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Created Entrepreneurial Ecosystem To Make JK a Preferred Investment Hub: LG Sinha

●Urges Entrepreneurs to Capitalize on Emerging Opportunities in J&K

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that they have created an Entrepreneurial Ecosystem In J&K that has made the UT A Preferred Investment Destination.

He was addressing the MSME Conclave 2025, organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce, in Jammu. In his inaugural address, the Lieutenant Governor welcomed the Entrepreneurs, Bankers, Investors, Industry Leaders and Experts to explore the opportunities in the MSME sector and foster strategic collaborations during the conclave.

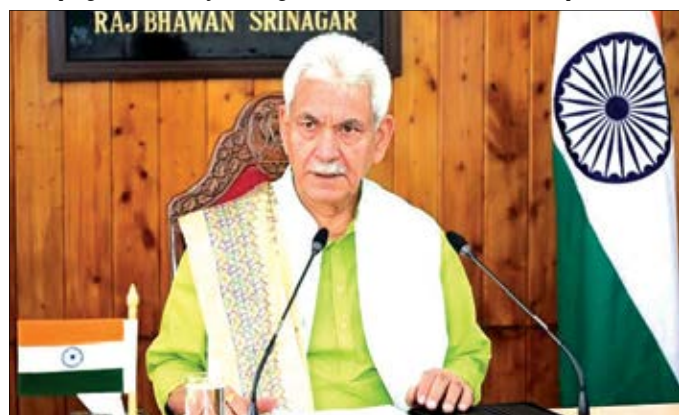
The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the pivotal role played by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

in shaping the economy, driving the

"Under the leadership of Hon'ble

unprecedented growth and brought remarkable transformation to the Indian economy. MSMEs exports increased from Rs. 3.95 lakh crore in 2020-21 to Rs. 12.39 lakh crore in 2024-25. This number shows MSMEs are playing a crucial role in strengthening global trade.

If we look at three important aspects of socio-economic growth, then MSMEs have proved to be our backbone on all three - employment generation, entrepreneurship promotion, and economic development. This year's budget by the central government will give new hope and momentum to MSMEs," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor spoke on the key



country's manufacturing sector growth and boosting Make in India initiative.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the MSME sector has witnessed

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India Flags 'Khalistani Threat' With US Intelligence Chief

●Urges US to Crack Down on Khalistani Operating on Its Soil

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NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday conveyed to US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard India's concerns over activities of Khalistani separatist group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) on American soil and urged her to declare it as a designated terrorist entity, sources said.

In an over 30-minute meeting at his office in the Raisina Hills, Singh also apprised Gabbard about SFJ's alleged links with Pakistani spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) as well as its "collaboration" with Babbar Khalsa militant group, and pressed for action against it, they said.

Singh flagged concerns over the SFJ, headed by Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, targeting various

Hindu religious structures in the US and said such activities must be stopped, the sources said. integration of defence industrial supply chains. The two leaders also reviewed



The SFJ is a banned organisation in India. Pannun is wanted by Indian probe agencies on various terror charges.

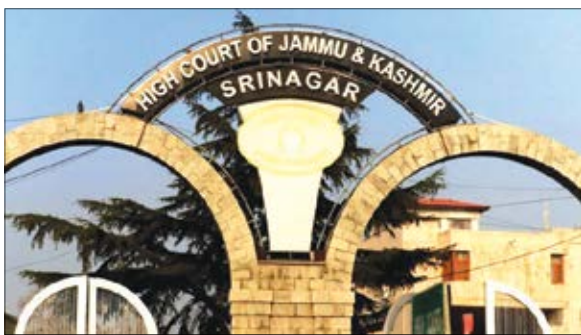
In the talks, Singh and Gabbard also explored ways to boost India-US collaboration in niche defence technologies, information sharing and

bilateral strategic cooperation in the maritime domain, according to an official readout.

The US director of national intelligence arrived in the national capital early Sunday on a two-and-a-half-day trip in the first

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J&K High Court quashes PSA detention of advocate N A Ronga



Sajid Raina

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has set aside the preventive detention of advocate Nazir

Ahmad Ronga, former President of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association. Ronga was detained under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA) in July 2024.

A bench led by Justice Sanjay Dhar, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) directed the authorities to release Ronga immediately, citing lack of specific material evidence supporting the allegations against him.

The High Court observed that the grounds for detention were "vague and ambiguous," making it difficult for Ronga to make an effective representation against the detention order. The High Court noted that the detention record did not include any intelligence report to substantiate the claims against Ronga.

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House passes grants for IT, FCS&CA, ARI trainings Transport, YSS, S&T Deptts

KC News Network

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Monday passed the grants amounting Rs 2796.07 lakh for Information Technology, Rs 70312.76 lakh for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Rs 4048.90 Lakh for ARI Trainings, Labour Stationary and Printing, Rs 12617.03 lakh for Transport, Rs 62154.91 lakh for Youth Services and Sports and Rs 17279.10 lakh for Science and Technology departments.

The grants were passed after



a daylong detailed discussion in the House.

Summing up the discussion, the Minister said that the Jammu

and Kashmir government is driving a comprehensive digital transformation

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Pak terrorist killed in Handwara encounter: Police

Waris Fayaz

HANDWARA: Police on Monday said that a Pakistani terrorist was killed in an encounter with the security forces here in North Kashmir.

Talking to reporters after the gunfight ended, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Mushtaq Chaudhary, "On a tip off security forces cordoned Krumbhoora Rajwar area in Handwara this morning. As soon as the contact was established, the security forces engaged the terrorist, resulting in his killing."

"The body of the terrorist was retrieved, and based on evidence, he was identified as a Pakistani terrorist Saifullah," he added "Saifullah was active in the area for a long time. The security forces recovered an AK rifle,

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Billawar, Kulgam incidents unfortunate, won't remain silent: Deputy CM

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SRINAGAR: Terming the Bilawar killings and Kulgam incident as unfortunate Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary on Monday said that the government is duty bound to ensure the safety of the citizens.

Pertinently, three relatives, including a minor were found dead in upper reaches of Bilawar in Rajouri District after they went missing. In yet another incident three Gujjar youth went missing from Kulgam district in South Kashmir, bodies of two among them were recovered from Vaishow Nallah, while the search for another youth is on.

Talking to reporters here, Choudhary as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said, "The government in Jammu and Kashmir cannot be weakened by

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'JK schools facing dearth of teachers due to non-recruitment since 2019'

Riyaz Bhat

SRINAGAR: Owing to the non-recruitment since 2019, the government Monday said that the School Education Department Monday was facing a dearth of teaching staff.

The government however further said that it was making all efforts to make proper rationalization to streamline the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR).

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Education Minister, Sakina Itoo in a response to the concerned respondent in legislative assembly said, "Yes, it is a fact that there is shortage of teachers in the schools mainly due to non-recruitment of Teachers since 2019 in view



of SAC decision where under the posts of General Line Teachers stand frozen for conversion of RETs in to Grade-II and Grade-III Teachers."

"However the department is making all out efforts to ease out the situation by way of proper rationalization, engaging CRCs and affecting Promotions of various

Cadres to streamline the teaching staff and maintain Pupil Teacher Ratio in the Government schools," Itoo said.

She further said that all the vacant posts of General Line Teachers have been freed for utilization for conversion of RRETs to Teacher

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NHPC Silent on Cost Details of J&K's Hydroelectric Projects: Govt Tells Assembly

Convener News Desk

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Monday informed the Legislative Assembly that the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) didn't provide details required to determine the current cost of the power projects which it intended to take over.

In a written response to a question from MLA Chanapora, Mushtaq Ahmad Guroo, Minister in-charge, Power Development Department, informed the House that NHPC didn't respond to the repeated requests to furnish details for working out the present cost of hydroelectric projects which it intends to take-over.

In 2011, NC-Congress government had formed a cabinet sub-committee to look into various issues



arising from the terms and conditions of entrustment of hydroelectric projects to NHPC. The CSC had recommended taking over Salal, Dulhasti, Uri-I and other hydroelectric

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Srinagar Metro Project Stuck as Centre's Approval Delayed



Rehan Qayoom Mir

SRINAGAR: The much-awaited Srinagar Metro Project, aimed at easing urban congestion and improving infrastructure in Srinagar city, remains delayed as it awaits approval from the

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India.

In response to a starred question tabled by Hon'ble MLA Tanveer Sadiq in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, the Housing and Urban Development

Department revealed, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that the revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth Rs 4893 crore, prepared by M/s RITES Ltd., has been submitted to the central ministry for approval. However, the project is yet to receive the green signal.

The government clarified that no steps have been taken so far to hold consultations with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) or any other firm for the execution and implementation of the project, as it remains stuck at the approval stage.

Additionally, the authorities stated that due to the pending approval, it is not possible to set a revised timeline for the project's completion at this stage.

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J&K Legislative Assembly passes Business Advisory Committee Report

KC NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today unanimously passed the recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) concerning the business schedule of the House.

Member, Mubarak Gul, moved the motion.

Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather, put the report to a voice vote, which was unanimously passed by the members.

As per the recommendations, the House sittings on March 17, 22, and 24, 2025, will commence at 10:00 AM and conclude at 5:00 PM, with a one-hour break from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

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J&K's private colleges not eligible for central grants: MoS Education

Sajid Raina

NEW DELHI: The Union government has clarified that private self-financing colleges in Jammu and Kashmir are not eligible for financial assistance under central government schemes.

The information was revealed in Lok Sabha in response to a question by Baramulla MP Abdul Rashid Sheikh, with Minister of State for Education, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, providing the details.

The minister stated that the University Grants Commission (UGC) does not provide financial aid to private self-financing colleges, including those in



Jammu and Kashmir.

However, government and government-aided colleges in J&K are eligible for funding under schemes like Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) and

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA).

To improve higher education infrastructure, the government launched PM-USHA in June 2023, the third phase of RUSA, with an

outlay of Rupees 12,926.10 crore for 2023-24 to 2025-26. The scheme aims to support state universities, government colleges, and new institutions in underserved regions.

The minister informed that data on the total number of private and government degree colleges in each state, as per AISHE 2022-23 (Provisional), is available on the Ministry of Education's website. Additionally,

details of funds allocated under PM-USHA, UGC grants, and Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for schools over the past two years can also be accessed online. This clarification reaffirms

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‘One district, one mafia’ era in UP replaced with One District, One Product: Adityanath

SAHARANPUR (UP): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday targeted the previous Samajwadi Party government, accusing it of fostering a culture of lawlessness with its “one district, one mafia” policy, which he said has now been replaced by the ODOP initiative.

Adityanath was addressing an event here as part of the ‘CM Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan’ where loans were distributed to 365 entrepreneurs.

“Every district had a mafia under the previous government. Wereplaced that with One District, One Product so that artisans and local products get global recognition and create jobs,” the chief minister said.

Without naming former chief minister and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Adityanath said, “If the leader of a state wakes up at noon, gets ready by 2 pm and then goes on picnics with his friends, when will he work? The public suffered while his associates looted the state.”



Adityanath also highlighted his government's focus on connectivity, stating that efforts are underway to reduce travel time from Saharanpur to Delhi to just 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Underlining the impact of the ODOP scheme, he noted that Saharanpur's renowned wood carving industry now

exports goods worth Rs 1,000 crore globally.

Criticising previous governments for neglecting artisans, the chief minister said, “Earlier, these craftsmen existed but the old governments were too busy turning them into vote banks.

They never cared about providing them with better designs, technology,

packaging, or export facilities.”

Adityanath also underscored his government's efforts in employment generation, pointing out that during Holi, the state announced 60,244 recruitments in the police force, including many for Saharanpur youths.

He noted that over 12,000 of these police jobs were secured by women.

