects taken up under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme here in J&K and also reviewed the facilities being extended at Shiv Khori Shrine ahead of the Mahashivratri festival.

Those who attended includes Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism; Commissioner Secretary, Culture; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Secretary, PWD; Secretary, H&ME; Secretary, Transport, MD, JPDCI; DC, Reasi; Director Tourism, Kashmir/Jammu; MD, Cable Car Corporation and other concerned officers.

While speaking in this meeting, the Chief Secretary took note of the progress made on projects taken up at the religious sites under PRASHAD scheme. He also enquired about the projects that had been submitted to Ministry of Tourism, Gol for augmenting infrastructure at other religiously and culturally significant places found across the districts of the UT.

Dulloo took this occasion to stress upon the concerned to execute the projects on ground and their early completion keeping in view their importance for bringing ease to the visitors. He also directed for early submission of plans for other eligible sites for their comprehensive development too.

He enjoined upon the Tourism, Culture and Public Works Departments to identify works and execute them keeping in consideration their religious and cultural significance. He called for their completion preserving their aesthetic appeal, local art and architecture.

The Chief Secretary further asked for identification of additional sites in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions on the basis of tourist footfall there. He stressed on framing comprehensive plans as per the set format so that these too are developed on modern lines.

In her presentation, the Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Yasha Mudgal informed the meeting that the projects for development of Utterbehni, Purmandal and Katra are in pipeline. She revealed that the plan for Katra includes Rs 44.52 Cr with main components of multilevel car parking, facade improvement of fawara chowk, walkway development to Darshan Deodi, construction of public toilets and other illumination and beautification works. The scope of works for development of Utter-



behni and Purmandal were given as construction of steel suspension foot bridge, 3D mural paintings, landscaping/vertical garden, multi-facility complex at Purmandal, development of riverfront, facade lighting, sewerage treatment besides protection and other beautification works.

Other projects submitted to Gol for approval includes development of Ganga Ghat at River Choti Ganga near Choti Ganga near Thanda Pani Bridge, Development of pilgrim circuit at district Udhampur at the cost of Rs 13.47 Cr.

It also includes development of Hari Parbat Fort, Kheer Bhawani Temple, Baba Shukr-ud-din Shrine at Watlab (Sopore), Baba Lal Sahib Shrine Kupwara, Religious circuit in district Poonch, Development of Kailash Kund and other shrines at Baderwah township.

Regarding the development of Shiv Khori Cave Shrine, the Chief Secretary directed for extending all the facilities for smooth conduct of upcoming Mahashivratri Festival to be celebrated from February 25-27 here.

The Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, Nidhi Malik gave account of the activities traditionally conducted here on this holy festival. She also gave insights about the development of Helipad at Katra and Shiv Khori Shrine.

The details of other development activities taken up under CSR are refurbishment of toilets, food kiosks, drinking water points, resting/rain shelters, Development of river ghats, beautification of the Ram Mandir, installation of sound system, beautification around the cave besides others.

It was also revealed that the administration also envisages construction of alternate track to cater to the rush of pilgrims, stabilization of hillock, construction of new staircase and bathing Ghats, Improvement of road to Ransoo, augmentation of Ransoo Bus Stand, Strengthening of steel bridges, lighting of tracks and other beautification works.

Moreover it was added that in order to enhance the security of pilgrims, CCTV cameras had been installed around the temple shrine with deployment of more security personnel.

It was further disclosed that the pilgrim count has taken a major leap with just around 50,000 pilgrims in 2008 to more than 20 lakh in 2023.

The cave shrine attracts lots of devotees on the occasion of Mahashivratri festival as a number of religious activities are held here in true spiritual devotion of the devotees.

JKPCC Chief reviews party affairs in Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Tariq Hameed Karra on Saturday reviewed the organizational affairs and activities in all the districts of North & Central Kashmir districts at Srinagar Party headquarters with senior party leaders and functionaries.

The review meeting of districts falling in South Kashmir shall be conducted on Sunday.

The first phase of the review meeting covered Kupwara, Baramulla, Bandipora, Srinagar, Ganderbal and Budgam districts falling in North and Central Kashmir, subsequently JKPCC President will review party activities in Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian and Pulwama Districts on Sunday.



Apart from organizational activities, District Congress Committee (DCC) Presidents and Senior leaders gave feedback to JKPCC President with regard to socio-political scenario obtaining in their respective districts and also briefed him (Karra) about the issue confronting the public. The meetings also held threadbare discussions over the upcoming challenges and resolved to further strengthen Congress Party for the benefit and betterment of the people.

On this occasion, Tariq Hameed Karra urged the cadres to take the programmes and policies of the party door to door vigorously and remain connected with people & make all efforts to resolve the issues they are confronted with. He said the Congress Party shall continue to fight for rights of the people and full statehood with constitutional guarantees to restore the dignity of J&K. We will not rest till the Centre Govt fulfills its promise of restoring Statehood to J&K, Karra added and reiterated Party's commitment to continue working for inclusive development of J&K, which has suffered serious setbacks on every count due to the policies of BJP Govt at Centre.

Karra further suggested to Govt to make Administration address public grievances on priority including electricity tariff, smart meters, unemployment menace and various other developmental issues concerning them (public). People have been facing hardships since a long, they have high expectations, so there is a need to come upto their expectations, JKPCC President told the JK Govt.

Power Outage Alert: Scheduled Supply Disruptions Across Jammu Region

SRINAGAR: The Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCI Jammu, has announced scheduled power shutdowns in several areas for maintenance and upgrading work.

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCI, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Dachhan, Ikhalla and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 09 from 9 am to 4 pm.



Similarly, the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpura, Shahdra Sharief Bhattian and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 09 and 11 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to District Rajouri and Poonch remain affected on February 09 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Barui, Nardiwal, Mandrian, Kha, Maira, Thatar Mundh, Payan and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 09, 11, 13, 15 and 17 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Chakroi, Pindi, Flora, BOP, Kirpind and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 11 from 10 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Panthal, Sundrani, Sugai Ghati, Searly and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 11 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Reasi Town, Mahadev, Bidda, Katra back and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 13 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nomain, Dhanor, Marriot Hotel and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 13 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Logate (Industrial Area), Kumri Kathera, MES Janglote, IIDC, Govindsor, Changran, Nagri, Palli, Nicer Paper Mill, Bhakhta, Jakhole, Baira and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 09 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCI, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Hatlimorh, Sawan-chack, Shastri Nagar, Nag Nagar, Tara Nagar, Patel Nagar, Kalibari, Tangri, Police Line and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 09 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Narayanpur, Barnoti, Flote, Mahichack, Sakta Chack and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 09 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Logate Industry will remain affected on February 09 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Channi, Dhanooh, Bann, Bhagwal and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 09 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to BB Town, Kaluchack, PHE Barjani, Old Complex Industry, K4 Industry and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 09 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Sumb and its adjoining areas will remain affected on February 09 and 11 from 9 am to 2 pm.

