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➤➤➤ NHPC biggest beneficiary with 2250 MWs ◀◀◀



KC News Network

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Government informed the Legislative Assembly on Saturday that only 23.54 percent of hydropower potential of the Union Territory has been harnessed so far. In a written reply to a question of MLA Eidgah Mubarak Gul, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Minister in-charge Power Development Department, Omar Abdullah, revealed that J&K has estimated hydropower potential of 18000 megawatts.

Out of which, 14867 megawatts of hydropower have been identified, the CM said, adding that 11283 MWs of hydropower have been identified in Chenab Valley, 3084 MWs in Jehlum basin and 500 MWs in Ravi basin. The minister further informed the House that only 3540.15 MWs (23.54 percent of identified potential) have been harnessed till date. Of which 2250 MWs have been harnessed in the Central sector, 1197.4 MWs in the

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Govt to set up largest utility solar power plant of J&K in Pampore: CM Omar

KC News Network

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government said on Saturday that the gas turbine at Pampore is going through the process of decommissioning and its over-56-acre land is being utilised to set up the largest utility-scale power plant in the Union Territory. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who is also the minister in-charge for power, shared the information in a written reply to an unstarred question from National Conference (NC) legislator Hasnain Masoodi in the Legislative Assembly. "The total land area under Gas Turbine Phase-I (3x25 = 75 MW) and Phase-II (4x25 = 100 MW) is

56.287 acre.

The facility has been lying idle without any generation since 2010, with a brief operational period for



one unit in 2012," Abdullah said. He said after a comprehensive evaluation of the plant's condition, coupled with economic and environmental considerations, it was decided to decommission the gas turbine.

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SKIMS continues to be autonomous body: J&K Government

KC News Network

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Saturday informed the Legislative Assembly that SKIMS Soura continues to be an autonomous institution and there has been no change regarding it in the pre and post-reorganization business rules of J&K Government. It also claimed that capital expenditure funds ranging from Rs 21 crore to Rs 34 crore were lapsed in SKIMS Soura during the last three financial years. In its reply to a question of MLA Tangmarg Farooq Ahmad Shah, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Minister in-charge Health and Medical Education Sakina Masood Ittoo informed the House that SKIMS continues to be an autonomous institution. "SKIMS Soura was established in the year 1976. SKIMS continues to be an autonomous institution. This is true for both SKIMS as a tertiary care hospital and as a deemed university. It continues to grant degrees as per SKIMS (Grant of Degrees Act), 1983. Further the Budget allocation for SKIMS

continues to be on the grants of the Health Department, as was previously," the minister said. The government said that there has been no change in business rules of the J & K Government vis-à-vis SKIMS. "As per the First Schedule of Government Business Rules



of erstwhile State of J&K, the subject of SKIMS was assigned to Health of Medical Education and post re-organisation the same continued via Transation of Business Rules-2019 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs via notification GSR-534(e), dated 27.08.2020. So there is no change vis-à-vis transaction of business rules of SKIMS, "the government said.

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Maurya Empire in Bihar established a united India: LG

KC News Network

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha attended the Bihar Day Celebrations, hosted by Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan at Jammu.



The Lieutenant Governor conveyed his hearty greetings and best wishes to the people of Bihar on the occasion. "Since ancient times, Bihar has been known for its spirituality, rich history and vibrant culture. Magadha was core part of Bihar, which was known as the centre of education and culture. First empire of India, Maurya Empire in Bihar established a united India. From Education, Culture, Science, Literature, Enterprises to Spirituality, there is hardly any area of life where the people of Bihar have not left their mark with their innovative ideas and hard work," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor highlighted the cultural, educational and spiritual legacy of Bihar, and paid homage to the great personalities of the state. The Lieutenant Governor said, "The presence of many holy places like Baba Baijnath Dham, Gaya, Vishnupad Temple, Janaki Temple, Bodhgaya, Takht Shri Harimandir Sahib Ji, Kundagram, Pawapuri in one state is no less than a divine blessing in itself. In ancient times, Bihar had become a major centre of higher education. Students from all over the world came to study at Nalanda University and Vikramshila University. The library of Nalanda University was considered as the largest library in the world. There is a long list of Buddhism pilgrimage sites, including Bodhgaya, Rajgir and Griddhakuta, where Mahatma Buddha gave most of his sermons. Bihar is also considered one of the most prosperous states in the field of literature. From Chanakya, Banbhata, Aryabhata, Vidyapati to Phanishwarnath Renu, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar and Baba Nagarjun in modern times, Bihar has been the karmbhoomi of great writers". The Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the development journey of Bihar, and its contribution to India's growth. "If we look at the history of Bihar after independence, it was one of the most developed states of the country. The draft of the first five-year plan was

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Resolutions on Article 370, detainees, reservation disallowed

KC News Network

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly Secretariat has disallowed resolutions brought on issues like Article 370, detainees and reservation policy. Sources told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the Assembly secretariat has disallowed resolutions on matters like Article 370, detainees and reservation. The resolutions on Article 370 have been disallowed under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the J&K Legislative Assembly. "As per Rule 187, when a resolution has been moved, no resolution or amendment raising substantially the same question shall be moved within one year from the date of the moving of the earlier resolution," the Rules state. As already reported, PC president Sajad Gani Lone had submitted a resolution seeking restoration of Article and Article 35A.

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6745 Kanal transferred for establishment of Industrial estate in Kashmir: Dy CM

KC News Network

JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today said that 14956 Kanal and 15 Marla land in Jammu division and 6745 Kanal and 19 Marla land in Kashmir division has been transferred for establishment of Industrial Estates in Jammu and Kashmir. The Minister was replying to a question raised by Ali Mohammad Dar. He informed the House that the intends have also been placed for 9661.05 kanal of land and 5000.13 kanal for establishment of Industrial Estates in Jammu and Kashmir respectively. He said that among others, Education and Skill Development, figures in the Focus Sector List of J&K Industrial policy 2021-30 which is also part of Service Sector Positive List of New Central Sector Scheme (NCSS) 2021, issued by the Department for Promotion



of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. He added that 596 applicants have been registered under the Jammu and Kashmir Start-Up Policy notified vide Government

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Grassroot-Level Meetings with Political Parties Underway at ERO, DEO, CEO Levels

KC NEWS NETWORK

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has initiated nationwide grassroots-level meetings with political



parties at the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), District Election Officer (DEO), and Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) levels to address pending polling booth-level issues.

ECI Spokesperson said P. Pawan said a total of 4,123 EROs across the country are holding all-party meetings within their respective Assembly Constituencies (ACs), while 788 DEOs and 36 CEOs from all 28 States and 8 Union Territories (UTs) are conducting similar meetings at the district and state/UT levels. He said these discussions are being carried out under the legal framework of the Representation of the People Act (1950 & 1951), the

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BOTTOM STORY

Budget Session 2025

House passes grants of Forests, I&FC, PHE, Tribal Affairs Deptts

KC News Network

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today passed the Demands for Grants amounting Rs. 154531.84 lakh for Forest, Ecology & Environment, 157671.32 lakh for Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Rs. 350126.57 lakh for PHE (Jal Shakti) and Rs. 44,299.17 lakh for the Tribal Affairs Department. The House passed the Demands for Grants through a voice vote on Saturday evening. Earlier, during the day, the Assembly discussed the Demands for Grants and Members of the House put forth their views and suggestions. Winding up the discussion on



Demands for Grants, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, extended his gratitude to the MLAs

for their valuable suggestions and constructive observations on the demand for grants. He said that inputs reflect the

collective commitment of this House towards ensuring sustainable development, environmental conservation and welfare of the people of Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the government is fully committed towards addressing the concerns raised while ensuring efficient utilization of resources to meet the aspirations of the people. While speaking regarding the Jal Shakti department, Rana said that government is determined towards providing "Har Ghar Nal Se Jal" to all rural households and is utilizing resources from Jal Jeevan Mission, NABARD and UT Capex to provide fifty five (55)

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Standing orders issued to include left out eligible beneficiaries, households into PDS: Sharma

Government to include children born after 2011 till 2016

KC News Network

JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Satish Sharma, today informed the House that the government has issued standing orders to include left out eligible beneficiaries/ households under the Public Distribution System (PDS). The Minister was replying to a question raised by Choudhary Mohammad Akram. He informed the House that norms for inclusion and exclusion have been laid down for identifying the beneficiaries which form the basis for change of group under NFSA. The Minister also informed that the government has ordered inclusion of the children born after 2011 upto 2016.

"In case the department is left with available targets, assigned however, bifurcation of ration cards has been stopped for



by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, thereafter, further inclusion of children born after the year 2016 shall also be considered, the Minister added. The Minister said that,

adhering to targets assigned for coverage of families under PDS, particularly AAY households, by the Department of Food and Public Distribution (GoI), where the entitlement is at the scale of 35Kg per household.

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Child labour declined in India’s incense stick industry, claims report by NGOs

NEW DELHI: A new study by a coalition of child rights NGOs has claimed that child labour in India's incense stick manufacturing industry has found a significant decline in the employment of underage workers.

The research, conducted across Bihar, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, highlighted progress in eradicating child labour from the sector. However, concerns were raised regarding children engaged in home-based work under unregulated conditions.

The study, undertaken by the Just Rights for Children Alliance in collaboration with multiple NGOs, revealed that 82 per cent of respondents did not witness any child labour in their localities.

Only 8 per cent reported seeing children engaged in incense stick (agarbatti) manufacturing, with a total of 31 children identified across the surveyed states – 13 in Andhra Pradesh and 18 in Karnataka.

"The incense stick industry has made remarkable progress in eliminating child labour, thanks to heightened awareness, policy interventions, and stricter regulations. However, we must remain vigilant, as pockets of child labour persist, particularly in home-based settings," the



report stated.

The study surveyed a total of 153 respondents across three states, selected based on literature review and local NGO insights.

The sample included shopkeepers, tea sellers, labourers, and local residents, ensuring diverse perspectives on the prevalence of child labour in the industry.

The survey method enabled researchers to gauge community awareness and direct observations regarding the employment of children.

working between five to eight hours daily, with 77 per cent earning less than Rs 5,000 per month.

Despite India's legal framework prohibiting child labour, enforcement remains a challenge. The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, and its 2016 amendment prohibit employment of children under 14 in all occupations, except for assistance in family enterprises.

The incense stick industry, which employs over two million workers nationwide, is primarily a home-based sector, with women constituting 80 per cent of the workforce. Karnataka alone accounts for 60 per cent of agarbatti production, with labourers earning meager wages for their work.

While the decline in child labour in the industry is a positive development, the report emphasizes the need for continued monitoring, stricter enforcement of labour laws, and enhanced rehabilitation measures for affected children. "It is essential to sustain this progress through collective action from government agencies, civil society organizations, and industry stakeholders," the report said.

Delhi Police busts illegal Bangladeshi immigration racket; 8 held, six deported

NEW DELHI: Delhi Police claimed to have busted an illegal immigration network, arresting eight Bangladeshi nationals and as many Indian accomplices, who were facilitating their unlawful stay in south Delhi, an official said on Saturday.

Six other immigrants were deported via the Foreigner Regional Registration Office (FRRO), while four more are under scrutiny, he said.

During the crackdown, police uncovered a fake identity document syndicate and a cross-border money laundering racket that routed Bangladesh through informal channels, he added.