“From 1947 to 2017, there were only 10,000 women in Uttar Pradesh Police. In just one recruitment drive, we added over 12,000 daughters to the force,” he said, adding that his administration has provided over 7 lakh government jobs so far, with no allegations of nepotism or regional bias.

Reaffirming his commitment to entrepreneurship, Adityanath said, “This government is here to recognise and support your hard work. It is not meant for dynastic politics where a handful of people loot power for themselves.”

Rs 8.47 crore gold seized at airport; 3 staffers among 5 held

MUMBAI: The Mumbai Customs has seized more than 10 kg of gold valued at Rs 8.47 crore in four operations at the international airport here and arrested five persons, including three private airport staff members, officials said on Monday.

The seizures were made between March 13 and 15 and some of the accused had concealed the precious metal in their clothes and undergarments, they said.

Giving details of the operations, a Customs official said a private staffer at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport was intercepted and six oval-shaped capsules having 2.8 kg of 24-karat gold dust in wax form, valued at Rs 2.27 crore, were found concealed in the pockets of his pants.

The person was later arrested under the Customs Act, the official said.

In the second seizure, another private staffer working in the international departures area was intercepted.

The Customs sleuths found 2.9 kg of pure gold dust in wax form, valued at Rs 2.36 crore, stored in seven oval-shaped capsules and concealed in the man's undergarments following which he was arrested, the official said.



Kaziranga National Park: SC refuses to hear plea against HC order

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to hear a plea against an order of the Gauhati High Court which adjourned sine die a case over the protection and preservation of Kaziranga National Park.

A bench of Justices B R Gavi and Augustine George Masih said the issues relating to the park, including the declaration of eco-sensitive zone, was pending before the apex court.

The bench told the petitioner's counsel to withdraw the plea challenging the high court order and file an application in the proceedings pending before the top court.

The counsel withdrew the plea with liberty to move an appropriate plea in the apex court.

The petitioner's counsel said the plea filed before the high court raised several issues concerning the park, including the declaration of eco-sensitive zone.

“That issue is pending before this court,” the bench observed.

In its order passed on December 6 last year, the high court adjourned the matter sine die (without a future date fixed) observing several issues



relating to the national park were pending before the apex court.

The PIL filed in the high court raised several issues concerning the protection of bio-diversity and ecosystem of Kaziranga National Park including eco-fragile zone, protection of nine notified animal corridors and for action against alleged unauthorised industrial and other non-forest activity.

The petitioner alleged non-forest activity, including settlement of land within the forest area, had ramifications and referred to a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India stating a change in

land pattern and other non-forest activities might wipe out the one-horned rhino to extinction.

While adjourning the matter sine die, the high court noted no material was brought before it to show that the issue relating to eco-sensitive zone with respect to Assam in general and for the Kaziranga National Park in particular was finally decided by the Supreme Court. Aside from the rhinoceros, the park's elephant grass, marshland and dense tropical moist broadleaf forests are home to hoodlock gibbon, tiger, leopard, Indian elephants, sloth bear, wild water buffalo and swamp deer.

AIMPLB stages protest against Waqf Bill; Owaisi cautions TDP, JD(U), LJP (Ramvilas)

NEW DELHI: The All India Muslim Personal Law Board on Monday led a protest against the Waqf (Amendment) Bill which was joined by several MPs, with AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi cautioning NDA constituents TDP, JD(U) and LJP (Ramvilas) that Muslims will never forgive them if they support the legislation.

A host of Muslim organisations joined hands under the aegis of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) to stage the demonstration at the Jantar Mantar here.

Speaking at the protest site, Owaisi claimed the Narendra Modi government's intention to bring the Waqf Bill is to disturb peace in the country.

Hind and vice-president of AIMPLB, asked.

Police leaders from a host of opposition parties, including Samajwadi Party's Awadhesh Prasad and Syed Naseer Hussain of the Congress, took part in the protest.

The 'dharma' was to be held on March 13 but was postponed in view of holidays on account of Holi.

AIMPLB spokesperson SQR Ilyas said that after careful consideration, the board came to the conclusion that the proposed legislation will pave the way for the "usurping" of Waqf properties, which would be a "direct attack"



“The prime minister's intention is that people keep fighting over Mandir-Masjid. Safeguarding Waqf properties is not the bill's objective,” the AIMIM chief said.

“The bill attempts to take way Muslims' mosques, dargahs and cemeteries. We are cautioning (TDP chief) Chandrababu Naidu, (LJP-Ramvilas chief Chirag) Paswan Sahab and (JD-U's) Nitish Kumar — remember that till the world exists, if you support this bill at this critical juncture, Muslims will not forgive you ever because it would be passed with your support,” Owaisi said.

“Don't support this unconstitutional bill,” he added.

Owaisi also pointed out that the bill allows for non-Muslims to be part of the Waqf council and boards, whereas in the management of endowments of other religions, only those belonging to that community are made members.

“The government is going to take an unconstitutional and anti-Muslim step,” the Lok Sabha MP said. Speaking to reporters at the protest site, Congress leader and former minority affairs minister Salman Khurshid claimed that the bill is not valid constitutionally and people are not satisfied with it.

Shia cleric Kalbe Jawad alleged that the bill's sole intention is to grab Waqf properties.

“Waqf grants Muslims the same rights that other religions enjoy over their institutions. If every faith has the right to administer its affairs, why are Muslims being singled out,” Syed Sadatullah Husaini, president of Jamaat-e-Islami

on Muslims.

The protest came amid the ongoing Budget Session during which the Waqf Bill could be introduced with a joint committee of Parliament having submitted its report on the proposed legislation.

The 31-member panel on the bill, after multiple sittings and hearings, suggested several amendments to the proposed legislation, even as the opposition members disagreed with the report and submitted dissent notes.

The panel submitted the 655-page report to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on January 30.

The joint committee adopted the report containing changes suggested by the members from the ruling BJP by a 15-11 majority vote.

The move prompted the opposition to dub the exercise an attempt to destroy Waqf boards.

The bill was referred to the joint committee on August 8 following its introduction in the Lok Sabha by Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT NO. (29) OF 2024-25 (e-Tendering)							
For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K U.T., e-Tenders (Storage contracts) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. for the following works.							
S. No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost in Lakhs (RS)	Cost of Tender Doc. in Rs.	Earnest Money (Rs)	Time of completion	Class of Contract	Head of Account
1.	Storage contract for restoration and maintenance of Irrigation canals Nov khul Mirgund khul, Trishwal Sangerwani khul, Qasbayar khul, Drabi khul allied networks for the year 2025-26.	4.55	500	9100	1st April 2025 upto 31 st March 2026	DEE	2702 M&R
2.	Storage contract for restoration and maintenance of Irrigation canals Nati khul, Putri khul, Drabi khul, Bogi khul, Grat khul, Hatim khul, Janibar khul and allied networks for the year 2025-26.	4.00	500	8000			
3.	Storage contract for restoration and maintenance of Irrigation canals Yari khul, Hanjin khul and allied networks for the year 2025-26.	2.00	300	4000			
4.	Storage contract for restoration and maintenance of Padgampora section of ISD Padgampora for the year 2025-26	2.25	300	4500			
5.	Storage contract for restoration and maintenance of Dagipipra section of ISD Padgampora for the year 2025-26	2.25	300	4500	10 Days		
6.	Providing foundation base for Drought Pump Aghanjipora	1.25	200	2500			

Position of Funds: Budgetary provision 2025-26.

Position of AAA: Accorded vide, Superintending Engineer, Hyd. Circle Pulwama HQ. Shopian's Order No. 's SE/HYD/SPN/DB/47 of 03/2024, dt. 07/03/2025.

Position of T/S: Sanctioned.

The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.

01	Date of issue of Tender Notice	15-03-2025 (06:00 pm)
02	Date of start of downloading	15-03-2025 (06:00 pm)
03	Bid submission start date Technical/ Financial.	15-03-2025 (06:00 pm)
04	Bid submission end date	25-03-2025 (04:00 pm)
05	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	26-03-2025 (10:00 am)

Terms and Conditions :-

- Bids must be accompanied with proof of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury receipt/e-challan under (MH: 0702-PWD Remittance) in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama (Tender Inviting authority), and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in shape of CDR/ FDR from any schedule or nationalized bank pledged to Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama (Tender Receiving Authority).
- The date and time of opening of Technical Bids shall be notified on departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Pulwama (Tender Receiving Authority).
- The bid for the work shall remain valid for period of 90 days from the date of opening of bid.
- If the Bid of a successful bidder is seriously unbalanced or front loaded in the opinion of the Employer, the Employer may in such cases seek written clarifications from the Bidder, including detailed price analyses of its Bid price in relation to scope, schedule, resource mobilization, allocation of risks and responsibilities, and any other requirements of the bid's document. If, after evaluating the price analyses, procuring entity determines that the Bidder has substantially failed to demonstrate its capability to deliver the contract at the offered price, the Employer may reject the Bid/ Proposal. A bid which contains several items in Bill of Quantities which are unrealistically priced low and which cannot be substantiated satisfactorily by the bidder may be rejected as non-responsive and in case found to be reasonable after detailed analysis by the Contract committee, additional security @ 3% of advertised cost to be submitted before processing of the allotment
- Bidders are advised to use the (My Documents) area in their user on www.jktenders.gov.in portal to store the required documents as given below:
 - GST, Adhaar Card, 16- Digit Bank Account No. and PAN No.
 - Registration card with the latest renewal.
 - Treasury challan (0702)
 - Scanned copy of EMD.
 - Card verification letter.
 - Registered mobile number and E-mail ID in the shape of Bidders address form.
 - BOQ.
 - Acknowledgment/ certificate w.r.t. filing of GST returns of previous quarter.
 - Acknowledgment/ certificate w.r.t. filing of Income Tax returns of Previous financial year.
 - The successful bidder is bound to register himself with Assistant Labour Commissioner, Pulwama for CESS Registration after issuance of allotment.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited if :-
 - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 07 Days after fixation of contract.
- Instructions to bidders regarding e-Tendering process:-**
 - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on web site www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from any approved vendor.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic form with Digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para- 3.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.All other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form).

No.: PID/CS/5092-S100

Dated: 15-03-2025

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Sd/-Executive Engineer,
Irrigation Division Pulwama.

Sonia, Mamata among those who inquired about my health: Dhankhar

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Sonia Gandhi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee were among the leaders who got in touch with the family of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar to inquire about his health after he was hospitalised for cardiac-related ailments.

Dhankhar revealed this in the Rajya Sabha on Monday as he resumed chairing the proceedings of the House.



He said he was “greatly touched” by the concerns expressed across party lines which contributed to his speedy recovery.

“The Leader of the House (and Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mallikarjun Kharge) were the first ones to get in touch with my family.

“Sonia Gandhi got in touch with my wife as did the chief ministers of several states including West Bengal,” he added.

Gandhi was present in the House when Dhankhar mentioned this.

Dhankhar, who is also the chairman of the Rajya Sabha, was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the national capital on March 9 following cardiac-related ailments. He was discharged on March 12 and advised to take adequate rest.

In the Rajya Sabha on Monday, he said the concern shown was an “enlightenment” to him that “when it comes to a situation (like this), our hearts are connected”.

“This will be a source of inspiration and enlightenment to me,” he said.

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 - A teaching Degree or a Diploma in education or its equivalent.
 - Experience as required under any one of the following clauses:-
 - At least 03 years' experience of administrative charge of a recognized college having intermediate or high classes.
 - At least 05 years experience of administrative charge of recognized High School.
 - At least 05 years experience of teaching in a recognized college or higher secondary school.
 - At least 08 years teaching experience in a recognized High School.
 - At least 05 years experience including 03 years educational administrative experience and 02 years teaching experience in a recognized High/higher secondary school or at teachers training institute.
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- Age Limit: Minimum 40 to 50 years.
- How to Apply: A detailed and comprehensive resume, photograph, copies of testimonials/certificates along with application to be submitted in the office of Principal Police Public School Bemina Srinagar by or before 25.03.2025.
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- Dated:- 15/03/2025

SD/-Dy. Inspector General of Police,
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ERO Bandipora Holds Meeting with Political Parties

BANDIPORA,: Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Bandipora, Shabir Ahmad Wani, who is also Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) Bandipora convened a meeting on Monday with representatives of various political parties to discuss various aspects regarding elections.

