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● Pakistan's Support for Terrorism is the Biggest Obstacle to Peace: MEA

KC News Network

NEW DELHI : India today slammed Pakistan for its comments on Kashmir, and said that instead of "spreading lies" Islamabad should vacate the Indian territory under its illegal and forcible occupation. The Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, said in response to media queries on the comments made by Pakistan: "We note that Pakistan has once again made some comments about the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The world knows that the real



issue is Pakistan's active promotion and sponsorship of cross-border terrorism. In fact, this is the biggest

roadblock to peace and security in the region," The MEA spokesperson said in its briefing. "Instead of spreading

lies, Pakistan should vacate Indian territory under its illegal and forcible occupation."

The comments by the MEA spokesperson come after the Pakistan Foreign Office commented on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks made in the podcast interview with Lex Fridman where he said that "every attempt to foster peace with Pakistan was met with hostility and betrayal" and that he hoped that "wisdom would prevail on the leadership in Islamabad to improve bilateral ties." The Pakistan Foreign Office rejected

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Budget Session 2025

CM Omar moves 13 Demands, 12 Supplementary Demands

KC News Network

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today moved 13 Demands and 12 supplementary Demands in the Legislative Assembly which was subsequently presented before the House for discussion by Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather.

"I move that a sum not exceeding the aggregate amount mentioned in Demand Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 19, 20, 24, 31 and 33 be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 2026 in respect of Heads



indicated in the List of Business against each demand," Chief Minister said.

These Demands for Grants pertain to the General Administration Department, Finance, Housing, Power

Development, Tourism, Revenue, Law, Disaster Management, Hospitality & Protocol, Civil Aviation, Culture, Estates Information and Planning departments

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Attacker, victim put on par: Jaishankar on Kashmir

KC News Network

NEW DELHI: The "longest-standing" illegal occupation of a territory after World War II has been experienced by India in Kashmir, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday as he highlighted the selective application of global rules on issues pertaining to sovereignty and territorial integrity.

In an interactive session at the Raisina Dialogue, Jaishankar



battled for establishing a "strong and fair" United

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High-security alert sounded in J&K

KC News Network

JAMMU: A high-security alert has been sounded across Jammu and Kashmir in view of the recent terror attacks in Pakistan, including the killing of a top commander of terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), officials said on Tuesday.

All the protected persons, including politicians, have been advised to be conscious and strictly follow the security protocols for their safety, the officials in the security establishment said.

They said the forces have been directed to maintain a close watch and "extraordinary" vigil to thwart any attempt by anti-national elements to carry out any attack, especially on soft targets, by intensifying area domination patrolling and search operations. Several recent terror attacks in Balochistan, including a train hijacking and the killing of top LeT commander Zia-ur-Rehman alias Nadeem alias Abu Qatal alias Qatal Sindhi

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928 cases pending disposal under SRO-43: J&K Government

KC News Network

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Tuesday said that 928 cases are pending disposal under SRO-43.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), in its reply to the cut motion of BJP MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, the government disclosed that a total of 928 cases under SRO-43 are currently pending disposal.

Of which, 624 cases are pending at the level of administrative departments and 304 cases have been referred to the General Administration Department for grant of relaxation(s) or identification of posts, the government disclosed.

The School Education Department has the highest number of pending cases, with 345 awaiting disposal. It is followed by the Jal Shakti Department, which has 172 cases, the

Home Department with 120 cases, and the Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department with 86 cases.

The Jammu and Kashmir (Compassionate



Appointment) Rules, 1994, or SRO-43, Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme, 2022 were framed in 1994 to provide for compassionate appointments in Jammu & Kashmir government service. It defines who is eligible for compassionate appointment when a government

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Discretionary grants

Rs 80 lakh for CM, Rs 5 lakh for cabinet minister



KC News Network

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Tuesday said that a discretionary grant of Rs 80 lakh has been allocated to the Chief Minister for the fiscal year 2025-26 and Rs five lakh for each cabinet minister for the same period.

In response to the cut motion submitted by BJP MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta, the Government revealed these allocations. It was further disclosed that during the current financial year, Rs 50 lakh in discretionary grants

have been allocated to the Chief Minister and Rs 2.5 lakh to each cabinet minister.

The discretionary grants are available to enable the Chief Minister and cabinet ministers to provide financial assistance to organizations and initiatives

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CS emphasises energy audit of PMDP funded power infra

KC News Network

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today impressed upon the Power Development Department (PDD) to carry out the energy audit of the infrastructure raised under Prime Minister Development Programme (PMDP) to assess the impact of these projects in reforming the energy distribution across J&K.

Dulloo was speaking in a high level Distribution Reforms Committee (DRC) meeting called to seek assessment of the progress on completion of these mega projects implemented in different areas of the UT.

Those who attended the meeting included Principal Secretary, PDD; Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary,

Forests; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu; MD, JPDCL/KPDCL; Chief Engineers and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary, while taking note



of the projects completed under the PMDP and Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), said that both these schemes are highly significant for the UT in carrying out

the much requisite reforms in our power distribution system thereby reducing the AT&C losses, a major burden on our exchequer. Dulloo further observed that in order

to ensure that these projects are meeting the set objectives, it is imperative to study their impact on ground.

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Make JJM Water Schemes Fully Functional In 3 days: Govt

KC NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has directed the immediate deployment of staff to ensure full functionality of completed and commissioned water supply schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

As per Government Order No: 16-JK(JSD) of 2025, issued by Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Shaleen Kabra directed all the Chief Engineers to rationalize existing manpower within Circles/Divisions within three days to prevent irregular water supply and ensure uninterrupted operation of schemes.

ACS said several schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission have been completed/ commissioned in the UT of J&K but are facing interruptions in smooth water supply due to inadequate manpower deployment. "In order to make all such schemes fully functional, the rationalization of existing staff within

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Statehood restoration, J&K's special status our top priority: Dy CM

● Calls for judicial probe into Kulgam deaths

Umaisar Gull Ganie

KULGAM: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary on Tuesday said that the top most priority of the National Conference led government is to restore statehood and special status to Jammu and Kashmir, besides safeguarding land and jobs.

Talking to reporters after paying tribute to former Speaker Wali Mohammad on his 31st death anniversary at Damhal Hanjipora here in South Kashmir, the Deputy Chief Minister, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "Since the formation of the National Conference government, we have been

doing whatever is possible."

Asked about the promises

as we are deeply concerned about the employment



made in NC's manifesto during elections, he said that all commitments would be fulfilled.

"The promises made by the National Conference in its manifesto will be fulfilled one by one. Give us some time,

of youth. The National Conference government has only one motive—to work for the poor and fulfill the aspirations and dreams of the people," Choudhary said, as per KNO.

Responding to a query

on the deaths of two people in Qazigund, Kulgam, he condemned the incident and called for an investigation, urging the Lieutenant Governor of J&K to intervene.

"It is very wrong, and we condemn such incidents. There is a need for an inquiry, and the LG should intervene, as the police are under him. He must look into how such deaths occur, whether in Kashmir or Jammu. Also work needs to be done on drug menace," he said.

Meanwhile, Choudhary visited Chandain Pajan area of Kulgam to meet the family of the two brothers who were found dead after they went missing.

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Rai also said anti-drone systems were deployed along the Punjab border to counter them. "Based on the information received from various sources, the Border Security Force (BSF) seized 294 drones on Punjab border in 2024," he said, replying to a written question.

The minister said a number of steps such as putting up anti-drone systems, sharing information received about drones immediately with the BSF headquarters, Indian Air Force and the local police station, had been taken to counter the threat of drone-based smuggling. He said adjoining border outposts and 'nakas' and

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Blossomed Almond Trees At Badamwari Source Of Attraction For Tourists In Srinagar

KC News Network

SRINAGAR: With the arrival of spring in Kashmir, Srinagar's historic Badamwari—the sprawling almond garden in the old city—has come to life, drawing a surge of tourists.

As the first major attraction to awaken after the valley's harsh winter, Badamwari has long been a herald of spring's arrival.

With the recent spell of sunny and pleasant weather, it has become a favorite spot for visitors, offering a refreshing contrast to the snow-clad destinations of Kashmir.

Situated on the foothills of Koh-e-Maran, the 300 kanals garden was dotted with trees, flowers, and cascades providing



a soothing experience to the visitors.

The early bloom of flowers on Almond trees in the sprawling historic Badamwari garden in Shahr-e-Khaas has become a source of attraction for nature lovers and tourists alike.

On Tuesday, the tourists were seen thronging the garden and clicking selfies in the backdrop of blossomed Almond trees in the historic garden. Sunita, a tourist from Delhi said that the plan to visit

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LoP Should Be Allowed To Speak But Not Given Permission In ‘New India’: Rahul Gandhi



NEW DELHI: As the Lok Sabha was briefly adjourned amid opposition protests after Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s statement on the Mahakumbh, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the LoP should be allowed to speak according to the democratic structure but is not given permission in “new India”.

Gandhi also said the prime minister

should have paid homage to those who lost their lives in the January 29 stampede at the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj.

The Lok Sabha was briefly adjourned till 1 pm on Tuesday following protests by opposition members over Modi’s remarks on the success of the Mahakumbh, which was held from January 13 to February 26.

Many opposition members rose from their

seats in protest after the prime minister spoke.

“I wanted to support what he was saying. Kumbh is our tradition, history and culture. There was also a complaint that he did not pay homage to those who lost their lives (in the stampede in the Mahakumbh),” Gandhi told reporters outside Parliament.

“The other thing I wanted to say is that the youth that went to the Kumbh need another thing from the PM, they need employment. The prime minister should speak on employment,” the Congress leader said.

Asked if he was not allowed to speak, Gandhi said, “We are not allowed to speak. According to the democratic structure, the LoP should be permitted to speak, but is not given permission, but this is new India.”

Describing the Mahakumbh as an important milestone, Modi told the Lok Sabha that the event was a befitting response to those who questioned India’s capability to organise such a large congregation.

He said the entire world witnessed the grandeur of India during the Mahakumbh and the religious gathering reflected the spirit of rising India.

Over 68 lakh cancer treatments done under PMJAY, majority in rural areas: Nadda

NEW DELHI: More than 68 lakh cancer treatments worth over Rs 13,000 crore have been performed under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme, with 75.81 per cent of them undertaken in rural areas, Union Health Minister J P Nadda said on Tuesday.

Of these, more than 4.5 lakh treatments worth over Rs 985 crore were undertaken for “targeted therapies” against cancer, with 76.32 per cent of their beneficiaries coming from rural areas, Nadda said responding to a question in Parliament.

The benefits, he said, were accorded under the Centre’s Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).

He said that an initiative for screening, management and prevention of non-communicable diseases, including cancer, has been rolled out in the country under the National Health Mission.

Under the scheme, people suspecting they have cancer can also call in for expert opinion from district and tertiary care hospitals.

In PMJAY, treatment for several types of cancers, including breast, oral and cervical, is provided under more than 200 packages with more than 500 procedures of medical oncology, surgical oncology, radiation oncology and palliative medicine.

Of these, 37 packages are related to targeted therapies such as chemotherapy

for CA Breast, metastatic melanoma, chronic myeloid leukaemia, Burkitt’s lymphoma, and CA Lung, the minister informed.

Those suffering from cancer and are below the poverty line can also avail of a one-time financial assistance of up to Rs 15



lakh, provided under the Health Minister’s Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPPF).

The minister said that the scheme provides for the sale of generic medicines at 50 per cent to 80 per cent price of branded medicines through Janaushadhi Stores and the 217 AMRIT Pharmacies.

A total of 289 oncology drugs are given at half the market price.

Nadda said that the government had in

the budget announced it would set up 200 day care cancer centres at district hospitals in 2025-26.

Under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD), 770 district NCD clinics, 233 cardiac care units, 372 district day care centres, and 6,410 NCD clinics at community health centres have been set up, he said.

