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## Amarnath Yatra will begin on 3rd July

● LG chairs 48th meeting of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine

KC News Network

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired the 48th Board meeting of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB) at Raj Bhawan, today.

This year, Amarnath Ji Yatra will commence on 3rd July, simultaneously from both the routes – the Pahalgam track in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district and it will culminate on 9th August, 2025 on Raksha Bandhan.

The meeting was attended by Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj, D. C. Raina, Smt. Kailash Mehra Sadhu, K. N. Rai, Shri Pitambar Lal Gupta, Dr. Shailesh Raina and Prof Vishwamurti Shastri, Members of the Shrine Board.

The Board proposed various measures and interventions to further improve the



facilities and services for the devotees.

Considering the likely increased inflow of pilgrims for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025, the meeting discussed measures for the enhancement of

lodgement capacity at centres in Jammu, Srinagar and other locations, operationalization of Yatri facilitation centres for e-KYC, issuance of RFID cards, on-spot registration of pilgrims at number

of locations including Nowgam and Katra Railway Stations.

It was further discussed that these facilities must also be suitably enhanced at Baltal, Pahalgam, Nunwan, Pantha Chowk Srinagar, as per the requirement.

Reviewing the progress achieved on various ongoing works undertaken by the line departments, the Lieutenant Governor stressed on the need for ensuring adequate arrangements and requisite amenities at various locations enroute Yatra. He further called for increasing capacity at Yatri Niwas, Pantha Chowk, Srinagar.

The meeting also discussed ongoing projects, dissemination of Yatra-related information, insurance cover to yatriss, service providers

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## AT&C losses are around 50%: CM Omar Abdullah



KC News Network

**JAMMU:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today stated that Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) is being implemented to curb losses and modernize power infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir.

Responding to a question from member Shakti Raj

Parihar in the Legislative Assembly, the Chief Minister, who also holds the Power Development portfolio, said that J&K's transmission and distribution losses are among the highest in India.

He noted that these losses are significantly higher compared to neighboring states like

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**Fire victims' assistance based on revised norms: CM Omar Abdullah**

KC NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today informed the Legislative Assembly that the assistance provided to victims of fire incidents is based on the revised norms under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

In reply to the question of member Ali Mohammad Sagar during Question Hour of the ongoing Budget Session, the Chief Minister stated that the assistance scale for victims of fire incidents is as per the revised norms of assistance from the State Disaster

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## July 13 martyrs fought for democracy, constitution: DyCM



KC News Network

**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir's Minister for Industries and Commerce,

Surinder Kumar Chaudhary on Wednesday criticized the opposition for its remarks

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**Para urges govt to reinstate July 13, Dec 5 as state holidays**

KC NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** PDP legislator Waheed-ur-Rehman Para today urged the government to reinstate July 13 and Dec 5 as state holidays, emphasizing their significance in Jammu and Kashmir's democratic history.

Speaking to the reporters in Jammu, PDP leader Parra highlighted the need to

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## Speaker expunges remarks of Sharma on 1931 Martyrs

KC NEWS NETWORK

**JAMMU:** All 28 BJP members on Wednesday walked out from the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly after Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather announced expunging of “derogatory remarks” of the Leader of Opposition on the July 13, 1931 “martyrs”. Leader of the Opposition Suni

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## 11 ATFs functional in Kashmir, 9 in Jammu: Minister Sakeena Itoo



KC News Network

**SRINAGAR:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, while terming drug abuse as an issue of grave concern, said there is dire need to work collectively for eradication of this societal menace plaguing Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister said this while replying to a starred question raised by MLA, Mubarak Gul, in the Legislative Assembly here today.

While giving details regarding the treatment and rehabilitation facilities, the Minister said that 11 Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs) are functional in Kashmir division and 9 ATFs in Jammu division. She further informed that OPD services are functional in all 20 districts while IPD services are available in all 9 GMCs, catering to the healthcare needs of both male and female patients. She also informed that Psychiatrists are available in all the GMCs of J&K.

Reflecting on the Training and Monitoring efforts of the government, the Minister said that 25 Medical Officers (12 from Jammu and 13 from Kashmir) have been trained by NIMHANS, Bengaluru and deputed to their respective districts to strengthen treatment facilities at de-addiction centres. She also informed that surveillance has been strengthened by data collection on a daily basis using google sheets for real time reporting to monitor trends and measure the impact of interventions.

The Minister informed the house that after the initiation of Nasha Mukht Abhiyan since September 2022, the registration of new cases has shown decreasing trend which indicates some level of control or improvement in detecting and managing the affected victims. She also informed the house that several policy level measures have been initiated

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## DyCM assures expeditious completion of all road projects in J&K

KC News Network

**JAMMU:** “The work on all ongoing prestigious road projects in Jammu and Kashmir shall be expedited for timely completion”, assured Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, while replying to a supplementary raised in the Legislative Assembly



here today.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that the macadamization work on the road project along old Bringi Canal from Hiller to Wandevelgam, was successfully completed in March 2023 under the languishing scheme. However,

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## Delhi court to pass order on Er Rashid plea to attend Parliament on Mar 7

KC News Network

**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi court on Wednesday reserved for March 7 its decision on the plea of jailed Jammu and Kashmir MP Engineer Rashid seeking custody parole to attend the upcoming Parliament session.

Additional sessions judge Chanderjit Singh reserved the verdict after hearing the arguments on the plea.

On March 3, the court had asked the NIA to respond to Rashid's plea.

The application, filed by advocate Vikhyat Oberoi for



Rashid on February 27, sought the relief on the grounds that Rashid was a parliamentarian and needed to attend the upcoming session to fulfil his public duty.

Sheikh Abdul Rashid, known as Engineer Rashid, defeated Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in Baramulla.

Rashid's regular bail application is currently pending before the court.

The second part of Parliament's budget session would begin on March 10 and end on April 4.

The judge on September 10 granted interim bail to Rashid to enable him to campaign for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

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## Congress calls for House panel to push for early statehood restoration in J&K

KC News Network

**JAMMU:** Congress chief whip Nizamuddin Bhat on Wednesday strongly advocated for formation of a House panel or an all-party delegation in Jammu and Kashmir to take up the issue of early statehood restoration with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Speaking during the discussion on the lieutenant governor's address in the House, Bhat stressed that the delay in restoring statehood was causing “more harm than good” to the



region.”This House should constitute a panel to follow up with the

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## J&K Records 30% Excess Rainfall In 5 Days MeT predicts more precipitation from Mar 10

KC News Network

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir has recorded 30 per cent above the average precipitation in the past five days, thereby increasing the water level in the river Jhelum and other streams.

As per the data accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), against the average rainfall of 25.4mm, Jammu and Kashmir has recorded a rainfall of 33mm from March 1 to 5.

The highest precipitation was recorded in Bandipora with details revealing that the station recorded 68% rainfall above than the average precipitation.

As per the data, nine stations including Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K, Budgam, Baramulla, Doda, Kupwara,



Pulwama, Rajouri, Shopian and Udhampur recorded excess rainfall, which varies from 20% to 59% above than the normal rainfall.

Reasi, Samba and Kathua stations however, recorded the

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## Discussion on LG's address resumes in LA

KC News Network

**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly witnessed discussions for the second day on the Motion of Thanks for Lieutenant Governor's address delivered to the legislature on the first day of the Budget session.

The debate covered wide array of topics including Indus Water Treaty, filling up of vacancies in government departments, rationalisation of reservation policy and return of power projects.

Initiating the debate, Surjit Singh Slathia, said that the people have elected us to solve their problems and we have a responsibility to live upto their expectations. He praised the efforts of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, who for the first



time, held series of district level consultations regarding the budget preparation. “We do not doubt CM Omar Abdullah's intentions and we do understand that the government is in its nascent stage so we hope that they will

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## Power demand increases by nearly ‘80 MWs’ in Ramadhan

Riyaz Bhat

**SRINAGAR:** In Kashmir valley, the power demand has increased by nearly 80 Megawatts (MWs) of power in the ongoing holy month of Ramadhan during peak hours.

A top official of Power Development of Power Development Department (PDD) informed the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the power demand has increased from the past four days by nearly 80 MWs in comparison to previous month.

The official said, “As of now in Ramadhan, the power supply and demand is touching at least 1900

MWs. Yesterday, we delivered over 1900 MWs of power.”

“On an average, there used to be a peak power demand of 1800



MWs in the previous month, but in ongoing Ramadhan the power demand is much higher,” the official said. The official further added, “Currently, the power demand in Kashmir

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Row over Abu Azmi's remarks:  
UP CM Adityanath slams Samajwadi  
Party for 'idolizing' Aurangzeb

**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on the Samajwadi Party, accusing it of glorifying Mughal ruler Aurangzeb while disregarding India's cultural and spiritual heritage.

"It is unfortunate that the Samajwadi Party considers Aurangzeb as its ideal. Even Aurangzeb's father, Shah Jahan, wrote in his autobiography that he wished no one would ever have such a wretched son," Adityanath said in the Legislative Council.

His scathing attack comes amid an ongoing controversy in Maharashtra over Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA Abu Azmi's remarks.

Azmi was on Wednesday suspended from the Maharashtra Assembly till the end of the ongoing Budget Session over his remarks eulogising Mughal emperor Aurangzeb.

The chief minister criticized the Samajwadi Party's deviation from the principles of socialist leader Dr Ram Manohar Lohia, who upheld India's cultural unity



despite being a political rival of the Congress.

"I want to tell my friends in the Samajwadi Party – even if you do not take pride in India's heritage, at least follow the ideology of the leader whose name you use for political gain," Adityanath said.