The meeting held at mini secretariat Bandipora, threadbare discussed various measures and issues regarding elections including rationalization of polling stations, challenges faced by BLOs and polling station issues.

ERO Bandipora outlined the responsibilities of political parties and their candidates in main-



taining the integrity of the electoral process. The discussion also addressed logistical arrangements, voter education, and strategies to enhance transparency while preventing electoral malpractice.



During the meeting, representatives of various Political parties voiced their concerns and suggestions, which were thoroughly acknowledged and examined. During the meeting, Shabir Ahmad

Wani highlighted significant improvements in the system through the integration of technology. He also urged political party representatives to encourage voters to participate in awareness camps.

Govt BHS Onagam Organises Mega Enrollment Drive in Bandipora

BANDIPORA: Government High School Onagam in Bandipora district on Monday organised an educational meet to emphasize the importance of enrolling children in government schools and strengthening public education.

The event was attended by Deputy Chief Education Officer Bandipora Dr. GM Puju, Cluster Head Abdul Rashid Lone, Principal GHSS Gardkhud Dr Khurshed, ZEO Quilmuqam Bandipora, Headmaster GH Onagam Mohammad Iqbal Lone and other senior officials of the departments.



A large number of locals including parents attended the education meet and interacted with teachers.

Speakers at the event highlighted the improvements in the teaching learning process of government schools, including modern classrooms, well-equipped laboratories, and enhanced learning resources.

They urged parents to shed outdated notions about the quality of education in government institutions and take advantage of free and inclusive learning opportunities. They said the government school has highly educated and trained teachers who are trained enough to deal with the children in a professional way and keep in view the modern teaching techniques.

During the event, teachers informed the parents about facilities available in the School including a smart class room, Computer Lab, Library, Science Laboratory, modern vocational subjects including IT and Telecommunication that train students in modern market oriented skills besides getting formal education.

On the occasion about 16 students from different schools got fresh admission in the school. Officials said the meet served as a platform to bridge the gap between parents and the education system, ensuring that every child in the region has access to quality education in government schools.

Market Checking held at Handwara

KUPWARA: In pursuance to the orders of the Chief Judicial Magistrate Handwara and to curb overpricing, profiteering, and black marketing, an intensive market-checking drive was conducted in Handwara.

The drive aimed to ensure that all essential commodities are sold at government-approved rates while maintaining quality and hygiene standards.

During the inspection, fine was imposed on shopkeepers found violating norms, failing to maintain hygiene and not adhering to legal requirements. The checking team also assessed the sanitation and hygiene conditions of meat sellers, cheese vendors, and chicken sellers to ensure compliance with health and safety standards as per court directions.

The drive was conducted in collaboration with Food Safety Department, Municipal Committee Handwara, and other allied departments.

Speaking on the occasion, Tehsildar Handwara emphasized that the primary objective of the drive was to safeguard consumer interests by ensuring the availability of genuine, high-quality products at fair prices.

He reaffirmed the administration's commitment to maintaining transparency and hygiene in the market, ensuring a seamless and satisfactory shopping experience for the public.

Indian Army Conducts Medical Patrol in Katora, Rajouri

RAJOURI: In a continued effort to provide healthcare access to remote communities, the Indian Army conducted a medical patrol in Katora, Rajouri District, on March 17, 2025. The initiative aimed to offer free



medical aid and treatment to 26 beneficiaries, including 8 males, 11 females, and 7 children.

The medical patrol was held at Gunda, where Army medical personnel provided essential healthcare services to villagers in need. The outreach program is part of the Army's ongoing commitment to assisting underserved communities, ensuring that residents in remote areas receive timely medical attention.

During the patrol, the medical team treated various ailments, distributed medicines, and provided health awareness sessions on nutrition, disease prevention, and healthy living practices. The initiative also served to build trust and strengthen ties between the Army and local residents.

The success of the medical patrol in Katora reflects the Indian Army's dedication to promoting health and well-being in underprivileged and geographically challenging regions. By extending quality healthcare services to remote villages, the Army continues to positively impact lives and contribute to better health outcomes for local communities.

Indian Army hosts Iftar party in Hajin

GOWHAR MAQBOOL

HAJIN: With an aim to foster and reinforce the spirit of peace and communal harmony, the



13RR of the Indian Army on Monday hosted "Iftar Party" at Hajin camp.

An official spokesperson said "Over hundreds of locals, senior citizens gathered for the 'Iftar party to pray, eat, and converse.

13RR Hajin conducted this event to bring in harmony and increase the bond between army and locals in the area. Official said

The local people expressed their hope that such events would improve communal harmony in the region and that locals and the army would work together for the betterment of society and their region.

Inclusive Education Drive Held in Pampore for CWSN

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: In a significant effort to promote inclusive education for Children with Special Needs (CWSN), an Environmental Building Programme under Inclusive Education SAMAGRA Shiksha was held at Government Middle School (GMS) Drangbal, Zone Pampore. The initiative aimed to encourage the enrollment of CWSN students in resource centers where they can access specialized support and facilities.

The programme witnessed the participation of teachers from Zone Pampore, various delegates, and parents of CWSN children, with a collective focus on ensuring equal access to quality education for all, particularly students with disabilities and those from marginalized communities.

A major highlight of the event was the integration of Braille and Indian Sign Language into the teaching process to support students with visual and hearing impairments. This aligns with national policies on inclusive education, reinforcing the commitment to equitable learning opportunities for every child, regardless of ability.

Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Pampore, Shahnaz Ahmad Malik, emphasized the importance of educational accessibility for all children. He urged parents to enroll their wards in CWSN resource centers, where they can benefit from necessary educational and developmental facilities.

Speaking to Kashmir Convener, ZEO Pampore, Shahnaz Ahmad Malik, described the CWSN Programme as an initiative by the government and a commendable step taken by CEO Pulwama. He highlighted the success of students like Mohammad Irfan, a CWSN student who has secured employment in a government job, showcasing the impact of inclusive education.

The programme marked a crucial step towards strengthening inclusive education and ensuring that children with special needs receive the support they require to excel in their academic and professional journeys.

Bandipora Admin Organises Training for IEC Campaign Against Drugs

BANDIPORA: The District Administration Bandipora on Monday organized an introductory-cum-training session for resource persons nominated for the IEC campaign against drugs at the Mini Secretariat, Bandipora.

The training session presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, discussed effective measures to combat drug abuse.

Addressing the participants, Deputy Commissioner M.A.Qadri emphasized the importance of a coordinated, multi-departmental efforts to implement the IEC campaign at the grassroot level. He highlighted that the campaign aims to target victims of drug abuse and vulnerable age groups, urging resource persons to execute the campaign in mission mode at the Panchayat level.

M.A.Qadri also outlined the measures taken by the government and law enforcement agencies to curb drug abuse and stressed the need for direct engagement with vulnerable sections of society to achieve the campaign's objectives.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl, highlighted the significance of the IEC initiative and advised resource persons to remain proactive in its execution.

Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Nodal Officer for the IEC Campaign, Irfan Bahadur, emphasized the need for proper training



and knowledge among resource persons for effective implementation. He called for sincerity, dedication, and commitment from all stakeholders to transform the campaign into a successful public movement against drug abuse. Dr. Umair, Medical Officer Addiction Treat-

ment Facility (ATF) Bandipora, discussed measures for handling drug abuse victims, available rehabilitation facilities and moral responsibility of

stakeholders in addressing drug menace while as counselor ATF, Junaid Ghayas Zargar, highlighted the changing patterns of substance abuse. Among others the programme was attended by resource persons from various departments and other concerned stakeholders.

DC Baramulla chairs DLIC meeting, directs action to resolve PMEGP pendency

BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, chaired a meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) on the implementation of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) today at meeting hall DC office Baramulla. During the meeting, the General Manager, DIC gave a detailed overview of the PMEGP cases sponsored during 2024-25. It was informed that 541 cases had been returned by financial institutions for various reasons, highlighting the need for immediate corrective action.

Taking note of the pendency, the DC directed the Lead Bank Manager to establish Special Help Desks at every bank branch starting from March 20, 2025, to provide assistance to applicants and to clear pendency. The banks were instructed to offer technical support to these Special Help Desks to ensure smooth processing of cases.

The DC also directed the General Manager, DIC to share a list of all applicants with the respective banks/branches. The Lead Bank Manager, Baramulla was tasked with

re-examining all cases that were either rejected or not sanctioned and to clear them in line with government guidelines.

Furthermore, DC directed the General



Manager, DIC to share a monthly progress report on PMEGP implementation with all stakeholders to monitor the progress effectively. Minga Sherpa instructed the General Manager, DIC and the Lead Bank Manager, Baramulla to submit an action taken report at the earliest to ensure timely resolution of pending cases.

The meeting was attended by the General Manager, DIC Baramulla, Joint Director Planning, Lead Bank Manager, Baramulla, District Coordinator, State Bank of India, Cluster Head, JKGB Regional Office, Baramulla; District Head, KVIB, District Head, KVIC and Branch Heads of J&K Banks of the district.

Advisor to CM holds meeting on Agricultural Land inundation Near Hokersar Wetland

SRINAGAR: Taking cognizance of increasing complaints from the farmers about their agricultural lands being submerged due to rising water levels in the Hokersar Wetland, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, today convened a high level meeting to assess and address the issue.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Chief Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control and the Wildlife Warden Wetlands, Kashmir.

Various farmers from several areas, including Soibugh, Gotapora, Daharmuna, Hajibagh, Hakermulla, and Syed Pora Budgam, have been facing severe losses as their cultivable land remains inundated for long periods. With waterlogging preventing timely sowing of crops, the farmers

are struggling to sustain their livelihoods. Many affected villagers have been approaching the Advisor, seeking urgent intervention to resolve the crisis.

During the discussions, the officials acknowledged the severity of the issue and stressed the need for immediate action.

To find a long-term solution, it was decided that a committee comprising the officers from the Revenue, Irrigation and Wildlife departments will be formed. The committee will conduct a detailed demarcation of the affected areas and propose measures to prevent further damage to the farmlands.

The Advisor assured the farmers that the gov-

ernment is committed towards addressing their concerns while ensuring the ecological balance

of Hokersar Wetland is maintained. "We understand the hardships faced by the farmers on this account. The administration will take all necessary steps to resolve this issue in a way that protects both livelihoods and the environment," he added.

The committee would soon begin the field assessments shortly and will work closely in consultation with the local stakeholders. The administration has assured regular updates on the progress of the initiative to maintain transparency and keep affected communities informed.