The DSP further said that Md Mizanur Rehman (43), who came to India in 2022, was working as a scrap dealer in Kotla Mubarakpur, while Rabiul (25), who arrived the same year, was employed as a hospital attendant in Defence Colony.

Apart from the illegal immigrants, several Indian nationals who played a crucial role in assisting them, were arrested, police said.

The key figure behind the identity forgery syndicate was Md Moinuddin, who operated a

computer shop in Delhi and was responsible for manufacturing fake birth certificates and other documents, they said.

The forged papers were then used to create Aadhaar, PAN, and voter ID cards, which in turn allowed the immigrants to access jobs and Government services, they added.

Police said that Moinuddin worked closely with three Aadhaar enrollment agents – 7 Zulfikar Ansari, Javed, and Farman Khan – who used their official authorization to register the illegal immigrants into the government database.

Investigations also revealed the financial aspect of the racket, with two licensed forex agents, Manwar Hussain and Nimai Karmakar, who allegedly managed the transfer of illicit funds to Bangladesh, DCP Chauhan said.

Hussain, who worked at Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin, collected money from illegal Bangladeshi migrants and facilitated its transfer through a hawala-like system, he said.



"The network allegedly helped Bangladeshi migrants enter India illegally and provided them with shelter, employment, and forged Aadhaar, PAN, voter ID cards, and even Indian passports," Deputy Commissioner of Police (DSP) (South) Ankita Chauhan said.

Among those arrested was Md Alamgir (34), who came to India in 2007 and worked as a scrap dealer. He had married an Indian woman and had two children, aged 13 and 9. His younger brother, Md Jewel Islam (27), arrived in 2021 and was also engaged in the scrap trade, the officer said.

Another accused, Md Rejaul, had been living in India since 2000 and had obtained an Indian passport, allowing him to travel between India and Bangladesh frequently. He allegedly used his travels to transport money and other goods, Chauhan said.

Police also identified Kamruzzaman, who entered India in 2014 and was working as a delivery agent for an online food delivery platform using forged identity documents, he said.

Meanwhile, Mohammad Nadeem Sheikh was employed as a cleaner and sweeper in Delhi and Md Latif Khan (37), a resident since 2015, worked as a ragpicker and frequently remitted money to

computer shop in Delhi and was responsible for manufacturing fake birth certificates and other documents, they said.

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Farmers burn Punjab CM’s effigies in villages Against Their Eviction From Shambhu, Khanauri

CHANDIGARH: The Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC) said on Saturday that it has burnt the effigies of the AAP Government in villages of Punjab against the eviction of farmers from the Shambhu and Khanauri border points by the state police.

Meanwhile, a few farmer leaders paid a visit to their imprisoned colleagues, including Sarwan Singh Pandher, in the Patiala jail.

They said around 125 protesters are lodged in the Patiala jail, 150 in the Nabha jail and 40 in the Sangrur jail.

"We met farmer leaders, including women, in the Patiala jail. They said they are in high spirits and that the fight is on," farmer leader Guramneet Singh Mangat said.



In a crackdown on Wednesday, several farmer leaders, including Pandher and Jagjit Singh Dallewal, were detained by the Punjab Police as they were returning from a meeting with a central delegation led by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan

in Chandigarh.

Meanwhile, KMSC leader Sukhwinder Singh slammed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government for detaining the farmer leaders and evicting the protesters from Shambhu and Khanauri.

He demanded that the detained farmers be released. He also claimed that several belongings of farmers at the Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana were missing following the police action.

Singh said the effigies of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann were burnt in villages on Saturday and this would continue for the next couple of days.

"We will intensify our agitation," he said.

Difficult phase in Manipur will be over soon, state will prosper like rest of country: Justice Gavai

CHURACHANDPUR/IMPHAL (MANIPUR): Supreme Court judge, Justice B R Gavai, on Saturday expressed hope that the "current difficult phase" in ethnic strife-torn Manipur will be over soon with the assistance of the executive, legislature and judiciary and the state will prosper like the rest of the country.

Justice Gavai, who led a delegation of Supreme Court judges that visited Manipur, called upon the people of the state to work together to restore peace and harmony.

Justice Gavai, along with Supreme Court judges Vikram Nath, M M Sundresh and K V Vishwanathan, visited a relief camp in Churachandpur district and met internally displaced



persons, officials said.

The delegation also virtually inaugurated a legal services camp, a medical camp and a legal aid clinic from the Mini Secretariat at Lamka in the district, they said.

Chief Justice of Manipur High Court, Justice D Krishnakumar, and Justice Golmei Gaiphuishilu were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Justice Gavai said, "Our country is a true example of unity in diversity. India is home for all of us. We know that you all are going through a difficult phase but with the assistance of everyone, the executive, the legislature and the judiciary, this phase will be over in a short period."

"Our Constitution is a great document. When we compare our country to our neighbouring countries, we will realise our Constitution has kept us strong and united. Have belief in the Constitution... one day, complete peace will return to Manipur and the state will prosper like the entire country," he added.

He urged the people of the state to work together to restore peace and normalcy.

He lauded the natural beauty he witnessed while travelling from Imphal to Churachandpur.

Sharing his experiences of the relief camps, he expressed delight in noting that training programmes were being imparted.

"I must place on record my deep appreciation for the Chief Justice of Manipur High Court who has taken keen initiatives in organising these relief camps and the district legal services authority for coming to the aid of those who needed help," he added.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES, KASHMIR

Subject: 3rd Tentative Seniority list of Senior Assistants of Divisional Cadre (Kashmir).

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, on the basis of record available in this Directorate, 1 and 2nd tentative seniority list of Senior Assistants of Divisional Cadre (Kashmir) was notified and circulated vide this Office No. Est-5/NG/1 Sr. List/SA/7454872/8956-89 dated: -05/12/2024 and NO: Est-5/NG/2nd/Sr. List/SA/7454872/CC-7625355/986-1001 dated: -03/03/2025

Whereas, after circulation of seniority list among concerned, this Directorate received various representations from Senior Assistants who have recently qualified Secretariat Assistant Course/others for up-dation/correction and position in the seniority list; and:

Whereas, on examination of representations, it has been observed that several Senior Assistants have qualified SAC and after examination of other representations received from other Senior Assistants they have been placed at appropriate position which has been updated;

Now, therefore, 3rd tentative seniority list of Senior Assistants of Divisional cadre, as it stood on 01.01.2025, forming Annexure to this notification, is hereby notified and circulated among all the Senior Assistants of Divisional cadre for information. Any Senior Assistant who may not be satisfied with the position assigned to him/her in the tentative seniority list, may submit his/her representation/objections, if any, with documentary proof to this Directorate within five days from the date of issuance of this notification. After expiry of the said period, no objection in this regard shall be entertained and it will be treated as final. The date(s) of birth and category status of the officials recorded in the Seniority List shall not be taken as authentic and shall be subject to further verification with the Service records/Matriculation Certificate issued in respect of these officials by the concerned authorities. The seniority list shall be without prejudice to the final outcome of Writ Petition(s), if any, pending in the Competent Court(s) of Law.

The seniority list is also made available on the official website www.dhskashmir.org of this Directorate.

No. DHSK/Est-5/NG/2nd Sr. list/SA/F-7625355(CC-7454872) 11476-1509 Dated: 2003.2025

Sd/-
Director Health Services,
Kashmir.

DIPK-13301/24

GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.

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Extension Notice 4th.

Subject: Construction of Gravel Packed Production Tube Well at Water Supply Shame Katchpora Baghatpora.

Reference: This office e-NIT No. 62-JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2024-25, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/24-25/Corrs./ 12283-97, dated: 14-02-2025. Bearing Tender ID No. 2025_PHE_272611_1.

Due to "No Response" for the above mentioned works advertised vide e-NIT No. and Tender ID No's under reference. Which was scheduled to be downloaded till 22-03-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM are extended as per the details given below: -

S.No.	Item	Fresh Date
1.	Period of submission of bids	27-03-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM
2.	Date of opening of tenders	27-03-2025 03.00 PM

NOTE: All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid e-NIT issued vide above referred endstt: nos.
No: -JS-PHE/GWDS/24-25/Corrs./ 14340-53
Dated: 22-03-2025

Sd/-Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.
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DIPK-13309/24

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Short Term Quotations

Short Term Sealed Quotation(s) are invited from dealing Firms/Printing Service Providers for printing of Flex banners/ Boards required during Trainings/ Workshops/ Meetings, etc. conducted by State Health Society, Srinagar Office, National Health Mission J&K for the FY 2025-26.

S.no	Description of items	Rate (Rs)
01	Printing of Flex Banner	Rate Per Sqft
02	Printing of Flex Banner with iron frame	Rate Per Sqft

Terms & Conditions:

- Sealed quotations will have to be submitted in Srinagar Office of State Health Society, NHM at Block 'A' Ground Floor, Old Secretariat, Srinagar within 7 working days after the issuance of this notice.
- The intended participants shall have to submit quotation on its registered letter head for the items mentioned above, rates to be quoted shall be inclusive of all Taxes/ other service charges, and this office shall not make any additional payment regarding the same.
- Rates coming into vogue as a result of the Notice Inviting Short Term Quotations shall remain valid till 31st March 2026 and will be extendable for another period of ninety (90) days.
- Mere approval of rates does not guarantee issuance of any Supply/ Work Order(s) in favour of approved Vendor/ Service Provider, which will be issued by the office of Divisional Nodal Officer Kashmir on 'as & when required' basis.
- Approved vendor/ service provider will have to supply material within the time stipulated by the office of Divisional Nodal Officer Kashmir, failing which penalty of 5%, subject to maximum 10%, may be levied after giving opportunity of being heard to the approved vendor/ service provider.
- Payments shall be made by the office of Divisional Nodal Officer Kashmir, after receipt of bill(s) duly verified by the concerned officer(s) and after deducting Statutory dues, as applicable.
- In case of any query/clarification intending participants(s) may feel free to contact at Srinagar office of the State Health Society, NHM, J&K.
No: SHS/NHM/J&K/956-59
Dated: 22/03/2025

Sd/-
Divisional Nodal Officer, Kashmir,
National Health Mission.
Jammu & Kashmir
DIPK-NB-3860/24

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER BUDGAM

Subject: 1st Tentative District Cadre Seniority list of Junior Assistants
Reference:- Administrative Department Health & Medical Education Circular No: 15-HME of 2024 Dated: 24-06-2024 duly endorsed by Directorate of Health Services Kashmir under No:- DHSK/Est/NG/E-7509487/5814-48 Dated: 27-06-2024

CIRCULAR

On the basis of available records of this office, 1st Tentative District Cadre Seniority list of Junior Assistants appointed in District Budgam is hereby prepared/circulated amongst all concerned for information and objection, if any with regard to service particulars shown against each should reach to this office alongwith documentary evidence duly authenticated within 07 days positively from the date of publication of the notification in the newspapers.

The concerned DDO's shall ensure that none Jr Assistant is left out who has been appointed by the competent authority through proper mechanism and in case any such employee is left out, the concerned DDO shall furnish his/her complete biodata alongwith documentary evidence in order to include him/her at appropriate place/ serial.

NO:-CM0B/EST/2793-2810
Dated-20-03-2025

Sd/-
Chief Medical Officer,
Budgam

DIPK-13319/24

Bandipora Admin Observes World Water Day

DC Administers ‘Jal Shapath’, Emphasizes Collective Responsibility for Water Conservation

BANDIPORA: The District Administration Bandipora today observed World Water Day emphasizing the importance of water conservation and sustainable management of water resources.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Manzoor Ahmad Qadri led the observance by administering the ‘Jal Shapath’ at the Mini Secretariat Bandipora, emphasizing the collective commitment to water conservation.

