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Armed forces have 'complete operational freedom' to respond: PM Modi

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Tuesday that the armed forces have "complete operational freedom" to decide on the mode, targets and timing of India's response to the Pahalgam terror attack, as he chaired a meeting with the top defence establishment.

During the high-level meeting, which was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and the chiefs of three services, Modi affirmed that it is the national resolve to deal a crushing blow to terrorism, government sources said.

Modi expressed complete faith and confidence in the professional abilities of the armed forces.

"They have complete operational freedom to decide on the mode, targets and timing of our response," a source quoted Modi as saying.

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan was also part of the meeting, which was held amid India weighing its options for countermeasures following the Pahalgam terror attack which left at least 26 civilians, mostly tourists, dead. Modi has vowed to pursue the

terrorists behind the attack and their patrons, a clear reference to Pakistan which has a history of sponsoring terror strikes in India, to the "ends of earth"

country and a demand for retaliatory action against the perpetrators and their handlers.

The prime minister's tough assertions



and inflict the harshest punishment on them "beyond their imagination".

Terrorists had gunned down tourists, who were from different parts of the country, in the popular destination of Pahalgam in Kashmir exactly a week ago on April 22.

This most brutal attack on civilians in a long spell of time in the region has sparked a wave of outrage across the

coupled with his government's avowed muscular stand on the issues of national security have heightened expectations of a stringent counteraction from India.

In the past, the Modi government carried out surgical strikes inside Pakistan after the terror attack on army soldiers in Uri in 2016 and the Balakot air strike after the

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PM Modi to hold key meet on security today

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to preside over the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on Wednesday morning, making it the second such huddle after the gruesome Pahalgam terror attack, which shook the entire nation and countrymen.

A total of 26 people, including a Nepali national, were killed on April 22 while they were on holiday in the green meadows of Pahalgam's Baisaran valley.

The CCS meeting is likely to take place around 11 a.m.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, among others, will attend the high-level meeting.

It is likely to be followed by a Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs meeting, reports said.

The second CCS meeting in a week comes a day after Defence Minister Singh met PM Modi at the latter's Lok Kalyan Marg residence in the capital.

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CM Omar For Minimising Response Time To Exigencies

●Reviews summer preparedness for Jammu division



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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today underscored the importance of robust inter-departmental coordination to ensure uninterrupted essential services and swift response mechanism during the upcoming summer season across Jammu division.

Chairing a high-level review meeting, the Chief Minister assessed the readiness of various departments to address challenges likely to emerge during the summer months.

Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Education Shantmanu, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, ACS to Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Administrative Secretaries of various departments, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Managing Director JPDCI, Commissioner JMC, Deputy Commissioners of all districts of Jammu division, representatives from BRO and other concerned departments attended the meeting both in person and virtually.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister conducted a department-wise review of summer preparedness, covering Jal Shakti (PHE, Irrigation & Flood Control), Health & Medical Education, Power Development Department (PDD), Public Works (R&B), Fire & Emergency Services, Forest, JPDCI, JMC, and others.

Highlighting the need to minimise public inconvenience during heatwave conditions, Omar Abdullah stated, "Coordination between all line departments is vital to ensure uninterrupted essential services to citizens during summer months."

He further stressed the importance of a swift response mechanism amid rising temperatures and the possibility of heatwave, water shortages or power outages.

"Response time to any kind of exigency should be minimised," he asserted.

Engaging directly with Deputy Commissioners, the Chief Minister reviewed district-level preparedness and

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All Major Tourist Destinations in Kashmir Open, Say Officials

●Only a Few Offbeat Locations Temporarily Closed



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SRINAGAR: Authorities on Tuesday confirmed that all major tourist destinations across Kashmir, including Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Dal Lake, and the Mughal Gardens, remain

fully operational and continue to welcome visitors.

A senior official in Tourism department told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that tourist activity remains unaffected at key locations, which are witnessing a steady influx

of visitors. "Destinations like Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg, and other prominent sites are open and secure.

Tourists are moving freely, and all necessary security arrangements are in place to ensure their safety and comfort," the official said.