Editorial

India’s Economic Roadmap

As India’s economy continues its upward trajectory, the recently released Economic Survey 2024-25 provides an optimistic yet cautious outlook. With GDP growth projected between 6.3% and 6.8% for FY26 and inflation easing to 4.9% in April-December 2024, the survey highlights key achievements and challenges in sustaining long-term growth. While India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies, structural reforms and strategic interventions are essential to ensure this momentum translates into inclusive development. One of the standout achievements has been the surge in capital investment, growing at 8.2% between July-November 2024. This has fueled infrastructure expansion, particularly in railways, roads, and renewable energy, strengthening India’s industrial backbone. The manufacturing sector, however, faces headwinds due to global trade uncertainties and sluggish export demand. Policymakers must focus on boosting domestic production capabilities, fostering MSMEs, and enhancing ease of doing business to make India a more competitive manufacturing hub. Another crucial aspect is financial stability. With foreign exchange reserves at \$640.3 billion and gross FDI inflows rising by 17.9% year-on-year, India is well-positioned to weather global uncertainties. However, for sustained investment inflows, regulatory clarity and a conducive business environment remain paramount. Reforms in taxation, labor laws, and land acquisition can further drive investor confidence and job creation. The survey underscores the importance of digital and green transformations. Capacity addition in solar and wind power increased by 15.8% year-on-year, showcasing India’s commitment to renewable energy. Government-backed initiatives have strengthened economic participation. However, rising inequality remains a concern, with rural demand yet to fully recover. Addressing this requires targeted support in agriculture, MSMEs, and social welfare programs. India’s economic resilience is evident, but sustaining high growth demands bold policy actions. The path forward lies in balancing fiscal prudence with strategic spending, deregulating key sectors, and fostering an innovation-driven economy. With proactive governance, India can navigate global uncertainties and emerge as a truly self-reliant economic powerhouse.

Growing Trend of Erasing Uncomfortable Truths Instead of Confronting Them



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In an era of rapid information dissemination, the Uncomfortable truths—those that challenge prevailing narratives or expose systemic failures—are increasingly ignored rather than addressed. This tendency to ignore reality can be seen in politics, history, social issues, and even personal interactions. The consequences of this avoidance range from distorted public discourse hindering meaningful progress on critical global issues

Historical Revisionism: Erasing Truth for Comfort

One of the most prominent examples of erasing uncomfortable truths is historical revisionism. Many governments and institutions have attempted to rewrite history to present a more favorable narrative. For instance, Japan's treatment of World War II atrocities, particularly regarding the issue of "comfort women," has been a topic of global debate. Some textbooks downplay or omit Japan's wartime aggression, preventing younger generations from confronting the full scope of their nation's past. Similarly, in the United States, discussions about systemic racism have led to efforts in some states to restrict or modify how slavery and racial discrimination are taught in schools. The discomfort associated with acknowledging racial injustices has led to legislative actions that limit educational exposure to these realities. In India, history is often rewritten to align with dominant political narratives. The Mughal era, a significant part of Indian history, has been selectively omitted or vilified in some school curriculums to promote a nationalist perspective. Similarly, controversial events like the 2002 Gujarat riots and the Emergency period under Indira Gandhi are either downplayed or framed in ways that align with political ideologies. This selective historical representation prevents citizens from learning critical lessons from the past and fosters a distorted national identity.

Political Censorship: Silencing Dissent

Governments worldwide have employed censorship to erase inconvenient truths that challenge their authority. In China, the Tiananmen Square massacre of 1989 remains a taboo subject, heavily censored from textbooks and online discussions. By erasing this event from public discourse, the government prevents a collective reckoning with its past actions.



In Russia, the narrative around the ongoing conflict with Ukraine is carefully controlled. Independent media that present alternative perspectives are suppressed, ensuring that only the official version of events reaches the majority of citizens. This control of information creates an environment where people are shielded from uncomfortable truths that might provoke resistance or demand accountability. In India, political censorship has also been prevalent. Books, films, and journalistic reports that criticize the ruling government or question historical narratives have been banned or faced legal scrutiny. Investigative reports on communal violence, corruption, and human rights abuses often meet suppression, limiting public awareness of significant issues. The crackdown on journalists and activists further discourages confronting reality, leading to a more controlled and sanitized discourse.

Social Media and the Echo Chamber Effect

Beyond government actions, social media has played a significant role in erasing inconvenient truths. Algorithms on platforms like Facebook and Twitter often create echo chambers, reinforcing users' pre-existing beliefs while filtering out opposing viewpoints. This selective exposure fosters an

environment where individuals can avoid confronting difficult realities.

For example, climate change denial thrives in digital spaces where misinformation spreads unchecked. Despite overwhelming scientific evidence, many people consume only content that downplays or outright denies climate change, avoiding the stark

slow, with narratives focusing more on economic progress than on long-term consequences. Similarly, environmental violations by large industries are often downplayed to maintain a pro-business image.

Personal Avoidance: The Psychological Side

On an individual level, people often erase uncomfortable truths in personal relationships and decision-making. Whether it's ignoring red flags in a toxic relationship, avoiding discussions about financial troubles, or refusing to acknowledge personal biases, this behavior stems from a psychological tendency known as "cognitive dissonance." When confronted with information that challenges our self-image or beliefs, many prefer to dismiss or rationalize it rather than face discomfort.

The Cost of Avoidance

The refusal to confront difficult truths has serious implications. Societies that fail to reckon with historical injustices risk repeating them. Governments that suppress dissent create unstable environments where unrest festers. Individuals who avoid personal truths may struggle with unresolved conflicts that impact their well-being. India, like many other nations, stands at a crossroads where confronting difficult truths is imperative for sustainable progress. The reluctance to address caste inequalities, religious intolerance, economic disparities, and political censorship limits the country's potential for genuine democratic growth. Acknowledging historical and contemporary injustices is the first step toward a more just and equitable society. Confronting the truth is often uncomfortable, but it is necessary for progress. Whether in history, politics, social issues, or personal lives, acknowledging and addressing reality is the only way to foster genuine change. Erasing truths may provide temporary relief, but in the long run, it prevents growth, justice, and accountability. A nation that continually erases its uncomfortable truths is doomed to repeat its mistakes, whereas one that faces them head-on paves the way for a more enlightened and resilient future.

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Modernity and Postmodernity: The Crisis of Meaning to the Abyss of Uncertainty



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The trajectory of human thought, from the structured rationalism of modernity to the radical skepticism of postmodernity (having a profound convergence with mystical traditions particularly sufism) marks one of the most profound intellectual and existential shifts in history. Modernity emerged with an unwavering confidence in reason, scientific progress, and the pursuit of universal truths, dismantling traditional structures in favor of individual autonomy and empirical knowledge. The Enlightenment's grand vision promised clarity, coherence, and a sense of human mastery over existence, yet its very rationalism set in motion an existential crisis. The disenchantment of the world, as Max Weber termed it, severed humanity from metaphysical certainties, leaving individuals suspended in a cosmos that, though explained scientifically, often felt devoid of intrinsic meaning. The existentialist philosophers of the 19th and 20th centuries, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, and Camus grappled with this crisis, diagnosing the alienation, absurdity, and freedom that emerged when old theological and metaphysical assurances crumbled. Postmodernity, rather than resolving this crisis, deepened it further by dismantling the very foundations of modernist certainty. Jean-François Lyotard's incredulity toward metanarratives, Derrida's deconstruction, and Baudrillard's hyperreality fractured reality itself, rendering truth, identity, and meaning fluid, contingent, and often elusive. This intellectual rupture was not confined to philosophy alone; it permeated literature, psychology, political theory, and cultural discourse, shaping the existential dilemmas of the contemporary world. Empirical data across traditions, cultures, and geographies confirm that as societies transition from structured modernist ideals to postmodern fragmentation, they experience heightened existential anxiety, identity crises, and an intensifying struggle to situate the self within an ever-shifting epistemic and ontological landscape. The repercussions of

this transformation are evident in mental health studies, the rise of ideological extremisms, the dissolution of stable social frameworks, and an increasing dissonance between the rapid acceleration of technological advancement and the human



need for meaning, continuity, and rootedness. The shift into postmodernity deepened this existential crisis, replacing the universalizing narratives of modernity with skepticism toward grand truths. Jean-François Lyotard famously defined postmodernity as an "incredulity toward metanarratives," signaling a fundamental rupture in how truth, knowledge, and reality were understood. Where modernity sought coherence and structure, postmodernity embraced fragmentation, plurality, and uncertainty. This transition did not merely complicate philosophical discourse but profoundly altered the lived experience of individuals. The postmodern world, saturated with media, hyperreality, and relativism, dissolved fixed identities, leaving individuals in a perpetual state of flux. Baudrillard's concept of hyperreality, where the distinction between the real and the simulated collapses, exemplifies the existential anxiety of postmodernity—a world where meaning is endlessly deferred, constructed, and deconstructed without the possibility of final resolution. Poetry, as a reflection of the human condition, captures these existential dilemmas with profound sensitivity. The poetic symphonies of modernity and postmodernity echo the struggle between meaning and meaninglessness, between the longing

for truth and the realization of its instability. The existentialist poetry of the modernist era, seen in the works of T.S. Eliot, Rainer Maria Rilke, and Wallace Stevens, grapples with the fragmentation of self and the search for transcendence in

modernity and postmodernity are not merely abstract crises but are deeply rooted in socio-political realities. The alienation diagnosed by Marx, the absurdity articulated by Camus, and the existential anguish described by Sartre are intensified in a world dominated by late capitalism, digital hyperconnectivity, and global crises. The collapse of fixed identities, once celebrated as a form of liberation, now manifests as an overwhelming burden of choice and self-construction, where the individual must navigate an endless array of constructed meanings without any stable ground. The contemporary existentialist crisis, thus, is not simply about meaning but about agency—about how individuals situate themselves in a world where truth is contested, identity is fluid, and reality itself is mediated through layers of representation. Empirical data from psychological studies on existential anxiety in contemporary society further reinforce this crisis. Studies indicate a marked increase in existential distress, particularly among younger generations, who face a world of precarious employment, ecological collapse, and digital saturation. Reports from leading psychological and sociological institutions highlight how the decline of stable belief systems, combined with an information-saturated world, has led to heightened existential anxiety, manifesting in rising rates of depression, nihilistic attitudes, and an increasing turn to ideological extremism as a means of reclaiming certainty. At this critical juncture, the existential dilemmas of modernity and postmodernity demand an urgent and profound re-engagement with the question of meaning. The collapse of absolute certainties has left humanity in a paradoxical state: liberated from dogmatic constraints yet burdened with the responsibility of self-construction in a reality where meaning is no longer given but must be actively forged. This challenge is not merely philosophical but deeply practical, affecting everything from personal identity formation to global political dynamics. The poetic symphonies of this crisis, articulated through literature, philosophy, and the arts, offer a lens through which to navigate the paradoxes of existence. Rainer Maria Rilke's longing for transcendence in Duino Elegies, T.S. Eliot's fragmentation in The Waste Land, and the radical indeterminacy in the works of postmodern poets like John Ashbery and Anne Carson mirror the struggle between coherence and chaos. Philosophically, the existential dilemmas of

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Philosophical thought, from existentialism to contemporary phenomenology, continues to seek pathways through this uncertainty—some embracing radical freedom, others gesturing toward new spiritual or metaphysical orientations. In light of the latest scholarly research, cross-cultural philosophical traditions, and contemporary existential inquiries, the task is not to retreat into either rigid absolutism or paralyzing relativism but to cultivate a mode of thinking that acknowledges uncertainty while resisting nihilism. If modernity produced the existential dilemma by dissolving the certainty of tradition, postmodernity intensified it by dissolving the very foundation upon which new meaning could be constructed. The abyss of uncertainty that postmodernity opens is not merely an academic concern but a lived reality that continues to shape personal, cultural, and political landscapes in ways that demand critical reflection, artistic expression, and new philosophical engagements with the very nature of being in the contemporary world. The future of existential thought must balance the insights of modernity and postmodernity, neither discarding reason nor surrendering to fragmentation but forging a nuanced, integrative approach to meaning-making in an age that continues to oscillate between clarity and abyss. The quest for meaning remains the defining struggle of our time—urgent, timeless, and inextricably woven into the intellectual, cultural, and existential fabric of humanity. Further postmodernity's existential anxiety and the mystical insights of Sufism offer a vital reengagement with truth, identity, and meaning. Postmodernity deconstructs rigid structures, while Sufism reconstructs meaning through experiential realization and inner transformation. This synthesis provides a compelling alternative to dogmatism and relativism, offering a vision of existence that embraces fluidity without falling into uncertainty. As contemporary scholarship and sociological research reveal a growing interest in mystical perspectives, Sufi philosophy and practices address the human search for dynamic, experiential truth. In a fragmented world, Sufism invites deeper engagement with reality, allowing for an ever-expanding horizon of meaning and spiritual fulfillment. Author can be mailed at shabirahmed.lone003@gmail.com

Moratorium on establishment of air polluting units in Khrew, Khonmoh areas: Deputy Chief Minister

JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, informed the House that Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) has imposed a moratorium on establishment and registration of new units of air polluting industries in Khrew, Pulwama, and Khonmoh in Srinagar of Kashmir division for a period of two years since 2021.