In line with this initiative, the ‘Jal Shapath’ was also administered in all government offices across the district, ensuring widespread participation of



officials and employees in the water conservation oath.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Manzoor Ahmad Qadri emphasized the urgent need for water conservation and urged the participants to adopt responsible water usage practices.

M.A. Qadri said, that it is our collective responsibility to conserve the water for the future generations.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the judicious use of water, along with active conserva-

tion efforts to prevent scarcity and ensure equitable access of water for all.

He stressed the need for enhanced awareness efforts, encouraging individuals to spread the message of water conservation among their family, friends, and neighbours.

Among others the oath ceremony was attended by ACR Shabir Ahmad Wani, ACD Irfan Bahadur, CPO Mohammad Maqbool Lone, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mutayib Bashir, District Officers and officials of different departments and other concerned.

BJP Felicitates Newly Appointed Constituency Teams at Pampore

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a joining-cum-felicitation programme on Saturday for the newly appointed Constitu-



ency team members of south Kashmir’s Pulwama district. The event was held at Saffron town Pampore under the leadership of BJP Pulwama President Er Syed Showkat Gayoor.

The programme aimed to felicitate the newly appointed Constituency Presidents, General Secretaries, and other team members.

Senior BJP leaders, including Sajad Ahmad Raina, Avtar Singh, Manoj Pandita, Mohammad Asif Ganaie and other leaders, along with a large number of people, attended the event.

During the meeting, several individuals joined the BJP in the presence of Er Showkat Gayoor and other party leaders, further strengthening the party’s presence in the region.

The leaders emphasized the party’s commitment to development and encouraged the new members to work for the welfare of the people.

Speaking to Kashmir Convener, BJP Pulwama President Er Syed Showkat Gayoor said that constituency committees have been formed in every district and constituency across the country.

Similarly, in Pulwama district, committees have been constituted in all four constituencies.

He explained that the committee for Pampore Constituency has now been formally approved. Javaid Ahmad had already been appointed as the

Constituency President, and today, the full list of committee members, including General Secretaries, Vice Presidents, Social Media Coordinators, Treasurer, and Executive Body members, was approved by the party. The committee consists of 146 members, and a felicitation programme was held to honor them.

He further mentioned that similar felicitation programmes will be organized in Pulwama, Tral, and Rajpora.

Additionally, a joining programme was held during today’s event, where several workers, including some renowned personalities from Pampore, joined the BJP. “I extend my congratulations to my entire team,” he said.

Pampore Police solves theft case within 7 hours

Stolen JCB Recovered in Baramulla, one Arrested

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: Police Station Pampore swiftly acted on a theft complaint and successfully recovered a stolen JCB machine while apprehending the person involved in the crime.

As per officials, on Saturday morning, Parvaiz Ahmad Wani, son of Mukhtar Ahmad Wani, a resident of Qazigund Kakapora, filed a complaint stating that during the intervening night of March 20-21, 2025, unknown burglars stole his JCB excavator (Registration No. JK18A-1871) parked at a petrol pump in Kadlabal Pampore, police officials told Kashmir Convener.

Following the complaint, Pampore Police registered an FIR (No. 35/2025) under relevant legal provisions and launched an investigation.

A police team, led by SHO Pampore Inspector Naieem Rashid under the supervision of SDPO Pampore Ravenderpal Singh, carried out multiple raids based on concrete leads.

The investigation led officers to a suspect identified as Mehraj-Din Thokar, son of Abdul Rahim Thokar, a resident of Khaitangan, Baramulla. Upon interrogation, the accused confessed to his involvement in the crime. Following sustained efforts, the police successfully recovered the stolen JCB from District Baramulla.



Petrol Pump during the night while work was in progress. This morning, he filed a report at Police Station Pampore.

SHO Pampore, Nayeem Rashid, took immediate action and, after searching various locations, successfully recovered the stolen JCB machine in Baramulla, approximately 90 kilometers away.

Locals expressed gratitude to SSP Awantipora, SDPO, and SHO Pampore for solving the case within seven hours.

Sopore Town receives 24x7 power supply under PMDP, RDSS schemes: Javed Rana

JAMMU: Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmad Rana, today said that Watlab Receiving Station has been upgraded from 1x6.3 MVA to 2x6.3 MVA under PMDP and completed in 2019. The Minister was replying on behalf of Chief Minister, Omar



Abdullah, to a question raised by Irshad Rasool Kar.

He said that the upgraded Watlab Receiving Station has been supplying power to the Warpora area through the 11KV Warpora feeder, however, with increasing load demand, the feeder load reaches 460 Amps during the peak hours. He added that to address this, the department has initiated a fresh technical feasibility survey to assess the need for a new Receiving Station at Warpora and a decision on the new Receiving Station will be taken based on the survey outcome.

He said that the 10MVA 33/11KV Receiving Station at Warpora was initially proposed as part of a prospective plan.

The Minister said that Electrical infrastructure development is underway under various centrally sponsored schemes like PMDP/RDSS. He said that some areas of Sopore Town (Model Town, Court Road, Galabad) have been completed and 24x7 power supply is being provided there. He said that there has been an appreciable improvement in power supply hours, quality of supply in completed areas and work is in progress for the remaining feeders and planned shutdowns are being avoided for execution of works safely, with prior information to the public.

He said that once the project works are completed and the loss level of feeders decreases to the desired level, the feeders will qualify for 24x7 power supply.

The Minister said that the work on shifting/re-aligning the entire 33 KV line is not being covered under any existing projects. However, a separate tap line was taken up from Substation Sopore-1 to River crossing under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme R-APDRP Part-B to partly shift the line.

Advanced Entrepreneurship Skill Development Program Concludes at IIIM Srinagar

SRINAGAR: The seven-day Advanced Entrepreneurship Skill Development Program on “Crop Diversification through Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in Rainfed Areas for Doubling Farmers’ Income” successfully concluded at the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Branch Lab Srinagar.

The program aimed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with the necessary knowledge and skills to explore crop diversification, particularly through medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs), and enhance their income through innovative agricultural practices.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM Jammu, presided over the valedictory session, congratulating the participants and urging them to pursue entrepreneurship instead of relying on government jobs. He emphasized the potential of agri-startups, incubation centers, and crop diversification in signifi-

cantly increasing farmers’ income.

The week-long training included expert lectures, interactive sessions, and success



stories from seasoned entrepreneurs, banking institutions, and government officials. Participants gained insights into marketing MAPs, mushroom cultivation, beekeeping, agro-energy, waste management, and biomass production.

During the program, successful business entrepreneurs shared their experiences, and field visits were conducted to provide hands-

on exposure to honey growers, mushroom cultivators, and aromatic plant enterprises.

On the final day, Dr. G.S. Naqash, Former Director of Floriculture and Horticulture, and Dr. Sartaj Shah, Joint Director Agriculture Department, interacted with participants, highlighting government initiatives like the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP).

The event saw the participation of scientific and administrative staff, scholars, and dignitaries. A total of 24 trainees from different parts of the country successfully completed the program and were awarded certificates by Dr. Zabeer Ahmed.

Participants lauded the initiative, particularly appreciating the practical exposure and interactions with successful entrepreneurs, expressing confidence in applying their learnings to boost agricultural innovation and entrepreneurship in India.

Daawat-e-Iftar by Dagger Division brings community together in Baramulla

BARAMULLA: On the third Jumma of the holy month of Ramadan, 2025, a grand Iftar Party was held in Baramulla.

The move brought together an array of distinguished dignitaries, local leaders and community figures in a spirit of unity and brotherhood.

The event was hosted by Dagger Division in the sacred month of Ramadan, underscoring the values of peace, harmony and collective strength within Baramulla district.

The gathering was graced by the presence of several prominent citizens from District Baramulla, including Touseef Raina, Reyaz Ahmed Nagoo, Prof Tariq Ahmad Chalkoo, Shaikh Amir, Zubair Dar, RJ Mehak Khurseed and others. Adding to the significance of the event, DFO Satyendra Maurya, Chief Agri-

culture Officer Yadvinder Singh attended the gathering as well.



The event highlighted the importance of fostering strong ties between the citizens, local administration, local leadership and Indian Army. The festive atmosphere was filled with warmth and cheer as the guests shared a variety of traditional Ramadan delicacies, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

“We are so grateful for the opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate this special occasion in the most awaited Iftar Daawat held in Baramulla” said Barkat, a noted sermon preacher from Baramulla.

“Iftar Daawat embodies the essence of Ramadan - coming together, sharing, and

supporting one another,” said Majid Wani, a youth leader of Baramulla.

He said it was heartwarming to see many people from diverse backgrounds joining the beautiful tradition.

Officials said the Iftar served as a platform for meaningful dialogue and interaction, reinforcing the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. People expressed their gratitude to Dagger Division for the thoughtful initiative which served as a testament to the enduring spirit of harmony in Baramulla.

Awareness Programme on Inclusive Education for CWSN Held in Hajin

GOWHAR MAQBOOL

HAJIN: The Zonal Education Office (ZEO) Hajin, in collaboration with SAMAGRA Shiksha, organized an Environmental Building Programme for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) and their parents at Town Hall MC Hajin on Saturday.

The event was presided over by ZEO Hajin, Maqsood Ahmad, alongside Teshil Social Welfare Officer Sumbal Fayaz Ahmad Lone, Zonal Coordinator Muntazir Muneer, Dr. Abdul Rashid, members of the SAMAGRA team, and Heads of Institutions (HOIs) from Zone Hajin.

The primary objective of the programme was to enhance community awareness about various educational initiatives designed to support and uplift specially-abled children.

The speakers emphasized the importance of inclusive education and elaborated on multiple schemes available for the welfare of CWSN.

Participants appreciated the initiative and encouraged the department to continue organizing such awareness programmes in the future.



Vocational Teachers in J&K Announce Indefinite Strike from March 31

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Vocational Teachers Welfare Association (JKVTA) has announced an indefinite strike starting March 31, 2025, citing unfulfilled promises by the government.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener, president JK Vocational Teachers Welfare Association (JKVTA), Lone Jeelani said despite repeated assurances, vocational teachers say the recent budget session has failed to address their concerns.

“For a decade, WE have worked under the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF), but remain under private firms, facing low wages, job insecurity, and no social benefits,” he said.

Unlike states such as Haryana, Mizoram, and Assam, which have removed private firms from the NSQF scheme, J&K continues to operate under them. JKVTA demands their removal and direct absorption into the education department.

Jeelani said Vocational teachers play a crucial role in skill-based education, helping students secure jobs. “Despite over 95% pass rates and handling large student-teacher ratios (1:100), they remain undervalued and underpaid”.

The association calls on unions, leaders, journalists, and the public to support their cause, vowing to continue the strike until concrete action is taken to secure job security and dignified salaries.



World Water Day: DLSA Organises Awareness programme in Sumbal

Bandipora: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora, in coordination with the Tehsil Legal Services Committee Sumbal and in collaboration with the Jal Shakti Department Sumbal, organized an awareness programme on World Water Day at the Court Complex Sumbal on Saturday.

An official spokesperson said the event aimed to highlight the importance of water conservation and promote sustainable practices.

