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Without firing single bullet, Article 370 was removed: Rajnath

KC News Network

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the government successfully removed Article 370 — a significant obstacle — without firing a single bullet, ensuring the complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir with India.

This historic move was achieved peacefully while ensuring the security of all stakeholders, he added.

Speaking at the Major Bob Khathing Memorial Event in Delhi on Wednesday, Singh emphasised the government's commitment to administrative reforms through the principles of "minimum government, maximum governance" and "good governance."



He highlighted how these initiatives have reduced the gap between the

government and the people.

Singh drew a parallel between the government's actions in Jammu and Kashmir and Major Bob Khathing's peaceful integration of Tawang with India. Praising Khathing's contribution to the Northeast, he remarked, "The work done by Major Bob Khathing for the Northeast is similar to what Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel did for national integration."

The Defence Minister also underlined the government's robust foreign policy, which he attributed to the diplomatic acumen of figures like Khathing. "Today, India balances hard power and soft power in a multipolar world. It is a matter of pride

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Speaker urges responsible conduct among members without resorting to rhetoric

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JAMMU: Speaker, Abdul Rahim Rather today called upon the members of the House to conduct themselves responsibly and refrain from sensationalism, emphasizing their role as public representatives.

His remarks came in response to a tweet by MLA Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra, who alleged on social media platform X that his cut motions against Grants for various departments, including Law, Tourism, Estates, Culture, and the General Administration Department (GAD), were not admitted by the Assembly Secretariat, which he termed as discriminatory towards him and the opposition.

Addressing the House, the

Speaker clarified that, as per Rule 227 of the Conduct of Business

He further informed the House that Parra had submitted



Rules, cut motions must be submitted at least three days before the scheduled discussion on the grants. This allows time for consolidation, submission to the concerned departments for responses, and preparation of replies for members.

his cut motions at 11:37 PM on March 17, while the grants were scheduled to be presented the next morning by the Chief Minister, so it was not plausible to admit the same. He further revealed that

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NIA Raids 12 Locations In Jammu



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NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency on Wednesday conducted searches at 12 locations across Jammu, including premises of terrorist sympathisers, as part of its probe into infiltration by terrorists from across the border.

Among the premises which were raided include the homes of overground workers (OGWs) linked to the newly-formed offshoots and affiliates of banned terrorist organisations such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), the NIA said in a statement.

The infiltration case is linked to the series of attacks

carried out by terrorists on security forces and civilians some months ago as part of a larger criminal conspiracy by terror organisations to wage a war against the government of India, said the statement.

A total of 12 locations in Jammu district of Jammu and Kashmir were searched as part of the operation, and several incriminatory materials linking the terrorists with OGWs were seized, it said, adding that the NIA teams are examining them to unravel the terror conspiracy.

"Premises of sympathisers and cadres of these outfits were also searched as part of the action taken by the anti-terror agency in the case," the NIA said. The action followed information received by the NIA regarding

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Wages of NHM employees revised from 15% to 17% with 5% annual increase: Sakeena Itoo

● Regularisation of NHM employees to be taken up with GoI



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JAMMU: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, today informed the house that the wages of all NHM employees in J&K had been revised from 15 percent to 17 percent

during the year 2021-22 with a 5 percent increase being given annually.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Ch. Vikram Randhawa in the Legislative Assembly.

The Minister informed the house that the National Health Mission (NHM)

in Jammu and Kashmir is being fully funded by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). "Salary adjustments for NHM employees in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly to bridge the salary gap at par with employees in other states, must align with the policies set by the Central Government. Therefore, such changes require prior approval from the Central Ministry to ensure compliance with the NHM's objectives and budget allocations", she added.

She apprised that the wages were raised from Rs. 50000 to Rs. 85000 per month for the Specialists; from Rs 30,000 to Rs 35,000 for Medical Officer (MBBS),

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Govt forms panel for regularisation of casual workers

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SRINAGAR: The Government on Wednesday constituted a 6-member committee to examine the issues related to regularization of casual, seasonal labourers or other workers etc in Jammu and Kashmir.

Headed by Chief Secretary as Chairman, the members of the committee include Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, Administrative Secretaries of Finance



Department, General Administration Department (Member Secretary), Planning Development and Monitoring Department and Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, according to an order, a copy of which lies with GNS.

The committee, which as per the order may co-opt any other member as deemed necessary, has been mandated to examine various issues including humanitarian/legal and financial related to the regularization of Casual Seasonal Labourers or

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"Investigation in Badhal deaths underway"

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JAMMU: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, today informed the House that the cause of illness and

deaths in Badhal area of Rajouri is not due to any communicable disease of bacterial or viral origin.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Javed Iqbal Choudhary in the Legislative Assembly.

She said that the clinical reports, lab investigations and environmental samples indicate that the incidents are not due to a communicable disease of bacterial or viral origin, instead, detection by the PGMIR Chandigarh had revealed presence of Alu-

minium and Cadmium. Besides, CSIR-IITR Lucknow had found Aldicarb sulphate and Acetamidipride Diethyl Dithiocarbamate, Chlorphenapyr while DRDE-DRDO Gwalior found Chlorphenapyr, Abrin from samples of Sattu and Maize bread. He added that the NFL FSSAI Ghaziabad, had found Chlorphenapyr and Chlorpyrophos from the food samples while CFSL, Chandigarh had found Chlorphenapyr in viscera samples of all the 17 deceased.

The Minister informed the house that

the total number of patients admitted in GMC Rajouri was 64, out of these, 41 have been discharged after treatment and 17 patients have been referred to GMC Jammu and 01 patient to PGI Chandigarh. She said that 06 patients had died in GMC Rajouri while 11 patients died in GMC and SMGS Hospitals, Jammu.

The Minister said that a standard treatment policy and discharge procedure is being adopted for the patients of Badhal area, prepared by the expert team of AIIMS

New Delhi/PGI Chandigarh. She added that all the SOPs laid down by these teams are being adopted during stay of the patients in the hospital and simultaneously at the time of discharge and follow-up.

The Minister said that with regard to the patients in Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu, proper SOPs and protocols are being followed for all the three patients admitted in GMCH Jammu after being

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Fertilizers, pesticides allowed to Valley only after proper standard testing: Javed Dar



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JAMMU: Minister for Agriculture Production, Javed Ahmad Dar, today informed the House that the consignments of fertilizers are allowed to move to

Valley only after the samples test as standard.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Hilal Akbar Lone in the Legislative Assembly.

He informed the House that there is an established mechanism

for sampling of the products batch-wise in respect of Fertilizers at Udhampur Rack, being tested from the quality Control Lab at Jammu and the consignments are allowed to move to Valley only after the samples test as standard. He said that there is one check point at Lower Munda where the documents of consignments are checked and the source is verified. He added that the sale is allowed only after the samples test as standard.

In addition, the samples are being taken at random from stocks of the wholesalers and retailers, which too are tested and in case the samples test as below standard, prosecution is launched against the wholesalers/

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ECI to Link EPIC with Aadhaar as Per Legal Provisions

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NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced that it will proceed with linking Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) with Aadhaar in accordance with Article 326 of the Constitution,



the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and relevant Supreme Court judgments.

In a high-level meeting at Nirvachan Sadan, attended by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi, as well as officials from the Union Home Ministry, UIDAI, and the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), it was clarified that while Aadhaar establishes identity, it does not determine a person's eligibility to vote. As per Section 23(4), 23(5), and

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Grievances will be addressed promptly, fairly: DGP Nalin Prabhat

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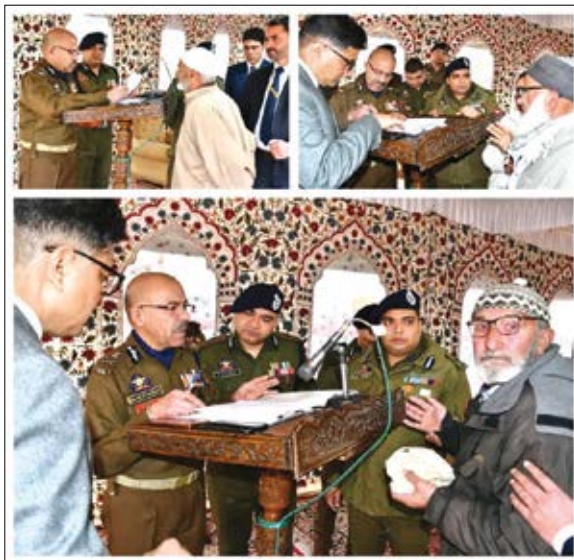
SRINAGAR: In a significant initiative to strengthen public-police relations and promote transparency, the DGP Jammu and Kashmir, Nalin Prabhat, on Wednesday conducted a Public Grievance Redressal programme at the Police Control Room (PCR) Kashmir.

The event offered citizens a unique opportunity to engage directly with the top police leadership, voice their concerns, and seek resolutions for their grievances.

The programme was attended by senior police officers, including IGP Kashmir VK Birdi, DIG Central Kashmir Range, SSP Srinagar, and SSP Security & SSP PCR Kashmir.

Around 200 public delegations, representing individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds, actively participated in the programme. All the grievances were taken note of for appropriate action.

The DGP gave a patient hearing to the concerns of the citizens, assuring them that their grievances would be addressed promptly and



fairly. He directed the concerned officers to take swift action on the issues and ensure timely follow-up on cases requiring further investigation. Several applications were addressed & resolved with on-the-spot directions by the DGP. He encouraged citizens to maintain open communication with the police and assured them that their concerns would be treated with the highest

priority. The DGP emphasized the importance of such direct interactions, urging the public to approach the police without hesitation. He noted that these engagements play a vital role in resolving issues at the grassroots level, enhancing community safety, and

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4th IED found in Kashmir in 3 days

Sajid Raina

SRINAGAR: The security forces recovered an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) on Bandipora-Srinagar highway in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Wednesday.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the IED was found near Sunset Point along the highway during a routine patrol by the Army. After recovering the IED,

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States show high per capita for development, say 75% population BPL for subsidies: SC

NEWDELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said states showed a high per capita growth when asked to highlight the development index but claimed 75 per cent of their population was below poverty line when it came to subsidies.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh said the benefit of subsidies should reach the genuine beneficiaries.

“Our concern is that are benefits meant for the genuinely poor persons percolating to those pockets who do not deserve it? Ration card has become a popularity card now,” said Justice Surya Kant.

The judge went on, “These states just say we have issued these many cards. There are some states who when they have to show their development they say our per capita income is growing. And then when we talk of BPL, they say 75 percent of the population is BPL. How can these facts be reconciled? The conflict is inherent. We have to ensure that benefits reach the genuine beneficiaries.”

The hearing related to a suo motu case initiated during the COVID19 pandemic to address the miseries of migrant labourers.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for some intervenors, said the anomaly stemmed from the inequalities in the income of people.

“There are a handful of people, who have huge wealth as compared to other population and per



capita income figure is average of total income of the state. The rich continue to be getting richer while the poor remain poor,” he said.

The poor migrant workers, who are registered in the e-shram portal of the government, need to be given free ration and the figure was around eight crore people, Bhushan said.

Justice Surya Kant said, “We hope that in the issuance of ration cards, there are no political elements

involved. I have not lost my roots. I always want to know the plight of the poor. There are families who continue to be poor.”

Bhushan said the Centre did not conduct the 2021 Census and was continuing to rely on data from the 2011 Census as a result around 10 crore people, requiring free ration, remained out of the BPL categories.

Additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati,

appearing for the Centre said the government was giving free ration to around 81.35 crore people under the National Food Security Act and another 11 crore people were covered by another similar scheme.

The bench adjourned the matter and asked the Centre to file its response on the status of free ration distributed to the poor.

On December 9, last year, the top court frowned upon the freebie culture and stressed on the need to create job opportunities and capacity building for migrant workers.

It was surprised when the Centre informed the court that 81 crore people were being given free or subsidised ration under the National Food Security Act of 2013. “It means only the tax-payers are left out,” it then said. Bhushan had contended that directions were issued by the top court from time to time to all states and union territories to issue ration cards to migrant workers for availing free ration provided by the Centre.

On November 26, last year, the top court flagged the difficulties surrounding the distribution of freebies and said Covid times were different when distressed migrant workers were provided the relief.