He clarified that only some lesser-known offbeat destinations—accounting for merely 4-5% of the overall tourist footfall—have been closed temporarily as a precautionary measure.

"There is no restriction on visiting any of the primary tourist circuits.

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LoC Heat Up

Residents Fear Return Of Conflict

●Security forces on high alert; drones, surveillance systems deployed



Sajid Raina

SRINAGAR: Pakistani troops continued unprovoked firing across the Line of Control (LoC) for the fifth consecutive night in Jammu and

Kashmir, officials said on Tuesday.

In the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday, the Pakistan Army opened fire using small arms at Indian positions in sectors opposite Kupwara and Baramulla districts in

north Kashmir, as well as the Akhnour sector in Jammu, Lt Colonel Suneel Bartwal, PRO (Defence), Northern Command, as reported by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said the Indian Army responded in a measured and effective manner.

This series of incidents began Thursday night, hours after India announced the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty following the killing of 26 civilians in a terror attack in Pahalgam. Since then, Pakistani troops have opened fire across the LoC at multiple locations, including on the intervening night of April 27-28 in Kupwara and Poonch districts. "There have been no casualties on the Indian side," Bartwal said.

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Support Centre's actions but innocents should not be harmed: MP Ruhullah

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ANANTNAG (J-K): National Conference MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi on Tuesday said he supports the Centre's actions to bring perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack to justice and appealed to the government to ensure no innocent is harmed in the process.



"We are with any action, whatever way it is taken, that revolves around justice," Mehdi told reporters here in south Kashmir.

The Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar visited the family of ponywala Adil Hussain Shah who was one of the victims of last week's Pahalgam terror attack.

"I do not want to do politics or comment over what steps the Centre is taking. The Government of India should do whatever is

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Tourists return to Pahalgam, bringing hope and resilience

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SRINAGAR: After the tragic terrorist attack in Pahalgam, once bustling with tourists, had witnessed a dramatic dip in visitors. The streets of Pahalgam, which typically hosted 5,000 to 7,000 tourists daily, were eerily quiet in the days following the attack. However, in a heartening turn of events, tourists have started to return, and the

locals couldn't be happier to see the town coming back to life.

In recent days, foreign and domestic visitors have once again begun to stroll through the scenic streets of Pahalgam. The sight of tourists exploring the town once more has brought a renewed sense of hope to the locals, who have long been known for their hospitality. The return of

travellers marks a new step in the town's recovery from the tragedy.

Among those who returned were Rahul and Amrita tourists who shared their admiration for Kashmir's unmatched beauty and its warm, welcoming people.

Rahul, a Croatian visitor, expressed, "Despite hearing about the incident, we felt completely safe here. The people are

incredibly kind, and the beauty of Kashmir is beyond what we expected. We're very happy to be here and are enjoying every moment."

Another Croatian tourist, who has visited Kashmir multiple times, said, "Kashmir is always my top destination. The people here are so warm, and I've

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96 JKAS officers transferred

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SRINAGAR : The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday issued transfer and posting orders for 96 JKAS officers across a wide array of departments.

The order issued by the GAD, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), reads Rakesh Magotra transferred as Special Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment. Naseer Ahmad Wani posted as Special Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department. Vir Krishan Dhar appointed as Additional Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction. Dhyanter Singh shifted to Health and Medical Education Department as Additional Secretary. Sonali Arun Gupta becomes Additional Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages. Atul Gupta posted as CEO, Tourism Development Authority, Billawar-Duggan. Jagdish Chander transferred to Housing and Urban Development Department as Additional

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Post-Article 370 abrogation, 5000 new hotels came up in J&K

●From 2021 to 2024, 7.49 crore tourists arrived in UT



KC News Network

SRINAGAR: Post-Article 370 abrogation in 2019, more than 5000 new hotels have come up in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), J&K witnessed a footfall of 7,49,70,943 tourists from 2021 to 2024.

The Economic Survey recently tabled by the government has revealed that out of the 7.49 crore tourists, 6,49,77,187 visited Jammu while 99,93,756 visited the Kashmir during the period.