In addition, 19 state cancer institutes and 20 tertiary cancer care centres have been set up in different parts of the country to provide advanced cancer care.

Cancer treatment facilities have been approved in all 22 new AIIMS with diagnostic, medical, and surgical facilities, he said.

Two such centres where advanced cancer treatment is provided are the National Cancer Institute in Jhajjar, Haryana, with 1,460 beds, and the second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute in Kolkata, which has 460 beds.

There are 372 District Day Care Centres providing chemotherapy across the country, Nadda said.

The minister said that under the Department of Atomic Energy, Tata Memorial Centre has two units/hospitals in rural and semi-urban locations, the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in Sangrur in Punjab, and the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in Muzzafarpur in Bihar. (PTI)

Can’t avail separate UPSC exam attempts as ‘able’ and ‘disabled’ candidate: SC to Puja Khedkar

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday told former IAS probationer Puja Khedkar – who’s accused of cheating and wrongly availing OBC and disability quota benefits in the civil services examination – that she cannot avail separate attempts to clear the test as an “able candidate” and an “disabled candidate”.

A bench of justices BV Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma posted the plea of Khedkar for further hearing on April 15 after her counsel sought time to file response to an affidavit of Delhi government.

Om Birla Calls For Developing Delhi Vidhan Sabha As ‘Model’ Assembly

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday gave a call to develop the Delhi Vidhan Sabha as a “model” Assembly, and urged the newly-elected MLAs to upskill themselves with modern technology tools such as Artificial Intelligence.

Inaugurating a two-day orientation programme



for Delhi MLAs at the Vidhan Sabha, Birla said people have high expectations from the legislators and the new government in the capital.

“Delhi as the national capital is like a ‘Mini India’, representing diversity of people from different states living here with diverse languages, culture and religion. Its a big responsibility to meet their expectations and solve their problems by ensuring infrastructure development and social welfare,” Birla said.

The orientation programme will be helpful in learning ways to fulfil the high expectations of people from their MLAs and the new government, he said.

The inaugural session was also attended by Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Leader of Opposition in Assembly Atishi, Deputy Speaker Mohan Singh Bisht and the

MPs from Delhi. Stating that a good orator is also the best listener, Birla urged the MLAs to spend time participating in the legislative business of the Assembly.

“Artificial Intelligence (AI) should be used for capacity building and efficiency. One can ensure better dialogue and communication with more use of technology,” he said.

The Delhi Assembly should be developed as a “model” with respect to maximum use of technology and skills of its members, Birla said.

The Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE) is conducting the orientation programme, offering insights into parliamentary rules and legislative practices.

The Lok Sabha speaker also said that the new members should learn legislative drafting and employ the available legislative sources, and become aware of the rules and regulations to be able to work for the people. He asked them to be innovative in solving problems in their respective constituencies, saying “transparency, honesty and accountability” are necessary for Delhi’s development.

Birla also said that the Assembly should be a platform for debate, discussion and consensus building, and there should be no impasse even as disagreements may appear.

The new members and the government should strive to find solutions to the various problems facing the people of Delhi over the next five years. The Bharatiya Janata Party formed the government in Delhi after winning 48 of the 70 Assembly seats in the polls held in February. The Aam Aadmi Party has 22 members in the House.

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of drone-based smuggling.

He said adjoining border outposts and ‘nakas’ and observation posts were alerted to identify the path taken by the unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and drones and be ready to engage with them.

“The UAVs and drones are

observed or pursued with the help of surveillance equipment during day and night,

intelligence network and timely coordination with sister agencies have been strengthened, and various choke points are kept under surveillance to nab the smugglers,” he said.

Union Territory Of Jammu & Kashmir, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION KUPWARA

NIT No.57-Kupwara/6973-81 of 2024-25 e-tendering DATED:-18-03-2025

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other state/Central Governments for the followings works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/D/Doc (In rupees)	Earnest Money (In rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
01	Construction of boys and Girls Washroom at Govt. Degree College Kupwara.	19.48	800/-	39000/-	45 days	24-03-2025	“B&C”	Capex Budget

Position of AAA

-:Accorded

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

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	18-03-2025
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 18-03-2025 to 24-03-2025 (4.00P.M)
03.	Bid submission start date	18-03-2025 from (10.00A.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	24-03-2025 upto (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	24-03-2025 at (6:00P.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer RnB Division Kupwara

Terms and Conditions :-

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan) must be written boldly the Name of Work, Name of Contractor along with NIT No. & Sr. No of NIT in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara. The Issuance date of the Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR Must be in between the date of Downloading to Bid Submission end Date. The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% additional performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after successful completion of the defect liability Period of the work. The EMD of 2% successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security.

The bidders shall ensure that their bids shall be accepted only if their registrations cards are uploaded on <https://jkpwdoms.jk.gov.in> portal in active Tab. as per circular instructions issued by Development Commissioner works vide No.PW/DCW/DB/668-72 DT.10-06-2022.

The GST-3B for last Quarter (Quarterly return) or Previous month for (Monthly return) Should be uploaded, irrespective of date of Tender

Contractors Strictly Not Eligible

The bidders who has participated in 2023-24 and has not completed the works within stipulated time frame/who had left the work midway/who had not started /taken up the works are strictly not eligible. Any such participation may lead to cancellation of their bid and no claim shall be entertained in this regard.

Contractors who failed to execute the allotted work/ work during the previous final Year (2023-24) are note eligible before tendering for the current financial Year 2024-25

All other terms and conditions shall be the same as per detailed and stock issue rates of 2024-25 circular instructions issued by the higher authorities from time to time.

The key construction material shall have to be arranged by the contractor of his own as per the quality/specifications.

Cement = JKOPC Brand

Steel of all sorts = SAIL certified (The sail certificate shall have be produced /deposited in the division by the AEE concerned at the time submission of the work done bills). No extension in quantities/Cost is allowed in any case.

No. 6973-81

DT: 18-03-2025

DIPK-13173/24

Sd/-Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara

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e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE

e-NIT No. 005/EDI,dt:18.03.2025

S.No	Particulars	E/ Cost(In Lacs)
1	Rate Contract for maintenance works of Distribution Network in Subdivision Nishat for the year 2025-26	30.00

The complete tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

i)	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender Document	18.03.2025; 16:00 Hrs
ii)	Date & Time of Download/ Sale (End) of Tender Document	08.04.2025; 16:00 Hrs
iii)	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)	18.03.2025; 16:00 Hrs to 08.04.2025; 16:00 Hrs
iv)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	09.04.2025 at 2:00 Hrs
v)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
vi)	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Electronically on J&K Government e-Procurement System website http://jktenders.gov.in
vii)	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.1000.00 (Rupees One Thousand and Only) (Non-refundable) [Treasury Receipt Only]
viii)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 60,000/= (Rupees Sixty Thousand and Only)

Sd/-Executive Engineer Electric Division 1st, Srinagar

DIPK-NB-3811/24

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION – IV.PAMPORE KASHMIR – 192121

Email: xentlmd4@gmail.com

EXTENSION NOTICE-3

In view of the poor response the last date of receipt of tenders (online), bid submission end date and bid opening date of NIT No: TLMD/IV/e-NIT/13 of 2024-25 for “Annual Preventive/routine/ breakdown maintenance of 220/132/33kV Grid station Zainakote, Grid station Pampore and Grid station Chadora. Under the jurisdiction of TLMD-IV Pampore is further extended as under:

1 e-Bid submission end date and time 25-03-2025 up to 14:00 hrs
2 Date of opening of online techno commercial/financial bid 26-03-2025 at 16:00 hrs
All other terms and conditions shall remain same. The tender document / NIT / BOQ can be downloaded from website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

Sd/-Executive Engineer TLMD-IV Pampore

DIPK-NB-3816/24

از دفتر ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول

تحصیلدار گنڈ

عنوان: درخواست از جانب شرف احمد ولد محمد رمضان شیخ ساکن گنڈ بغرض حصول پیدائش سرٹیفیکٹ بحق پرنسپل احمد کاسل۔

اشتہار خاص وعام

سائل حصول پیدائش سرٹیفیکٹ کا خواہاں ہے۔ اس نسبت درخواست سائل دفتر حذا میں زیر کاروائی ہے۔ لہذا اجراء سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث سے عمل اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو اندر تین دن کے دفتر حذا کو تحریری طور عذرات پیش کریں۔ تفصیل مع تاریخ پیدائش بذیل ہے۔

ا۔ شرف احمد شیخ ولد محمد رمضان شیخ تاریخ پیدائش 12-02-2008

اشتہار:

ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول

از دفتر ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول

تحصیلدار گنڈ

عنوان: درخواست از جانب محمد صادق کاسل ساکنہ ریلو گنڈ بغرض حصول پیدائش سرٹیفیکٹ بحق پرنسپل احمد کاسل۔

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ا۔ سہیل احمد کاسل ولد محمد صادق کاسل ساکنہ ریلو گنڈ تاریخ پیدائش 16-07-2020

اشتہار:

ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول

از دفتر ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول

تحصیلدار گنڈ

عنوان: درخواست از جانب بال احمد کاسل موضع گنڈ بغرض حصول پیدائش سرٹیفیکٹ بحق دختر زینب۔

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Snow Clearance Begins on Bandipora-Gurez Road

Bandipora || The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has initiated a snow clearance operation on the 85 km long Bandipora-Gurez road.

The operation has been started to restore road connectivity after a 20-day closure caused by snowfall. The operation has been started to restore road connectivity after a 20-day closure caused by snowfall.

Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, said that the 56 RCC BRO teams have begun snow clearance work using snow-cutting machines and other machinery.

He said Special focus is being placed on Razdan Pass, where consistent snow accumulation, winds, and low temperatures have blocked movement.

The Deputy Commissioner further stated that helicopter services are available in case of emergencies, particularly for the transportation of patients and essential needs.

Meanwhile Local residents reported a shortage of essential commodities in Gurez and have re-



New media policy being framed to encompass social media platforms: J&K

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Tuesday said that it is in the process of formulating a new media policy to encompass emerging platforms including social media platforms, news web portals and websites, for empanelment.

In its reply to cut motion of MLA Pulwama Waheed-ur-Rehman Para, the government disclosed that the department is in the process of formulating a new media policy to encompass emerging platforms including social media platforms, news web portals and websites, for empanelment.

“The formulation of new media policy aims to align with the evolving media landscape and adhere to the standards set by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP), Government of India,” the government said.

The government also claimed that the Press Club in Srinagar was vacated due to a dispute among its members.

“In contrast, the Srinagar press club was operating from a building provided by the Estates Department in Press Enclave, Srinagar However, due to dispute among its members, the building has been vacated and is now temporarily occupied by Jammu & Kashmir Police,” the government said.

It further said that the registration of the Kashmir Press Club has been put in abeyance by the Department of Industries and Commerce for want of clearance from the Criminal Investigation Department

However, it added, one more club by the name of Press Club of Kashmir has been registered by the Department of Industries and Commerce—(KNO)

Haj Committee Organises Orientation Programme in Bandipora

BANDIPORA: Jammu and Kashmir Haj Committee Monday organised an orientation programme for selected Haj Pilgrims of Bandipora district at Peer Masjid Plan.

The trainers including Tariq Munawar on the occasion delivered detailed PowerPoint presentations highlighting different aspects of Haj.



They informed the selected Haj pilgrims about Hajj Preparations, Do's and Don'ts during travel, packing of luggage, documentations, Visa, immigrations process, travel between Aziziya to Masjid-e-Haram in Mecca, arrangements at Hotel, Role of Maulim and Khadim, Medical arrangements, Fara'iz and Wajibaat in Hajj and Umrah and wearing of Eghram. Climate, timings and transport facilities available in mecca and medina besides a detailed presentation about the mandatory

activities during Haj at Arfat, Mina, Muzdalifa and other mandatory activities during the Haj including Tawaaf, Sa'ye, Ramy al-Jamarat, Sacrifice (Qurbani), Halak and Tawaf Ziyarat.