In a judgment on June 29, 2021, and subsequent orders, the top court passed a slew of directions to the authorities asking them to undertake welfare measures, including giving ration cards to all migrant

workers, who were in distress during the COVID-19 pandemic, registered with the e-shram portal.

The portal is a comprehensive national database of unorganised workers launched by the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment with the primary aim of facilitating the delivery of welfare benefits and social security measures to the country's unorganised sector workers.

On September 2, last year, the top court asked the Centre to file an affidavit giving details about compliance with its 2021 judgement and subsequent directions on providing ration cards and other welfare measures to migrant workers.

The Centre previously said it was providing ration to all those people who were eligible under the National Food Security Act. The top court, in the 2021 judgement, termed as “unpardonable” the Centre’s “apathy and lackadaisical attitude” towards creating the national database for unorganised workers and ordered its commencement by July 31, 2021, for the registration of all migrant workers and providing them with welfare measures.

It had ordered the states and union territories to frame schemes for providing free dry ration to them till the pandemic lasted while asking the Centre to allocate additional foodgrains and directing the department concerned to “allocate and distribute food grains” to migrant labourers”. (PTI)

Under Modi Govt, Terrorists Will Either Go To ‘Jail Or Jahannum’: Minister Nityanand Rai In RS

NEWDELHI: There has been a 71 per cent reduction in incidents of terror in the country under the Modi government and terrorists will now either go to jail or “jahannum” (hell), Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

Replying to queries from members during Question Hour, the minister said unlike in the past when terrorists were glorified and served “good food”, the Modi government has a “zero tolerance” policy towards terrorism that

has helped bring down the cases of terror to zero



in the hinterland. He listed several steps being taken to deal with cases of terror and claimed that after an amendment in the

Act governing the National Investigative Agency, it is

in San Francisco. “Earlier, terrorists were glorified and they were served good food. Today, the Modi government is working with the policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism, which has resulted in no terror incidents in the hinterland. There has been a 71 per cent decline in terror activities in the country.” This is the Modi government which will work with a firm determination to end terrorism. Terrorists will either go to jail or to ‘jahannum’ (hell),” Rai told the members.

Defamation case SC extends order, exempts Shivraj Singh Chouhan from personal appearance

NEWDELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday extended its earlier order exempting Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan from personal appearance before a trial court in connection with a criminal defamation case lodged against him by Congress MP Vivek Tankha.

Tankha, also a senior advocate, has alleged that the union minister and BJP state president V D Sharma and former minister Bhupendra Singh carried out a “coordinated, malicious, false and defamatory” campaign against him for political mileage, accusing him of opposing OBC reservation in the 2021 Panchayat election in Madhya Pradesh.

A bench comprising Justices MM Sundresh and Rajesh Bindal deferred to March 26 the hearing on a plea of Chouhan and two other BJP leaders.

The top court was hearing the appeal of Chouhan against the October 25 order of the Madhya Pradesh High Court refusing to quash the defamation case.

Govt To Announce New Toll Policy Soon, Will Give Reasonable Concession To Consumers: Gadkari

NEWDELHI: Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday said the government will soon announce a new policy for toll charges on national highways, offering a reasonable concession to consumers.

Replying to queries in Rajya Sabha, the minister asserted that the government is spending a lot on building road infrastructure and therefore toll charges are necessary.

“It is the policy of the department that when you want good road, you have to pay for it,” Gadkari said.

In Assam, he said the government plans to make expenditure of Rs 3 lakh crore.

“We are making a lot of big roads, four lanes, six lanes. I am making a lot of bridges from the Brahmaputra. We are raising funds from the market. So without a toll, we cannot do it. But still, we are very considerable. We are only charging toll on four lanes, not on the two-lane paved shoulder.”



According to the rules of 2008, toll plaza on the same section of the national highway and in the same direction cannot be established within 60 kilometers.

House needs to deliberate on freebies: VP Dhankhar

NEWDELHI: Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday opined that there should be a structured discussion on freebies and subsidies in the House as there is an urgent need for a national policy to help put all government investments to the larger good.

Responding to the demand made by Samajwadi Party's Ram Gopal Yadav for increasing the funds, which Members of Parliament have at their disposal for developmental projects and schemes in their respective constituencies to Rs 20 crore a year from the current Rs 5 crore during the zero hour, Dhankhar said he would be open to a structured discussion on the issue if the government and the opposition agree.

Electoral freebies, such as free electricity and water, subsidised



cooking gas, and cash handouts to certain groups like farmers and women, have often been criticised as something that may lead to unsustainable financial burdens on the government, distort public resources, and undermine long-term development goals.

“On placatory mechanisms, on appeasement, which is often known as freebies, this House needs to deliberate. I will be open to a structured discussion after consulting the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition,” he said.

The country can grow only if money is available for capital expenditure, he said.

Capital expenditure or capex is expenditure for creating assets such as infrastructure that yield long-term returns for the economy. In contrast, freebies are revenue expenditures that do not contribute to the creation or acquisition of fixed assets.

“Electoral process is such that these have become electoral allurements and thereafter the governments that came in the saddle, found themselves very uncomfortable, so uncomfortable that they wanted to revisit their thoughts,” he said.

“There is an urgent need for a national policy so that all investments of the government in any form are used in a structured manner for the larger good.” If the leaders of both sides agree, there can be a discussion, he said adding this is a very serious issue. The comments assume significance as many states faced challenges in funding electoral freebies, particularly due to the financial strain they place on state budgets. States like Punjab have faced financial constraints in meeting poll promises. Dhankhar then touched upon the issue of subsidies. “Subsidies, if required in areas like the farm sector, should be direct.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE BEERWAH

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Subject: **Extension Notice of (2nd time)**

Ref:-2025HUDD 273672/01 dated.05/03/2025

The bid /outsourcing of Adda Entry /Terminal Tax Collection contract for the year 2025-26 which was scheduled to be opened today on 18/03/2025 is now hereby extended up to 23/03/2025 4.P.M and same will be opened on 24/03/2025 at 2. P.M at the office of undersigned. The terms and condition shall remain same as of early notification issued vide this office No: MC/Bru/2025/2070-73 dated 04/03/2025 published in daily Aftab dated 06/03/2025 No: MC/Bru/G/2024-25/2161-64 Dated: 16/03/2025

Sd/- Executive Officer Municipal Committee Beerwah

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION RAJBAGH SRINAGAR.

Leil Mandi, Near L.D. Hospital Srinagar-190005. (for Road work/bridges/Buildings)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

TWO COVER SYSTEM (Above Rs. 2.50 crores)

E-NIT No.110of R&B/Div/Raj/ of 2024-25 issued under endorsement No.13583-93Dated: 18.03.02025.

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on **Single basis** (as the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:

S No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Bid Security Declaration	T.O.C	Class of Contractor	
1.	Upgradation of Abhednanda Home Solina Srinagar.	885.19	8500/-	17,70,380/-	24 Months	AAV

Project Authority: = Social Welfare Department.
= M.H. Capex Budget 2024-25
Major Head of Account = **Accorded vide office order No.215-J(SWB) of 2024 Dated: 07.11.2024, under Endorsement No. SWD-Plan/12/2024-02(-7504515) Dated: 22.02.2025.**
Position of T/S = **Technical Sanction accorded vide No: CR(R&B)/CK/TS/204 of 2024-25 Dated: 05.03.2025.**

1. 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 below schedule:

1.1 Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury challan Receipt (under

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18.03.2025
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 20.03.2025 From 10:00 AM
3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	25.03.2025at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B)Department Central Kashmir.
4.	Bid submission Start Date	20.03.2025From 10.00 A.M
5.	Bid Submission End Date	05.04.2025upto 4.00 P.M
7.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	07.04.2025at 11.00 A.M in of the Office of the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B)Department Central Kashmir.
8.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

M.H-0059) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh, Srinagar.

1.2 (The Date of Treasury Challan, must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).

1.3 At the time of tendering all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority i.e. **Office of the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B)Department Central Kashmir.** The Date of Earnest money must be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 5% of Allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG before the contract award. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security @ 5% of the Allotted cost which will be released after successful completion of the DLP.

1.4 The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond bid validity.

14. **Defect Liability Period:**
The DLP shall be 24 Months and shall be calculated from date of certified completion of work.

15. All key construction material (i.e. cement, steel, bitumen, pipes etc) shall have to be arranged by the contractor strictly as per specifications with the approval of Engineer-in-charge.

16. Qualification criteria for the work and other terms and conditions are contained in the bidding document available on website.

No.13583-93 Dated:18.03.2025

Sd/-Executive Engineer, R&B Division Rajbagh Srinagar (NM)

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Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir,

Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora

E tendering/NIT No.42/RnB/Kralpora of 2024-25Dated:- 19-03-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on **Percentage rate basis** from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, railways and other state/central governments for the following works:

S.N o	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	E/ Money(In Rupees)	Time of completion	Date and time of opening	Class of Contractor	Major Head
1.	Construction of Sr. Secondary ACR at HSS Vilgam(1011503412)	94.02	1600/-	188050	180 days	04-04-2025 (12:00 Noon)	Aay	SAMAGRA SHIKSHA (PAB 2022-23)

Position of AAA/ TS: Accorded
Position of funds: Available
No: Div-KRLP/3924-38
Date19-03-2025

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	19.03.2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	19.03.2025(9:00 AM) to 03.04.2025 (4:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	19.03.2025 (9:00AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	03.04.2025 (4:00PM)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	04.04.2025 (12:00Noon) In the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora.

2. Bids must be accompanied with Cost of Tender Document in the shape of **Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059** in favour of **Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora**(tender inviting authority). Treasury Challan must be writtenboldly and clearly with Name of Work, Name of the Contractor along with Contact No, NIT No and Serial No of Work on NIT(if any).

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% of the allotted Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the allotted cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

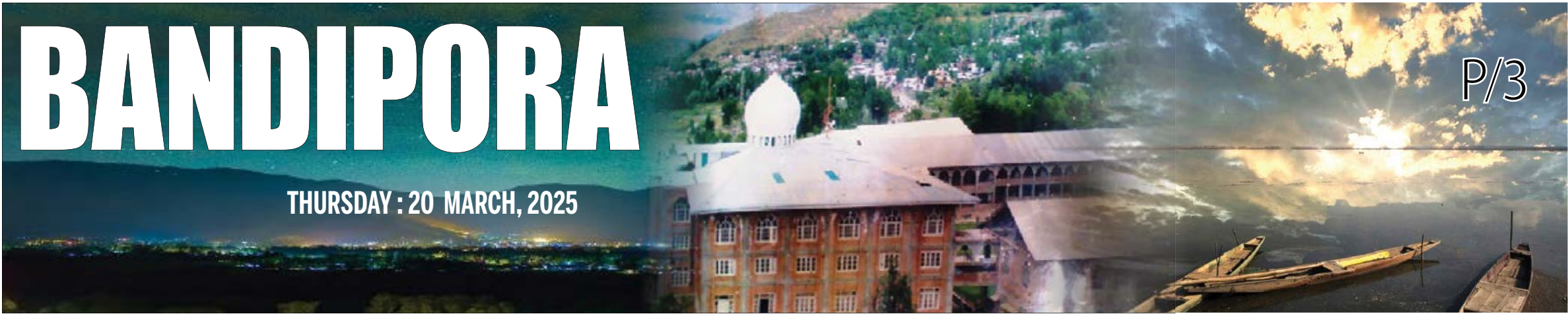
Note: Geotagged Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photograph before, during and after execution of work) of size 26 cm x21 cm to be provided by the successful bidder/Contractor whenever asked by the department.

6. All other Conditions shall remain same as per the DETAILED TENDER NOTICE No 07/RnB/Kralpora of 2024-25 e-tendering Dated:- 05-07-2024issued under No. Div-KRLP/750-764 dated 05-07-2024 and PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

7. Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

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Sd/-Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora



For 21 years ReT Teacher betray students to ‘please’ bureaucrats in Bandipora

- DESK relieved the teacher; DC office called back
- Teachers, Locals appeal LG Sinha, CM Omar to intervene, Investigate

CONVENER NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA: A teacher here in North Kashmir Bandipora district has been deceiving students for the last 21 years just to please the bureaucracy for the reasons best known to him.