My Three Days at Lal Ded: Has Anything Changed at the Valley’s Lone Tertiary Care Hospital?

Sameer Showkin Lone

and ENTER through the designated EXIT route. From admission to routine check-ups and eventually to the labor room, the process was largely smooth—though exhausting for attendants. My patient was taken to the operation theatre at 11:50 PM, and by 2:30 AM, a C-section was successfully performed. The delivery went smoothly.



As a journalist, I have reported on Kashmir’s healthcare system for over a decade. My journey began in 2012, and until 2018, I extensively covered the state of healthcare in the Valley, particularly in Government Medical College Srinagar-associated hospitals like SMHS, GB Pant (Children’s Hospital), Bone & Joint Hospital, and Lal Ded. During this period, I uncovered the tragic deaths of newborns at GB Pant Hospital, a revelation that caused public outrage and ultimately led to the suspension of the then Medical Superintendent.

A Medical Emergency

On January 26, 2025, shortly after the Republic Day celebrations, a medical emergency occurred at home. Within minutes, I rushed to District Hospital Pulwama. To my dismay, without a thorough consultation, my patient—an expecting mother—was referred to Lal Ded Hospital.

Forty minutes later, I arrived at Lal Ded, this time not as a journalist but as an attendant.

Inside Lal Ded

My first encounter was with the security guard at the main gate, where an Exit sign board was prominently displayed. When I questioned why vehicles were entering through an exit, the guard had no response. Instead, he directed me to turn around

Post-Delivery: A System of Unchecked Corruption

What followed over the next two nights and two days exposed the harsh reality that poor patients and their attendants endure at Lal Ded.

A young man from Budgam, awaiting his wife’s delivery, withdrew Rs. 1000 from an ATM outside. “This is for chai... these people expect it. They get angry if they are not paid,” he said, referring to hospital staff.

Despite anti-corruption signboards displayed across the hospital, my experience proved otherwise. When my patient was wheeled out of the OT on a trolley to the Recovery Room, the demands for money began—from the person pushing the trolley to the one collecting post-operative paperwork.

This so-called chai system is nothing short of institutionalized corruption. Throughout my stay, I had to argue with numerous paramedics and hospital staff who shamelessly demanded money.

A System That Thrives Despite Warnings

The irony is that signboards prohibiting bribery and cor-

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Coming Up: The Security Guards of Lal Ded

In the next part of this story, I will detail the role of security guards at Lal Ded Hospital. Their behavior towards attendants is authoritarian, as if they are managing a law-and-order crisis rather than assisting worried families. Their conduct is unlike

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Islamic Perspective on Gender Equality: Justice and Rights for All



Shahbaaz Bashir Shah

In Islam equality is a fundamental concept, though it is understood in the context of justice, respect and the inherent dignity of all human beings. Islam teaches that all people, regardless of their race, gender, social status or ethnicity are equal in the eyes of God. The Quran and Hadith emphasize the importance of justice, fairness, and the recognition of human worth.

Islam honours the human race in it’s two forms without distinguishing between male or female:

"And we bestowed dignity on the children of A'dam and provided them with rides on the land and in the sea, and provided them with a variety of good things and made them superior to many of those whom we have created."

Quran (17:70)

The Almighty declare that the principle of comparison is on the basis righteous deeds and piety ; God Almighty said:

"O mankind we have created you from a male and female, and made you into races and tribes, so that you may identify one another. Surely the noblest of you, in Allah’s sight, is the one who is most pious of you."

Quran (49:13)

And just as Quran emphasized the principle of equality, the Sunnah also emphasized it: [Indeed women are sisters to men] Musnad Ahmad 16195 p 43/265

Equal rights and duties :- Men and women are equal in terms of legal duties and obligations and there is no difference between them in terms of reward and punishment for obedience and disobedience. Almighty Allah said;

"Whoever male or female, does good deeds and is a believer, then such people shall enter Paradise, and they shall not be wronged in the best."

Quran (3:195)

Abdullah bin Omar RA heard the Hadith from the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) say;

"Each of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock."

Sahih Al Bukhari

Islam also emphasized the equality between men and women to acquire property and owning it;

"And do not covet that by which Allah has made some of you excel others; for the men there is a share of what they have earned, and for women there is a share of what they have earned, and ask Allah of His virtue. Surely Allah is all knowing.

Quran (4:32)

Islam provided for the rights of women and men in inheritance.

"For men there is a share in what the parents and the nearest of kin love left. And for women there is a share in what the parents and the nearest of kin love left, be it small or large a determined share."

Quran (4:7)

Aspects of equality in Islam

1.Spiritual Equality : The Quran emphasizes that all humans are equal in the eyes of God in

participate in social, economic and political life during the time of prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

The Quran emphasizes mutual respect

the way of Allah is like a grain which produces seven ears, and in each ear is a hundred grains." Quran (2:261)



terms of spiritual equality. Quran says,

"O mankind, indeed we have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed the noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you."

Quran (49:13)

2. Gender Equality : women were granted the rights to own property, seek education, and

between men and women. "And they (women) have rights similar to those of men over them in kindness."

Quran (2:228)

3. Economic and Social Equality : Charity is one of the five pillars of Islam, emphasizing the importance of giving to those in need and ensuring a fairer distribution of resources. "The example of those who spend their wealth in

4. Equality in Worship : In Islam men and women are equally responsible for their worship and religious obligations. They must both perform Prayer (five times a day), fasting during Ramadan and fulfill their religious duties.

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DC Kupwara reviews implementation of "Zimadari 2.0" initiative


KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan, today convened a meeting with concerned officers to review the implementation of the "Zimadari 2.0" initiative, a transformative program aimed at revolutionizing the education sector in the district.

