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CM Omar Abdullah calls on HM Shah; discusses Statehood, Governance



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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief

Minister Omar Abdullah met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi on Monday to discuss key issues concerning the Union

Territory, including the restoration of statehood, security, and governance. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Abdullah said, "I had a detailed discussion with the Home Minister on various matters, including the security situation, governance issues, and the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood." He also mentioned the upcoming budget session of the J&K Assembly, stating, "The budget session is scheduled for March 3, and we discussed several aspects related to it." When asked about the unity of the INDIA bloc, Abdullah avoided a direct response, saying, "If the INDIA bloc convenes a meeting in the future, I will raise my concerns there. If I say anything in the media, my words are often twisted,"

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“Turn your failures into lessons”: PM Modi

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while interacting with students during the 8th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha on Monday, advised them to turn their failures into lessons.

Highlighting the significance of technology, he encouraged students to understand and make optimal use of it.

"A student's life does not stop if they fail an exam. One must decide whether they want to succeed in life or books... You should turn your failures into your teachers... You are fortunate to be born in an era of technology, and our focus should be to understand technology and have an optimum utilisation of it," PM Modi said. During the interaction, he

emphasised the importance of holistic development, saying that students cannot grow if they are confined to textbooks.



"... Students are not robots. We study for our holistic development... Students cannot grow if they are trapped in books... Students need to do their favourite

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BJP has taken Kathua incident very seriously: Sunil Sethi

Sajid Raina

SRINAGAR: BJP National Spokesperson Advocate Sunil Sethi on Monday said the BJP has taken the death of Makhn Din who allegedly died by suicide after he was called by police for questioning very seriously.

"We have taken incident very seriously. We have raised the matter with the authorities, and a detailed inquiry will be conducted. If anyone is found responsible, strict action will be taken."

Terming BJP's victory in Delhi elections as "people's rejection of false promises," BJP National Spokesperson Advocate Sunil Sethi on Monday said that shift in mood of people will have significant implications on national politics, including Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a press conference here, Sharma, according to the news agency - Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "People have proven that false promises do not get their support. You can mislead them for some time, but not for long."

Sethi said that a shift is taking place where voters are backing political parties that fulfill their commitments. Referring to the BJP's track

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Court allows 2-day custody parole to Er Rashid to attend Parliament

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court allowed two-day custody parole to jailed MP Abdul Rashid Sheikh alias Rashid Engineer to attend the ongoing Parliament session.

Justice Vikas Mahajan said Rashid could attend the Parliament session on February 11 and 13.

Custody parole entails a prisoner being escorted by armed police personnel to the place of visit.

Rashid was saddled with certain riders as bail conditions, including not using a cellphone.

The Baramulla MP is facing trial in a terror funding case with

the allegations that he funded separatists and terror groups in Jammu and Kashmir.



Rashid moved the high court alleging he was left without a remedy after the NIA court dealing with his bail application left him in a limbo post

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Govt making the nation 'Aatmanirbhar' in defence: Rajnath

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SRINAGAR: Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has invited the global Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to utilise the opportunities offered by the expanding Indian defence ecosystem and find targeted solutions & counter measures to the challenges emerging due to the volatile geopolitical landscape of today.

He was addressing the CEOs Roundtable organised as part of Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru, Karnataka on February 10, 2025. Raksha Mantri stated that amidst the fragile global security situation, where rules-based order is being challenged and technologies are creating new opportunities & vulnerabilities, there is a need to adopt & improve solutions constantly.

"Today, the nature of communication and data sharing in military operations is getting much more complex. The reliance on space-based navigation systems,

communication and surveillance implies that such assets would have to be integrated in our operational plans. The use of drones



in recent conflicts indicate that the future would depend on the integrated efforts of manned, unmanned and autonomous warfare systems. Hence, our defence manufacturing has to focus on creating counter measures for these emerging challenges," said Rajnath Singh.

Citing great Indian strategist Kautilya, Raksha Mantri said: "We have the moral responsibility to protect our people and territory in a hostile atmosphere. To achieve this, we are taking all necessary steps to equip our Armed Forces and making the country self-reliant in defence manufacturing through the establishment of a strong, efficient, resilient and future-ready defence industrial ecosystem," he said.

Rajnath Singh asserted that the Government of India, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has put in place transparent & industry-friendly regulations, processes and policies. He emphasised that the opportunities provided by the Indian defence ecosystem are driven by the policies of self-reliance in defence production, facilitated by a conducive policy regime.

Raksha Mantri enumerated the transformative steps taken by the Government to

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IGP Jammu reviews operational preparedness in Chenab valley



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JAMMU: Inspector General of Police (Jammu), Bhim Sen Tuti, conducted a high-level review meeting on the operational preparedness in Chenab valley districts of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban on Monday.

The review was held at the Range Police Headquarters, Batote in Ramban with senior officers discussing in detail the strategic deployment of forces in the

region which was rocked by several terror incidents, especially in Doda and Kishtwar last year, police said.

During the meeting, it said the IGP meticulously assessed the security situation, operational readiness, and response mechanisms in the region.

The focus was on ensuring the effective coordination between various security agencies and police

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Army Commander Reviews 'Hostile Activities' in Rajouri

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JAMMU: General Officer Commanding

of Jammu-based White Knight Corps Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva on Monday reviewed the "hostile activities" along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, the Army said.

The top Army officer's visit to the forward areas came two days after an Army patrol party was fired upon by suspected terrorists hiding in a forest across the LoC in the Keri sector.

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Nitish Rajora assumes charge as Director Information

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JAMMU: Nitish Rajora, assumed the charge of Director Information here today.

After assuming the charge, the Director held a brief introductory meeting with the officers and officials of the department. He had an overview of working of each section of the department from the concerned officers. He expressed hope that all the employees would deliver their assigned services with utmost efficacy and proficiency while assuring complete support to them regarding their issues and concerns.

He emphasised the need for further streamlining the social media platforms with the advanced technological



innovations keeping pace with the emerging media trends. The Director

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Rajput Group Stages Rally For Statehood Restoration

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JAMMU: A prominent Rajput outfit staged a march here on Monday in support of the demand for early restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir with its leader threatening to intensify the agitation if the BJP-led Central government failed to keep its promise on the issue.

The activists of Yuva Rajput Sabha led by their president Vikram Singh took out the rally from the statue of Maharaja Hari Singh, the last Dogra ruler, at Tawi bridge near Jewel Chowk in the heart of the city amid heavy deployment of police personnel.

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Speaker Rather chairs House Committee meeting with legislators

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JAMMU: A meeting of the House Committee was held here today under the Chairmanship of Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, to discuss issues raised by different members of the Legislative Assembly. Legislators, Sunil Kumar Sharma, (Leader of Opposition); Ghulam Ahmad Mir; Nazir Ahmad Khan (Gurezi); Surjeet Singh Slathia; Ali Mohammad Dar; Javid Hassan Baig; Ch Mohammad Akram and Waheed Ur Rehman Para were present as members of the Committee.

The Committee discussed



accommodation and other related issues being faced by the MLAs during their stay in the twin capitals of J&K. During threadbare discussions, the

Legislators gave their suggestions regarding provisioning of suitable accommodation

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J&KHC Issues Guidelines for ie-Breaking In Recruitment

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JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has issued new rules for breaking tie situations in the selection process for direct category posts, both gazetted and non-gazetted.

As per an order, when selection is based on a written test, the older candidate will be preferred in case of a tie.

The same criterion applies if the selection is through interviews alone, the order said.

If both written examination and viva-voce are considered,

preference will be given to the candidate with higher marks in the written test, the order further said.

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Sonia Gandhi Demands Govt To Conduct Population Census At Earliest

NEW DELHI: Senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi on Monday asked the government to complete a population census at the earliest, claiming that around 14 crore people in the country are being deprived of the benefits under the food security law.

In her maiden Zero Hour intervention in the Rajya Sabha, Gandhi said beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) are being identified as per the 2011 Census, and not the latest population numbers.

The senior Congress leader called the NFSA introduced by the UPA government in September 2013 a landmark initiative aimed at ensuring food and nutritional security for the country's 140 crore population.

The legislation, Gandhi said, played a crucial role in protecting millions of vulnerable households from starvation, particularly during the Covid-19 crisis.

She also said that the quota for the



beneficiaries is still determined based on the 2011 Census, which is now well over a decade old.

The National Food Security Act, 2013, provides for coverage of up to 75 per cent of the rural and up to 50 per cent of the urban population for receiving highly-

subsidised foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), which according to 2011 Census comes to about 81.35 crore.

At present, the government provides 5 kg of free foodgrains per person per month under the food security law.

“For the first time in the history of independent India, the decennial census has been delayed by more than four years. It was originally scheduled for 2021, but there is still no clarity as to when the census will be conducted,” she said.

Gandhi also claimed that the Budget allocations show that the updated census is unlikely to be conducted this year.

Around 14 crore eligible Indians are thus being deprived of their rightful benefits under the NFSA, she said.

“It is imperative that the government prioritises completion of the census as soon as possible and ensures that all deserving individuals receive the benefits guaranteed to them under the NFSA. Food security is not a privilege. It is a fundamental right,” the former Congress chief said.

The period for distribution of free foodgrains under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) has been extended for five years from January 1, 2024.

Come say hello to Army’s ‘pet’ project at Aero India 2025

BENGALURU: If you are curious to see how robotic dogs, also referred to as mules, work, just head to India Pavilion at Aero India 2025, till February 14 at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru.

A pet project of the Indian Army, four-legged robotic prototypes have been making waves in the Republic Day and Army Day parades in the past year.

One of the handful of companies that have been exploring that space is a veteran-run Delhi-based defence startup, Deftech & GreenIndia Private Limited (DGPL).

DGPL's robotic dog/mule, Trakr, a quadruped robot that could manoeuvre through various terrains is participating at the Aero Show 2025.

“We got lucky because we got a direct invitation as we won the Innovation for Defence Excellence (IdeX) challenge in 2023 (launched by Prime Minister Modi in 2018 to foster innovation and technology development in defence and aerospace),” said Wing Commander Anshul Jain (Retd.), General Manager (Business Development) of DGPL.

Speaking to PTI, Jain said that they developed the technology together with Noida-based Addverb Technologies, which is backed by Reliance Industries.