Quoting Dr Lohia, Adityanath added, "Lohia believed that India stands on three pillars – Lord Ram, Lord Krishna and Lord Shiva. As long as Indians revere these great figures, no power in the world can stop India from remaining India."

“BJP-led Centre pays lip service to Tamil for votes,” alleges CM Stalin

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Wednesday alleged that the BJP-led union government paid mere lip service to Tamil language for the sake of votes and dubbed the ruling party at the Centre as Tamil's "enemy."

Writing to party workers as part of his series on the theme of "all-time opposition to Hindi imposition,"

Stalin recalled DMK founder leader C N Annadurai's views on the issue. Decades ago, Anna had said that the party's objective is not to oppose Hindi, but to get equal recognition to Indian languages including Tamil.

While the BJP claims that Prime Minister Narendra Modi held Tamil in high esteem and that the 3-language formula is for the growth of languages of the states, the difference in allocation of funds for Tamil and Sanskrit would make it pretty clear that they are "enemies" of Tamil, Stalin alleged.

As per the Union Education ministry's data, during the period between 2014 and 2023, the



Rs 167 crore was allotted to Central Institute of Classical Tamil. Fund allocation and expenditure has increased manifold for the promotion of Sanskrit and Hindi. "The union government, out-and-out, is functioning with a feeling of linguistic hegemony and pays mere lip service to Tamil for the sake of votes," the chief minister alleged.

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SPEED POST/MAIL/OUT TODAY

ORDER NO: 08-JKPC OF 2025.

DATED: 04.03.2025.

Subject	Cancellation/Rejection of registration application of Mr. Maroof Ellahi S/o Mr. Abdul Satar R/o Al-Farooq Colony, Rajbagh, District-Srinagar (under 32 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948-regarding).
Reference	. This office Show cause notice no: JKPC/SCN/2025/PHAR000207-1078-1092, Dated: 24.02.2025. 2. Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, U.P HOD letter no: Memo/Verf/2025, Dated: 20.02.2025

Whereas, the Pharmacy Council of Union Territory of J&K issued a Public Notice under endorsement no: JKPC-86/Estt/681-91, Dated: 16.12.2020 inviting therein applications for registration as Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948;

Whereas, the above exercise was initiated in pursuance to the implementation of the Pharmacy Act. 1948 in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir after the enforcement of J&K Re-organization Act. 2019;

Whereas, an application for registration as Pharmacist under Section 32 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 from Mr. Maroof Ellahi S/o Mr. Abdul Satar R/o Al-Farooq Colony, Rajbagh, District-Srinagar was uploaded in the Online Portal vide Form reference no: PHAR000207 Dated: 17.12.2020 along with the documents as prescribed under the checklist:

Whereas, the application submitted as above was approved & the registration as Pharmacist was granted in your favour as per below details in view of the fact that you claimed to hold a degree in Pharmacy from Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, U.P;

Registration number	Date of registration	Validity
JKPC/NRC/207	07-Jan-2021	06-Jan-2026

Whereas, the staff dealing with applications uploaded through online portal informed that the credentials of the said applicant requires further verification for authentication from the principle institution;

Whereas, the above inputs were taken on record and a confidential exercise was initiated with the competent authority of Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, U.P through E-mail along with all the documents uploaded as per checklist:

Whereas, in response to the above mail a return mail communication from Head. Institute of Pharmacy, VBSPU, Jaunpur, U.P was received, vide letter no: MEMO/Verf/2025, Dated: 20.02.2025. the operative para of which is reproduced as under:

"Thank you for your communication dated 18/02/2025 regarding the verification of candidates applying for registration as pharmacists from the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. After thoroughly reviewing our records, we would like to inform you that, to date, no candidate from the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has either been admitted to or has passed the B. Pharm or D. Pharm programs at our institution. As such, we do not have any relevant records to submit in response to your request".

Whereas, the response highlighted herein above clearly indicates that the claims of eligibility by the applicant are not bonafide & further the said person has indulged in unfair means;

Whereas, at the time of filing the application through online portal, the applicant has also submitted E-undertaking with one of the below averments:

"That I am fully aware that in the event of any of my document found invalid, fake or false as also for any concealment or misrepresentation of facts stated herein, the J&K Pharmacy Council has the power to delete/reject my candidature as Registered Pharmacist without any formal notice or information".

Whereas, the above person was offered an opportunity to provide his response in the matter through show cause notice vide this office letter bearing no: JKPC/SCN/2025/PHAR000207-1078-1092, Dated: 24.02.2025;

Whereas, till date no reply was received from the applicants end:

Whereas, the applicant has failed to respond to the communications reflected in para supras and therefore the applicant has not availed of his right to be heard before a decision in the matter is taken.

Now, therefore the undersigned in exercise of powers vested under Section (36) of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 rejects the application of the applicant for registration as Pharmacist in terms of Section 32 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and the name of the applicant is hereby removed from the register maintained by the J&K Pharmacy Council with immediate effect.

(The above action is being taken in pursuance to the communication forwarded by the Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University reflected at para supra (Inter-alia disputing your eligibility claims for registration as Pharmacist).

No: JKPC/Estt/PHAR000207-1202-1220

Dated: 05.03.2025.

Sd/-Ex-Officio-President

Jammu & Kashmir Pharmacy Council

J&K. Jammu.

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Equity in technology needed for true gender parity: Smriti Irani

NEW DELHI:

Former Union minister Smriti Irani on Wednesday underscored the urgent need for ensuring equity in technology for

woman or woman confronting man. It is humanity confronting what AI will do to us," Irani said.

She pointed to a research, which revealed that out of 133 AI systems around the world, 44% of AI systems are not gender-inclusive.

Irani shared a striking example of gender bias in AI-driven financial systems.

"A woman with the same income, tax returns and financial standing as her husband was offered a credit limit 10% lower than his. Another woman's credit limit was set 20 times lower than her husband's despite identical financial profiles," she said.

The former minister also drew attention to the psychological manipulation of women through AI-driven consumer behaviour.

"Seventy-two per cent of content purchased by women is algorithmically designed to encourage higher spending on consumer durables and perishables, while they are 33% less likely to receive investment advice online," she noted.

Irani urged for a deeper study of consumer behaviour in the digital age, particularly its impact on women.

Parliamentary panel on External Affairs meets Swedish delegation

NEW DELHI, Mar 4:

Members of the Parliament's Standing Committee on External Affairs, chaired by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, met with a visiting

Swedish delegation here on Tuesday.

The members of the Swedish Foreign Affairs Committee held very pleasant, friendly, positive discussion with the Parliamentary panel on External Affairs, Tharoor said. The two parliamentary panels discussed issues ranging from gender equality to representation of women in power to the India-China border and the US-China relationship. "It was a very wide-ranging and stimulating discussion.

Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of the District Development Commissioner Bandipora

Subject:- provisional selection list of candidates for engagement as Krishi Udyami for re-advertised posts in District Bandipora.

Notice

Whereas, Mission Director, Holistic Agriculture Development Program approved establishment of Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKGs) vide letter No. E-7358056/Plan-2/2/2023 dated:-07-02-2024 and engagement of Krishi Udhymis (KU) (Agriculture Entrepreneurs) to operate the KKGs through Deputy Commissioner of respective District;

Whereas, Director Agriculture Kashmir vide order No. 17/P&S of 2024 dated: 155/P&S of 2024 released funds under HADP CAPEX for establishment of 57 (Fifty Seven) number of KKGs at approved locations and engagement of 57 KU's for operationalisation under innovative extension approach for revitalization Agriculture in J&K.

Whereas, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora vide order no. 55 DDCB of 2024 Dated: 23-02-2024 constituted a District Level Committee of officers under the Chairmanship of Addl. Deputy Commissioner Bandipora for engagement of Krishi Udhymis (KU) Agriculture Entrepreneurs in District Bandipora.

Whereas, an advertisement notice for 8 (Eight) posts of "Krishi Udhymis" (KU'S) at approved locations was Re-advertised by this office vide No.CAO/2024/HADP/3137-40 dated: 17-12-2024 for engagement of Krishi Udhymis on temporary bases for a period of two years. Whereas, as per laid down criteria of weightage on pro-rata basis, to the academic qualification and experience in relevant domain/field, the provisional selection list has been framed by the committee as per Annexure "A".

Now therefore, the provisional selection list as per Annexure "A" and "B" is hereby notified for the information of general public/candidates for inviting objections if any.

Any applicant/ candidate having any objection in this regard, may approach Chief Agriculture Officer Bandipora with written objections alongwith documentary proof on caobpragri11@gmail.com or in person, within a period of 07 days from the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be entertained after the expiry of the given period and in case no objection is received the said provisional selection list shall be treated as final.

The provisional Selection list shall also be available on the official website of District Bandipora viz, www.bandipora.nic.in.

ANNEXURE - A

Provisional Selection List of Candidates for temperory engaged as Krishi Udhymis.