"To accommodate the rush of tourists across the region, around 5000 new hotels were built in J&K during the past five years as the business witnessed a rise due to the rising footfall

of the guests," said Javed Tenga, President of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KCC&I).

He added that the tourism sector has witnessed a boom after 2020 and they are expecting more arrivals in the coming months and years.

The tour operators while talking to KNO, echoed the similar views and said that the decision taken by the government, especially the administration led by Lieutenant Governor brought a positive outcome on the ground with the rise in the tourist footfall. "We are expecting that more such measures will be taken to increase the rush of the tourists and ensure a boom in the tourism sector further," they said.

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Srinagar records all-time 2nd hottest April day at 30.8 C

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGARA amidst the dry weather conditions, several areas across Kashmir have witnessed heat wave with Srinagar, the summer capital of the region, recording the all-time second-hottest April day at 30.8 degree Celsius on Tuesday.



According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Pahalgam, famous tourist destination, recorded an all-time highest April day at 27.8 degree Celsius, breaking the previous record of 27.4 degree Celsius, recorded on April 04, 1979.

Qazigund, a gateway of south Kashmir, has recorded a maximum temperature of 29.4 degree Celsius while Kupwara

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Sanjay Parihar, Shahazad Azeem appointed as judges of J&KHC

KC News Network

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Tuesday

notified the appointment of two judicial officers as J&K and Ladakh High Court Judges on the recommendation of the CJI Sanjiv Khanna-led Supreme Court Collegium.

"In exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint S/ (i) Sanjay Parihar and (ii) Shahzad Azeem to be judges of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court with effect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices," said a notification issued by the Union Ministry of Law and Justice.

"The Supreme Court Collegium in its meeting held on 16th April, 2025 has approved the proposal for appointment of the following Judicial Officers, as Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and

Ladakh: (i) Sanjay Parihar, and (ii) Shahzad Azeem," said a resolution uploaded on the website of the apex court.



The recommendation for the appointment of judicial officers Parihar and Azeem was earlier made by the Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues. As per the memorandum of procedure (MoP) governing the appointment of High Court judges, the proposal for the appointment

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD
CPO Chowk, Panjtirthi, Jammu/Zamzam Complex Rambagh, Srinagar

(www.jkssb.nic.in)
Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2025 Dated: 28.04.2025

Subject : Advertisement for UT/Divisional Cadre posts belonging to Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir.

The Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) has received an Indent for filling up vacancies from Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir under direct recruitment as per the details indicated below:

S.No	Reference of Indent	Indenting Department	No. of posts received		
1.	1) LGS-121 (Rect-Rules)23-25/807 Dated 24.02.2025 ii) LGS-121 (Rect-Rules)2025/1144 Dated 19.03.2025 iii) LGS-121 (Rect-Rules)2025/1454 Dated 15.04.2025			Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, J&K	16
TOTAL	16				

Accordingly, the JKSSB Invites online application forms from eligible candidates for participating in the selection process for the aforementioned posts. The important dates/details with regard to the posts being advertised are as under:

a.)	Date of Commencement for submission of Online Applications:	08.05.2025
b.)	Cut-off/Last Date for submission of Online Application Forms	06.06.2025
c)	Name of the Post, Cadre, Pay Level, Category-wise break up, Qualification and Criteria of Selection for the Advertised posts	Annexure-A
d.)	Certificate regarding Physical Limitation to write.	Annexure-B
e.)	Letter of Undertaking for using Own Scribe.	Annexure-C

Total Number of Posts Advertised = 16

The detailed Terms and Conditions with regard to Eligibility, Educational qualification, Domicile, Reservation etc. for participating in the selection process for the aforementioned posts are as under:

01.) NTMENT OF THE CANDIDATES:

The Appointment and other service conditions in respect of the candidates selected through this selection process shall be governed as per extant rules/regulations.

02.) DOMICILE:

The candidate(s) seeking to apply for the advertised posts shall be Domicile(s) of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and must possess a valid Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority on the prescribed format on or before the cut-off date i.e. last date of submission of online application forms, which, unless otherwise extended, shall be 06.06.2025.