They also informed the audience about the importance, significance and spiritual aspects of Haj besides narrating the important Do's and Don'ts during the pilgrimage.

Apart from logistics and rituals a detailed presentation is shown for the use Hajj Sweda app, Nusuk app and the Foreign travel card.

A question answer session was also held during the presentation during which pilgrims posed several questions to clear their doubts and confusions. Lunch and other refreshments were also provided to the audience during the day-long programme.

Indian Army Organizes Medical & Veterinary Camp in Kishtwar

KISHTWAR: The Indian Army conducted a Medical and Veterinary Camp in the remote villages of Navapachchi and Bunda, Kishtwar, addressing health-care challenges and livestock welfare.

A team of Army doctors, nursing assistants, and civil healthcare professionals provided free medical consultations, essential medicines, and awareness sessions on hygiene and preventive care. Veterinary specialists conducted livestock check-ups, vaccinations, and deworming drives, benefiting 388 residents and 115 animals.

The initiative, under Operation Sadbhavana, was widely appreciated by locals, reaffirming the Army's commitment to community welfare and rural development.

CIK Nabs Shalimar Man Operating Radical Social Media Handle On Facebook

SRINAGAR : Counter Intelligence Kashmir on Tuesday arrested a man operating a radical social media handle on Facebook.

In a statement to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), a police spokesperson said, Showkat Ahmad Dar, son of Ghulam Ahmad Dar of Doodh Mohalla, Shalimar, Srinagar was arrested for operating the social media handle 'Shaddy Kashmir Dryfruits.'

The spokesperson said, "Acting on credible intelligence, and during the course of social media surveillance, a team of CIK successfully identified and apprehended an individual operating a radical social media handle on Facebook, 'Shaddy Kashmir Dryfruits', which was being used to disseminate extremist content with an intention to disturb peace."

"Upon receiving input about the on-line activity, a swift investigation was launched, social media handle was resolved leading to the identification of the suspect as the social media abuser Showkat Ahmed Dar was found to be actively engaged in posting and sharing content aimed at glorifying terrorism, terrorist commanders and inciting anti-national sentiments among young minds," the statement said.

"Efforts to track the suspect were initially hindered due to his constant movement and change of location.

However, a well-coordinated strategy was implemented on ground to

apprehend him along with his electronic device. A preliminary inspection of the digital devices revealed access to the radical Facebook account, along with



incriminating materials, including a video of slain terrorist commander Zakir Musa and other extremist propaganda," it added.

"It is crucial to highlight that Showkat Ahmad Dar has a history of radical activities. He was previously arrested in 2019 by Harwan Police Station of Srinagar for involvement in stone-pelting incidents.

Additionally, in 2022, he was detained by Cyber Police Station Srinagar for engaging in the online dissemination of radical content" the statement said.

"It is noteworthy that on the request of intelligence agencies in Jammu and Kashmir, all the social media service providers have established special units to monitor the radical propaganda es-

pecially in J&K. The moment any such radical activity is witnessed by their monitoring unit, it is reported to the security agencies immediately," it said.

Mirwaiz addresses large gathering at historic Aali Masjid after 7 years

Srinagar: Addressing a large gathering held at the historic Aali Masjid Eidgah Srinagar after a gap of 7 years on the occasion of Youm-e-Badr, Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr. Molvi Muhammad Umar Farooq Tuesday paid rich tributes to the martyrs of Islam's first battle between truth and falsehood, the Battle of Badr, honoring their unparalleled sacrifices and martyrdom.

In a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), he emphasized that this battle not only paved the way for the propagation and spread of Islam but significantly eased the path for future preaching of the faith under the resolute leadership of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

On this occasion of the 58th death anniversary of renowned Islamic scholar and political leader Mufasssir-e-Quran, Muh-ajir-e-Millat Mirwaiz Molana Muhammad Yousuf Shah was also observed, Mirwaiz paid heartfelt tributes acknowledging his extraordinary services to his people and nation.

He highlighted that despite facing challenging conditions and experiencing migration and exile, the late leader remained steadfast in his fundamental principles.

Mirwaiz Umar further mentioned that besides the exceptional religious, social, and community services rendered by the late leader, his most lasting and significant achievement, destined to benefit generations to come, was his accessible translation and interpretation of the Holy Quran in his mother tongue, Kashmiri, which Allah Almighty has blessed with great acceptance and popularity.

He announced that the Mirwaiz Foundation is rapidly working on developing a mobile App version of the late Mirwaiz Kashmir's celebrated Quranic exegesis, Bayan-ul-Furqan, tailored to contemporary needs. This App, particularly designed to attract the young generation, will also play a crucial role in connecting them with their mother tongue, Kashmiri.

Prominent religious scholars and spiritual leaders from the valley, including Molana Shaukat Hussain Keng, Molana Khurshheed Ahmed Qanoongo, Molana M.S. Rahman Shams, Peerzada Ghulam Nabi Shah, and Rafiq Ahmad Zargar, among others, spoke extensively on the life and contributions of Muhajir-e-Millat, describing him as a patron and benefactor of Kashmiris—(KNO)



Market Checking Drive Conducted in Sumbal to Curb Overpricing

BANDIPORA: Acting on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, a joint team led by Tehsildar Sumbal, along with SHO Sumbal, officials from the Food Department, and the Municipal Committee, conducted a market inspection in Sumbal town on Tuesday.

The Traders Federation President was also present during the drive, which aimed to ensure quality control, prevent black marketing, and curb profiteering amid rising demand for essential commodities during Ramadan.

Tehsildar Sumbal stated that such inspections will continue regularly to prevent traders and shopkeepers from overpricing and engaging in unethical practices.



PM Shri Middle School Gulshanabad Organizes Enrollment Drive

GOWHAR MAQBOOL

HAJIN: As part of the ongoing district-wide Enrollment Drive, PM Shri Government Middle School Gulshanabad Hajin conducted a Mega Enrollment Drive on Tuesday.

The event was graced by the Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Hajin, along with the Principal of GHSS Hajin, the Head of the Institution, and officials from the ZEO Office Hajin.

During the drive, a significant milestone was achieved with the on-the-spot enrollment of more than 26 students, reflecting an overwhelming response from the community.

Officials said the initiative aims to enhance educational outreach and maximize student participation in government schools.

"Our aim is to encourage maximum enrollment in government schools over private institutions. These schools are fully equipped with necessary resources and provide free, high-quality education," said an official.

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.



Prof. Abdul Gani Appointed as Director of IITM Srinagar

SRINAGAR: The Iqbal Institute of Technology and Management (IITM) Srinagar is pleased to announce the appointment of Prof. Abdul Gani as its new Director.

With over 35 years of academic and administrative experience, Prof. Gani has served in key leadership roles at two central universities, a state university, and an international institution, bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role.

Throughout his distinguished career, Prof. Gani has held pivotal positions at Central University of Kashmir (CUK), where he was the Founder Registrar, Dean of Business Studies, Director of R&D, and even served as Officiating Vice-Chancellor on multiple occasions. His contributions also extend to the University of Kashmir, Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU), and the Arab Open University in Saudi Arabia, where he played a significant role in advancing academic and research initiatives.

A highly decorated scholar, Prof. Gani is the recipient of several prestigious fellowships, including the US Fulbright Fellowship, Shastri Indo-Canadian Fellowship, and UK Open University International Fellowship. His academic influence spans the globe, with guest lectures at leading institutions worldwide, over 75 research papers, numerous books, and presentations at major international conferences.

As Director of IITM Srinagar, Prof. Gani is committed to elevating academic excellence, strengthening industry partnerships, and aligning the institution with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. With his expertise in curriculum development, research leadership, and institutional growth, he is poised to lead IITM into a new era of innovation and academic distinction.

The entire IITM community extends a warm welcome to Prof. Abdul Gani and looks forward to an inspiring and transformative journey under his leadership.

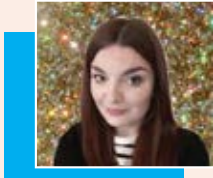


Editorial

Vigyan Dhara

India's aspiration to become a global leader in science and technology has received a significant push with the launch of Vigyan Dhara, a scheme aimed at strengthening research capabilities, fostering innovation, and promoting technological advancements. With a substantial increase in budgetary allocation from ₹330.75 crore in 2024-25 to ₹1425 crore in 2025-26, this initiative consolidates multiple research and innovation programs under a single framework. The government's intention is clear—to create a robust scientific ecosystem that aligns with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. At its core, Vigyan Dhara focuses on capacity building, research and development, innovation, and international collaboration. The integration of these key components is expected to create synergy between academia, industry, and government agencies. Additionally, the emphasis on gender parity in science and technology, as well as the promotion of startups and entrepreneurial ventures, marks a significant step toward inclusivity in research and innovation. One of the most encouraging aspects of this initiative is its focus on early-stage scientific exposure. The INSPIRE-MANAK program, which has benefited over 57,869 young students, aims to foster scientific curiosity from an early age. The success of Vigyan Dhara will depend on whether the government can ensure a seamless and transparent fund allocation process. Moreover, while the scheme speaks of industry-academia collaboration, India still lacks a strong research-to-market pipeline. Moving beyond theoretical research and fostering real-world applications through private sector partnerships will be crucial for its success. Another critical concern is the equitable distribution of resources. Historically, premier institutions like IITs, IISc, and central universities have received the majority of research funding, leaving regional universities and state-level research centers underfunded. India stands on the brink of a scientific transformation, and Vigyan Dhara has the potential to propel the nation toward self-reliance in critical technologies, global scientific leadership, and an innovation-driven economy. However, this vision will only materialize if the initiative moves beyond grand budget announcements and effectively tackles the systemic challenges that hinder scientific progress. The foundation has been laid, but the real test lies in execution. If implemented efficiently, Vigyan Dhara could mark a defining moment in India's journey toward technological excellence and self-sufficiency in research and innovation.

How to build and keep an audience for your journalism project



CRISTIANA BEDEI

Did being laid off, frustrations with the limitations of traditional newsrooms, or uncovering an underreported issue motivate you to launch your own newsletter, podcast or website?

No matter what your catalyst was, how ambitious your vision is or how great of a journalist you are, your project won't have an impact if no one engages with it.

"High-quality content is crucial to sustaining a readership," said Fernanda Braune Brackenrich, U.S. editor of audience engagement at the Financial Times. "But it doesn't matter how good your content is if no one can find it."

At larger newsrooms, audience engagement teams collaborate with reporters and editors before a story goes live — strategizing how, when and where to publish it, then refining it based on performance. Independent project founders, however, often handle everything themselves.

"I've heard that a news startup endeavor should split its time [into] a third marketing, a third editorial and a third business development," said Cadence Bambenek, co-founder and editor-in-chief of the climate solutions newsletter, Hothouse.

Since launching in 2020, Hothouse has gained 5,500 subscribers. For the past two years, Bambenek has run it mostly on her own. "When personal life events impacted me, they impacted Hothouse, too." After an earthquake destabilized her housing situation, keeping the newsletter running mattered more than pushing for growth.

For reader-funded projects, expanding and sustaining reach is also essential to financial viability. "Revenue is always the biggest challenge," said Jamie Wareham, founder of QueerAF, a nonprofit LGBTQIA+ publisher primarily supported by paying members.

"An editor told me to stop pitching — and I'm quoting — 'gay stories' because there was no 'money' or 'audience' in them," said Wareham. To test that claim, he launched QueerAF in 2016 as a podcast, later expanding it into an award-winning, newsletter-first publication that invests in emerging LGBTQIA+ talent.

Cultivating a following isn't just about visibility — it makes your journalism sustainable and influential.