Arsullah Habib Bhat appointed as teacher under Rehbar-e-Taleem Scheme at Primary School Aragam in the year 2004 in Aragam habitation of Banipora with Salary about 13 Lacs annually has never attended the school but has managed to get himself attached in Chief Education office or Deputy Commissioner's office since decades, what the people say, to gain 'the personal interests for his self-bet-terment'.

Arsullah, according to officials, spent a few months in his school, and then never attended the school for which he was appointed under the ReT scheme.

Surprisingly, the teacher was rewarded many times without attending any single class, even the department in 2021 sent him to complete a B.Ed course, a move intended to enhance his teaching skills.

Locals said that they do not know when he last attained the school, but he is still drawing his salary from enlisted as the teacher of the same school which he never attended. "We saw him first time in the first week of March this year in the school after he was relieved by the Director School Education recently" a local said, adding "he later again abandoned the school for unknown reasons"

Officials said that Arsullah has managed to appease a few well connected persons who in deception managed to his attachment in the Deputy Commissioner's office. They said that the teacher in question is now habitual to please other officers and officers just to get his means done.

Pertinently Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) cancelled deputations of all teachers who were deputed in different offices on non-teaching recently the valley but for Arsullah Baht the DESK order means but Arsalah Bhat again deceived his officers and managed to attach himself in the Deputy Commissioners Office.

District Administration Bandipora and Chief

Education Officer (CEO) Bandipora make all efforts to trash the directions of the government by providing cover to the teachers who have not attended a single classroom in the past two decades.

The governments' efforts to streamline the education system falls flat here in Bandipora where the Chief Education Office tried to trash the govern-



ment order by issuing new deputation orders for the same teachers for non-teaching duties.

After Hue and Cry though other teachers were relieved; Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Office issued fresh order for a Regularised Rehbar-e-Taleem Teacher Arsullah Habib giving him charge of Coordinator for IEC Campaign against Drugs-the job that otherwise was to be done by the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR).

DC Bandipora in an order No 2390-92 dated 05/03/2025 designated Habib as coordinator for successful implementation of IEC Campaign Against Drugs. Surprisingly the Order by DC Bandipora reads that, "teacher shall remain stationed in the office of CEO Bandipora and shall be responsible for coordination between different departments and reporting before DC Bandipora on Daily Basis".

Government Employees in Mini Secretariat Bandipora said administration is providing unnecessarily and fatal backup to an RReT for skipping school which is uncalled for and speaks volumes about the intentions of the admin in keeping the teacher engaged in non-teaching activities in CEO Office.

Bandipora modified the orders on 11th March ordering that tasks assigned to the said teacher shall be in addition to his own duties.

However despite that, the teacher has not attended a single class since then- the allegations verified by the Kashmir Convener. Students at PS Aragam said they saw the teacher once before morning assembly and then he left the school.

Official sources in CEO Office told Kashmir Convener that a team lead by Deputy Chief Education Officer Bandipora m District Vigilance Officer and other concerned Cluster head visited Primary School Aragam but found the teacher absent. "We were expecting he will resume the duty now, but surprisingly he comes in the morning to mark his attendance and returns to his home or DC Office," locals of Aragam revealed.

"Even if the Government needed a teacher to run the campaign, there are a dozen teachers in the department with Mass Communication Degrees but they are doing their job in schools".

Primary School Aragam, a school located in a tribal area, needed a dedicated teacher to uplift the students and provide them with quality education. Instead, Mr. Arsullah found ways to remain outside the classroom since the day of his appointment. Official sources said Habib has never attended his school but has managed to get non-teaching assignments in the CEO Office or DC Office.

Officials said the purpose of this training was to create a better, more skilled teacher. Ironically, instead of contributing his newly acquired skills to teaching, the department continued to assign him non-teaching roles.

"This raises an important question: if the government invests so much in training a teacher, why is that training wasted by keeping him away from the classroom," officials told Kashmir Convener.

Attempts to reach Director School Education Kashmir Dr GN Itoo and Deputy Commissioner Bandipora proved futile

Meanwhile people in the area appeal to the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Minister for Education Sakina Itoo and Secretary Education to investigate the matter and fix the responsibility.

Bandipora Hosts Capacity Building Programme on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

BANDIPORA: A One-Day Training cum Capacity Building Programme on the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) was held at Audi-

torium Hall, District Drug De-Addiction Centre (DDAC), Bandipora.



The event was organized by the Department of Social Welfare, Bandipora in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora and was facilitated by DDAC Bandipora.

The programme witnessed active participation from Education, Police, Health, ICDS, and other allied sectors, reflecting a multi-sectoral approach to tackle the menace of drug abuse.

The session commenced with a presentation by Dr. Anjum Reshi, Medical Officer, DDAC Bandipora, who provided a comprehensive overview of the centre's services, highlighting the free-of-cost facilities available for those battling drug addiction and elaborated on the medical aspects of de-addiction.

The programme also featured an interactive session led by Adv Mudasar Nazir, Counselor, DDAC

DDAC, emphasized the role of individuals and communities in combating drug addiction and fostering a drug-free society.

Adding further depth to the discussions, Bilal Ahmad Mir, Counselor, DMHS Bandipora, shared valuable insights on the impact of substance abuse on mental health.

Syed Ahmad, Teacher, GMS Kulhama, provided an extensive overview of drug abuse and its societal repercussions.

Ifthar Ahmad Mir, Teacher, GMS Ayatmulla, spoke on the crucial role of teachers and educational institutions in raising awareness and preventing drug abuse among students.

The training programme concluded with a pledge to intensify efforts to eradicate drug abuse in Bandipora, reinforcing the commitment of the administration and community stakeholders towards a Nasha Mukht Bharat

J&K Police Organizes Debate on ‘Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan’ at BHSS Pampore

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: In a bid to raise awareness against drug abuse, the Jammu and Kashmir Police organized a debate on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan at Government Model Higher Secondary School Pampore.

The event, which is part of a nationwide initiative to make India drug-free, was conducted under the Civic Action Programme (CAP). The competition saw active participation from students of different government schools, faculty members of BHSS Pampore with enthusiasm on the theme of creating a drug-free India.

SPDO Pampore Ravenderpal Singh, Principal BHSS Pampore, Medical Officer SDH Pampore Riyaz Ahmad and other police officers were present to support the initiative.

Speaking to Kashmir Convener, SDPO Pampore, Ravenderpal Singh, said that the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan is being implemented across the entire country, with its primary objective being to create awareness and eliminate drug abuse.

He emphasized that the key message for everyone is to stay away from drugs, as they have claimed many lives. He urged parents to take care of their

children and be vigilant about their activities. Additionally, he appealed to the public to cooperate with law enforcement in identifying and apprehending individuals involved in drug-related activities so that necessary legal action can be taken against them.



The event also featured a debate competition where participating students shared their perspectives, views, and assumptions while exploring concrete solutions to the complex and pressing issue of drug abuse, which poses a serious threat to the fabric of society.

NCC Cadets Begin Firing Training at Haft Chinar Range

SRINAGAR: For the first time, NCC cadets in Kashmir have commenced firing practice at Haft Chinar Short Range, fulfilling a long-pending aspiration. Under the initiative of Maj Gen Anupinder Bevi, VSM, ADG NCC Directorate Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh, permission was granted by 31 Sub Area and Chinar Corps, enabling cadets to hone their marksmanship skills.

Over 120 cadets from 1 J&K Battalion NCC and 1 J&K Naval Unit, including both boys and girls, participated in the training on March 17-18, 2025. Army instructors supervised the exercise, focus-

ing on aiming, breath control, and trigger operation.



The Group Commander NCC Srinagar visited the range, emphasizing range safety protocols and interacting with cadets. Outstanding performers will now represent the JK&L Directorate at upcoming All India-level competitions, while others will receive further training.

Maj Gen Bevi expressed gratitude to 31 Sub Area and Chinar Corps for enabling this opportunity, calling it a significant milestone in youth skill development and national pride.

Baramulla Excels in Financial Inclusion and Skill Development Under ADP

BARAMULLA: Baramulla district in Jammu & Kashmir is making significant strides in financial inclusion, skill development, and digital empowerment under the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP). Recognized for its remarkable progress, the district has been awarded 3 crore to further accelerate its transformation.

Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Minga Sherpa told Kashmir Convener that the administration has successfully increased registrations under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) through targeted awareness campaigns, ensuring greater financial security for residents.

"In addition to this, skill development programs have been expanded, with a special focus on empowering women and persons with disabilities". To bridge the digital divide, the administration has organized multiple digital literacy camps across the district, particularly in remote areas, equipping citizens with essential digital skills. Regular on-ground monitoring and inspections are being conducted to ensure the effective implementation of these initiatives.

Sherpa said these efforts have contributed to fostering economic empowerment, financial security, and digital access, ensuring a better future for the people of Baramulla. The district's commitment to inclusive growth and transformative governance has been commended by NITI Aayog, highlighting Baramulla as a model for development under the ADP.

Residents of Hajam Mohalla, Hakabara Decry Lack of Basic Facilities

Bandipora: The residents of Hajam Mohalla in Hakabara village, Bandipora district, have expressed deep dissatisfaction with the authorities over the lack of basic facilities, particularly the absence of proper electricity infrastructure.

Talking to Kashmir Convener locals, stated that the area lacks electricity poles and proper wiring, posing a serious threat to residents. The wooden poles currently in place are in a dilapidated condition, further increasing the risk of accidents. Despite raising this issue multiple times with the concerned department, no concrete action has been taken.

"We have brought this issue to the attention of the authorities, and while they have visited the spot, no steps have been taken to address the problem. Our repeated requests have been ignored," alleged a resident.

The residents have now appealed to higher authorities, including the Chief Engineer of Kashmir, to intervene and resolve their legitimate demands at the earliest. They fear continued negligence could lead to severe consequences and have urged the administration to act swiftly to prevent any mishaps.

Army hosts Iftar party in Shahgund

ZIAD BHAT

Hajin: With an aim to foster and reinforce the spirit of peace and communal harmony, the 13RR of the Indian Army on Monday hosted



"Iftar Party" at Shahgund camp.

Over hundreds of locals, senior citizens gathered for the "Iftar party to pray, eat, and converse".

An official spokesperson said 13RR Shahgund conducted this event to bring in harmony and increase the bond between army and locals in the area. The local people expressed their hope that such events would improve communal harmony in the region and that locals and the army would work together for the betterment of society and their region.

JDU Hosts Iftar Party in Hajin

Hajin: Janata Dal United (JDU) organized an Iftar party on Wednesday in Hajin town of north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

The event was hosted by JDU's District President, Bandipora, Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, and witnessed the participation of several party workers and supporters.

On the occasion, Zahoor Ahmad Bhat engaged in a detailed discussion with the attendees, addressing various political and social issues. The participants expressed their gratitude to the JDU leadership for organizing the gathering, emphasizing the importance of such events in fostering unity and brotherhood within the community.

PM Shri GHS Sumbal conducts community mobilisation program

Bandipora: PM SHRI Government Girls High School Sumbal organizes community mobilisation program with great enthusiasm.

Several dignitaries attended the program. Including Cluster Head Higher secondary school SUMBAL, famous poet Saleem Yousuf and hundreds of mothers.

The program highlighted the importance of getting enrolled in your wards in Government schools. Being a PMSHRI school having all the necessary facilities for girls should be a reason for enrolling the students in such a school.

Editorial

YUVA 3.0

The Prime Minister's Young Authors Mentorship Scheme (YUVA) has entered its third edition, aiming to nurture young literary voices and document India's diverse heritage. While the initiative is commendable for fostering creative writing, providing financial support, and amplifying young voices, it also raises critical questions about its inclusivity, long-term impact, and accessibility. At its core, YUVA 3.0 is an ambitious effort, offering mentorship, financial assistance of ₹50,000 per month, and opportunities for selected authors to publish and present their works globally. The focus on themes such as Indian Knowledge Systems and the Contribution of the Indian Diaspora aligns with the government's vision of Ek Bharat, Shreshta Bharat. However, the selection process remains a concern, as it may favor those with access to better education and resources, limiting opportunities for aspiring writers from marginalized backgrounds and regional language communities. A key challenge for YUVA's sustainability is the post-publication trajectory of these young authors. While their books are published and translated into multiple languages, their market reach remains uncertain. Unlike mainstream publications, these works often lack commercial promotion and widespread availability. Without robust distribution channels, these books risk becoming government-endorsed literary projects rather than widely-read works. Additionally, the absence of continued support raises concerns about whether YUVA is creating lasting careers in literature or just offering a short-term boost. The government must consider expanding the program beyond a one-time mentorship, integrating it with mainstream publishing, digital platforms, and literary networks to ensure sustained growth for these young authors. While YUVA has successfully ignited enthusiasm for literary expression, it must address gaps in inclusivity, accessibility, and long-term literary engagement. If refined and expanded, it has the potential to transform India's publishing landscape, ensuring that young voices from all backgrounds find their rightful place in global literature. However, if it remains limited to select participants with constrained outreach, it risks becoming yet another symbolic initiative rather than a true literary movement.