03.) VACANCIES:

The details of posts advertised are given in Annexure-A to this Notification. However, the actual number of posts may undergo increase or decrease during or before the completion of the selection process and the JKSSB is not legally liable for any such variation in the total number of posts advertised for which the final selection list will be issued. The Advertisement Notification is subject to the outcome of any writ petition/O.A pending before the competent Court of law.

04.) AGE LIMIT:

The requirement of age for applying against these posts, as on 01.01.2025 for Open Merit & various Reserved Category Candidates, shall be as under:

S.No	Category	Max. Age Limit in Years	Not Born Before	Not Born After
(i)	OM	40	01.01.1985	01.01.2001
(ii)	SC	43	01.01.1982	01.01.2007
(iii)	ST-1	43	01.01.1982	01.01.2007
(iv)	ST-2	43	01.01.1982	01.01.2007
(v)	RBA	43	01.01.1982	01.01.2007
(vi)	ALC/IB	43	01.01.1982	01.01.2007
(vii)	EWS (Economically Weaker Section)	43	01.01.1982	01.01.2007
(viii)	Other Backward Classes (OBC)	43	01.01.1982	01.01.2007
(ix)	Physically Challenged Person	42	01.01.1983	01.01.2007
(x)	Government Service/ Contractual Employment	40	01.01.1985	01.01.2007
(xi)	Ex-Servicemen	48	01.01.1977	01.01.2007

05.) QUALIFICATION REQUIRED:

a) As per the Indent and clarification received from the Indenting Department/(s), the Qualification(s) prescribed for the advertised posts is shown in Annexure-A to this Notification.

b) The candidates who are declared qualified by the Board for Document Verification will be required to produce relevant Certificates in original as proof of having acquired the prescribed educational qualification on or before the cut-off date fixed for filling online application forms, failing which the candidature of such candidates shall be cancelled by the Board.

c) Candidates may note that their candidature/admission in examination will remain provisional till the genuineness of their documents relating to educational qualification is verified by the Appointing Authority. d) In case of candidates claiming possession of equivalent educational qualification (where it is applicable/ required), it shall be mandatory to produce relevant Equivalence Certificate or seek equivalence from the concerned competent authorities as and when required by the Board. However, final decision regarding selection of such candidates will be taken by the Board, in light of relevant rules which shall be binding. e) Any candidate having his/her qualification other than as prescribed, shall not be eligible for posts advertised in this notification and such candidature will be summarily rejected.

06.) APPLICATION OF RESERVATION:

a) The Reservation for the posts under this Advertisement Notification shall be applicable as per the Category-wise break up of vacancies as conveyed by the Indenting Department and/or in accordance with the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Act/Rules, as amended from time to time. b) A candidate seeking consideration under Reserved Categories must ensure that they possess a valid/ Category Certificate strictly as on the Cut Off Date and the same is required to be uploaded while submitting online application. c) Candidates may note that their candidature will remain provisional till the genuineness and validity of the Reserved Category Certificate is verified by the Appointing Authority.

d) Candidates are cautioned to note that in case a claim for reservation is made on the basis of Invalid/ false/fake/fraudulent/forged certificate, they shall be debarred from the examination(s) conducted by the Board, besides penal action as may be deemed appropriate should be initiated against them. 07.) HORIZONTAL RESERVATION (wherever applicable under rules):

a) Horizontal Reservation means the reservation which would cut across the vertical reservation and the persons selected shall have to be placed in the appropriate category by making necessary adjustments. b) Horizontal Reservation for Ex-Servicemen (ESM) candidates and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) shall be applicable to the extent as communicated by the Indenting Department(s) in accordance with the extant rules/regulations.

c) The suitability/type of Disabilities/eligibility of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities for these posts under Horizontal Reservation shall be governed by the extant regulations.

d) Horizontal Reservation for Ex-Servicemen candidates is applicable as per extant rules, for the posts which carry Pay of and up to the Level-6E (35900-113500).

e) In terms of S.O. 361 of 2021 dated 20.10.2021, an Ex-Servicemen on joining any post after having availed Horizontal Reservation, cannot avail the benefit of Horizontal Reservation as Ex-Servicemen for any subsequent Employment. A candidate seeking to apply under ESM category shall be required to submit an affidavit duly sworn before 1 Class Judicial Magistrate in this regard at the time of scrutiny of the documents.

