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"2 terrorists killed; 5 security personnel injured"

JAMMU: A fierce gun battle in a remote forested area of Kathua district has left two terrorists dead and five security personnel injured as the security forces intensified their operation to neutralise an infiltrating group of about five militants, officials said

It was not immediately clear whether it was the same group that had been evading an earlier cordon in Sanyal forest of Kathua region or another batch of freshly infiltrated

The encounter triggered intense firing and explosions, the officials said.

The gunfight, centred near Jakhole village in the Ghati Juthana area of Rajbagh, involved a group of approximately five terrorists and an initial exchange of gunfire resulted in injuries to Special Police Officer Bharat Chalotra, who sustained facial wounds.



He was treated at a Kathua hospital before being transferred to Government Medical College Hospital in Jammu, where

his condition was stated to be stable. The officials said that two terrorists were killed in the onslaught led by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and assisted by the Army, the BSF and CRPF.

Adding to the tension, three security personnel, including a Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO), were reportedly trapped near the gunfight's location, adjacent to a rivulet concealed by dense foliage.

emerge only after the ongoing encounter

It may be mentioned that a group of terrorists were intercepted by the SOG in the Hiranagar sector of Kathua district on Sunday evening.

Despite a massive search operation. the terrorists managed to escape the initial cordon, the officials said, adding it is assumed that the same could have been possibly spotted near Jakhole, approximately 30 kilometers from the initial encounter site.

The terrorists were moving through the forest area when a police party headed by a SDPO moved in after getting specific information, the officials said, adding they came under heavy firing resulting in the gunfight.Reinforcements from the police, army, and CRPF were immediately deployed

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Two more Hurriyat-affiliated groups shun separatism in Kashmir: Amit Shah

SRINAGAR: Two groups affiliated with the Hurriyat Conference—J&KTahreeqi Isteqlal and J&K Tahreek-I-Istiqamathave renounced separatism and expressed faith in India's vision under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, Home Minister Amit Shah said Thursday.

This development comes two daysaftersimilarannouncements by two other affiliates of the separatists' conglomerate.

On Tuesday, Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Political



Kashmir People's Movement (JKPM) and the Jammu and

Movement(JKDPM)announced

Cabinet gives nod to implementation of key budget

KC News Network

JAMMU: The cabinet on Thursday gave its go-ahead to implementation of key budget announcements made by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in his budget speech on March 07. Sources told news agency—Kashmir News

Observer (KNO) that the cabinet meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

"The meeting commenced at 3: 00 PM and lasted till 4:30 PM," they said, adding that the cabinet gave its nod to modalities worked-out by >>SEE ON P-7

2nd part of Budget session

14 private member resolutions including 3 on statehood to be moved

KC News Network

IAMMU: A total of 14 private member resolutions, including three seeking restoration of statehood, will be moved in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly during the second part of the budget session next month, an official said.

The maiden budget session of the assembly post abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two Union territories commenced in Jammu on March 3, having

revised calendar.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah presented the first budget of his government on

a total of 21 sittings as per the March 7. After the demands for grants, the budget was approved on March 25 with the passage

of Appropriation

Road Projects Worth Rs Two Lakh Cr Being Implemented In J&K: Gadkari

KC News Network

NEW DELHI: Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said the road infrastructure projects worth Rs two lakh crore are being implemented in Jammu and Kashmir, which will boost the connectivity



in the region.

Replying to supplementaries during question hour in the Lok Sabha, Nitin Gadkari said, "The government is working in converting 25,000 km National Highways into four lanes from two lanes in the next two years."

He informed that around 70 per cent of the work of Asia's longest tunnel - Zojila Tunnel

in Jammu and Kashmir has been completed. He added that the project which will provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh

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Historic Milestone

Kashmir to Get First Direct Train on April 19, PM Modi to Flag Off Service

KC News Network

JAMMU: The long-awaited railway connection between Kashmir and the rest of India is set to become a reality on April 19, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the first train to the Valley from Katra. The historic event will take place

in the presence of Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, among others. This marks the completion of

decades of efforts to connect Kashmir by rail. Currently, train services operate only between Sangaldan and Baramulla, with long-distance trains terminating at Katra. The new service will bridge



this crucial gap, allowing passengers to travel seamlessly to Kashmir.

Before flagging off the train, PM Modi will visit the world's highest railway bridge over the Chenab River in Reasi district. Officials will brief him on its construction and significance as an

engineering feat. After the inspection, Modi will travel to Katra, where he will inaugurate the new train service and address a public rally. He will then return to New Delhi from Udhampur Army Airport.

Police raid multiple locations in Kashmir valley

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Multiple raids were conducted

in the Kashmir valley Thursday as part of police investigations into the activities of several proscribed organisations, officials

The raids were conducted in Ganderbal, Shopian and Baramulla districts, they said. Multiple locations were raided and searches were conducted at the residences of individuals associated with the proscribed organisations, including Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (JKDFP), and J-K Muslim League (Masrat Alam Faction), they said.

They said police carried out searches at the residential premises of separatist elements suspected of involvement in unlawful activities that pose a threat to public order and national security.

During the search operations, law enforcement officials seized incriminating material linked to the activities of these banned groups, the police officials said. The recovered items are now under in-

vestigation, forming a crucial part of multiple FIRs registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), they said. The raids were conducted in the presence

of magistrates and independent witnesses to ensure full legal adherence and procedural transparency, the officials added.

The ongoing investigation aims to dismantle the anti-national and separatist ecosystems by identifying and taking strict legal action against individuals involved in such activities, they said. Over the last few days, police have conducted multiple raids across the valley as part of the investigations against these banned groups, and with an aim to dismantle the anti-nationa

and separatist ecosystems.

Kashmir to observe Shab-e-Qadr tonight



Rehan Qayoom Mir

SRINAGAR: Thousands of faithful will bow their heads in prayer tonight during the sacred night of Shab-e-Qadr.

Shab-e-Qadr, the Night of Power, is believed to be the most

sacred night of Ramadan—a night when the heavens open, sins are forgiven, and prayers are

all across the globe tonight, including in the Kashmir Valley. According to the news agency-Kashmir

answered. It is being observed

Observer (KNO), Srinagar's historic Hazratbal Shrine is set to witness the largest gathering of worshippers, with thousands expected to spend the night in deep devotion. However, the authorities disallowed prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid in the heart of Srinagar.

Meanwhile, other mosques and shrines across the valley will resonate with spiritual recitations, as believers immerse themselves in prayers, Tilawate-Quran and supplications for mercy and peace tonight. Mohammad Yousuf, a resident of Khanyar,

CM, LG, Dy CM, Ors extend Shab-e-Qadr Jumat-ul-Vida greetings

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today extended his greetings to the people of

Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasions of Shab-i-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida.

In his message, the Chief Minister highlighted the spiritual significance of Shab-i-Qadr, the blessed night when the Holy Quran was revealed, and Jumat-ul-Vida, the last Friday of Ramadan, which holds great importance for the Muslim community. He urged the people to use these sacred moments for prayers

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IGP Kashmir Reviews Security Arrangements Ahead Of Upcoming Festivals, SANJY

KC News Network

SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, V K Birdi, chaired a joint security review meeting today at PCR Kashmir to evaluate and finalize security arrangements for the upcoming major events in the Kashmir Valley.

The meeting was attended by senior officers from J&K Police, intelligence agencies, and various security forces. Key participants



included IG CRPF Srinagar Pawan Kumar Sharma, DIG CKR Rajiv Pandey-IPS, DIG CRPF KOS, DIG CRPF South/North, DIG BSF Srinagar, DIG ITBP, JD IB, SSP Srinagar, SSP Traffic City Srinagar, SSP CID CIK, SSP Security Kashmir, SSP SDRF, SSP APCR, Dy. Director Fire & Emergency, with all District SSsP from the Kashmir Zone joining virtually.

As per the statement, the meeting primarily focused on reviewing security arrangements in anticipation of the

upcoming festivals, particularly Eid-ul-Fitr, and the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY). Discussions centered on safeguarding public security, ensuring law and order, and ensuring the smooth execution of these large-scale events. With Eid-ul-Fitr approaching, which typically sees large congregations for night prayers and other religious observances at mosques across the Kashmir Valley, IGP Kashmir issued clear directives for effective crowd control management.

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COAS Gen Dwivedi highlights Five Pillars of Transformation between Three Services

KC News Network

SRINAGAR: Chief of

Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi has stressed upon the Five Pillars of Transformation encompassing technology absorption, structural changes, human resource development and increasing cohesion between the three services. Delivering the valedictory address of the Higher Defence Management Course (HDMC-20) at the College of Defence Management (CDM), Secunderabad, Gen Dwivedi gave a holistic roadmap of the Indian Army to become

a future ready combat force. The COAS highlighted the Army's commitment to becoming a technologically advanced, adaptive and self-reliant force capable of addressing complex future challenges. He stressed upon the need to move from process driven approach to outcome driven approach to transition from measure of performance in all spheres of national to measure of effectiveness. security towards achieving



The COAS underscored the alignment of the Army's transformative goals and deliberated upon the three phases of Era of Transition, Era of Consolidation and Era of Control.

Gen Dwivedi emphasised that Armed forces must be mobile, agile and technoligically competent; capable for contributing

Forces,

vision viksit bharat by 2047 through Atmanirbharta, and remain a key pillar of national power and a preferred security partner in the region.

The event marked the successful completion of the flagship Higher Defence Management Course by 167 officers from the Indian Armed

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Dhankhar Rejects Privilege Notice Against Amit Shah, Says No Transgression

NEW DELHI: Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday rejected a privilege notice against Union Home Minister Amit Shah after the minister cited a 1948 government press release to authenticate his statement that a Congress leader was part of the management of the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

In his ruling on Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh's breach of privilege notice, Dhankhar said Shah did not commit any "transgression" and that his statements during a debate earlier this week were in "absolute adherence to truth".

He went on to state that the breach of privilege was invoked in haste to get traction in the media and asked the House Ethics Committee to lay down fresh guidelines on MP's conduct on issues such as releasing communication with the chair or notices

Ramesh had moved the notice against Shah for "casting aspersions" on Congress

while replying to a debate on the Disaster Management Bill, 2024 in Rajya Sabha on

Dhankhar said when some members objected to his assertion, Shah agreed to authenticate his statement.

The Home Minister, he said, has backed his statement by producing a January 24, 1948 press release issued by the government's Press Information Bureau (PIB) that announced the then prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's announcement of setting up of

The fund "will be managed by a committee consisting of the Prime Minister, the President of the Indian National Congress, the Deputy Prime Minister and there are some other Members," Dhankhar said quoting from the release produced in support of Shah's statement.

"I have carefully gone through the debate and what the Union Home Minister asserted...



The Home Minister focused in categorical terms that this was the practice," he said. "I find there has been no transgression. There has been absolute adherence to truth which is vindicated by a document that is available to the Hon'ble Members and that being the situation. I cannot persuade myself to accord

any acceptance to this Notice of Question of Privilege against Shri Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs." Ramesh had on Wednesday moved a privilege motion against Shah for making "unfounded allegations" against Sonia Gandhi with a "premeditated motive to malign" her.

not take the name of Sonia Gandhi, he had categorically by implication referred to her and imputed motive to her. The Home Minister had made unfounded allegations against Sonia Gandhi with a premeditated motive to malign her reputation. The Home Minister's statement is blatantly false and defamatory," he had said in the letter.

Ramesh quoted a statement Shah made on Tuesday while replying to a debate on the Disaster Management Bill, 2024 in Rajya Sabha. "The Prime Minister's National Relief Fund was established during the Congress' rule, and the PM-CARES Fund was established during PM Narendra Modi and the NDA's rule. Sir, during Congress' rule only one family used to control the country," Shah had said.

Without naming anyone, Shah claimed that a Congress leader was part of the PM's relief fund at the time.