The "Zimadari 2.0" initiative is designed to ensure better accountability, enhance the quality of education, and promote a more inclusive and efficient educational environment in Kupwara district.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner impressed upon all the stakeholders to work with concerted efforts and added zeal for successful implementation of the ambitious "Zimadari 2.0" program which is aimed for overall transformation of education sector in the district.

She enjoined upon them to target those schools located in far flung areas which need enhancements in terms of human resource

and infrastructure so that the students especially underprivileged get an edge to improve their learning outcomes under the program.



She emphasized the importance of timely and effective implementation of the program, focusing on key areas such as improving student enrollment, ensuring better teaching standards, and providing a conducive learning atmosphere in schools.

DC directed the officers to closely monitor the progress of the initiative and ensure active collaboration between all stakeholders, including school management, teachers, and administration.

She stressed that all the stakeholders must take ownership of their responsibilities under "Zimadari 2.0" to achieve meaningful progress and improve the education system in the district.

Deputy Commissioner also underscored the significance of regular assessments and feedback mechanisms to identify gaps and address challenges promptly. She urged the officers to work towards bridging any existing gaps in infrastructure, resources, and teacher training, ensuring that every student in Kupwara receives quality education.

Among others, CEO Kupwara, CPO, Principal DIET Kupwara, Representatives from Pratham Foundation were present in the meeting.

DC Ganderbal chairs Public outreach program



Ganderbal: In a bid to address concerns and aspirations of locals, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today convened a public grievance redressal camp here at Boys Higher Secondary School Ganderbal.

The grievances camp focused on addressing public issues & demands besides fostering inclusive development and ensure time-bound redressal of matters.

During the camp, residents raised various issues ranging from development of roads, health care, and development of play grounds. Other issues included upgradation of drainage systems and augmentation of transportation facilities in peripheral areas of the district.

Regarding development of playground at Tulmulla, DC assured locals that once the land is identified, administration will expedite development work at an earliest.

DC reaffirmed administration's commitment to resolving issues at district level promptly while taking up other matters with higher authorities.

He also said that the district administration will remain accessible to the people and is committed to address public grievances effectively.

Among others, event was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Development, GMDIC, Executive Engineers of various engineering wings and other district and sectoral officers.

GUMC Ganderbal Students excel in BUMS University Examination Srinagar

Srinagar: Government Unani Medical College (GUMC) Ganderbal students have achieved outstanding results in the Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery (BUMS) university examination held in 2024.

Maintaining the institution's high standards of academic excellence, students have set new benchmarks in academic achievement.

Hadiya Malik, a third-year BUMS student, secured the top position among all colleges of Kashmir Division with an impressive 90.16% marks (1082 marks). Wasia Tariq also achieved a notable third position with 1058 marks in the same examination. These exceptional results demonstrate the students' hard work and dedication to academic excellence.

In another significant achievement, the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine, New Delhi, sanctioned two research projects to two final-year students, Janat Manhas and Wasim Ahmad.

The research work has to be carried out under the guidance of Dr. Amjad Waheed Yousuf and Dr. Azad Hussain Lone, Associate Professors, Govt Unani Medical College Ganderbal.

The students expressed their gratitude to the college administration, particularly Prof. Dr. Iffat Hassan, for their constant encouragement and support.

Prof. Dr. Iffat Hassan, Head of the Institution, attributed these success stories to the collective efforts of the faculty members and the nodal officer of the college.

Established in 2020, Government Unani Medical College Ganderbal aims to provide high-quality education in the Ayush system, particularly Unani Medicine. The Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, has granted yearly permission to the institution for the past five years. With its focus on quality education and research, GUMC Ganderbal is expected to become one of the leading research institutions in the country.

DC Shopian chairs District-level NCORD meet

Shopian: District Level Narco Coordination (NCORD) meeting was held here today in Mini-Secretariat Shopian, under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta. On the occasion, department wise action plan were assessed and directions were issued to strengthen the fight against drug abuse.

DC emphasized the critical role of departments, including police, education, excise, drug control & health, in combating the rising menace of drug abuse and directed the departments to take more cogent measures against the menace.

Importance of keeping close vigil on poppy cultivation areas and taking strict action against the cultivators and the dispensing of scheduled drugs in the district was deliberated for action.

Additionally, the police department was instructed to implement stringent measures against individuals involved in drug peddling, and efforts were highlighted to identify and rehabilitate victims of drug abuse through institutional support of Addiction Treatment Facility and Drug De-addiction Centre.

Deputy Commissioner focused on enhancing counseling services and Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities to raise awareness about drug abuse, aiming to formulate a comprehensive action plan to curb drug abuse and ensure effective grassroots-level awareness, ensuring that the anti-drug message reaches all corners of the district.

Among others, ACR, Shakoor Ahmad Dar, SDM, Zainapora, Nisar Ahmad, Additional SP, Showkat Hussain Wani, ACD, Manzoor Ahmad, Tehsildars, other district officers and other concerned were present.

Ayush Shopian organises free Medical Camp at Devpora

Shopian: Free Medical Camp was today organized by the Department of Ayush Shopian at Devpora here following the directions of Director Ayush J&K Dr. Nuzhat Bashir Shah and under the guidance of District Nodal Officer Ayush Shopian, Dr. Javid Ahmad Wani.

The camp was conducted in collaboration with NGO "Rahi Insiyat Foundation Pulwama", which aimed to provide essential healthcare services to the local population of the area.

A team of dedicated Medical Officers and paramedical staff attended to numerous patients, offering free medical consultations, diagnosis and medicines.

DC Shopian flags off 32 farmers on 6 day exposure visit to Punjab, Jammu

Shopian: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta, today flagged off a group of 32 farmers of the district from Shopian to Jammu & Punjab for a six-day exposure visit. The exposure visit is organized under the Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (ATMA-2024-25). The programme, facilitated by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shopian, aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of farmers & agripreneurs by providing them with first-hand experience of advanced agricultural practices. The exposure visit includes training sessions, covering modern & innovative farming techniques, sustainable agriculture and value-added farming practices along with visit to several research centres and universities and on field exposure in the state of Punjab. They will also visit SKUAST Jammu for one day training on Mushroom Cultivation practices.

During the flag-off ceremony, DC Shopian emphasized the importance of such initiatives in empowering the farming community and boosting agricultural productivity in the district. He lauded the efforts of the Agriculture Department in facilitating farmer education and capacity-building programmes.