The Deputy Chief Minister was replying to a question raised by Hasnain Masoodi in the Legislative Assembly.

He added that the order, in this regard, was reviewed by the Committee on 20.12.2023 which vide its decision dated 01.01.2024 resolved that the moratorium on establishment of new units shall remain in force only in respect of Cement Plants, Stone Crushers, Brick Klin, Mining and Hot Mix Plants till the annual average AQI falls below 100 or CEPI score falls below 60. All necessary steps shall be taken to regularly monitor the ambient air quality of Khrew and Khonmoh areas, he added.

The Deputy Chief Minister informed the House that presently



all the three Plants of JKCL have been closed since, 2019, due to poor power supply leading to regular interruptions in the operations causing

a huge loss in production of the Plant besides non-availability of sufficient working capital. He said that lack of proper maintenance was causing regular break down to the Plant and machinery besides several unforeseen factors like September 2014 flood and unrest of 2016 and 2019 Covid lockdown in the valley adversely affected the

performance of the company. He added that huge losses were other reasons for complete closure of the plant operations. He further said that the company has been burdened by its own liabilities on account of salaries/bills raised by the contractors and various departments, CP Fund of employees, GST liabilities, etc.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that presently, the JKCL is under the process of disinvestment. He added that in view of non viability of revival of JKCL, the Administrative Council of Union Territory of J&K vide Administrative Council Decision No. 113/15/2021 dated 19.10.2021 gave in-principal approval for complete sale of the JKCL and its assets on as-is where-is basis, through strategic disinvestment and exploration of the options for e-auction from the qualified bidders.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that pensionary benefits for the retired employees of JKCL have been worked out and projected in the revised budgetary provisions for the current financial year 2024-25. However, the 6th Pay Commission benefits have been implemented for the employees, he added.

DC Shopian takes stock of revenue matters

Stresses on timely service delivery, improving efficiency



SHOPIAN: In order to take stock of various revenue related matters, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta chaired a meeting of revenue officers at Mini Secretariat, here.

The review focused on prompt and timely delivery of online revenue services, and necessary directions were issued to the officers and officials of the department to dispose-off the applications promptly, within the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) timelines. The DC warned against the delay in the provision of revenue services, outside PSGA.

Various other matters including conduct of grievance redressal camps, illegal land encroachments and unauthorised constructions, daily reporting of field staff, field presence at Patwar halqas, migrant grievances, conduct of girdawari and mutation camps, inspections of patwar halqa functioning, record checking, strengthening the work culture were discussed in the meeting, and required action was sought from all officers and officials.

The DC sought time bound service delivery along with ensuring transparency and accountability into the working of revenue officials with a view to further strengthen the work culture in the department.

All officers were instructed to conduct field visits, meet people, listen to grievances for redressal, organize mutation camps and provide services efficiently.

He also instructed officers to improve the performances under all revenue matters immediately.

Priority must be given to the prompt deliverance of all services to the public without waiting for the upper limit of set timelines under the Act, DC emphasized on the occasion.

To improve efficiency and transparency, officers were urged to adopt a proactive approach to address public grievances for resolving the public affairs.

ADC, Zakir Hussain Faza; ACR, SDM, DIO Shopian, Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, Girdawars and Patwaris attended the meeting.

Mission YUVA: Two-day training prog for SBDUs, one-day for BHDs commences in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: A two-day training program for Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) and a one-day training session for Business Help Desks (BHDs) were successfully launched today at the Women Polytechnic College Bemina, Srinagar.

The event was organized by the Labour and Employment Department with the goal of empowering district officers in implementing the Mission YUVA initiative across UT of J&K.

A total of more than 200 officers from various districts are attending this training program over a three days period in which 92 officers attended the training today, focusing on enhancing their ability to support entrepreneurship and self-employment, particularly among differently-abled and women in the region.

The training provided a comprehensive overview of Mission YUVA and its implementation across districts starting next financial year.

Shahzad Alam, Mission Director YUVA cum Director Employment, addressed the participants, highlighting the significance of entrepreneurship in driving economic growth and creating sustainable employment opportunities.

He said, "The goal of Mission YUVA is to equip young entrepreneurs, especially women, with the tools they need to thrive and contribute to the state's economic development."

Meanwhile, the first day of the training sessions covered critical areas, including an overview of Mission YUVA by the Mission Director, emphasizing its importance for youth empowerment and job creation, besides an overall broader contour of the Mission YUVA scheme by OSD, Mission Youth.

Detailed discussions were also held on Institutional Business Support Mechanisms to strengthen the entrepreneurship ecosystem, using the Baseline Survey to design data-driven policies at the district level, helping officers understand the existing landscape of businesses and potential entrepreneurs. Operational guidelines for key schemes aimed at supporting Nano entrepreneurs and collectives, New MSMEs, Existing micro enterprises and startups also.

The second day session will cover how to avail benefits through the Mission YUVA App designed to simplify the process of accessing government support for entrepreneurs. The role of the credit ecosystem in enabling SBDUs to provide essential financial support to micro and small businesses and preparation of detailed project report for the potential entrepreneurs.

The attendees expressed their gratitude for the in-depth training and the practical tools it provided to facilitate the successful rollout of Mission YUVA in their respective districts. "This training program is invaluable in equipping us with the necessary skills and confidence to support aspiring entrepreneurs in our districts," said the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla.

ADC Kulgam convenes meeting of political parties

KULGAM: Additional Deputy Commissioner who is also the Electoral Registration Officer 40-Devsar today chaired a meeting with representatives from various political parties at the mini-secretariat, here.

The meeting was attended by representatives from JKNC, BJP, CPIM, INC and other political parties.

The objective of the meeting was to underscore the importance of further strengthening the electoral processes adhering to the highest ethical standards outlined in the Model Code of Conduct.

The representatives of political parties were also apprised about the updation of current electoral roll, facilities at different polling stations, and suggestions were sought from different political parties regarding the strengthening of electoral process.

The similar meetings were also held by ACR Kulgam ERO 39-Kulgam and SDM Noorabad ERO-38 DH Pora.

The meeting was attended by AERO's and other Officers of election department.

Tulip Festival: Div Com reviews arrangements for opening of Asia's largest tulip garden

Garden shall remain open from 6AM to 8PM: Div Com

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri convened a meeting to review the arrangement for the opening of Asia's largest Tulip Garden and to ensure a pleasant experience for visitors during Tulip Festival season.

Situated at the foothills of Zabarwan, the Tulip Garden is the most favorite destination of tourists in the month of April and shall be opened for the public in the last week of March as the 17.5 lakh tulip bulbs have started to bloom gradually. Addressing the meeting in this regard, Div Com directed a massive publicity campaign for the opening of the famous Tulip garden, time

slot and online booking of tickets by the visitors for which link will be available at the official website of



the floriculture department.

Meanwhile, he urged the floriculture department to keep the garden open from 6:00AM in the morning to 8:00PM in the evening,

Div Com directed SMC officials to conduct regular sanitation drives to keep the garden and

surroundings clean from littering besides instructed for installation of an adequate number of dustbins at the garden. He also directed SMC to make the existing toilet block

functional and ensure availability of Mobile Toilet Vehicles outside the garden. Div Com emphasised for efficient management of parking spaces at Botanical Garden to accommodate maximum number of vehicles and instructed SSP Traffic for smooth traffic management particularly during holidays & Sundays when the footfall of tourists & local visitors increase enormously. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi ud Din Bhat; Director Floriculture, Shakeel ul Rehman; SSP Traffic Srinagar, Muzaffar Shah; Joint Commissioner SMC, besides other officers of the floriculture department.

Dy CM Surinder Choudhary visits Bone & Joint Hospital Srinagar

Inspects newly constructed Hospital building, reviews development initiatives

SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, conducted an extensive visit to Bone & Joint Hospital, Barzulla, Srinagar, to review progress on ongoing development projects. The visit was aimed to assess



key infrastructural works and ensure their timely completion to enhance public healthcare services.

During the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister inspected the newly constructed hospital building, emphasizing the importance of modern healthcare infrastructure to cater to the growing medical needs of the people. He directed the executing agencies to expedite the pace of work while maintaining the highest standards of quality and efficiency.

Interacting with the officials and local residents, the Deputy Chief Minister sought feedback on the infrastructural developments in the area. He reiterated government's unwavering commitment towards

accelerating developmental projects for the welfare of people of the UT.

The Deputy Chief Minister was briefed by Professor Dr. Altaf Ahmad Kawoosa, HOD Orthopaedics, GMC Srinagar,

about the newly constructed building of Bone and Joint Hospital at Barzulla, Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister reaffirmed government's commitment towards ensuring high quality healthcare and public services. He assured that all necessary measures will be taken up to equip the Bone & Joint Hospital with state-of-the-art medical facilities and improve healthcare infrastructure.

Later, the Chief Engineer PWD (R&B), Kashmir presented comprehensive reports on the physical and financial milestones of various ongoing projects. These included Convent Bridge, Rajbagh, Srinagar, New Bridge, Parimpora-Shaltang Flyover and Foot Over Bridge at Children Hospital,

Bemina, Srinagar, pedestrian safety measures and Boulevard Road widening proposal and traffic decongestion initiative.

The Dy CM also visited the New Convent School Bridge, where he reaffirmed the Government assurance towards enhancing infrastructure that benefits both the residents and visitors. He assured full support for timely completion of all critical projects.

Reaffirming Government's commitment to speed up the infrastructural projects, the Deputy Chief Minister stressed the importance of holistic development, prioritising key infrastructure and welfare initiatives for public benefit. He directed the officials to address any bottlenecks and ensure that all projects are completed within the stipulated deadlines.

The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by Advisor to CM, Nasir Aslam Wani; MLA, Khansahib, Saif Ud Din Bhat; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; District Development Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner, SMC / CEO Srinagar Smart City, VCSDA, VC J&K LCMA, Chief Engineer, PW (R&B), Central, Kashmir; Principal GMC Srinagar, Medical staff of Bone & Joint Hospital, district and sectoral officers.

Training programme on Hangul Population Estimation-2025 held

Hangul Census to be conducted in three counts on March 18, 20 & 22

SRINAGAR: The Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K, successfully inaugurated the Hangul Population Estimation (Hangul Census) 2025 at an event organized here.

The event was attended by 470 participants from various educational institutions, including SKUAST-Kashmir, University of Kashmir, Amar Singh College Srinagar, Women's College M.A. Road Srinagar, Cluster University, as well as representatives from NGOs, Forest Protection Department, and the staff of Wildlife Protection Department.

Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir Region, Tawheed Ahmad Deva was the chief guest at the event. He delivered the keynote address, underscoring the ecological importance of the Hangul species and the necessary precautions to be taken during the census. Deva emphasized the need for meticulous data collection and community participation in conservation efforts.

Earlier, the inaugural session commenced with an overview of the Hangul Population Estimation 2025 by Pervaiz Ahmad Wani, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Wildlife Warden, Central Division, Srinagar.

He highlighted the significance of the census and the collective responsibility in ensuring the conservation of the critically endangered Hangul (Cervus hanglu hanglu), Kashmir's state animal.