Dhankhar said breach of privilege is a serious matter."I have declined with a deep sense of anguish and pain that we rushed to invoke breach of privilege. We rush to the media, give it traction, try to tarnish image. And I have said on a number of occasions, this House will not be a platform to ruin reputations of people," he said.

He then referred to the formation of the Ethics Committee in 1998 and it under SB Chauhan in a report stating that members must conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the dignity of Parliament and preserves their personal credibility. Also, members must bear the responsibility of maintaining exemplary standards of morality, dignity, decorum and values in their public conduct."I am tasking the Ethics Committee to look into SB Chauhan Committee report on ethics and take note of the intervening situations mostly brought about by technological developments and social media and evolve our mechanism. fresh guidelines for members for adherence,"

Death toll from wildfires in SKorea rises to 26 - Interior Ministry

ongoing wildfires in southeastern South Korea has reached 26 people, while 30 others sustained injuries, the South Korean Ministry of the Interior and Safety said on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the Yonhap news agency reported 24 deaths from wildfires that began last week.

"As a result of this large forest fire, as of 6:00 on March 27 [21:00 GMT on March 26], the death toll stands at 26 people, with 8 people seriously injured, and 22 people slightlyinjured," the ministry said in a statement. According to the latest data, 325 buildings, including 117

SEOUL: The death toll from houses, have been damaged. Some 24,000 residents were evacuated to nearby gyms, schools and other shelters, but most of them have already returned home. There has been no information about Russian citizens injured in the wildfires so far, but the Russian Consulate General in the city of Busan has urged them to remain cautious and avoid visiting disaster areas. On Tuesday,

> South Korean media reported, citing forest authorities, that the Gounsa Buddhist temple, which dates back to the 7th century, was destroyed by the fire.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra begins three-day visit to Wayanad

WAYANAD (KERALA): Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra arrived in Wayanad on Thursday for a three-day visit, during which she will participate



in a series of events. She landed at Kannur airport and travelled to Wayanad by road. Priyanka, who also represents Wayanad in Parliament, will begin her visit with prayers at the Sree Seetha Devi Lava Kusa Temple in Pulpally, according to Congress sources. As

per her itinerary, she will inaugurate the New Grama Panchayat Office Complex at Pulpally Grama Panchayat, Sulthan Bathery.Later, at 12.10 pm, she will attend the inauguration of the Smart Anganwadi at Angadisseri, the Lift Irrigation Project at Athirattukunnu, and the Irithilottukunnu Check Dam at Irulam, Sulthan Bathery. At 1.30 pm, Vadra will inaugurate the 'Vanitha Sangamam' at the Grama Panchayat Community Hall in Meenangadi, Sulthan Bathery.

This will be followed by the launch of the 'One School, One Game' project at WMO Muttil, Kalpetta, at 2.30 pm. She will also attend the foundation stone laying ceremony for the proposed township for survivorsof the Mundakkai-Chooralmala landslide at Elstone Estate, Kalpetta.

Later, at 5.15 pm, she is scheduled to visit the Valliyoorkavu Temple in Mananthavady. Vadra won the 2024 Lok Sabha by-election from Wayanad.

Cash Row

CJI Khanna Assures Bar Leaders To Consider Demand Against Justice Varma's Transfer

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Thursday assured bar leaders to consider their demand for withdrawal of the collegium's recommendation to transfer Delhi High Court's Justice Yashwant Varma, Allahabad High Court Bar Association president Anil Tiwari said.



The representatives of six bar associations of different high courts met the CJI and other collegium members – Justices B R Gavai, Surya Kant, Abhay S Oka and Vikram Nath — in the afternoon.

They deliberated upon the memorandum of the bar bodies and assured consideration of their demand, said Tiwari after coming out of the meeting held in the apex court.

He said the Allahabad High Court bar body

would reconsider whether or not to continue with the indefinite strike.

The Allahabad High Court Bar Association has been on an indefinite strike from March 25 to protest the proposed repatriation of Justice Varma to his parent high court.

Earlier in the day, representatives of the bar associations of high courts of Allahabad, Gujarat, Kerala, Jabalpur, Karnataka and Lucknow submitted a memorandum to the CJI's office and sought an appointment to meet Justice Khanna.

While pointing out an alleged tampering of the evidence at Justice Varma's official residence where burnt wads of cash were purportedly discovered on March 14 during a fire incident, the members questioned non-registration of an FIR in the incident.

In a memorandum, the bar bodies appreciated the steps taken by the CJI to embrace transparency and to make public the report of the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court and other materials on the apex court website.

"The bar associations request the Chief Justice and the collegium to withdraw transfer of Justice Yashwant Varma and to withdraw all administrative workin addition to the judicial work which is already withdrawn," the memorandum said.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR KASHMIR HORTICULTURE (P&M) RAJBAGH SRINAGAR.

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: Member

FRESH e-Nit AUC Notice280F 2025-26 Dated:26-03-2025 Outsourcing of Gate Entry Contract with respect to F & V Market Handwara

For and on behalf of MAC Fruit & Vegetable Market Handwara. E bid, accompanied with CDR 25,000/- (Rupees twenty Five thousand only) pledged to Member Secretary MAC Fruit & Vegetable Market Handwara as earnest money and DD for an amount of Rs, 500/- pledged to Member Secretary MAC Fruit & Vegetable Market Handwara as tender processing fee are invited from the interested parties/ persons having valid GST Registration for Outsourcing of Gate Entry fee contract in Fruit & Vegetable Market Handwara for the Year 2025-26 (15.04.2025 - 31.03.2026) The minimum reserve bid is fixed at 2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakhs fifty thousand only). The tender documents can be downloaded from http://iktenders.gov.in. The Tenders/bids shall be opened online in the Office of the Deputy Director Kashmir/Chairperson MAC on bid opening date.

	Name of work	Minimum Reserve Bid	Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR	Cost of Tender Document	Period of Contract
	Collection of Gate EntryFeeofFruitandVegetableH andwarafortheyear2025-26(w.e.f.from00.00hrs. of15-04-2025 andshallterminate at 24.00 hrs.of the intervening nightof31.3.2026and 01.04.2026)	KS.2,5U,UUU/-+GST	Rs.25,000/- (10% of the minimum bid amount) in favor of Market Administrative Committee (MAC/ APMCHandwara).	Rs.500/- (Non-RefundableDemandDraft (in favor ofMarketAdministrative CommitteeHadwara)	(w.e.f. 15-04-2025 to 31.03.2026)
Critical Dates Table.					

4	Bid Submission Closing Date	09-04-2025 (Up to 4:00 PM)			
5	Bid Submission Opening Date	10-04-2025 (At 11:00 AM) at Deputy Director (K) office Rajbagh Srinagar			
TheGateEntryFeeforeachtypeofvehicle(loaded/unloaded)/entering/leavingFruitandVegetableMarketHandwara shallbeasunder:					
S. No	p. Type of Vehicle	Entry Fee Per Trip for 2025-26			
1	Troller 14/18/20 tyres	Rs. 240			
	Troller /10 /12 Tyres	Rs. 190			
2	Truck/Bus-6tyre	Rs, 120			
3	Tata Mobile, Tata Sumo, Trolley. Matador, Tractor and Jonga/ N	Mini bus Rs, 40			

Rs. 10

4 Auto/Load Carrier/Tiller/ Reda/Tonga/Horse The committee will comprise of the following members: -

Deputy Director Horticulture (P&M) Kashmir Accounts Officer Horticulture (P&M) J&K

Member-Secretary MAC /Area Marketing : Member

Assistant Grading and Marketing Officer Handwara or Grading and Marketing

Publishing Date

Document Download/Sale Date

Bid Submission start Date

The Successful bidder shall have to enter into an agreement with the Member Secretary MAC Fruit & Vegetable Market Handwara. The other terms and conditions are as under: The Successful tendered shall deposit the offered bid amount in the office of the MAC Fruit & Vegetable Market Handwara in full at the time of allotment of contract through assured

count cheque or Bank Guarantee whichever is thought feasible in the interest of MAC Handwara. The allotment to the successful bidder shall be given after two days of opening of tenders after depositing the bid amount. The agreement shall be executed only after the successful bidder has deposited the entire of the bid amount. The Possession of the Gate shall be given only after the execution of the agreement with Member Secretary Market Administrative Committee (MAC) Fruit & Vegetable Market Handwara.

In case the successful tenderer fails to deposit the bid amount within the stipulated time his contract shall be cancelled and the Security deposit shall be forfeited and the contract shall be given to the 2nd highest bidder under rules.

The Offer should be quoted both in figures and works duty covered with transparent tape and without any cutting.

The highest offer received is excluding income tax/GST etc. and the successful bidder has to pay the income Tax/GST and other taxes of his own. The successful tenderer shall not raise any additional structure in the Mandi premises for collection of gate entry fee and has to utilize the structure already existing in the premises for

said purpose The Fee shall be charged every time the vehicle enters in the Mandi Premises.

The Member Secretary Market Administrative Committee (MAC) Fruit & Vegetable Market Handwara. shall not be responsible and bound to provide any kind of relief/relaxation/compensation 10.

in the event of any adversity or unavoidable circumstances like Hartal /Bandh / less arrivals etc. The successful bidder has to charge the entry fee as per the approved rates of Directorate of Horticulture (P&M). Any complaint with regard to overcharging of rates will be viewed seriously

which may lead to the cancellation of the allotment and in that case the amount deposited shall be forfeited along with the earnest money. The Government Vehicle/police and security vehicle or personal vehicles of MAC employee and vehicles carrying the construction material for Mandi developmental works are exempted

from entry fee at all the entry gates. The Member Secretary Market Administrative Committee (MAC) Fruit & Vegetable Market Handwara reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason 13.

thereof. The allottee will strictly abide by the rules and regulations as provided under APMR Act 1997/Model Act. 14.

In case of any dispute between the parties, the Decision of the Director Agricultural Marketing/Director Horticulture planning and Marketing shall be final and binding upon both the parties. 15. 16. The successful bidder shall be responsible for any damage to the entry/exit gates or guard room during the contract period and shall be bound by the labour laws being in force.

17. In case the highest bid amount of two or more bidders is same, then such highest bidders may be asked to submit sealed revised offers but the revised quoted rate of bidders should not be lower that their respective original bids quoted already at the time of the submission of bid. The higher bidder shall be decided on the basis of revised offer. If the revised bid amount of two or more bidders received in revised offer is again found to be equal the highest bidders, amount such bidder, shall be decided by draw of lots in the presence of next higher authority and the highest bidders those have quoted equal bids. In case all the highest bidders those have same bid amount, refuse to submit revised offers, or quoting lower revised bids than their offers, or quoting lower revised bids than their respective original bid quoted already at the time of submission of his bid shall not be allowed to participate in the retendering process of the work.

18. Clause on arbitration issued by Department of Law Justice & Parliamentary Affairs U.T of J&K under Circular No. 16-JK(LD) of 2023, dated 28.12.2023 shall be applicable.

No: -142-III/MAC/DDK/HPM/2025/5567-71 Dated: - 26-03-2025

Sd/- Deputy Director (K), **DIPK-13454/24** Horticulture (P&M), Srinagar

Nation not built by slogans, but performing duties: Yogi Adityanath

LUCKNOW: Nation is not served by slogans or speeches but by performing duties honestly, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Thursday, asserting that the state has been made into a "growth engine" in the eight years of his

Addressing an appointment letter distribution programme for medical officers of Ayush department here, the CM said, "Eight years ago, Uttar Pradesh was known as a 'bimaru' (sick) state. It wasn't the state that was sick, but the system. The working methods of the past governments were sick, and this led to a state incapable of making decisions and delivering results." He added, "Today, we see a new Uttar Pradesh, one that takes decisions with care, transparency, and honesty. These are the same values that have brought about significant changes in the state." Uttar Pradesh has experienced remarkable progress, particularly in administrative reforms, and its economic growth, once hindered by bureaucratic inefficiencies, has now become a driving force for India's development, he claimed.