Govt’s ‘U-Turn’ On Amending CNLD Act Aimed At Appeasing French, US Firms: Cong

NEW DELHI: The Congress on Monday alleged that the Modi government's announcement that it will amend the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act 2010 was a “U-turn” aimed at appeasing French and American companies since Prime Minister Narendra Modi is travelling to these two countries over the next four days.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh recalled that on February 8, 2015, the Ministry of External Affairs issued a booklet called ‘Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act 2010 and related issues’.

“Q3 said the following: ‘Has India agreed to amend its Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act of 2010 (CNLD Act 2010) and the CNLD Rules of 2011? If not now, would they be amended in the future?’ The Answer given to this Question by the Modi Govt then was the following: ‘There is no proposal to amend the Act or the Rules.’” Ramesh said on X.

On February 1, 2025, the Finance Minister in her Budget speech announced that this Act will be amended, he said.

“The U-turn has been done clearly to appease French and American companies since the PM is travelling to these two countries over the next four days,” Ramesh alleged and pointed out that negotiations with these



companies have been going on for over 15 years.

“The Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010, was passed after considerable discussion both in and out of Parliament. As Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, the late Arun Jaitley, had played an important role in crafting this law,” the Congress leader said.

Maha Kumbh Large Number Of Devotees Head To Kashi, Ayodhya After Holy Dip At Sangam



PRAYAGRAJ/VARANASI/AYODHYA: Undeterred by challenges, lakhs of devotees thronging the Maha Kumbh for a holy dip at the Sangam are now heading towards Kashi and Ayodhya, officials said.

According to government data, an average of 1.44 crore people are taking a holy bath at the Maha Kumbh every day.

Dr Sushma, who arrived in Prayagraj from Ranchi with her son on Monday, told PTI, “After taking a dip in the Sangam and visiting the fair, we will head to Kashi for Lord Shiva's darshan and later proceed to Ayodhya.”

Similarly, 74-year-old Ketari Devi from Ara, Bihar, said, “We saw on TV and mobile that this Maha Kumbh is happening after 144 years. After taking a holy dip, we will visit Kashi. Despite the huge crowd, we hope that we will get his darshan.”

Nishant Abhishek, who travelled from Mumbai, added, “We've heard that apart from Prayagraj, Kashi and Ayodhya are also witnessing heavy crowds. But this is a rare opportunity to visit all the three places during Maha Kumbh. We will also go to Ayodhya.”

ACP (Traffic) Shailendra Singh said that a significant number of devotees are heading towards Varanasi and Ayodhya after their visit to the Maha Kumbh. ADCP (Traffic) Kuldeep Singh said that compared to the 2019 Kumbh, the crowd this time is much larger even on regular days, leading to frequent traffic congestion.

Due to the heavy rush outside the Prayagraj railway station, the Northern Railway's Lucknow division has temporarily closed it for passenger movement from 1:30 pm on February 9 to midnight on February 14, an official statement said.

However, eight other railway stations in the Maha Kumbh area continue to operate regular and special trains.

As per government figures, over 44 crore devotees have taken a dip at the Triveni Sangam till February 9. On February 10, by 10 am, over 63 lakh devotees had performed the ritual bath.

On key bathing days, the faufl has been record-breaking. On January 13 (Paush Purnima), it was 1.70 crore while on January 14 (Makar Sankranti) it was 3.50 crore, and 7.64 crore (highest so far) took dip in the Sangam on Mauni Amavasya.

With an average of 1.44 crore people taking a dip daily, authorities are managing an unprecedented surge of pilgrims in the holy city.

Over 1.02 crore people have taken holy dip in the Sangam till 4 pm, which included over 10 lakh Kalpwasis and 91.94 lakh pilgrims. The total number of devotees taking dip in the Sangam till date since the start of the Kumbh Mela has crossed 44 crore. In Varanasi, a large number of devotees returning from the Maha Kumbh are arriving to visit the Kashi Vishwanath temple, leading to massive crowds across the city.

Due to the heavy rush, authorities have imposed restrictions on the movement of four-wheelers in several areas, and vehicles from outside the city are being halted at designated parking zones on the outskirts, officials said.

District and police officials are conducting regular patrols, while CCTV cameras and drones are being used to monitor sensitive and crowded areas, said DCP (Kashi Zone) Gaurav Banswal.

Multiple ‘rain baseras’ (temporary shelters) have been set up across the city for visiting pilgrims, he added. DCP (Varuna Zone) Chandrakant Meena said that traffic diversions have been implemented at key locations to manage congestion.

External vehicles are being stopped outside the city, with parking facilities arranged on all major routes leading to Varanasi.

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Short Term Tender Notice No: 04 of 2024-25
Dated: 10 -02-2025

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, sealed tenders affixed with Rs.6/- (Rupees six only) revenue stamps are invited in person or through Registered/speed post/ Courier from Registered plant material Grower/ Trader/Plant material supplier/reputed Nurseryman on the prescribed tender form for the supply of different plant material as indicated below.

S.No	Name of plant Material	Specification
1.	Berberis	18 inches
2.	Clamatis (diff. colours)	18 inches
3.	Flowering Cherry (Ornamental)	03 feet
4.	Himalayan Cherry	02 feet
5.	Hypericum Pendulum	02 feet
6.	Flower Apricot (Ornamental)	04 feet
7.	Ornamental Pomegranate	8 inch with Poly Bag
8.	Passion Flower (diff. Colours)	04 feet
9.	Spirea Prunfolia	03 feet
10.	Rose HT	12 inch (4-6 branches)
11.	Standard Rose (Budded)	03 feet
12.	Azalea	18 inches
13.	Thuja Compacta	02 feet
14.	Christmas Rose	08 inch
15.	Golden Thuja	2-3 bushy
16.	Dwarf Lagerstroemia	03 bushy
17.	Thai Cypress	03 bushy
18.	Loropatum	03 feet branched
19.	Maple Green	03 feet
20.	Maple Red	03 feet

The Tender must accompany with CDR for an amount of Rs. 5000/- from any recognized bank pledged to Floriculture Officer, NMBG Cheshmashahi, along with the copy of Registration (Plant material Grower/ Trader/Plant material supplier/reputed Nurseryman), PAN card, ADHAR card in a sealed envelope should reach to the office of the Floriculture Officer, NMBG, Cheshmashahi, Srinagar through speed post or in person upto 17th February 2025 (upto 4.00 PM). The tender documents along with terms and conditions can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned against cash payment of Rs.100/- (Non-refundable) as per the schedule given below:

1	Date of issue of tender document	10.02.2025
2	Last Date of issue of tender document	17.02.2025 upto 2.00 PM
3	Last date and timing of tender submission	17.02.2025 upto 4.00 PM
4	Date and timing of opening Tender	18.02.2025 upto 11.00 AM

The tenders shall be opened on 18th February 2025 at 11 AM. in the office of undersigned by the committee constituted for the purpose in front of tenderers who may wish to remain present. In case of any eventuality/ Government Holiday, the tender opening date will be considered on other convenient working day.

Note: The Terms and conditions can be had from office of the Floriculture Officer, NMBG Cheshmashahi Srinagar.

No: FO/NMBG/GS- 17/ 1679-80

Dated: 10/02/2025

**Sd/-Floriculture Officer,
Department of Floriculture
NMBG, Cheshmashahi**

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Tirupati Laddu Adulteration Row: 4 Arrested Suspects Sent To Judicial Custody Till Feb 20



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New Delhi, Feb 10: A Tirupati court on Monday sent the four accused arrested in connection with the alleged adulteration of laddus offered as 'prasadam' at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple to judicial custody till February 20, officials said.

The CBI-led SIT arrested Vipin Jain and Pomil Jain, former directors of Bhole Baba Dairy, Apoorva Chawda from Vaishnavi Dairy and Raju Rajasekharan from AR Dairy which supplied dairy products to prepare the famed sweets, they said.

The arrested people were produced before a Tirupati court on Monday which sent them to judicial custody till February 20, they said.

According to sources, the special investigation team (SIT) constituted on the Supreme Court orders had found serious violations at every step of ghee supply, leading to the arrests.

The officials alleged that Vaishnavi Dairy officials secured tenders under the name of AR Dairy to supply ghee to the temple and were also involved in creating fake records to manipulate the tender process.

The SIT unearthed that Vaishnavi Dairy had falsely claimed that it sourced ghee from Bhole Baba Dairy while the authorities noticed that the latter did not possess the capacity to meet the temple board Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam's demand, sources said.

On the orders of the Supreme Court, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) set up a five-member SIT in November last year to investigate the allegations of the use of animal fat in making the laddus that are offered as 'prasadam' to the devotees at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Tirupati.

The team comprised two officers from the central agency, two from the Andhra Pradesh Police and one from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), they said.

In its October 4, 2024, the apex court, after hearing the petitions by BJP leader Subramaniam Swamy and YSRCP Rajya Sabha MP VV Subba Reddy among others, said the probe as 'prasadam' to the devotees at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Tirupati.

During an NDA legislative party meeting in the southern state in 2024, Naidu alleged that the erstwhile YSRCP government did not even spare Sri Venkateswara temple and used substandard ingredients and animal fats to make the laddus.

The allegations sparked a massive controversy across the country.

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Corrigendum 01

For Date Extension

Name of work:-Repairs/replacement of 200 KVA three Phase Servo Stabilizer installed at M&HED

complex Shalteng Srinagar.

Reference: This office e-NIT No: - MDSK/TS /2024-25/93 Date:30-01-2025.

Due to poor response, the critical dates of the above referred e-NIT is extended as under:

S.No.	Description	Previous Dates	New Dates.
01.	Last date of downloading/ submission of bids	08-02-2025 upto 06:55 PM	15-02-2025 upto 10:00 AM
02.	Date of opening of bids online	10-02-2025 at 02:00 PM	15-02-2025 at 03:00 PM

All other terms, conditions and specifications as stipulated in the e-NIT and Corrigendum shall remain unchanged.

No: MDSK/TS/6156-60

Date:10-02-2025.