So, how do you build and keep one?

Below, Bambenek, Braune Brackenrich and Wareham offer practical advice on how to do so.

Find your niche and commit to it
One of the biggest mistakes independent journalists make is shifting the focus too often. "Pick a niche and stick to it. Work out your goal and stick

they need and where they work — has helped shape its trajectory.

You can get to know your audience by looking at analytics, surveying them or asking for feedback. Establish a sustainable schedule

Publishing on a weekly cycle often builds stronger engagement than fortnightly or monthly, but only

long-term growth, Wareham wrote in a recent article. They can steer editorial decisions, too. Readers often highlight stories no one else is covering, creating a cycle in which engagement drives content and content fuels engagement.

Offering valuable resources, such as QueerAF's Trans+ History Week page, can also attract new



with it," suggested Wareham. It's tempting to jump between ideas or pivot too soon when something isn't working. While refining is important, give your project time to grow.

Before launching publicly, test your content and format, and once you're live, commit to the long game. "It takes a really long time to grow anything anywhere, especially media products," said Wareham.

Understand your audience
Before publishing, put yourself in your audience's shoes. Ask yourself:

- When and where do they get news?
- What format fits their lifestyle?

"If you're launching something for an audience [that] lives in big cities, for example, you should account for commute time," said Braune Brackenrich. "That's a good time for people to check their phones and read, listen or watch something."

Let these insights guide when and how you publish, and remember that first-rate journalism is essential for building a readership.

"I did a deep dive on our audience recently, and Hothouse's readers are frequently high-level decision-makers," said Bambenek. "I have no hope in retaining their attention if I don't keep up the quality of the articles and insights that readers have come to expect."

Understanding who reads Hothouse — what

if it's realistic for you. "You're gonna have to do it every week. So make sure it's something that you really love," said Wareham. QueerAF's newsletter goes out every Saturday morning as a recap of the weekly news. "That means my busiest day is Friday," he added.

Before committing to a schedule, ask yourself:

- Is this sustainable for me?
- Will it still work months or years from now?

Use social media with purpose
"I would recommend focusing on one social media channel to concentrate your efforts. Present your content in different ways, mixing links, photos and videos," Braune Brackenrich suggested.

She noted that while social referral traffic has declined, posts from individual accounts — rather than business pages — have been less affected. Amplifying your work under your name can drive more engagement than solely relying on an outlet's presence.

Invest in relationships
Directly interacting with your audience creates loyalty and strengthens word-of-mouth marketing. "Spending lots of time on [building] relationships — which doesn't always feel like it has a tangible outcome — makes people more likely to support QueerAF when we make the ask in either a public or a direct way," said Wareham.

These "non-scalable actions" are critical for

subscribers. "That was more of an evolution rather than a clear plan at the start," Wareham admitted. But the page became a tool for growth.

Join the conversation
Since her audience is more likely to engage with in-depth analysis than quick-hit social media content, Bambenek streamlined Hothouse's presence by publishing exclusively on Substack, which offers discovery tools to attract new subscribers.

"I think it has saved me a headache to focus on making high-quality articles and publishing them on one platform instead of letting my attention get divided," she said.

But as the newsletter nears its fifth year, Bambenek is reconsidering how to promote the project. "At a certain point, you do a disservice to the work if you don't put in the effort to assert it correctly and proudly in the conversation it's in dialogue with."

Speaking at events, joining industry discussions and engaging on social media are opportunities to join the conversation and build connections.

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Examining the importance of independent journalism for students in the U.S



By ICFJ

International and U.S. journalists, university faculty and students, and foundation and media leaders came together recently in Washington, D.C., to address a critical gap in educating young Americans on the role of a free press in democratic societies.

The International Center for Journalists (ICFJ), Freedom Forum and Vanderbilt University organized the immersive two-day event, which was hosted at Freedom Forum's headquarters, with support from Lumina Foundation. It featured opening remarks from Jason Rezaian, director of press freedom initiatives for The Washington Post, followed by roundtable and small group discussions. The event, which included about 50 people, culminated in recommendations for future collaborations.

To encourage open discussion, the event was held under the Chatham House Rule, which allows participants to share out what was said but without attribution.

Here are five takeaways from the conversation.

(1) International journalists have perspectives and experiences that are important for U.S. journalists — and all Americans — to hear.

In a conversation moderated by Rezaian, journalists from outside the U.S. described the increasingly repressive tactics they have faced amid democratic backsliding in their countries. Roundtable attendees said hearing from journalists who have navigated closing societies was eye-opening, especially amid growing concerns about press freedom in the United States.

In the most oppressive countries, independent journalism is essentially a crime punishable by jail. In others, the State has taken control of major media and universities. Elsewhere, reporters face growing threats of physical violence and "lawfare," or legal attacks designed to silence their reporting.

"[Government actors] don't want you to exist, so your sole existence as an independent journalist is an act of defiance against them," one exiled journalist said of his home country.

Participants shared how they have adapted to these immense challenges. For example, in countries without independent universities, news outlets are now the training ground for the next generation of journalists. Journalists also talked about educating their audiences on how to access news sites online, amid government efforts to block them, and equipping citizens to gather information on the ground when reporters have had to flee. One emphasized the importance of journalists networking and resource-sharing: "If one media outlet is destroyed, there has to be another who will replace you."

(2) It's harder than ever to 'practice disagreement' on campuses. And that's just one of the challenges facing student journalists.

University students in attendance described the reluctance students feel today to share their opinions and even report on hot-button topics, for fear of reprisal from their peers and future harm to their careers. It can even discourage students from working in journalism and other public service jobs, participants said. "Educational institutions have the responsibility to show people that they can take the courageous path, which is the path of public service, that they can say things that are unpopular — unpopular to other students, unpopular to the administration, unpopular to the board," one student said.

Harassment from fellow students was just one challenge student journalists cited at the roundtable. Animosity from administrators and ongoing struggles with funding were others, even as student publications play an increasingly important role for communities with no other local news coverage.

"Our student publication has been operating in debt for years," one student said.

Participants suggested integrating media education into K-12 curricula and establishing support networks and communication channels for student journalists to connect with one another. Students also said they would benefit from more support pushing back on censorship and accessing public records, two issues that are integral to promoting press freedom at colleges and universities.

(3) Reaching audiences is hard, but not impossible — and news creators are leading the way.

Journalists are searching for ways to build audiences, at a time of declining trust in media and a fractured information landscape. Media consumers tend to trust and return to sources that

offer confirmation bias, participants noted, and the stakes are high: "People don't use news to develop their worldview so much as they consume news to affirm their worldview," one participant said.



To build trust, news outlets need to commit to deeply understanding their audiences. "If we don't know who we are serving, then it is really hard to serve them well," said one media founder from outside the U.S., adding that journalists can learn from news content creators. "They have a monopoly on reaching the people we need to reach," she said. The successful ones create feedback loops with their followers and employ metric-driven strategies that optimize social media algorithms.

Journalists also face well-orchestrated campaigns casting them as enemies of the people — propaganda that is challenging to combat. International journalists suggested that news outlets adopt "radical transparency" and take the time to cover the stories of people's lives, so that audience members see themselves represented accurately and fairly. "Then they will question the propaganda."

(4) AI will transform the information economy

in ways we cannot yet describe.

Journalists, students, employers, job seekers — everyone is using artificial intelligence more. One professor, for example, explained how she

In this context, it is vital to bring technologists who are building AI tools into rooms "like this one," one participant said. Others raised how important it is for college journalism programs to take an interdisciplinary approach, exposing students to data science and more.

(5) Preparing the next generation of journalists requires some radical rethinking.

Young journalists today encounter limited job prospects and pay, as news outlets face continued financial hardship. Unlike earlier generations of reporters, they also enter the profession at a time of heightened distrust in media, online violence against journalists and advancements in artificial intelligence that are transforming how news outlets operate.

Attendees touched on all these issues, but also noted just how much young people have to offer the profession and the broader public. Young reporters are adept at storytelling in today's digital environment. As student reporters, they also fill gaps in coverage, by providing accountability reporting on their universities to national audiences and local news for the extended communities off campus.

Roundtable attendees emphasized the need to update curricula to, for example, equip young journalists to protect themselves from threats, collaborate with data scientists and other technologists, and understand the business side of the profession. Participants discussed the importance of immersive, hands-on experience for student journalists and of connecting U.S. students to international journalists to learn from their experiences and insights.

A smaller working group on the second day explored what that could look like, including, for example, reporting collaborations between student journalists in the U.S. and exiled media that operate near universities. Like student media, exiled media often serve local communities in the U.S. — the diaspora.

These efforts and others — such as bringing international journalists to university communities for a speaker series, for example — would not only better prepare student journalists, but deepen understanding of press freedom and the role of the First Amendment to the larger university communities and beyond.

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Ladakh students, representatives of SERU program visits High Court of J&K, Ladakh

JAMMU: In a move to foster national integration and cultural exchange, 30 students and representatives of the Students Experience in Regional Understanding (SERU) program from Ladakh region visited Jammu Wing of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.


The students were taken around various courts by Mayank Gupta, Joint Registrar Judicial, to expose the students to the actual working of Courts in the High Court.

Later, the students interacted with Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Tashi Rabstan, who also hails from Ladakh, and shared their experience of the tour including their visit to the High Court.

The initiative was aimed to provide students an opportunity to explore diverse cultures and educational avenues beyond their homeland.

The visiting delegation was comprised of 20

students from various parts of Ladakh including Nubra, Kargil, Leh, Lamayuru, Shang, Nyoma and Zaskar, who are currently on an exposure tour



named "Rashtriya Ekamata Yatra." The program takes students beyond their native regions to interact with their counterparts across the country, promoting regional understanding and national

unity. The students, many of whom were travelling outside Ladakh for the first time, expressed enthusiasm about their experiences in Delhi and other States. Their itinerary included visits to educational institutions, historical landmarks and cultural centers in Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu.

Ladakh holds immense strategic and cultural significance for India. Initiatives like SERU contribute towards strengthening national bonds and preparing young minds for a bright future. Exposure to different regions and academic institutions will help these students develop a broader perspective and enhance their aspirations.

The Chief Justice, during his interaction with the students, encouraged them to work hard and impressed upon them to explore opportunities in their region.

He urged the students to take proactive steps in utilizing different schemes launched by the Government for their welfare. He also encouraged the youth to spread awareness about these programs within their communities so that more people could benefit.

During the interaction, M.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, was also present.

Deputy Commissioner Budgam reviews functioning of Tehsil Office, Budgam

Also inspects infra upgradation works of Tehsil, DSEO Complex



BUDGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo, reviewed the functioning of Tehsil Office, Budgam and took an overview of the various revenue services being provided by the Office of the Tehsildar, Budgam.

DC also inspected the revenue record room, and emphasised its further streamlining and convert it into a model record room. Labroo also conducted an on site inspection of two major infrastructure upgradation projects in the district – the Tehsil Office Budgam and the Office complex of the District Statistics & Evaluation Office (DSEO), Budgam.

During the inspection of Tehsil office Budgam, the DC emphasised timely execution and maintenance of quality standards of work.

He directed the concerned departments to closely monitor progress and ensure the projects are completed within the stipulated timeframes.

Later, the DC also took stock of upgradation work on Office complex of the District Statistics & Evaluation Office, Budgam where he directed the officials and executing agency to adhere strictly to the set deadlines.

On the occasion, the DC stated that both the projects are important for enhancing administrative efficiency and delivering better services to the local population of Budgam.

He said, district administration is committed towards improving public infrastructure and ensuring better service delivery in Budgam.

FSD Conducts Market Inspection in Pampore, Imposes 20,000 Fine



Bilal Habib

Pampore: The Food Safety Department (FSD) conducted an intensive market inspection in Pampore's Drangbal and Namlabal areas, ensuring compliance with food safety regulations during the holy month of Ramzan.