Sunita Williams Returns: A Historic Comeback in Space Exploration



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

(Sunita Williams' achievements are a source of inspiration not only for Indian scientists but also for the youth of the country.)

The safe return of Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore to Earth is considered a major scientific achievement. They went to space in June 2024 under Boeing's "Starliner" mission, but their return was delayed by nine months due to technical flaws. Due to this, they stayed on the International Space Station (ISS) for a long time. This mission was not only important from a technical point of view but will also be helpful in understanding the effects of staying in space for a long time. Their safe return will open up new possibilities for space missions in the future. This will give NASA and Boeing a chance to improve the flaws of Starliner. Their experiences and achievements are an inspiration not only for the space sector but for everyone interested in science and technology. Their story gives the message that limits are only in the mindset, and if a goal is set, it can be achieved.

NASA's veteran astronaut Sunita Williams and her partner Butch Wilmore, who were on the International Space Station (ISS) for the last nine months, have successfully returned to Earth today. With the help of SpaceX's Dragon capsule, they made a safe landing in the Gulf of Mexico. Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore went into space for a test flight with Boeing's Starliner in June 2024. However, their return was delayed due to a technical fault in the Starliner, causing them to stay on the ISS for nine months. SpaceX's Crew-10 mission was launched for their return, which successfully brought them back to Earth. After returning, both astronauts were carried on stretchers, which is a normal procedure after being in weightlessness for a long time. This mission was not only important from a technical point of view, but it will also help scientists understand the effects of a prolonged stay in space. This will help NASA and other space agencies plan future deep space missions, such as human missions to Mars. This return of Sunita Williams is an important achievement in the field of space exploration. This mission

will provide valuable data for future space missions and will help in improving spacecraft technology.

Sunita Williams and experienced astronauts like her can play an important role in future lunar and Mars missions. NASA and other space agencies are now preparing for long-term space missions, including new ways of living in space, possibilities

inspiration not only for Indian scientists but also for the youth of the country. Her success shows that people of Indian origin can make significant contributions to the global scientific community. In the future, cooperation between ISRO and NASA may increase, which will further strengthen India's space program. Sunita Williams is not only an excellent

including new ways of living in space, possibilities of artificial gravity, and strategies to reduce the effects on astronauts' health. In addition, by improving technologies such as Starliner, space exploration will be made safer and more efficient. Scientific research will continue to further expand human presence in space, making future trips to Mars and beyond



of artificial gravity, and strategies to reduce the effects on astronauts' health. In addition, by improving technologies like Starliner, space exploration will be made safer and more efficient. Scientific research will continue to further expand human presence in space, making future trips to Mars and beyond possible. Sunita Williams is an American astronaut of Indian origin who has had a deep connection with India. Her father is of Indian origin, and he has expressed his love for India many times. Amidst the growing achievements of space science and research in India, Sunita Williams remains an inspiration. ISRO is also now moving rapidly towards the human spaceflight program, Gaganyaan. ISRO has recently completed major tests for Gaganyaan and plans to launch India's first human space mission in the coming years.

Sunita Williams' achievements are a source of

astronaut but also an inspirational personality. Her journey shows how hard work, determination, and passion for science can take one to new heights. She has especially inspired women and young scientists to move forward in the field of space research and science. She has interacted with Indian students and youth on several occasions and encouraged them to pursue careers in scientific fields. Her experiences and achievements are an inspiration not only for the space sector but for everyone interested in science and technology. Her story gives the message that limits are only in the mindset, and if a goal is set, it can be achieved.

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possible. This return of Sunita Williams is an important achievement in the field of space exploration. This mission will provide valuable data for future space missions and will prove helpful in improving spacecraft technology. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Sunita Williams on her successful return and praised her courage and dedication. He said that Sunita Williams is not only a matter of pride for the people of Indian origin but is an inspiration for the whole world. Prime Minister Modi also said that his mission is an inspiration for the space scientists and youth of India who dream of touching new heights in space.

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New Iranian Revolution: Nature, Demands and Regime's Response



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What started with protests demanding accountability for a young woman's killing in police custody, soon transformed into the most widespread revolt in Iran since the 1979 revolution. Iranians from all walks of life are claiming their basic human rights and demand fundamental political change. While the protests themselves are largely led by women, and the majority of those out on the streets belong to Iran's Generation Z below the age of 25, the movement itself has seen backing from broad society. This includes workers' strikes in support of their demands. The uprising and the regime's response have deepened the rift between Iran's society and the government, which loses legitimacy by the day.

Iranians continue to protest the regime in various forms. Persisting acts of civil disobedience range from chants of "death to the dictator" from people's homes in cities' residential areas at nights to individual and creative forms of protest, including more and more women refusing to comply with mandatory headscarves in public. Especially in western Kurdish or south-eastern Sistan and Baluchistan regions, thousands continue to protest in the streets even when facing harsh repression. In the Baluch city Zahedan, for example, people continue to protest by the thousands every Friday, even though the city has experienced some of the harshest, most violent and deadliest responses by government forces.

Three characteristics in the nature of these protests distinguish them from previous movements.

First, the revolt is in essence truly feminist. As engrained in the claim of "woman, life, freedom", demonstrators demand fundamental political change and the full realization of human and women's rights. The protests have been women-led and, for the first time, addressed issues such as violence against women. This has also led to a strong emphasis on marginalized perspectives and to the revolt's intersectional character as being youth-driven, spanning across social classes and ethnic minorities, and stretching from urban to rural areas. Even more so, whilst the regime tried

to instill sectarian divides amongst protesters, the heavy discrimination and extreme violence particularly against ethnic minority groups has been widely visible. In response, rather than buying the regime's narrative, the Persian majority has begun to develop a better understanding for the country's (ethnic) minorities.

Second, the protests are feminist also in the way they are organized. They are a peaceful, collective, and leaderless movement that is organized in a decentralised way, thus responding to specific grievances in different localities while uniting under the "woman, life, freedom" umbrella. The revolt practices creative resistance, using social media and tech against the regime. The leaderless character stems from cross-societal backing of protests and renders their societal impact even wider, making them more difficult to suppress. At the same time, it creates the challenge that there is no clear political alternative to organize around.

Third, the revolt takes place amidst a precarious socio-economic situation. Iran has been in a politico-economic, social, and environmental crisis for years marked by rising poverty, increasing unemployment, raging inflation, and skyrocketing prices. As a consequence, many Iranians struggle to meet their basic needs. This is due to widespread corruption, government mismanagement including of the countries' natural resources like water, and a particularly strict sanctions period following the U.S. withdrawal of the nuclear agreement in 2018. This economic calamity has hit women and marginalized groups hardest.

The last point is critical, as the economic situation both stabilizes the regime adds to the protesters' grievances at the same time.

Iranian activists and diaspora civil society representatives have underlined the fundamental nature of the demonstrators' demands. Under the - originally Kurdish - slogan of "Woman, Life, Freedom", people are asking for their basic human rights and political freedoms to be respected and implemented. From this derive a number of protesters' needs that, if met, can help the revolt to be successful.

Iran's constitution claims to guarantee at least some of these rights and freedoms, and the Islamic Republic is even party to international human rights instruments that uphold equality for women and non-discrimination. However, the reality is plainly different: the qualification of such rights 'in accordance with Islamic principles' in fact enshrines systemic discrimination, and the

Iranian legal code includes further provisions that severely discriminate against women and limit their rights. Thus, protesters soon moved past the issue of mandatory hijab to demand the realization of equal rights and tangible political and societal changes. It is a remarkable qualifier of these protests that they also address issues



like violence against women, which previously was a taboo topic in Iranian society.

Substantially, there are three broad categories of short-term civil society demands: those asking to address specific human rights cases and humanitarian needs; those calling for not just moral, but also material support for the revolt; and those demanding justice for crimes committed and seeking to stop the violent crackdown. The last point will be separately dealt with in the next section on accountability.

Every life matters. Therefore, while there is understandable hope that an overthrow of the current regime would in due course bring about a more peaceful and rights-respecting society, addressing individual cases of the regime's massive human rights violations remains a top priority. Consequently, Iranian and international human rights organisations draw international attention - if necessary, in urgent procedure - to imminent executions and to the fate of those having received a death sentence. They call for the release of prisoners, especially women's and human rights defenders as well as journalists, but also of the many minors that have been detained. Some, like Human Rights Activists in Iran, updated their grim tallies on a daily basis, after having corroborated the countless clues they receive from family members, friends, and fellow activists.

The Islamic Republic has had a track record of using excessive and lethal force and repression to quell political unrest. To name only the more recent examples after the 2009 Green Movement of protests against a rigged election, the regime faced down protests in 2017/18 that were initially directed at the government's failed economic

policies, and later again in 2019 when citizens responded to sharply increased petrol prices. These riots came to be called "Dey Protests" and "Aban Protests", respectively, after the Persian-calendar month in which they started.

From these experiences, the regime compiled a (metaphorical) "playbook" that it put into action once Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei had signalled his full backing of the security forces. It exists of three main elements: the use of indiscriminate force, violent and arbitrary arrests, and the throttling of internet service across the country.

Following an early order to "confront mercilessly ... any unrest", the police and special forces used life ammunition without regard for civilian lives. To this they later added the tactic of shooting protesters, in particular women, into their faces, breasts, legs, and genitals with shotguns, so as to inflict maximum pain and long-lasting mutilation. Within weeks, the death toll rose to the hundreds of protesters with a gruesome share of 13 percent of minors being killed. A large part of which occurred in the Kurdish and Baluchi provinces in the country's Northwest and Southeast, respectively. The most deadly crackdown has come to be known as "Bloody Friday" in Zahedan on September 30, when Baluchi human rights groups have listed almost 100 people who were killed by the regime that day. In December 2022, the regime started to execute, sometimes publicly, alleged protesters convicted of the vaguely circumscribed and disputed offense of "war against god", or moharebeh.

Whereas the arbitrary use of force is a well-established practice of the regime, weaponized sexual violence marks a relatively new layer to the security forces' response. Numerous cases of sexualized torture, rape, and other forms of sexual assault in prisons have been documented as the protests wore on. This clearly gendered element shows how the authorities aim to break the protesters' resistance by returning those mentally and physically maimed women and men back into society. In this context, the announced pardon of those arrested by the thousands looks less like an act of clemency and more like a calculated move to finally quell the revolt.

Furthermore, the judiciary has been systematically abused. By 8 February 2023, 777 citizens had been brought to trial and convicted of alleged crimes directly related to their participation in nationwide protests. At least 44 defence lawyers

have been detained since September, making them unavailable to defendants and torpedoing their proper defence. Ridiculously short trials, sometimes lasting less than an hour, have resulted in convictions based on confessions, often extracted under torture. All this amounts to deliberate abuse of formal criminal proceedings, according to the UN Human Rights Commission. The sheer number of convictions handed down by the judiciary in the space of a few months underlines once again that the judiciary serves as a counter-insurgency tool and that orderly procedures are completely lacking.

Throughout the months-long revolt, access to the internet has been highly restricted, so that people inside the country had difficulties communicating with one another as well as with the outside world. This is highly alarming, not least because of limited access of international human rights organisations and media, the information provided by Iranians through social media and online services is often the only source to track the regime's violent repression. Over time, this has obviously also created huge economic damage, as companies could not process transactions. Again in mid-January 2023, the regime blocked mobile internet access for two days, ostensibly to limit the potential for cheating in university entrance exams but more likely to conceal a crackdown in Zahedan, the capital of Baluchistan province. Together with the confiscation of devices like smartphones of protesters and the now pervasive digital surveillance, the frequent and long-lasting internet shutdowns amount to the advanced use of technology in the name of repression.