Sd/-

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GIST of e-Tender

e-NIT No:	MDSK/TS /2024-25/98
Date	08.02.2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from eligible **contractors** registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railway/State/central Government organization for the below mentioned work: -

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In Rupees)	Estimated Cost (In Rupees)	Bid Security/E MD in (In Rupees)	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	5
SITC of D.G set, SITC of Horizontal Multistage pumping unit along with allied works and Submersible pumping unit with electro-mechanical works for Bore well No 105 under National Mission on Saffron	200.00	20,46,260.00	40900.00	Approved under NMS

The bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. **website** www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below :-

01	Publish date	08.02.2025 (18:00hrs)
02	Period of downloading of bidding document	08.02.2025 (18:30hrs)
03	Bid submission start date	08.02.2025 (18:55hrs)
04	Bid submission end date	17.02.2025 (18:55hrs)
05	Date and time of opening of bids (online)	18.02.2025 (14:00hrs)

No: MDSK/ TS/6142-46

Date: 10.02.2025

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Sd/Executive Engineer,
Machinery Division, Srinagar

PM National Apprenticeship Mela held at Govt. ITI Bandipora

BANDIPORA: The Prime Minister National Apprenticeship Mela was held on Monday at the Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Bandipora, drawing participation from over 200 aspiring candidates along with representatives from various local industries and business units.

Vice Chairperson, District Development Council Bandipora Kousar Shafeeq, the chief guest of the event, highlighted the significance of skill development and the numerous opportunities available for skilled youth.

She encouraged participants to fully utilize these schemes to enhance their expertise and excel in their respective fields.

The event aimed to promote skill development and apprenticeship opportunities for the youth, equipping them with practical experience across diverse fields.

Officials from the District Industries Centre Bandipora, Entrepreneurship



Development Institute and Jamkash Vehicleleads Bandipora were also present,

sharing valuable insights on the increasing demand for skilled professionals in the industries.

Speaking at the event, Sahil Rashid, Superintendent ITI Bandipora, underscored the crucial role of apprenticeships in addressing the skill gap.

He said that the scheme has been launched by the Govt. of India in order to reduce the skill gap among the youth of the country and candidates who will register on the PMNAM portal, will be selected and called by the industry.

He stressed that such programs not only enhance youth employability but also build a workforce essential for local industry growth.

Encouraging both aspirants and industry stakeholders to leverage the National Apprenticeship Portal, he reaffirmed ITI Bandipora's commitment to facilitating high-quality apprenticeship training for candidates.

AD FCS&CA Bandipora Reviews Functioning of Sale Centres, Fair Price Shops

BANDIPORA: The Assistant Director Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Bandipora Dr. Naseer Ahmad Monday convened a meeting to review the operations and functioning of Sale Centres and Fair Price Shops across the district.

The meeting was aimed at ensuring efficient service delivery and addressing any challenges faced by the stakeholders.

The meeting discussed threadbare various issues including streamlining operations and enhancing the distribution mechanism of foodgrains to effectively serve the public.

Speaking on the occasion, Assistant Director, Dr. Naseer Ahmad emphasized the need for proper monitoring and timely supplies to maintain smooth operations at the sale depots.



He stressed on the storekeepers and Fair price shop dealers to resolve any operational issues and ensure fair and transparent distribution besides emphasized the importance of a streamlined supply chain to avoid shortages and delays in distribution.

Among others the meeting was attended by Tehsil Supply Officers (TSOs), Storekeepers, Fair Price Shop Dealers, and other concerned.

Sikandar Village Still Cut Off, Locals Appeal for Snow Clearance

BANDIPORA: The residents of Sikandar Village in Tulail Valley, Gurez, continue to face severe hardships as the Niru-Sikandar road remains inaccessible due to heavy snowfall.

Locals told Doordarshan News that Despite repeated pleas, authorities have failed to clear the seven-kilometre stretch, exacerbating the difficulties faced by locals. They said several internal roads have been cleared but this road has been left out leading to several difficulties.

According to Mohammad Munawar, a resident, only half a kilometre of the road has been cleared so far. "Our situation is dire—pregnant women, elderly people, and sick individuals are forced to walk through deep snow for hours. Just recently, a group of women who started their journey in the morning reached Niru only by evening, struggling through treacherous conditions," he said.

The residents have urged the District Administration Bandipora, particularly DC Bandipora, to take immediate action and ensure snow clearance for restoring road connectivity. They warn that further delays could lead to medical emergencies and supply shortages, leaving the village in crisis.

DC Kupwara presides over seminar on Beekeeping

KUPWARA: The Agriculture Department Kupwara today organized a district-level seminar on the "Transformation of Beekeeping" at the Town Hall, Kupwara.

The seminar, aimed at promoting the growth and sustainability of the beekeeping industry, was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan.

The event brought together local farmers, beekeepers, and experts from the agriculture sector to discuss innovative methods, challenges, and opportunities in modern beekeeping.

The seminar also highlighted the importance of beekeeping for boosting agricultural productivity, enhancing biodiversity, and promoting sustainable farming practices in the region.

Speaking at the occasion, Deputy Commissioner emphasized the vital role that beekeeping plays in the district's agricultural ecosystem.

She said that more than 30000 applications have been received in the district under HADP which signifies the motivation of the youth towards generating their livelihood under the Agriculture sector.

She highlighted different sources of income under Bee Keeping sector which benefits its growers and Agri-entrepreneurs. She emphasized the need for promotion and branding of the honey products made in the Kupwara district which will boost the industry.



Upcoming Yarn Dyeing CFC to boost quality of Kashmir handicrafts

SRINAGAR: In a major fillip to Kashmir's famed handicrafts, the Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, is on the verge of commissioning a modern Common Facility Centre (CFC) for Yarn Dyeing in the premises of Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT) at Nowshera, here.

Constructed at a cost of ₹2.59 Cr, the CFC shall adhere to all international norms and will dye different types of raw materials used in the handicrafts and handloom sector and go a long way in further improving the quality of craft products and boosting its saleability in niche global markets.

In a statement released here today, a spokesman from the Handicrafts and Handloom Department, stated that CFC will use chemical dyes which shall be 100% Azo-free and have all necessary plant and machinery installed, such as dyeing machines with different capacities, ranging from 5kg to 20 kg, for dyeing of silk, woollen, cotton and viscose yarn. "It will also have Water Softening System, Dryers, Hydro Extractors, Washing Machines and 02 Mini Boilers along with Effluent Treatment Plant," he added.

The spokesman further stated that the CFC shall also have a Dye House catering to a daily capacity to dye 250 kg of silk, wool and cotton, all in hank form, in different types of dyeing machines. "The CFC shall also provide natural dyeing facility to 07 kg of Pashmina per day through Soft Flow Dyeing Machine," he added.

The spokesman advised the concerned stakeholders to approach Director IICT for availing the dyeing facility for all types of yarn in hank form against nominal rates.



Dr. Jitendra Singh Flags off CEL, CSIR supported Women Entrepreneurs for Leather Skill Development Training

JAMMU: Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh Sunday flagged off an Industrial Training Program on Leather Goods Manufacturing for women entrepreneurs from the J&K.

An official spokesperson said the initiative aims to empower women by providing them with

Further dwelling on the policies of Govt. headed by Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, Dr Singh also commended the institutions like CEL which has funded this special project for imparting training to women with a focus on their employability, the CSIR-CLRI, globally renowned institution

economic growth and livelihood generation, especially to unemployed women.

Earlier, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu while welcoming the Union Minister apprised him about the training focused on various aspects of leather goods manufacturing, including design, production, and marketing, with the goal of equipping women with the necessary skills to establish their own startup and businesses enterprise.

Spokesperson informed that during next one week, the participants will receive hands-on training from industry experts at CSIR-CLRI, Jalandhar and will be guided in modern techniques to ensure their competitiveness in the market, he informed.

Dr. Ahmed also underscored the significance of utilizing scientific research and innovation to boost entrepreneurship and support local talent in the country as a whole. "The program is expected to create new opportunities in the leather sector and contribute to the economic growth of the region".

The training program was organized under the guidance of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu & Chairman, Atal Incubation Centre. The event was attended by officers of CSIR-IIIM including Er. Abdul Rahim, Head Br. Srinagar & Vice-Chairman, Atal incubation Centre, Dr. Saurabh Saran, Pr. Scientist, PI, Atal Incubation Centre, Dr. Shahid Jibran, CEO,



skill development opportunities in the leather sector.

The training program is being organized by the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu which was financially supported by Central Electronic Limited (CEL).

While addressing the gathering, Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted that this is a unique initiative of first of its kind where three organizations viz., CSIR-Indian Institute Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CSIR-CLRI) and Central Electronic Limited (CEL) have collaborated to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

for conducting the training at its satellite centre at Jalandhar.

"This effort, spearheaded by CSIR-IIIM, aims to empower women in J&K and is expected to significantly benefit startups registered under the Atal Innovation Centre at CSIR-IIIM".

Dr. Jitendra Singh also highlighted the importance of skill development in creating sustainable livelihood opportunities. He emphasized that Jammu & Kashmir region has vast potential in the leather goods industry due to the availability of raw materials, traditional craftsmanship, and growing demand for handmade, high-quality leather products. Proper training in this sector can significantly contribute to

Mehbooba Mufti Criticizes Government Over Suspension of Iltija Mufti's PSOs

SRINAGAR: Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has strongly criticized the suspension of two personal security officers (PSOs) assigned to her daughter, Iltija Mufti, calling it "ironic and unfair."

In a post on X, Mehbooba Mufti said, "Iltija's two PSOs have been suspended for no fault of their own. They were punished simply because Iltija managed to reach Kathua despite being confined to her home like a criminal. Meanwhile, there has been no reported action against those responsible for the deaths of Waseem Mir in Sopore or Makhan Din in Billawar."

She further accused the ruling National Conference (NC) government of failing to uphold its promise of ensuring security and dignity for the people. "The ruling NC government, which came to power promising to



ensure security and dignity for the people, remains a silent observer.

They thus are not only shirking from their responsibility but also thereby normalizing these unjust and abnormal actions," she stated. (KNS)

Intensive Food Safety Inspection Drive Continued in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: A team of food safety officials from the Drug and Food Control Organisation conducted a follow-up inspections in various areas of Srinagar, including Nishat, City Walk Mall, Residency Road, Dargah Hazratbal, and Soura. The inspection was led by Mr. Abid Bashir FSO, Syed Dilpazir, Khalid Bashir, and Hakeem, all Food Safety Officers- 8 challans will be instituted under Section 56 of the FSS Act and will be submitted to before the court.

One vendor was recommended for compounding. Roadside vendors were educated on maintaining hygiene and sanitary standards. Vendors were also instructed to protect prepared food from environmental hazards and pests. The Food business operators were directed to undergo pest control measures and avoid setting up temporary stalls near drains.