Employees of the Jal Shakti Department Sumbal participated in the programme, with Panel Lawyer Sheikh Ajaz Ahmad serving as the resource person, delivering a lecture on the occasion.

PLV Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat anchored the event. The programme emphasized the need for water conservation, waste reduction, and eco-friendly water management practices, urging community participation in safeguarding freshwater resources.

Observed annually on March 22, World Water Day focuses global attention on the significance of freshwater and the need for its sustainable management.



Indian Army’s Rana Battalion Hosts Iftar in Bagtore

Gurez|| The Indian Army’s Rana Battalion organized an Iftar gathering today at Rana Post in the Bagtore area, near the Line of Control (LoC) in Gurez Valley, Bandipora district.

A large number of local residents and senior citizens participated in the event.

The Iftar was conducted as part of an initiative to promote communal harmony and maintain strong relations between the Indian Army and the residents of Block Bagtore-Kanzalwan. The attendees expressed gratitude to the Rana Battalion for organizing the gathering and welcomed such initiatives in the future.

During the event, local residents acknowledged the Indian Army’s role in fostering community engagement. They conveyed the desire for similar programs in the future, including celebrations of festivals such as Eid, Holi, Dussehra, and Diwali, together with the army personnel, to further strengthen ties between the army and the border communities.

Editorial

Soil Health Card

The Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme, introduced to promote balanced fertilization and improve soil fertility, has shown promising results in reducing fertilizer overuse and enhancing agricultural productivity. However, its implementation and adoption challenges continue to hinder its full potential.

Studies by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) and the National Productivity Council highlight a 9% reduction in urea use, 7% decrease in phosphate fertilizers, and a 20% increase in potassium application—a shift towards balanced nutrient use. Moreover, farmers adopting SHC recommendations saw an 8-10% cost saving on fertilizers and a 5-6% increase in crop yields. Yet, despite these gains, widespread awareness and accessibility issues remain a concern, particularly among small and marginal farmers.

To enhance SHC adoption, the government has revamped the SHC portal, introduced a mobile app, integrated QR-coded soil sample collection, and onboarded soil testing labs for real-time data access. However, ground-level outreach efforts must be strengthened. While over 7 lakh demonstrations and 93,000 farmer training programs have been conducted, many farmers still lack access to soil testing facilities or do not fully understand SHC recommendations.

A critical gap lies in customized, localized advisory services. Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and Agricultural Technology Management Agencies (ATMAs) must increase farmer engagement through personalized guidance, ensuring easier interpretation and adoption of SHC recommendations. Additionally, state governments must expand doorstep soil testing services to reach farmers in remote areas.

The Soil Health Card Scheme has laid a strong foundation, but to make balanced fertilization a norm rather than an exception, better implementation, farmer education, and accessibility improvements are crucial. If effectively scaled, the SHC scheme can be a game-changer, leading to sustainable agriculture, higher productivity, and long-term soil conservation—critical for ensuring India's food security and environmental health.

The Cost of Ignorance: How Misinformation Shapes Society



Dr. Reyaz Ahmad

"Ignorance, the root and stem of all evil." – Plato

Ignorance is not just the absence of knowledge; it is also the presence of misinformation. In an age where information is abundant, ignorance thrives not only because people lack knowledge but also because they accept and spread falsehoods. This is particularly relevant in today's world, including in India, where misinformation, half-truths, and biased narratives influence public perception and decision-making.

Examples of Ignorance in the Present Era

1. Fake News and Misinformation

One of the biggest sources of ignorance today is fake news, often spread through social media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, and Twitter. In India, false claims about health remedies, government policies, or religious matters frequently go viral. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, misinformation about home remedies curing the virus led many people to avoid proper medical treatment, worsening the crisis.

As Mark Twain famously said, "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes." This is evident in how rapidly falsehoods spread before facts can correct them.

2. Superstitions and Pseudoscience

Scientific advancements have provided evidence-based solutions for health, the environment, and daily life. However, many in India still adhere to unverified traditional practices and superstitions. Beliefs such as certain foods influencing a baby's complexion, or rituals preventing misfortune, continue despite lacking scientific backing. This reluctance to embrace scientific reasoning hampers progress and perpetuates myths.

As Carl Sagan once said, "Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge." Encouraging rational inquiry over blind faith can help societies move towards informed decision-making.

3. Political and Social Biases

In India, political narratives often manipulate facts to shape public opinion. Misinformation about historical events, economic policies, or communal

issues is frequently spread by politicians and media outlets to serve their agendas. Many people, instead of verifying facts, blindly accept these narratives, reinforcing ignorance.

As George Orwell put it, "Political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable." This statement perfectly captures how ignorance is often a tool for political manipulation.

4. Lack of Awareness About Rights and Laws

Many Indians remain unaware of their fun-

damental rights and legal protections. Issues like workplace harassment, consumer rights, and labor laws are often overlooked due to ignorance. This lack of awareness allows exploitation to continue unchallenged.



marriage, dowry, and honor killings persist due to a lack of awareness and deep-rooted patriarchal beliefs. The stigma around menstruation and reproductive health also highlights how misinformation affects women's rights and well-being.

As Malala Yousafzai wisely said, "We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back." Gender equality can only be achieved through education and awareness.

3. Religious and Communal Tensions

Communal ignorance often leads to conflicts and violence. Many riots and hate crimes in India are fueled by misinformation spread through social media and political propaganda. The misinterpretation of religious texts and historical events is used to incite division, creating an atmosphere of fear and hostility among different communities.

The Bhagavad Gita advises, "There is neither this world nor the world beyond nor happiness for the one who doubts" (Bhagavad Gita 4:40). Misinterpretation and misinformation about religion fuel unnecessary conflicts, while true understanding leads to peace.

4. Economic Inequality and Lack of Financial Awareness

Does Marriage Still Mean the End of a Woman's Career?



Priyanka Saurabh

Imagine a girl who worked day and night for her career, got degrees, and gathered experience and then... got married! And after marriage? Often the same thing happens, which has been happening for generations—the career either stops or slowly fades into oblivion. In our society, marriage is considered a "milestone" in the life of women. But the question is whether this milestone serves to advance the career road or puts a big brake on it.

Career or marriage: should there really be a choice?

In our society, marriage is considered a "turning point" in women's lives. But the question is whether this turning point is for pushing forward or for pushing back. Many times, the family, society, and even women themselves think that a career is no longer a priority after marriage. Many times women are forced to think that career and marriage cannot go together. Family, society, and sometimes even women themselves believe that career becomes a lesser priority after marriage. Is this correct? Or is it just a social perception that needs to be changed?

"Now you have to take care of the house!"

How many times have we heard that after marriage, women give up their careers and start "taking care of the house"? If they were in a lucrative corporate job before marriage, then after marriage the question arises—"How will you manage both office and home now?" And the solution is often this—"Give up your career!" After marriage, the family and society often expect women to give priority to household responsibilities over career. Why is this thinking? Is the same expected from men as well?

Sacrifice Sale of Dreams: Wedding Special Discount!

Women's dreams and careers go on discount like goods on sale. —"Your passion comes later; family comes first!" "Husband's job is more important; yours was just a time pass!" "If you stay at home, your children will get a better upbringing!"

career together. Isn't it possible that marriage brings new cooperation and support for a career? Many couples work together to advance each other's careers. Doesn't this require a new perspective?



Mommy Track: Career break or permanent stop?

As soon as motherhood comes, women's careers are put on the "mommy track." That is, they are put out of the race for promotion in a side role. They are also given less importance in the workplace because it is believed that now they will not be as committed to a "full-time career." Many women are forced to leave their jobs after motherhood, while men's careers are not affected by it. Is this not a form of gender inequality? Can companies support women by adopting more flexible policies?

Are men asked after marriage, "What will you do with your career now?"

No, right? If the same question is asked of women, it itself tells where the problem lies. There are examples of women balancing marriage and

Rural Women's Careers: Challenges and Opportunities

In rural India, the career situation of women becomes even more challenging after marriage. Due to traditional thinking, lack of education, and unavailability of opportunities, many women are not able to remain financially independent after marriage. However, change is now coming through self-help groups (SHG), rural entrepreneurship, and government schemes. For example, women are running small businesses through Sakhi Mandal and self-help groups. Many women started their own businesses with the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana. Due to the Digital India initiative, women are now doing online business. Women are moving ahead in dairy, tailoring, embroidery, gardening, and agriculture-based businesses.

The effect of marriage on women's careers

According to the report, only 20% of women

in India remain in the workforce, while their participation at the graduate level is equal to that of men. About 47% of Indian women leave their career after marriage. The earnings of married women decrease by 15-20%. 85% of Indian women

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Marriage can be a new chapter, not "the end"!

Marriage should not mean "the end" of any woman's career. Rather, it should be a stage from where she can move forward in a balanced way in her personal and professional life. The next time someone asks, "What about career after marriage?", the answer should be, "What was before will remain the same—only better!"

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Kala Kendra to be developed as a Centre for Performing, Visual Arts: Chief Secretary

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, announced that Kala Kendra will be developed as a premier Centre for Performing and Visual Arts in Jammu and Kashmir.

He emphasized the government's commitment towards prioritizing culture as a vital component of identity. He highlighted the formulation of a well-defined Cultural Policy for Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing an art exhibition at Kala Kendra, Jammu, organized as part of the Tawi Festival-2025 by the Kala Kendra Society, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages, and Amar Mahal Museum and Library, Jammu, the Chief Secretary revealed that an award scheme has been finalized to encourage and recognize the versatile artists, writers and performers from the region.

The event witnessed an esteemed panel comprising Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, Culture and Social Welfare; Dr.

Javaid Rahi, Secretary, Kala Kendra; K.K. Siddha, Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums; Dr. Lalit Gupta, eminent art historian



and Colonel (Retd.) Mitra, Joint Director, Amar Mahal Museum and Library. Speaking on the occasion, Sanjeev Verma highlighted

that the Department of Culture is focusing on preserving and promoting the rich heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

He assured that the government will launch various initiatives and schemes to support and enhance the cultural activities in the Union Territory. Dr. Javaid Rahi, in his address, stated that the main objective of the art exhibition was to bring together paintings, sculptures and other artistic expressions from 100 artists from across Jammu and Kashmir.

He also noted that a large collection from the academy's repository was put on display for public appreciation. The exhibition was graced by renowned artists including Gokal Dembi, Suman Gupta, Vinod Chopra, Sarishti Sehni, K.K. Gandhi, Bheshambar Mehta, Milan Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, O.P. Sharma, Sanjeev Rana, Sangeeta, among others. The program was conducted by Rachita Gupta, an art educator from IMFA while Vote of Thanks was presented by Colonel (Retd.) Mitra.

14956 Kanal transferred for establishment of Industrial Estate in Jammu, 6745 in Kashmir: Dy CM



Jammu: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudary, said that 14956 Kanal and 15 Marla land in Jammu division and 6745 Kanal and 19 Marla land in Kashmir division has been transferred for establishment of Industrial Estates in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Ali Mohammad Dar.

He informed the House that the intends have also been placed for 9661.05 kanal of land and 5000.13 kanal for establishment of Industrial Estates in Jammu and Kashmir respectively.