Adityanath also claimed that the Maha Kumbh was made a success because of the mix of teamwork and technology.

He mentioned the growing international recognition of India's traditional practices, such as yoga, under the leadership of Prime Minister



Narendra Modi.

"Today, 193 countries celebrate World Yoga Day, acknowledging the value of India's heritage," he said.

"The AYUSH system, based on the wisdom of our ancient sages, teaches us not just to treat diseases but to live a healthier, longer life. Uttar Pradesh is leading in this area with an increasing number of ayurveda and homeopathy hospitals," he said.

'The service of the nation is not done by slogans and speeches. It is done by performing our duties honestly. Leaving work for tomorrow means you're not discharging your responsibilities properly,"

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR (UTI

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER ANANTNAG

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Subject:-Revised Final Seniority list of Junior Theatre Technicians of District Cadre Anantnag

(NOTIFICATION)

Whereas, this office has issued final seniority list of Jr. Theatre Technician of District Anantnag vide No:- Est/CMO/Tech/24/6859-71 Dated: 04/11/2024.

Whereas, this office has received representation of Mr. Mudasir Hussain Bhat, Jr. Theatre Technician presently working at MMABM AH GMC Anantnag forwarded by Chief Accounts Officer, GMC Anantnag vide Letter No. Acctt/GMCA/24/2197 Dated: 25/03/2025.

Whereas, after examining the case, the final seniority of the said Jr. Theatre Technicians of District Cadre Anantnag has been re-issued and circulated vide this office No. Est/CMO/Tech/ Sr.List/11032-43 Dated: - 26-03-2025.

Now, thereof the revised final Seniority list of Jr. Theatre Technicians has been issued and circulated strictly as per the merit obtained in J&K SSB selection list.

No:- Est/CMOA/Sr.List/Tech/ 11059-72 Dated:-26/03/2025

DIPK-13478/24

Chief Medical Officer Anantnag

GDC Sumbal Hosts Event To Celebrate 'World Theatre Day'

SUMBAL: The Young Dramatists Society Srinagar and Inder Cultural Forum, in collaboration with Government Degree College (GDC) Sumbal on Thursday organises an event to celebrate World Theatre Day 2025.

An official spokesperson said the event titled, "Theatre as a Tool Against Drug Abuse" was attended by theatre artists, academicians, students, and social activists who emphasized the role of theatre in addressing the growing issue of drug

The event was presided over by the Principal GDC Sumbal Prof. (Dr.) Shabeena Igbal Shawl while Mohammad Amin Bhat, the President of Adbee Markaz Kamraz, was the Chief Guest.

The programme was graced by several dignitaries, including Abdul Ahad Farhaad, Rashid Rahil, Chief Editor of the Asian Mail Group, and other notable personalities besides the event was attended by faculty members, both teaching and non-teaching, as well as students of the

The programme commenced with a group Naat, presented by the students of the college,



followed by the felicitation of college Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Shabeena Iqbal Shawl, Guests of Honor Abdul Ahad Farhaad and Rashid Rahil, and Convener, Cultural Committee Dr. Shaista Ahmad for their contributions and support.

Two Dramas were presented as part of the event. The first play, enacted by members of the

Cultural Forum Sumbal, focused on the issue of corruption, drug abuse and the critical roles played by government agencies and law enforcement in curbing these social issues. While, the

Second play, performed by the Young Dramatist Society, was an adaptation of the famous

Eliza- bethan tragedy Dr. Faustus written by Sohan Lal Kaul.

In her address, the Principal of the college emphasized the urgent need to raise awareness among the youth to protect them from falling prey to the detrimental effects of drug abuse. She commended the actors for their exemplary performances and elaborated on the transformative power of theatre, stressing its relevance and importance in today's society as a medium for education and social change.

The guests present on the occasion also shared their thoughts during the event, lauding the hospitality, discipline, and organizational excellence of the college. They expressed their gratitude to the college administration for their unwavering support and cooperation for successfully conducting the event.

The event was moderated by Majeed Majazi and concluded on a high note, reinforcing the message that theatre plays a crucial role in addressing social issues, fostering awareness, and promoting positive change in society.

J&K Water Testing Lab Staff Association Urges Authorities to Expedite Honorarium Enhancement

SRINAGAR: The All J&K Water Testing Lab Staff Association, under the leadership of Chairman Mohsin Atta Bhat, visited the Civil Secretariat Srinagar to verify the status of their honorarium enhancement file.

An official spokesperson of the association said the concerned authorities informed them that the file remains pending with a Junior Asthat such attempts would not be tolerated.

He also highlighted the pending implementation of a 10% enhancement order issued under the SLSSC meeting vide No: PW/ Hyd/P&S/210WSSO2015-16 dated 19/05/2017. While the order was implemented once in 2019, it has been stalled for the past six years without any justification from the Chief Engineers of



sistant in the Finance Department due to the non-availability of honorarium scales from some states, as required by the Codes Department.

While a few states have already submitted the necessary data, others are yet to comply, causing further delays. In response, Chairman Mohsin Atta Bhat urged the authorities to expedite the process, emphasizing that lab staff have suffered immensely due to the prolonged delay in salary enhancement.

Addressing the members, the chairman appealed to all lab staff across J&K to unite in their fight for this genuine demand, rather than pursuing individual approaches. He cautioned against "unscrupulous elements" attempting to create divisions within the association and reaffirmed

respective divisions.

The chairman termed this delay unjustified and unconstitutional and made a folded-hand appeal to the Chief Engineers of Kashmir and Jammu divisions to immediately issue formal orders for the release of the 10% enhancement from April 2019 onwards, at least by Eid-ul-Zuha, until the Finance Department approves the 50% enhancement.

He warned that if the enhancement is not released soon, the lab staff will have no alternative but to protest on the roads. Meanwhile, he urged all lab staff to continue their dedicated efforts in monitoring water quality for the welfare of society and assured them that their legitimate demands would be addressed soon.

MLA Nizamuddin Bhat Visits HKM College Bandipora, Reviews Developmental Initiatives

BANDIPORA: MLA Nizamuddin Bhat Thursday visited HKM Degree College Bandipora to

review the developmental initiatives and assess the academic activities.

An official spokesperson said the legislator was warmly received by Prof. Bliquees Rasool War, the officiating Principal and senior-most faculty member. He said the visit marked a significant engagement focused on the college's academic and infrastructural progress.

During the visit, Dr. Nasrul Islam, Head of the Chemistry Department, briefed the MLA on ongoing developmental projects, highlighting key challenges such as the shortage of permanent teaching staff affecting academic continuity and the need

ern educational demands.

Spokesperson said MLA stressed on enhancing student facilities including transportation

improvements and strengthening student support ser-

Bhat lauded the institution's efforts and urged authorities to expedite faculty recruitment, increase funding for infrastructure, and foster greater collaboration between the college, local government, and the community.

Spokesperson further stated that the visit provided a strategic roadmap for future improvements, reinforcing the commitment to making HKM Degree College a center of

for introducing new subjects aligned with modment in Bandinora

Indian Army Conducts Digital Literacy Program for Veterans, Soldiers at Akhnoor

Akhnoor, March 27: The Indian Army and Army Welfare Placement Organisation (AWPO), in collaboration with the Learning Links Foundation, on Thursday conducted a Digital Literacy Program at the Akhnoor Military Station with an aim to enhance digital proficiency among serving and retired army personnel.

An official spokesperson said the program aimed to bridge the digital divide and equip participants with essential technological skills, crucial for both professional and personal growth.

The curriculum covered computer basics, internet navigation, online communication, cybersecurity awareness, and the application of digital tools in various professional domains.

According to the spokesperson, the initiative catered to veterans seeking civilian employment and serving soldiers looking to enhance their operational efficiency, offering hands-on training led by expert instructors from the Learning Links Foundation. Participants expressed enthusiasm about the program, emphasizing its practical applications in their transition to civilian life and professional upskilling.

He said the successful completion of the program highlights AWPO's commitment to supporting army personnel and their families, fostering career advancement and technological adaptability.

"This collaboration underscores the importance of strategic partnerships in addressing the evolving needs of the armed forces community, ensuring they are well-prepared to thrive in the digital age," spokesperson added.

Khyber Cement Brings Festive Smiles with Special Eid Gifts for its Partners

SRINAGAR: Khyber Cement on Thursday distributed special Eid gifts to its extensive retailer network across Kashmir, reinforcing its commitment to strong industry relationships.

An official spokesperson said the initiative was part of its ongoing efforts to recognise and appreciate the contributions of its partners.

Expressing gratitude towards its partners, Mr. Umar Tramboo, Director of Corporate and Strategy at Khyber cement stated, "Our dealers and retailers form the backbone of our distribution network, and their support has been instrumental in our journey. Festivals like Eid provide the perfect opportunity to acknowledge their contributions and share in the

festive spirit. This initiative is our way of expressing appreciation and strengthening the trust that



defines our relationship." $An \, of ficial \, spokes person \, said \, a \, dedicated \, team$ of sales officers has been actively involved in ensuring that these gifts reach retailers seamlessly, making the celebrations even more meaningful. "This initiative reflects Khyber Cement's deep-rooted commitment to nurturing its partnerships, going beyond business transactions to foster a sense of goodwill and collaboration," he added.

Spokesperson said Khyber Cement has always placed great emphasis on engaging with its stakeholders, ensuring that such initiatives extend warmth and goodwill across its entire network.

"With the success of this Eid gift distribution, the company continues to build on its tradition of celebrating key moments with its valued partners," he said, adding, "With Eid symbolising togetherness and gratitude, the initiative added a meaningful touch to

the celebrations, reflecting the enduring bond between Khyber Cement and its partners.

IK Teachers Forum Greets People on Shab-e-Qadr

Bandipora, March 27: The Bandipora chapter of Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF) extends warm and heartfelt greetings to the people of Kashmir especially the dedicated teachers, students, and the education fraternity, on the sacred occasion of Shab-e-Qadr. In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener, Forum Spokesperson Anjum Nisar greeted the people on behalf of the forum and prayed for the well-being of teachers and their families in particular and sought Allah's mercy and guidance in its mission to nurture young minds and shape a brighter future.

"On this holy night, JKTF prays for everlasting peace, unity, and harmony in Kashmir. May Shab-e-Qadr bring blessings upon our land, strengthen our resolve, and inspire us all to work towards a better future," he added

SWD Concludes Skill Training, Distributes Tailoring Machines in Bandipora

Bandipora: The District Social Welfare Office Bandipora on Thursday concluded a two-day Skill Enhancement Training Program on Cutting & Tailoring at ITI Bandipora.

An official spokesperson said the program was organised under the supervision of the District Administration through SANKALP Hub

for Empowerment of Women, Mission Shakti and conducted in collaboration with ITI Bandipora and EDI Bandip-

The training equipped 60 women with advanced tailoring skills and entrepreneurship knowledge. As a step toward self-reliance, 16 underprivileged trainees were provided free tailoring machines to help them establish their own busi-



During the closing ceremony, trainees were felicitated for their dedication and achievements, while a woman entrepreneur from ITI Bandipora excelling in the tailoring business was honored for inspiring others to pursue self-employment.

Officials from Mission Shakti, ITI, and EDI Bandipora emphasized the significance of skill development in fostering financial independence among women. Participants expressed gratitude, stating that the training had boosted their confidence and livelihood prospects.

Officials said this initiative highlights the commitment of the District Social Welfare Office Bandipora to empowering women and promoting sustainable livelihoods in the region.

Indian Army Conducts 'Khairiyat Patrol' in Gurez Ahead of Eid

Gurez: As the holy month of Ramadan nears its conclusion, the Indian Army's Rana Battalion conducted a 'Khairiyat Patrol' in the Bagtore area near the Line of Control (LoC) in Gurez Valley, Bandipora district, on Thursday.