1) ESM candidates shall be required to produce a Certificate in form-XIV duly signed by the competent authority as provided in the Rule 18 of Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005.

g) In case sufficient number of candidates belonging to the Ex- Servicemen are not available on the basis of General standard to fill all the vacancies reserved for them, candidates belonging to the category of Ex- Servicemen may be selected under the relaxed standard of selection to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the condition that such relaxation will not affect the level of performance by such candidates,

08.) APPLICATION FEE:

a) Fee payable: Rs.600/- (Rupees Six Hundred only). In case of candidates belonging to SC, ST-1, ST-2, EWS and PwBD category, the fee payable shall be Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only).

b) Fee can be paid only through online mode viz. Net Banking, Credit or Debit cards.

c) Applications received without the prescribed fee shall not be considered and summarily rejected. No representation against such rejection will be entertained. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor will it be adjusted against any other examination or selection.

d) All the disputes related to refund of excess payment, if any, are subject matter of relevant bank and J&K Services Selection Board. Candidates are advised to apply for refund of excess payment, if any, through official e-mail advt04of2025@gmail.com only. No chargeback request shall be entertained. 09.) DATE & CENTRE OF EXAMINATION:

The J&K Services Selection Board shall notify the date for examination and the Venue/Centre(s) of examination separately. The details shall be made available on the website of the Board i.e. www.jkssb.nic.in. No representation/request for change in this regard shall be entertained, whatsoever be the reason.

10.) SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:

a) The Examination will consist of Objective Type, Multiple choice Questions. The questions will be set in English Language only.

b) There will be Negative Marking for each wrong answer to the extent of one-fourth of marks assigned to that question.

11.) ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION:

a) The Board will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written examination and, therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. The candidates are instructed to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age, and reserved category particularly w.r.t "cut off date" and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post. Copies of supporting documents will be sought at the time of Document Verification. When scrutiny is undertaken, if any claim made in the application is not found substantiated or correct, the candidature will be cancelled, and Criminal Proceedings under law may also be initiated, or any other action as may be deemed appropriate by the Board, shall be taken.

b) All candidates who register themselves in response to this Advertisement Notification, by the closing date and time and whose applications are found to be in order, and are provisionally accepted by the Board as per the terms and conditions of this Advertisement Notice, will be assigned Roll numbers and issued Admit Card/Roll No. slips for appearing in the Written Examination.

c) The Examination details will be uploaded on the official website of the Board i.e. www.jkssb.nic.in. Examination detail/Roll Number slips will not be issued by India post for any stage of examination. Therefore, candidates are advised to visit the official website of Board regularly for updates and information about the examination.

d) Candidate must submit their Online Application form, Email-ID and Mobile Number along with their

Name, Date of Birth and Name of the Examination, while addressing any communication to the Board. Communication from the candidate not furnishing these particulars shall not be entertained. e) Facility for downloading of Admit Cards, as may be notified will be available about one week before the Date of Examination on the official website of the Board. Candidate must bring printout of the Admit Card/Roll Number Card/Slip to the Examination Hall. f) In addition to the Roll Number Card/Slip, it is mandatory to carry at least two passport size recent (not older than 06 months, with date mentioned) colour photographs, Original valid Photo-ID proof such as: Aadhaar Card/Printout of E-Aadhaar, Voter ID Card, Driving License, PAN Card,

Passport School/College/University I-Card, Employer ID Card (Govt./PSU/ Private), etc. 12.) PROVISION OF COMPENSATORY TIME AND ASSISTANCE OF SCRIBE: In terms of the extant guidelines, the Candidates with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs), who are otherwise eligible for the posts and are in possession of valid disability certificate, may choose to avail the facility of Scribe and/or compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination, on production of a Certificate from the competent Medical Board/Authority as per Annexure-B and an Undertaking to this effect as per Annexure-C to this Notification. The facility of Scribe for such candidates shall be available only with the following conditions: a) The candidate shall have to arrange for his/her own scribe to avail the facility.