S.No	Name of The Applicant	Parentage	Residential Address	Panchayat Applied For	Domicile Of Local	Female Candidate	Diploma in Agri./Allied	General Graduation (Science)	Graduation in Agri./Allied	Post Graduation (Science/Agri./Allied)	Diploma Certificate in Computer.	Total Points
Block Bankoot												
1	Khalid Saqib Lone	Lone	Ayathmullah	Bankoot-C	0	0	0	17	0	5.8	15	37.8
Block Aloosa												
1	Nahida Shabir	Shabir Ahmad Dar	Aloosa bandipora	Turkpora	0	5	0	19.55	0	0	15	39.55
Block Hajin												
1	Arshed Ahmad Bhat	Ghulam Nabi Bhat	Chandergair	Chandergair	25	0	0	15	0	6.88	15	61.88
2	Owais Rasool Bhat	Gh Rasool Bhat	Ajas Bandipora	Chewa	0	0	0	14.415	0	7.4	15	36.815
3	Gulzar Ahmad Rather	Ghulam Mohammad Rather	Asham	Gundkhali	0	0	9.15	0	0	0	15	24.15
4	Umar nazir Wagay	Nazir Ahmad wagay	Sadunara	Hakbara-A	0	0	0	18.25	0	0	15	33.25
5	Ab Ahad Malla	Ab Aziz malla	Markundal	Markundal	25	0	0	12.54	0	0	0	37.54
6	Wali Mohammad Ganie	Ghulam Mohammad Ganie	Vijpara	Vijpara	25	0	12.15	0	0	0	15	52.15
Provisional Waiting List of Candidates for temperory engaged as Krishi Udhymis.												
S.N o	Name of The Applicant	Parentage	Residential Address	Panchayat Applied For	Domicile Of Local	Female Candidate	Diploma in Agri./Allied	General Graduation (Science)	Graduation in Agri./Allied	Post Graduation (Science/Agri./Allied)	Diploma Certificate in Computer.	Total Points
Block BANKOOT												
1	Tawqeer Rasool	Ghulam Rasool Malla	Qazipora Bandipora	Bankoot-C	0	0	0	16.5	0	0	15	31.5
Block Aloosa												
1	Shayasta Sardar	Mohammad Sardar Mir	Nathpora Kaloosa	Turkpora	0	5	0	17.25	0	0	15	37.25
2	Tawqeer Rasool	Ghulam Rasool Malla	Qazipora Bandipora	Turkpora	0	0	0	16.5	0	0	15	31.5
Block Hajin												
1	Aaqib Rasool	Gh Rasool Sheikh	Sumbal	Chewa	0	0	0	15.85	0	0	0	15.85
2	Aaqib Rasool	Gh Rasool Sheikh	Sumbal	Gundkhali	0	0	0	15.85	0	0	0	15.85
3	Aaqib Rasool	Gh Rasool Sheikh	Sumbal	Markundal	0	0	0	15.85	0	0	0	15.85
4	Aaqib Rasool	Gh Rasool Sheikh	Sumbal	Vijpara	0	0	0	15.85	0	0	0	15.85

No: CAO/Estt/2024-25/4187-90

Dated: 05/03/2025

Sd/-  
Chief Agriculture Officer  
Bandipora  
(Member Secretary )

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Email ID: rbdvisionawantipora@gmail.com

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

E-NIT No.148/EEA/R&B of 2024-25/10633-43

Dated: 04/03/2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of J&K Expression of Interest (EOI) are invited from approved and eligible Bidders as per Instruction to Bidder (ITB) and Terms of Reference at Annexure-I. The Bidder (Firm/Consultant/Agency/Company) should have the eligibility as per Annexure-II under Eligibility Criteria for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Cost of the Project (Rs in Lacs) for which Consultancy is Required as Adv. cost	Estimated Cost for the Architectural Engg. & Consultancy (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (in Rs)	Time of completion	Type of Consultancy
1.	Providing Consultancy and other allied services with all working drawings (Digital Layout Plan, /BOQ, Structural , Architectural Design,) and Conducting of all required soil investigations for Construction of two numbers of entry points at Sampora Near EDI and near Central Silk Board Galander Pampore.	65.29	0.40	200/-	10 Days	Architectural/ Structural Consultancy with Soil Testing

Position of AAA = Accorded vide No: MC/W/005 of 2025 Dated: 08.02.2025.

Position of Funds = Available

Major Head = FC-Grants (MC\_Pampore)

1. The NIT 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 departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S.No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-03-2025
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 04-03-2025
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 04-03-2025
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 13-03-2025 (03:00PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	14-03-2025 (12.00 PM)
In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Awantipora		

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt(Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt)(Refer Govt. order No. O.M.No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt/07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and the bidders residing Outside UT of J&K can submit DD of any nationalized bank in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora the cost of tender document fee is non refundable.

• If MSE firm is registered with NSIC (National Small Industries Corporation) agencies for tendered item then they are exempted for submission of EMD & Tender Cost. If MSE's who are interested in availing these benefits will have to enclosed with their offer the proof of their beings MSE's registered with any of the above mentioned agencies.

2. All Bidders shall to quote the rates in BOQ including GST. GST @ 18% or as admissible will be added separately at the time of issuance of Allotment by the allotting authority.3. All the Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below).4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

5. The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Awantipora.

6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Opening of Technical

bids.7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get „Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.d. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

No:- 148/EEA/RNB/2024-25/10633-43

DATED: 05-03-2025

Sd/-Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Awantipora

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# Gurez emerging as a tourist destination: CM Omar Abdullah

**JAMMU:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday said that Gurez valley has recently gained significant recognition as a tourist destination and the Tourism department would assess the need for establishing a Tourism Development Authority for Gurez.

Responding to a question by member Nazir Ahmad Khan Gurezi, the Chief Minister informed the House that Gurez Valley in Jammu and Kashmir has recently been in the spotlight as a tourist destination.

"In 2022, Gurez Valley received the 'Best Offbeat Destination' award, emphasizing its appeal as a unique and emerging tourist spot," he said.

The Chief Minister, who also holds the portfolio of Tourism Minister, further stated that in September 2023, Dawar village in Gurez was honored with the 'Best Tourism Village' award in the Gold category by the Union Ministry of Tourism.



"This accolade highlights the village's cultural richness and tourism potential," he informed the Legislative Assembly.

To promote Gurez as a new tourist destination, he added, the Department of Tourism, Jammu and Kashmir, has taken several initiatives, and in 2024, commercial rafting was started in Gurez for the first time ever.

Besides, during the current financial year, the Department of Tourism, J&K, has projected the upgradation of Gurez as an offbeat destination under the current year Capex Budget (2024-25), the Chief Minister stated in his reply.

## 3-Day Training of Trainers conducted by EDII Ahmedabad concludes at JKEDI

**BARI BRAHAMANA:** The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Wednesday successfully concluded a three-day Training of Trainers (ToT) conducted by the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad.



Ahmedabad with sessions delivered by Dr. Raman Gujral, Professor and Director, Department of Projects, Dr. Piyush Sinha, Senior Visiting Professor, Prof. C.H Pathak, International Entrepreneurship Coach, Dr. Sheetal Thomas, Associate Faculty, Dr. Pankaj Bharti, Associate Professor and In-charge WRO, Ms. Debo-priya Chakraborty, EDII Ahmedabad. The programme was held under the overall supervision of Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director General EDII Ahmedabad and Sh. Rajinder Sharma (JKAS), Director, JKEDI.

The distinguished experts and faculty from EDII Ahmedabad shared insights on modern teaching methodologies, innovation-driven entrepreneurship, and best practices in capacity building. Participants engaged in interactive sessions, case studies, and hands-on activities designed to equip them with cutting-edge tools for fostering entrepreneurial mindsets among students.

In his remarks, Dr. Prakash Solanki, Assistant Professor, EDII Ahmedabad said that despite challenges JKEDI is doing a good job for the betterment of the entrepreneurial culture of the UT of J&K. He acknowledged the enthusiasm and commitment displayed by the participants and reiterated the support of EDII in facilitating similar initiatives in the future to further strengthen entrepreneurship education in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking at the valedictory function, Director JKEDI, Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma expressed gratitude to EDII Ahmedabad for their support in enhancing faculty competencies. He emphasized the importance of such programs in creating a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. "This program has been instrumental in equipping our faculty with the latest strategies and best practices in entrepreneurship education, which will significantly benefit aspiring entrepreneurs in the region," he remarked.

## Scheduled Power Shutdown Announced in Several Areas for Maintenance Work

**SRINAGAR:** The Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC) has announced scheduled power shutdowns in multiple areas across the Kashmir region to facilitate essential maintenance and augmentation work on power infrastructure.

According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC, the shutdown of the 33KV Nehalpora-Markundal line will be observed to upgrade the



existing 0.1 ACSR to 0.2 ACSR. As a result, Receiving Stations at Markundal, Naidkhai, Shahgund, and Aglar will remain off, affecting power supply to Naidkhai, Markundal, Sumbal, Ankhol, Gundboon, and adjoining areas from 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM on March 8 and March 10.

Similarly, for the installation of newly procured panels and oil topping of power transformers, the 33KV Cherpora-Achabal line will remain under shutdown, impacting Receiving Stations at Cherpora, Uttersoo, Deethu, and Chittergul. Power supply to Cherpora, Uttersoo, Deethu, Chittergul, and nearby areas will be affected from 08:00 AM to 03:00 PM on March 10.

Additionally, augmentation work, including the charging of a 1x6.3 MVA Power Transformer, will require the shutdown of the 33KV Ashajipora-Dialgam line. This will impact the 33/11KV Receiving Station at Dialgam, leading to power outages in Dialgam, Shichen, and Brinty from 08:00 AM to

03:00 PM on March 8.

Meanwhile, emergency stabilization work by ED-Baramulla will necessitate the shutdown of the 33KV Sheeri-Baramulla-1st line, impacting Receiving Stations at Baramulla-1st and Kanlibagh. Areas including Baramulla Main Town, DC Office, Kanlibagh, Sangri, and nearby locations will experience power outages from 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM on March 8.

To replace damaged wooden poles with new ST poles, the 33KV Nihalpora-Pattan-Amargah line will be under shutdown, affecting Receiving Stations at Pattan, Palhalan, and Hamray. Power supply to Pattan, Zangam, Burn, Nihalpora, Pattan Hospital, Palhalan, Hamray, Wanigam, and adjoining areas will be disrupted from 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM on March 10.