He said that among others, Education and Skill Development, figures in the Focus Sector List of J&K Industrial policy 2021-30 which is also part of Service Sector Positive List of New Central Sector Scheme (NCSS) 2021, issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

He added that 596 applicants have been registered under the Jammu and Kashmir Start-Up Policy notified vide Government Order No. 29-JK(IND) of 2024 dated 23.02.2024., of which, 436 applicants have been recognized as Startups. Besides, 26 of these applicants are in the Skill Development and Education Sector.

The Minister asserted that the Industrial Estates have been designated as Sector Specific Industrial Estates in sectors like Education and Skill Development, Health and Medical education in Jammu division and H&ME, Technical Education and Information Technology and Information Technology in Service (IT/ITe) sectors comprising more than 3628 kanal of land in both the divisions.

DC Ganderbal inspects facilities at Transit Camp Wandhama

Inspects work progress on Yatri Niwas at Kheer Bhawani Temple

GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today conducted an inspection of the Transit Camp at Wandhama to review the ongoing works and assess the facilities being provided to PM Package employees residing there.

The DC took stock of key amenities at the camp, including water supply, power, roads, parking, and sanitation.

During the visit, Jatin interacted with families of migrant employees who shared their concerns regarding various issues. He assured them of timely redressal and issued necessary directions to the concerned departments to address their grievances at the earliest.

Emphasizing the importance of infrastructure development, DC instructed the Executive Engineer R&B to take necessary measures for improving the inner road network and ensure the timely completion of the project.

Later, the DC visited the construction site of Yatri Niwas at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple in Tulmulla to assess the progress of the ongoing work.

The Executive Engineer REW briefed him on the project details, informing that the upcoming G+2 framed structure will significantly address space constraints during the annual Mela Kheer Bhawani and will accommodate around 1,000 yatris at a time.

The DC directed him to expedite the work and ensure timely completion of the Yatri Niwas to facilitate pilgrims effectively.

Meanwhile, the DC also reviewed the arrangements for upcoming Navratra festival. The officials were directed to ensure adequate availability of essential services, including power and water supply and sanitation measures at Kheer Bhawani Temple and Transit Camp Wandhama to facilitate smooth observance of the festival.

The DC was accompanied by SSP Ganderbal, Ragav S; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad; Assistant Commissioner Development, Executive Engineer R&B, Executive Engineer KPDCI, EO Municipality, Tehsildar Tulmulla, and other concerned officials,

DC Srinagar administers Water pledge to staff; raises awareness, inspires action towards water conservation

SRINAGAR: On the occasion of World Water Day 2025, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, administered the Water Pledge (Jal Shapath) to the Officers and officials here at the meeting hall of the DC Office Complex.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that World Water Day is observed to raise awareness and inspire action towards water conservation.

He said that the water pledge on this day is aimed at creating a sense of collective responsibility and commitment towards responsible water use and promoting sustainable practices for efficient water management.

The DC also called one and all to reiterate the pledge to save every drop of water and work towards saving water in all ways possible at our homes and at the community level as well so that our future generations do not suffer for want of the water.

He maintained that it is our religious, social and legal obligation to ensure judicious use of water, so everyone should adhere to it for a social cause and coming generations.



Deputy Commissioner Shopian chairs DLAC meeting on food safety

SHOPIAN: A District level Advisory Committee (DLAC) meeting on food safety was held today here at Mini-Secretariat under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta.

Member Secretary, Assistant Commissioner Food Safety briefed the chair regarding the action taken report on the previous meeting.

A threadbare discussion was held on the importance of food safety during the meeting. DC issued directions with regard to regular conduct of inspection of food business operators including Bakery Units, Hotels and restaurants and stressed on intensifying inspections.

DC further directed to ensure that quality food is being provided to the students during the Mid-day-Meals and poshan Centers.

Strict penal action be taken against the violations in order to put a strong deterrent against the illegal food practices.

Besides, ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, who is also Adjudicating Officer Food Safety and Standards Act, the meeting was attended by Chief Medical Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Assistant Director FCS&CA, CDPO and other concerned attended the meeting.

DC Baramulla reviews arrangements for Shab-e-Qadr, Eid-ul-Fitr & Navratra

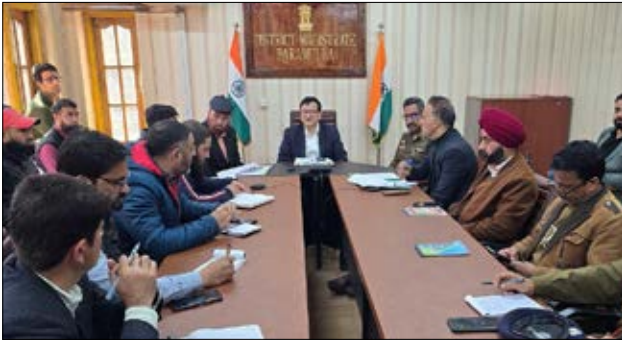
BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, chaired a meeting to review the preparations and arrangements for the upcoming religious events of Shab-e-Qadr, Eid-ul-Fitr and Navratra.

The meeting, held at the DC Office Complex, aimed to ensure that all necessary measures are in place to facilitate smooth and peaceful observance of these important religious occasions.

During the meeting, the DC took a detailed assessment of the arrangements being made by various departments, including essential services, sanitation, traffic management, and security. He directed the officers to work in close coordination to address any potential issues and ensure that the public faces no inconvenience during the celebrations.

The DC emphasized the need for uninterrupted power and water supply, particularly at major religious places and areas with high public footfall. He instructed

the PHE and PDD departments to put in place contingency plans to tackle any disruptions and ensure backup facilities where required.



Special attention was also given to maintaining cleanliness in and around Eidgahs, mosques, temples and other places of worship. The Municipal Committees were tasked with conducting sanitation drives and ensuring waste disposal mechanisms are in place before and during the festivals.

Security arrangements were also reviewed in detail. SP Baramulla, Feroz Yahya, assured that

comprehensive security measures will be implemented to maintain peace and order during the festivals. He highlighted the deployment of

for regular market inspections to prevent overcharging and hoarding.

Health department officials were instructed to set up emergency medical facilities and ensure the availability of ambulance services. The Fire and Emergency Services Department was also directed to remain on high alert and position fire tenders strategically.

The DC urged all stakeholders to maintain communal harmony and work collectively to ensure a peaceful and smooth celebration of the festivals.

He stressed the importance of inter-departmental coordination and active involvement of civil society to create a harmonious atmosphere during the festive period.

The meeting was attended by Superintendent of Police Baramulla, Feroz Yahya; ADC Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina; ADC Baramulla, Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina; SDM Uri, Gulmarg, Pattan besides various other district officers from line departments.

DLSA Srinagar observes ‘World Water Day’ at Bilaliya Educational Institute

SRINAGAR: In order to raise awareness about water conservation, legal rights related to water, and the collective responsibility of communities in safeguarding this vital resource, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar today observed ‘World Water Day’ at Bilaliya Education Institute, Lalbazar, Srinagar.

The program was held under the guidance of Shazia Tabasum, Member Secretary of the J&K Legal Services Authority, and the overall supervision of Tasleem Arief, Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman of DLSA Srinagar, along with Sajad Ur Rehman, Secretary DLSA Srinagar.

GN Qasba, former Commissioner of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) was the chief guest on the occasion. He shared his valuable insights on community development and governance.

Drawing from his extensive experience, he discussed the challenges faced in urban planning, water management, and sustainable development.

He stressed the need for collective responsibility in addressing environmental and civic issues and encouraged the youth to actively participate in initiatives that promote public welfare.

His address served as a call to action for all stakeholders to work together in tackling pressing societal concerns.

Tasneem Kausar, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, spoke about the crucial role of legal aid in protecting environmental rights. She emphasized that access to clean water is a fundamental right and that legal services play a vital role in ensuring justice for underprivileged individuals.

By providing free legal assistance, the DLSA ensures that marginalized communities can demand accountability and fair treatment. She further underscored the importance of enforcing water protection laws and encouraging legal literacy to empower citizens in environmental conservation efforts.

The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, where the chief guest, resource persons and other dignitaries were honored for their contributions. Principal of Bilaliya Education Institute, Nisar Ahmed reiterated the importance of legal awareness and community involvement in fostering sustainable solutions for water conservation and environmental protection.

The event was attended by staff members and students of Bilaliya Educational Institute Srinagar.

efforts. Students from Bilaliya Education Institute delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the role of education, youth engagement, and community participation in water conservation. The students highlighted how small yet consistent efforts by individuals can lead to significant environmental impact. The speech resonated with the audience, reinforcing the idea that the younger generation holds the power to bring about meaningful change in society.

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Director School Edu. Kmr launches ‘Week-long career guidance & counseling program’ at Srinagar

Mega sessions to be held in all 374 clusters of the valley, participation of the parents mandatory: Director Itoo

SRINAGAR: Director School Education Kashmir (DSEK), Dr. G.N. Itoo formally launched a ‘week-long career guidance and counseling session 2025’ at Srinagar.



In this regard, an inaugural ceremony was held at Girls Higher Secondary School Kothibagh, in which around 200 experts from all districts of Kashmir province participated. These experts will provide career guidance to parents and those students who have recently appeared in 10th and 12th class examinations in their respective districts.

In his inaugural address,

Director reiterated that career counseling will yield positive results only when you provide proper counseling to parents about the various career opportunities during these sessions.

Dr. Itoo announced on this occasion that under this week-long program starting from March 24, mega sessions will be organized in all 374 clusters of the valley and in this regard all the cluster heads are directed to ensure the participation of parents in these sessions.

DSEK asked the counseling experts to familiarize themselves with the success stories related

to different career opportunities and provide information about the latest innovative career fields to the students and their parents as well.

He stressed that experts should adopt the tools of psychology and provide effective counseling to remove the career-related concerns of students and parents.

It is pertinent to mention here that formal monitoring will be carried out for the effective implementation of this program, which will be supervised by all the Joint Directors of the Department.

In addition to this, the respective Chief Education Officers of the different districts have been asked to submit a detailed report to the Joint Directors of the Department on a daily basis.

The experts who will provide counseling during these sessions belong to psychology, sociology, social work and other fields.

Reasi Admin celebrates World Water Day 2025 amid enthusiastic public participation

REASI: The District Administration of Reasi, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik, celebrated World Water Day 2025 by hosting a series of events aimed at raising awareness about water conservation.

World Water Day, observed annually on March 22, highlights the importance of water and inspires action to address the global water crisis. This year's theme, "Glaciers – A Critical Lifeline," underscores the essential role glaciers play in providing meltwater for drinking, agriculture, industry, clean energy production, and healthy ecosystems. Special Gram Panchayats were organized across 153 Panchayats of 12 blocks of the District by the Rural Development Department. The events featured Jal Shapath (Water Pledge), water testing and redressal of public grievances. The day's activities were designed to engage the community in collective action toward water conservation. In addition, the Jal Shapath was also taken by participants across 966 Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) organized by the ICDS Department, and by students of 931 schools organized by the School Education Department. The pledge was also taken in all district and sectoral offices. Approximately 20,000 people participated in the celebrations. Additionally, different schools in Reasi organized painting competitions, slogan-writing contests, awareness programs, Nukkad Natak, rallies, symposiums, and quiz competitions on the themes like "Save Water, Save Life" to engage the community in water conservation efforts. Plantation drives were also carried out at different locations.