The primary objective of the inspection was to ensure compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Act, particularly in terms of sanitary and hygienic conditions. The Drug and Food Control Organisation is committed to protecting public health and promoting a culture of food safety awareness among food business operators.

Indian Army Dominates 38th National Games with Stellar Performance

JAMMU: The Indian Army has once again showcased its sporting excellence at the 38th National Games in Uttarakhand, securing a remarkable medal haul across multiple disciplines. Trained at the Army Sports Institute (ASI), Pune, the Army athletes displayed exceptional skill, determination, and dominance, reaffirming their reputation as a powerhouse in Indian sports.

The Army's diving team emerged as a formidable force, clinching seven medals—three gold, three silver, and one bronze—with their technical precision and consistency setting them apart from competitors.

In weightlifting, the Army team demonstrated sheer strength and endurance, bagging nine medals, including two gold, four silver, and three bronze.

The archery team showcased



remarkable precision, securing four medals—one gold, one silver, and two bronze, reinforcing their expertise in the sport.

The Army's boxing contingent was among the standout performers, claiming six medals, including four gold, further cementing their dominance in the ring.

With the 38th National Games still underway, the Indian Army contingent remains on track to secure more accolades in various other disciplines.

Their exceptional performance highlights the disciplined training and rigorous preparation at the Army Sports Institute, reinforcing the Army's unwavering commitment to sports excellence.

Kejriwal’s AAP Falls, BJP Rises: What Led to the Shift?

Ahmad Ayaz

Delhi, being the capital city, has always been under national and political scrutiny, particularly due to the governance model promised by Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). However, after a decade in power, AAP faced mounting challenges, leading to a political shift where the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) reclaimed control after nearly three decades. The downfall of the Kejriwal-led government can be attributed to several key factors, including governance fatigue, corruption allegations, economic mismanagement, and failure to deliver on crucial promises.

Furthermore, the opposition's national-level coalition, the INDIA bloc, failed to shield AAP from its declining public trust. Despite positioning itself as an alternative to the BJP, AAP's inability to fulfill its commitments became a key reason for its electoral setback.

1. INCUMBENCY AND GOVERNANCE FATIGUE

When Arvind Kejriwal entered politics, he positioned himself as an activist challenging the system, with little prior experience in governance. His promises of clean and efficient administration resonated with voters, helping him defeat traditional political parties in Delhi. However, after ten years in power, AAP struggled to maintain its image as a party of change. The longer a party stays in power, the more it faces scrutiny, and Kejriwal's government was no exception.

Governance fatigue set in as many of AAP's flagship initiatives stagnated or fell short of expectations.

Kejriwal's leadership, which thrived on confrontation with the central government, started appearing counterproductive. Voters increasingly saw his constant conflicts with the LG and BJP-led Centre as obstacles to effective administration.

While AAP initially positioned itself as a pro-people government, it failed to transition from activism to sustainable governance, which contributed to its declining appeal.

2. CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS: AAP'S ANTI-CORRUPTION IMAGE TARNISHED

AAP was built on the promise of transparency and zero corruption, but multiple corruption allegations damaged its clean image. The Delhi liquor policy scandal became a turning point:

The arrests of Kejriwal and senior AAP leaders over corruption charges in the liquor licensing scam severely impacted the party's credibility.

While AAP dismissed the allegations as politically motivated, the legal troubles, combined with a lack of strong defense, eroded voter trust.

For a party that rose to power on an anti-corruption plank, these developments reinforced public perception of hypocrisy, leading to a credibility crisis.

3. FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT: THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF AAP'S FREEBIES

AAP's governance model relied heavily on subsidies for electricity, water, and education, but concerns over fiscal sustainability grew over time.

Reports indicated a decline in Delhi's revenue collection from 5.4% to 3.9% of GDP under AAP, making the economy increasingly dependent on central grants.

The 10,000 crore loan proposal from the National Small Savings Fund raised alarms over excessive borrowing and mis-



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management.

Critics argued that AAP's freebie model was economically unsustainable, leading to skepticism about Delhi's financial future.

While welfare measures were appreciated initially, voters began questioning whether AAP's policies were sustainable in the long run.

4. DECLINE IN EDUCATION STANDARDS: AAP'S FLAGSHIP'S REFORM UNDER SCRUTINY

One of AAP's biggest claims to success was its education reforms, but closer analysis revealed severe shortcomings.

Between 2013-14 and 2017-18, government school enrollment dropped by 8%, contradicting AAP's claims of progress.

Class 10 pass percentages plummeted from 98.81% to 68.90%, raising doubts about the so-called "education revolution."

Infrastructure improvements were showcased, but learn-

ing outcomes remained stagnant, failing to justify the massive spending on education.

The gap between perception and reality in education reforms hurt AAP's credibility, especially among middle-class voters.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SERVICES: DEVELOPMENT PROMISES UNMET

Despite being in power for a decade, AAP failed to resolve long-standing infrastructure issues, leading to widespread public dissatisfaction.

Key Failures:

Yamuna Cleaning: Kejriwal promised to clean the Yamuna by 2025, but pollution levels remained alarmingly high, with little visible improvement.

Air Pollution Control: Despite launching the Odd-Even scheme

and distributing anti-smog guns, Delhi's air pollution remained among the worst in the world.

Traffic Congestion: The city's traffic jams worsened, and AAP's failure to integrate better public transport solutions only aggravated the problem.

Women's Safety: Despite campaigning on women's safety, crime against women continued to rise, with no substantial improvement in policing or surveillance.

While AAP promised a model city, Delhi's infrastructure and pollution crisis told a different story, frustrating both residents and businesses.

6. EROSION OF SUPPORT AMONG KEY VOTER GROUPS

AAP initially built its strong voter base among lower-income groups, Dalits, and auto-rickshaw drivers. However, recent elections saw a significant decline in their support.

Dalit voter backing fell from 53% in 2020 to 44%, indicating dissatisfaction.

Auto-rickshaw drivers, who were once strong AAP supporters, shifted loyalty due to unmet promises regarding fare regulation and permits.

The middle-class, once enthusiastic about AAP's governance, turned away due to deteriorating infrastructure and rising taxes.

The erosion of these key voter blocs made it easier for BJP to consolidate its gains.

7. BJP'S STRATEGIC CAMPAIGNING AND MODI FACTOR

The BJP played an aggressive and strategic campaign, targeting AAP's weaknesses effectively:

The Modi factor played a crucial role, with the Prime Minister's popularity influencing urban voters.

BJP highlighted AAP's corruption scandals and governance failures, shifting the narrative away from its own shortcomings.

The promise of better coordination between Delhi's administration and the Centre under BJP resonated with voters who were tired of constant conflict.

While BJP did not have a strong Chief Ministerial face, its centralized campaign strategy, backed by Modi's appeal, proved decisive.

CONCLUSION: A Political Shift with Long-Term Implications

The downfall of AAP and the resurgence of BJP in Delhi signify a major shift in public sentiment. Several factors played a role in this transformation:

Incumbency fatigue and governance challenges weakened AAP's standing.

Corruption scandals tarnished AAP's anti-establishment appeal. Failures in infrastructure, pollution control, and public services led to rising public frustration.

BJP's aggressive campaign and Modi's influence helped turn the tide in its favor.

As the BJP takes control, the focus will be on whether it can deliver on its promises and provide an alternative governance model that meets Delhi's growing demands. Meanwhile, AAP faces the challenge of reinventing itself to stay politically relevant.

The political landscape of Delhi has undergone a significant transformation, and how both parties adapt to this change will determine the future course of politics in the capital.

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Collective Guilt: Meaning, Examples, and Remedial Measures



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Collective guilt refers to the shared sense of responsibility and remorse felt by a group of people for actions committed by members of that group, either in the past or present. This guilt may arise from historical injustices, war crimes, discrimination, or systemic oppression. It can apply to nations, ethnic groups, religious communities, or any collective entity.

While individuals within the group may not have personally committed the wrongdoing, they may still feel accountable due to their association with the collective identity. Addressing collective guilt is crucial for fostering healing, social justice, and reconciliation. One of the most effective ways to do so is by taking collective responsibility—a proactive approach where the responsible group, community, or leader acknowledges past injustices and takes action to rectify them.

Examples of Collective Guilt

1. Indian Context

Caste-Based Discrimination and Dalit Oppression

The historical oppression of Dalits (formerly "Untouchables") has led to collective guilt among progressive upper-caste individuals and institutions.

Remedial Measures: Affirmative action in the form of reservations in education and employment, social awareness campaigns, and political representation have been implemented to reduce inequality.

Example of Collective Responsibility: Prominent leaders from privileged castes, such as Mahatma

Gandhi and B.R. Ambedkar, played key roles in advocating for Dalit rights and constitutional safeguards.

1984 Anti-Sikh Riots

After the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, violent riots erupted, targeting the Sikh community, leading to widespread loss of life and property.

Remedial Measures: The Indian government has issued apologies, provided financial compensation to victims' families, and taken legal action against some perpetrators.

Example of Collective Responsibility: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (2005) publicly apologized in Parliament, acknowledging the state's failure to protect Sikhs.

Partition of India (1947) and Communal Riots

The partition of India and Pakistan led to mass killings and displacement of millions.

Remedial Measures: Cultural and diplomatic efforts, peace initiatives, and people-to-people contact programs have sought to ease tensions.

Example of Collective Responsibility: In 2013, leaders from both India and Pakistan paid tribute to the victims, acknowledging the pain of partition and promoting peace initiatives like the Kartarpur Corridor.

2. Global Context

Germany and the Holocaust

The extermination of six million Jews during World War II left a deep scar on German history.

Remedial Measures: Germany has implemented Holocaust education in schools, provided reparations to survivors, and criminalized Holocaust denial.

Example of Collective Responsibility: German chancellors, including Willy Brandt (1970) and Angela Merkel, have publicly acknowledged Germany's responsibility. Brandt famously knelt in front of the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial in a

historic gesture of atonement.

Apartheid in South Africa

The institutionalized racial discrimination under apartheid (1948–1994) led to immense suffering among Black South Africans.

Remedial Measures: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), established in 1995, provided a platform for victims and perpetrators



to share their experiences and seek forgiveness.

Example of Collective Responsibility: Nelson Mandela promoted reconciliation by advocating peaceful coexistence rather than revenge, encouraging White South Africans to take responsibility for the past.