Furthermore, shutdowns have been scheduled for:

33/11KV Receiving Station Dhobiwan on March 8 for completion of pending works related to a transformer bay, affecting power supply to Lalpora-B, Hardaboora, Tarhama, and nearby areas from 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM.

33KV Wanganpora-Soura line on March 8 for dismantling of a damaged four-pole tower near Aiwa Bridge. This will affect Soura, Zoonimar, Nowshera, and portions of 90 Ft Road from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

33KV Alusteng-Nagbal line on March 9 to facilitate the installation of SMDB and pole erection for isolators. Areas including Shuhama, Bakura, Darend, Nagbal, Fatehpura, Gadoora, Tulbagh, and Chundina will be impacted from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM.

33KV Kangan-Wussan line on March 9, affecting Wussan, Preng, Manigam, and Haripora from 10:30 AM to 01:30 PM.

Consumers in the affected areas are advised to make necessary arrangements and cooperate with authorities as these upgrades aim to improve power infrastructure and ensure a more stable electricity supply in the future.

## Contractors Await Payments to Make JJM Schemes Functional

**BANDIPORA:** The Bandipora Contractors Association has expressed concerns over delayed payments under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), stating that completed projects remain non-functional due to unpaid dues.

The association's president, Naseer Ahmad Mir, while addressing a press conference in Bandipora stated that all JJM schemes in the district have been completed, but contractors are unable to proceed with operationalization due to pending bills.

Mir emphasized that if the government releases the payments, all JJM schemes could be made functional within ten days, ensuring proper water supply to the residents.

He further criticized the recent statement made by the MLA Bandipora in the Assembly, where the legislator claimed that many schemes under JJM had failed.

Dismissing the MLA's claims, Mir accused him of misleading the House. "The reality is that contractors have finished their work, but payments are being withheld. How can the schemes be operational without the necessary financial clearances?" he questioned.

The contractors have urged the administration to address the issue immediately, warning that further delays in payments will continue to affect the implementation of JJM and deprive people of essential water supply services.



## Specially Abled Persons Demand Political Reservation, Increase in Honorarium

**SRINAGAR:** Amid ongoing Assembly session, specially abled individuals have reiterated their demand for political reservation and an increase in honorarium, emphasizing the need for adequate representation in legislative bodies to address their concerns effectively.

Nazir Ahmad, General Secretary of the Specially Abled Community, stated that the government must take concrete steps to ensure their participation in decision-making processes. He urged the administration to introduce necessary amendments to provide political reservation for persons with disabilities, allowing them to voice their issues within the legislative framework.

Additionally, the community has called for a revision of the existing honorarium, stating that the current financial support is insufficient to sustain their livelihood and well-being.

"We appeal to the concerned authorities to take our demands seriously and address them in the upcoming Assembly session," Nazir Ahmad stated, urging lawmakers to take immediate action to empower the specially abled community.



## Indian Army Conducts Medical Patrol for Gujjars and Bakkarwals in Rajouri & Reasi

**RAJOURI & REASI:** The Indian Army has extended essential healthcare services to remote villages in Rajouri and Reasi districts by organizing a mobile medical patrol in Chowkian, Sarsoti, and Bharakh.

Defence Spokesperson said the initiative aimed to address the medical needs of the local population, including the nomadic Gujar and Bakkarwal communities, who often face challenges in accessing mainstream healthcare due to their isolated locations and rugged terrain.

Equipped with necessary medical supplies, the mobile medical team provided on-the-spot health check-ups, treatment for common ailments, and distribution of medicines.

Special focus was placed on preventive healthcare, including immunization drives and awareness campaigns on hygiene, nutrition, and disease prevention. Women's healthcare received particular attention during the initiative.

He said about 101 individuals, including 40 men, 52 women, and nine children, benefited from the medical services.

He said the initiative was met with overwhelming appreciation from the local population, who expressed gratitude to the Indian Army for bringing vital healthcare directly to their doorsteps.

"Beyond providing immediate medical relief, the patrol also played a key role in strengthening the bond between the Indian Army and local communities, reaffirming the Army's commitment to public welfare in the region".

## Mirwaiz Condemns BJP Leader's Remarks on July 13 Martyrs

**SRINAGAR:** Hurriyat Conference Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Wednesday strongly condemned the remarks made by a BJP legislator in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly regarding the martyrs of July 13, 1931, calling them "outrageous and unacceptable."

Mirwaiz in a post on X said the 22 martyrs who laid down their lives while standing up for the rights and dignity of the oppressed people of Jammu and Kashmir were killed in cold blood. He emphasized that these martyrs hold a revered place in the region's collective memory and symbolize the sacrifices made by the people of Kashmir in their struggle for rights and justice.

"Any attempt to malign these martyrs will be firmly resisted," Mirwaiz asserted, adding that their legacy remains an integral part of Kashmir's history and cannot be erased or disrespected.

His remarks come in the wake of a heated debate in the J&K Assembly, where BJP legislators walked out after Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather expunged the controversial remarks made by the Leader of the Opposition Sunil Sharma regarding the 1931 martyrs. [KNT]

## STD initiates proceedings against two dealers for non-compliance of GST norms

**JAMMU:** Continuing massive crackdown on tax evasion, Jammu and Kashmir State Taxes Department (STD) today initiated proceedings against two traders for not maintaining bills books as per GST norms during inspection drives in Jammu and Udhampur districts of Jammu division.

As per officials, in Jammu, enforcement team led by State Taxes Officer (STO) visited ten business units dealing with hardware, electric goods and construction items in the Circle R.

The team checked invoices and e-way bills for movement of vehicles. During inspection, the team noticed that two bill books presented by the dealer had blank invoices. The team seized both bill books and intimidated the concerned circle officer for further proceedings.

In Udhampur, the enforcement teams visited five business units and found one trader, dealing with mobile phones and accessories, not issuing e-invoicing as per GST norms, besides not producing valid purchase documents with GST number. The team warned the dealer and also intimidated concerned Circle to initiate proceedings.

Moreover, the enforcement teams also addressed the doubts of traders on the spot regarding many issues related to e-invoicing, e-way bills, GST filing etc.

The department further urged the dealers to follow the fair-trade practices and avoid indulging in tax evasion activities or fraudulent practices involving fake ITC.

The entire drive was carried out under the guidance of Commissioner State Taxes J&K, P K Bhat and under the supervision of Additional Commissioner Enforcement and Administration Jammu, Namrita Dogra.

## PDP Accuses BJP of Distorting History, Calls July 13 the First Call for Democracy in J&K

**SRINAGAR:** The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Wednesday asserted that July 13, 1931, marked the first call for democracy in Jammu and Kashmir, as people rose against the monarchy while the rest of the country was fighting for independence.

"While the entire nation was struggling for freedom and democratic ideals, the people of Jammu and Kashmir also made sacrifices to be part of the same movement. The only difference was that their fight was against the local monarchy," the party said.

Hitting out at the BJP, the PDP accused the party of distorting historical facts for political gains. "The BJP is attempting to rewrite history with a divisive narrative. If they truly respect Maharaja Hari Singh, why did they revoke the state flag, the constitution, and the special status that he had ensured for the people of J&K at the time of accession after negotiations with the Government of India?" the statement read.

The PDP reiterated its demand for the reinstatement of July 13 as a public holiday, accusing the BJP-led administration of erasing J&K's historical identity and legacy. [KNT]







# Degrading

## Environment: A great concern



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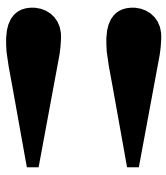
The environment, which sustains all life on Earth, is under unprecedented threat due to human activities. Over the past few centuries, rapid industrialization, urbanization, and population growth have led to the degradation of natural ecosystems, resulting in severe consequences for both the planet and its inhabitants. The degradation of the environment is a multifaceted issue, encompassing pollution, deforestation, climate change, and the loss of biodiversity. If left unaddressed, this crisis will have dire implications for future generations.

**Pollution:** One of the most visible signs of environmental degradation is pollution. Air, water, and soil pollution have reached alarming levels due to the release of harmful chemicals, plastics, and waste materials. Industrial emissions, vehicle exhaust, and the burning of fossil fuels have significantly contaminated the air, leading to respiratory diseases and global warming. Similarly, untreated sewage, agricultural runoff, and industrial waste have polluted water bodies, making them unsafe for human consumption and aquatic life.

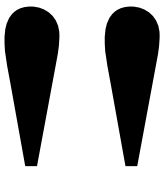
**Deforestation:** Forests, often referred to as the “lungs of the Earth,” are being destroyed at an alarming rate. Deforestation is primarily driven by agricultural expansion, logging, and urbanization. The loss of forests not only reduces the planet’s capacity to absorb carbon dioxide but also disrupts ecosystems, leading to the extinction of countless species. Additionally, deforestation contributes to soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, and changes in weather patterns.

**Climate Change:** The excessive emission of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, has led to global warming and climate change. Rising temperatures, melting glaciers, and extreme weather events like hurricanes, droughts, and floods are clear indicators of a changing climate. These changes threaten food security, water availability, and the livelihoods of millions of people worldwide.

**Loss of Biodiversity:** Human activities have caused the extinction of numerous plant and animal species, disrupting the delicate balance of ecosystems. Habitat destruction, overexploitation of resources, and the



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introduction of invasive species have all contributed to the loss of biodiversity. This not only diminishes the beauty of the natural world but also reduces the resilience of ecosystems to adapt to changes.

### Consequences of Environmental Degradation

The degradation of the environment has far-reaching consequences for both humans and the planet. Some of the most significant impacts include:

**Health Issues:** Pollution and exposure to toxic substances have led to a rise in respiratory diseases,

levels. Some key solutions include:

**Sustainable Practices:** Adopting sustainable practices in agriculture, industry, and daily life can significantly reduce environmental impact. This includes using renewable energy, reducing waste, and conserving water.