b) The person engaged as Scribe should not be a candidate for the same examination her/himself.

c) He/She shall not be a student of the same institution/center where the test is being conducted and also not a relative of the candidate.

d) The Scribe shall be a student of a lower grade of education than the candidate appearing in the examination. He/she shall also not possess more than the minimum qualification as required for the post for which the candidate is taking the examination. If subsequently it is found that the qualification of the Scribe is not as declared by the candidate, the candidate shall forfeit his/her right to the post and claims relating thereto.

e) The Scribe would need to produce a valid ID Proof in original at the time of examination.

f) If a candidate is detected as assisting another PWD candidate as scribe in the examination, the candidature of both the candidates shall be cancelled.

g) No attendant other than the Scribe for eligible candidates shall be allowed inside the Examination Hall.

h) The candidates with Benchmark Disabilities opting for facility of a Scribe shall be required to submit details of the Scribe at the time of examination as per proforma at Annexure-C.

) For availing the facility of Scribe and/or compensatory time in terms of the conditions given above, a candidate should have filled the, application form as PWD candidate, at the time of applying for the post and in addition shall have to submit following documents (whichever applicable) to the Observer on the day of the examination:

Application on plain paper

Person with Disability Certificate (Self-attested).

Certificate regarding physical limitation to write (Annexure-B).

Letter of Undertaking for Using Own Scribe (Annexure-C)

A	Before applying, candidates are advised to go through the instructions given in the notice of examination very carefully.
B	The candidates must write their name and date of birth strictly as recorded in the matriculation certificate.
C	. Candidates are advised in their own interest to submit online applications much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection/ inability or failure to login to the online application portal on account of heavy load on the website during the closing days.
d.	Candidates are advised to fill the application form carefully & diligently, as no claims for making changes in any entry/field shall be entertained at any later stage.
e.	The board will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written examination and, therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. The candidates are advised to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age, etc. And satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post(s). Copies of supporting documents will be sought at the time of document verification. When scrutiny is undertaken, if any claim made in the application is not found substantiated, the candidature will be cancelled and the board's decision shall be final and binding.
f.	Candidates seeking reservation benefits available for rba/sc/st-1/st-2/obc/ews/alc/ib/pwd/esmmust ensure that they are entitled to such reservation as per eligibility condition(s) prescribed in this notice. They should also be in possession of the certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim, on or before the cut-off date.candidates are also required to upload the (valid with-in cut-off date) category certificate while filling up the online application form.
g.	When application is successfully submitted, it will be accepted 'provisionally, candidate should take printout of the application form and submit the same at the time of documents verification. The candidates are further advised not to submit the hard copies of the online application form in the office of the services selection board either in person or by post/email.
h.	Only one online application for the post of same item number is allowed to be submitted by the candidate. Therefore, the candidates are advised to exercise due diligence at the time of filling their online application forms. In case, more than one application of a candidate is detected for the same item no., the board will consider latest application. If a candidate submits multiple application forms for the same post and appears in the examination (at any stage) more than once for the post of the same item no., their candidature will be cancelled and they will be debarred from the examinations of the board as per rules.
1	Request for modification or change in the preferences once filled relating to cadre and department, if applicable, shall not be entertained under any circumstances.
1	The candidates must write their father's name and mother's name strictly as given in the matriculation certificate otherwise their candidature may be cancelled at the time of document verification or as and when it comes into the notice of the board.
k.	Applications with blurred/ illegible photograph/signature will be rejected summarily.
l.	Request for change/ correction in any particulars in the application form, once submitted, will not be entertained under any circumstances, therefore, the applicants are advised to fill all the fields of the online application form with due diligence and after carefully reading the terms and conditions given in the advertisement notification.
M	The candidates must carry two passport size recent (not older than 06 months, with date mentioned) colour photographs and a latest photo- bearing identification proof such as aadhaar card/printout of e-aadhaar, driving license, voter card, pan card, identity card issued by school/college/university/ employer (government or any other office, where the candidate may be working, etc) in original to the examination venue, failing which they will not be allowed to appear for the same. Pwd candidates using the facility of scribe shall also be required to carry required medical certificate/ undertaking/ photocopy of the scribe's photo id proof, as specified therein.
n.	In case of fake/ fabricated application/ registration by misusing any dignitaries name/ photo, such candidate(s)/ shall be held responsible for the same and liable for suitable legal action under cyber/ it act/relevant rules.
o.	For single stage examination posts: ee payable: rs.600/- (rupees six hundred only). In case of candidates belonging to sc, st-1,st-2, pwbd & ews categories, the fee payable shall be rs.500/- (rupees five hundred only).
p.	The candidates shall carefully indicate the items for which they are applying and shall be considered for selection for only one items for which he/she has applied and is otherwise eligible. Each candidate applying for such multiple items shall be required to clearly indicate the items for which they are competing (depending upon their choice and eligibility) and the final allotment against the advertised posts /services/cadre shall be made on the basis of merit-cum-preferences of the candidate.