The regime has also resorted to hacking the devices of activists, journalists, and politicians that work on Iran and the Middle East more broadly. Actively launching large-scale social media campaigns using fake accounts, it has tried to steer and manipulate the debates both online and offline. And while the war on social media seems to be fought from many sides, not just Iran, it appears to be a constant feature that women commentators are the prime target. This violence also continues beyond the virtual space as the regime threatens and targets activists as well as women and human rights defenders around the world, including in the European Union.

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CS Atal Dulloo asks for creation of GIS based land bank for J&K

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, chaired a high level meeting to review identification of land parcels for creation of a land bank to support developmental projects besides facilitating compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted for infrastructure projects, in compliance with Supreme Court directives.

The Chief Secretary directed both the divisional and district administrations to identify all government owned land parcels within their jurisdictions. He emphasized the need for a comprehensive and systematic approach towards land identification, ensuring that all such lands are properly classified based on their suitability for development purposes and other socio-economic welfare measures.

To ensure accuracy and efficiency in the identification process, the Chief Secretary instructed the Forest Department to carry out GIS mapping of the identified land parcels in coordination with the Revenue Department.

He stressed that joint ground-truthing must be conducted to validate the suitability of the land that should be reserved exclusively for afforestation as per Supreme Court guidelines.



for either development projects or compensatory afforestation.

Highlighting the need for land classification, he suggested that land banks should be categorized into those fit for infrastructure development and those

Commissioner Secretary, Forests, Ecology & Environment, Sheetal Nanda, informed the meeting that a Committee, led by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), has been constituted to identify and create a land bank

of suitable non-forest land for compensatory afforestation.

She divulged that this initiative aligns with the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, ensuring that afforestation takes place in lieu of forest land diverted for non-forest purposes.

She reiterated that this measure is in compliance with the Supreme Court's directive that no net reduction in forest land should occur without adequate compensatory afforestation.

Providing an update on the progress, PCCF (HoFF), Suresh Kumar Gupta, informed the meeting that 2,576 land parcels covering 553,263 kanal have been identified across J&K for compensatory afforestation.

Following joint inspections with the Revenue Department, 82 parcels measuring 14,797 kanal and 154 marla were found free from encumbrances and suitable for inclusion in the land bank for afforestation.

DC Budgam distributes Kisan Credit Smart Cards to farmers

Awareness Camp on PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana also organised for farmers



BUDGAM: In a special joint camp, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo today distributed Kisan Credit Smart Cards to eligible farmers, enabling them to access financial support for their agricultural needs by means of a smart easy to use card issued by the bank.

He said in a joint effort by district administration, Department of Agriculture and Banks, more than 6,000 KCC Smart Cards have been sanctioned demonstrating commitment to empowering farmers of Budgam.

In this camp, joint awareness programme on the Smart Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was also organised at the Sheikh ul Alam Centre.

The programme brought together farmers, key stakeholders, beneficiaries to educate them about the benefits and application procedure of these schemes.

The programme was presided over by DC Budgam, besides GM DIC Budgam Waseem Raja, CPO Budgam, Chief Agriculture Officer Budgam, Executive Engineer KPDCL and Lead District Manager Budgam, eminent citizens, farmers and other stakeholders of Budgam participated in the programme.

Speaking on the 'Smart Kisan Credit Card', the DC briefed its role in providing financial assistance to farmers, helping them access easy credit for agricultural activities.

He highlighted that the scheme enables farmers to meet their input costs, purchase equipment, and manage unforeseen expenses without financial stress.

Labroo urged eligible farmers to enroll and take full advantage of this initiative for the growth of the agriculture sector in Budgam. He stressed on awareness of this fruitful scheme across district.

On the occasion, the DC also discussed PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.

He stated that the scheme is a major step towards promoting renewable energy by encouraging households to adopt solar power.

He explained that the initiative aims to provide electricity benefits, reducing dependency on conventional power sources and lowering electricity costs for families.

He assured full administrative support for the smooth implementation of the scheme and urged citizens to register and avail its benefits.

Together, these initiatives strengthen both economic and environmental stability, he added.

Various speakers including GM DIC and Chief Agriculture Officer highlighted the importance of both the schemes.

Fertilizers, pesticides allowed to Valley only after proper standard testing: Javed Dar

3010 samples of pesticides, 1065 of fertilizers collected for testing during 2024-25

JAMMU: Minister for Agriculture Production, Javed Ahmad Dar, today informed the House that the consignments of fertilizers are allowed to move to Valley only after the samples test as standard.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Hilal Akbar Lone in the Legislative Assembly.

He informed the House that there is an established mechanism for sampling of the products batch-wise in respect of Fertilizers at Udhampur Rack, being tested from the quality Control Lab at Jammu and the consignments are allowed to move to Valley only after the samples test as standard.

He said that there is one check point at Lower Munda where the documents of consignments are checked and the source is verified. He added that the sale is allowed only after the samples test as standard.

In addition, the samples are being taken at random from stocks of the wholesalers and retailers, which too are tested and in case the samples test as below standard, prosecution is launched against the wholesalers/ dealers/ retailers, he added.

The Minister said that a similar procedure is being adopted in respect of the pesticides for proper testing before its sale to the farmers.

He said that the Agriculture Production Department has an Enforcement Directorate at UT level and Law Enforcement Agencies at District level, which are vigilant to any complaints regarding substandard pesticides and fertilizers.

Sharing the details, the Minister said that 3010 and 1065 samples of pesticides and fertilizers respectively have been collected for testing during 2024-25 accordingly.

Bashir Ahmad Veeri raised the supplementary to the question.

GCE holds 2-Day International Conference to address, prevent crimes against women

Srinagar: The Govt. College of Education (IASE), M.A. Road, Srinagar launched a ground breaking two-day International Conference titled 'Voices for Change: Addressing and Preventing Crimes Against Women' today in collaboration with the Asha Paras for Peace and Harmony Foundation (APPHF) India and Soroptimist International, Srinagar Kashmir.

With the aim to address the pervasive issue of violence against women and girls, the conference brings together experts, policymakers and advocates to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices in preventing and responding to the violence against women.

The objectives include raising awareness of crimes against women, discussing strategies for prevention and intervention, fostering collaboration between policymakers, academics, activists, and community leaders and amplifying women's voices and advocating for systemic change.

The inaugural session commenced with the felicitation of the esteemed dignitaries and welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz, Principal of the host college and the Nodal Principal of Kashmir Division Colleges.

She emphasized the importance of collective action in addressing crimes against women and acknowledged the support of collaborating institutions.

This was followed by the official release of Smart Digest of the Conference by Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Mobin, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar, and Prof. (Dr.) Sheikh Aijaz Bashir, Director of Colleges, UT of J&K.

The experts including Dr. Tawheeda Rasool, Coordinator of the Women's Studies Centre; Prof. Asha Shukla, Former Vice-Chancellor of BRAUSS and Managing Director of APPHF India; Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Mobin, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar; Prof. (Dr.) Sheikh Aijaz, Director of Colleges, UT of J&K and Ruth Healey, President of Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI); Prof Gurmeet Kaur, Former, Head Department of Languages, GCOE, Srinagar; Prof. (Dr.) Parveen Pandith, President of Soroptimist International Srinagar; Erinda Shah, Founder of Mental Health First Aid India Pvt. Ltd; Bisma Qazi, SP Srinagar East Zone, and Syed Sleet Shah, Dy.SP Hqrs Srinagar also spoke on the occasion.

The experts provided an overview of the conference's objectives, highlighted the significance of strengthening institutional responses to gender-based crimes, promoting gender equity and preventing violence against women, human trafficking & false marriages.

Experts from law enforcement elaborated on the role of law enforcement in protecting women's rights and ensuring justice. They also deliberated upon the new criminal laws like BNS 2023 (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita).

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Irfat Ara Khan, Head Department of Psychology, who expressed gratitude to the speakers, attendees, and organizers for their contributions to the conference.

Meanwhile, the Wall of Gender Equality curated by Arshid Sualah, Art Teacher was also inaugurated on the occasion.

Baramulla awarded Rs.3 Crore by NITI Aayog for remarkable progress under ADP

BARAMULLA: Baramulla district has been awarded Rs.3 crore by NITI Aayog in recognition of its outstanding progress in inclusive growth and transformative governance under the Aspirational District Programme (ADP).

This achievement reflects the district's consistent efforts in improving key development indicators and enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

Under the leadership of District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, the district has made remarkable strides in financial inclusion, skill development, and digital empowerment. The administration's focused approach towards implementing targeted interventions has significantly contributed to this success.

In the area of financial inclusion, Baramulla has witnessed increased registrations under

PMJJBY and PMSBY insurance schemes through a series of targeted awareness campaigns. This has strengthened the financial security of the local



population, especially marginalized communities.

Skill development has been another key focus area, with the district expanding training programs to empower women and persons with disabilities. These programs aim to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities and enhance economic independence.

DEO Srinagar holds interaction session with reps of Political parties

Seeks cooperation for strengthening the electoral process to make elections more inclusive & participatory



SRINAGAR: In order to further strengthen electoral processes in District within legal framework, the District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today convened a meeting with the District representatives of different Political Parties at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the DEO sought cooperation from all the Political Parties in further improvising the electoral process and emphasized the importance of maximizing the registration of newly eligible electors in the electoral roll in the District.

He underlined the significance of Electoral literacy for encouraging new voters to be part of democratic setup.

The DEO urged the representatives of Political Parties to provide feedback to concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs)

for further strengthening the existing electoral processes and to make elections in future more inclusive and participatory.

He highlighted various initiatives being taken by the Election Commission of India to ease baseline activities for better electoral process and elections in future. The representatives were also informed that registered electorates can very easily verify and apply for inclusion of their name in electoral rolls and can lodge their claim for any changes/ corrections in their electoral records through online mode as well.

On the occasion, the representatives of the political parties across the party lines raised various issues and gave suggestions for the betterment of the electoral process.

The DEO under the existing legal framework addressed the concerns raised by the representatives of political

parties and assured them that election machinery is always open to incorporate any valuable suggestions and address issues for the improvement of electoral process.

He assured the participants that such interactions will continue to be held in future as well in order to make our democratic process stronger and more inclusive. He further emphasized that the suggestions and issues raised by the political parties will be deliberated upon and would be considered for the advancement of democratic process of elections and electoral participation.

Apart from sharing experiences and viewpoints, the representatives of political parties appreciated the District Election machinery for conducting the recent Lok Sabha and Assembly Elections 2024 in a free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner.

Besides, representative of different Political Parties, the meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ERO-Hazratbal), Syed Ahmad Kataria, Deputy District Election Officer, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Other ERO, Khanyar, ERO, Lal Chowk, AEROS and other Officials of District Election Authority Srinagar.

Extension of University Professors solely on merit, eligibility: Sakeena Itoo

JAMMU: Minister for Higher Education, Sakeena Itoo, today informed the House that the age of superannuation in respect of University Professors is being extended by a Review Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Dr. Narinder Singh Raina in the Legislative Assembly. She informed that the Committee also comprises Vice-Chancellor of the concerned University and Administrative Secretary, Higher Education Department, J&K.

The Committee may co-opt a member from the Finance/Law Department and Special Secretary/ Additional Secretary from the Higher Education Department, she added.

The Minister said that the Review Committee has decided to approve the extension of the eligible superannuating Professors for 03 years from 62 to

65 years. However, on completion of each year the concerned Vice Chancellor shall review the performance in each case subject to the minimum benchmark relating to Research Publications, Classroom Teaching,



Academic Contribution and overall work and conduct of the concerned in the preceding year.

She said that continuation of such Professors shall be subject to attaining such minimum benchmark.

The Minister said that the method has been meticulously structured to prevent any favoritism

or a pick and choose approach, thereby, holding the principles of fairness and institutional integrity. She said that it is rule based and each case is scrutinized in light of the laid down parameters including general conduct and behaviour in terms of integrity, thereby reinforcing the credibility of the mechanism, leaving no scope for arbitrary decision-making.

The Minister said that enhancement of superannuation age of University Professors is structured, meticulously designed to ensure that extensions are granted solely on the basis of merit, eligibility criteria and compliance with the established parameters.

The Minister said that the mechanism is not intended to foster a culture of sycophancy but rather to uphold the highest academic and ethical standards in the selection process. She said that UT of J&K has implemented the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 in letter and spirit.