An official spokesperson said during the patrol army personnel $visited \,households \,door-to-door, engaging \,with \,residents \,to \,understand$ the challenges they face due to the prolonged closure of the Gurez-Bandipora road. "The outreach aimed to strengthen ties between the local population and security forces while addressing community

The Gurez-Bandipora road, a vital link for the residents of this remote region, often remains closed during harsh winters, severely affecting daily life.

"The army's proactive engagement during this period underscores its commitment to supporting the community ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr," the spokesperson added.

Locals appreciated the efforts of the Rana Battalion, expressing gratitude for the army's concern and outreach during Ramadan. "Many voiced hopes for swift resolutions to connectivity issues that impact access to essential supplies and services".

 $Spokes person\, said\, this\, good will\, initiative\, by\, the\, Indian\, Army\, reflects$ its ongoing efforts to foster trust and cooperation with border communities, ensuring their well-being amidst challenging conditions.

Admin Conducts Market Inspection to Regulate Prices

GOWHAR MAQBOOL

Hajin: Authorities on Thursday conducted a market inspection in Hajin town of north Kashmir's Bandipora district to ensure quality standards and regulate prices ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The inspection drive was led by Naib Tehsildar Hajin, Farooq Ahmad, along with Metrology Department Officer, Mushtag Ahmad, and officials from the Municipal Committee, Animal Husbandry Department, Food Supply, Revenue, and Food Safety Department.

The teams inspected various establishments, including vegetable and fruit vendors, meat and poultry shops, grocery stores, and bakeries. Several shopkeepers found violating pricing and quality regulations were fined a total of 4,500.

Naib Tehsildar Farooq Ahmad emphasized that such drives will continue to ensure the availability of quality commodities at fair prices. He urged traders to strictly follow regulations and prominently display rate lists at their business establishments to avoid penalties.





PM VIKAS

The Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme, launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, promises to uplift six notified minority communities through skill development, entrepreneurship, and education support. While the initiative is ambitious, the real challenge lies in its on-ground implementation.

For decades, successive governments have announced schemes aimed at minority welfare, but many have failed to deliver real empowerment due to bureaucratic hurdles, lack of awareness, and poor execution. PM VIKAS, by merging five existing schemes, may reduce administrative fragmentation, but will it truly reach the marginalized communities it aims to serve? One of the key focuses of the scheme is to provide skill training and job opportunities. However, India's employment crisis remains a harsh reality. Can skill training alone create jobs, or does the government also need to focus on generating employment avenues? Moreover, the credit linkage initiative sounds promising, but many minority entrepreneurs struggle with loan approvals and high-interest rates. What steps will be taken to ensure real financial inclusion? Another crucial aspect is women's empowerment, a long-overlooked issue in minority communities. While the government aims to train and encourage entrepreneurship among minority women, the real barriers—social restrictions, lack of market access, and financial literacy—remain largely unaddressed. Can PM VIKAS tackle these deeply rooted socioeconomic issues, or will it remain another scheme

To truly empower minority communities, the government must go beyond skill training and loans. It also needs to ensure direct market access for entrepreneurs besides investing in education reforms to prevent dropout rates rather than just providing skill-based alternatives.

that looks good on paper?

PM VIKAS has the potential to transform lives if implemented transparently and effectively. Otherwise, it risks becoming yet another well-intended but poorly executed welfare scheme. The government must ensure that this initiative does not merely check a policy box but creates a lasting impact on the lives of India's minorities.

Gard-e-Shab-e-Khayal: A Literary Mirror to Society's Struggles and Realities

Ravees Ahmad Kumar

Hailing from the picturesque Akingam village of Anantnag district, Fazil Shafi Bhat has over the years emerged as an ace fiction writer. His meticulously composed and artistically painted stories regularly find space in leading dailies, weeklies and monthly magazines published locally and across the subcontinent.

`His stories reflect the pain and suffering, people of the region endure due to harsh and callous attitude met in and outside home.

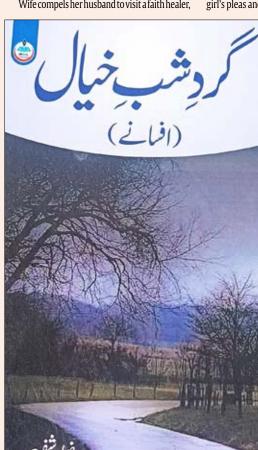
Besides. Fazil's stories draw a sketch of the growing immorality, social evils and also highlight the impediments erected in the way of communal harmony. Recently his short story collection Gard-e-Shab-e-Khayal has hit the strands, readers of all ages and experiences have praised his writing prowess and he has won accolades from even eminent and acclaimed litterateurs. This wonderful collection was released during Fiction Writer's Guild's weekly session held at Srinagar, attended by leading fiction writers of valley.

Published by famed GNK Publications, this collection, boasting an eye-catching cover, spans 158 pages of premier paper quality. Fazil has dedicated this collection to his late father, mother, spouse, daughter, mentor Meraj Zargar, uncle Manzoor Ahmad and Mohd Yaqoob. Comprising well-crafted twenty five short stories, its prose is written by the author himself, briefly summarizing his struggling efforts to combat hardships after being orphaned and living in desperation. He further reiterates that factual and truthful stories have been woven in fiction intending to highlight the issues concerning humanity.

While commenting on the writing career of Fazil, Meraj Zargar takes us back to Fazil's early years when he was drawn to urdu literature and commenced composing urdu prose. Naseem Ishq in her brief note has applauded the unique style of author and hailed his eloquently composed short stories reflecting happenings of daily life. Trailer, the opening short story of the book, is a reminder to all the believers who live luxuriously, while disobeying the creator and keep lengthy and flowing beard to fleece, deceive and cheat people just trying to make this mortal world a heaven for them.

Kufrani Nyamat, these days infertility is a growing concern among married couples. Most of the couples struggle to conceive a baby soon after their marriage. Their in-laws, mostly mother in-laws, even suggest their sons to remarry. However those with a lone baby girl, often knock the doors of medical practitioners and faith healers to have another boy child. This story is woven around such a married who happens to enjoy a luxurious and deluxe type

couple having a lone girl child longing for another one. of life but at the cost of his poor followers. The Wife compels her husband to visit a faith healer,



girl's pleas and beseeches moistens the eyes of her

parents, who later rescind to follow his directives and to revisit him.

Kamayi,, Fazil has eloquently woven a story around a helpless man who has sold his land to build a house hoping to get financial assistance later from the government department. But Ironically Sayar the officer incharge wasn't ready to help the impoverished man without receiving a portion as bribe.

It was only after the poor man handed over Rs 30000 to him that he initiated official procedure. However after crediting the money in the poor man's account, the officer's bad days just started when a gas cylinder explosion at his home left his spouse and daughter severely injured and their limbs were cut through a surgery at hospital.

Shabkhoon, through the local characters, Fazil has crafted a wonderful story, depicting how orphans are made the worst sufferers in the society. They are put to extreme types of oppression, their honor and property too is sold by selfish and self-centered people. Disheartening is to witness the lawyers pleading their case poorly and helping the opposite parties to win effortlessly.

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Shikast Arzoo,, amidst skyrocketing prices of essential goods, it becomes challenging to buy a sacrificial animal for Bakra Eid. Even the well-off people show reluctance to perform the traditional custom. This story shows how elderly people are looted in broad daylight even during Eid festival and they feel scared to face their children when they fail to buy an animal for Eid.

Radhi Kagaz,,, while going through this story, a reader is transported back to his early childhood when books of previous classes were sold at half rates. It was like a tradition and custom in Kashmir to search for second hand books for one's children at half rates.

Gone are those times and presently our wards prefer fresh lots, after using them either through them in bins or sell at paper costs. Maya Ka Khel,, this story is unraveling the wrappers of many ills prevalent in our society. Infertility is perceived as a sin, infertile women are tortured in the society and they are compelled to visit the self styled fake peers and faith healers who only dupe them and shatter their hopes and dreams.

Na Karda Gunah,, mobile phone addiction among our little buds is a major cause of concern as it has both affected their health and also spoiled our society, which needs an immediate remedy. At times, they scroll so recklessly or suddenly go live unnoticed that the videos which are shared from their parents ID's, become a cause of embarrassment for them and they are reprimanded for the same.

That's what has been found in the last story of this collection. Indeed it has highlighted a pressing issue. Fazil's columns, reviews and more specifically his short stories are constantly being widely hailed by literary circles for their unique style and thought provoking messages. He is successfully trying to mirror the ill health of society intending to find a lasting solution. My suggestion to fiction lovers would be to go through this collection and comment on merit.

Fazil Shafi Bhat deserves all praises and appreciation for writing this marvelous short story collection.

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From vision to victory: How India is winning the fight against TB

JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA

n this World Tuberculosis (TB) Day, I reflect with immense pride on how India is rewriting the playbook in the fight against TB. The recently concluded 100-day Intensified TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan has not only demonstrated the power of innovation but has also shown that mobilising communities is just

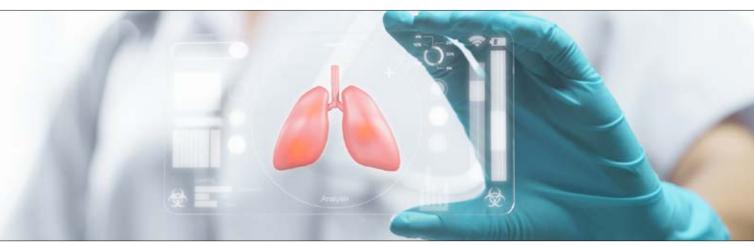
of which 2.85 lakh cases were asymptomatic and would have otherwise been missed but for this innovative approach, thus breaking the chain of TB infection. This is more than just a milestone it's a turning point.

TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan: A people's move-

But the real game-changer wasn't just the technology - it was the unprecedented mobilithan 21.000 TB awareness activities were held on festivals during the campaign duration involving faith-based leaders and community influencers.

The vision of our honourable PM, which laid the foundation stone of jan bhagidari, mobilised extensive social support for adoption of patients not only for nutrition but also psychosocial and vocational support. Support for TB patients is no longer limited to hospitals – it is happening at homes, in villages, and at workplaces. Through

change. Twenty-two ministries joined forces to integrate TB awareness and services into everyday life. TB awareness floats became a highlight of the Goa carnival parades. In schools across the country, TB awareness messages were incorporated into morning assemblies. The Ministry of Small and $Medium \, Enterprises \, lever aged \, its \, network \, of \, cluster$ offices to offer free TB screenings to thousands of visitors. These diverse efforts shattered stigma, corrected misinformation and put TB elimination



as crucial as transforming the programmatic approach. The campaign was launched on December 7, 2024, with the objectives of accelerating TB case detection, reducing mortality and preventing new cases.

The 100-day Intensified TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan introduced cutting-edge strategies to detect TB early, ensuring that even those without symptoms - who would have otherwise gone undiagnosed - were identified and treated. Portable X-ray machines were taken directly to high-risk individuals, including people with diabetes, smokers, alcohol consumers, those living with HIV, the elderly, those with low BMI and household contacts of TB patients. Artificial intelligence-powered X-rays flagged suspected TB cases instantly, and confirmation was done using gold-standard Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAAT). These efforts ensured that contagious cases were identified and treated quickly, curbing transmission and saving lives.