17. PROCEDURE FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION:

The necessary instructions regarding filling up of online applications, including the details of the Online Portal in this regard shall be made available on the Board's Website separately, Candidates will be required to fill the application form in online mode only and no other means/mode of application will be accepted.

18. IN-SERVICE CANDIDATES:

In service candidates shall submit print out of filled online application form along with duly filled, signed and stamped Certificate given at last paragraph of the application form through proper channel viz; the concerned Major Head of Department/Appointing Authority as per extant rules. The Head of Department concerned shall forward the application form of the In-service candidates to the Office of the Secretary, Services Selection Board by or before the date of scrutiny of documents/documents verification. Such candidates shall also indicate the same while submitting online form.

19. FINALITY OF DECISION OF THE BOARD:

The decision of the Board in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of tests/examination(s), allotment of examination centre, debarment for indulging in malpractices, preparation of result/merit list, etc. will be final and binding on the candidates and no enquiry/correspondence in this regard will be entertained.

20. ABBREVIATIONS:

OM-Open Merit, SC-Scheduled Castes, ST-Scheduled Tribes, RBA-Residents of Backward Areas, EWS-Economically Weaker Sections, OBC- Other Backward Classes, ALC/IB- Residents of areas adjoining Line of Actual control/International Border, ESM- Ex-Servicemen, PwD- Person with Disability, DV-Document Verification

Annexure "A"

Name of the Posts, Category wise break up of posts, Qualification & Criteria for selection of the UT/Divisional Cadre posts.

Item No.	Department	Sub Deptt/ Appointing Authority.	Pay Scale of the Post	Name of the post	Cadre of the post	OM	SC	ST-1	ST-2	OBC	ALC/IB	RBA	EWS	Total	Qualification prescribed	Criteria for Selection
08	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-SL1 (14800-47100)	Gardener	Division (Ra) Bhavan, Jammu)	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	Middle Pass. Experience: 7 years experience in the line of floriculture and are working as helpers. Note: The experience certificate is to be certified by Floriculture Department	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/ OMR examination only.
09	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-SL1 (14800-47100)	Gardener	Division (Raj Bhavan, Srinagar)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Middle Pass Experience: 7 years experience in the line of floriculture and are working as helpers. Note: The experience certificate is to be certified by Roocuture Department	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained written/OMR in the examination only
10	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-SL1 (14800-47100)	Farash	UT	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	Matric pass and having experience of 2 years from catering institute/Hotel. Note: The experience certificate is to be issued by Govt. recognized/ Accredited Institute Hote	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained the written/ OMR examination only
11	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-SL1 (14800-47100)	Traffic Orderly	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Minimum Matric and maximum 10+2	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit the in obtained written/ OMR examination only.
12	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-SL1 (14800-47100)	Multi Tasking Staff (MTS)	UT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Minimum Matric and maximum 10+2	The selection for the obtained written/OMR post shall be made on the basis of merit in the examination only.
13	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-SL1 (14800-47100)			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric pass and having experience of 2 years from catering institute/Hotel. Note: The experience certificate is to be issued by Govt. recognized/ Accredited Institute Hotel	The selection for the obtained written/OMR post shall be made on the basis of merit in the examination only
14	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-SL1 (14800-47100)	Level-SL1 (14800-47100	Khansama III	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric pass and having experience of 2 years from catering institute/Hotel Note: The experience certificate is to be issued by Govt. recognized/ Accredited Institute Hotel	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/ OMR examination only
15	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-2 (19900-63200)	Dhobi	UT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric pass and Dhobi by profession, Note: The professional certificate is to be issued by the cornicemed Tehsildar.	The selection for the obtained written/OMR post shall be made on the basis of merit in the examination only.
16	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-2 (19900-63200)	Driver-II	UT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	Minimum Matric and maximum 10+2 having valid HGV/PSV driving license	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/ OMR examination only. The candidate(s) shall have to qualify Driving Test to be eligible to appear for written examination.
17	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Lieutenant Governors Secretariat, J&K	Level-2 (19900-63200)	Website Operator	UT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	i) Graduation from any recognized university with knowledge of type writing having not less than 35 words speed per minute. ii) Six months certificate course in computer application from a recognized institute	Skill Test = 20 points Written Examination/ OMR80 points The marks obtained in the Type Test shall be proportionately allotted against 20 points earmarked for the Type Test)