The team was Led by Assistant Commissioner Food Safety, Hilal Ahmad Mir, along with officials Umar Mufti, Mushtaq Abbas, and Sadia Javid.

The Inspection team inspected butchers, chicken sellers, bakers, and naanwais. Several expired and unhygienic food items were destroyed on the spot, and 20,000 in fines was imposed on violators.

Speaking to Kashmir Convener, Hilal Ahmad Mir emphasized that food inspections will continue beyond Ramzan to ensure hygiene and safety. He urged consumers to report violations via the toll-free number 104, promising swift action within 24 hours.

"We are committed to maintaining high food safety standards. Business operators must ensure cleanliness, and consumers should remain vigilant," Mir stated.

GCOE Jammu organises symposium on ill effects of tobacco

JAMMU: The N-CORD Committee of the Government College of Education, Jammu, organized a symposium on the topic "Tobacco and Its Ill Effects".

The event aimed to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of tobacco on health and society.

The program was graced by Principal of the college Dr. Jyoti Parihar, who encouraged students to stay away from tobacco and lead a healthy lifestyle. The symposium witnessed active participation by students. Sayushi secured the 1st position, Shiwal stood 2nd and Meenal bagged the 3rd position in the competition. The cultural segment featured a poem recitation by Nandani Sharma and an impressive shayari presentation by Shivani Thakur, both adding creative expression to the message against tobacco use.

NCD Screening drive conducted at AHWC Khurampora Shopian

SHOPIAN: Under the guidance of Director Ayush, Dr. Nuzhat Bashir Shah, a Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening drive was conducted today at AHWC Khurampora, Shopian.

The event, organized by the Medical Officer, Khurampora aimed to raise awareness and encourage early detection of non-communicable diseases within the local community.

The screening drive saw enthusiastic participation from the residents, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in promoting preventive healthcare and enabling timely interventions for various health conditions.

During the drive, 90 individuals were screened for hypertension. Additionally, 60 people underwent diabetes screening.

The newly diagnosed individuals will undergo a follow-up screening after one week.

Contractors served notices for repairing of roads in Udhampur West: Javed Dar

Jammu: Minister for Rural Development Department, Javed Ahmad Dar, informed the House that the roads being constructed by PMGSY in Udhampur West constituency are under Defect Liability Period (DLP) for a period of 5 years. If any damage is found after construction or during the maintenance period then it is being rectified by the Contractor, he added.

The Minister was replying on behalf of the Deputy Chief Minister to a question raised by Pawan Kumar Gupta in the Legislative Assembly.

He said that the roads being executed in Udhampur West Assembly Constituency under NABARD are in good condition and no substandard material has been used in PMGSY/NABARD roads.

However, the Minister informed that the blacktopping done on 7 km road from Kainthgali Block Boundary Udhampur to Bariote Upto Mounгри, currently under construction, was removed and Wet Mix Macadam was re-laid

when the authorities noticed defect in this entire 7 km road. He said that, as the weather improves,



50 mm thick Bituminous Macadam and 20 mm OGPC will be re-laid and whole rectification would be done by the concerned contractor.

The Minister informed the House that various contractors have been served notices for repairing defects and damages of roads during DLP. He said that the roads to be repaired under the Defect

Liability Period (DLP) included road projects from Garhi to Gathiya Morh, L023- NH1 A Km 63rd to Gandala, Gandala to Narore, Kainthgali Bariote Km 20th to Jesserkote, Mounгри to Ladda, Kainthgali Bariote km 44 to Lali and Mir to Saroffti. The notices have been issued to the Contractor for restoration of the damages and defects in these roads to facilitate seamless connectivity to the people.

The Minister said that the NRIDA arranges third party technical assessment and external Quality Assurance by deploying National Quality Monitors, whose responsibility is to verify that the UT's Quality Management is adequate in implementing the road infrastructure works.

Keeping the road safety measures in view, crash barriers have been installed at various vulnerable spots on a number of roads, added the Minister.

Surankote Stadium completed at cost of Rs 243.41 lakh: Satish Sharma

Jammu: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, informed the House that the Stadium at Surankote has been completed with a cost of Rs 243.41 lakh.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Choudhary Mohammad Akram in the Legislative Assembly.

The Minister informed the House that the Surankote Stadium comprises facilities like pavilion, change room, gender based toilets for boys and girls, synthetic volleyball, basketball and badminton courts, concrete practice pitch and bore well for drinking water facilities for the sports lovers.

He said that besides the Stadium the department has also constructed one playfield at Charallan Fazalabad in Suronkote Constituency with facilities including modern pavilion with inbuilt sound system worth Rs 31.22 lakh, filling of RBM/construction of gate at Rs 13.75 lakh, Chainlink fencing and leveling of playfield costing Rs 20.47 lakh.

The Minister further said that the volleyball court in Sports stadium Surankote has been completed during the current financial year 2024-25 and the coaching facility will be provided to the players by the department besides establishment of Kabaddi

Centre subject to availability of resources.

The Minister informed that no project has been sanctioned under Khelo India scheme at Draba/Mastandara near BDO Office, Buzliaz.

The department has no intimation from the Revenue authorities regarding acquisition of land for construction of a stadium or playfield, he added.

He said that Rehbar-e-Khel policy envisages regularization of Rehbar-e-Khel in a staggered manner on completion of seven years of satisfactory and continuous service against the available/created posts of Physical Education Teachers.

The Minister further said that 40 players are getting free training under the qualified mentor/coach, regularly, with free access to infrastructure, coaching and equipment by Khelo India centre under Khelo India Scheme at Charallan Fazalabad in the discipline of football.

He said that the facilities in the form of sports infrastructure encouraged the youth participants and participation of the students which was 2,46,890 in Poonch district during various

departmental sports activities and other activities conducted in the year 2024-25, so far.

He said that the Policy for engagement of Rehbar-e-khel was adopted in the Youth Services and Sports Department and 3000 positions of Rehbar-e-Khel were created, with the primary objective to promote Sports,



Games and Physical Education and at present 2417 REKs are working in the department.

The Minister added that the vacancies of Physical Education Teachers, as shall accrue to the department.

Shall not be filled up but kept reserved for regularization of the Rehbars.

At present, 923 vacancies of Physical Education Teachers are lying vacant for regularization of Rehbar-e-Khels.

The monthly honorarium for the first two years shall be Rs. 3000 which shall be enhanced to Rs. 4000 for third to seventh year.

Deputy Chief Minister, Health Minister, Advisor to CM visit D H Pora, Kulgam

Pay rich tributes to former JKLA Speaker on his 31st death anniversary

KULGAM: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, reaffirmed the government's commitment towards fulfilling all its promises, emphasizing that development projects and welfare initiatives remain a top priority of the present dispensation.

The Deputy Chief Minister stated this while addressing a function held at D H Pora Kulgam to commemorate the 31st death anniversary of former Speaker of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly (JKLA), Wali Mohd Ito.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Chief Minister stated that the government is working tirelessly to ensure progress in key sectors like infrastructure, employment, healthcare and education and other sectors.

He assured the public that every effort is being made to accelerate ongoing projects and implement schemes and programmes aimed at improving the quality of life of citizens.

"The trust of the people is our biggest responsibility, we are fully committed towards delivering on our promises and ensuring that every citizen benefits from government initiatives," he stated.

The Deputy Chief Minister also interacted with the locals, listened to their concerns and



assured them of swift action on pressing issues.

"The government remains focused on inclusive growth and will continue to engage with the public to address their needs effectively", he said.

He also directed the concerned officers to frame DPR for construction of a Rest house at D H Pora.

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, also paid rich tributes to former Speaker and her father Wali Mohammad Itoo, acknowledging his remarkable contributions towards welfare and development of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Remembering him as a visionary leader, she emphasized his relentless efforts in improving governance, strengthening democratic values and working for the upliftment of society. She reiterated that the Omar Abdullah led government remains steadfast in its commitment to the welfare of the people. "We are taking every

necessary step to ensure inclusive development and progress. Our government is dedicated towards addressing the needs of the people and fulfilling their aspirations," she added.

Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, in his address, paid rich tributes to former Speaker, Wali Mohammad Itoo, acknowledging his remarkable contributions towards welfare and development of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He highlighted the late leader's tireless efforts in uplifting the region, particularly his work in strengthening democratic values and improving public infrastructure.

"Shaheed Wali Mohammad Itoo dedicated his life to the service of the people. His vision for progress and his contributions to governance will always be remembered," he said. MLAs Abdul Majied Larmi, Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Mir, Peerzada Feroze Ahmad Shah and Showkat Ahmad Ganie also paid tributes to the late leader.

Seminar on ‘Conservation, Cultivation, Processing & Entrepreneurship Dev. in Medicinal Plants’ held at Ganderbal

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards promoting Medicinal Plant Sector in J&K by conservation and cultivation of Medicinal Plants, Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (RCFC) NR-II of NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH, Gol organised a one-day seminar on 'Conservation, Cultivation, Processing and Entrepreneurship Development in Medicinal Plants' in collaboration with Department of Pharmacology, Govt. Unani Medical College Ganderbal.

The Seminar was attended by faculty, students and other staff members of Govt. Unani Medical College Ganderbal.

The inaugural session of the Seminar was attended by Prof. Sheikh Bilal Ahmed, (Regional Director, RCFC); Nodal Officer, Administrative Officer, Accounts Officer and Dr. Aasiy-ul-Erum, In-Charge Department of Pharmacology.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sheikh Bilal described J&K as a treasure house of Medicinal herbs and stressed on conservation and cultivation of Medicinal Plants to develop more and more entrepreneurship avenues.

He emphasized that the demand for medicinal plants is growing with every passing year and the world is looking forward towards Himalayan region to fulfill the increasing demand.

He expressed his desire that more such programs will be organized in the future in collaboration with Govt. Unani Medical College Ganderbal.

The program highlights were presented by Prof. Sheikh Bilal Ahmed (Regional Director, RCFC); Dr. Mudassir Ahmad Dar, (By. Director RCFC SKUAUST); Dr. Tariq Rahim, Associate Professor Department of Ilmul-Saidla and Dr. Sabha

Shafi, Assistant Professor Department of Ilmul-Advia.

Earlier, Dr. Aasiy-ul-Erum, gave a brief introduction of the program.

Nodal Officer, Dr. Shabeer Ahmad Gaffari discussed the main Challenges being faced today in this field like Habitat Loss, Over Harvesting, Climatic Change and need for improved cultivation techniques.

He added that successful cultivation of medicinal plants depends upon soil quality, light intensity, temperature and water availability etc.

During the seminar the experts from RCFC (SKUAUST) and Govt. Unani Medical College Ganderbal highlighted the ways and importance of Conservation, Cultivation, Processing and Entrepreneurship Development in Medicinal plant sectors both in -situ and Ex-situ habitats.

JKSCST Corporation organizes awareness camp on Self-Employment schemes

Event highlights income-generating opportunities for backward classes; officials stress low-interest loans and self-reliance

SRINAGAR: JK Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Backward Classes Development Corporation Ltd., Srinagar, organized an Awareness Camp at Chattabal, Srinagar, on Tuesday in collaboration with the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi.

The event focused on informing the general public, particularly individuals belonging to backward classes, about self-employment schemes undertaken by the corporation. The event drew a large gathering of people.

Speaking on the occasion, Mehmood-ul-Haq Gundroo, Deputy General Manager (Kashmir), provided a brief introduction to various income-generating schemes, with special emphasis on the scheme dedicated to backward classes.

He urged people to come forward to avail benefits offered by the corporation.

Attention was drawn to the low-interest rates on loans.



The Deputy General Manager (Kashmir) reiterated the corporation's commitment to supporting individuals in creating

opportunities for themselves and others. The corporation remains steadfast in its mission to empower individuals and drive progress toward a self-reliant society.