DC Kulgam chairs Distt Skill Committee meet

Reviews progress, future action plan; discusses Training modules

KULGAM: A meeting of District Skill Committee (DSC) was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan at the mini-secretariat Kulgam.

The meeting focused on reviewing the progress of the District Skill Development Plan (DSDP) of the current financial year and discussing the action plan for DSDP 2025-26.

During the meeting, the progress of skill development courses being undertaken in the district was reviewed. The status of

enrollment and quality of training at Govt Polytechnic College Kulgam, ITI Kulgam, ITI Khuribatpora, ITI Kund and private institutions was



reviewed. The Chairman directed the member secretary to ensure all the students in these institutions are also thoroughly trained about the available government schemes including PMEGP, Mission Yuva,

HADP, PMFME, AIF etc and their registration is done at the end of the course with the relevant schemes so that their livelihoods are secured through self employment and entrepreneurship ventures.

The different departments were directed to send resource persons to these technical institutions for the same.

Among others, the meeting was attended by the General Manager, DIC, Principal Polytechnic Kulgam, CEO, Assistant Director Handicrafts/Handloom Kulgam; Superintendent ITI, Kulgam, Kund, Kuribatpora.

PM Modi’s Statement during India-New Zealand Joint Press Statement

By PIB Delhi

Your Excellency, Prime Minister Luxon, Delegates from both the countries, Friends from Media, Namaskar! Kia Ora!

I warmly welcome Prime Minister Luxon and his delegation to India. Prime Minister Luxon has had a long relationship with India. We all witnessed, how a few days ago, he celebrated the joyous festival of Holi in Auckland! Prime Minister Luxon's affection towards the people of Indian origin living in New Zealand can also be seen from the fact that a large community delegation has accompanied him to India. It is a matter of great pleasure for us to have a young, energetic and talented leader like him as the Chief Guest of the Raisina Dialogue this year.

Friends,

Today we held in-depth discussions on various areas of our bilateral relations. We've decided to strengthen and institutionalise our defense and security collaboration. In addition to joint exercises, training, and port visits, a roadmap for bilateral defense industry collaboration will be developed. Our navies are working together in the Combined Task Force-150 for maritime security in the Indian Ocean. And, we are happy that a New Zealand naval ship is making a port call in Mumbai in two days.

Friends,

We have decided to begin discussions for a mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement between the two countries. This shall increase the potential for bilateral trade and investment. Mutual cooperation and investment shall be encouraged in fields such as Dairy, Food Processing, and Pharma. We have given priority to mutual cooperation in the areas of Renewable Energy and Critical Minerals. Joint work shall be done in Forestry and Horticulture. I am confident that the large business delegation accompanying the Prime Minister shall get an opportunity to explore and understand the new possibilities in India.

Friends,

Whether it is cricket, hockey, or mountaineering, the two countries share a long-standing bond in sports. We have agreed to strengthen cooperation in sports coaching, player exchange, and areas such as sports science, psychology, and medicine. We have decided to celebrate 100 years of sports relations between our two nations in 2026.

Friends,

The Indian community living in New Zealand is making a valuable contribution to the country's social and economic development. We have agreed to work swiftly on an agreement to simplify the mobility of skilled workers and address issues related to illegal migration. We shall also focus on enhancing UPI connectivity, promoting digital transactions, and boosting tourism. Our ties in the field of education are long-standing, and we invite universities from New Zealand to establish campuses in India.

Friends,

We stand united against terrorism. Whether it is the Christchurch terrorist attack of March 15, 2019 or the Mumbai attack of November 26, 2008, terrorism in any form is unacceptable. Strict action must be taken against those responsible for such attacks. We will continue to cooperate in combating terrorism, separatist, and extremist elements. In this regard, we have also shared our concerns about anti-India activities by certain illegal elements in New Zealand. We're confident that we will continue to receive the full cooperation of the New Zealand Government against such illegal elements.

Friends,

We both support a free, open, secure, and prosperous Indo-Pacific. We believe in the policy of development, not expansionism. We welcome New Zealand joining the Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative. Following its membership in the International Solar Alliance, we also congratulate New Zealand for joining the CDRI.

Friends,

Finally, in the language of Rugby, I would say – both of us are ready to "Front up" for a bright future in our relationship. We are ready to step up together and take responsibility for a bright partnership! And, I am confident that our partnership will prove to be a match-winning partnership for the people of both countries.

Thank you very much!

India - New Zealand Joint Statement:

At the invitation of the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, is on an Official Visit to India on 16-20 March 2025. Prime Minister Luxon, who is on his first visit to India in his current capacity, is visiting New Delhi and Mumbai, and is accompanied by Hon. Louise Upston, Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, Hon. Mark Mitchell, Minister for Ethnic Communities, and Sport and Recreation, and Hon. Todd McClay, Minister for Trade and Investment, Agriculture, and Forestry, and a high-level delegation comprising of officials, and representatives of businesses, community diaspora, media and cultural groups.

Prime Minister Luxon was accorded a warm and traditional welcome in New Delhi. Prime Minister Modi held bilateral talks with Prime Minister Luxon. Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate the 10th edition of the Raisina Dialogue on 17 March 2025 in New Delhi with Prime Minister Luxon as the Chief Guest delivering the Inaugural Keynote Address. The Prime Minister laid a wreath at Raj Ghat

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial and also called on President Droupadi Murmu.

The Prime Ministers reaffirmed their shared desire to further strengthen the growing bilateral relationship between India and New Zealand which is anchored in shared democratic values and robust people-to-people ties. Both leaders recognized that there remains significant potential for further growth in the bilateral relationship and agreed to cooperate closely in diverse areas, including trade and investment, defence and security, education and research, science and technology, agri-tech, space, mobility of people and sports.

The Prime Ministers exchanged views on regional and global developments of mutual interest and agreed to strengthen multilateral cooperation. The Prime Ministers recognised that we face an increasingly uncertain and dangerous world. They noted that, as maritime nations, India and New Zealand have a strong and common interest in an open, inclusive, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific, where the rules-based international order is upheld.

The Prime Ministers reaffirmed the right of freedom of navigation and overflight and other lawful uses of the



seas in accordance with international law, particularly the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The Prime Ministers reaffirmed the need to pursue peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with international law, particularly UNCLOS.

The Prime Ministers noted with satisfaction the strong connections between the people of the two countries, with Indian-origin people making up almost six percent of New Zealand's population. They appreciated the significant contribution of the Indian diaspora in New Zealand and their positive role in facilitating people-to-people ties between the two countries. Both leaders agreed on the significance of ensuring the safety and security of the Indian community, including students, in New Zealand, and of New Zealanders in India and visitors to India.

Cooperation in trade, investment and financial matters:

The Prime Ministers welcomed sustained trade and investment flows between India and New Zealand and called for further exploring the potential to expand bilateral trade. They encouraged businesses on both sides to cultivate links; explore emerging economic and investment opportunities to build upon the complementarities of the two economies.

The Leaders called for greater two-way investment, reflective of the ongoing strong momentum in bilateral cooperation.

The Prime Ministers agreed to enhance the trade and investment relationship between India and New Zealand to realise its untapped potential and to contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

The Prime Ministers welcomed the launch of FTA negotiations for a balanced, ambitious, comprehensive, and mutually beneficial trade agreement to achieve deeper economic integration. The Leaders agreed that a comprehensive trade agreement offers a significant opportunity to enhance trade and economic cooperation. By leveraging each country's strengths, addressing their respective concerns, and tackling challenges, a bilateral trade agreement can foster mutually beneficial trade and investment growth, ensuring equitable gains and complementarities for both sides. The Leaders committed to designate senior representatives to steer these negotiations to resolution as soon as reasonably possible.

Within the context of FTA negotiations, the Leaders agreed to discussions between respective authorities on both sides to explore early implementation of cooperation in the digital payments sector.

The Prime Ministers welcomed the signing of the Authorized Economic Operators Mutual Recognition Arrangement (AEO-MRA) under the aegis of the Customs Cooperation Arrangement (CCA) signed in 2024, which would facilitate easier movement of goods between the two countries by our respective trusted traders through close cooperation between customs authorities, thereby boosting bilateral trade.

The Leaders welcomed new cooperation on horticulture and forestry, including: the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation on Horticulture which would enhance bilateral cooperation by promoting knowledge and research exchanges, development of post-harvest and marketing infrastructure; and the signing of a Letter of Intent on

Forestry Cooperation that encourages policy dialogues and technical exchanges.

The Leaders recognized the positive role played by tourism in generating economic growth, increasing business engagements and generating greater understanding between people of the two countries. They welcomed the growing flows of tourists between India and New Zealand. They appreciated the update to the India-New Zealand Air Services Agreement and agreed to encourage their carriers for commencement of direct (non-stop) flight operations between the two countries.

Political, defence and security cooperation:

The Prime Ministers recognised the significance of parliamentary exchanges and encouraged regular visits of parliamentary delegations between the two countries.

The Prime Ministers acknowledged the shared history of sacrifice of Indian and New Zealand service personnel who fought and served alongside one another around the world over the past century.

The Prime Ministers welcomed sustained progress in defence engagements, including through participation in military exercises, staff college exchanges, regular port calls by naval ships, and exchange of high-level defence delegations. They recalled that the Indian Naval sailing vessel Tarini made a port call at Lyttelton, Christchurch, New Zealand in December 2024. They also referred to the upcoming port call in Mumbai by the Royal New Zealand Navy Ship HMNZS Te Kaha.

Both Leaders welcomed the signing of the India-New Zealand Memorandum of Understanding for Defence Cooperation. This will further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation and establish regular bilateral defence engagement. Both sides noted the need for ensuring the safety and security of sea lanes of communication and agreed there needs to be regular dialogue to discuss enhancement of maritime safety.

New Zealand welcomed India joining the Combined Maritimes Forces. Both Leaders welcomed advancement in defence ties during New Zealand command of Command Task Force 150.

Both Leaders appreciated the regular training exchanges of officers, including at Defence Colleges on reciprocal basis. Both sides agreed for enhanced capacity building cooperation.

Prime Minister Luxon expressed New Zealand's interest in joining the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI). Prime Minister Modi welcomed New Zealand into this partnership with like-minded countries which seek to manage, conserve and sustain the maritime domain. Further cooperation as maritime nations is also being explored between India and New Zealand with discussions taking place between experts on the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) which is being established at Lothal, Gujarat.

Cooperation in science & technology and disaster management:

The two Leaders noted the significance of research, scientific connections, technology partnerships and innovation as an important pillar of the bilateral partnership and called for exploring such opportunities in mutual interest. Both sides stressed the need for stronger collaboration to develop and commercialize technologies in identified areas through closer collaboration between businesses, and industries.

The two sides recognized the challenges for their economies presented by climate change and the transition to low emissions climate resilient economies. Prime Minister Luxon welcomed India's leadership in the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and reiterated New Zealand's strong support as a member since 2024. Prime Minister Modi welcomed New Zealand joining the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), which aims at making systems and infrastructure resilient in order to achieve the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Climate Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The two Leaders welcomed work towards a Memorandum of Cooperation on earthquake mitigation cooperation between relevant authorities of India and New Zealand, which would facilitate inter alia exchange of experiences in earthquake preparedness, emergency response mechanism, and capacity building.

Education, mobility, sports and people to people ties:

Both Prime Ministers agreed that there exists great potential to further strengthen the growing education and community links between India and New Zealand. They encouraged academic institutions of both countries to build future-oriented partnerships focused on areas of mutual interest including in areas of science, innovation, new and emerging technologies.

The Leaders encouraged the creation of further opportunities for Indian students seeking quality education programmes in New Zealand. They noted the significance of skill development and mobility of skilled personnel to support expanded engagement in sectors, including science, innovation, and new and emerging technologies. The two Leaders agreed, within the context of the trade agreement negotiations, which the Leaders have agreed to launch, to also launch negotiations on an arrangement facilitating the mobility of professionals and skilled workers between the two countries, while also addressing the issue of irregular migration.

The Leaders welcomed the signature of the refreshed

Education Cooperation Arrangement between the Indian Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Ministry of Education. This Arrangement will facilitate the continued exchange of information on India's and New Zealand's respective education systems as the basis for strengthening the bilateral education relationship.