The campaign reached every corner of the country, screening 12.97 crore people belonging to vulnerable populations. This intensive effort led to the notification of 7.19 lakh TB patients, out

a mass movement powered by jan bhagidari (people's participation). Across India, over 13.46 lakh nikshay shivirs were held, where more than 30,000 elected representatives, including MPs, MLAs, and representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies stepped up to support the 100 day TB-mukt Bharat Abhiyaan. Corporate partners and ordinary citizens joined the campaign, reinforcing the idea that TB elimination is not just a government responsibility but a collective mission. In this mission, jan bhagidari was exemplified across states /UTs — more than 35,000 activities such as TB awareness, nutrition kit distribution, undertaking pledge for TB free India etc was carried out across 22 line ministries. Similarly, more than 21,000 activities were held with PSUs, trade associations, business associations, voluntary organisations and more than 7.7 lakh students across 78,000 educational institutions participated in TB awareness and sensitisation activities. Screening and testing of more than 4.17 lakhs vulnerable population was undertaken in congregate settings like prisons, mines, tea gardens, construction sites and workplaces. More

sation of communities. TB elimination is now

the Ni-kshay Mitra initiative, individuals and organisations are providing nutritional support to TB-affected families, with thousands of food baskets already delivered. In just 100 days, 1,05,181 new Ni-kshay Mitras were enrolled. Recognising the critical link between nutrition and TB recovery, the government has doubled financial assistance under the Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana from 500 to 1,000 per month, ensuring that no TB patient

fights this battle alone. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

is also providing tailored and personalised treatment for TB patients under the Differentiated TB care programme. For instance, if a TB patient is found to be underweight (with a BMI < 18.5 kg/ m2), their healthcare providers will chart out a tailored nutrition and treatment plan and monitor their progress each month during treatment.

Building on the momentum of the 100-day

The momentum of this campaign has also demonstrated how a whole-of-society and wholeof-government approach can drive transformative at the centre of public consciousness.

The 100-day campaign is just the beginning. India is all set to scale up these efforts nationwide, ensuring that every citizen - regardless of where they live – has access to modern diagnostics, quality treatment, and unwavering community support. Just as India rapidly scaled up Covid-19 testing, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is investing in next-generation TB diagnostics to bring faster and more accurate testing to the last mile.

India has witnessed the power of community-driven action before - whether through Swachh Bharat Mission or our polio eradication drive. Similarly, TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan is now becoming another people-led movement. When innovation meets access, and when governments, communities and individuals unite the impossible

India is not just fighting TB – we are defeating it.

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Javed Dar visits fire affected families in old town Baramulla, assures timely relief, rehabilitation

BARAMULLA: Minister for Agricultural Production, Rural Development Department, Javed Ahmad Dar, today visited the old Town Baramulla to take stock of the situation following a devastating fire incident occurred in the intervening night of March 23.

The fire resulted in destruction of 17 houses, leaving 29 families homeless.

The Minister was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, Minga Sherpa and other senior officials from the district administration.

During his visit, Javed Dar inspected the site of the incident and personally interacted with the affected families to understand their grievances and immediate needs.

The residents and local committee members shared their concerns with the Minister and requested for immediate rehabilitation, establishment of a permanent Fire & Emergency Services station in the area and a waiver of electricity and water charges for one year to ease their financial burden.



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The Minister assured the members of the affected families that the government stands with them in this difficult time and will take all necessary measures to ensure their swift rehabilitation and recovery.

Javed Dar directed the district administration to expedite assessment of losses and ensure that the affected families receive financial assistance and other support without delay.

The Deputy Commissioner briefed the Minister about the prompt response of the district administration following the incident. He informed that an immediate relief amount of Rs 10.60 lakh has already been distributed among the affected families to provide them with interim support.

He apprised that directions have been issued to the concerned officers to assess the damage in accordance with the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) norms, ensuring that further compensation and assistance are provided at the earliest.

The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted that temporary shelters, food supplies and other essential commodities have been arranged for the displaced families. He assured the Minister that district administration is closely coordinating with various departments and local authorities to provide continued support to the affected families until their proper rehabilitation. The Minister commended the district administration for their timely response and emphasized the need for long term measures to prevent such incidents in the future. He directed the concerned authorities to explore the feasibility of establishing a dedicated Fire and Emergency Services station in the Old Town area to enhance the response time in case of future emergencies.

Javed Dar reiterated the government's commitment towards providing full support to the affected families and ensuring their quick rehabilitation. He reassured that all necessary steps will be taken to improve fire safety infrastructure in the area.

RECPDCL Handovers Mahan Transmission Limited SPV to Adani Energy Solutions Limited

New Delhi: REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of REC Limited, the Maharatna CPSU under the aegis of Ministry of Power, Thursday handed over project specific SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) of Intra State Transmission Project under TBCB route viz, Mahan Transmission Limited to Adani Energy Solutions Limited.

An official spokesperson said Adani Energy Solutions Limited emerged as the Transmission Service Provider (TSP) through Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) process conducted by RECPDCL, the Bid Process Coordinator, for development of the transmission project on Build, Own, Operate & Transfer (BOOT) basis.

The SPV was handed over to Shri Shashank Sharma, Head Business Development, Adani Energy Solutions Limited in the presence of Senior Officials of RECPDCL, Adani Energy Solutions Limited, MPPMCL and MPPTCL. The implementation period for Rewa (Sagra) Substation is 25.10.2026 & for Amarpatan Substation is 25.04.2027.

The scheme covers construction of 400/220/132~kV Substation at Rewa (Sagra) & Amarpatan locations, 166~km of 400~kV transmission line between PTEMPL (MEL) Switchyard & Rewa (Sagra), 50~km of 400~kV line between Rewa (Sagra) & Amarpatan including other associated works of 220kv & 132~kV lines.

Officials said that the estimated cost of the project is around Rs. 1,996.47 Crore.



Rangyug Celebrates World Theatre Day with Captivating Reading of Lahron Ke Rajhans

Jammu: On the occasion of World Theatre Day, Rangyug presented a captivating script reading of Mohan Rakesh's timeless classic Lahron Ke Rajhans at Rangyug Studio.

An official spokesperosn said the presentation seamlessly blended deep emotions, evocative narration, and an immersive ambiance, leaving the audience spellbound.

Directed by renowned theatre director Deepak Kumar, the performance was a tribute to the brilliance of Indian theatre, drawing the audience into the play's intense conflicts through powerful character portrayals, an enchanting musical backdrop and a visually striking set.

Mohan Rakesh's Lahron Ke Rajhans is a deeply introspective play that explores the conflict between material attachments and spiritual liberation. Set against the backdrop of ancient India, it delves into the dilemmas of Nand, a man caught between worldly desires and renunciation and the emotional turmoil of Sundari, who struggles to hold on to love in the face of change.

The reading featured Raj Kumar Behrupia as Nand, Juhie Mohan as Sundari, Poonamas Alka, Shvetaang as Ashish Sharma, Shyamaang as Shivan Gupta, Maitrya as Deepak Kumar, Soham Kashyap as Bhikshu Anand, Sumit as Shashank and Aashvi as Niharika. Their expressive dialogue delivery, nuanced pauses and tonal shifts made the reading feel like a full-fledged theatrical experience.

A few moments stood out, leaving the audience deeply moved—Nand's silent hesitation before a crucial decision, Sundari's voice trembling with suppressed



emotions and Bhikshu Anand's calm yet piercing words echoing in the hushed atmosphere.

The script reading was elevated by a soul-stirring musical background that subtly underscored the shifting moods of the play, immersing the audience in Nand's world of inner conflict and existential longing. The visual setting added to the beauty of the performance, with softly glowing diyas casting flickering shadows that deepened the emotional impact. The minimalist yet authentic stage design transported the audience into the world of the play.

The event was graced by eminent personalities from various walks of life, including Nagendra Singh Jamwal (JKAS), Prof. Ashok Kumar, Narinder Sharma,

Sr Amarjeet Singh, Dr. Priya Dutta, Parshottam Kumar, Prof. Sukriti Sharma and Vijaya Thakur.

Theatre lovers and art enthusiasts also attended, making the evening a truly memorable celebration of theatrical excellence.

More than a performance, the evening was a profound journey into the soul of theatre, awakening deep reflections on human desires and spiritual liberation. With this moving presentation, Rangyug reaffirmed its commitment to preserve and redefine India's theatrical heritage, leaving the audience in quiet contemplation—a reminder of the power of theatre to ignite emotions, provoke thought and inspire change.

Director H&P Deptt reviews ongoing works in Kashmir division; asks for expeditious completion

SRINAGAR: Director, Hospitality & Protocol Department, Jammu & Kashmir, Ashwani Khajuria, conducted a comprehensive review of ongoing projects in the Kashmir division, with emphasis on completion of pending work in the Additional Block of Circuit House, Srinagar.

During the review, the Director expressed serious concern over project delays and issued strict directives to the executing agencies, emphasizing the completion of the work well before April 20, 2025. He instructed the officials to eliminate bottlenecks, expedite progress and uphold the highest standards of quality and efficiency.

Among others present were Joint Director H&P Kashmir, Fayaz Ahmad Fayaz, Deputy Director & Assistant Director Hospitality & Protocol Kashmir; Executive Engineer, R&B Division Dalgate and representatives from R&B Electric Division, Mechanical and Hospital Division and other functionaries.

Highlighting the strategic importance of the Additional Block, the Director stressed that its timely completion is critical for accommodating the dignitaries and officials, particularly during high profile government engagements. He emphasized regular progress reviews and close monitoring of the project, cautioning that any further delay or lapse will be dealt with strictly.

During the visit, the Director inspected key guest houses and facilities, assessing the progress on renovation, up-gradation and housekeeping initiatives. Special attention was given to improving boarding and lodging services in line with modern hospitality standards.

Reaffirming the commitment of the Hospitality & Protocol Department to excellence, the Director reiterated that all establishments under its jurisdiction must reflect the highest standards of professionalism and service delivery.

The review also included discussion on enhancing coordination with allied departments to streamline services and address any operational challenges.

Commissioner SMC extends heartfelt greetings on Shab-e-Qadr

SRINAGAR: In a warm and uplifting message to the citizens of Srinagar, Commissioner SMC, Dr. Owais Ahmed, has extended his heartfelt greetings on the auspicious occasion of Shab-e-Qadr, also known as the Night of Power.

This sacred night serves as a profound moment for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

Dr. Owais emphasized the extraordinary significance of Shab-e-Qadr, highlighting its value as a night that surpasses a thousand months in blessings.

"Shab-e-Qadris not just a night of individual devotion; it is a time for collective worship and unity," he stated, adding, "Let us use this occasion to come together as a community, fostering a spirit of peace and harmony."

In a bid to enhance the spiritual experience for residents, Dr. Owais has initiated vital measures to ensure a clean and serene environment throughout Srinagar.

DC Kupwara flags-off 02 4x4 Ambulances with ALS, School Bus for border areas of Machil, Keran

KUPWARA: To boost the health care and education sectors of two far flung blocks of the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today flagged-off two newly approved Ambulances with Advanced Life Support (ALS) and a School Bus for border areas of Machill and Keran, in a ceremony held at DC office, here.

On the occasion one each Ambulance with Advanced

Life Support facility has been allotted to PHC Keran and PHC Machill to add to the existing healthcare machinery of these areas. Besides, a 20 seater School Bus has been allotted to Higher Secondary School Keran to facilitate the students. Both were the long pending demands of the local people of Keran and Machill which were resolved today by the District Administration.

Speaking at the occasion, the DC said that the District Administration Kupwara is committed to ensure development and welfare of all regions of the district especially border and far flung areas of Machill, Keran and Karnah.

She said the Ambulances equipped with state of the art healthcare technology with 4x4 gears will boost the health care support in these border areas which have tough terrain and topography.

She added that such initiatives from administration

will also continue in future as well with special focus on far flung border areas. Referring to the Robotic Labs, Ayushi said two Robotic (STEM) Labs one each at BHSS Kupwara and

Robotic (STEM) Labs one each at BHSS Kupwara and BHSS Handwara have been established by the District Administration Kupwara which will inculcate scientific and mathematical temperament among students of different classes.

DC said that the Robotic Labs have also been approved for BHSS Machill, GHSS Tangdar and BHSS Keran which will be established in coming days. It is the first of its ventures in Kupwara where students will be motivated for AI learning.