Div Com reviews arrangements for 3rd Lok Samvardhan Parv at KU

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Saturday held a meeting to facilitate the organization of 3rd Lok Samvardhan Parv at Kashmir University besides 6th program of Mission Shakti & Vatsalaya in Srinagar.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi ud Din Bhat; MD, ICPS; Director Social Welfare Department; Director School Education; SSP Srinagar; Officers of Hospitality & Protocol, Transport Department, Kashmir University besides General Manager Radisson.

The meeting held threadbare discussion for smooth conduct of the events and the necessary arrangements to facilitate participants.

The 3rd Lok Samvardhan

Parv at Kashmir University shall be held from 5th to 13th April and is being organized



by the Ministry of Minority Affairs which shall feature the participation of artisans and culinary experts from different parts of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Div Com impressed concerned officers to orchestrate elaborated arrangements for accommodation of participants, transportation, sanitation, waste

management, ambulance facility, security besides wide publicity of the event.



He directed concerned for exploring accommodation of participants in a cluster for the convenience of transportation of participants to the venue.

Div Com directed for designation of liaison officers to ensure close coordination among all the stakeholders.

He instructed SMC for ensuring cleanliness and

sanitation during the period of Lok Samvardhan Parv event and facilitate the wide publicity of the event through installation of hoardings in city and near Srinagar Airport.

Regarding the participation of local dignitaries, Div Com instructed for invitation of the public representatives and senior officers of administration.

Bidhuri instructed Director School Education to facilitate the visit of students to the venue to witness and experience different crafts and flavours of the country.

Meanwhile, Div Com also reviewed accommodation, Transportation and security arrangements for the participants of 6th of Mission Shakti and Mission Vatsalaya organised by Ministry of Women and Children Development.

Bhagat Singh’s Forgotten Notebook: Insights from a Revolutionary Mind



BY KALPANA PANDEY

On the occasion of the martyrdom day of Bhagat Singh and his comrades Sukhdev and Rajguru, let us briefly explore Bhagat Singh’s jail diary. This diary, similar in size to a school notebook, was given to Bhagat Singh by jail authorities on September 12, 1929, with an inscription stating “404 pages for Bhagat Singh.” During his imprisonment, he made notes in this diary based on 43 books written by 108 different authors, including Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, and Lenin. He took extensive notes on history, philosophy, and economics.

Bhagat Singh’s focus was not only on the struggle against colonialism but also on issues related to social development. He was particularly inclined toward reading Western thinkers. Moving beyond nationalist narrow-mindedness, he advocated for resolving issues through modern global perspectives. This global vision was something only a few leaders of his time, such as Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, possessed.

In 1968, Indian historian G. Deval had the opportunity to see the original copy of Bhagat Singh’s jail diary with Bhagat Singh’s brother, Kulbir Singh. Based on his notes, Deval wrote an article about Bhagat Singh in the periodical People’s Path, where he mentioned a 200-page diary. In his article, G. Deval noted that Bhagat Singh had made annotations on topics like capitalism, socialism, the origin of the state, Marxism, communism, religion, philosophy, and the history of revolutions. He also suggested that the diary should be published, but this did not materialize.

In 1977, Russian scholar L. V. Mitrokhov came across information about this diary. After gathering details from Kulbir Singh, he wrote an article that was later included as a chapter in his book Lenin and India in 1981. In 1990, Lenin and India was translated into Hindi and published by Pragati Prakashan, Moscow, under the title Lenin Aur Bharat.

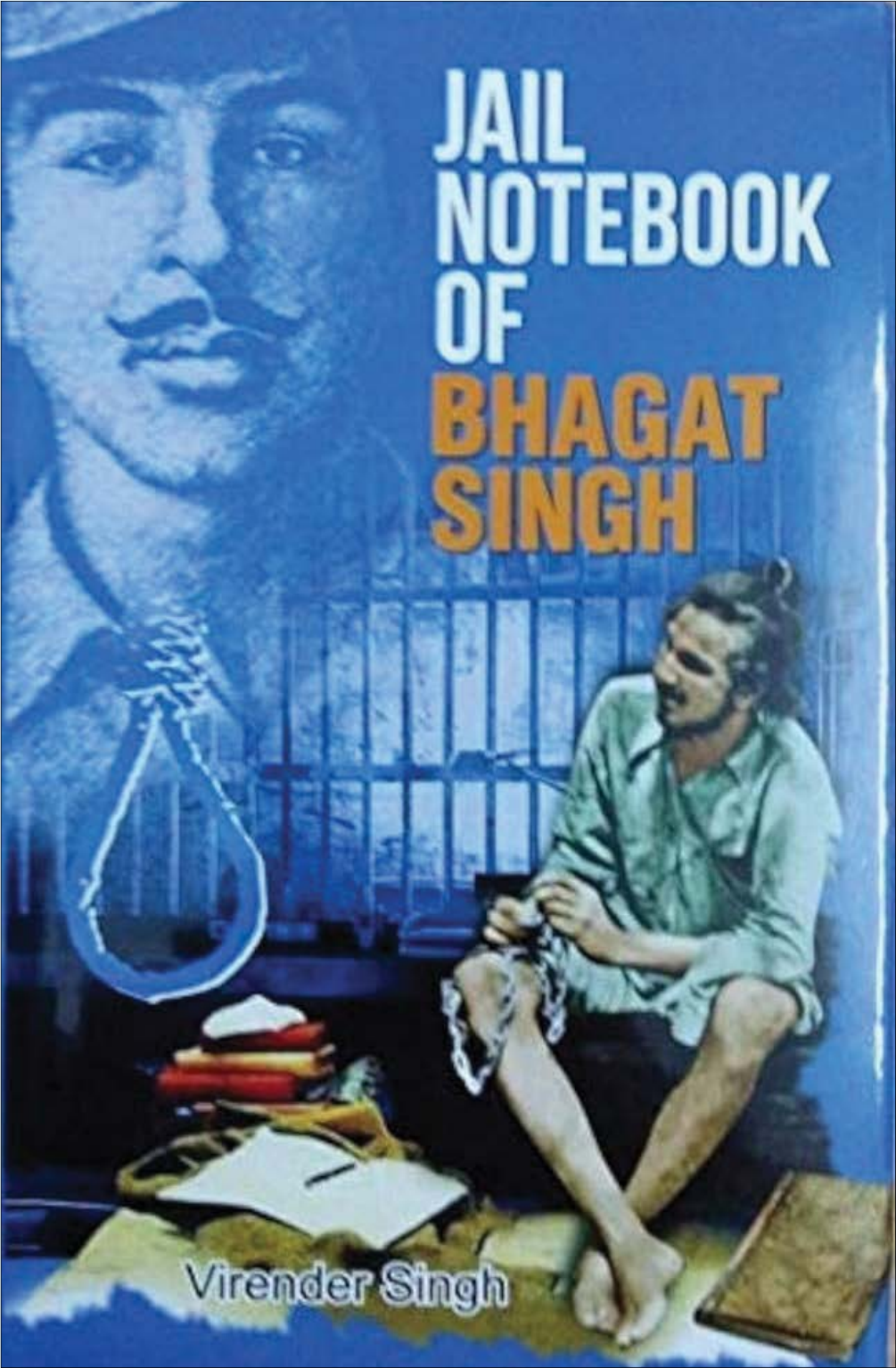
On the other hand, in 1981, G.B. Kumar Hooja, then Vice-Chancellor of Gurukul Kangri, visited Gurukul Indraprastha near Tughlaqabad, Delhi. The administrator, Shaktiveh, showed him some historical documents stored in the basement of the gurukul. G.B. Kumar Hooja borrowed a copy of this notebook for a few days, but he was unable to return it as Shaktiveh was murdered shortly after.

In 1989, on the occasion of the martyrdom day of March 23, some meetings of the Hindustani Manch were held, attended by G.B. Kumar Hooja. There, he shared information about this diary. Impressed by its significance, Hindustani Manch announced the decision to publish it. The responsibility was given to Bhupendra Hooja, editor of the Indian Book Chronicle (Jaipur), with support from Hindustani Manch General Secretary Sardar Oberoi, Prof. R.P. Bhatnagar, and Dr. R.C. Bharatiya. However, it was later claimed that financial difficulties prevented its publication. This explanation seems unconvincing, as it is unlikely that the educated middle-class individuals mentioned above could not afford to print a few copies at a time when costs were relatively low. It is more plausible that they either failed to recognize its importance or simply lacked interest.

Around the same time, Dr. Prakash Chaturvedi obtained a typewritten photocopy from the Moscow archives and showed it to Dr. R.C. Bharatiya. The Moscow copy was found to be identical, word for word, with the handwritten copy retrieved from the basement of Gurukul Indraprastha. A few months later, in 1991, Bhupendra Hooja began publishing excerpts from this notebook in the Indian Book Chronicle. This was the first time Shaheed Bhagat Singh’s jail notebook reached the readers. Alongside this, Prof. Chamanlal informed Hooja that he had seen a similar copy in the Nehru Memorial Museum, Delhi.

In 1994, the jail notebook was finally published in book form by Indian Book Chronicle, with a foreword written by Bhupendra Hooja and G.B. Hooja. However, neither of them was aware that the original copy of the book was with Bhagat Singh’s brother, Kulbir Singh. They were also unaware of G. Deval’s article (1968) and Mitrokhin’s book (1981).

Furthermore, Dr. Jagmohan Singh, son of Bhagat Singh’s sister Bibi Amar Kaur, never mentioned this jail notebook. Similarly, Virender Sandhu, daughter of Bhagat Singh’s brother Kultar Singh, wrote two books on Bhagat Singh, but she too did not reference this diary. This suggests that Bhagat Singh’s family members were either unaware of the notebook’s existence or had no interest in it. Although Kulbir Singh possessed the diary, he never attempted to share it with historians, publish it as a book, or release it in newspapers. His financial condition was not so dire that he could not afford to publish it himself.



It is unfortunate that Indian historians neglected this significant historical document, and it was first published by a Russian author. The Congress party, which remained in power for the longest time, showed no curiosity about Bhagat Singh’s intellectual and ideological contributions to the freedom movement. Their ideological differences with him might have been the reason why they never focused on researching Bhagat Singh’s thoughts and actions.