The Leaders noted that India and New Zealand enjoy close sporting links, particularly in cricket, hockey and other Olympic sports. They welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation on Sports to foster greater sporting engagement and collaboration between countries. They also welcomed the "Sporting Unity" events planned in 2026, to recognise and celebrate 100 years of sporting contact between India and New Zealand.

The Prime Ministers acknowledged the importance of robust systems of traditional medicine in India and New Zealand, and welcomed discussions between experts, including science and research experts, on both sides to understand and explore possible areas of cooperation, including through sharing of information and best practices and visits of experts.

Both Prime Ministers noted the growing interest among New Zealanders in Yoga and Indian music and dance, as well as the free observance of Indian festivals. They encouraged further promotion of bilateral ties including through music, dance, theatre, films, and festivals.

Cooperation in regional and multilateral fora:

Both Prime Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to supporting an open, inclusive, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific where sovereignty and territorial integrity are respected.

The Leaders noted cooperation between India and New Zealand in various regional fora, including ASEAN-led fora such as the East Asia Summit, the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus and the ASEAN Regional Forum. The Leaders reaffirmed the importance of these regional bodies and ASEAN centrality for furthering security and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region and emphasised the importance of all parties maintaining peace and stability in the region.

Both Leaders emphasized on the importance of an effective multilateral system, centered on a United Nations that is reflective of contemporary realities, as a key factor in tackling global challenges. The two sides stressed the need for UN reforms, including of the Security Council through expansion in its membership, to make it more representative, credible and effective. New Zealand endorsed India's candidature for permanent membership in a reformed UN Security Council. The two sides agreed to explore the possibility of extending mutual support to each other's candidatures at the multilateral fora.

Both Leaders emphasized the importance of upholding the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime, and acknowledged the value of India joining the Nuclear Suppliers Group in context of predictability for India's clean energy goals and its non-proliferation credentials.

Both Leaders reaffirmed their firm support for peace and stability in the Middle East and welcomed the agreement for the release of hostages and ceasefire of January 2025. They reiterated their call for continued negotiations to secure a permanent peace, which includes the release of all hostages and the rapid, safe and unimpeded humanitarian access throughout Gaza. Both Leaders stressed the importance of a negotiated two-State solution, leading to the establishment of a sovereign, viable and independent state of Palestine, and living within secure and mutually recognized borders, side by side in peace and security with Israel.

The Leaders exchanged views on the war in Ukraine and expressed support for a just and lasting peace based on respect for international law, principles of the UN charter, and territorial integrity and sovereignty.

The two Leaders reiterated their absolute condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and the use of terrorist proxies in cross-border terrorism. Both stressed the urgent need for all countries to take immediate, sustained, measurable, and concrete action against UN-proscribed terrorist organizations and individuals. They called for disrupting of terrorism financing networks and safe havens, dismantling of terror infrastructure, including online, and bringing perpetrators of terrorism to justice swiftly. The two leaders agreed to cooperate in combating terrorism and violent extremism through bilateral and multilateral mechanisms.

The two Prime Ministers noted with satisfaction the progress in ongoing bilateral cooperation and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen and deepen the bilateral partnership for mutual benefit as well as for the benefit of the Indo-Pacific Region. They called for exploring the potential to deepen bilateral engagement and explore new avenues of cooperation, including in the fields of green and agriculture technologies.

Prime Minister Luxon thanked Prime Minister Modi and the Government and the people of India for the warmth and hospitality extended to him and to the members of his delegation during his Official Visit to India. Prime Minister Luxon invited Prime Minister Modi to undertake a reciprocal visit to New Zealand.

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that India has strengthened its global position. There was a time when India was not taken seriously on international forums, but today, when we speak, the world listens,” he said.

Singh stressed the importance of unity in achieving the goal of making India a developed nation by 2047 and acknowledged the Northeast’s role in this journey. He highlighted major infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing regional connectivity, including the Sela Tunnel at 13,000 feet, which links Tezpur in Assam to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh, and the nearly 2,000 km-long Arunachal Frontier Highway, which will serve as a strategic and economic asset. The Defence Minister credited these development initiatives for reducing violence and accelerating progress in the Northeast. He also referred to the New York Times’ list of “52 Places to Visit in 2025,” in which Assam was ranked fourth. Describing Major Khathing as a “great son of India,” Singh lauded his legacy of bravery and diplomatic skill. “It is our collective responsibility to adopt the ideals of such great personalities,” he said.

The event was attended by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Chief of Army Staff Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Director General of Assam Rifles Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera, and Director General of the United Service Institution of India (USI) Major General BK Sharma (retd).

Speaker urges

the Assembly Secretariat had already admitted 105 cut motions from the member which clearly demonstrates that, his allegations sans any substance.

The Speaker questioned whether it was responsible for a member to make public statements lacking logic and reasoning, potentially misleading the press and public. He advised all members, especially Parra, to adhere to decorum and act responsibly in legislative matters, considering his long political career ahead.

Clarifying his stance, MLA Pulwama, Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra, stated that he had submitted all cut motions together as per the rules. However, upon not receiving replies to some specific cut motions, he attempted to resubmit them for admission and seeking of response from the above mentioned Departments.

Govt forms

Other Workers etc in Jammu and Kashmir. The committee has been also asked to suggest a “comprehensive way forward “.

The Committee shall be serviced by the General Administration Department and shall submit its report within a period of six months, the order added.

The order comes a week over Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced that committee will be formed to address the issue of regularisation of daily wagers and that a roadmap will be prepared for its presentation in the next budget session.

The Chief Minister had made the announcement while replying to the motion of thanks on the budget address in the Assembly.

“We want to reassure the daily-rated workers, ad hoc, and casual workers that we have not forgotten them. I am announcing the committee in front of the Assembly, headed by the Chief Secretary, and will be issuing the official order today after my budget speech,” Omar had said in the House.

Wages of NHM

along with an additional Rs 15,000 as special

performance based incentive; from Rs 25,000 to Rs 35,000 per month for Medical Officer (AYUSH) and the wages were increased from Rs. 23,000 to 35,000 per month for the Dental Surgeons.

While replying to supplementary questions raised by Ranbir Singh Pathania and Dr. Rameshwar Singh, the Minister said that the government would take up the issue of regularisation as well as enhancement of wages with the Government of India.

NIA Raids

infiltration of LeT and JeM terrorists into India through the International Border (IB) and Line of Control (LoC).

Reports suggested that the terrorists were facilitated by OGWs and terror associates living in border areas. Besides providing logistical support, food, shelter and money, the suspects were involved in guiding the terrorists through the difficult terrains of Jammu province to ensure their safe passage, the probe agency said.

The terrorists were then believed to have made their way to the hinterland districts of Kathua, Udhampur, Doda, Kishtwar, Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch, and also to the Kashmir valley, it added.

“Investigation in

referred from GMCH Rajouri. She added that 2 patients are being kept in the Isolation ward while 1 patient after being shifted from PGI Chandigarh is being kept in a separate room in the Sir Colonel Chopra Nursing Home.

The Minister said that the deceased family members of village Badhal of Rajouri district have been paid an amount of Rs. 1 lakh and 50,000 Red Cross Fund by the Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri.

While replying to the supplementary, the Minister informed the house that the samples of 3500 people have been taken for examination and investigation is underway.

M Y Tarigami and Choudhary Mohammad Akram raised supplementaries to the question.

Fertilizers, pesticides

dealers/retailers, he added.

The Minister said that a similar procedure is being adopted in respect of the pesticides for proper testing before its sale to the farmers. He said that the Agriculture Production Department has an Enforcement Directorate at UT level and Law Enforcement Agencies at District level, which are vigilant to any complaints regarding substandard pesticides and fertilizers.

Sharing the details, the Minister said that 3010 and 1065 samples of pesticides and fertilizers respectively have been collected for testing during 2024-25 accordingly.

Bashir Ahmad Veeni raised the supplementary to the question.

4th IED found

the security personnel secured the area and carried out controlled disposal of the device, he said.

In a statement, the Army said that Chinar Warriors, in a joint operation with Jammu and Kashmir Police, recovered and destroyed the IED on the Bandipora-Srinagar Road near Aragam. The statement further said that the device was safely neutralised.

This was the fourth IED-related incident in Kashmir in the last three days. On Tuesday, security forces recovered an IED in the Habbipora area of Shopian district. A day earlier, another device was located in the Reshipora Qaimoh area of Kulgam.

A senior security official from the security establishment stated that the security grid remains on high alert, with intensified operations underway to prevent any further incidents in the Valley.

All highways and roads are being thoroughly

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Sami Ullah Mir.
S/O Sonaulah Mir.
R/O Dachigam Bandipora.

ازنیابت بانڈی پورہ

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اشتہار بمراد آگاہی ہر خاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں کاغذات سال نسبت حصول فوتگی سرٹیفکیٹ مندرجہ ذیل میں زیر کاروائی ہے بروہے پورسٹ پوکیدار ملتھ تھارہ پورہ ساید کا شوہر مرحوم الطاف حسین شیخ مورخہ 18_11_2023 کو فوت ہوا تھا تصدیق ہوتا میں اب سائلہ اپنے شوہر کے حق میں فوتگی سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہیں راگراں بارے میں کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو مدت کے بعد اندر دفتر ہذا میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں معیار گذرنے کے بعد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

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inspected before any movement, while additional deployments have been made at key checkpoints and sensitive areas to ensure heightened surveillance and security, he said

ECI to Link

23(6) of the RP Act, 1950, the linkage process will be carried out while ensuring compliance with the Supreme Court’s directives. Technical consultations between UIDAI and ECI experts will commence soon to facilitate this process.

Grievances will

fostering a positive, collaborative relationship between the police and the public.

The programme further strengthened the public’s trust and confidence in the Jammu and Kashmir Police. It reflects the J&K Police’s steadfast commitment to transparency, accountability, and the overall safety and well-being of the community.

Over 2K Kanals Of Land Allotted To Non-Locals For Investment In J&K: Govt

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Government on Wednesday said that over 2000 Kanals of land has been allotted to the non-locals for investment in Jammu and Kashmir.

Replying to a question raised by the PDP MLA Waheed-ul-Rehman Para seeking the details of non-locals provided land for investment in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years, the government in a written reply stated that 2093 kanals of land has been allotted to the non-residents at SIDCO Industrial Estate during the last two years from the period of January 1, 2023 to December 12, 2024.

Sharing the details, the government said that in Kathua, 275 kanans of land has been allotted to M/s RSWM Limited, 222 kanals to M/s Grew Energy Pvt Ltd (Unit-I) and 424 kansls to M/s Grew Energy Pvt Ltd (Unit-II), at Bhagthali-I.

At Bhagthali-II, 201 kanals of land has been allotted to M/s Advance Films Pvt Ltd, 201 kanals to M/s Greenquest Alu Foils Pvt Ltd, 201 kanals to M/s Haldiram Snacks Manufacturing Plant, 209 kanals to M/s Sintex Advances Plastic Ltd and 206 kanals to M/s Ceylon Beverages Can Pvt.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that the Name and parantege of my Daughter Namely Aisha Ferooz, has been Mistakenly Mentioned in her Birth certificate issued by Municipal Council Bandipora as Aisha Feroz, D/O Feroz Ahmad Malik, while as her actual and correct name and parantege is Aisha Ferooz, D/O Ferooz Ahmad Malik. Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Municipal council Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Ferooz Ahmad Malik.
F/O Aisha Ferooz.
R/O Ward NO: 07, Nusoo Bandipora.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that in my Bank account No: 0976041000000153, my name has been Mistakenly Mentioned as Aqib Firdous, while as my Actual name a's per my Aadhaar Card is Aaqib Firdous Sofi, Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Manager jammu and kashmir Bank branch office Garoora Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Aaqib Firdous Sofi.
S/O Firdous Ahmad Sofi.
R/O Sofi Mohalla, Brar Bandipora.

NOTICE

This is for the information of General public that I want to register my travel agency named "Adventure Essence Tours and Travels" with the Directorate of Tourism J&K. 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.