Vice President Dhankhar, launches Gopichand Hinduja compiled book "I Am?"

Says the book underscores relevance of Bhartiyyata, virtuosity that is discernible in all faiths

Srinagar : At an elegant function at the Vice President Enclave attended by an eminent group of leaders from the political and business classes along with members of diplomatic community, Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar today launched the book compiled by the noted business tycoon and Chairman of the Hinduja Group, Mr. Gopichand P. Hinduja's "I Am?"

Addressing the August gathering, the Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar stated, "This is indeed a profoundly unique moment. The release of 'I Am?', a thoughtful and thought-provoking assimilation by Gopichand P. Hinduja.

This launch taking place in Bharat, the land of Sanatan, the cradle of one of the oldest civilisations and global spiritual centre, carries deep significance. This book underscores the universal relevance of Bhartiyyata, virtuosity

that is discernible in all faiths. We can respect and appreciate (India) in his inaugural address said, "Navigating different cultures



others' truth without alluring conversions. Unity means no uniformity. Bhartiyyata is a perfect example. It exemplifies unity in diversity.

Let me buttress my comment, King Charles III of the United Kingdom had accreditations for these treatises. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, minister of faith and tolerance and will, has glorified it." Ashok P. Hinduja, Chairman, Hinduja Group of Companies

across several geographies while maintaining its Sanaatan Traditions has always been a way of life for our family.

Our businesses have flourished because promoting multicultural understanding has been an article of faith for us. GP often wondered, if religion is a stepping stone to discover one's spirituality then how 'that which is supposed to unite' creates division? Inspired by the conversations with different

spiritual masters, intellectuals, and world leaders on this subject, GP felt compelled to compile this book for the younger generation to help them positively and influence them to navigate the globalised and interconnected world"

President of Parmarth Niketan Trust, Swami Chiddanand Saraswati said, "Gopichand P. Hinduja's book talks about inclusivity... It's about the journey from 'I' to 'We' because only then can humanity move from illness to wellness. This embodies the message of the Rig Veda — Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — that the world is one family."

Notable attendees at the event included Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor; Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, eminent jurist and Rajya Sabha MP; British High Commissioner Lindy Cameron; Vipul Rungta, MD CEO HDFC Capital; Navin Jindal, Chairman, Jindal Steel & Power Ltd and Member Lok Sabha.

Srinagar admin organizes workshop on management of Non-Biodegradable material

SRINAGAR: In a step towards attaining sustainable and eco-friendly environment in District Srinagar, a capacity building programme cum training session on Non-Biodegradable Material Management, Handling and Disposal was held here at Meeting hall of DC Office Complex.

The programme was held on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat to provide officers holistic understanding about Management and Disposal of Non-Biodegradable material, ill effects of single use plastic and measures required to eradicate menace of plastic pollution from the District. Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Khalid Hussain Malik who attended the programme as Chief Guest said that District Administration Srinagar is making efforts to minimize single-use plastic and encourage eco-friendly practices in the District. Speaking on the occasion, the ADC said that the Non-Biodegradable material is



dangerous for the environment. He stressed that carrying foodstuff in polythene carry bags must be avoided as it is hazardous to health and polythene carry bags have been banned in Jammu & Kashmir vide SRO 182 in the light of Non-biodegradable Material (Management, Handling and Disposal) Rules, 2009.

ADC sought cooperation of the general public in eradication of banned polythene carry bags, single use plastic, single use disposable items made up of thermocol (polystyrene/ plastic). He emphasized that

environment protection is pivotal for our future generations, and urged upon all to contribute for a better and healthy future for our coming generations and protect biodiversity around us.

On the occasion, Officers from J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) gave a comprehensive demonstration on banned single-use plastic items and their sustainable alternatives. Special emphasis was placed on 120-micron carry bags, including methods for their identification and compliance enforcement.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Javed Rana inaugurate 7 Water Supply Schemes in Kathua

KATHUA: Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana and Union Minister of State, Dr. Jitendra Singh, today inaugurated 7 Water Supply Schemes (WSS) in Jasrota, Kathua.

Legislators, Rajiv Jasrotia and Vijay Kumar along with other officers from Jal Shakti Department were also present on the occasion.

The WSSs have been completed by Jal Shakti Department with an amount of 25 crore under JJM which will provide potable drinking water to thousands of souls.

While e-inaugurating the projects, Rana said that the schemes will cover a dozen villages, benefitting 15881 souls covering 2584 households.

He said that aim of the scheme is to enhance the rural drinking water infrastructure for the general public.

He further said that the scheme will provide more than 2500 Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC).

Under these schemes, four tube wells, two bore wells and four overhead tanks have been constructed to provide potable water as per JJM guidelines.

Rajiv Jasrotia, for effectively following completion of the schemes.

The Minister further informed that a total of 303



Rana said that the Omar Abdullah led government is giving primacy to people's needs and that people should not face any difficulty.

Maintaining that government was steadfast and committed in completing all the projects in close coordination and consultation of local representatives, Rana praised local legislator,

water supply schemes, with an estimated cost of Rs 1369.57 crore, are being taken up in district Kathua under Jal Jeevan Mission.

He asked the officials to strictly adhere to set timelines and also fast track the land acquisition and forest clearance on priority basis so that developmental works continue unhindered.

Anti-Drug awareness progr held at Srinagar

Resource persons highlight harmful effect of drugs on individuals, families, society

SRINAGAR: Following the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat an anti-drug awareness programme was organized by District Administration Srinagar in collaboration with District Social Welfare Office at Marriage Hall Rajbagh, here today.

During the programme, the resource persons highlighted the harmful effects of drugs on individuals, families, and society at large. They urged the public to raise awareness about the detrimental impacts of drugs and remain vigilant against those involved in illegal drug trade. The participants unanimously called for widespread awareness efforts, emphasizing the need to be cautious of individuals engaged in such illegal activities.

On the occasion, the measures needed to be undertaken for the eradication of drug menace from the society were also underlined. The special focus was laid on saving youth, the most vulnerable age group with regard to drug menace from the harmful effects of its use. Other speakers on the occasion said that drug addiction is an issue of grave concern, especially among the younger generation and has very ill effects not only on the individual concerned but on the society as a whole.

The participants pledged to stay away from drugs and to contribute in making Srinagar a drug free District.

The programme was attended by Officers of Social Welfare, Police, Education and other Departments.