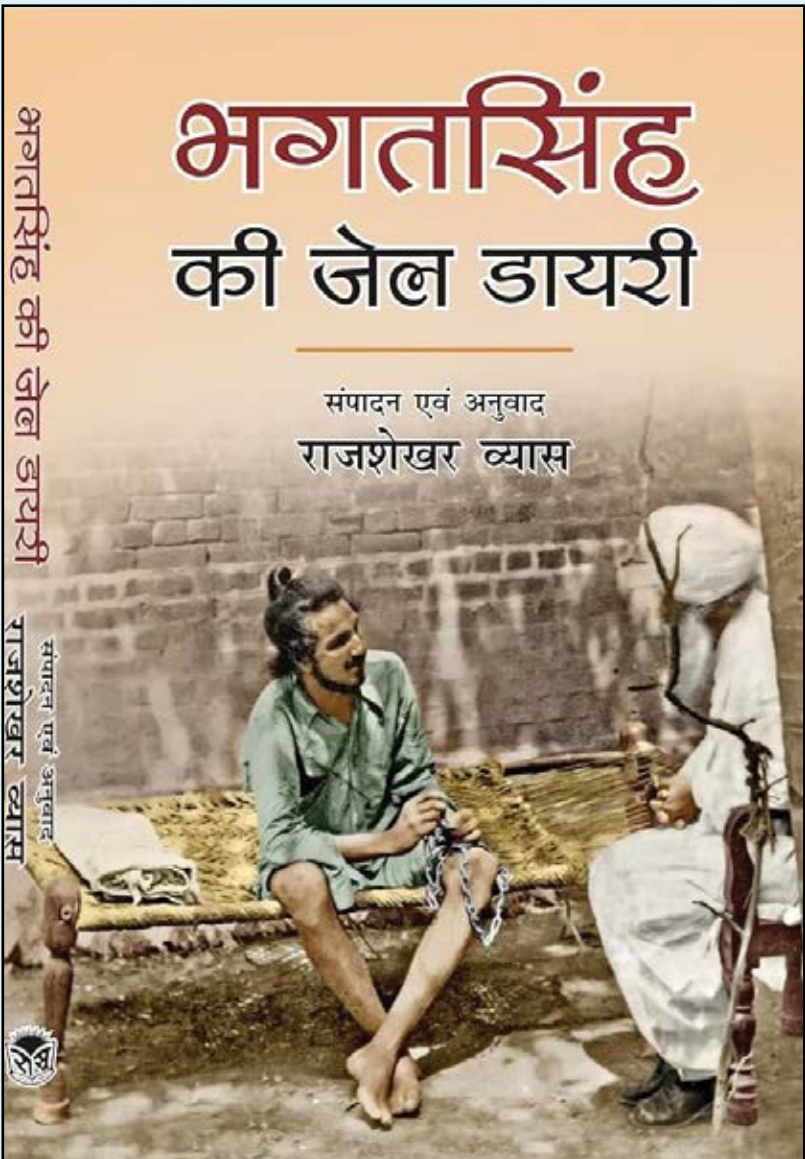
After establishing the Bhagat Singh Research Committee, Bhagat Singh’s nephew, Dr. Jagmohan Singh, and Professor Chamanlal from JNU’s Indian Languages Center compiled and published the writings of Bhagat Singh and his comrades for the first time in 1986 under the title Bhagat Singh Aur Unke Sathiyon Ke Dastavej. Even in that publication, there was no mention of the jail notebook. It was only in the second edition, published in 1991, that it was referenced. Currently, the third edition of this book is available, in which the two scholars have undertaken the invaluable task of adding several rare pieces of information and presenting them to the readers.

The notes taken by Bhagat Singh in this notebook clearly reflect his perspective. His restless yearning for freedom led him to transcribe the thoughts of Byron, Whitman, and Wordsworth on liberty. He read Ibsen’s plays, Fyodor Dostoevsky’s renowned novel Crime and Punishment, and Victor Hugo’s Les Misérables. He also read the works of Charles Dickens, Maxim Gorky, J.S. Mill, Vera Figner, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Charles Mackay, George de Hesse, Oscar Wilde, and Sinclair.

In July 1930, during his imprisonment, he read Lenin’s The Collapse of the Second International and “Left-Wing” Communism: An Infantile Disorder, Kropotkin’s Mutual Aid, and Karl Marx’s The Civil War in France. He took notes on episodes from the lives of Russian revolutionaries Vera Figner and Morozov. His notebook even contained verses from Omar Khayyam.

To obtain more books, he persistently wrote letters to Jaidev Gupta, Bhau Kulbir Singh, and others, requesting them to send him reading material.

On page 21 of his notebook, he wrote the quote by American socialist Eugene V. Debs:



“Wherever the lower class exists, I am there; wherever criminal elements are, I am there; if anyone is imprisoned, I am not free.” He also made notes on the freedom struggles of Rousseau, Thomas Jefferson, and Patrick Henry, as well as on the inalienable rights of man. Additionally, he recorded the famous quote by writer Mark Twain:

“We have been taught how horrifying the beheading of people is. But we have not been taught that the death wrought by the lifelong imposition of poverty and tyranny upon all people is even more dreadful.”

To understand capitalism, Bhagat Singh made numerous calculations in this notebook. At that time, he recorded the inequality in Britain – one-ninth of the population controlled half of the production, while only one-seventh (14%) of the output was distributed among two-thirds (66.67%) of the people. In America, the wealthiest 1% held \$67 billion in assets, whereas 70% of the population possessed only 4% of the assets.

He also quoted a statement by Rabindranath Tagore in which the Japanese people’s lust for money was described as “a terrifying threat to human society.” Furthermore, he referenced bourgeois capitalism by drawing from Maurice Hillquit’s Marx to Lenin. Being an atheist, Bhagat Singh recorded under the heading “Religion – the Proponent of the Established Order: Slavery” that “in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, slavery is endorsed, and God’s power does not condemn it.” While trying to understand the causes behind the emergence of religion and its functioning, he turned to Karl Marx.

In his writing titled Attempts at the Synthesis of Hegel’s Philosophy of Justice, under the heading “Marx’s Thoughts on Religion,” he writes:

“Man creates religion; religion does not create man. To be human means to be part of the human world, the state, and society. The state and society together give rise to a distorted worldview of religion...”

His approach appears to be that of a social reformist, aimed at overthrowing capitalism and establishing classical socialism. In his notebook, he has included several quotations from the Communist Party’s manifesto. He also recorded the lines of the anthem The Internationale. In Friedrich Engels’ work, through quotations concerning revolution and counter-revolution in Germany, he is seen opposing his comrades’ superficial revolutionary ideas.

In the country, a series of mob lynchings—executions carried out by crowds—in the name of religion, caste, and the cow have begun, and the references he raised from T. Paine’s Rights of Man remain relevant even today. In his notebook, it is written: “They learn these things from the very governments under which they live. In return, they impose upon others the very punishment to which they have become accustomed... The impact of the brutal scenes displayed before the masses is such that it either dulls their sensitivity or incites a desire for revenge. Instead of reason, they construct their own image based on these base and false notions of ruling over people through terror.”

Regarding “natural and civil rights,” he noted, “It is man’s natural rights alone that form the basis of all civil rights.” He also recorded the words of the Japanese Buddhist monk Koko Hoshi: “It is only appropriate for a ruler that no person should be tormented by cold or hunger. When a person does not even have the basic means to live, he cannot uphold moral standards.”

He provided references from various authors on subjects such as the aim of socialism (revolution), the aim of world revolution, social unity, and many other issues. Bhagat Singh’s associates have noted that while in prison, he wrote four books. Their titles are: 1. Autobiography, 2. Revolutionary 3. Movements in India, 4. The Ideals of Socialism, 5. At the Doorstep of Death. These books were destroyed after he was released from prison, out of fear of reprisals from the British authorities.

Bhagat Singh’s outlook was directed toward building a just, socialist India—free from casteism, communalism, and inequality—in the post-independence era. His writings and articles clearly indicate this vision, and the prison notebook stands as evidence of his profound study. Bhagat Singh’s prison notebook, is not only a record of his revolutionary thoughts and intellectual pursuits but also a testament to his enduring legacy in the struggle for freedom.

The notebook reveals his meticulous reflections on various subjects—from natural and civil rights to the inherent inequalities of his time. It also highlights his profound analysis of social, political, and religious issues, emphasizing his vision for a just and egalitarian society.

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Only 23. 54 %

UT sector and 92. 75 MWs in Independent Power Producers of mode.

As per the reply,J&K,NHPC manages six projects, J&K State Power Development Corporation 13 projects and Independent Power Producers (IPP) 12 projects.

The Minister also disclosed that erstwhile state of J&K has an estimated solar power potential of 111 GW with the majority of this potential concentrated in Ladakh UT.

The Minister said that due to the land-intensive nature of mega-sized solar power projects, their development in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has not been possible.

He said the identification of feasible land banks—requiring 500 acres for a 100 MW solar park—at single locations is challenging because of the region's topography.

However, he added that rooftop solar power plants with a cumulative capacity of 75 MW have been installed across the Union Territory under various programmes of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.

Govt to set up

“The process for its decommissioning as per the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) Guidelines for the retirement, up-rating/de-rating of conventional generating units has already been initiated and shall culminate soon,” the chief minister said, adding that after fulfilling all the conditions, a formal request to the CEA shall be made for dropping GT-Pampore from the list of conventional generating units.

Highlighting the reasons for its decommissioning, Abdullah said the plant has been defunct since 2012 and its machinery is in a non-operational state for a prolonged period, thus deteriorating beyond useful repairs.

“It cannot be operated in the present condition and the revival of the gas turbine will have huge financial implications. Gas turbines have a very high cost of generation of the order of Rs 30 per unit, which renders the power generated unsaleable,” he said.

Abdullah pointed out that there is a countrywide push towards renewable energy.

“The vacant land of the project has been found suitable and proposed for the development of a solar power plant of 10 MW capacity,” he said, adding that there is a plan to utilise the area under the gas turbine for the development of the solar power plant (not a solar park, which is usually for larger-scale developments) by the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited (JKSPDC).

SKIMS continues

The government claimed that recruitment of gazetted and non-gazetted staff of SKIMS Soura was transferred to the Public Service Commission and Services Selection Board, in the interest of patient-care and to make the recruitment process transparent, time-bound and merit-based.

“With respect to appointments and promotions, it was observed that vaccines in both gazetted (including faculty) and non-gazetted positions had got piled up over the years. In order to support and strengthen the institution, in the interest of patient care and to make the recruitment process and promotion processes transparent, time bound and merit-based, the services and expertise of two dedicated recruitment agencies, Jammu and Kashmir Public service Commission and Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board have been provided to SKIMS for recruitment of gazetted (including faculty) and non-gazetted posts,” it said.

“JKPSC is a constitutional body and JKSSB is an expert recruitment body known to have delivered in a very transparent and expeditious manner,” the government added.

The government claimed that services of Jammu & Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation were extended to SKIMS Soura as its internal purchase mechanisms were insufficient and extremely sluggish to meet its requirements.

It claimed Rs 34. 16 crore capital expenditure lapsed in 2021-22, Rs 21.72 crore in 2022-23 and Rs 34.22 crore in 2023-24

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Order No.29- JK(IND) of 2024 dated 23.02.2024., of which, 436 applicants have been recognized as Startups. Besides, 26 of these applicants are in the Skill Development and Education Sector.

The Minister asserted that the Industrial Estates have been designated as Sector Specific Industrial Estates in sectors like Education and Skill Development, Health and Medical education in Jammu division and H&ME, Technical Education and Information Technology and Information Technology in Service (IT/ITeS) sectors comprising more than 3628 kanal of land in both the divisions.

Resolutions on

They said the resolutions on matters of the Home department have also been disallowed because they are outside the purview of the UT Assembly. “The Home department falls outside the domain of the J&K Assembly under section 32 of J&K Reorganisation Act,” they said, adding that resolutions relating to detainees have also been disallowed because it is the domain of Home department.

According to sources, the resolutions brought on reservation and allied issues by legislators from the ruling party as well as the opposition have been disallowed because it is sub-judice in J&K High Court.

“As per sub-rule (5) of Rule 177 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in J&K Assembly, the resolution shall not relate to any matter which is under adjudication by a court of law having jurisdiction in any part of India,” sources said.

They, however, added that bill(s) brought on

the issue wouldn't be affected by this Rule.

“This Rule doesn't apply to bills brought on reservation issues,” they said.

According to sources, the resolutions would now be subjected to ballot procedure for taking up them in the House on April 7 and 9.