**Reforestation and Conservation:** Efforts to restore forests and protect natural habitats are essential for preserving biodiversity and mitigating climate change. Conservation programs can help protect endangered species and restore ecosystems.

**Policy and Regulation:** Governments must implement and enforce strict environmental regulations to



cancers, and other health problems. Contaminated water sources are a major cause of waterborne diseases, affecting millions of people, particularly in developing countries.

**Food and Water Scarcity:** Climate change and environmental degradation have disrupted agricultural productivity, leading to food shortages and rising prices. Water scarcity is also becoming a critical issue, as freshwater sources are depleted or polluted.

**Economic Losses:** Environmental degradation has significant economic costs, including the loss of natural resources, damage to infrastructure from extreme weather events, and the need for costly environmental clean-up efforts.

**Social Displacement:** Rising sea levels, droughts, and other environmental changes have forced millions of people to migrate, leading to social and political instability in many regions.

### Solutions to Environmental Degradation

Addressing environmental degradation requires collective action at individual, national, and global

limit pollution, promote renewable energy, and protect natural resources. International cooperation is also crucial for addressing global issues like climate change.

**Public Awareness:** Educating the public about the importance of environmental conservation and the consequences of degradation can inspire individuals to take action in their daily lives.

### Conclusion

The degradation of the environment is one of the most pressing challenges of our time. It threatens the health, well-being, and survival of all living beings on Earth. While the situation is dire, it is not irreversible. By adopting sustainable practices, implementing effective policies, and raising awareness, we can work together to restore and protect the environment for future generations. The time to act is now, before the damage becomes irreversible.

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# Secretary RDD reviews proposed Annual Implementation Plan under PMAY-G, MGNREGA, NRLM, Himayat Schemes

**JAMMU:** Secretary, Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj (RDD&PR), Mohammad Aijaz Asad, chaired a preparatory meeting ahead of the Empowered Committee session to be held to finalise the Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2025-26 for MGNREGA, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G ), Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) and Himayat by the Ministry of Rural Development.

The meeting was attended by Mission Director, JKRLM, Dr Shubhra Sharma; Director, RDD Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat; Director RDD Jammu, Mumtaz Ali; Director Finance, Umar Khan; Chief Operating Officer Himayat, Rajneesh Gupta; Joint Director Planning, Kamal Kumar Sharma; Additional Secretary RD&PR, Waseem Raja and all Assistant Commissioner(s) Development.

During the meeting, the Secretary reviewed key programme strategies and financial allocations proposed under the AAP. Discussions centred on employment generation under MGNREGA, housing for rural poor through PMAY-G, self-employment initiatives under NRLM and skill development interventions under Himayat.

The Secretary emphasized the need to further enhance employment opportunities under MGNREGA. Recognizing the programme as a crucial lifeline for rural livelihoods, he stressed the importance of expanding work availability to meet the increasing demand.

He reviewed the estimated person-days (PDs) anticipated for the financial year 2025-26 prepared by Deputy Commissioners in due consultation with the stakeholders. He also assessed the impact of proposed works in strengthening the rural infrastructure and employment generation.

The Secretary said the department aims to improve the overall quality of life in rural areas by focusing on sustainable infrastructure projects such as rural roads, water conservation structures and community facilities. He reiterated the importance of timely wage payments, a key aspect of MGNREGA aimed at providing financial security to the workers.

The Secretary also reviewed the Annual Action Plan for PMAY-G, which targets construction of new houses during 2025-26. He emphasised the need for efficient monitoring to ensure effective



implementation, particularly for landless beneficiaries listed under Awaas Plus.

The Secretary reiterated the importance of convergence with MGNREGA to provide unskilled wages for housing construction, reinforcing the government's commitment towards improving rural living conditions.

While reviewing the Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2025-26 of the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), the Secretary emphasized that its primary objective is to strengthen self-

employment opportunities, financial inclusion and skill development for rural women. He stated that the plan focuses on expanding Self-Help Groups (SHGs), providing access to credit and promoting both farm and non-farm livelihood activities across the Union Territory.

A key highlight of the plan was the "Lakhpati Didi" initiative, designed to empower rural women by enhancing their earning potential through skill development and entrepreneurship.

The Secretary said that the strategy included regular training programs, workshops, leadership development initiatives and financial literacy sessions to help SHG members build sustainable livelihoods.

To promote financial inclusion, he said that the AAP outlines efforts to open bank accounts for all SHG members, provide 100% insurance coverage under PMJJBY and PMSBY and facilitate credit linkages with the banks. He said that the convergence approach remains a crucial aspect of the AAP, with interdepartmental coordination ensuring that SHGs benefit from various government schemes.

The meeting also reviewed the plan for Himayat, a skill development program aimed at providing employment opportunities for the youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

The focus remains on expanding training programs, improving skill development initiatives and ensuring better placement opportunities for trainees, thereby equipping them with the necessary tools to secure sustainable livelihoods.

The Secretary emphasized the importance of meticulous planning and execution to achieve the goals set forth in the AAP 2025-26. He urged all scheme heads to work collaboratively to ensure successful implementation of the schemes, ultimately leading to the socio-economic upliftment of rural communities in Jammu & Kashmir.

The proposed Annual Action Plan 2025-26 will be submitted for approval in the upcoming Empowered Committee meeting scheduled in New Delhi on March 10, 2025 in the Ministry of Rural Development.

Several WSSs completed, others under progress in SMVD constituency

Concerted efforts underway to address water scarcity caused by rainfall deficiency: Javed Rana



**Srinagar:** Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmad Rana, said that 35 WSSs have been either completed or under progress in different areas of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SMVD) constituency to facilitate portable water facility to the people.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by MLA, Baldev Raj Sharma, in the Legislative Assembly.

He added that 91 PANI SAMITI Committees have been constituted in SMVD Constituency under JJM, comprising elected members of the Panchayat Raj Institutions, community leaders, school teachers, Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers and others and it has to have at least 50 percent representation of women.

He said that there is no slackening in monitoring by the Pani Samitis and there are regular reviews being held by District Jal Jeevan Missions (DJJMs) headed by the respective District Development Commissioners.

The Minister said that the rainfall recorded about 79% deficiency, as per data by the ending February this year, resulting in depletion of most of the Spring sources.

He said that some important measures being taken up to tackle scarcity of water in SMVD constituency included awareness among the general public about judicious use of water and avoiding wastages.

Besides, channelization of local nallahs has also been proposed at some sources by diverting the flow to recharge the springs.

He said that several measures like protection and development of the sources, deployment of additional water and focus on water conservation, rain water harvesting, ground water recharge, rejuvenation of traditional bodies and afforestation are being taken up to address the issue.

He also informed that the present status of drinking water demand and supply in the SMVD Constituency (rural areas) is 11.85 lakh gallons per day against the water availability of 10.49 lakh gallons per day.

The Minister stated that all the pipes including GI, DI and HDPE are being used as per the site requirement and their suitability. He said that the HDPE pipes are one among the non-metallic pipes recommended by the CPHEEO manual and advised by NJJM, for use in transmission of water under various WSSs.

He said that the concerned technical field staff monitors the work on a regular basis at the site. Apart from the District Project Management Units (DPMUs), there is a Third Party Inspection Agency for monitoring the quality of works, he added.

Replying to a supplementary, the Minister said that a strict inquiry would be conducted in case of failure of Pani Samitis, fixing the responsibilities accordingly. Besides, focus shall be given on fixing loopholes, if any, in execution of JJM works.

## DC Jammu stresses priority sector lending during DLRC meeting



**JAMMU:** A meeting of the District Level Review Committee (DLRC) was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, to review the performance of banks and financial institutions in the district.

During the meeting, an improvement in the Credit Deposit Ratio (CDR) over the past quarter was noted. The DC stressed the need for further enhancement of priority sector lending and directed banks to expedite the sanctioning and disbursal of loans for government-sponsored cases.

He also underlined the importance of increasing lending in the agriculture sector, ensuring adequate financial support for farmers.

Special emphasis was placed on the 'PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana', with directions to organise special camps for awareness and financing of beneficiaries.

Additionally, the DC called for greater coverage under social security schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh, Lead District Manager Romesh Chander, Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh and representatives from various banks and concerned departments.

Potential Credit Plan for the district for 2025-26, prepared by NABARD, was also released on the occasion in presence of Director Information Nitish Rajora, AGM NABARD Jammu Sonika Rana and Manager RBI Jammu Anil Kumar, besides others.

## DC B'la felicitates officers, officials for exemplary performance in JK Assembly Elections-2024

**BARAMULLA:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, felicitated officers and officials for their outstanding performance and dedication in the smooth conduct of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections 2024.

In a special felicitation ceremony held at DC office Baramulla, the DC acknowledged the relentless efforts of officers and staff in ensuring free, fair and peaceful elections in the district. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to several officials for their outstanding contributions.

Among the officers and officials felicitated were Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, Shabir Ahmed Raina; ADC Baramulla, Dr. Zahoor Ahmed Raina; Joint Director Planning, Javed

Ahmad; Sub-Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg, Altaf Hussain Masavi; SDM Pattan, Gulzar



Ahmed Rather; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Baramulla, Arshad Khan; Assistant Commissioner

## JJM completes 24 WSSs in Beerwah Constituency: Javed Rana



**Srinagar:** Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmad Rana, informed the House that 38 Water Supply Schemes had been approved under Jal Jeevan Mission for Beerwah Constituency, of which, 24 have been completed, so far.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by MLA, Dr Shafi Ahmad Wani, in the Legislative Assembly.