ACS Education holds meeting with College Principals of Jammu division

JAMMU: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Shantmanu, today chaired the maiden meeting of Principals of colleges of Jammu division at GCW Parade Ground, Jammu.

Director Colleges, Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, provided a comprehensive overview of the colleges functioning in Jammu division, highlighting their strengths, achievements and accreditation status. He further detailed the current state of the colleges and outlined the necessary steps being taken up for successful implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) in its fourth year in J&K.

During the meeting, Shantmanu emphasised the importance of promoting moral education among the students while taking due care of their mental health. He stressed the need to closely monitor the health and emotional well-being of students, recognizing that a holistic approach is essential for their overall development. He also encouraged the Principals to work on strategies for supporting students' mental health, particularly in challenging times.

ACS further discussed the roadmap for NEP implementation in its fourth year and

desired that the Universities have to take immediate steps in terms of identification of courses to be adopted by the students in online format as envisaged by the NEP 2020.



This will immensely address the issues of implementation by colleges as three batches have been enrolled in all colleges of J&K, he added.

Shantmanu asked the Director Colleges to take up the matter with the universities in right earnest to address the challenges of NEP 2020.

Listening patiently to the issues raised by the Principals, ACS asked the Director Colleges for a comprehensive account of their issues, particularly with regard to

infrastructure, staffing and resources, for further consideration and resolution at the departmental level.

Recognizing the need for analysing enrolment challenges, he sought the views of Principals who highlighted the difficulties faced by the students with respect to conduct of CUET and prolonged admission process through SMARTH portal.

Shantmanu asked the Director Colleges to take a comprehensive view from all stakeholders and come up with corrective measures needed in this regard. The Principals shared their insights, discussing the achievements of their colleges in academics, sports, NSS, NCC and research. They assured the chairperson that the vision of the department to deliver quality education shall be fulfilled.

The meeting provided a valuable platform for open dialogue, where challenges were discussed, efforts were acknowledged, and solutions were explored. The Principals appreciated the opportunity given to them to bring forward their concerns, with the hope that these discussions would lead to effective resolutions.

Plastic can promote obesity:

Study; tips to safeguard health

After the groundbreaking revelation of microplastics being found in the human blood, a slight fear of plastics has been instilled within people. Plastics have never been the safest or healthiest item since the

Tips to reduce plastic damage
The widespread prevalence of plastic use can make it difficult to eliminate it from your life completely. However, one can always take small, individual steps to reduce its use and make this world a safer and healthier

Various studies have shown the adverse impact of plastic use on the human body in promoting obesity. This is caused due to some toxic chemicals present in the plastics that can contribute to obesity. These chemicals are known as metabolism-disrupting chemicals, or MCDs and some commonly used MCDs include bisphenols and phthalates.

beginning. But that did not stop this material from gaining popularity due to its wide availability, low cost, and convenience. Among the various things that we know about plastic damage, did you know that there's a link between plastic and obesity?

Plastic and obesity - The link
Obesity is considered a double burden on nutrition and it has emerged as one of the most common health concerns across the globe. Obesity can be influenced by multiple factors and plastic use happens to be one of the factors. Various studies have shown the adverse impact of plastic use on the human body in promoting obesity. This is caused due to some toxic chemicals present in the plastics that can contribute to obesity. These chemicals are known as metabolism-disrupting chemicals, or MCDs and some commonly used MCDs include bisphenols and phthalates.

place. Here are some ways in which you can keep plastic damage to your health at bay:
Avoid using takeaway cups, plates, and other dishes.
Don't microwave food in microwave containers.
Quit using beauty products that contain plastic.
Switch to jute or paper bags from plastic bags.
Give up on using plastic straws and opt for stainless steel or wooden straws.
Opt for loose tea leaves instead of teabags.
Moderate your seafood consumption and look after your hygiene.
If your dishwasher scrub contains plastic, throw it away.
Replace the plastic Tupperware containers in your kitchen with crystal or steel ones
When it comes to plastic, never let go of recycling and reuse opportunities.



The widespread prevalence of plastic use can make it difficult to eliminate it from your life completely. However, one can always take small, individual steps to reduce its use and make this world a safer and healthier place



New Delhi: Did you know that avocados are not vegetables but are giant, creamy berries instead? Yeah, you read that right. There are multiple other vegetables that have been wrongly classified due to a lack of awareness or misinformation. If you're looking to expand and update your 'Fruits and Vegetables' database, we have compiled a list to help you with the same.

Fruits masquerading as vegetables

Tomatoes: Commonly known as tamatar, tomatoes are popularly consumed across the globe. But did you know that these red, juice 'vegetables' are actually fruits? Well, fruit or not, tomatoes are rich in vitamins, potassium, lycopene, and other essential nutrients and must be added to the diet.

Cucumber: Did you know that kheera is botanically a fruit? Believe it or not, this refreshing salad bowl has been mistaken for a vegetable for a long time now and it's time to set things right. Cucumbers are nutritious fruits that are loaded with fibre and water.

Okra: Also known as lady's finger, bhindi is consumed as a popular vegetable in households across the globe. Despite being wrongly classified as vegetables (they're actually fruits), okra has managed to nourish people with its vitamin and magnesium-rich properties.

Pumpkin: Call it kohda or kaddu, just don't call it a vegetable anymore. This big, ball-like food is actually a fruit. It is packed with nutrition and can help boost

immunity, aid eye health, and promote weight loss.

Eggplants: Pair it with potatoes or make it into a mush, any dish with baingan can end up being delicious. But eggplants also happen to be one of the vegetables that are falsely classified as vegetables. These fruits are highly nutritious and are rich in vitamin A, C, and polyphenols.

Pepper: Often mistook as vegetables, peppers are actually fruits. These spicy, flavourful fruits offer various health benefits such as weight management, detoxification, improved digestion, etc.

Corn: Be it the separate kernels or baby corn, corn is a popularly known vegetable. But botanically speaking corn is a fruit. Regardless of its category, corn is healthy for the eyes as it is a source of eye zeaxanthin and lutein.

Peas: Commonly known as matar, peas are wrongly categorised as vegetables. This vitamin and antioxidant-rich fruit variety is extremely healthy and must be added to the diet daily.