Following this, Rashid Yahya Naqash, Regional Wildlife Warden (HQ), shared his insights and experiences regarding past population estimation efforts, and stressed the importance of scientific data collection for effective conservation strategies.

Prominent researchers and conservationists enriched the training session with their expertise. Dr. Khurshid, Head, Wildlife Division, Faculty of Forestry, SKUAST-K and Dr. Tanushree, Project Head, Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), delivered lectures on research methodologies, evidence collection, and the role of scientific monitoring

in the Hangul census.

Aliya Mir, Project Head, Wildlife SOS, and Dr. Mahreen, Project Head, Wildlife Conservation & Research Foundation (WCRF), shared their field experiences and highlighted key challenges in Hangul conservation.

Nadeem Qadri, Director, Wildlife Conservation Fund (WCF), emphasized the legal and ecological



aspects of Hangul protection, urging participants to actively contribute to conservation initiatives.

Concluding the session, Dr. Sameena Amin Charoo, Technical Officer, O/o Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir, provided an in-depth lecture on the census techniques, methodologies, and sample collection procedures. She also elaborated on the do's and don'ts for participants, ensuring standardized and accurate data collection for the 2025 census.

The Hangul Population Estimation 2025 is scheduled to commence on March 18, 2025, and will be conducted in three counts on March 18, 20, and 22.

The exercise aims to generate precise population data, contributing to the conservation and management strategies for Hangul.

Chief Justice administers oath of office to Additional Judges as Judges

JAMMU: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Tashi Rabstan, administered the Oath of office to Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani, Additional Judges, as Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in the Chief Justice's Court Room, Jammu.

The oath taking ceremony was attended at Jammu by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta and Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary while Justice Atul Sreedharan, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Javed Iqbal



Wani, Justice Rahul Bharti, and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi participated online from Srinagar.

The proceedings of the oath taking ceremony were conducted by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, who read the contents of the Notification received from Government of India, Ministry of Law & Justice, Department

of Justice (Appointments Division), the Warrants of Appointment issued by the President of India and the Letter of Authorization issued by the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, authorising the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to administer the Oath of office to

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani.

The ceremony was also attended by Former Judges of High Court, Chief Secretary, UT of J&K, Deputy Solicitor General of India, Jammu, Secretary to Government, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Member, Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal District Judge Jammu, Inspector General of Police, President.

J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, Members of the Bar, Senior Advocates, Officers of Civil and Police Administration and Officers and Staff of the Registry.

DLSA Budgam conducts awareness programme on Consumer Rights, Lokpal

Distributes food ration kits among deserving families at Town Hall Budgam

BUDGAM: Serving humanity, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam, under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority, organized an awareness programme on consumer rights and Lokpal at Town hall, municipality committee office Budgam.

The programme organized under the guidance of Justice Atul Sreedharan Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services authority and Shazia Tabassum, Member Secretary of J&K Legal Services authority was held under the chairmanship of O.P. Baghat Chairman DLSA (Pr.Distt. & Sessions Judge) Budgam, and was supervised by Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Budgam. Addressing the gatherings,

Secretary DLSA gave a detailed overview of the programme and apprised the audience about consumer rights and



Lokpal. She further said that the prime focus of the DLSA is reaching out to the marginalized sections of the society and elevating them to the next level of living standards. She also highlighted the importance of celebrating consumer day.

On the occasion, a short film prepared by Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar, regarding anti corruption and Lokpal awareness was also screened for general awareness of masses. Furthermore, Shahrooq Bhat Deputy Legal aid defence Counsel also apprised the audience about the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013, with the mandate to inquire into allegations of corruption against specified public functionaries and matters connected with.

In the programme, 50 ration food kits were distributed among the deserving families belonging to the different hamlets of Budgam, who were earlier identified as deserving during door to door campaigns by PLVs/ Adhikar Mitras of DLSA Budgam.

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India Boosts Digital Growth with AI & Semiconductors

PIB Report

In 2024, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) led key initiatives to advance India's digital growth, focusing on AI, cybersecurity, and skill development. These efforts aim to make technology more accessible, boost innovation, and strengthen India's position on the global tech stage.

Semiconductor manufacturing under Semicon India Programme
Tata Electronics Private Limited (TEPL)'s proposal for setting up a Semiconductor Fab facility in India with an investment of 91,526 Crore was approved in February 2024. The fab facility will be set up in a technology partnership with PSMC, Taiwan. PSMC is an established

National Program on Artificial Intelligence

IndiaAI program is envisioned as an umbrella programme by MeiTY for leveraging transformative technologies to foster inclusion, innovation, and adoption for social impact. Pillars of IndiaAI include Data for AI, Skilling, AI Ethics and Governance, Compute, AI Research and Development, National Centre for AI, among others.

To actualize this vision of IndiaAI, MeiTY has undertaken the implementation of the "National Program on Artificial Intelligence" with the objective of establishing a comprehensive programme for leveraging transformative technologies to foster inclusion, innovation and adoption for social impact. It encompasses four broad pillars of the AI ecosystem, including Skilling in AI, Responsible AI, Data

with investment of 4,941 Crore and provided employment to 1,463 persons.

M/s Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) accorded approval on 14.11.2024 for EMC establishment over an area of 235.55 acres at Kochanahalli village, Mysuru district, Karnataka with a project cost of 221.54 Crore including Central Grant-in-aid of 110.77 Crore. This EMC is poised to attract an investment of 1,560 Crore with employment generation of 19,500 persons. 3 companies have already committed to make an investment of 1,591 Crore with employment generation of 2,490 persons.

Government has approved 9 projects for electronic components manufacturing under the Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing

well as for underserved areas including the North-Eastern Region, backward districts and blocks, and districts with over 40% SC/ST population. The programme promotes inclusive IT sector growth through infrastructure development, training, capacity building, and entrepreneurship activities. From F.Y. 2006-07 onwards, MeiTY has funded 124 projects across India which have benefitted directly about 5.56 lakh women and 1.12 lakh SCs & 0.59 lakh STs.

Cyber Security for resilient digital landscape in India

As part of the Cyber Surakshit Bharat (CSB) programme, MeiTY conducted the 45th batch of Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) Deep Dive training. This initiative aimed at equipping CISOs and IT officials from government sectors, PSUs, and financial institutions with essential cybersecurity skills and strengthening India's digital security. CERT-In has also made significant progress by onboarding 388 organizations to the Cyber Swachhta Kendra and holding a cybersecurity drill for the health sector.

Digital India BHASHINI: Language translation Platform

BHASHINI aims to transcend language barriers, ensuring that every citizen can effortlessly access digital services in their own language. Using Voice as a medium, BHASHINI has the potential to bridge language as well as the digital divide. Launched by Honourable PM in July 2022 under the National Language Technology Mission, BHASHINI aims to provide technology translation services in 22 scheduled Indian languages. 17 Indian languages are supported.

Key Achievements:

100 million+ Inferences per Month: Bhashini has successfully crossed the 100 million monthly inferences threshold, demonstrating its growing reach and impact in the AI language technology sector.

50+ Stakeholders Onboarded: Over 50 stakeholders, including prominent government bodies (NPCL, RBIH, MoRD, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, etc.) and private sector partners, are now collaborating with Bhashini.

700,000+ Mobile App Downloads: The Bhashini-powered mobile apps have been downloaded more than 500,000 times, showing widespread adoption and accessibility.

100+ Use Cases: Bhashini supports over 100 diverse use cases, showcasing the platform's adaptability across industries and sectors.

17 Languages Supported: Bhashini currently supports 17 Indian languages, enabling inclusivity for a broad range of linguistic communities.

300+ AI-Based Models: The platform hosts over 300 AI-based language models, furthering the development of state-of-the-art solutions in the AI language technology space.

Awards and Recognition

Bhashini's contributions have been recognized across various forums, showcasing leadership in AI, digital transformation, and inclusivity. The awards and recognitions include:

Digital Trailblazer Award by Express Computer: Outstanding contributions to the AI ecosystem in India.

Elets AtmaNirbhar Award: Awarded under the category of Digital Governance for AI, ML, and IoT initiatives by government departments.



semiconductor company having 6 semiconductor foundries in Taiwan. The production capacity of the project would be around 50,000 wafer starts per month (WSPM).

Tata Electronics Private Limited (TEPL)'s proposal for setting up of OSAT facility in India with an investment of 27,120 Crore was approved in February 2024. The facility will use indigenous semiconductor packaging technologies with a production capacity of 48 million per day.

CG Power and Industrial Solutions Limited's proposal for setting up an OSAT facility in India with an investment of 7,584 Crore was also approved in February 2024. The facility will be set up as a joint venture partnership with Renesas Electronics America Inc., USA, and STARS Microelectronic, Thailand. The Technology would be provided for this facility by Renesas Electronics Corporation, Japan and STARS Microelectronic, Thailand. The production capacity would be around 15.07 million Units per day.

Kaynes Technology India Limited (KTIL) proposal for setting up of Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility at Sanand, Gujarat for Wire bond Interconnect, Substrate Based Packages was approved in September, 2024. The Technology would be provided by ISO Technology Sdn. Bhd. and Aptos Technology Inc. This facility will be set up with an investment of 3,307 Crore. The facility will have the capacity to produce more than 6.33 million chips per day.

IndiaAI Mission

Design, Development, and Deployment of National AI Portal (INDIAai)

INDIAai is a joint venture by MeiTY, NeGD and NASSCOM that has been set up to prepare the nation for an AI future. This has been implemented as a one stop online portal for AI related developments in India, sharing of resources, details of start-ups, investment funds in AI, companies and educational institutions related to AI in India, etc.

The portal currently has the following major sections – news, articles, case studies, research reports, listing of startups, listing of investment funds, colleges, companies, countries, people, videos, datasets, courses, and initiatives of states and central ministries.

As on date, there are 2,806 national and international articles, 1,175 news, 334 videos, 164 research reports, 472 startups, 99 case studies, and 184 government initiatives listed on the National AI Portal.

POC for AI Research Analytics and Knowledge Dissemination Platform (AIRAWAT)

The Government has initiated a project AIRAWAT for providing a common compute platform for AI research and knowledge assimilation. This AI computing infrastructure will be used by all Technology Innovation Hubs, research labs, scientific community, industry, start-ups and institutions under the National Knowledge Network. The Proof of Concept (PoC) for AIRAWAT will be developed with 200 petaflops mixed precision AI machine which will be scalable to a peak compute of 790 AI petaflops.

The AIRAWAT has secured 75th position in Top 500 Global Supercomputing List declared at International Supercomputing Conference (ISC2023), Germany putting India on top of AI Supercomputing nations worldwide.

Formation of Inter-Ministerial Committee for Development of Robotics Ecosystem in the country

MeiTY has constituted an inter-ministerial committee with secretaries from Department of Telecom (DoT), Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Department of Science & Technology (DST), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and NITI Aayog as members and Secretary, MeiTY as the convener.

The committee shall be studying the best practices on the role of government in supporting their domestic robotics industry & suggest a way forward to foster an end-to-end ecosystem centred on robotics including research, design, manufacturing, prototyping and utilization in manufacturing. The document has been put up for public consultation.

Management Office and the National Centre on AI.

IndiaAI Report

MeiTY envisions the India AI programme as a mission-centric approach for leveraging transformative technologies to boost inclusion, innovation, and adoption for social impact. Pillars of IndiaAI include AI in Governance, AI IP & Innovation, AI Compute & Systems, Data for AI, Skilling in AI, and AI Ethics & Governance. As part of building 'AI in India and AI for India', MeiTY has formed seven expert groups to collaboratively brainstorm on the vision, objectives, outcomes, and design for each of India's AI pillars.

The report comprehensively presents the objectives of the pillars of IndiaAI and recommends the next action items involved in harnessing the potential of AI for social development and achieving the goal of 'AI for ALL'.

Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)

As one of the largest Global South economies leading the AI race, India nominated itself for the position of incoming council chair of GPAI. India received more than two-thirds of first-preference votes and was therefore elected as the Incoming Council Chair in November 2022. India will serve as the Incoming Chair in 2023, then subsequently Lead Chair in 2024, and Outgoing Chair in 2025.

The 6th meeting of the GPAI Ministerial Council was held on 3rd July 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi in a hybrid mode.

The 2024 GPAI New Delhi meeting and the consensus reached on the future of GPAI underscores India's leadership in the global AI discourse, cementing its pivotal role in steering the ethical and inclusive development of AI. This will pave the way for the renewed integrated partnership to achieve its objectives of harnessing the potential of AI for Good and for All. (<https://gpai.ai/>)

Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme EMC Scheme 2.0

With the approval of the union Cabinet, MeiTY notified EMC 2.0 Scheme on 01.04.2020 to provide financial assistance for creation of industry-oriented infrastructure along with common facilities and amenities including plug & play facilities for attracting major electronics manufacturers along with their supply chain to set up their manufacturing facility through such clusters.

The Scheme was open for receipt of application for a period upto March, 2024 with disbursement of funds upto March, 2028 to the approved projects.

The following projects have been granted approval since January 2024 till date:

A CFC project (one of the largest prototyping facilities) at Hyderabad Knowledge City, Telangana to be implemented by M/s T-Works Foundation with a project cost of 104.63 Crore including Central Grant-in-aid of 75.00 Crore to provide one stop solution to industry from designing, engineering, prototyping to testing and validation etc.

An EMC (New Energy Park) at Divitipally Village, Mahabubnagar District, Telangana over an area of 377.65 acres to be developed by M/s Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TGIIIC) with a project cost of 569.66 Crore including Central Grant-in-aid of 258.10 Crore. This electronics park is fully occupied and attracted an investment of 10,574 Crore with estimated employment of 19,164 persons. The total value of production in Divitipally EMC is estimated to be ~ 22,500 Crore with estimated exports of over 4,500 Crore once fully operational.

M/s State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) accorded approval on 13.11.2024 for EMC establishment over an area of 379.30 acres at Pillaipakkam Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu with project cost of 424.55 Crore including Central financial assistance of 212.27 Crore. This EMC is poised to attract an investment of 8,737 Crore with employment generation of 36,300 persons.

The EMC is 66% occupied with allotment to 4 companies including one of the US firms i.e., M/s First Solar, which has started production

of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS) with a total proposed investment of 7,960 Crore. The total employment generation potential of these applications is 15,710 persons. The major applications include M/s Tata Electronics Private Limited, M/s TDK India Private Limited, M/s Motherson Electronic Components Private Limited and M/s Bharat Innovative Glass Technologies Private Limited.

Capacity Building

The Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) was initiated to reach digital literacy in 6 crore rural households (one person per household) nationwide in Feb. 2017.



The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducted the 'Comprehensive Annual Modular Survey' (CAMS) in its 79th round (July, 2022 to June, 2023) and the data in their report indicated a significant positive trend in digital literacy across both rural and urban areas of India. As against 6 Crore, 6.39 Crore individuals were trained across the country as on March 31, 2024, the scheme has ended. From the above reports and given the significant rise in smart-phone usage, internet penetration, and digital engagement in rural areas, the objectives of the scheme have been successfully achieved.

Further, the Government has approved the following two schemes for Skill Development in Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) Sector viz. "Scheme for Financial Assistance to select States/ UTs for Skill Development in ESDM Sector" (Scheme-1) and "Skill Development in ESDM for Digital India" (Scheme-2) to facilitate creation of an ecosystem for development of ESDM Sector in the entire country. Cumulative skilling target of both the Schemes is 4,18,000 candidates (Scheme 1-90,000 and Scheme 2 - 3,28,000) through NSQF compliant courses at L1 to L5 levels.

In order to support industry requirements in assembly and manufacturing in the area of core technology and futuristic technology, a total 99 National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) aligned courses (core technology course-61 and futuristic Technology Course-38) have been approved under the Schemes. Total, 320 industries have participated in industry-linked demand-based LOIs (Letter of Intent) mechanisms, i.e., the "Place & Train" model. As against the cumulative target of 4,18,000 candidates under the said schemes, 4,93,926 have been trained, out of which, 3,71,113 candidates have been certified and around 1,36,059 candidates have been placed under the Schemes.

IT for Masses Programme, part of the Capacity Building and Skill Development scheme, seeks to bridge the Digital Divide by fostering ICT activities for focus groups such as women, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), senior citizens, specially-abled individuals, and those from economically weaker sections (EWS), as

Impact Leader of the Year: Global Spin Innovation Summit 2024. Leadership in AI, Change Maker & Innovation Award: Recognizing excellence in AI-driven innovation and leadership.

ET Government Award for AI, Data Analytics & Predictive Technologies: Recognized for bridging the literacy, language, and digital divides.

Elets Education Innovation Award: For providing accessible & inclusive education through AI.

National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)

On 26th September, Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicated three PARAM Rudra Supercomputers to the nation via video conferencing. These supercomputers, developed under the NSM, are installed at the Inter-University Accelerator Centre (IUAC) in New Delhi (3 PetaFlops), the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) at the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA) in Pune (1 PetaFlop), and the S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences in Kolkata (838 TeraFlops).

These supercomputers are built using indigenously designed and manufactured High Performance Computing servers, known as "Rudra," along with a locally developed software stack. The PARAM Rudra Supercomputers will significantly enhance research capabilities for young scientists in India, facilitating advanced studies in physics, earth sciences, and cosmology.

With the commissioning of the above three PARAM Rudra supercomputers, as of now, a total of 33 supercomputers with a combined compute capacity of 32 Petaflops, have been deployed across various academic institutions, research organizations, and R&D labs, including prominent institutions like IISc, IITs, C-DAC, and other institutions from Tier-II and Tier-III cities of the country under NSM.

These supercomputers facilitate over 10,000 researchers, including more than 1,700 PhD scholars from over 200 academic institutions and R&D labs across the country. NSM has created opportunities for researchers from Tier-II and Tier-III cities to conduct research by providing access to state-of-the-art supercomputing facilities.

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Created Entrepreneurial

reforms in the MSME sector sweeping through the UT of Jammu Kashmir. He reiterated that the Government of India is committed to extend all the possible support to facilitate J&K's Industrial growth.

LG Sinha said, "We have created an entrepreneurial ecosystem in J&K to make it a preferred investment destination. Thousands of Units have become operational in the past few years and we are determined to take MSMEs growth to a new level, a growth that is inclusive and sustainable. For successful MSME ecosystem technology adoption, technology upgradation, innovation and skills development is the key. We have taken steps to address issues in a constructive manner and my aim is to establish J&K as a hub of entrepreneurial excellence and employment generation".

India Flags

high-level visit to India by a top official of the Donald Trump administration.

In a social media post, Singh said he was "happy" to meet the US national intelligence chief and discussed ways to further deepen the India-US partnership.

"We discussed a wide range of issues which include defence and information sharing, aiming to further deepen the India-US partnership," he said.

It is understood that the two sides also deliberated on the evolving security situation in the Indo-Pacific against the backdrop of China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the region.

J&K High

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that the DOB of my Son has been Mistakenly Mentioned in his school records as 15- 07- 2015., while as his Actual and correct DOB is 18-08- 2013, Now i want to apply for change his DOB in his school records, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the principal Faiz Aam Secondary school 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 Ashraf Sheikh.
F/O Idrees Ashraf Sheikh.
R/O Onagam Bandipora.

NOTICE

Inadvertently the D.O.B of My daughter has been mentioned as 08-03-2016 while her actual D.O.B is 28-05-2015. Now i want to rectify the same. Anybody Having objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned Office of Registrar Births and Deaths (BDO Arin) within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No Objection Will be entertained thereafter.

Saifud din Bhat.
F/O Sadiyah Bhat.
R/O Chah e Arsala Khan, Bandipora.

NOTICE

Inadvertently my name has been mentioned as Arif Ahmad Khan in Adhaar Card Bearing No 903753714753 instead of my correct name Aarif Ahmad Khan. Now I want to rectify the same. Anybody having objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained thereafter.

Arif Ahmad Khan
S/O Abdul Aziz Khan
R/O AhimSharif Bandipora

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that the DOB of my Son has been Mistakenly Mentioned in his school records as 09-08-2014, while as his Actual and correct DOB is 08-07-2012. Now i want to apply for Change his DOB in his school records, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Principal Faiz Aam Secondary school Bandipora with in a period of seven days, from the date of the publication of this notice after that no objection shall be accepted.

Altatf Hussain Sheikh.
F/O Farhan Altatf Sheikh.
R/O Onagam Bandipora.

It further stated that the grounds of detention appeared general in nature, without mentioning any specific role played by him.

The absence of material particulars in the detention order, the court held, violated Article 22(5) of the Constitution of India, which provides detainees the right to make a representation against their detention, the High Court stated—(KNO)

House passes

mission to deliver inclusive and hassle free services. The IT Department of Jammu and Kashmir stands at the forefront of the region's digital revolution, dedicated towards enhancing the governance efficiency, transparency and citizen empowerment through cutting-edge digital technologies, he added.

"Over the past many years, the number of online services has increased from around 60 to 1166, along with a provision for capturing citizen feedback through the Rapid Assessment System and integration with Mobile Dost, Digi-Locker. All the online services are being brought under the ambit of auto appeal and auto escalation mechanism as per provisions of the Public Services Guarantee Act, 2011", informed the Minister.

NHPC Silent

projects transferred to NHPC through a Memorandum of Understanding it signed with the J&K government in July 2000.

The J&K government informed the House that State Power Development Corporation (SPDC) sought requisite details from NHPC to enable it to work out the present cost of these projects.

In response to these letters, NHPC sought a copy of the report of the cabinet sub- committee, which was furnished to it June 26, 2012 with a request to furnish these details.

Pak terrorist

four magazines, grenades, and other materials from the encounter site. The area is currently being sanitized to rule out any further threats," SSP Choudhry added.

Meanwhile, the SSP dismissed reports of a policeman being injured during the encounter, terming the reports as baseless.

JK schools

Grade-II and III vide SAC decision in the year 2018 in order to address the Salary issue of Regularized ReTs.

GoI’s Senior Citizens’ Savings Scheme Now Offered at HDFC Bank

SRINAGAR: HDFC Bank today announced that it will now accept deposits under the Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme (SCSS), a savings instrument run by the Government of India for the elderly.

HDFC Bank will act as an agency bank for the Government of India and help source scheme deposits, while providing seamless service to customers. All eligible customers can apply for SCSS by visiting any branch of the Bank. Customers eligible for this scheme include individuals at or above the age of 60 and people who have superannuated at/above the age of 55 years. Further, retired personnel of Defence Services are also eligible to apply for the scheme on attaining the age of 50 years. Investment in SCSS is eligible for benefits under Section 80C of the Income-Tax Act. The scheme offers a quarterly interest payout with a five-year lock-in period. It is extendable by three years, multiple times. In addition, the rate of interest offered under SCSS is notified by the Government from time to time.

Parag Rao, Country Head – Payments, Liability Products, Consumer Finance and Marketing, HDFC Bank said, "As one of the leading agency banks, we are pleased to offer yet another scheme under the umbrella of the Government of India's flagship National Small Savings Schemes program. The SCSS helps the elderly citizens of the country to cultivate a steady income stream basis an attractive interest rate offered under the plan. Being eligible for consideration under Section 80C for income tax computation is an added benefit of the scheme."

SCSS complements the Bank's existing government-backed offerings like the Public Provident Fund and the Sukanya Samridhi Account Scheme.