Zulfikar Ali, District Manager, Srinagar, of the corporation, gave a detailed description of the corporation's schemes for establishing income-generating units. Emphasis was placed on the education loan schemes.

Shreeza, Chairperson of Chinar Valley Youth Trust, attended the event and appreciated the corporation's efforts, expressing a desire for organizing more such awareness camps.

A few beneficiaries shared their experiences with the gathering. Information brochures and handbills were distributed on the spot.

Babar Bashir Wani, A.O.O, presented a vote of thanks to the participants for their cooperation.

Pearls Of The Parrot Of India-Abul Hasan Yamin-U-Din Amir Khusro



BASHIR AHMAD DAR

Abul Hasan Yaminuddin, better known as Amir Khusrau (1252-1325) after being decorated with the title of Emir by one of his patrons, had the unique distinction of being a soldier, courtier, sufi, poet, litterateur, and music maestro. And he introduced the ghazal poetry form to India. Khusrau was probably a pioneer too in the art of the poem-riddle, called paheli. He was also a fine poet, with compositions both in the high Persian of the court and in the rough Hindi of the North Indian countryside. Khusrau is also said to have invented qawwali and is also credited by some historians with inventing sitar and the tabla. Some say he invented the khayal and tarana styles of singing. As such he is said to have laid the foundations of Hindustani music.

Although the details of his life and works remain uncertain to a considerable extent, we have much that helps us construct his figure in various avatars that he richly represented. It has been generally agreed upon that after suffering the onslaughts of Chengez Khan, his father, a Turk chieftain, migrated to India during the reign of Shamsuddin Altutmish who gave him a high position in his army. Khusrau was born in 651 Hijra corresponding to 1253 C.E. in Patiali in Etah district of Uttar Pradesh where his father had settled. Some have recorded his year of birth 1255 and still some mention it as 1254. Amir Saif ud-Din and Bibi Daulatmaz had three boys, including Khusrau, and a daughter as their firstborns. His father's influence allowed him to become fluent in Turkish, Persian, Arabic, Islam, and Sufism. He was called Tuti-i Hind ("Parrot of India"). This "compares the eloquent poet to the sweet-talking parrot. It also highlights his canonical stature as a poet of Persian," according to the Encyclopaedia of Islam. While he was just eight years old, Amir Saif ud-Din Mahmud died in an army action in 1260 after which his mother brought him to Delhi to live with his maternal grandfather who also passed away when he was only twenty years old. Khusrau was a gifted child. He studied poetry and wrote poems since he was nine years old. According to the introduction to his Divan "Garatul Kamal" he began composing verses from twelve years of age whereas "Sairul Awaliya" mentions that he began it when Hazrat Nizam ud din Auliya left Delhi to settle at Patiali. He would present the verses to his Murshid who would do the necessary corrections.

An extremely intelligent and resourceful person who honed many skills of poetry and courtly manners, he did not find it difficult to seek his source of sustenance when he was left on his own to do so. Beginning in the reign of Sultan Balban of the Slave (Mamluk) Dynasty, he served two Mamluks, three Khiljis and two Tughlaqs, variously as a court poet, soldier, royal historian and noble. During his lifespan of 72 years, Khusrau spent almost 60 years in the courts of as many as ten distinct Delhi Sultans like Malik Alauddin Kashlu Khan alias Malik Chhajju, Bughra Khan, Khan Mohammad, Sardar Hatim Khan, Kaikobad, Jalaluddin Firoze Khilji, Alauddin Khilji, Qutbuddin Mubarak Shah, Giasuddin Tughlaq and Mohammad Tughlaq. Khusrau was given the title "Amir" by Jalal ud din Firoz. He was respected and loved in his court. He was given the title "Mushaf-dar" for his effort.

Khusra created Tuhfat and published it as Tuhfat us-Sighr (The Gift of Childhood), his first divan, in 1271. It contained poems that were composed between the ages of 16 and 18. Reaching thirty he composed his second Divan known as "Wastul Hayat". He composed an eulogy or funeral verses (Marsiya) on the death of his patron Sultan Mohammad Qaan prince of Balban who was killed while fighting Tatars under in 1285 at Multan. It is said that Amir Khusro was taken as a captive by the Tatars after this battle though some claim his period of captivity as long as two years. This eulogy got much fame among the contemporary Persian lovers. In 1289 he composed his first historical masnavi "Qirun Saidain" and in 1291 the second historical Masnavi "Miftha ul Futuoh" which forms part of his third Divan "Garatul Kamal". In "Garatul Kamal" he showers praise on India and its people. "Qirun Saidain" comprising of nearly four thousand verses depicts the contemporary political, cultural, social aspects of Delhi as also its arts and crafts. The events have been presented in verses in such a beautiful manner that it is regarded as a chronicle carrying significance of a primary source as well as a literary masterpiece. It is said that his Hindi verses numbered around one lac but due to the vicissitudes of the time these have not been preserved barring some songs, riddles, kah mukriyan and Dohae which were and are most popular among the common masses. Even though he held high positions in several courts, it did not hinder his spiritual urge and interest and he remained a devoted disciple of Hazrat Nizamuddin (RA). There is an interesting story regarding Khusro being initiated as a disciple of his Murshid. It is reported that his father and brother accompanied him to the khanqah of Hazrat Nizamuddin (RA). Reaching the place he sat outside the room whereas his father and brother went inside. Khusro composed the following extempore verse

Tu aan shahi ki ber aiwan qasrat
kabutar ger nishanand baz gardud
Garaibi mustemandi ber der aamed
biyayed anderoon ye baz gaerudud

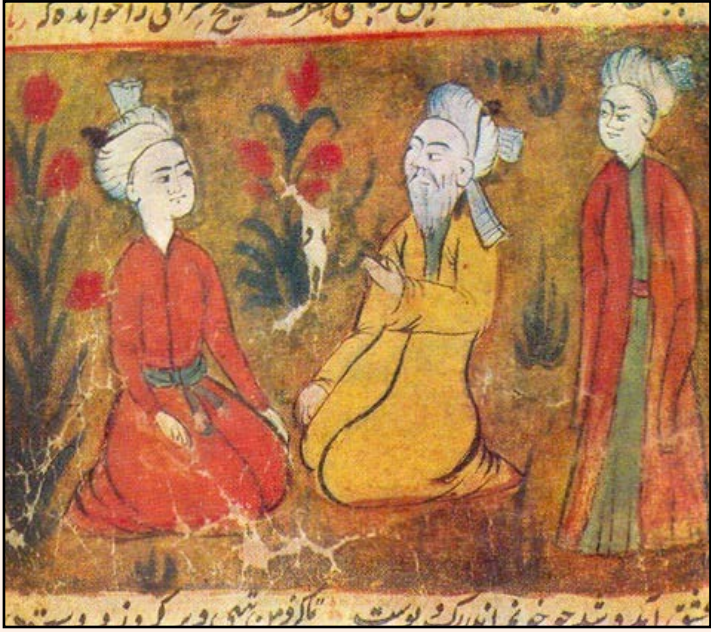
Translation: Your spiritual abode is so towering that if a pigeon rests there, it turns out to be a falcon;
I as a poor seeker has come to your door, shall he enter there or return back.

The Sheikh is said to have replied the would be disciple through this verse

Biyayed anderoon marde haqeeqat
ki ba ma yek nafs hamraz gardud
ager aan boud ay mard nadaan
az aan rahi ki aamud baz gardud

Translation: One must enter inside if he is the seeker of Reality so that he gets close to me and secrets are revealed to him.

If he is unwise, he must return the way he came.
Khusro sought his spiritual training and strength from his Murshid Hazrat Nizamuddin, and at whose feet he lies buried. Khusrau, as Nizamuddin and other Sufis, was from all accounts free from religious bigotry. Nizamuddin belonged to a Sufi spiritual order, and ran a khanaqah, or monastery, in what is now the heart of today's New Delhi (the entire neighbourhood is still called Nizamuddin).



People from every faith thronged the shrine, as they do even today. Khusrau wrote of his abiding love for his spiritual master, Nizamuddin. In this vein Khusrau is portrayed as a bride whose heart, personality and identity have all been surrendered upon a single glance by the groom, "Nizaaam". He had so much love for his master and his belongings that once a person came to Hazrat Nizamuddin (RA) and begged for something. The Sheikh had nothing in possession at that time. He gave him his slippers. Khusro was on a tour and he happened to stay in the same Sarai where this man having the slipper of the Sheikh was lodged. Seeing the slippers, Khusro gave the entire belongings to the person and purchased these slippers. Legend has it that when Sufi Saint Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia (1238-1325) died, his most devoted disciple Amir Khusro mourned his spiritual master's death in a couplet which is part of folklore in a disciple's devotion to his master: "Gori sovay sej par, mukh par dare kes/ chal Khusro ghar aapne, saanjh bhaee chahu des Translation: (The fair maiden rests on a bed of roses, her face covered with a lock of hair/ Oh Khusrau, let's return home now, the dusk settles in the four corners of the world).

Khusrau was a very prolific author and poet of rare distinction. He is widely respected as a Persian, Hindavi, and Rekhta poet who evolved a unique diction and an inimitable language, beyond the apbhransha, for his literary expression. He assigned a new role to human speech which is evident from the astounding variety of nearly a hundred works he produced in poetry and prose that broadly include several divans, mathnawis, treatises, and other compositions. He chose Persian as his preferred language for poetry composition. He also wrote about 500,000 verses in other languages, including Turkish, Arabic, Braj Bhasha, Hindavi, and Khadi Boli. His Persian verses alone account for around four lac verses. Though the number of his works cannot be ascertained for sure, nor can the authenticity of works ascribed to him be determined with any confidence, he remains an iconic poet on account of the works available from different sources. Amir Khusro diverted his attention from the court to concentrate on his legendary works. Every night before the king, melodious females would shout the ghazals that Amir Khusro had written in fast succession to music.

He composed a quintet (khamasa) during the reign of Aauddin Khilji using 5 masnavis: The first khamasa "Matla-ul-Anwar," or "Growing side of luminosities," had 3320 stanzas composed in 1299. This was written with Sufi, mystic and ethical themes in fifteen days. This was followed by "Khusrau and Shirin," another masnavi, having 4000 stanzas. Another masnavi, "Laila Majnun," containing 2660 verses describing a love story too, was penned down

in the same year. It is said that while Khusro was busy in compiling this Mathnavi, he lost his mother as well as his brother. As a result this work depicts the pain of love and the melancholy of departing.

The fourth enormous masnavi, "Aina-e-Sikandari," having 4500 verses, was composed in 1300 C.E. and describes Alexander the Great's audacious deeds. The fifth masnavi, "Hasht Bihisht," comprising of 3350 verses was written in 1302 and the beloved disciple presented it to his loved Murshid (master) Hazrat Nizam uddin (RA). This masnavi composed in the style of "Haft Paikar" of Nizami Gunjavi and "Shahnama" of Firdousi, is related to King Bahram Gur's events and presents stories in a beautiful style. Besides the court atmosphere of this Iranian king, Khusro introduces folktales told by seven princesses described in an enchanting style. Most famously, Khusro appears to be the first writer to have added The Three Princes of Serendip as characters and the story of the alleged camel theft and recovery. Alauddin Khilji was incredibly pleased with his works and showered him with honour. Even the great Persian literary icon Moulana Jami says that no other work than the "Hasht Bihisht," compares fairly with the Khamasa of Nizami.

Continuing his literary journey, he composed "Khaza'inul-Futuh" (The jewels of success) in 1311. It describes Alauddin's construction projects, military campaigns, and governmental structures.