Bitter gourds: Did you know that one of the most hated vegetables out there, karela, is actually a fruit? We're as surprised as you are but well, looks like we've been lied to our entire lives - just like the lie our moms used to tell us before forcing us to eat karele ki sabzi, "Ek baar khaa kar dekho, accha lagega." No mom, we did not like it. Whether you like it or not, bitter gourds are loaded with vitamin C and can help boost immunity.

10 vegetables that are actually fruits (and their benefits)

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BJP Returns

Sisodia from Jangpura by a narrow margin of 675 votes. Marwah polled 38,859 votes, while Sisodia secured 38,184 votes. Congress candidate Farhad Suri garnered 7,350 votes.

Amid the BJP's sweeping victory, Chief Minister Atishi and three ministers in the outgoing AAP government — Gopal Rai, Mukesh Ahlawat and Imran Hussain — managed to secure wins.

Atishi emerged victorious in Kalkaji, defeating BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri by a margin of 3,521 votes. Rai retained the Babarpur seat with a margin of 18,994 votes against BJP's Anil Kumar Vashisht.

Hussain, the food and civil supplies minister, won from Ballimaran with the highest margin among the AAP's prominent faces, defeating BJP's Kamal Bagri by 29,823 votes. Hussain's victory provided one of the few bright spots for the AAP in the Old Delhi region.

Outgoing health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj was defeated by BJP's Shikha Roy by a margin of 3,188 votes from Greater Kailash.

BJP's Mohan Singh Bisht won the Mustafabad seat by 17,578 votes, while his colleague Kapil Mishra secured victory in Karawal Nagar with a margin of 23,355 votes. AAP's Sanjeev Jha won the Burari seat by a margin of 20,601 votes.

BJP leader Raj Kumar Chauhán, who shifted to the saffron party from the Congress, bagged the Mangol Puri seat by a victory margin of 6,255 votes.

AAP's Virender Singh Kadian won the Delhi Cantonment seat by 2,029 votes, while his party colleague Kuldeep Kumar defeated his closest rival by a margin of 6,293 votes in Kondli.

BJP's Ravinder Singh Negi won the Patparganj seat by a margin of 28,072 votes, defeating poll debutant Avadh Ojha, who was fielded by the AAP after replacing Sisodia, who had represented the seat in the Assembly for three consecutive terms.

AAP's Sahi Ram won the Tughlakabad seat by 14,711 votes. Ahlawat won from Sultanpur Majra by 17,126 votes, while AAP's Jarnail Singh secured victory from Tilak Nagar by a margin of 11,656 votes.

BJP's Rekha Gupta won the Shalimar Bagh seat, defeating her AAP rival by 29,595 votes, while the saffron party's Manjinder Singh Sirsa emerged victorious from Rajouri Garden by 18,190 votes.

While the AAP dominated Delhi's political landscape for the last 10 years, the BJP was out of power in the city since 1998.

The Congress, which ruled the capital from 1998 to 2013 and was hoping for a resurgence, finished third. (Agencies)

People's Power

said as he thanked Delhi's voters for giving the BJP a historic win.

"We guarantee that we will leave no stone unturned to ensure the all-round development of Delhi and to make the lives of its people better. Along with this, we will also ensure that Delhi plays an important role in building a developed India," he added.

Modi said he was proud of BJP workers who toiled day and night for such a massive mandate. "We will now be dedicated to the service of the people of Delhi with more strength," he added.

The BJP is set to end its 27-year drought in Delhi as the party was headed for a nearly two-third majority

in the 70-member assembly. (Agencies)

BJP win

Aam Aadmi Party. After all, at the height of the PM's popularity in 2015 and 2020, AAP had won decisively in Delhi. This shows that, rather than being vindication of the policies of the PM, this vote is a rejection of Arvind Kejriwal's politics of deceit, deception, and vastly exaggerated claims of achievement," he wrote on X. Pertinently, the BJP is all set to form the government in Delhi after 27 years.

When this report was filed BJP had crossed the majority figure of 35 in the 70 member assembly and was leading on more than 10 to 12 seats. The Aam Aadmi Party led by Arvid Kejriwal was far behind winning around 20 seats, while the Congress failed to open its account in the National Capital

End To Reign

The BJP is determined to fulfil all its promises and make Delhi the number one capital of the world, he said. Residents of Delhi have shown that repeated false promises cannot mislead people, he said, asserting that they answered through their votes to the problems of a polluted Yamuna, dirty drinking water, broken roads, overflowing sewers and liquor shops in every street. Be it respect for women, self-respect of unauthorised colony residents or the immense possibilities of self-employment, Delhi will now become an ideal capital under Modi's leadership, he said.

BJP president JP Nadda said the party's massive win was a victory of people's unwavering support in its model of service, good governance, welfare of the poor, and development under Modi's able leadership.

The "AAP-da" government in Delhi had crossed all limits of corruption, misgovernance and appeasement. The city is now free from its lies, deceit and fraud, and is starting a journey into a new era of progress and respect, he claimed.

Nadda said, "This historic mandate reflects people's trust in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a brighter and more progressive future for Delhi."

Shah said the results were a defeat of arrogance and anarchy.

"This is a victory of 'Modi ki Guarantee' and the trust of the people of Delhi in Modi's vision of development," he added.

The people of Delhi dismantled the "Sheesh Mahal" of lies, deceit and corruption and made the city "AAP-da free", he said, targeting AAP. (Agencies)

SED delivers

Itoo assured that all the government schools will receive 100 per cent free textbooks prior to reopening of schools after the winter vacations.

"We have book bank in the schools wherein we store the sets of old books. As of now, we have nearly 200 winter tutorial centers in Kashmir division in which 33,000 are being taught. We have provided them all those old books," he said.

The Director further said that the department was examining the recent gaps highlighted in the ASER survey.

"DSEK have constituted a special teams in this regard. Besides, an administrative level meeting in this regard was also conducted," he said.

Itoo further said that the directorate will soon submit a comprehensive roadmap to the government to overcome these challenges.

"At certain levels we have done extremely well in comparison to national level," he said.

NCC Cadets

According to the Associated News Bureau, CSM Tsering Dolker from EJM College, Leh was conferred the Director General National Cadet Corps (DGNCC) Medallion and JUO Abida Afreen was conferred the Prestigious Raksha Mantri Commendation Card during

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the Republic Day Camp 2025. In addition, JUO Stanzin Yangzom got an opportunity to be a guest at the At Home Function for dinner at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The Republic Day Camp also provides cadets with the opportunity to interact with the best young minds from across India, learn from one another and enhance their skills in a variety of activities ranging from cultural performances to Drill.