The Minister said that work on the rest of the 14 schemes is in progress and will be completed within the stipulated time. The total estimated cost of the schemes was 113.19 crore, of which, 64.29 crore have been expended.

Javed Rana also provided physical and financial details of all the Water Supply Schemes that

have been completed or are under execution in Beerwah constituency.

The Minister informed that Mazhama, Gondipora, Kandura and Zanigam villages have been proposed to be covered under Jal Jeevan Mission while Kawoosa and Check-Kawoosa villages have been proposed to be covered under NABARD scheme. The schemes for Gondipora and Kandura villages have been completed, while the others are at different stages of completion. All these schemes are expected to be completed during the next financial year, subject to availability of funds, the Minister stated.

Regarding augmentation of water supply to towns in the constituency, the Minister informed that augmentation of water supply to Magam and Beerwah towns stand approved under AMRUT 2.0 and steps are afoot to complete the same as early as possible.

Javed Rana informed the House that Jammu and Kashmir has experienced rainfall deficit during the last year leading to drying up of various springs that led to delay in operationalisation of schemes in certain areas.

## 02 Medical shops put on show cause notice, operation of 01 disallowed at Shopian

**SHOPIAN:** A team of officials from the Drugs Control department today conducted inspection of medical shops in various villages of Shopian district including Kumdalan Nagisharan, Hajjipora, Chakoorra, Dangan and Kaprin.

The team headed by Assistant Drugs Controller Shopian put two medical shops on show cause notice, and the operation of one medical shop was disallowed on the spot at Kundalan for non maintenance of records of scheduled formulations and violations of other conditions of Licenses. CCTV footage of the inspected firms were also checked by the team, and all shops were asked to adhere to the guidelines of dispensing of drugs.



## DC Shopian visits Transit accommodation Alowpora

Assesses ongoing works of residential quarters for Migrant employees

**SHOPIAN:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta visited Alowpora Transit accommodation to assess the progress of the construction work of residential quarters for Migrant employees of the district.

During his visit, Gupta stressed the importance of completing the entire project within set specifications.

He also directed the concerned executing agency to expedite the construction process and adhere to established timelines of project completion.

During the inspection, DC reviewed various aspects of the ongoing work and interacted with the officials on-site to address any challenges hindering progress.

To ensure accountability and adherence to quality standards, the DC instructed the officers to conduct regular inspections and maintain strict supervision over the construction activities.

He also emphasized the need for coordination among different departments to resolve any issues promptly and facilitate the smooth execution of the project.

The DC was accompanied by ADDC, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone; ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; ACR and other officers and officials.

## 11 ATFs functional in Kashmir, 09 in Jammu for treatment, rehabilitation of drug addicts: Sakeena Itoo

**Srinagar:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, while terming drug abuse as an issue of grave concern, said there is dire need to work collectively for eradication of this societal menace plaguing Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister said this while replying to a starred question raised by MLA, Mubarak Gul, in the Legislative Assembly here today.

While giving details regarding the treatment and rehabilitation facilities, the Minister said that 11 Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs) are functional in Kashmir division and 9 ATFs in Jammu division.

She further informed that OPD services are functional in all 20 districts while IPD services are available in all 9 GMCs, catering to the healthcare needs of both male and female patients.

She also informed that Psychiatrists are available in all the GMC's of J&K.

Reflecting on the Training and Monitoring efforts of the government, the Minister said that 25 Medical Officers (12 from Jammu and 13 from Kashmir) have been trained by NIMHANS, Bengaluru and deputed to their respective districts to strengthen treatment facilities at de-addiction centres.

She also informed that surveillance has been strengthened by data collection on a daily basis using

google sheets for real time reporting to monitor trends and measure the impact of interventions.

The Minister informed the house that after the initiation of Nasha Mukht Abhiyan since September 2022, the registration of new cases has shown



decreasing trend which indicates some level of control or improvement in detecting and managing the affected victims.

She also informed the house that several policy level measures have been initiated like Adoption of Drug De-Addiction Policy, Constitution of State Level Policy Implementation Monitoring, Divisional Level Drug De-addiction and Monitoring besides constitution of District Level Drug De-addiction and Monitoring Committees to tackle drug addiction as

well as drug trafficking in J&K.

The Minister further informed that the government has established a dedicated call centre Tele MANAS to facilitate the drug victims seeking treatment.

Giving details on awareness activities, the Minister informed that IEC activities, seminars, workshops and programmes are being conducted regularly in schools, colleges and universities in coordination with the district administrations, NGOs, volunteers and other allied agencies regarding ill effects of drug and substance abuse.

The Minister also informed that the health department, in collaboration with J&K bank, has successfully launched the project "Najaath" on drug abuse dedicated to Prevention and Treatment of Tobacco and Drug Addiction, in Jammu and Pulwama districts in November 2023.

She added that the Najaath aims to raise awareness among individuals, families and communities about the harmful effects of tobacco and drug addiction besides the available resources for prevention, treatment and support.

Legislators, Mubarak Gul, Yudhvir Sethi, Arvind Gupta, Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami and Justice (Retd.) Hashnain Masoodi raised supplementary questions on the matter.

## DC Kulgam reviews functioning of CSCs, directs officers to monitor their functioning

**KULGAM:** To review the functioning of Common Service Centres (CSCs) and examine their operations for smooth delivery of essential public services to the local population, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today chaired a meeting, here. At the outset, District Manager CSCs provided an overview of the CSC operations and the services offered.

It was informed that there are 528 sanctioned CSCs in the district, out of which 378 are active, with at least one CSC available in each Gram Panchayat.

Additionally, 13 CSC touch points have been established in government offices across the district.

DC directed the Coordinator CSC Kulgam to open more CSCs in the remote areas of the district. He emphasized on making

all the touch points functional at the earliest and discontinue the CSCs which are non functional

repercussions. DC directed the officers to identify the space in their



for a long time.

He highlighted the importance of resuming all CSC operations to facilitate public registration for welfare schemes like PM-KISSAN, PMAY-G, PMSYM, PMJDY, and Ayushman Bharat, as well as for obtaining domicile certificates.

Athar cautioned against overcharging and delays in service delivery to prevent any

respective offices within days for making all the touch points functional. Tehsildars and BDOs were directed to monitor the functioning and services provided by the CSCs to common masses in their respective jurisdictions.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, ADC, ACR, All Tehsildars, BDOs, ARTO and the District Manager CSC Kulgam, along with the Village Level Entrepreneurs.



# People Who Travel More Are Healthier, Study Says

**What did the study entail?**

Whether it's driving to your state's impeccable beach or taking a flight to Switzerland, traveling is always exciting and adventurous. The research, published in the Journal of Transport & Health, found that there was a difference in overall health of those who travel and those who do not.

Individuals who were limited to get out of their hometown, or even had limited exposure to traveling than they preferred, had inferior health. The research team set traveling as getting outside at least 15 miles away from one's local region. They gathered 2,747 individuals from the North of England and studied their overall health and relationship with traveling.

The particular region of England is known for having one of nation's worst health results, reason being its lack of sufficient transportation system.

During the research, participants were given five questions regarding traveling:

"I travel beyond my local area less often than I would ideally like to"

"I travel to fewer places (e.g., cities or towns outside my local area) than I would ideally like to"

"I travel to places that are nearer than the ones I would ideally like to go"

"I travel by public transport to places I would ideally like to go by car"

"I travel by car to places I would ideally like to go by public transport"

They were then asked to answer these five questions from a scale of one to five.



**What did the survey find?**

From the survey, researchers found that those who had the luxury to travel outside of their local region, meaning at least 15 miles from home, and those who did it often, overall reported having better health.

The correlation between traveling and health became stronger in those aged 55 years or older. Dr. Paulo Anciaes, the lead author of the study, said prior research confirmed how

travel can benefit individuals due to an increase in more opportunities, such as career benefits or educational advantages.

Anciaes and his team claimed those who had limited traveling opportunities had poorer health, due to a lack of social interaction and ability to explore. Habitual travel wasn't directly related to one's health, but more associated with not having the opportunity to participate in social interactions. Social interaction was directly linked with one's overall health and

satisfaction.

According to South University, social interactions are beneficial as it supports both emotional and physical wellbeing.

Social interaction is crucial to humans, as it creates a community for us to participate in and build relationships. Some ways to build social relationships can include volunteering at a local community, joining a group, or even utilizing technology to stay connected with friends and family.

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## Reading to Your Baby: 5 Tips to Foster a LOVE OF LEARNING

Six months and beyond. Babies use all of their senses to explore books. Beyond looking at pictures and listening to you read, it is normal for babies to put books in their mouths as part of the fun! Board book pages are also more manageable when your baby starts to turn the pages for themselves.

**When to start reading to my baby**

It's never too early to start reading aloud to your baby! You can even start reading to your baby before birth.

Rhythm, flow, and tone of voice naturally

read doesn't matter much. Choose what interests you — news, sports, or your favorite novel are all options. Classic picture books about family are also good choices. Your baby will pick up on the natural differences in your voice and tone.

**Benefits of reading aloud**

Emergent literacy is a term that encompasses all the building blocks children need before learning to read and write. Skills develop starting at birth through the preschool years. Reading aloud enhances

on the page. Eventually, they want to decode that message (read) for themselves.

### Phonological (sound) awareness

Phonological awareness encompasses the ability to identify and manipulate speech and language sounds. Your baby is introduced to these concepts through rhyming words and phrases.

Reading out loud fosters all components of emergent literacy. Babies who are read to early often score higher on language development as early as nine months of age!

Reading to babies: 5 tips for parents

Reading to your baby should be fun and does not need to be complicated.

### Read early. Read often.

Keep books close. Make books part of your day by keeping a basket of books in every room.