DDC Member Kalaroose, Mustaf Rahie; CEO Kupwara, CMO, CPO and a large number of employees and people were present during the ceremony.

Meanwhile, local people and senior citizens of Machill and Keran areas have expressed their gratitude towards the District Administration especially DC Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan for addressing their long pending demands.

SMC gears-up for major religious festivities with special arrangements across Srinagar

SRINAGAR: In preparation for the upcoming religious occasions of Shab-e-Qadr, Jumat-ul-Vida, Navratra and Eid-ul-Fitr, the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has launched a series of spe-

SMC's Electric Wing was directed to ensure the proper functioning of streetlights, particularly in and around religious sites. Dedicated repair teams will remain on standby to promptly address any



cial measures to ensure cleanliness, sanitation, and smooth pedestrian and vehicular movement across the city.

Commissioner, SMC, Dr. Owais Ahmed has directed officials to implement extensive sanitation and facility management efforts at all major religious sites, ensuring a hygienic and organized environment for devotees.

SMC will uphold high sanitation standards at key religious locations, including Hazratbal, Jenab Sahib Soura, Dastgeer Sahib Khanyar, Imam Bargah Zadibal, Shahi Hamdan Sahib, Makhdoom Sahib, and prominent temples such as Sharika Devi Temple, Durga Nag Temple, and Purashyar Mandir.

To accommodate the increased number of devotees, mobile toilet vans will be installed at prominent religious places, remaining operational until the culmination of the festivals.

The Commissioner directed SMC's Encroachment Wing to conduct massive anti-encroachment drives to ensure smooth pedestrian and vehicular movement throughout the city.

lighting issues.

SMC will deploy a dog-catching squad during Shab-e-Qadr, Jumat-ul-Vida, and Eid-ul-Fitr at Hazratbal to prevent stray animals from entering the Asar Sharief premises. Additionally, sanitation workers will be deployed to maintain cleanliness throughout the area.

SMC will conduct special sanitation drives to ensure all religious sites remain clean and hygienic ahead of the festivities.

SMC is committed to a clean and hassle-free celebration with these measures in place; it reaffirms its commitment to providing a clean, well-managed, and safe environment for citizens observing these significant religious events.

The Commissioner has directed all officials to execute these measures promptly and effectively, ensuring a seamless experience for devotees across Srinagar

For grievances, updates, or additional information, citizens can reach SMC's 24x7 Control Room through the following helplines: 18001807038,



Friday Thoughts

Towards A Model Community Of Women



DR MAROOF SHAH

any women don't have work. Many don't work and many work so inefficiently. If we are able to find a solution to this problem half of health and economic world of our country would go. Creative fulfilling productive work would make a huge difference to psychological and spiritual health of community in general and women in particular. In any case we work little or mostly do unproductive work. Let us review some routine ways of the industry of idleness in our country.

Not only retirees and old people mostly sit idle and $sometimes\ indulge\ in\ useless\ gossip, most\ shopkeepers$ are mostly sitting idle gazing at bystanders or streets. We have so-called regular and busy employees with a huge problem of idleness. Imagine if only two hours are, on daily basis, spent guessing what to do or simply indulging in gossip or scrolling cellphone for want of any proper work, by millions of teachers and certain employees in offices, how much we lose daily if we count the currency of time and numerous creative and productive uses we could have made of it. It is painful to see idle gossiping teachers during vacations or vacant periods or exams days, most employees in many government offices from fire and emergency services to disaster management and libraries. Most of such employees as chowkidars and drivers and those whose only job is dusting the table or preparing tea or once in a while carrying files are largely sitting idle. Women when the child is sleeping or home chores are done are often idle though some do find a way to create an excuse for some work - cleaning or brooming a room hardly used or needed time and again. Let us narrow it down to

Muslim Women aren't organized even though a few of them may rise to the highest public posts. Their awareness about their own problems is so little. They are divided against one another even in the space of extended families. Even in small families it is women against women that is the rule. Mothers against daughters in law and the later against sisters in law and similar tangles are running domestic peace. It is rare to find a happy daughter in law. Women in Mohalla or larger levels aren't united. Women aren't educated in the skills of life. Muslim women teachers who are better educated are most pathological consumers spending their resources on such things as clothes, marriages and houses. Muslim women haven't, in general, understood the wisdom of saving and investing or creating wealth. As such they can be classified as poor despite possessing money. Consuming time away in gossiping or plotting against one another, a vast number of Muslim women don't seem to know what to do with time especially as various works done in homes for livelihood have disappeared. Muslim women pass-outs from women madrasahs haven't, in general, been able to be of great service to themselves or to community. The virtue of work hasn't been learnt at mass scale by any group of Muslim women. Work and industry haven't been the focus of Muslim women. As such they fail to be a great productive force of economy. How do we address this problem is important and its redressal would do a great good to the lives to Muslim women.

Democracy or current political order is premised on the thesis that divergent ideological currents can coexist and work together for common ends and accept the fact of difference without letting it divide unity. Communicative dialogue and ijma of elected representatives coupled with recognition of different legal positions as equally legitimate in certain areas where common stakes/interests aren't hurt as an instrument of consensus could be deployed to resolve certain nagging areas of conflict in the Muslim societies. Women representatives in Parliaments need to be proactive in creating consensus on number of issues for implementing justice to women. Universal access to gender justice through special family courts for which some reputed members of civil society could be co-opted as well could be one option. Democracy at grassroots or more radical approaches to democracy could be deployed for evolving consensus and mobilizing resources to achieve needful on concrete problems faced by women.

Let us begin at the beginning. Muslim women begin organizing. Every woman must be connected to a self help group, a credit cooperative, a cooperative society, a community network that would facilitate access to as many services as possible or marketing for the product she is making. Units of fifty to hundred women would help resolve key issues besides providing fellowship or companionship and sharing of certain spaces that give meaning or fulfillment in life. Huge number of psycho-somatic cases – heath in

general is largely in ruins for most women as we can see most are dependent on daily dose of medicine or medicines and once a month or two doctor needs to be seen—need to be addressed by comprehensive planning of lives gone awry.

There needs to be an agreement on the outlines of the Women's Manifesto for Duties and Rights and awareness about it needs to be disseminated.

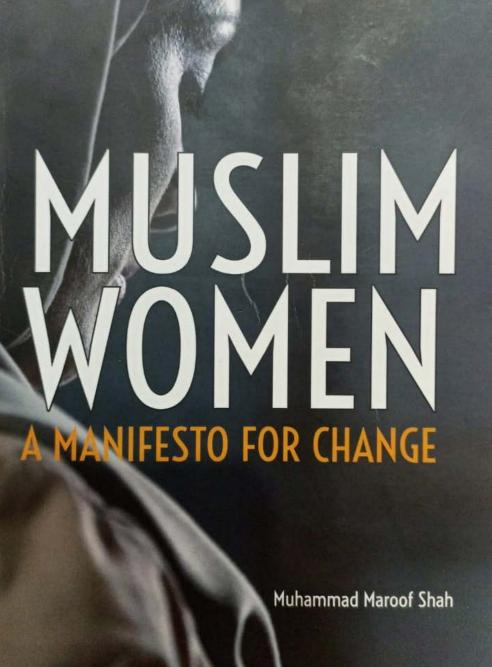
Number of problems of women, including their financial ones, can be addressed very effectively if women make the change they wish to see and do nec-

the poor and needy. It is not hard to collect 9 crore on a daily basis for interest free loans or one time aid to the poor and needy from sadaqah of one day per day that Islam enjoins on all.

Resolving economic problems is easy – linking women to professional charity collection and spending platforms and to interest free credit cooperatives and tying them with small local investors who have savings for local businesses they can monitor. Panchayats and local NGOs could chip in here as could local bait alamwal. Mosque or Mohalla management committees

formulate separate chapters of women in Madaris board (there is a chain of women seminaries already) and women managed chapters in fiqh academies that shall cater to women's issues. They shall co-opt women professionals and scholars from other backgrounds who have something important to contribute to the discourse of women's issues.

Series of national level seminars and publications of proceedings in a year can give key solid documents for most if not all women to adopt and abide by for resolving their issues. We can propose a community offifty women to be part of what we have called Raham super-fifty group that has different professionals working in infaq basis and internal marketing linkages for several workers in the group and number of key services available to all hassle free on infaq basis or



essary collaboration with other women – their own friends, relatives, neighbours, colleagues. If nothing every woman can canvases to distribute fifty daily sadaqah boxes and make a unit of fifty and operate it for running certain programmes that would empower all. Annual income from fifty daily sadaqah boxes would be at least 50x10x365=182500 which would be used to link all of them in zero interest based credit cooperatives which would in turn enable them to get interest free loans upto one lac and double this amount as seed capital for business units.

Let us – all organizations speaking in the name of women, Imams, writers, departments for women's welfare - target only 0.1 percent of around 9 crore Muslim women in India who would be able to save only Rs one to ten on daily basis and get hundred women in the loop for contributing as their daily charity similar amount, for the cause of women and we are able to get a sort of insurance for healthcare, free legal aid, free food for the needy, education support for the meritorious, platforms for awareness and activism for women's causes at local levels, interest free loans for women entrepreneurs and other numerous institutions of welfare for women. If we count thousands of crores from zakat/ushr and sadaqat al fitr and the will of only 0.01 percent women who choose to spend it on poor and needy women or women travelers and students we have enough resources for the key problems faced by women. We can create jobs for thousands even lacs of maids or domestic help for women who have primarily this issue that makes lives hell. Let women organize women to manage the food industry linked to organized kitchen space and micromanagement of extended family for most small events and restaurants or State/community events. Let women operate hotels and restaurants and many other facilities for women and we will see no woman is underpaid or idle at home. We can organize the poor and needy and they will themselves be able to solve their problems. Local mosques should have a professional kitchen space for certain community needs and women in nearby houses can run it more efficiently. Local Imams and bait al-amwal could as well be held accountable for resources they extract from community for helping could help execute creation of linkages and associations for access to a number of services.

Legal Interventions

PILs would help kick-start a number of little addressed issues including domestic violence, harassment in public places, boss pathologies etc. Legal luminaries or advocates would, on infaq basis, keep institutions on toes for redressing women's problems. Necessary legal support for reimbursing necessary expenses on marriages, support for livelihood till one gets job, access to interest free loans for women entrepreneurs, access to separate basic housing of two rooms and a kitchen in in-laws, right to childcare facilities in offices, right to seat in public transport, guarantee for employment, minimum wages etc. needs to be created.

The State and community need to generate awareness on legal rights and development of Apps for easy access to public services for women, home delivery for grocery, medicine and routine use items through women SHGs etc. Free legal support from infaq that may require just one day free in a year for the community would address numerous cases poor women face. The Quran has the idea of justice and God the Just as refrain. The task of Muslim theology is to stand for justice and against oppression. As such every form of injustice and oppression is unIslamic.

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As such it is the task of Muslim scholarship to identify and resist every form of oppression and we need to recall tyat the last sermon of the Prophet emphasized about treating women well and kindness to them and his last words included a clause "Look after the women." Muslim scholarship on women should eternally question every power structure that contravenes justice even though it masquerades as tradition or faith. The rationalist streak in Islamic theology of Mu'tazilites, also called ahl i tawhid wal adl, had ample warrant to extol justice as the heart of Islamic idea of Divine. Dawood Rahber's work on the Quranic idea of Justice may be referred for seeing how justice is central to the God of Islam.

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nominal charges.

Women based self-help groups, if given larger goals and vision and better integrated as a community with chains of interdependence amongst group members can help deliver most of the services to members. The aspiration is to wean women away from dependence on money or financial anxieties for running the business of living. Once upon a time we lived more happily without alienating labour or jobs and were prioritizing relationships and environment. We can reclaim that by reviving community spaces. Let all women make it a point to get membership of cooperatives and newer community groups for living more fulfilling lives.