This was followed by Masnavi "Dool Rani Khizir Khan" in 1315 C.E. sketching the love affair between Khizir Khan, the prince of Alauddin Khilji and Dool Rani, a princess of

the Raja of Gujarat. Amir Khusrau wrote a masnavi titled "Nuh Sipih" (Nine Skies) on Qutub uddin Mubarak Shah Khilji that details the events of his reign, dividing its poetry into nine divisions, each segment designated as a different sky. In its third section, he wrote a detailed account of India's surroundings. It includes the seasons, plants, and fauna, as well as its ideas, traditions, ethos, and researchers. "Afzalul Fawaid" was penned down in 1319 which contains the Malfuzat (discourses) of Hazrat Nizam uddin besides completing "A'jaz Khusrvi". Prior to his death in 1325 C.E. he wrote his fifth Masnavi "Tughluq Nama and the fifth Divan Divan "Nihayat-ul-Kamal". On the birth of Qutubuddin Mubarak Shah's son, he set up the child's horoscope, based on which some predictions were made. The masnavi "Saqiana" contains this horoscope. Amir Khusro became a significant figure in poetry due to each of these efforts.

The literary works of Khusrau are of vital significance as far as the factual information with historical relevance is concerned. The later historian Ziauddin Barani quotes Khusrau on many occasions to confirm some of the major points of view on the contemporary events. In many works Barani's assertion was supplemented by the facts provided by Amir Khusrau. It is interesting to see Khusrau becoming eloquent where Baran chooses to remain silent. Looking from this point of view, the works of Amir Khusrau and his contemporary writers are of great importance to us as historians. From the prism of modern history-writing, Khusrau was not writing history. He was merely penning down the events with his own interests, comfort, superfluities, additions, omissions, slips, exaggerations and experiences. But while doing this, he has left a huge amount of data behind, which is of extreme importance for the researchers of modern historians. His style is full of exaggerations and metaphorical descriptions, but the facts of history are given with tolerable fidelity. The present student of history has to bear in mind his biases and favours and then look at his masnavis to reconstruct the history of the Sultanate.

Moving beyond literature, Khusrau also made his contribution to music. His connections to several sultans allowed him to visit and reside in different parts of India, exposing him to various regional customs. This made it easier for him to incorporate many musical influences. He created ragas, developed khayal, tarana, qaul, and qawwali. Qawwali music, which incorporates tabla, sitar, Tarana, and Sufi music, was created by Khusrau.

He helped India get to where it is today thanks to his writing and singing talents. His words still inspire sufi shrines across the subcontinent. Khusrau produced a variety of poetry and songs, some of which were about his spiritual master Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya (RA). Even though he left for the eternal world, his melodies reverberate, echoed throughout the subcontinent which still motivate us.

Amir Khusrau created the stringed instrument known as the sitar. It has a long neck and a body shaped like a gourd. It is used in Hindustani classical music. A plectrum is used to pluck the strings of the sitar. A well-known inventor, Khusrau is primarily recognised for creating the three-stringed sitar and also invented tabla, the two instruments that clearly distinguish and characterise Indian music from others. He changed the name of the triple-stringed Tritantri Veena to a Setaar as numerous veena varieties became available in India. Because of its Persian ancestry, the Setaar later came to be known as the sitar. Tarana and Trivat are also said to have been invented by Khusrau. To

quote philosopher and musicologist Jaidev Singh says: A song is referred to as a Tarana in Persian. Khusrau created Tarana entirely on his own.

Khusrau indeed had Nirgit songs utilising uk-akaras and p-akaras, nonsensical terms, as an example (mnemonic syllables of the mridang).

At least since the reign of Bharat, these songs have been popular. Nonetheless, the Nirgit tended to utilise harsh consonants. Two changes were made to this style of vocal music by Khusrau. Originally, he introduced largely soft-consonant Persian nouns. Second, he ordered these words so that they made sense. He also supplied a few Hindi words to complete the sentence. Only Khusrau's intellect could have combined these sentences to produce any sense. His successors could not accomplish this, and the Tarana was just as meaningless as the ancient Nirgit. It is said that Khusrau invented the Tarana approach as he tried to imitate Gopal Naik's presentation in Raag Kadambak. Khusrau issued to have devised the Tarana method after spending six days in concealment. He studied Gopal Naik's performance using meaningless phrases (mridang bols).

Amir Khusrau is also said to have composed riddles. Some of the riddles passed down in Khusro's name deal with ideas that weren't even created during his lifetime, such as the hookah. There is considerable debate over whether Khusro was the genuine author of the riddles attributed to him. The collection consists of 286 riddles, divided into six categories' supposedly based on the structure of the riddle and the response. Many specialists of the subject presume that Khusro is the inventor of these puzzles even though they are "in the style of the common people." The puzzles make use of Matrika meters.

Khusrau is extremely remarkable for defining the various forms and genres of literature and arts as the domains where the sublime and the plebeian could meet together and complement each other. He wrote on a variety of subjects that include patriotism, liberalism, integration, folk life, and the religious values of living that emerge with a fine blending of social norms and cultural practices, as well as dialects and dictions.

His Khaliq-e-bari, the world's first printed dictionary, features Persian and Hindi words.

One of the famous ghazals of Khusrao, mostly presented as a qawali, describes a unique phenomenon. Even the first line of it points to a destination which the writer claims was beyond his knowledge.

Na mi daanam chi manzil bood shab jaay ki man boodam;
Ba har su raqs e bismil bood shab jaay ki man boodam.
Pari paikar nigaar e sarw qadde laalah rukhsare;
Sarapa aafat e dil bood shab jaay ki man boodam.
Khuda khud meer e majlis bood andar laamakan Khusrau;
Muhammad (SAW) shamm e mehfil bood shab jaay ki man boodam.

Translation: I know not what place it was, where I was in the night;
There everywhere it was a dance of the half-slaughtered, where I was in the night.
There were angel-faced sweethearts, of cypress-figure and tulip-countenance;
The appearance of the beloved made hearts to torment, where I was in the night.
Oh Khusrau, Allah Himself was leading the ceremonies in the laamakan (beyond space);
Mohammed (SAW) was the light of the gathering, where I was in the night.

Khusro is one of the leading figures who have focused on the cultural history, language, flora and fauna of the Indian subcontinent. Amir Khusrau has stood for a major cultural icon in the history of Indian civilization for almost seven hundred years. The contribution of Amir Khusrau as a poet, musician, courtier and historian in Delhi Sultanate is remarkable. He was proud to be an Indian and his literary works are reflecting the great patriotism and upholding the diversity of India.

Khusrau has praised the Indian languages, including Hindi (which he calls Hindavi). He wrote many playful riddles, songs and legends which have become a part of popular culture in South Asia. He was also an accomplished musician and took part in religious musical gatherings (Sama) organized by the famous Sufi saint, Nizamuddin Auliya. Amir Khusrau as a Muslim was able to draw upon a vast treasure-house of Muslim folk and religious lore and was able to enhance the Indian Muslims' sense of belonging to a universal culture; they could identify themselves as not merely a local immigrant sect. Khusrau's love for India shows that the Turkish ruling class was no longer prepared to behave as a foreign ruling class, and that the ground had been prepared for a cultural rapprochement between the people living in India irrespective of religious or regional belongings. The writings of Khusro did light the candle of love and affection which illuminate the dark corners and the Sufi circles derive much from it for their journey on the path of eternal Truth.

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'Stop Spreading

PM Modi's comments and said: "The remarks are misleading and one-sided. They conveniently omit the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, which remains unresolved for the last seven decades despite India's solemn assurances to the United Nations, Pakistan and the Kashmiri people."

The Foreign Office also alleged that India was involved in fomenting trouble on Pakistani soil and accused India of "orchestrating targeted assassinations, subversion and terrorism in foreign territories."

CM Omar

and the charge of these departments is held by the Chief Minister.

He added: "I also move that a sum not exceeding the aggregate amount mentioned in Supplementary Demand Nos. 1, 8, 10, 12, 18, 19, 24, 29, 30, 32, 33 and 36 be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 2025 in respect of Heads indicated in the List of Business against each demand."

The discussion for demands of grants will continue for today, March 19 and 20 while Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will reply to the demands on grants on March 20 afternoon which will be followed by voice vote to pass the demands of grants.

928 cases

employee, civilian, or military/paramilitary member dies. It describes the process for applying and making compassionate appointments depending on the status of the deceased.

The Compassionate Appointment Rules were replaced by the Jammu and Kashmir Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme unveiled by the Lieutenant Governor's administration in 2022

High-security

have prompted the security alert, the officials said. Rehman, who was wanted by the Indian security agencies for several deadly terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, including the killings of seven civilians in Rajouri in January 2023 and nine pilgrims in Reasi in June 2024, was gunned down along with his bodyguard in an attack by gunmen in the Jhelum area of Punjab province in Pakistan on Saturday evening.

Considered the most trusted handler of LeT founder and 26/11 Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed, Rehman infiltrated into the Jammu region in early 2000 and exfiltrated in 2005. He had a wide network of overground workers (OWGs) in Poonch and Rajouri through his old contacts, the officials said.

Quoting intelligence inputs, the officials pointed at the possibility of a 'lone wolf attack' or a targeted attack on any protected person by terrorists to avenge the killing of their commander and the anniversary of 'Jang-e-Badr', a pivotal military victory led by Prophet Muhammad in 624 CE (17th Ramadan, 2 AH) near the town of Badr, Saudi Arabia.

The officials said an advisory was issued to all the protected persons who have been asked to give their tour programmes in advance to the security control room or district senior superintendents of police for tying up arrangements with the concerned agencies.

They have also been asked to avoid last minute additions to their tour programmes and move in the

terrorism-infested areas only on the days when the road opening parties are deployed, the officials said, adding that they were advised against visiting any area after sunset or changing the already prescribed routes.

Attacker, victim

Nations as he raised concerns over historical injustices in dealing with certain issues.

Citing Pakistan's illegal occupation of Kashmir, the minister said the "attacker" and the "victim" were clubbed under the same bracket.

"After World War II, the longest-standing illegal presence and occupation of a territory by another country pertains to India in Kashmir," he said.

"We went to the UN. What was an invasion was made into a dispute. The attacker and the victim were put on par," Jaishankar said.

The external affairs minister said global norms and rules must be applied uniformly.

"We need a strong UN but a strong UN requires a fair UN," he said.

"A strong global order must have some basic consistency of standards," he added.

Make JJM Water

Circles/ Divisions shall be carried out by the Chief Engineers of the Jal Shakti (PHE) Department by deploying the minimum required manpower for their operation and maintenance," reads the order.

ACS said the manpower deployment shall be completed within next three days to prevent any irregular water supply as well as functionality of all the completed/ commissioned schemes. "The compliance report in this regard shall be submitted to the Administrative Department without fail".

CS emphasises

Moreover, in order to monitor the energy flow in distribution system on real time basis there should be a robust IT system in place, maintained the Chief Secretary. He illustrated that right from the Feeder to Distribution Transformer and then to each of the consumer the quantum of energy supplied should be reflected with the losses incurred at each stage.

In his remarks, the Principal Secretary, PDD, made out that the Ministry for Power had sanctioned projects worth Rs 2,570.14 crore under PMDP in 2015 for strengthening distribution system in both rural and urban areas and installation of smart meters for 2 lakh consumers. These projects were to be implemented with 90% funding from the Central Government and balance 10% to be funded by Government of J&K. The scheduled completion time for these projects was two years from the date of sanction and later multiple time extensions were approved by MoP for the execution of works, he added.

Rs 80 lakh

aimed at addressing specific needs and promoting public welfare.

The Chief Minister has the authority to issue recurring grants to institutions and individuals engaged in activities that, in his opinion, enhance public well-being. Cabinet ministers, on the other hand, may provide non-recurring grants to charitable organizations and individuals on similar grounds.

Statehood restoration

He called for a judicial probe into the deaths, saying, "Two youths from the Gujjar-Bakarwal community have lost their lives, and one has been missing for several days. CM Omar Abdullah has directed us to visit the families and understand their needs. We can't bring

back the deceased, but I assure you that a judicial inquiry will be conducted," he said.