Routine. Make reading part of your daily routine. Bedtime is excellent, but so is feeding time or wake-up time — any time is a good time. Simple board books only take a few minutes to read!

Repetition. Babies and young children notoriously want parents to read the same book over and over. While it may not seem fun for you, it is thrilling for your child. They truly enjoy knowing what to expect next in the story.

Get silly. Use voices and facial expressions to really express what characters are feeling or saying. You may feel self-conscious, but your baby will love it!

Reading out loud to your baby every day is one of the best ways to foster a love of learning. The research is clear — babies whose parents read to them from an early age often perform better throughout their entire school career. Reading is also a great way to nurture your parent-child relationship. So snuggle up and read a good book today!



differ between conversational speech and reading aloud. Nevertheless, babies and young children need to hear both types of speech as part of language development.

When parents read at least one book daily, their child will hear an average of 1.4 million more words before kindergarten than those who did not hear as many books. Children that enter kindergarten without having listened to as many words tend to struggle throughout their entire school career.

**What should I read to my newborn?**

Babies grow, develop, and learn so much over the first year of life. Reading together nurtures the bond between parent and child and helps associate books with pleasure. Frequent reading also sets your baby up for future academic success.

Newborn—three months. What you

Three—six months. Once your baby is about three months old, pull out simple and colorful board books. You can build a positive relationship with books as your baby develops better head control and starts grasping objects.

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Book Selection. There are thousands upon thousands of choices out there. Goodnight Moon and Pat the Bunny are classics for a reason — the stories are simple and engaging for little ones. Rhyming and touch-and-feel books are great ways to engage with your baby.

a child's emergent literacy skills and sets them on a path toward reading and writing success. The following skills develop simultaneously as your baby grows.

**Language development**

Reading aloud fosters overall language development. Receptive language skills develop first; these involve listening and comprehending. Expressive language is the ability to communicate with others — long before your baby speaks clear words, they gesture, coo, cry, and babble to express needs and desires.

**Print awareness**

Print awareness is the recognition that written words have meaning. For example, when you repeatedly read a favorite book, your baby understands there is a message



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Amarnath Yatra

, ponies; extension of online services by the Shrine Board; widening and maintenance of Yatra Tracks; decongestion measures at Holy Cave and Lower Holy Cave area; Disaster preparedness and mitigation measures; adequate provisioning of Heli services, medical care facilities; Weather Forecasting Infrastructure & Systems, security and surveillance and Digital Pre-paid system for hiring services.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor felicitated the Board Members and expressed gratitude for their valuable contribution and continuous guidance in successful conduct of the yatra.

Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, gave a detailed presentation regarding the arrangements for the Yatra.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department; Nalin Prabhat, DGP; Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary Home; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners (Ganderbal and Anantnag); Additional CEO SASB and senior officers of the UT Administration and Shrine Board also attended the meeting, in person and through virtual mode.

AT&C losses

Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. "And until we are not able to control this situation, our current AT&C losses are around 50%. For every rupee worth of electricity we supply, we face a loss of around 50 paisa. We will have to gradually reduce this and bring it in line with the levels of neighboring states. For this, the RDSS scheme has been implemented," he said. The Chief Minister was replying to a starred question about the total funds allocated and utilized under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) for the member's constituency. He explained that under RDSS, in addition to smart metering works, funds have been sanctioned for various "Loss Reduction (LR)" works.

July 13 martyrs

on July 13 martyrs, saying the language were inappropriate.

"Martyrs should be respected, no matter from which community they belong. They fought for upholding democracy, safeguarding constitution and the rights of the people," Chaudhary said, insisting the need to honor those who made sacrifices for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

His comments come amid the ongoing political debate surrounding historical decisions and the legacy of Jammu and Kashmir's erstwhile rulers in Assembly.

Taking a dig at opposition BJP leaders, he questioned their selective praise for the regions past rulers. "If these people love the Maharaja so much why BJP abrogated Article 370 and 35(A) granted by Maharaja Hari Singh, and stripped down the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir into two Union Territories. Why don't they speak about this?" he questioned.

Para urges

acknowledge those who sacrificed their lives for upholding and strengthening democracy in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a popular government after a long spell, with a significant voter turnout. When discussing budget and vision, it is crucial to recognize the facts about those martyred in the process of saving democracy, be it Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah or those who gave their lives on July 13 while fighting against monarchy and for democracy," Para stated.

His remarks come amid ongoing debates over Jammu and Kashmir's political history and the recognition of key historical events in the region.

"We should rise above the political affiliations and come together to pass a resolution declaring these two significant days as state holidays," he added

Speaker expunges

I Sharma made the remarks against the "martyrs" in response to the speech of PDP legislator Waheed-ur-Rehman Para, who demanded restoration of the public holidays on July 13 and the December 5 in honour of National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

CPI(M) member M Y Tarigami and Congress leader Nizamuddin Bhat also joined the chorus and demanded expunging of the remarks against the 1931 "martyrs" and an apology from the Leader of the Opposition.

Later, the Speaker announced expunging of the "derogatory remarks" following which the entire 28 members of the BJP staged a walkout.

July 13 was observed as a public holiday in Jammu and Kashmir to commemorate the 22 men who fell to the bullets of Dogra Maharaja's soldiers outside Srinagar central jail in 1931.

The holiday along with the December 5 holiday in connection with birth anniversary of Sheikh Abdullah were, however, scrapped by the Lt Governor Administration post 2019 following abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two Union Territories.

11 ATFs functional

like Adoption of Drug De-Addiction Policy, Constitution of State Level Policy Implementation Monitoring, Divisional Level Drug De-addiction and Monitoring besides constitution of District Level Drug De-addiction and Monitoring Committees to tackle drug addiction as well as drug trafficking in J&K.

The Minister further informed that the government has established a dedicated call centre Tele MANAS to facilitate the drug victims seeking treatment.

Giving details on awareness activities, the Minister informed that IEC activities, seminars, workshops and programmes are being conducted regularly in schools, colleges and universities in coordination with the district administrations, NGOs, volunteers and other allied agencies regarding ill effects of drug and substance abuse.

Discussion on

fulfil all the promises made with the people of Jammu and Kashmir", he asserted.

Singh further said that abrogation of Article 370 has brought a new dawn of development in Jammu and Kashmir.

While commenting on the Motion of Thanks, Dr Basheer Ahmad Veei hailed the Omar Abdullah government for taking a unique initiative of holding meetings with different sections of the society to ensure the budget is reflective of the needs and priorities of all regions. He said that it is for the first time that people have participated in the Assembly elections in such large number.

DyCM assures

two spots at Adigam (length 150m) and Nagam (length 140m) remained pending due to the presence of existing structures and trees obstructing the alignment.

The Dy CM was replying to a question raised by Zafar Ali Khatana in the Legislative Assembly. He also informed that the Hangalgund- Kharpora road project stands completed in the year 2022 under PMGSY.

In a written reply to a question, the Dy CM said that there is no proposal under consideration for up-gradation and widening of Hangalgund- Puro road as of now.

Regarding fund allocation under NABARD, the Dy CM maintained that the funds under the scheme are released every year for approved projects against the sanctioned cost and work done.

Power demand

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that the Name of my Daughter has been Mentioned in her Birth certificate issued by Municipal authority Sumbal as Aashiya, Now i want to apply for Change her name as Ayesha Auroosh, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Municipal Authority Sumbal District Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Mohammad Shafee.**  
**F/O Ayesha Auroosh.**  
**R/O Malangam tehsil Aloosa**  
**District Bandipora .**

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that i have lost Number plate of my vehicle bearing Registration No Jk05E- 5853, some where 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 Assistant Regional Transport Office Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Mehraj ud din Sheikh**  
**S/O Mohammad Ahsan Sheikh.**  
**R/O Kreeri Baramulla, Jammu and Kashmir.**

valley has increased by nearly 80 MWs. The power demand however fluctuates and is not below the 1900 MWs."

On asking about the power generation, the official said, "Power generation has slightly increased due to the recent rainfall."

"As of now, the lower Jhelum power plant in Kashmir region is producing 90 MWs on an average," the official said.

Pertinently, KNO in previous week reported that Jammu and Kashmir is currently relying on more than 85 percent of coal and solar power amid acute deficit of hydro power generation.

Officials of PDD department had claimed that local hydro power generation from the local power plants have reduced by nearly 90 percent.

An official had informed that "At present Jammu and Kashmir is 85-90 percent dependent on coal and solar energy that is being procured from the other states because as of now we don't have a local power generation."

"In winters the local hydro power generation of Jammu and Kashmir power plants has reduced by almost 90 percent and in order to cater the requisite power demand, we need to have a base power availability that we procure from outside states. The energy is coal based energy," the official had said.

Congress calls for

Government of India as well as national parties. If not, we should take this issue to the people of the country to fulfill the goal of restoring Jammu and Kashmir's statehood. The sincerity of all will be tested in the formation of this panel," he said.

Bhat argued that the Reorganisation Act, which downgraded Jammu and Kashmir to a Union Territory, was only a temporary arrangement and there was a clear commitment in Parliament to restore statehood.

"It is a constitutional imperative, as the Constitution is the supreme authority. It is also a moral obligation for the prime minister and others to uphold their commitments made in the House and elsewhere," he said.

Bhat urged Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to lead the initiative and nominate an all-party delegation to meet Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Shah.

Delhi court to pass

Rashid surrendered in Tihar jail on October 27. He has been lodged in Tihar jail since 2019 after he was arrested by the NIA under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in a 2017 terror funding case.