Women don't need full time jobs if they get properly knitted in communities and have around fifty subscribers for services or products they can make available. They can also choose to try newer or more creative alternatives to work within and outside the community. Extended family networks or community links provide a solid rock to anchor lives, especially lives of more vulnerable women. This community can be banked upon when such issues as litigations, divorces or any exigencies prop up. Professional matchmaking and marriage management and dower/property management and finance management can all be incorporated into this community structure of super-fifty women.

Women can script new life through these support systems that provide awareness and access to credit, legal aid and other facilities in the various State agencies, NGOs and other agencies. Let us illustrate, in the next chapter, how the particular case of nikah nama can become an opportunity to script a new destiny that would have enough safeguards against various exigencies including those that develop due to conflicting family interests and financial insecurity besides lack of prudence or rash thinking in spouses.

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"2 terrorists

The quiet village Suffain in Kathua district was shattered by the relentless sounds of gunfire, grenades, and rocket fire as a fierce exchange raged throughout the day, punctuated by a series of powerful explosions.

Earlier, a group of terrorists was intercepted on Sunday evening within a 'dhok', a local term for an enclosure in a nursery, in Sanyal village near the International Border with Pakistan.

A subsequent massive search operation, involving the police, army, NSG, BSF, and CRPF, utilised advanced technical and surveillance equipment, including helicopters, UAVs, drones, bulletproof vehicles, and sniffer dogs.

The search teams discovered evidence on Monday, including four loaded magazines of M4 carbine, two grenades, a bulletproof jacket, sleeping bags, tracksuits, food packets, and materials for constructing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) near the Hiranagar encounter site.

Police believe the terrorists infiltrated on Saturday, possibly via a ravine route or a newly constructed tunnel from across the border.

Director General of Police, Nalin Prabhat, and Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti, have been overseeing the anti-terrorist operation from Kathua for the past four days, the officials said.

Two more

severing of all ties with separatism. "Another great news from Kashmir Valley. Two more groups affiliated with the Hurriyat, namely J&K Tahreegi Isteqlal and J&K Tahreek-I-Istiqamat, have discarded separatism and reposed their trust in the new Bharat built by PM Modi," said Shah, in a post on X.

Under the Modi government, separatism is breathing its last, and the triumph of unity is echoing across Kashmir, added Shah.

Cabinet gives

different departments for implementation of announcements of free power and free ration to AAY beneficiaries and enhancement of pension and marriage assistance scheme.

The key budget announcement include 200 units of free electricity for all Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households under the PM's Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and 10 kilograms of free ration per person for the families falling in this category.

In his budget speech, the CM also announced increasing pensions for over 10 lakh elderly, widows, divorcees, and specially-abled individuals.

As per CM's budget speech announcement, monthly pensions will now be Rs 1,250 for those below 60 years, Rs 1,500 for those aged 60-80, and Rs 2,000 for individuals above 80 years.

The Marriage Assistance Scheme for AAY category girls has also seen an increase, with financial aid enhancing to Rs 75000 from Rs 5000

14 private member

Bills before the assembly went on a 12-day recess. The legislative assembly will meet again from April 7 to 9 for the final part of the budget session. The House will also take up private member bills

According to the bulletin issued by secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Manoj Kumar Pandit, seven each private members' resolutions, the relative precedence whereof has been determined by ballot on March 25, would be taken up in the House on April 7 and 9.

Ruling National Conference members will move a total of 10 resolutions including the two related to the demand for restoration of statehood, independent members' two resolutions including the one on statehood restoration, and BJP and PDP members' one each.

Barring a few walkouts or marshalling out of some members on a few occasions, the assembly so far has not witnessed a single adjournment which was even highlighted by Chief Minister Abdullah on March 25. He had said "the House is in action today. It was peaceful until now" while referring to the ruckus over the issue of dailywagers.

On April 7, National Conference member Qaisar Jamshaid Lone will move the resolution which reads "this House resolves that statehood be restored immediately as promised by the Central Government in the Parliament of India".

His party colleague Hilal Akbar Lone will move another resolution that says "this House impresses upon the Government of India to restore statehood to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in order to fulfil the promise made by the Prime Minister in the Parliament".

This is for the information of the general public that the date of birth of my daughter has been wrongly recorded as 21/12/2013 in school admission records, while her correct date of birth is 10/03/2016. Now I want to apply for its correction in this regard. Any person having any objection may file the objection in the office of Headmaster Govt Boys Middle School Usmanabad Kharpora within a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained thereafter.

> Aijaz Ahmad Dar F/O Zainab Aijaz R/O Nathpora Bandipora

Independent member Shabir Ahmad Kullay's resolution reads, "This House stands united in its demand for the full restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and urges the Government of India to take immediate steps to fulfil this longstanding promise."

PDP's Waheed-Ur-Rehman Para is moving a resolution seeking complete ban on use of 'LNT, JCB, cranes, machines and heavy machines' for extraction of sand, riverbed mining and other mining activities in Jammu and Kashmir, while NC's Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Mir is demanding measures to streamline the health care especially in the rural and far flung areas.

NC's Ali Mohammad Sagar will demand steps to ensure the regularization of 'Rehbar-e-Janglat' (forest guides) and his party colleague Ali Mohammad Dar will ask for rectifying all the wrong entries made in the land records.

On April 9, NC's Ajaz Ahmad Jan will move a private member's resolution to push for necessary steps to ensure the establishment of separate administrative structure, including creation of district offices, infrastructure development, and allocation of resources to promote the welfare of people of Pir Panjal region, comprising Rajouri and Poonch districts.

NC's Bashir Ahmad Veeri demands an end to illegal or unscientific riverbed mining all across the rivulets, rivers and nullahs of Union Territory and protecting aquatic and ecological degradation due to these "unscientific activities".

"Also, Karewa's, water bodies/wet lands needs to be demarcated and protected with firm resolve and determination. This House urges the Government to take immediate measures for environmental conservation, afforestation, sustainable development and disaster preparedness. This House further resolves for stricter regulations to curb pollution and protect natural resources, ensuring a sustainable future for the region," Veeri's resolution reads.

BJP's Rajiv Jasrotia, through his resolution, will highlight the need for construction of a tunnel from Bhora to Dhar Road and a tunnel at Mata Bala Sundari in Kathua district to boost connectivity.

Independent member Rameshwar Singh will seek extension of holiday to cover areas in Bani, Lohai Malhar, Basantgarh and Latti in Kathua on account of annual Kailash Kund Yatra.

NC's Sajad Shaheen is going to move a resolution to recommend to the government to take immediate steps for the regularization of 18 residential colonies in Jammu district where people have been living for the last five decades to ensure planned development and access to essential civic amenities.

NC's Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Mir will also demand necessary measures to solve the unemployment problem of educated youth in the UT.

Kashmir to Get

Initially, the train will run between Katra and Baramulla. However, once expansion work at Jammu Railway Station is completed-likely by July-August-train services will originate from Jammu instead of Katra. As of now, there will be no direct trains from Delhi or other cities to Kashmir: passengers will need to switch trains at Katra, and later at Jammu.

Security has been a major focus in the preparations for the train service. Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan recently reviewed security arrangements, along with top railway officials, ensuring a safe launch.

This is an information for general public that the DOB of my Son has been Mistakenly Mentioned in his school records as 28-02-2015, While as his Actual and correct DOB as per his Aadhaar Card is 28-02-2014. 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 principal Army Good will School Aragam Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Mohd Feroz Khan. F/O Sameer Ahmad Khan. R/O Chittibandi Bandipora.

It is notified for the information of all that the name of my ward, Danish Ahmad Gojar Matravi, son of Fareed Ahmad Gojar Matravi, has been mistakenly recorded as Danish Fareed, son of Fareed Ahmad Gojar. However, the date of birth shall remain the same, i.e., 21-06-2011. I have now applied for rectification of the same. Any objections in this regard may be communicated to the Principal, Igbal Memorial Secondary School, Ajas, within 7 days from the publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained thereafter.

Fareed Ahmad Gojar Matravi F/O Danish Ahmad Gojar Matravi R/O: Ajas Bandipora Contact: 6005244917

The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) spans 272 kilometers, with 209 kilometers commissioned in phases since 2009. The final 17-kilometer stretch between Reasi and Katra was completed three months ago, allowing successful trial runs, including for the Vande Bharat Express. The entire project, which cost ?41,000 crore, has been one of India's most challenging infrastructure endeavors.

Kashmir will also receive a specially designed Vande Bharat Express that will operate between Katra and Srinagar. Built by Chennai's Integral Coach Factory (ICF), the train is equipped with anti-freezing technology, allowing smooth operation even in temperatures as low as -20°C. It also features advanced heating systems for passenger comfort and enhanced safety features, including CCTV cameras and an Emergency Talk Back Unit, Though not bullet proof, it has shatterproof windows for added security.

With this long-awaited rail connectivity, Kashmir is set to witness a major transformation in transportation, enhancing both tourism and economic opportunities in the region.

Road Projects

is being constructed at a cost of over 5500 crore

Zojila Tunnel Project consists of construction of a tunnel of more than 13 kilometers and approaching roads to a tunnel of length over 17 kilometers, totaling a total length of over 30 kilometers.

Speaking about the other road infrastructure in union territory, he said that 105 tunnels are also being built in Jammu and Kashmir to further improve the connectivity.

The Minister informed that the work related to 22 tunnels have been completed and another 14 tunnels are being constructed by the Border Road organisation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, Congress MP Manish Tewari moved an adjournment motion in the Lok Sabha to suspend the regular business of the House to discuss concerns regarding alleged aberrations in the higher judiciary.

In the notice, he alleged that aberrations in the judiciary have raised concerns within the legal community and among citizens across the country.

However, Lok Sabha Chairman Om Birla rejected the adjournment notices, saying Opposition MPs had sought a discussion on 'unusual activities' in the judiciary. (AGENCIES)

COAS Gen

including 14 officers from friendly foreign nations. HDMC is a premier program designed to equip senior military officers with strategic foresight, management expertise, and decision-making acumen crucial for higher defence management and policymaking roles.

The COAS addressed the Future Strategic Leaders on multitude of significant issues from transformation of the armed forces to role and responsibilities towards nation building. He exhorted the graduating officers to be imaginative and develop the attitude and adaptability to channelise their ability and imbibe the principles of Truth, Trust and Transparency to deal with future challenges. As a mark of recognition, the COAS felicitated meritorious officers for their outstanding performance, acknowledging their exemplary contributions and academic excellence.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by senior military officials, faculty members and distinguished guests, underscoring the significance of the occasion. The graduating officers are now poised to take on critical command and staff roles and carry forward the invaluable knowledge and strategic insights gained at CDM, reinforcing their commitment to

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement Bearing Consumer ID No: 0216020008014. Which is Registered in the name of my Daughter Namely Tasleema Bano, Now i want to apply for Change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, S/O Ghulam Ahmad Bhat, 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.

Ghulam Mohammad Bhat. S/O Ghulam Ahmad Bhat. R/O Malangam tehsil Aloosa District Bandipora.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that i have lost my 9th class Discharge Certificate some where Now i want to apply for its duplicate in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the principal Govt Higher secondary school Bagh Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

> Shahnawaz Khan. S/O Bashir Ahmad Khan. R/O Nowpora Bandipora.

national security and higher defence management.

IGP Kashmir

He emphasized the need for adequate security measures to prevent overcrowding, ensure public safety, and maintain the orderly conduct of events across the valley. Specific instructions were given to control entry and exit points, deploy personnel at strategic locations, and collaborate with local community leaders for seamless event coordination.

Officers were instructed to enhance vigilance, conduct random checks at sensitive locations, and increase security patrols to mitigate any potential threats during the festivals.

In addition to preparations for the festivals, the meeting also focused on the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, which attracts thousands of pilgrims each year. IGP Kashmir underscored the importance of meticulous planning, with a particular focus on logistical arrangements, route security, and emergency response protocols.