Fairy Amin
D/O Molvi Muhammad Amin
R/O Hassanabad Saida Kadal
Srinagar
Ph no: 7889303065

Govt establishes ‘CM's public services, outreach office’

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government has announced the establishment of the ‘Chief Minister’s Public Services and Outreach Office’ within the Chief Minister’s Secretariat to strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms across the Union Territory. The initiative as per the government aims to streamline public grievances and improve accessibility to government services. According to an order, Additional Deputy Commissioners (ADCs) in each district have been designated as Raabita Nodal Officers, serving as single points of contact for grievance redressal coordination. As per the order,

the Administrative departments must promptly acknowledge offline grievances and share progress updates with the Raabita Office. The grievances forwarded through the JK Samadhan/Raabita Portal must not be marked as resolved until fully addressed by the concerned authorities. The citizens should not be directed to approach subordinate offices independently; instead, departments must internally refer grievances for resolution, the order reads, adding that clear guidelines on grievance redressal processes must be provided to ensure better public understanding.

مدارس بنین کی فہرست شائع کردی گئی

بیرون ریاست والے مدارس کو تصدیق نامہ جاری کیا گیا

مدارس بنات

(جن میں کچھ قافلتی، کچھ دن دن، کچھ داخلہ فیس اور کچھ ماہانہ فیس اور کچھ بغیر فیس کے نظام چلاتے ہیں)

تصدیق کی ذمہ داری ضلعی ذمہ داران کو سپرد کی گئی

بنات کے مدارس کے سلسلے میں بھی بارشاورت ہوئی تھی کمیٹیاں اب تک بنائی گئیں تاکہ ان کے معائنہ کی کوئی شکل بنے مگر ابھی تک کامیابی حاصل نہیں ہوئی جبکہ یہ معائنہ بہت ضروری ہے کیونکہ بنات کے مدارس کی ایک بڑی تعداد داخلہ فیس دوسری تعداد ماہانہ فیس وصول کرتی ہے بعض مدارس قافلتی جبکہ دیگر تعداد دن دن کے مدارس کی ہے بعض دوپہر کا کھانا بھی کھ دے کر رات کو واپس اپنے گھروں کو بھیجتے ہیں اس ساری صورتحال کا جائزہ لینا ہماری نظروں میں لازمی ہے اور یہ کام ان بنات والے مدارس کے تعاون کے بغیر نہیں ہو سکتا۔ اس تحقیق اور ای طرح کی دوسری ضروری باتوں کے لئے نئی کمیٹیاں بنائی گئیں اس امید پر کہ یہ کام مکمل ہو۔ وقت و قدرت گزشتہ سالوں میں عارضی فہرستیں رابطہ کے ضلعی ذمہ داران کی پورٹوں پر جاری کی گئیں۔

اس سال امتحانات سالانہ میں ابتدائی عربی درجات میں تعداد زیادہ ہونے کی بنا پر عربی درجات کے نتائج بھی رمضان المبارک سے چار پانچ دن پہلے تیار ہوئے تھے و ناظرہ کے نتائج ابھی تک بھی موصول نہیں ہوئے۔ اس لئے مدارس بنین میں بھی تعداد طلبہ شامل کئے بغیر ہی فہرست شائع کردی گئی تاکہ از کم رمضان المبارک میں چندہ وصولی میں رکاوٹ نہ ہو۔ جبکہ اس فہرست کے شائع کرنے کے باوجود بعض اماموں نے رابطہ کی فہرست کے ساتھ ساتھ بھی دوسری تصدیق کا تقاضا کرنا شروع کر دیا ہے اس سے مزید انتشار پیدا ہو جاتا ہے۔ رابطہ کی تصدیق ملنے کے بعد مزید تصدیق کی ضرورت نہیں ہونی چاہیے۔ کون سے امام ایسا اور کیوں کر ہے میں یہ وہی جان سکتے ہیں کیونکہ رابطہ کی تصدیق سالانہ امتحان میں شرکت کے بعد جاری ہوتی ہے اور رابطہ میں شرکت ضلعی ذمہ داران کی جانچ کردہ فہرست کے مطابق ہوتی ہے۔ دارالعلوم دیوبند کی ضوابط کے پورا کرانے کے بعد رابطہ سے مرہوب کرنا ہے پانچ سال کے بعد دارالعلوم دیوبند و بارہ مرہوب ہونے کے لئے تجدید کی کاروائی کراتا ہے۔ اتنے لمبے عمل سے گذر کر یہ فہرست رابطہ اپنی طرف سے پوری اختیار کرنے کے بعد شائع کرتا ہے اس کے باوجود اگر ہمارے اداروں سے وابستہ چند گنتی کے امام بھی مزید تصدیق کا مطالبہ کرتے ہیں تو قابل غور ہے ایسے اماموں کے نام رابطہ دفتر کو موصول ہونے چاہئیں تاکہ اس بات پر غور ہو سکے کہ ایسی حرکتوں کے پیچھے کون سے عوامل کارفرما ہیں تب اس کا بھی تدارک ہو سکتا ہے۔

بہر حال اس وقت بنات کے مدرسوں کی مجموعی کے پیش نظر یہ فیصلہ بعد مشورہ کیا گیا ہے کہ ضلعی ذمہ داران اپنی تحقیق کے مطابق اپنے اپنے علاقوں کے بنات کے مدارس کی جو تصدیق جاری کریں گے وہی ان کی تصدیق رابطہ کی تصدیق شمار کری جائے۔ تاکہ ماہ مبارک میں اس سال ان کا چندہ کا یومہ آمد آسانی سے طے ہو سکے۔ آئندہ کے لئے لائحہ عمل ان شاء اللہ شروع سال کی مجلس عاملہ میں سوچا جائے گا۔ اللہ تعالیٰ آسان فرمائے۔

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

محمد رحمت اللہ کشمیری

خادم رابطہ مدارس اسلامیہ عربیہ دارالعلوم دیوبند شاخ جموں کشمیر

محررہ ۱۲ رمضان المبارک ۱۴۴۶ ہجری

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

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

۱۔ اکثر لوگ ان مدارس کو صدقہ و زکوٰۃ دینے میں ہیں جس کے ادا ہونے کے لئے تحقیق ہونے والا شرعی حکم لازمی ہے تاکہ زکوٰۃ صحیح ادا ہو۔ بہر اپنی پوری کوشش سے رابطہ مدارس کے تحت مرہوب ہونے والے مدارس کی علاقائی ذمہ داروں کے ذریعے چھان بین کراتے ہیں پھر سالانہ امتحانات میں ضلعی ذمہ داران کے ذریعے ان کے درجات (Classes)، تعداد طلبہ (Roll) اور تعلیمی لیاقت (Merit) کے علاوہ معیار (Standard) پرائمری (Primary)، بیکنڈری (Secondary) اور گریجویٹ (Graduate) کی چھان بین کرنا احتیاط کے ساتھ فہرست (List) شائع کراتے ہیں تاکہ خواہشمند حضرات اپنے شوق کے مطابق اداروں تک اپنی رقم بھیج سکیں۔ مناسب ہے آپ اس کا مطالعہ کیا کریں۔

۲۔ ایک مزید مشورہ یہ ہے کہ ان مدارس کے لئے تعلیمی یاڈرائسٹ یا سوسائٹی کا ہونا مرہوبہ و جبہ قانون کے تحت لازمی قرار دیا گیا ہے اور قانونی اعتبار سے سب کے پاس بینک اکاؤنٹ بھی موجود ہیں، سفیروں کی بھیج بھار زکوٰۃ کرنے کے لیے اگر آپ حضرات ان سے ان اکاؤنٹ نمبر حاصل کر کے ان کو براہ راست رقم ترانسفر کریں گے اور متعلقہ مدرسے کے فون نمبر پر ان کو مطلع کریں گے تو آپ کو اطمینان بھی حاصل ہو جائے گا اور وہ لوگ آپ کو رسید بھیج سکتے ہیں۔ اس سے سفراء کی بھیج بھار جو کم کرنے میں کافی مدد مل سکتی ہے۔ یہ مشورہ محض دینی خیر خواہی کے طور پر دیا جاتا ہے کوئی لازمی ضابطہ یا قانون نہیں بنایا جا رہا ہے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ مدرسوں کے ساتھ آپ کی محبت و تعاون اور سخاوت کو صدقہ جاریہ بنائے اور قبول فرمائے۔ حفظہ و السلام۔

محمد رحمت اللہ
ناظم دارالعلوم رحیمیہ بانڈی پورہ

وصدرابط مدارس اسلامیہ شاخ جموں و کشمیر

Not having Bumrah at the start of IPL 2025 'a challenge', says Jayawardene

Not having Jasprit Bumrah for the initial few games of IPL 2025 "is a challenge" and "hopefully he can join the team soon", Mahela Jayawardene, the Mumbai Indians (MI) head coach, said at a press interaction in Mumbai on Wednesday. Jayawardene further said that the fast bowler "is in good spirits" as he recovers at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence (formerly the National Cricket Academy) in Bengaluru.

"[Bumrah] has just started his progress. We have to wait and see what their [BCCI medical team] feedback is on him," Jayawardene said. "At the moment, everything is going well. But, obviously, it is on a day-to-day basis. He is in good spirits. Not having him is a challenge. He is one of the best bowlers in the world and he has been a fantastic pro for us for many years.

"We'll have to wait or find an opportunity for someone else to step up. That's how I see it. It gives us an element of trying a few things and see how things work. The early part of the season allows us to do that."

Bumrah has played all his IPL cricket for MI, starting in 2013 and picking up 165 wickets in 133 matches over the years. The only IPL season he missed since he started playing was in 2023, when he had a back injury.

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absence could force a rethink of MI's bowling plans, since Boult and Chahar are predominantly powerplay bowlers, leaving them short of proven T20 experience in the death.

which India won earlier this month. This is the first time Bumrah has gone down with a back injury since his surgery in March 2023. While announcing the Champions Tro-

named in the final squad.

MI's first two IPL 2025 fixtures are away. They start their campaign in Chennai against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) on March 23 and



As ESPNcricinfo reported last week, Bumrah hasn't recovered from the stress-related back injury that has kept him out of action since January, and he could join the MI squad in early April.

He suffered the injury on the second day of the final Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test in Sydney on January 4. Bumrah was subsequently ruled out of the Champions Trophy,

phy squad in January. Ajit Agarkar, India's chief selector, had said that Bumrah had been asked by the BCCI medical team to offload for at least five weeks (from the SCG Test). Since the Champions Trophy only started on February 19, Bumrah had been included in India's provisional squad. He travelled to Bengaluru for fresh scans in early February, but continued to feel discomfort and was not

then play Gujarat Titans (GT) in Ahmedabad on March 29. MI's first home match is two days later, when they host Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on March 31. They then play two matches in first week of April: Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in Lucknow on April 4 and at home against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on April 7.

Shreyas Iyer wants to 'mark' himself at No. 3 in IPL 2025

Shreyas Iyer, the new Punjab Kings captain, has expressed his intention to bat at No. 3 during IPL 2025. Iyer recently proved to be India's point of difference at No. 4 during their unbeaten run to the Champions Trophy title in Dubai and earlier in IPL 2024, when he captained Kolkata Knight Riders to the title, he had primarily batted at the same position. Occasionally, he had also slid down to No. 5 or No. 6 to suit the needs of KKR last season.

"We already know that IPL is an integral part of Indian cricket. And if I would want to mark myself at some position in T20, it would be No. 3," Iyer said at a press conference. "And that's what I'm focusing at. I wouldn't say that we are planning and thinking about what number I will be batting.

"This time I'm quite clear about that position. And I'm going to be focusing on that number. As long as the coach approves of me."

Iyer will reunite with coach Ponting after the pair had some success at Delhi Capitals, helping them make the playoffs from 2019 to 2021, including the final in 2020. PBKS splurged INR 26.75 crore (USD 3.18 million approx) on Iyer, making him the second-most expensive player at an IPL auction.

"If you look back at the auction, I think it was pretty clear to everyone who I wanted as my captain," Ponting said. "And we got what we wanted. I was desperate to work with Shreyas again. We had a great working relationship at Delhi over a long period of time. He's one of the best players that I've worked with. He's a great human being. He's an IPL-winning captain. You couldn't ask for much more.

"We've got the best leader that we could possibly hope for. And we've had a lot of great times and success together. I think we understand each other really well. As you know, the captain-coach relationship in any team is vital."

In IPL 2024, PBKS had managed to win just one of their seven home games across Mullanpur and Dharamsala, and finished second from bottom. Ponting is hoping to remedy that and find ways to win at home this season.



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