Slavery and Racial Discrimination in the U.S. The transatlantic slave trade and segregation policies have caused lasting racial inequalities in America.

Remedial Measures: Affirmative action policies, civil rights movements, and discussions on reparations aim to address historical injustices.

Example of Collective Responsibility: In 2021, U.S. President Joe Biden formally recognized the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921, acknowledging the government's failure to protect Black citizens.

Colonialism and European Powers

Many European nations exploited their colonies for resources and labor, leading to economic and

cultural destruction.

Remedial Measures: Former colonial powers have issued apologies, returned stolen artifacts, and initiated development aid programs.

Example of Collective Responsibility: In 2022, King Philippe of Belgium expressed deep regret for his country's brutal colonial past in Congo, marking a significant step toward accountability.

Ways to Address Collective Guilt Effectively

1. Taking Collective Responsibility

One of the most impactful ways to address collective guilt is for the responsible group, community, or leadership to acknowledge the wrongdoing and actively work to correct it. This includes public apologies, policy changes, and reparative measures.

Example: The German government actively supports Holocaust remembrance events and museums to educate future generations.

Example: Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd (2008) formally apologized to the Aboriginal community for the "Stolen Generations" policy, where Indigenous children were forcibly removed from their families.

2. Formal Apologies and Acknowledgment Governments and institutions must officially recognize past wrongs and apologize to affected communities.

Example: Canada formally apologized for the mistreatment of Indigenous people in residential schools in 2008.

3. Reparations and Compensation

Financial or material reparations can help affected communities recover from historical injustices.

Example: Japan compensated Korean and Chinese "comfort women" who were forced into sexual slavery during World War II.

4. Legal and Institutional Reforms

Policies should be enacted to prevent the recurrence of historical injustices.

Example: The Civil Rights Act (1964) in the U.S. outlawed racial segregation and discrimination.

5. Education and Awareness Programs

Teaching historical injustices in schools can ensure that future generations learn from past mistakes.

Example: Germany includes Holocaust studies as a mandatory part of its school curriculum.

6. Truth and Reconciliation Commissions

These platforms allow victims and perpetrators to share their experiences and seek justice.

Example: South Africa's TRC helped the country transition from apartheid to democracy peacefully.

7. Restitution of Stolen Artifacts and Cultural Heritage

Returning stolen cultural artifacts acknowledges past wrongs and respects the identity of affected communities.

Example: The British Museum has begun returning looted Benin Bronzes to Nigeria.

Conclusion

Collective guilt is a powerful force that can drive meaningful change. While acknowledging historical injustices is essential, it is equally important to implement tangible remedial measures that promote healing, reconciliation, and justice. Taking collective responsibility—whether by governments, communities, or institutions—ensures that history is not only remembered but also rectified through concrete actions. By embracing education, reparations, policy reforms, and cross-cultural dialogue, societies can work toward a more just and equitable future.

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Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Hands-Over Rs 80 lakh financial assistance among beneficiaries under PMMSY

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat along with Director Fisheries, A. M. Tak distributed financial assistance among the fishermen community for various activities under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) during the fiscal year 2024-25 here today in a programme held at Fisheries Aquarium Gagribal, Nehru Park.

On the occasion, financial assistance of over Rs 80 lakh under PMMSY was provided to the beneficiaries for establishment of live fish vending centers, fisheries help Desks, fish Value added enterprise and procurement of Auto/e-Rickshaws with Ice Boxes,



ensuring improved market accessibility for fish farmers.

Additionally, an amount of Rs 1.25 crore was also released as livelihood and nutritional support under the scheme in favour of 4181 beneficiaries (fishers).

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner lauded the initiative and hoped that it will have a positive impact on fishermen community and improve socio-economic conditions of the fishers besides boost fisheries sector in the District.

He encouraged beneficiaries and asked them to avail benefits from the Government scheme launched for welfare and benefit of the fishermen community.

DC Shopian chairs District Export Promotion Committee meeting

Shopian: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta today chaired a meeting of the District Level Export Promotion Committee here to review and approve the District Export Action Plan (DEAP) for Shopian district.

The meeting comprehensively discussed the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, with special attention to positioning Shopian as an Export Hub, particularly for products like apples. It was informed that that 51000 MT CA storage is already functional in the district, 28000 MT under MSME and 14000 MT under PPP mode are in pipeline.

It was also informed that 17 KKG's are already functional in the district and another 33 KKG's will be made functional in the near future.

DC stressed for enhancing the export potential of Shopian district, contributing to its economic progress and prosperity. He also directed the Horticulture and Agriculture departments for preparing a plan for establishment of quality control labs in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone, General Manager, DIC, Shopian, CPO, CHO, CAO and others. Joint Director, DGT, Joint Director, MSME, DDM, NABARD and others attended the meeting in virtual mode.

SHEW, Health Department organise awareness camp on PC&PNDT Act at Shopian

Shopian: Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, Shopian, in collaboration with the Department of Health, organized an awareness programme regarding Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act (PC&PNDT) under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative at SBGM college Arhama, Shopian.

The programme aimed to educate participants on the PC&PNDT Act, which plays a crucial role in preventing gender-biased sex selection and ensuring the protection of the girl child.

Dr. Abiroo, guest speaker from the Department of Health, addressed the gathering and provided valuable insights into the PCPNDT Act, stressing the need for strict enforcement to combat female foeticide and promote gender balance.

District Mission Coordinator, Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, Shopian, sensitized the audience on the importance of the girl child, highlighting the need for collective efforts to create an environment where girls can thrive and achieve their full potential.

Adding to the discourse, Gender Specialist, Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women Shopian emphasized the significance of gender equality, advocating for a shift in societal attitudes to ensure equal opportunities and rights for all.

The programme concluded with a collective commitment to support the objectives of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, ensuring a brighter and more inclusive future for the girl child.

DC Kulgam pays obeisance at Shrine of Syed Noor Shah Saheb Wali Baghdadi (RA)

Kulgam: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan on Monday visited Kund Valley of south Kashmir's Kulgam district to pay obeisance at Dargah of Syed Noor Shah Saheb Wali Baghdadi (RA) and take stock of the arrangements made in connection with the celebration of the annual Urs of a Sufi saint Hazrat Syed Noor Shah Saheb Wali Baghdadi (RA) which is being celebrated on 9th & 10th of February annually.

On the occasion, DC interacted with the Intizamia Committee members and enquired about the arrangements put in place by the administration for the smooth conduct of Urs. The Intizamia committee expressed satisfaction over the arrangements put in place by different departments including Police, PDD, Jal Shakti, Health, Transport etc, for smooth celebration of Annual Urs. Deputy Commissioner informed the Intizamia Committee that the tenders have been floated for reconstruction of Heritage Ziyarat Shareef and directed the executing agency to complete the construction work within the stipulated time period.

Later, DC also listened to the issues and demands of people at Kund. The general public apprised him of their issues and flagged various demands related to the development of the area.

The Deputy Commissioner during the visit was accompanied by DDC member Kund Gulzar Ahmad, ADDC Altaf Ahmad Khan, ADC Viqar Ahmad Giri, ACR, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, Tehsildar Devsar, CMO, Executive Engineer from PHE, KPDCL, ARTO, BDO and other officers.

DC Kupwara presides over seminar on Beekeeping

KUPWARA: The Agriculture Department Kupwara today organized a district-level seminar on the "Transformation of Beekeeping" at the Town Hall, Kupwara.

The seminar, aimed at promoting the growth and sustainability of the beekeeping industry, was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan.

The event brought together local farmers, beekeepers, and experts from the agriculture sector to discuss innovative methods, challenges, and opportunities in modern beekeeping.

The seminar also highlighted the importance of beekeeping for boosting agricultural productivity, enhancing biodiversity, and promoting sustainable farming practices in the region. Speaking at the occasion, Deputy Commissioner emphasized the vital role that beekeeping plays in the district's agricultural ecosystem.

She said that more than 30000 applications have been received in the district under HADP which signifies the motivation of the youth towards generating their livelihood under the Agriculture sector.

She highlighted different sources of income under Bee Keeping sector which benefits its growers and Agri-entrepreneurs. She emphasized the need for promotion and branding of the honey products made in the Kupwara district which will boost the industry.

The Chief Agriculture Officer and experts from the Agriculture department also highlighted the schemes for promoting the honey industry in the district.

The seminar also provided a platform for experts to share their knowledge on advanced beekeeping techniques, pest management, and honey production processes.

Various stakeholders discussed government schemes and support available to farmers to encourage the growth of this sector.

The event witnessed active participation, with several beekeepers sharing their experiences and success stories.

The Agriculture Department also announced plans for further training and workshops to equip local farmers with the skills needed to adopt innovative beekeeping practices.

ADDC Rajouri reviews developmental works in Block Panjgrain

RAJOURI: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, conducted an extensive visit to Block Panjgrain to review the status of ongoing developmental works under CAPEX, CD&PYT, SSY and MGNREGA.

The ADDC inspected various project sites and directed the concerned officers to accelerate the pace of work while ensuring strict adherence to quality standards.

He emphasized the timely execution of projects to prevent any lapse of funds, instructing officials to complete all works before the conclusion of the current financial year.

Dr. Thapa also interacted with field staff and took stock of any challenges hindering the smooth implementation of development schemes.

He reiterated the district administration's commitment to ensuring effective utilization of funds for sustainable infrastructure development in rural areas.

The ADDC was accompanied by District Panchayat Officer (DPO) Rajouri, Mohd Nawaz and Block Development Officer (BDO) Panjgrain, Sanjay Kapoor, among other officials.

DDC Kulgam reviews implementation of Biomedical Waste Management

K u l g a m : District Development Commissioner Kulgam (DDC) Athar Aamir Khan today reviewed the implementation of Bio-Medical Waste Management (BMWM) here.

ADDC Kulgam, CMO, Medical Superintendent District Hospital, District Officer State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), EO MC Kulgam, District Veterinary Officer Sheep / Animal, DHO, Nodal Officer BMW Committee, representative from Lassipora private firm (CBMWTF) all BMO's and various concerned officers attended the meeting.

DDC highlighted the importance of Bio-Medical Waste Management for reducing the serious health implications.

Hedirected the Chief Medical Officer, Medical Superintendent



District Hospital Kulgam and all BMOs for ensuring proper implementation of the guidelines besides segregation of Bio-medical waste collected in the hospital.