This achievement underscores the growing involvement of youth from the region in national activities and highlights the positive impact of the NCC in promoting unity and national pride with a sense of responsibility among the young generation.

The participation of Ladakh's NCC cadets in the Republic Day Camp 2025 is a shining example of how the youth from the remote and diverse corners of the country are contributing to the collective strength and vibrancy of India. Their success serves as an inspiration for other young people in the region to embrace the values of discipline, hard work and service to the nation. The cadets returned to Leh on 06 Feb 2025 after a long two and a half months of rigorous training and schedule. They were welcomed back by the team of 1 Ladakh Battalion NCC, Leh for their stellar performance.

Administrative changes

Additional Chief Secretary Education Shatmanu, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, and administrative secretaries from the departments of Social Welfare, Health & Medical Education, and ARI & Trainings.

Representing LAHDC Kargil, the delegation was led by Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor Mohd Jaffer Akhoo, alongside Feroz Ahmad Khan and other councillors.

The delegation also included Member of Parliament Ladakh Haji Mohd Haneefa Jan and senior National Conference leader and former Minister Qamar Ali Akhoo. Addressing the delegation, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, urged the visiting delegation to take up the matter with the Ladakh administration to ensure the posting of senior officers in Jammu and Srinagar, enabling them to address the challenges faced by Ladakh UT residents in J&K more effectively.

He assured that space would be provided at SKIMS and other super-specialty hospitals in Kashmir for the establishment of a help desk, which will be managed by Ladakh administration staff to facilitate immediate assistance for patients from Kargil and Leh.

He further urged the delegation to create awareness among Ladakh students about the quota available in J&K, noting that many seats remain unutilized.

Stressing the historical ties between Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir, he reaffirmed that administrative reorganization would not alter the deep-rooted relationship between the two regions.

"Maps may change, but changing maps will not affect our relationship with you. Our bond with Ladakh is centuries old, and it will remain strong," the chief minister said.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana assured the delegation that all their concerns related to roads, drinking water and other essential services would be addressed on priority.

Earlier, the Kargil delegation highlighted several pressing issues, including the appointment of nodal officers for patients referred to SKIMS Soura and other super-specialty hospitals in Srinagar.

They also raised concerns about the selection and training of paramedical students in J&K's paramedical training institutes, the extension of existing student hostels in Srinagar and Jammu, and the need for more admissions of Ladakh students in various colleges and universities of J&K.

Additionally, they sought tourism promotion for Kargil and other areas of Ladakh UT through events organized in Srinagar.

Expressing their gratitude, the delegation thanked Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for his patient hearing and proactive approach in addressing their concerns.

They appreciated the commitment of the J&K government towards ensuring better facilities and opportunities for the people of Ladakh.

Two Months

(KNO), local residents said that while the government's preventive measures have helped contain the crisis, they remain deeply concerned about the lack of clarity regarding the cause of deaths. They urged authorities to expedite the investigation so that appropriate safety measures can be put in place and normal life can resume without fear.

Expressing frustration over the slow pace of the probe, locals said the issue should have been treated as a health emergency and resolved on priority. "More than 20 days have passed since high-level teams, including an inter-ministerial delegation, visited the area, yet no concrete findings have been shared," they said.

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the police has questioned multiple individuals but has not uncovered any leads.

Meanwhile, the Indian Council of Medical Research

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Rifat Ali W/O Ishfaq Ahmad R/O Bandipora

(ICMR) has ruled out infectious agents as the cause and is focusing on the possibility of toxic substances.

Experts from AIIMS Delhi and PGIMER Chandigarh have visited the affected village, collected samples, and are currently analysing them for possible toxins.

Kashmir wetlands

constructed water regulation gates have successfully maintained optimal water levels.

"These gates ensure water retention, preventing unregulated leakage. As a result, areas that had remained dry for decades are now submerged, naturally reclaiming wetland habitat and deterring encroachment," an official said.

The officer also added that they are also focusing on other key wetlands, like Haigam and Shalbugh, stating that better habitat restoration there was also among the top priorities.

"Siltation and waste accumulation are major challenges. A strategic plan is being developed to mitigate these issues and restore the wetland's ecological balance," the official said

3 lakh migratory

Speaking with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the officer concerned with Hygam Wetland, said, "During peak winter, when the water tends to freeze, the movement of birds helps keep some pathways open. However, we intervene where necessary to ensure their survival, particularly in terms of food availability."

Approximately 3 lakh migratory birds are there, however, the exact count will be determined and rounded up at the end of the season, he said, adding that the final figures will be compiled through a detailed field and comprehensive surveys.

Historically, poaching was rampant in the region, posing a severe threat to migratory birds. However, officials have taken strong measures to curb illegal hunting.

"During the tenure of Maharaja Hari Singh, hunting was allowed under a licensing system. However, after the Supreme Court ruling and the enactment of the Wildlife Protection Act in 1972, hunting was completely banned," Mohammad Iqbal Wani, an official said.

To further tighten regulations, the Wildlife

Protection Act was amended in 2022, introducing stricter penalties for poaching, Wani said, adding, "Now, even an attempt to hunt birds is treated as a serious offence. The law mandates fines up to Rs 1 lakh and imprisonment of 3 to 7 years for violators."

To enforce the law effectively, the Wildlife Department has established anti-poaching squads, comprising members from the Forest Protection Force and Wildlife Department. These teams conduct regular surveillance operations, particularly during peak poaching hours—early morning and evening.

The official said they have carried out several operations/seizures, and those caught are facing legal action under the Wildlife Protection Act. Despite repeated awareness campaigns, some individuals still believe poaching is permitted. However, strict action is being taken against violators, he added.

Wani claimed that poaching has been reduced by 98%, and a 100% target is in sight. He said the ongoing efforts have yielded significant results. "We are now working towards achieving a 100% poaching-free wetland," he added.

The official said they have been conducting awareness drives to educate locals about the legal implications of hunting migratory birds. "We urge people to mend their ways and respect the law to avoid legal consequences. These birds are a vital part of our ecosystem and must be protected at all costs," he said.

Sakeena Itoo

under the scheme. She also informed that 1715 students were trained under various trades like Data Entry Operator, Beauty Therapist, CCTV and Solar Panel Installation Technicians under this scheme.