The Delhi High Court on February 24 directed the sessions judge to expeditiously decide the bail plea of Rashid in the case.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement Bearing Consumer ID No: 02160100011994, which is Registered in the name of Gh Nabi Bajad, S/O Mutwali Bajad. Now i want to apply for Change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Wazeer Ahmad Bajard Gojar, S/O Ghulam Nabi Bijard Gojar, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in the name 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.

**Wazeer Ahmad Bajard Gojar.**  
**S/O Ghulam Nabi Bijard Gojar.**  
**R/O Upper Budinar, Chettibandi**  
**Bandipora.**

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement Bearing Consumer ID No: 0216020007847, this Consumer is Shifted to Pathan Mohalla Kaloosa, and want to change the Location from Pathkoot to kaloosa, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Kaloosa Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Nazir Ahmad Lone**  
**S/O Mohd Mukhtar Lone.**  
**R/O Pathan Mohalla, Kaloosa**

NOTICE

I Altaf Ahmad Mir S/o Ghulam Ahmad Mir R/o Sariwarpora Pattan District : Baramulla have lost the backside number plate of my truck bearing registration number JK05G 4250 from Baramulla to Delhi, Now i am applying for duplicate of the same. Objections if any may be conveyed to the ARTO Baramulla within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

The high court passed the directions in view of a December 24, 2024 order, by which the sessions court requested the district judge to transfer the case to a court designated to try lawmakers.

Rashid's name cropped up during the investigation of Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Watali, who was arrested by the NIA for allegedly funding terrorist groups and separatists in the Kashmir Valley.

The NIA filed a chargesheet against several persons, including Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik, Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin, in the case.

J&K Records

deficit rainfall during the period, the data reads, adding that some of the stations including Ramban, Kishtwar and Bandipora have recorded large excess

rainfall in the last five days. Anantnag, Ganderbal, Jammu, Kulgam and Poonch have recorded normal precipitation during the period.

The recent wet spell has recharged the water bodies in Kashmir. As per the data, river Jhelum at Ram Munshi Bagh was flowing at 4.47 feet this evening, showing a rise in the water level.

The other streams too witnessed a rise in the water level following the recent back-to-back wet spell in Jammu and Kashmir. Pertinently, the weatherman here has predicted another wet spell from March 10 in Jammu and Kashmir, saying that there is a possibility of light to moderate rain and snow (higher reaches) at many places on March 10 and 11, adding that the cloudy weather conditions are expected on march 12 while a spell of rain and snow is expected on March 13 and 14.

Bandia pora Produces 85,000 Metric Tons of Milk Annually, 90% Consumed Locally: Govt

"15,000 Liters of Milk collected Daily from 102 Dairy cooperatives"

Suhail Rather

**BANDIPORA:** The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday said that Bandipora district produces 85,000 metric tons of milk annually, with 90% of the production being consumed locally and the remaining milk being processed and marketed through different channels.

The information was shared in response to MLA Bandipora Nizamuddin Bhat's question in the J&K Assembly regarding animal and sheep-rearing initiatives in the district.

According to the government, 15,000 litres of milk per day are collected from 102 dairy cooperative societies by JKMPCL and processed at the Chashma Shahi Milk Processing Plant. 8,000 to 10,000 litres per day are also processed by local units or transported to Srinagar and other districts, where it is either sold directly as loose milk or processed by private dairy companies.

Addressing the initiatives taken to promote animal and sheep rearing in Bandipora, the government said that various schemes are in operation. The Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS) provides incentives for setting up dairy units, milk processing, and marketing. Similarly, the Integrated Poultry Development Programme (IPDP) offers subsidies for broiler and layer farms, mother units, and free-range poultry farms, along with poultry meat processing incentives. The Integrated Sheep Development Scheme (ISDS) supports beneficiaries in establishing sheep and goat units on a subsidy or participatory basis.

Under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), various sub-projects, including Dairy Development, Poultry Development, Mutton Project, and Fodder Project, are being implemented.

The government informed the Assembly that 2,237 cases have been approved in Bandipora under these initiatives. Under the National Livestock Mission, subsidies of up to 50 lakh are also provided for establishing sheep and goat units,

fodder processing units, equine breeding, and poultry production units.

On the issue of animal health, the government said that extensive vaccination campaigns are being conducted to protect livestock from various diseases. As part of an eradication strategy, Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccinations are being carried out, alongside vaccinations for Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), Brucellosis, Hemorrhagic Septicemia (HS), Black Quarter (BQ), Sheep Pox, Enterotoxemia



(ET), and Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) ASCAD and NADCP.

To improve veterinary healthcare services, Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) have been deployed in the district, providing doorstep services to farmers. These units can be accessed through the toll-free number 1662. The government also informed that veterinary mobile camps are set up in upper-altitude areas during seasonal livestock migration.


Artificial Insemination Centers across the district provide high-quality genetic breeding services, and awareness and fertility camps are conducted to educate farmers on disease prevention and best animal husbandry practices.

On bovine trade, the government said that Pashudhan Melas are being organized to help farmers select and purchase elite dairy animals within the Union Territory. Cattle dealers are also granted permission to transport livestock from outside Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring smooth trade and supply.

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# Trying to get my rhythm; more responsibility on me: Shami

Mohammed Shami conceded that operating as India's lone front-line pacer after coming back from a lengthy injury layoff has been a heavy "responsibility" but said he is trying to regain his "rhythm" to suit the team's needs in the ongoing Champions Trophy.

Throughout the ICC showpiece here, Shami has shared the new ball duties with either Harshit Rana or Hardik Pandya because of the injury-forced absence of Jasprit Bumrah.

Rana is still learning the ropes, while Pandya is an all-rounder and delivering 10 overs in an ODI is not precisely his territory. Shami has so far picked eight wickets in the tournament.

"I am trying to get my rhythm back and contribute more for the team. It is a responsibility when there are no two proper fast bowlers and I have to shoulder more responsibility," Shami said in a mixed zone interaction after India's semifinal victory over Australia here on Tuesday night. Shami said his workload is heavier without Bumrah steaming in at the other end but he is trying to give more than a 100 per cent to the role.

"There is a load when you are the one main fast bowler and the other is an all-rounder. You have to pick wickets and lead from the front. I have become used to this load and am trying my best to make it easy for others and give more than 100 per cent," he said.

Shami was sidelined for over a year with an ankle injury that he picked during the 2023

ODI World Cup. The veteran said he is now ready to shoulder the responsibility of bowling long spells.

"The trust debate ends when you get selected in the team. I don't think that one should worry

"I am now ready to bowl long spells. Short spells are anyways easy -- 6 balls or 12 balls -- and in limited-overs cricket it doesn't matter whether it's 10 or six overs," he noted.

The 34-year-old has bowled his full quota



about his fitness too much. We just need to put in the effort and see how your body takes it. After all, we are labourers.

of 10 overs against Bangladesh and Australia, while he bowled just eight and four overs against Pakistan and New Zealand respectively in the

earlier matches, primarily because spinners bowled nearly 35 overs in those games.

Being at one venue helped me

Shami said it is an advantage for him that all of India's Champions Trophy matches are being played in Dubai.

"It has definitely helped us because we know the conditions and the behaviour of the pitch. It is a plus point that you are playing all the matches at one venue.

"The main thing is to gauge the conditions and know how the pitch behaves because you are playing at one venue and you can get to know it well," he said.

Shami's brilliant, says Gambhir

Head coach Gautam Gambhir too praised Shami for the way he returned from the injury and delivered for the team.

"He's brilliant. He's a world-class performer. He's phenomenal. The hunger he brings on the table, the way he trains, the way he practices, the amount of bowling he does in practice sessions. He prepares himself really well. That's why you see all those results," Gambhir said.

Gambhir said versatility makes Shami a dangerous customer across formats.

"I think that he's a phenomenal bowler, be it in red ball cricket or in 50-over format. And he's shown that, making a comeback after one and a half years. These are not easy conditions as a fast bowler.

"But still he bowled those tough overs as well. So, I have no doubt that he's going to continue doing the same thing for a long time for Indian cricket," Gambhir added.

**"I am trying to get my rhythm back and contribute more for the team. It is a responsibility when there are no two proper fast bowlers** and I have to shoulder more responsibility," Shami said in a mixed zone interaction after India's semifinal victory over Australia here on Tuesday night. Shami said his workload is heavier without Bumrah steaming in at the other end but he is trying to give more than a 100 per cent to the role.

## Haven't played a perfect game so far, hopefully on March 9: Gambhir

Not the one to be easily pleased, India head coach Gautam Gambhir said his team is still searching for that "perfect game" despite entering the Champions Trophy final with an all-win record and he is hopeful that it would come in the summit clash on Sunday.

India trounced Australia by four wickets in the first semifinal here on Tuesday, with senior batter Virat Kohli making a well-paced 84.

"See, in international sport, you want to keep improving. You don't say that you've ticked all the boxes. We still haven't played a perfect game. I will never be satisfied with the performances," Gambhir said in the post-match press conference.

Gambhir hoped that India can produce that "perfect game" in the Champions Trophy title clash on March 9.

"We still have one more game to go. Hopefully, we can play a perfect game. We want to keep improving, we want to be ruthless on the cricket field but absolutely humble off the field as well," he added.

India have taken some bold calls such as playing four spinners, promoting Axar Patel to No.5 and pushing down KL Rahul to No. 6 to suit the team's needs.

It may look illogical from outside but for Gambhir they were minor pieces in the grand plans of keeping the players "out of the comfort zone" to extract the best out of them.

"I think cricket is all about being out of your comfort zone, and that is how you grow. If everyone is in their comfort zone, then there is stagnation. So, I believe, and you've seen the results. I know you guys will keep going back to 3-1 in Australia.

"But everyone in the dressing room is staying out of the comfort zone be it the coaching staff, be it the players and hopefully we continue to do what is important for Indian cricket," he said.



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