He further directed the hospital authorities to maintain a proper daily record of the logbook of Bio-Medical waste collected by the agency which has been

engaged for the said purpose.

The members of the Committee were further directed to conduct awareness programs for the health staff to ensure the proper implementation of the Act.

The MS and DO (SPCB) was also directed to speed up monitoring cum inspections of the registered private clinics, pharmaceutical shops, pharmacies.

CMO informed the meeting that around 200 kgs of Bio-Medical waste is being collected on a daily basis from the entire district including DH Hospital, Sub District Hospital & NTPHCs.

DC stressed on the strict implementation of the guidelines regarding phasing out of mercury based equipments.

Awareness prog on World Unani Day 2025 held at Anantnag

Anantnag: Department of AYUSH, District Anantnag, today organized an awareness programme at the Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag-affiliated hospital in Janglatmandi to commemorate World Unani Day 2025.

The event honored the legacy of Hakeem Ajmal Khan, a stalwart of Unani medicine, and underscored the significance of this traditional healing system in contemporary healthcare.

The programme witnessed the participation of esteemed medical professionals, Unani practitioners, and scholars who deliberated on the relevance of Unani medicine in modern times.

In his address, Dr. Ali Mohammad Reshi, District AYUSH Officer Anantnag, highlighted the pivotal role of Unani medicine in holistic healthcare.

He spoke about the achievements of the AYUSH department in the district and reiterated the government's commitment to fostering research and integration of Unani practices into mainstream healthcare.

The event's Chief Guest, Dr. Rafi Ahmad Jan from GMC Anantnag, along with other distinguished experts, addressed the gathering, shedding light on the various dimensions of Unani medicine.

They emphasized the need to popularize this ancient system across the district to ensure its benefits reach a wider audience.

A dedicated technical session was also conducted, where experts demonstrated different Unani treatments for managing and preventing diseases.

Attendees were educated about the holistic principles of Unani medicine, which emphasize natural healing and balance within the body.

The awareness programme concluded with a call to action for greater research, awareness campaigns, and policy support to further strengthen the Unani system of medicine in the region.



DLSA Shopian organises awareness prog on Legal Services for senior citizens

Shopian: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Shopian today organized a legal awareness program on

implementation of Legal Services to Senior Citizens, (NALSA) Scheme, 2016 at ADR Centre District Court Shopian.

The programme was held under the directions of Secretary District Legal Services Authority Shopian, Mudasar Farooq.

Deputy LADC Shopian Rafie Ahmad Ganie & Social Activist

Mansoor Ahmad Margay were the resource persons for the legal awareness program. The objective of the program was to provide information to senior citizens about their legal rights and the benefits under the NALSA Senior Citizens Scheme 2016 and different government schemes pertaining to senior citizens. Both the resource persons informed the senior citizens and participants about different legislations as enacted by the legislature and various schemes formulated by the government from time to time keeping in view the interests of senior citizens. The programme was attended by officials of DLSA, PLVs, and senior citizens and others.



Kashmiri Mathematician unveils India's first high-tech solar Car, 'RAY'

Srinagar: Kashmiri mathematician Bilal Ahmad Mir has become the first person in India to manufacture a high-tech solar-powered car, aptly named RAY.

The car, featuring cutting-edge technology and a sleek design, was unveiled in Srinagar on Monday, marking a milestone in India's green automotive innovation.

Mir, renowned for his trailblazing work in the field of renewable energy, launched the latest version of his solar car under his brand Bilal Innovative Solar Automobile (BISA). The revamped model boasts advanced technology, greater efficiency, and a striking red exterior, complete with gull-wing doors equipped with integrated solar panels.

"It has been my dream since 2009 to establish BISA and create a unique solar-powered vehicle," said Mir, who transitioned from mathematics to engineering in pursuit of his passion. However, his journey was far from smooth. "In my first attempt, I converted a car to run on hydrogen gas, but due to technical challenges, I later transitioned it to an electric vehicle," he explained.

Realizing the limitations of traditional electric vehicles, Mir further refined his innovation to harness solar energy. "I delved deep into solar technology research, studying numerous journals and working tirelessly day and night to bring this vision to life," he added. Mir's design journey involved extensive study of luxury car aesthetics from the 1950s to modern-day models, ensuring RAY combined both style and state-of-the-art functionality. The car's aerodynamic shape minimizes wind resistance, enhancing overall performance, while its dual power system—a combination of solar energy and a rechargeable battery—ensures it can function effectively even in cloudy or snowy conditions.

"I fully self-funded this venture, spending over 20 lakh to complete my dream project," Mir shared. Despite initial interest from Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra, a potential collaboration fell through due to technical constraints.

The five-seater vehicle features a charging port near the rear boot, but unlike conventional electric cars, RAY charges itself even in less favorable weather conditions. "This car isn't just about solar energy; it's about redefining how we think of sustainable transportation," Mir emphasized. (KINS)



DDC Kupwara flags off IHM training programme for youth

KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 10: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today flagged off a group of candidates, here for undergoing specialized training at the Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), Rajbagh, Srinagar.

CPO Kupwara, Parvaiz Ahmad and Superintendent ITI Kupwara, Aijaz Majid Kakroo were present on the occasion.

This training program is a part of the ongoing efforts of District Administration Kupwara to equip the youth of Kupwara with industry-relevant skills, enhancing their employability and helping them secure opportunities in the growing hospitality and tourism sectors.

The training will cover various aspects of hospitality management, cooking, and other skill development modules that are essential in today's competitive job market.

While flagging off the candidates, DDC Kupwara expressed hope that the training will prove to be a transformative experience for the participants, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the development of the region.

She also emphasized the importance of such programs in promoting self-reliance and economic growth in the district. The DDC also interacted with the candidates on the occasion.

The group consists of 14 candidates belonging to marginalized sections and border areas of district Kupwara who will undergo training at IHM Rajbagh for one and a half month.

The participants will receive hands-on experience and exposure to the latest trends in hospitality services. Upon successful completion, the candidates will be awarded certificates that will enhance their prospects of employment in hospitality sectors.



Top 5 lifestyle changes to reduce cholesterol



Lifestyle changes can help reduce cholesterol, keep you off cholesterol-lowering medications or enhance the effect of your medications. Here are five lifestyle changes to get you started. It is well known that a high cholesterol increases your risk of heart disease and heart attacks.

Make following lifestyle changes to reduce cholesterol.

1. Lose weight

Be determined to reduce weight and bring it to normal . Well carrying some extra pounds – even just a few – contributes to high cholesterol. Losing as little as 5 to 10 percent of your body weight can help significantly reduce cholesterol levels.

Start by taking an honest, thorough look at your eating habits and daily routine. Sometimes we eat without

being hungry, take a walk instead. As the saying goes, eat food like a medicine otherwise you will end up eating medicine like food.

If you pick up fast food for lunch every day, pack something healthier from home. If you're sitting in front of the television, try munching on carrot sticks instead of potato chips as you watch.

Take time and enjoy rather than “devouring” your food. Don't eat mindlessly.

And look for ways to incorporate more activity into your daily routine, such as using the stairs instead of taking the elevator. Take stock of what you currently eat and your physical activity level and slowly work in changes.

2. Eat heart-healthy foods

It is never too late . Even if you have years of unhealthy

eating under your belt, making a few changes in your diet can reduce cholesterol and improve your heart health.

Choose healthier fats. Saturated fats, found in red meat and dairy products, raise your total cholesterol and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, the “bad” cholesterol. As a general rule, you should get less than 7 percent of your daily calories from saturated fat. Instead, choose leaner cuts of meat, low-fat dairy and monounsaturated fats – found in olive, peanut and canola oils – for a healthier option.

Eliminate trans fats. Trans fat can be found in fried foods and many commercial baked products, such as cookies, crackers and snack cakes. CONSUME LESS OIL

Limit the cholesterol in your food. Aim for no more than 300 milligrams (mg) of cholesterol a day – less than 200 mg if you have heart disease or diabetes. The

most concentrated sources of cholesterol include organ meats, egg yolks and whole milk products. Use lean cuts of meat, egg substitutes and skim milk instead.

Select whole grains. Various nutrients found in whole grains promote heart health. Choose whole-grain breads, whole-wheat flour and brown rice.

Stock up on fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables are rich in dietary fiber, which can help lower cholesterol. Snack on seasonal fruits. Experiment with veggie-based casseroles, soups and stir-fries. If you prefer dried fruit to fresh fruit, limit yourself to no more than a handful (about an ounce or two). Dried fruit tends to have more calories than does fresh fruit.

Eat foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3 fatty acids can help lower your LDL (“bad”) cholesterol. Some types of fish – such as salmon. Other good sources of omega-3 fatty acids include walnuts, almonds and ground flaxseeds.

3. Exercise on most days of the week

Whether you're overweight or not, exercise can reduce cholesterol. Better yet, moderate physical activity can help raise high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol, the “good” cholesterol. Remember that adding physical activity, even in 10-minute intervals several times a day, can help you begin to lose weight. Just be sure that you can keep up the changes you decide to make. Consider:

Taking a brisk daily walk during your lunch hour

Riding your bike to work

Swimming laps

Playing a favorite sport

To stay motivated, join an exercise group. And remember, any activity is helpful. Even taking the stairs instead of the elevator or doing a few sit ups while watching television can make a difference.

4. Quit smoking

If you smoke, stop. Quitting may improve your HDL cholesterol level. And the benefits don't end there. Just 20 minutes after quitting, your blood pressure decreases. Within 24 hours, your risk of a heart attack decreases. Within one year, your risk of heart disease is half that of a smoker. Within 15 years, your risk of heart disease is similar to someone who never smoked.

5. Stop alcohol

Although moderate use of alcohol has been linked with higher levels of HDL cholesterol – but the benefits aren't strong enough to recommend alcohol for anyone who doesn't already drink. Drinking too much alcohol can lead to serious health problems, including high blood pressure, heart failure and stroke and many cancers Stop alcohol it leaves no organ un affected .

PAIN IN THE BOTTOM : COMMON REASONS AND THEIR REMEDIES.

Anal pain (pain in the bottom, proctalgia) can be distressing, but is often just the result of a minor, treatable condition. Common causes of anal pain

1. Anal fissures:

An anal fissure is a small tear in the skin of the anus that can be caused by passing a large or hard poo.