The Minister, during the meeting, underscored the importance of this scheme for enhancing the livelihood,

education and empowerment opportunities for SC communities. She emphasised the need for effective grassroots implementation,

ensuring that the benefits of the scheme reach the intended beneficiaries in a transparent and efficient manner. Additional Secretary, Social Welfare department J&K Government and Nodal Officer coordination PM-AJAY, Dr. Rehana Akhter Bijli also accompanied the Minister for the meeting.

Imtiyaz Bhat Directs Three New Songs, Singer Satya Praises Valley's Beauty

SRINAGAR: Delhi-based young singer Satya Thakur has described Kashmir as a perfect destination for music, stating that its beauty and breathtaking landscapes add a magical touch to any song. He has filmed three new songs at various scenic locations in the valley, including Srinagar and other tourist spots, considering it a successful experience of his life.

Satya, who holds engineering and MBA degrees, ventured into the world of music and has since written, composed, and sung nearly 25 songs in Hindi and Urdu. Describing the shooting of his three new songs—Ho Ke Juda, Saath Tera, and Bewafa—in Srinagar, Pahalgam, Gulmarg, and Sonamarg as a unique experience, Thakur said that Kashmir has everything needed to enhance the musical experience, including mesmerizing landscapes, a beautiful environment, and a stunning backdrop.

These three songs, presented by Zee Music, have been produced by Sound Gear Productions under the direction of Imtiyaz Bhat. Imtiyaz Bhat, himself



a Kashmiri artist, shared that around 70% of the actors featured in the songs are local talents. He further emphasized that Kashmir is not lacking in talent but needs proper opportunities and platforms to showcase and refine its artistic potential.

Madrasatul-Banat Darul-Uloom Raheemiyah Bandipora

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By the immense grace of Almighty Allah, the construction of the "Madrasatul-Banat" is advancing steadily, with the final floor nearing completion. The important stage was the construction of roof. According to the engineers, the total cost for labour and material was estimated at around 40 lakh rupees. Now, it is near completion Alhamdulillah.

The roof of a building acts as a cover and shade to the entire work. So, arranging cover and shade for this institution of girls will be a means of receiving mercy and shade from Allah Almighty, Insha Allah.



In the past, many fortunate and generous individuals have seized the opportunity to contribute to this noble cause, either by funding the construction of rooms or by sharing in the expenses.

Now, once again, Allah Ta'ala offers us this blessed opportunity to participate in this virtuous work, allowing us to secure Sadaqah Jariyah for ourselves, our parents, and our loved ones. We urge you to encourage the women in your families to contribute, as this madrasah is dedicated solely to the education of women. May Allah bless and accept our efforts. Aameen!

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ISPL: A Game Changer for Players, Srinagar Ke Veer’s Suvronil Roy Embraces the Spirit of the City

SRINAGAR: The Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) is proving to be more than just a tournament—it is transforming lives, giving players from all backgrounds a platform to shine. Suvronil Roy, the stand-out performer for Srinagar Ke Veer, is a testament to this impact. Despite hailing from Kolkata, Roy has found a deep connection with the city of Srinagar and its passionate cricket culture.

In the latest ISPL match, Roy delivered a match-winning spell, taking three crucial wickets and helping his team secure a much-needed victory. Reflecting on the win, he shared, “We lost the first match, and it was a bad performance for all of us. But now, after this win, we are very happy. There are still three matches left, and if we win two of them, we can qualify.”

Roy acknowledges that ISPL has changed the perception of tennis-ball cricket. “Earlier, people thought there was no future in it. But now, with this platform, we can dream bigger. It gives players like us a chance to showcase our talent at a national level,” he said.

The impact of ISPL goes beyond just the players—it is also about the camaraderie and motivation that drive them. Despite not being a native of Srinagar, Roy and his



teammates feel a strong emotional bond with the city and its people. “We play for the city, and the support we receive makes us feel at home. The fans, the atmosphere—everything is special,” he added.

One of the key motivators for the team has been the unwavering support from Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar and The Ferns, the ownership group of Srinagar Ke Veer. Their belief in the players has given them the confidence to perform at their best.

“The way Akshay sir and The Ferns have backed us is incredible. They are not just owners; they are part of our journey. Their support pushes us to give our best on the field,” Roy emphasized.

With the tournament now at a crucial juncture, Srinagar Ke Veer is determined to fight for a place in the qualifiers. Roy and his teammates are focused on their next matches, hoping to bring glory to the team and their adopted city.

As ISPL continues to grow, it is not just shaping careers but also building lasting connections between players and the cities they represent. For Suvronil Roy and many others, it is more than just cricket—it is a journey of passion, resilience, and belonging.

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Saim Ayub ruled out of Champions Trophy

Pakistan opening batter Saim Ayub has been confirmed out for at least another five weeks owing to injury; he continues his rehabilitation from the ankle injury he sustained in South Africa in January. It further confirms that he will not be available for the Champions Trophy, which runs until March 9, and the extent of his involvement in Pakistan's white-ball series in New Zealand after that remains uncertain.

A PCB statement said Ayub was "progressing well in his right ankle fracture injury". He remains in England, where he will complete the remainder of his rehabilitation, and has been ruled out for 10 weeks from the time of his injury, which he picked up while fielding in the second Test against South Africa in Cape Town five weeks ago.

Ayub had to be stretchered off the pitch in just the seventh over of the match, when Ryan Rickelton edged a delivery through the slips, sending Ayub off on a chase to deep third alongside Aamer Jamal. Jamal pulled it back in as Ayub stood poised to be the relay fielder, but lost his balance and twisted his ankle. He went down immediately and appeared in anguish holding the lower part of his leg as the physio rushed on.

Despite prolonged treatment outside the boundary line, Ayub was unable to put any weight on his right ankle, and appeared to be in tears as he was placed on to a stretcher and taken off. He was later seen on crutches in the medical booth.

The PCB initially said he would be ruled out for six weeks, which offered some hope of his availability for the Champions Trophy, which Pakistan host. Last week the board announced the squad for the tournament, with Ayub absent from it.

A week after the Champions Trophy final, Pakistan embark upon an eight-match white-ball tour of New Zealand, playing five T20Is and three ODIs between 16 March and 5 April. The Pakistan Super League starts on 8 April.



Khyber Cement Ka Zarra Zarra Dil Se Bana Hai