He stated that the government would provide all possible assistance to the families, adding that Omar Abdullah government knows how to address issues

BSF Seized 294

observation posts were alerted to identify the path taken by the unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and drones and be ready to engage with them.

"The UAVs and drones are observed or pursued with the help of surveillance equipment during day and night, intelligence network and timely coordination with sister agencies have been strengthened, and various choke points are kept under surveillance to nab the smugglers," he said. (AGENCIES)

NHIDCL Revolutionizing J&K's Transformative Infrastructure landscape

SRINAGAR : The National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, is playing a pivotal role in transforming Jammu and Kashmir by building state-of-the-art infrastructure. With projects worth approximately ₹20,500 crores underway, including three national highways, and 7 tunnels (4 under construction and 3 under DPR stage), the region is witnessing an unprecedented opportunity for economic growth, improved mobility, and enhanced strategic defence capabilities.

Key projects in the route connecting Jammu, Srinagar and Ladakh like the Sonamarg Tunnel, Zoji-La Tunnel and others are set to connect one of India's most challenging terrains. These developments not only ease travel for residents and boost tourism but also fortify defence preparedness by ensuring seamless all year-round access to border areas. By strengthening infrastructure, NHIDCL is unlocking Jammu and Kashmir's economic potential, integrating it more effectively with the rest of the country, and reinforcing national security.

NHIDCL has completed 7 projects in the J&K, including the Sonamarg Tunnel (Formerly Z-Morh Tunnel) (₹2,378.76 crores). Ongoing projects like the Zoji-la Tunnel (₹6,808.69 crores), and Chenani-Sudhmahadev-Khellani-Kishtwar-Vailoo-Khanabal on NH-244 promise to redefine mobility and accessibility in the region. Alongside key NHIDCL's key infrastructure developments in J&K region, the Sudhmahadev-Dranga

Tunnels (₹3,876 crores) and the Singhpora-Vailoo Tunnel (₹5,025 crores) on NH-244 hold immense strategic significance. Unlike NH-44, which runs closer to the LoC, NH-244 provides a safer and more reliable route for the strategic movement of army personnel and convoys. The Sudhmahadev-Dranga Tunnels



shorten the distance between Sudhmahadev and Khellani from 100 km to 32 km, enabling rapid military mobilization and logistic support. Developed under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), these tunnels will elevate border security, defence logistics, and disaster response, strengthening India's strategic preparedness in the region. The Singhpora-Vailoo Tunnel, bypassing the snowbound Sinthan Pass, ensures all-weather connectivity, reducing travel time significantly.

Aligning with the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Viksit Bharat Vision, NHIDCL's representative stated, "Our efforts in Jammu and Kashmir represents the application of advanced engineering and global expertise to address the unique challenges of high-altitude regions. Projects like the Sonamarg tunnel and Zoji-

la tunnels leverage cutting-edge techniques such as incorporation of the New Austrian Tunnel engineering, ensuring structural stability and operational safety. These developments not only ensure seamless transportation across the region but also enable socio-economic upliftment by boosting



trade, tourism, and improved access to essential services."

The development of National Highways and tunnels in Jammu and Kashmir has seen a remarkable transformation over the years, with 258 Kilometers of highways constructed since 2014. The development of state-of-the-art infrastructure is strengthened by investments and initiatives under MoRTH through PWD, BRO, and NHAI, collectively driving progress in the region. With an investment of over ₹10,192 crores in BRO and PWD projects, significant projects like the Akhnoor-Poonch road are enhancing accessibility and strategic mobility. NHAI's flagship initiatives, including the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, with an estimated cost of ₹11,090 crores, are set to restructure connectivity by reducing travel time and fostering economic activities.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that i want to apply for DOB Certificates for my Daughter Namely Ayat Jan, DOB, 20-07-2022, place of Birth Al Firdous Maternity poly clinic, Nowpora Bandipora, from Registrar Death's and Births Block Development Office Bandipora, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Registrar Death's and Births Block Development Office Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Masrat Begum.
W/O Azad Ahmad Baigh.
R/O Baigh Mohalla, Guzarbal,
Bonakoot Bandipora.

NOTICE

Subject: Request for Name Date of birth & Address Correction Notice in Newspaper Inadvertently my name, date of birth and address has been wrongly mentioned in my driving license Bearing No JK0920200001627). The name has been mentioned wrongly as NAYEEM AHMAD MIR instead of correct name NAYEEMUL HAQ. Similarly address has been mentioned as PANZGAAM RAWATHPORA KUPWARA while my correct address is RAWATHPORA KUPWARA. The Date of birth has been wrongly mentioned as 06/03/1997 while the actual DoB is 03/09/1997. Now I want to rectify the same. Anybody having objection in this regard may file the same before the concerned office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice..no objection will be entertained thereafter.

NAYEEMUL HAQ
R/O : RAWATHPORA KUPWARA
Mobile: 7006258410

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This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement Bearing Consumer ID No: 0216010009906, which is Registered in the name of Bilal Ahmad Malla, Now i want to apply for Change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Irshad Ahmad Malla, S/O Ghulam Ahmad Malla, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Irshad Ahmad Malla.
S/O Ghulam Ahmad Malla.
R/O Nowpora Ward NO: 01,
Bandipora.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that i have lost my 8th class pass Marks Card under Roll no, 241, session Oct/ Nov-2008, Now i want to apply for its duplicate in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Principal DIET, Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Raihana Wali.
D/O Wali Mohd Hurrah.
R/O Sheikhpura Mantrigam

NOTICE

My name wrongly mentioned in Aadhaar card bearing No 2744 0995 3399 as Arhaam Parvaze instead of Abdul Arham Mir, it needs correction if anybody having any objection in this regard may contact concerned department within one week no objection shall be entertained after expiry.

Abdul Arham Mir
D/O Parveez Ahmad Mir
R/O Bradi Pathri
Tehsil Charari shareef
District Budgam

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This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement Bearing Consumer ID No: 0216010007356, which is Registered in the of Gh Ahmad Malla S/O Ab Gaffar Malla, Now i want to apply for Change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Ghulam Hassan Malla, S/O Ghulam Ahmad Malla. in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Ghulam Hassan Malla.
S/O Ghulam Ahmad Malla.
R/O Nowpora Ward NO: 01,
Bandipora.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement Bearing Consumer ID No: 0216020001013, which is Registered in the name of Wali Mohammad Malik, S/O Abdul Jabbar Malik, R/O Khyar Bandipora. Now i want to apply for Change this Electricity Agreement in the name Irshad Ahmad Malik, S/O Wali Mohmad Malik, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Kaloosa Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Irshad Ahmad Malik.
S/O Wali Mohmad Malik.
R/O Lawaypora Bandipora.

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دارالعلوم رحیمیہ بانڈی پورہ کشمیر

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۷۔ انجمنوں، فلاحی ادارہ پار پیورہ یتیم خانہ، امداد بیوگان مساکین)

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Perceptions were created, was typecast but I knew my strengths: Shreyas

He fought perceptions about a so-called technical shortcoming, was "typecast", and had his contract torn up within months of being a World Cup hero but Shreyas Iyer was indefatigable through it all, trusting his sincerity and uncomplicated mind to steer him through.

The result of the perseverance has been pleasing, to put it mildly. The 30-year-old has built himself into one of India's most consistent number four batters in recent times and was declared a "silent hero" by his captain Rohit Sharma after the team's Champions Trophy triumph a few days ago.

"Maybe, the perception was created or maybe I was typecast. But I always knew my strengths, my abilities and (there was also) the belief (that) I had in myself," Iyer told PTI in an interview when asked about his perceived lack of ability to play the short ball that became a talking point in the last couple of years.

The numbers back him. In the last eight ODIs, including the home games against England and the subsequent Champions Trophy, Iyer has averaged 53 batting at number four and had only one low-scoring outing in eight knocks.

"An athlete needs to constantly evolve as the sport keeps changing its dynamics. I am glad I kept a positive frame of mind, and trusted my process," he said.

Last year, he sustained a back injury during the home Tests against England and then lost his central contract after showing up for his then IPL franchise Kolkata Knight Riders' training instead of Ranji Trophy duties after his recovery.

He was stripped of his central contract as BCCI set out to assert the importance of domestic cricket by seemingly punishing him. Iyer kept his head down and led Kolkata Knight

The difficult time also made him a better learner. "It allowed me to learn a lot, reassess the situation and prepare a routine to add ad-



Riders to the IPL trophy weeks later before forcing his way back into India's 50-over set-up. His was a classic case of performance doing all the talking for him. "I kept my process simple. Tried not to over-think the situation and to continue doing my work honestly. I always had the belief that my performance and my sincerity will bring back the opportunity," said the prolific batter, who will be captaining Punjab Kings this IPL season.

ditional skills in my armoury." "Looking back, I am happy with the outcome, the way I managed the situation and importantly, belief in my abilities. Lots and lots of hard work went behind it. "From my coach Pravin Amre sir to my trainer Sagar, everyone worked around my needs. The two of them really helped me create power and the force which you see in my batting now," he recalled. No. 4 is where I belong

The right-hander, who averages close to 50 (48.22) after 70 ODIs, said ever since his impressive run in the 2023 World Cup, in which he scored 530 runs, he has felt comfortable batting at number four.

He was also India's top-scorer in the Champions Trophy, finishing with 243 runs in five games.

"I feel I belong to the No. 4 position. Whether it was in the 2023 World Cup or now in the Champions Trophy, I enjoyed the most coming as No. 4. It gives me a sense of belonging and that's where I am able to flourish."

Iyer had one of the most tricky jobs during the Champions Trophy and that was to manoeuvre the strike against spinners in the middle overs. And he did it quite well, proving himself to be as good a player of spin as his stroke-making skipper on the slightly slow surfaces of Dubai.

"Well, basically the foundation needs to be stronger and thankfully in my case, having played in Mumbai where wickets are grassless, it helps. Besides, I think early in the career, I learned that the footwork has to be strong to play on such tracks," he explained.

Iyer said he was quite pleased with how he executed his plans during the marquee event and "provided a sense of consistency in the middle order throughout the campaign."

"I will tirelessly repeat it to provide that balance in the middle order, whenever I represent India," he promised.

And to ensure that his obsessive desire to perform does not become an all-consuming routine, Iyer likes to tune out every once in a while.

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New Zealand beat Pakistan by 5 wickets to take a 2-0 lead in T20 international cricket series

Tim Seifert blasted 45 from 22 balls and Finn Allen hit 38 from 16 as New Zealand cruised to a five-wicket win over Pakistan Tuesday in a rain-shortened second Twenty20 cricket international.

Captain Salman Ali Agha made 46 as Pakistan reached 135-9 in a match reduced to 15 overs per innings after a delay for a wet outfield.

Shaheen Shah Afridi then bowled a maiden to start New Zealand's innings. But Seifert and Allen hit seven of the next 12 balls for sixes as New Zealand launched an assault which helped them clinch the match and a 2-0 series lead with 11 balls remaining.

Seifert and Allen hit five sixes apiece as New Zealand sped towards its target. After the scoreless opening over Allen cleared the boundary on the first, third and sixth balls of the second over, then Seifert struck sixes from the first two and the last two deliveries of the next over as New Zealand raced to 44-0.

New Zealand began its innings needing 136 runs from 90 balls. By the end of the five-over power play that target had been reduced to 70 runs from 60 balls. New Zealand was 87-2 when Allen followed Seifert to the pavilion in the seventh over.

"There's not too much conversation out there to be fair," Seifert said. "It's just about backing our skills and putting pressure on the bowlers when we can."

Mitchell Hay made an unbeaten 21 to steer New Zealand home and Bracewell hit a four off Jahandad Khan for the winning runs.



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