Symptoms of an anal fissure can include: a severe, sharp pain when doing a poo a burning or gnawing pain that lasts several hours after doing a poo rectal bleeding – you may notice a small amount of blood on the toilet paper after you wipe

Anal fissures can be very painful, but many heal on their own in a few weeks.

Some remedies :Increasing the amount of fibre in your diet, drinking plenty of fluids and taking laxatives and over-the-counter painkillers can help. If the pain persists, you may need special ointment that relaxes the ring of muscle around your anus. Occasionally, surgery may be needed to help the fissure heal.

2. Haemorrhoids (piles): Haemorrhoids (piles) are swellings containing enlarged blood vessels that are found inside or around the bottom. They're often thought to be caused by straining on the toilet as a result of prolonged constipation. In many cases, haemorrhoids don't cause symptoms.

Symptoms :

bleeding after doing a poo an itchy bottom feeling like there's a lump in or around your anus soreness and redness around your anus anal pain, if the blood supply to the haemorrhoid becomes blocked or interrupted for example, by a blood clot

The symptoms often pass after a few days. Increasing the amount of fibre in your diet, drinking plenty of fluids and taking laxatives and over-the-counter painkillers can help. If the pain doesn't settle down consult a doctor . Please get examined before you start believing that



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bleeding is due to piles .

3. Anal fistulas and abscesses:

An anal fistula is a small tunnel that develops between the end of the bowel and the skin near the anus. It's usually caused by an infection near the anus resulting in a collection of pus (an abscess).

Symptoms :

a constant, throbbing pain that may be worse when you sit down skin irritation around the anus passing pus or blood when you poo swelling and redness around your anus a high temperature (fever) Get examined :Your doctor may prescribe antibiotics if an abscess is picked up early on. If it persists, it may need to be drained in hospital. If a fistula develops, surgery will usually be needed because they rarely heal by themselves. Fistulas can be due to Crohn's disease . Please get investigated & avoid self medication. Less common causes of anal pain include:

Proctalgia fugax – a condition that causes episodes of sudden, severe anal pain that last for a few minutes at a time; medication that relaxes the muscles in the pelvis may help

levator ani syndrome – an aching or pressure sensation in and around the anus that may be constant or last for hours or days at a time; treatment to relax the muscles in the pelvis may help

Inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's disease – other symptoms can include tummy cramps, bloody diarrhoea and weight loss; Please get investigated

an infection – such as a fungal infection or rectal sexually transmitted infection (STI)

a bone-related problem – such as coccydynia (tailbone pain) or pain that spreads from your lower back, pelvis or hips, caused by arthritis or bone tumours

a urinary tract problem – such as prostatitis (inflammation or infection of the prostate gland)

cancer of the anus or lower rectum – this can have similar symptoms of haemorrhoids and anal fissures, but is much rarer

See your Doctor if .

your pain is severe or your pain doesn't improve after a few days

Continued From P1...

CM Omar

so I prefer to address these matters within the alliance meetings."

The meeting took place just days after Amit Shah chaired a high-level security review in New Delhi, signaling the Centre's continued focus on Jammu and Kashmir's security and governance.

“Turn your

activities; only then can they perform well in exams... One should not live with the mentality that exams are everything... One should gain as much knowledge as possible but not think that exams are everything... One should develop a habit of writing," he added.

He further stressed the importance of allowing children to explore their passions freely. "Kids should not be confined. They need the freedom to explore their passion. Knowledge and exams are two different things," he added.

The Prime Minister also spoke on time management, advising students to stay focused on the present.

"... One should think about how they can utilise their time the most... A student should focus on the present... You should share your thoughts with someone without any hesitation; otherwise, your mind will explode... Our family is a university in itself," he said.

PM Modi also suggested that students develop the habit of writing. He gave an example, encouraging students to write about the positive qualities of their friends or people they meet.

PM Modi also provided a masterclass on time management, saying that everyone has the same 24 hours in a day. "Simple practices like being aware of time, listing daily tasks, and ticking them off upon completion can help manage time effectively," he said.

Interacting with a student from West Bengal, PM Modi said, "Parents have expectations due to social pressure... I urge all parents not to showcase their child as a model for others. They should accept the uniqueness of their child... We should focus on our skills... to reduce the pressure... Pranayama and

breathing can help manage anxiety."

He also spoke about the consequences of forcing children into career paths they are not interested in. "If a child wants to be an artist, they are often forced to become an engineer or doctor, leading to lifelong stress. Parents should support their children's interests. There should not be a comparison between two students and they should not be criticised in front of everyone," he added.

Speaking about leadership, PM Modi shared his thoughts on self-improvement and leading by example. "A leader becomes a leader when he practices what he preaches and understands the issues of the people... Respect cannot be demanded... You have to change yourself and your behaviour will gain respect for you... People will accept your actions, not just your words..." he said.

Since 2018, PM Modi has been hosting this annual event to interact with students, teachers, and parents, offering guidance on staying stress-free during exams. The event is organized by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.

The first three editions of PPC were held in New Delhi in a town hall interactive format. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the fourth edition was held online in the form of a program telecast on Doordarshan and all major TV channels.

The fifth, sixth and seventh editions of PPC were again held in town-hall format at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.

Court allows

his election to the Lok Sabha last year on account of it not being a special MP/MLA court.

As an interim relief, he prayed sought custody parole. The NIA counsel opposed the grant of custody parole, saying Rashid had no vested right to attend Parliament and he had not shown any "specific purpose" while seeking the relief.

The agency also raised security concerns.

Rashid was arrested in 2019 following allegations of involvement in a money laundering case and for waging war against the country under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

His case is linked to funding separatist activities in Jammu and Kashmir and connections to designated terrorist Hafeez Saeed.

Govt making

make the domestic defence industry an important component of the national economy in order to facilitate India's transition from a developing to a developed country by 2047. "We have allowed FDI upto 75% through the Automatic Route for companies seeking new defence license, while upto 100% is also allowed under Government approval route. A total of 46 Joint Ventures and Companies have been given foreign investment approval in the defence sector till date," he said.

Rajnath Singh added that more than 250 MoUs have, so far, been signed for the establishment of industrial units in the Defence Industrial Corridors set-up in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. He mentioned about the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme introduced to provide financial assistance to the Aerospace and Defence sector for setting up 6-8 greenfield Testing and Certification facilities. The Defence Exim Portal has made the export authorisation process seamless. "As a testimony to the emergence of India as a defence export nucleus, India has seen 31 times growth in the export of products in the last 10 years as compared to Financial Year 2013-14," he said.

Raksha Mantri described the issuance of Positive Indigenisation Lists as a clear indicator to the Government's intent to support the industry in its self-reliance pursuit. He added that for innovation projects in the defence sector, over 500 start-ups &

MSMEs are presently working under the aegis of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX). "Our overall ease of doing business environment has improved tremendously. This is showing great results as India has the 3rd largest start-up ecosystem in the world today; this is expected to witness Year on Year growth of 10-12%. We possess a young generation of highly-skilled workforce, which constantly updates itself in the face of the fast-changing ecosystem of the world. You must not miss the opportunity to leverage the advantages of this ecosystem," he told the over 100 CEOs, both domestic and foreign, present on the occasion.

Rajnath Singh described the CEOs Roundtable as a platform where the idea of making India self-reliant in defence production would take root, germinate and blossom into full scale reality. It reflects the serious intent of the Government to team with the best organisations around the world in the spirit of cooperation. The essence of this conclave is to explore how to join hands to make India a leading defence manufacturer and service provider at the global scale, he said.

The theme of the Roundtable was 'Enabling Defence Cooperation through Global Engagement (EDGE)'. OEMs from 19 countries (USA, France, Russia, South Korea, UK, Japan, Israel & Brazil etc), 35 Indian (Larsen & Toubro, Bharat Forge Ltd, Adani Defence & Aerospace, Mahindra Defence Systems Ltd, BrahMos Aerospace & Ashok Leyland Defence) and 16 Defence DPSUs attended the event.

BJP has taken

record, Sethi stated that the party had fulfilled over 97% of the promises made in its 2014 manifesto and more than 99% of the commitments in 2019. "The BJP makes promises with a clear roadmap to fulfill them," he said.

On Jammu and Kashmir, Sethi alleged that for the past 75 years, political parties in the region, including the National Conference, PDP, and Congress, had engaged in what he termed "misleading politics."

He claimed that these parties made promises they never intended to fulfill. "The people of J&K have now witnessed a change after the abrogation of Article 370. There is a new form of politics where commitments are being honoured," he said.

However, he maintained that some parties were still engaging in "misleading politics."

Sethi also accused regional parties of competing in making statements on separatism. "If a statement is given by the PDP, the National Conference tries to make a bigger one. But no one thinks about the general public," he said.

Referring to governance in J&K post-August 5, 2019, he said, "The constitution of Jammu and Kashmir no longer exists. The region is now governed by the Constitution of India, and any future statehood will also function under it."

J&KHC Issues

In cases where multiple candidates have identical scores in both components, the one with higher marks in the basic educational qualification required for the post will be selected, it said.

IGP Jammu

NOTICE

I Rayees Ahmad Mir S/O Ghulam Hassan Mir R/O Konan Babagund Bandipora, has approached for availing loan Facility (Loan Against Property) and intends to Mortgage my Residential house along with Land measuring 07 Marlas bearing survey No-420, khata No-652, khewat No-213, Situated at Konan Babagund Bandipora. Any person or persons having any right title or interest by way of inheritance or claim against the said Flat and shares should send their claims in writing to the " Branch Manager J&K Bank Ltd branch Garoora Bandipora Jammu and Kashmir 193502," along with the documentary evidence in support of the said claim thereof within 07, days of publication of the said notice, failing which claims of any shall be deemed to have been waived.

NOTICE

I, Ulfat Bashir, resident of Badrah, Kupwara, Handwara, Jammu and Kashmir, father of Zoha Jaan, hereby give notice to all concerned that the name Zoha Jaan Daughter of Ulfat Bashir War as recorded in her birth certificate is incorrect. The correct name should be Zoha Jaan Daughter of Ulfat Bashir. This notice is issued for the purpose of correcting the details in the official records of her birth certificate. If anyone has any objections to this correction, they are kindly requested to submit their objections in writing to the concerned authority at the following address within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiration of the 7-day period, no further objections will be entertained

Ulfat Bashir
Father of Zoha jaan
Badrah Kupwara Handwara

forces deployed in the area to maintain law and order, as well as to combat potential security threats, a police spokesperson said.