In FY24, tax collections across the country by HDFC Bank crossed Rs 10 lakh crore, making it rank among the top three agency banks for the Government, according to data reported by the Press Information Bureau and the Controller General of Accounts, Government of India.(KNT)


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"As there are no vacancies of Teachers available with the Department of School Education, the financial implications and constraints cannot be calculated. Once the posts of Teachers are de-freezed the requirement of financial resources can be worked out," the minister said.

Billawar, Kulgam

different tactics. Incidents like Billawar killings, three persons going missing from Kulgam are unfortunate."

"The Lieutenant Governor, who has control over the Police, should look into the matter and ensure such incidents are not repeated. J&K has never seen such a situation before. We will expect an end to the killings and Kulgam like incidents.

The deaths in Billawar should be probed thoroughly and the facts should be made public. Those found involved should be dealt with strictly," The Deputy Chief Minister said, as per KNO.

J&K’s private

the government's focus on strengthening public higher education institutions while keeping private self-financing colleges outside the scope of central funding—(KNO)

J&K Legislative

Additionally, the Government business scheduled for April 11, 2025, has been rescheduled to March 25, 2025. To facilitate smooth proceedings, the BAC has also decided that if Ministers choose to read out written

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Mohd Yaqoob Khan.
S/O Shah Alam Khan.
R/O Benlipora, Tahsil Aloosa
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replies to Demands for Grants, the replies shall also be circulated among all members of the House.

Srinagar Metro

Pertinently, the Srinagar Metro Project is seen as crucial for addressing the growing traffic congestion and urban pressure in the city. However, the delay

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Bashir Ahmad Lone.
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in its approval has raised concerns among residents and stakeholders about the timely execution of this significant infrastructure initiative. It is worth mentioning that the idea of a metro rail project for Srinagar was first proposed in 2017 to address the increasing traffic congestion and provide an efficient transportation system for the city.

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مدارس بنین کی فہرست شائع کردی گئی

بیرون ریاست والے مدارس کو تصدیق نامہ جاری کیا گیا

مدارس بنات

(جن میں کچھ اقامتی، کچھ دن دن، کچھ داخلہ فیس اور کچھ مہانہ فیس اور کچھ بغیر فیس کے نظام چلاتے ہیں)

تصدیق کی ذمہ داری ضلعی ذمہ داران کو سپرد کی گئی

بنات کے مدارس کے سلسلے میں کئی بار مشاورت ہوئی تھی کہ بنیاں اب تک بنائی گئیں تاکہ ان کے معائنہ کی کوئی شکل بنے مگر ابھی تک کامیابی حاصل نہیں ہوئی جبکہ یہ معائنہ بہت ضروری ہے کیونکہ بنات کے مدارس کی ایک بڑی تعداد داخلہ فیس دوسری تعداد مہانہ فیس وصول کرتی ہے بعض مدارس اقامتی جبکہ کئی تعداد دن کے مدارس کی ہے بعض وہ دہر کا کھانا بنیوں کو دے کر رات کو واپس اپنے گھروں کو بھیجتے ہیں اس ساری صورتحال کا جائزہ لینا ہماری نظروں میں لازمی ہے اور یہ کام ان بنات والے مدارس کے تعاون کے بغیر نہیں ہو سکتا۔ اس تحقیق اور ای طرح کی دوسری ضروری باتوں کے لئے کئی بار بنیوں کی بنائیں اس امید پر کہ یہ کام مکمل ہو۔ وقت وقت پر گزشتہ سالوں میں عائشی فہرست رابطہ کے ضلعی ذمہ داران کی رپورٹوں پر جاری کی گئیں۔

اس سال امتحانات سالانہ ابتدائی عربی درجات میں تعداد زیادہ ہونے کی بنا پر عربی درجات کے نتائج بھی رمضان المبارک سے چار پانچ دن پہلے تیار ہوئے حفاظہ و ناظرہ کے نتائج ابھی تک بھی موصول نہیں ہوئے۔ اس لئے مدارس بنین میں بھی تعداد طلبہ شامل کئے بغیر یہ فہرست شائع کردی گئی تاکہ اہم رمضان المبارک میں چندہ وصولی میں رکاوٹ نہ ہو۔ جبکہ اس فہرست کے شائع کرنے کے باوجود بعض اماموں نے رابطہ کی فہرست کے ساتھ ساتھ بھی دوسری تصدیق کا تقاضا کرنا شروع کر دیا ہے اس سے مزید انتشار پیدا ہو جاتا ہے۔ رابطہ کی تصدیق ملنے کے بعد مزید تصدیق کی ضرورت نہیں ہونی چاہیے۔ کون سے امام اہل اور کیوں کر رہے ہیں یہ وہی جان سکتے ہیں کیونکہ رابطہ کی تصدیق سالانہ امتحان میں شرکت کے بعد جاری ہوتی ہے اور رابطہ میں شرکت ضلعی ذمہ داران کی جانچ کردہ فہرست کے مطابق ہوتی ہے۔ دارالعلوم دیوبند کی شواہد کے پورا کرنے کے بعد رابطہ سے مربوط کرنا ہے پانچ سال کے بعد دارالعلوم دیوبند دوبارہ مربوط ہونے کے لئے تجدیدی کاروائی کرنا ہے۔ اس لئے جسے عمل سے لگد کر یہ فہرست رابطہ اپنی طرف سے پوری احتیاط کرنے کے بعد شائع کرتا ہے اس کے باوجود اگر ہمارے اداروں سے وابستہ چند گنتی کے امام بھی مزید تصدیق کا مطالبہ کرتے ہیں تو قابل غور ہے ایسے اماموں کے نام رابطہ دفتر کو موصول ہوتے ہیں تاہم اس بات پر غور ہو سکے کہ ایسی برکتوں کے پیچھے کون سے عوامل کارفرما ہیں اب اس کا بھی تدارک ہو سکتا ہے۔

بہر حال اس وقت بنات کے کمزوروں کی تجویزی کے پیش نظر یہ فیصلہ بعد مشورہ کیا گیا ہے کہ ضلعی ذمہ داران اپنی تحقیق کے مطابق اپنے اپنے علاقوں کے بنات کے مدارس کی جو تصدیق جاری کریں گے وہی ان کی تصدیق رابطہ کی تصدیق شمار کر لی جائے۔ تاکہ امام مبارک میں اس سال ان کا چندہ کا یہ مرحلہ آسانی سے طے ہو سکے۔ آئندہ کے لئے لائحہ عمل ان شاء اللہ شروع سال کی مکمل عاملہ میں ہو جائے گا۔ اللہ تعالیٰ آمان فرمائے۔

بیرون ریاست والے مدارس کو تصدیق نامہ الگ کاغذ پر جاری کیا گیا۔ جس کی مہیاد اخیر رمضان المبارک ۱۴۴۶ھ متعین کی گئی۔

محمد رحمت اللہ کشمیری

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محرمہ ۱۲ رمضان المبارک ۱۴۴۶ ہجری

مدارس کو چندہ دینے والے اہل خیر حضرات کے لئے نیک مشورہ

اس بات میں شک نہیں کہ مدارس اسلامیہ اس قرب قیامت کے دور میں بھی قرآن پاک کی خدمت انجام دے رہے ہیں رمضان المبارک میں تراویح میں قرآن پاک کی بہاداری کے ذریعے سے قائم ہے اور ان مدارس کا ذریعہ آمدنی توکل علی اللہ ہے پھر آپ حضرات کا خصوصی تعاون اس سلسلہ میں دوشورے عرض کرنا مناسب معلوم ہوتا ہے۔

۱۔ اکثر لوگ ان مدارس کو صدقہ و زکوٰۃ دیتے ہیں جس کے ادا ہونے کے لئے سخت ہونے والی شائع حکم لازمی ہے تاکہ زکوٰۃ صحیح ادا ہو۔ ہم اپنی پوری کوشش سے رابطہ مدارس کے تحت مربوط ہونے والے مدارس کی علاقائی ذمہ داروں کے ذریعے چھان بین کراتے ہیں پھر سالانہ امتحانات میں ضلعی ذمہ داران کے ذریعے ان کے درجات (Classes) تعداد طلبہ (Roll) اور تعلیمی لیاقت (Merit) کے علاوہ معیار (Standard) پرائمری (Primary)، سیکنڈری (Secondary) اور گریجویٹ (Graduate) کی چھان بین کر کر احتیاط کے ساتھ فہرست (List) شائع کراتے ہیں تاکہ خواہشمند حضرات اپنے شوق کے مطابق اداروں تک اپنی قدم پیش کیوں مناسب ہے آپ اس کا مطالعہ کیا کریں۔

۲۔ ایک مزید مشورہ یہ ہے کہ ان مدارس کے لئے لکھی یا آرٹ یا سوانحی کا ہونا مرد و چٹانوں کے تحت لازمی قرار دیا گیا ہے اور قانونی اعتبار سے سب کے پاس بینک اکاؤنٹ بھی موجود ہیں، سفیروں کی بھیجیجاؤ کو کم کرنے کے لیے اگر آپ حضرات ان سے ان اکاؤنٹ نمبر حاصل کر کے ان کو براہ راست رقم ڈانسر کریں گے اور متعلقہ مدرسے کے فنانس نمبر پر ان کو مطلع کریں گے تو آپ کو آمدن ان بھی حاصل ہو جائے گا اور وہ لوگ آپ کو رسید بھیج سکتے ہیں۔ اس سے سغرائی بھیجیجاؤ کم کرنے میں کافی مدد مل سکتی ہے۔ یہ مشورہ محض دینی خیر خواہی کے طور پر دیا جاتا ہے کوئی لازمی ضابطہ یا قانون نہیں بنایا جا رہا ہے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ مدرسوں کے ساتھ آپ کی محبت و تعاون اور سخاوت کو صدقہ جاریہ بنائے اور قبول فرمائے۔ آمین

محید رحمت اللہ

ناظم دارالعلوم رجبہ ہاڈی پورہ

وصدر رابطہ مدارس اسلامیہ شاخ جموں و کشمیر

Khelo India Para Games important platform for growth of para athletes: Paralympic champion Navdeep

Paris Paralympics gold medal-winning javelin thrower Navdeep Singh believes the Khelo India Para Games is an important platform for the continued growth of para athletes.

The second edition of the Khelo India Para Games (KIPG 2025) is set to kick off on Thursday and Navdeep, an Arjuna awardee, feels the tournament will help in developing the sporting ecosystem for para athletes.

"KIPG 2025 is a great platform for senior athletes to compete against each other. We also motivate each other at all times. It further helps us in testing our training modules and practice our strengths and weaknesses before international competitions.

"We also get a chance to meet with budding athletes and get to exchange different ideas and thoughts on the competitions," Navdeep told SAI Media.

Over 1200 para athletes will participate across six disciplines in the seven-day tournament at three venues -- Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Indira Gandhi Stadium and the Dr Karni Singh shooting range -- in New Delhi.

"After India's performance at Paris Paralympics, there is a growing interest in the Para Games, with a lot of youngsters coming up. I am confident the Khelo India Para Games 2025 will also see several new athletes joining in to compete," Navdeep said.

"I am hopeful the country will get to witness new talent, which will help in recognising



future prospects.

The inaugural edition of the Khelo India Para Games took place in December 2023 and proved to be a success.

At least 25 athletes competing in the first edition of KIPG were among India's 84-member contingent for the 2024 Paralympics in Paris.

Navdeep also competed in KIPG 2023 and claimed a silver medal. At the Paris Paralympics, he won the javelin throw gold in F41 category.

"The domestic tournaments are important for growth of para athletics. In the recently concluded World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025, several new athletes were also introduced and earned opportunities. KIPG 2025 will further help in unearthing of talent in the country," the 24-year-old added.

Among other elite para athletes to participate in the event are Paris gold medallists Harvinder Singh (archery), Dharambir (club thrower) and Praveen Kumar (high jump).

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