“The resolutions admitted by the LA secretariat would now go through ballot procedure on March 25 for determining their precedence. Seven resolutions each would be taken up in the House on April 7 and 9,” they said

Maurya Empire

prepared in July 1951. The report mentions that during that period, only three regions in the country were the best in providing the necessary training for small industries, financial support and better management of the industry and workers and they were - Bihar, Mumbai and Chennai.

For many decades, Bihar had maintained the glorious tradition of producing a large number of IAS, IPS and other administrative service officers, who have made immense contribution in the nation-building and inspired many generations”, the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor hoped that the people of Bihar continue to work dedicatedly for a developed Bihar and a developed India.

Grassroot-Level

Registration of Electors Rules (1960), the Conduct of Election Rules (1961), and relevant ECI guidelines.

The initiative follows the directives of the Commission led by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi during a conference held on March 4, 2025, at IIIDEM, New Delhi.

The meetings, which have already commenced, have seen active participation from national and state-level political parties, including their Booth Level Agents (BLAs), Polling Agents, Counting Agents, and Election Agents. These interactions will be completed by March 31, 2025 to ensure timely resolution of electoral concerns.

The ECI has urged all political parties to take full advantage of these meetings to address any pending issues and ensure smooth electoral processes.

Spokesperson said the initiative has been widely welcomed, with political representatives

engaging enthusiastically at the assembly, district, and state/UT levels.

Standing orders

He said that the process of bifurcating ration cards through issuance of fresh Ration Cards will lead to implications of arranging additional food grains for such new households, increasing the burden on the department under other schemes being run by the FCS&CA department and other schemes, where the Public Distribution System database is utilized and household is the unit of entitlement.

The Minister said that the department is contemplating opening of new Fair Price Shops as per framework in vogue, which is part of Jammu and Kashmir Targeted Public Distribution System (Control).

The Minister informed that it has been thought prudent to rope in elected members also to firm up requirements of new Fair Price Shops across J&K, which necessitates relook into the existing framework.

House passes

litres of clean drinking water per capita daily, conforming to BIS 10000 and 10500 standards.

“In order to achieve this objective, J&K has planned the execution of 3253 Water Supply Schemes at an estimated cost of Rs 13344.25 crore to provide new tap water connections as well as to upgrade the existing connections, provided under erstwhile programs, to make them IJM compliant by raising the new infrastructure as well as retrofitting the existing infrastructure, wherever required,” informed the Minister.

Reflecting on the achievements, he informed that major strides have been made in implementation of the Mission during the past 02 ½ years and more than 1400 (43%) Water Supply Schemes have been completed till date and out of remaining 1853 schemes, about 1500 schemes have recorded a progress of more than 50 percent.

Regarding the expenditure incurred, he said that it has picked up from Rs 441 crore on ongoing works in initial 03 years to 6560 on new works, in the past 03 years.

“J&K which languished at the bottom is now figuring at 5th in the overall functionality assessment conducted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Gol, through a third-party agency. The overall functionality of J&K has improved from 53 percent in the year 2022 to 74 percent in 2024,” he said. He added that J&K is ranking first in the Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance at the National level.

“All the 22 water testing laboratories at the UT

and State Level have been NABL accredited for a robust water quality monitoring mechanism,” he added.

Field Testing Kits (FTKs) have been distributed among the local communities for conducting tests of water samples on their own, for which more than 37000 women have been trained for use of FTKs.

Rana said that every measure has been taken to ensure that the quality of pipes is appropriate and the quality check through reputed agencies is being done at the manufacturing site and by the Departmental Committee on receiving the material at the central stores.

The Minister said that transparency, accountability and quality control mechanism in implementation of the Mission has been given top priority and a slew of measures have been taken to ensure the same.

Rana also gave details about the funds allocated

for Water Supply Schemes under other sources like NABARD Schemes (PHE Sector), Water Supply Scheme AIIMS Awantipora and AIIMS Vijaypur.

“The department is purchasing 10 fresh tankers to augment the existing fleet to ensure the department is better equipped to tackle water shortages and meet the needs of our citizens” he maintained.

Talking about the Irrigation and Flood Control Sector (I&FC), he said the department is committed towards expanding the irrigation coverage, supporting the farmers who cultivate Kharif and Rabi crops through existing infrastructure upkeep, enhancing irrigation potential, and implementing new projects.

He said that to increase the area under assured irrigation, we're collaborating on strategic initiatives, with Major irrigation projects funded under PMKSY-AIBP and Minor Irrigation Projects covered under PMKSY HKKP.

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Short Term Quotations

Short Term Sealed Quotation(s) are invited from dealing Restaurants/Hotels/Catering Service Providers for supply of following Lunch/Refreshment required during Trainings/ Workshops/ Meetings, etc. conducted by Srinagar Office of State Health Society, National Health Mission, J&K for the FY 2025-26.

S. No.	Detail of food Items	Rate(Rs)
1	Buffet Lunch/Catering Services:	Rate Per plate
	Morning& Evening Tea with snacks (Pakora/Biscuits/Samosa/Matthi/Cake)	
	Mineral water on the Table (1/2 ltr)	
2	Lunch: Basmati Rice/Roti Chicken Masala with Curry Palak Paneer Mix veg. Mineral Water bottle (1/2 Ltr) Sweet Dish Salad	Rate Per plate
	Working Lunch	
	Morning & Evening Tea with snacks (Pakora/Biscuits/Samosa/Matthi/Cake)	
	Lunch: Chicken Biryani (Full 2 pc) Mineral Water Bottle (1/2 ltr) Sweet Dish	

Terms & Conditions:

- Sealed quotations will have to be submitted in Srinagar Office of State Health Society, NHM at Block 'A' Ground Floor, Old Secretariat, Srinagar within 7 working days after the issuance of this notice.
- The intended participants shall have to submit quotation on its registered letter head for the items mentioned above, rates to be quoted shall be inclusive of all Taxes/ other service charges, and this office shall not make any additional payment regarding the same.
- Rates coming into vogue as a result of the Notice Inviting Short Term Quotations shall remain valid till 31 st March 2026 and will be extendable for another period of ninety (90) days.
- Mere approval of rates does not guarantee issuance of any Supply/ Work Order(s) in favour of approved Vendor/ Service Provider, which will be issued by the office of Divisional Nodal Officer Kashmir on 'as & when required' basis.
- Approved vendor/ service provider will have to supply material within the time stipulated by the office of Divisional Nodal Officer Kashmir, failing which penalty of 5%, subject to maximum 10%, may be levied after giving opportunity of being heard to the approved vendor/ service provider.
- Payments shall be made by the office of Divisional Nodal Officer Kashmir, after receipt of bill(s) duly verified by the concerned officer(s) and after deducting Statutory dues, as applicable.
- In case of any query/clarification intending participants(s) may feel free to contact at Srinagar office of the State Health Society, NHM, J&K.
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Abdul Hameed Bhat.
S/O Mohd Afzal Bhat.
R/O Nadihal Bandipora.

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Name: Tawkeer Imtiyaz
S/O: Imtiyaz Ahmad Thoker
R/O: Kakawring, Tehsil Charari Sharief, District Budgam

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This is an information for general public that the DOB of my Son has been Mistakenly Mentioned in his school records as: 15-11-2012., while as his Actual and correct DOB is, 15-11-2011. 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 Headmaster GOVT Primary school Arampora Sonerwani, with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Sayeeda Begum,
W /O Late Mohammad Shafi Lone,
Mother of: Shafat Shafi Lone,
R/O Arampora Sonerwani,

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This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement Bearing Consumer ID No: 0216020009597, which is Registered in the name of Shabir Ahmad Shah, SiL- Bashir Ahmad Shah, Now i want to apply for change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Bashir Ahmad Shah, SiL- Gh Mahd Shah, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Kaloosa Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted. Bashir Ahmad Shah. SiL :Gh Mahd Shah R/O Quilmuqam, District, Bandipora.

We support T20 leagues in new territories but nothing on table yet in Saudi Arabia: IPL chairman

Nearing two decades of existence, brand IPL has become stronger than ever and doesn't see any threat from the growing number of T20 leagues globally, its chairman Arun Dhumal said on Saturday as he steered clear of the speculation swirling around an event backed by Saudi Arabia.

Speaking to PTI as the league enters its 18th edition, Dhumal said the BCCI supports the rise in number of T20 leagues globally, especially in uncharted territories like Saudi Arabia, Europe and the USA. He feels the growth will eventually help the game ahead of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics where cricket will be played.

"There is no point discussing something on the basis of speculation. There is nothing on the table for discussion with everyone (all stakeholders). And as far as my knowledge goes, there is no infrastructure as of now in Saudi Arabia that can cater to a tournament of this scale.

"So, there is no point discussing speculative stories," said the IPL chairman.

Plenty has been reported in international media about the oil-rich Saudi Arabia foraying into cricket over the last two years but nothing concrete has come out of those speculations.

Having said that, Saudi Arabia has been a sponsor in the IPL and hosted the mega auction last year.

Now there is fresh chatter around a tennis Grand Slam styled league funded by the Arab giant but concrete details are yet to emerge.

No threat from other leagues

investments in leagues organised by foreign boards including CPL, SA20, MLC, ILT20 and most recently The Hundred in the UK.

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Nobody can stop anybody and we would not want to stop anyone.

"We would only focus on strengthening our tournament and our property."



Ban for last-minute pull outs justified

In the run-up to this year's IPL, England star Harry Brook was handed a two-year ban for pulling out of his contract with Delhi Capitals, causing quite a flutter.

Dhumal defended the sanction which led to quite a debate.

"Teams pick players auction with a particular strategy in mind. In case a player withdraws from the tournament without a genuine reason, it changes the whole gameplan of the impacted and also affects the tournament," said Dhumal, clarifying that the two-year suspension will include the season that a player has withdrawn from.

On the varied opinions around the Impact Player Rule, Dhumal added: "The response we got from fans and broadcasters was very positive. It has elevated the standard of the game. Keeping that in mind, we have extended it till 2027.

"As far as the debate around development of Indian all-rounders are concerned, IPL has raised benchmark for quality bowlers and batters and this would ensure a raise in benchmark for quality all-rounders as well."

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Ricky Ponting: We are going to become greatest Punjab Kings side

Ashleigh Gardner's right index finger injury has been confirmed to be a fracture, and she has been ruled out of the ongoing T20I series between New Zealand and Australia as a result. "She will have further scans and seek specialist advice on return to Sydney," a Cricket Australia statement on Saturday said.

Ellyse Perry will stand in as deputy to captain Tahlia McGrath in Gardner's absence, while Charli Knott, the 22-year-old uncapped batting allrounder from Queensland, has been brought into the squad as a replacement for the two remaining matches in the series. The second game will be played on Sunday and the last one on Wednesday.

Australia lead the series 1-0 after winning the first game in Auckland on Friday, and they pulled off the comprehensive eight-wicket win, with 39 balls in hand chasing 138 for victory, with just 2.2 overs of bowling from star allrounder Gardner.

Bowling the 17th over of the New Zealand innings - her third - after New Zealand had opted to bat, Gardner sent in a flighted delivery to Sophie Devine, who went down the track and hit the ball back hard towards Gardner. Gardner got both her hands on the ball attempting the catch, but spilled it and it was immediately clear that she had hurt herself. The physio was out, and Gardner went off the field soon after.

The update after the New Zealand innings was that Gardner had been taken for scans and wouldn't bat in Australia's chase. That wasn't required anyway, as Beth Mooney (75 not out in 42 balls) and Georgia Voll (50 in 31) took care of the runs Australia required.



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