He said emphasis was placed on countering emerging security challenges, improving surveillance, and enhancing coordination between field forces and the intelligence network.

The IGP Jammu also discussed strengthening the logistics support, patrolling, and preventive measures to thwart any potential incidents, the spokesman said.

He said Tuti also highlighted the need for continuous engagement with local communities, particularly in areas with difficult terrain, to foster cooperation and build trust.

Ensuring the welfare of officers deployed in these areas, particularly in remote and challenging locations, was also stressed as a priority, the spokesman said.

Army Commander

"GOC White Knight Corps, along with GOC Ace of Spades and GOC Crossed Swords divisions visited forward areas of the Rajouri sector for an operational update on the prevailing security situation and the hostile activities," the Army said in a post on X.

The post, shared by the White Knight Corps on its official social media handle, said the corps commander complimented all ranks for their vigil and relentless operational focus.

He also urged them to remain prepared for all contingencies, the Army said.

Rajput Group

The participants, chanting slogans in support of statehood, crossed the Tawi bridge upto Bikram chowk and returned to the Maharaja's statue before dispersing off peacefully.

"This rally is part of our struggle for restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Statehood is our birth right and directly linked to the future of our youth and coming generations," Singh told reporters.

He said it is wrong on the part of some people who are saying that the National Conference is behind the rally.

"We have taken out rallies in support of statehood in the past and we will continue and rather intensify our struggle for restoration of our birth right. We want to remind the BJP leadership of its promise on statehood as more than three months has passed since the formation of the popular government in J&K," he said, adding they are not demanding any favour but restoration of the erstwhile Dogra sate.

Initish Rajora

highlighted the significance of timely dissemination of accurate and objective information to the public, fostering transparency and enhancing communication channels between the government and the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir.

The officers, present on the occasion, reaffirmed their commitment towards performing their assigned tasks with added zeal and zest.

Joint Director Headquarters, Vivek Puri, Deputy Director PR/AV, Deepak Dubey, Deputy Director Central, Sunil Kumar and other senior officers and officials were present. c

Speaker Rather

to them at Jammu/Srinagar. They also suggested that process should be initiated to identify the government quarters for allotment to the MLAs till new arrangements are made so that they won't face any inconvenience during public meetings and legislative sessions.

The Speaker assured them that all their genuine suggestions including accommodation issues would be taken up with the government for early resolution. He showed his optimism that these issues would find resolution in a time-bound manner.

Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandit and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

HDFC Bank and CERSAI hosted an awareness programme on Central KYC Record Registry

SRINAGAR: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector banks and the Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest (CERSAI), a Government of India company, hosted a one-day awareness programme on Central KYC Record Registry (CKYCRR).

The objective of this programme was to provide comprehensive insights on Know Your Client (KYC), Anti Money Laundering (AML) and utilisation of KYC data available at CKYCRR and process to be followed while using the CKYCR data thus creating a secure and transparent financial ecosystem and protecting financial institutions from risks of fraud and asset duplication.

The programme was attended by over 100 senior officials from private, public and co-operative banks and NBFCs pan-India, including senior officials from Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Financial Intelligence Unit, CERSAI and HDFC Bank.

Mr. Bhavesh Zaveri, Executive Director - HDFC Bank spoke on the growth of CERSAI over the years to become a single point repository of data and customer's KYC documents. The organisation currently has over 7,000 reporting entities registered with them covering almost

100 crore customers that can be leveraged by all the reporting entities. He also thanked the RBI for the support extended in the area of Central Know Your Customer (CKYC) usage.



Mr. Umesh Kumar Singh, MD and CEO - CERSAI, spoke on the occasion and explained the process of submission of records under CKYC to CERSAI and its usage for customer identification. He also shared the manner in which customers themselves can obtain their CKYC Number, either through a missed call or from the website of CERSAI by following the steps mentioned. Mr. Singh thanked HDFC Bank for hosting the event at Bank House, Mohali.

Other operational issues related to submission of records to CERSAI basis the latest Master Direction from RBI on KYC AML were also discussed and clarified. [KNT]

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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!

To take part in this righteous endeavour, donations can be made to the designated account for Madrasatul-Banat:

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Note/Request: After depositing your contribution into the bank account, kindly send a screenshot or notify us via WhatsApp message or phone call to 9419089250 or 8899101091. Please also provide your name and address to facilitate the issuance of a receipt.

Your well wisher:
Maulana Muhammad Rahmatullah Keshmiri
Nazim, Darul Uloom Raheemiyah Bandipora, Kashmir

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that i have lost my Dependent Card some where on 25-11-2024. Now i want to apply for its duplicate and also want to submit missing report in police station, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Concern Authorities with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Zahida Begum.
W/O Safeer Ahmad Khan.
R/O Aloosa Sheikhuqam, District Bandipora, jammu and kashmir.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that in my Bank account No: 0665040150000230, my name and parantege has been Mistakenly Mentioned as Showkat Ahmad Khan Chohan, S/O Mohammad Chandi khan Chohan, while as my Actual and correct name and parantege is Showkat Ahmad Chohan, S/O Mohd Chandi Chohan. Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Manager jammu and kashmir Bank branch office Pazalpora Bandipora, with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Showkat Ahmad Chohan.
S/O Mohd Chandi Chohan.
R/O Tangath Bonakoot Bandipora.

NOTICE

The name of my daughter Mahira Hyder has erroneously been recorded as Miyra Hyder on the Aadhar Card. The same is to be corrected and recorded as Mahira Hyder. It is also stated that till date tha no corrections have been made in Aadhar records of my daughter Mahira Hyder. Anybody having objection in this record may file the same within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained there after.

Rafi Ud Din Ahmad Hyder
F/O Mahira Hyder
R/o Shivpora srinagar
A/P Aripora Pantha Chowk Srinagar Kashmir.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement Bearing Consumer ID No: 0216010008631, which is Registered in the name of Nazier Ahmad Bhat, S/O Gh Mohd Bhat, R/O Ward NO: 04, Bandipora. Now i want to apply for Change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Shaziya Banoo, D/O Gh Ahmad Bhat, R/O Muslimabad kaloosa Bandipora, in this regard any person having any objection he/ she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Shaziya Banoo.
D/O Gh Ahmad Bhat.
R/O Muslimabad kaloosa Bandipora.

NOTICE

I need to update my daughter's name from Eman Fatima to Eeman Khan in School Records. If anyone has any objections, please reach out to the school authorities within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objections raised after this period will not be considered.

Imran khan
F/O Eeman khan
R/O Khawajabagh Baramulla

CASCO T-10 Cricket Tournament Kicks Off at Green Valley Educational Institute

SRINAGAR: The CASCO T-10 Cricket Tournament, organized under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) 2024-25, was inaugurated today at Green Valley Educational Institute Ground, Ellahibagh Buchpora, Srinagar.

The event was graced by Hilal Khaliq Bhat, SP Hazratbal, who was the chief guest, along with Shri Ashiq Hussain Malik, DySP SDPO Hazratbal, Shri Ashiq Hussain Dar, SDPO Zakura, and other senior officers. The tournament aims to foster sportsmanship and enthusiasm among the youth while providing them with a platform to showcase their cricketing talent.

The initiative, organized by District Police Srinagar, seeks to engage young individuals in positive activities and promote social responsibility. It is also a significant effort to prevent youth from falling into negative influences such as drug abuse. Speaking at the event, SP Hazratbal Hilal Khaliq Bhat emphasized the importance of integrity, respect, and discipline in sports. He encouraged the players to approach the game with dedication and to use the tournament as a learning experience for personal and athletic growth.

The tournament commenced with two thrilling matches. The first match saw Team Batpora Zakura face Team Soura.



Batpora Zakura won the toss and opted to bat first, setting a target of 89 runs after scoring 88/6 in 10 overs.

In response, Team Soura struggled to chase the target and managed to score only 56/9 in 10 overs, resulting in a victory for Batpora Zakura. The second match featured Team Lal Bazar against Team Sadrabal. Winning the toss, Lal Bazar elected to bat first and posted a competitive total of 91/6 in 10 overs. Team Sadrabal, in their chase, fell short and could only score 46/7 in 10 overs, handing Lal Bazar a comfortable victory.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Riyaz Ahmad Kathjoo, Principal of Green Valley Educational Institute, reaffirmed the school's commitment to fostering youth development through sports and education. He expressed his appreciation for the initiative, stating that Green Valley Educational Institute will always support such programs that contribute to the betterment of the younger generation. The CASCO T-10 Cricket Tournament will continue for four days, with the final match scheduled for February 13, 2025. The event is expected to witness high-energy matches as young cricketers from different localities compete for the championship, making it a memorable sporting celebration.

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'I really broke it down into pieces' - Rohit reflects on comeback innings

Rohit Sharma hasn't been in great form in Test cricket. But in ODIs, a format India haven't played a lot of over the past year, he remains one of the best in the business. A seven-ball 12 in the first ODI against England might have raised fears ahead of the Champions Trophy, but the 90-ball 119 in the second on Sunday in Cuttack should soothe some nerves. He might not say it in so many words, but Rohit did admit after the game that he "really enjoyed being out there, scoring some runs for the team." Not something he has done a lot of late.

"I really broke it down into pieces about how I wanted to bat," Rohit said in the post-match presentation after collecting his Player-of-the-Match award. "It's a 50-over format, a little longer than T20 format and a little shorter than Test cricket obviously - a lot shorter than Test cricket - but obviously you still need to break it down and assess what you need to do at regular intervals and that is what I kept doing. It was important for a batter who gets set, needs to bat as deep as possible and that was my focus."

Rohit's lack of runs in international cricket has been talked about a lot. In the last 12 months, he averages 23.70 in Test cricket, and that comes down to 10.93 since September 2024. On Sunday, though, he was in his element, playing the sort of innings that has made him a giant in the format.

"Looking at the pitch, when you play on black soil, [the ball] tends to skid on a bit, so it's important that you show the full face of the bat when you're batting initially," he said about his approach. "Once I got into my innings, I understood what they were trying to do: bowling into our body and trying to not give any room, keeping it on the stumps."

"And that's where I prepared my plan as well, what I wanted to do with those kind of deliveries, trying to access the gaps which were there. It's about understanding what you want to do as a batter and... obviously got very good support from [Shubman] Gill to start with and then Shreyas [Iyer] as well."



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