Throughout the meeting, IGP Kashmir emphasized the need for seamless coordination between various security agencies to address the complex security challenges posed by these major events.

The J&K Police remain fully committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of both the public and pilgrims during these significant occasions, the statement said.

Kashmir to

Srinagar, said the valley's mosques and shrines will glow with lights tonight, but the real illumination comes from the faith of worshippers who will spend the night seeking divine mercy.

"This night is a chance to ask for everything they have ever wished for. Peace, forgiveness and a better tomorrow are among the blessings we seek," he added.

Similarly, in homes across Kashmir, families prepare for the night with quiet devotion.

Neelofar, a woman from Lasjan, Srinagar, said that on this night, she will seek mercy from the Almighty. "Tonight, I feel closest to the Almighty," she said.

It is believed that the night is not just about prayers—it is a moment of deep self-reflection. People will raise their hands, asking for relief from hardships and for an end to the worries that weigh them down.

Meanwhile, authorities have ensured that major places of worship are ready to accommodate lakhs of worshippers. Security arrangements have also been tightened, and sanitation teams have been deployed to maintain cleanliness

CM, LG, Dy CM,

, self-reflection and seeking divine blessings for peace, prosperity and brotherhood.

"May these blessed occasions bring harmony, prosperity and well-being to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Let us pray for peace, unity and the progress of our society and strengthen the bonds of compassion and togetherness," CM Abdullah said.

The Chief Minister also called upon the people to remember the underprivileged and extend help to those in need, emphasizing the values of kindness and generosity that define the spirit of Ramadhan. He expressed hope that the prayers and the

blessings of these holy occasions would inspire everyone to work towards a more just, inclusive, and peaceful society. Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha has extended

Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida. In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said,

his greetings to the people on the eve of Shab-e-

"On the auspicious occasions of Shab-e-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida, I convey my hearty greetings and felicitations to all and wish them health, happiness and prosperity. May the Almighty accept all our prayers and continue to guide us on the path of compassion, love and harmony".

NEWS 07

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary has extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the sacred occasions of Shab-e-Qadr and Juma-tul-Vida.

In his message, the Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the spiritual significance of Shab-e-Qadr, a night of divine blessings, reflection, and seeking forgiveness from Almighty Allah, He urged people to use this sacred occasion to introspect, strengthen their faith, and pray for peace, harmony, and prosperity in the region. While extending greetings on Juma-tul-Vida,

the last Friday of Ramadhan, Surinder Choudhary emphasized the importance of prayer, charity, and kindness. He encouraged the people to help those in need, as acts of generosity are immensely rewarded during this holy month.

The Deputy Chief Minister also prayed for the wellbeing, progress, and unity of Jammu and Kashmir and reaffirmed his commitment to peace, development, and communal harmony in the region.

"May these blessed occasions bring joy, prosperity, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood among us," he maintained.

The Minister for Agriculture Production and Rural Development Departments, Javed Ahmad Dar today extended his hearty greetings to the people on the auspicious occasions of Shab-e-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida.

Highlighting the spiritual significance of these sacred days in Islamic history, the Minister emphasized their deep reverence for the Muslim Ummah. He noted that on Shab-e-Qadr, the Holy Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) as a divine guide for humanity. The night is observed with prayers, seeking Allah's forgiveness, blessings, and infinite mercy.

Similarly, Jumat-ul-Vida, the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan, holds great importance for Muslims. It is a day of devotion, reflection, and solidarity with the oppressed and underprivileged.

The Minister prayed for peace, harmony, and brotherhood among all communities in Jammu and Kashmir, urging people to uphold the values of compassion and unity.

Minister for Jal Shakti, Forests, and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana extended his greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of Shab-e-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida.

In his message, Javed Rana prayed for betterment of the people and hoped that the occasions would bring Allah's blessings to all.

He said that the occasions hold enormous religious and spiritual significance for the Muslim community. Extending his greetings, Javed Rana said that Shab-e-Qadr is a night of spiritual renewal and a

chance to ask for Allah's blessings, kindness, and guidance. "Shab-e-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida have enormous significance in our lives because it serves as a reminder for Muslims to live lives that are filled with righteousness, compassion, and unity. These

are occasions that hold a special place in our hearts and we should try to perform as many good deeds as possible," he said. He also prayed that the auspicious occasions

would strengthen the bonds of communal harmony and brotherhood and be a harbinger of peace and prosperity in J&K.

REC board approves FY26 borrowing plan of 1.70 lakh crore NEW DELHI: REC Ltd on

Wednesday announced that its board of directors have approved a borrowing plan of 1.70 lakh crore for the financial year 2025-2026. The Board of Directors of

REC Ltd, in its meeting held on March 26, have accorded their approval for the Market Borrowing Programme of the company for the financial year 2025-26 up to 1,70,000 crore.

FY26 borrowing The programme of REC Ltd includes raising 1,55,000 crore through Domestic Bonds or Debentures, Capital Gains Tax Exemption Bonds, Rupee Term Loans from Banks, Financial Institutions, NBFCs, Corporates and Other Institutions, and External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs).

It also includes 10,000 crore to be raised from Short Term Loan (STL) from Banks, Financial Institutions or NBFCs, of more than

REC Power Development

6 months, and 5,000 crore from Commercial Papers, according to the regulatory filing on March 26. "Funds under the above

borrowing programme shall be raised for different maturities, through different instruments, depending upon the actual requirement of funds, assetliability position and prevailing market conditions, with the approval of Competent Authority as per the powers delegated in this regard by the Board of Directors," REC said.

The board of directors of REC Ltd also approved the appointment of Parminder Chopra, CMD -Power Finance Corporation Ltd as Additional Director on the Board of REC in the capacity of CMD (additional charge) w.e.f. March 21, 2025.

REC share price gained over 13% in one month, but the PSU stock has dropped 14% on a yearto-date (YTD) basis. REC shares have fallen 20% in six months and 6% in one year. (Agencies/ LiveMint)

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Regarding the subject cited above. In this connection, a report has been sought from field staff which reveals that KHURSHI BEGUM W/o GHULAM MOHIUDIN SHEIKH R/o Shuhama, Ganderbal expired 06-03-2025 as per the death certificate issued by SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. The report also reveals that the legal heirs of the said deceased are as below:-

S.No	Name of the family member	Relation with the deceased	Age	occupation	
01	Shakeela Bano	daughter	49	H/W	

It is pertinent to mention here that the deceased Khurshi Begum who has expired on 06-03-2025 to conduct necessary verification regarding the matter it is publicly informed that if anybody having objection with regards to applicant's claim of death/legal heir he or she may file his/her objection if any before the office of the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Further no objection shall be entertained after the stipulated time period.

> Executive Magistrate ist Class Naib Tehsildar Ganderbal

I'm used to bowling with someone who is better than me: Moeen Ali

rarily but successfully filled the void of Sunil Narine during Kolkata Knight Riders' IPL match against Rajasthan Royals, says he is "used to bowling with someone who is better than me."

Part of a KKR attack that also has Varun Chakaravarthy in its ranks. Moeen worked well in tandem with the Indian mystery spinner and choked RR in the middle overs to restrict them to 151 for nine in their contest here on Wednesday.

"My job was to keep it tight, so that he can build the pressure and maybe get wickets. I'm used to bowling with someone who is better than me and has more mystery than me. My job is to bowl as tight as I can and hopefully that builds pressure for that person to then get wickets," Moeen said at the post-match press conference.

"Varun is bowling outstandingly well as we know and he is a brilliant bowler. He has improved so much over the last two-three years. It is amazing to bowl with somebody like that," he added.

While the 37-year-old Moeen rose to the challenge to return impressive figures of 2/23 from four overs, his younger spin colleague Chakaravarthy finished with 2/23 in his full quota of four overs.

RR enjoyed a fruitful Power Play, scoring 54 runs in the first six overs but the introduction of spin changed the complexion of their

Moeen dismissed Yashasvi Jasiwal in

game came when he sent back Nitish Rana pleased with that. My skill is that I think like



with a classic off-spinner that turned away sharply from the left-handed batter to hit the middle stump

"That ball was a nice one. I was just trying to spin it as much as I could. I knew that there was a bit of pressure being built and I just tried to bowl in a good area, spin it as much as I could.

"I don't have the skill as other bowlers but my job is to contain as much as I can, not get hit for six over my head. If they play good

a batter, so I think what they think and it works in my favour.'

Narine was unavailable for the match in Guwahati due to illness, forcing KKR skipper Ajinkya Rahane to turn to the former England international hours before the game.

T20 is an unforgiving format and Moeen admitted that bowlers need to evolve to keep challenging the batters.

"India is a great place to bat. But on wickets like this, you aren't going to get 300, you

candid Moeen Ali, who tempohis second over but his best moment of the shots and hit me for fours and sixes, then I'm probably aren't even going to get 200. It's great to have these games in between those (high scoring) games.

"Big scoring games are great to see but it also gives a false sense of security, which is a bit too much. The game is developing fast and people are just fearless at the moment. The bowlers do have to come up with something, it is more important than ever before," Moeen said.

Hasaranga And Theekshana are world class: Bahutule

Like the KKR tweakers, the RR spinners Maheesh Theekshana and Wanindu Hasaranga could not live up to the expectations on a track which helped the slow bowlers.

"We have spinners in Hasaranga and Theekshana who are obviously world-class international players. At times I thought they were short (today) whereas if they had just owned the lengths a bit longer, there was definitely a lot of purchase for the spinners," RR's spin-bowling coach Sairaj Bahutule said.

Theekshana went wicket-less and conceded 32 runs in fours overs, while Hasaranga gave away 34 runs in three overs while taking the wicket of Rahane.

"But again I just feel that they just got into the IPL championship, so now I am sure that in the coming games they will have an impact.

"I just trust all the spinners, all the bowlers in the team. I just want to say that it's again a young side, a very promising side batting wise, bowling wise. They are looking forward to every game and I am sure they will come good in the coming matches," Bahutule said.

Very happy with how Moeen bowled: Rahane

GUWAHATI: Moeen Ali was an eleventh hour inclusion in KKR's playing eleven due to Sunil Narine's injury and skipper Ajinkya Rahane couldn't be more chuffed about England off-spinner's game-changing spell against the Rajasthan Royals in an IPL match here on Wednesday.

On a tacky track where the ball was gripping and turning, Ali picked up two for 23 and got able support from Varun Chakravarthy (2/17) in restricting RR to 151 for nine which was chased down in 17.3 overs.

"Moeen got his opportunity and he bowled really well. Credit goes to our bowling unit too who were always looking to pick wickets, especially Moeen," skipper Rahane said at the pos-match presentation ceremony.

Asked if Moeen was given any strategic instruction from the team management, Rahane replied in the negative.

"Not much, complete freedom from our side. Moeen is a quality player who has opened in the past. He couldn't get going with the bat, but very happy with what he did with the ball.

"The challenge is to stay in the moment, and every game is an opportunity to learn," the KKR skipper added. Moeen, who has already quit international cricket,

said that he didn't let up his intensity in training despite knowing that he would have to wait for his turn with Chakravarthy and Narine being a settled spin bowling pair.

"I have been practising well. I was told this morning that Sunil was not well. It was hard to replace Sunil but I did a fair job."

Royals skipper Riyan Parag felt that 170 was a winning score on this track.

"170 was going to be a really good score, that's what we were aiming for. I personally rushed a little bit knowing the wicket here. Fell short by 20 runs. That was the plan, to get Quinny out early, but that didn't happen."



"My job was to keep it tight, so that he can build the pressure and maybe get wickets. I'm used to bowling with someone who is better than me and has more mystery than me. My job is to bowl as tight as I can and hopefully that builds pressure for that person to then get wickets," Moeen said at the post-match press conference.



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