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DC Bandipora Calls for Collective Effort to Fight the Growing Threat of Drug Abuse

DIPR organises Awareness Programme to Combat Drug Abuse

BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Manzoor Ahmad Qadri on Tuesday calls for collective efforts to fight the growing threat of drug abuse in the society.

He was speaking at an awareness programme organised by Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Bandipora, in collaboration with the Cultural Unit DIPR Srinagar.

The programme was organised at the Auditorium Hall of N.M. Higher Secondary School, Kaloosa, under the ongoing Nasha Mukht Jammu Kashmir Abhiyaan.

ADC Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl; District Programme Officer ICDS, Yaar Ali Khan; District Information Officer, Aadil Manzoor Wani; DySP DAR, Ahmad Shafee; Excise and Taxation Officer North Kashmir, Danishwar Shafi; DySP C.L. Verma, DyCEO Dr. G.M. Pujoo, principal N.M. Higher Secondary School and large gathering of students from various schools were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasized the importance of engaging families in addressing drug abuse. He urged parents to remain vigilant about behavioral changes in their children and to invest time in nurturing and guiding them towards constructive pathways.

He called for collective efforts to protect society from the growing threat of substance abuse.

In his message, Qadri called upon participants and all segments of society to actively spread



awareness, identify vulnerable individuals, and support government initiatives aimed at creating a healthier and safer society.

ADC while presenting an overview of the Nasha Mukht Jammu Kashmir Abhiyaan, deliberated on the campaign's multidimensional approach, which includes awareness, education, rehabilitation, and community mobilization. He laid emphasis on the active participation of stu-

dents and the role of educational institutions in instilling awareness at an early age. He also elaborated on the importance of awareness through panchayat-level IEC activities.

Earlier in his welcome address, District Information Officer highlighted the objective of the IEC campaign under the Nasha Mukht Abhiyaan, aimed at raising awareness against drug abuse in every corner of the district.

DySP C.L. Verma, speaking on the occasion, detailed the initiatives undertaken by the police department in combating the drug menace.

He elaborated on the social, economic, and medical consequences of drug use, and advocated for youth participation in sports and other productive activities.

Dr. Anjum Reshi, Medical Officer, Drug De-addiction Centre Bandipora, stressed the collective responsibility of parents, teachers, and society as a whole in addressing drug abuse. She also elaborated on the rehabilitation services available in the district, encouraging those in need to seek support without fear or stigma.

The event also featured skits presented by the artists from the Cultural Unit DIPR Srinagar and students of HSS Mantrigram, which effectively portrayed the devastating consequences of drug addiction on individuals, families, and society. The performances were emotionally compelling and were received with loud applause from the audience. Students from various schools delivered speeches and poetry, promoting the message of a drug-free society.

A pledge ceremony was also held, led by artists of the Cultural Unit DIPR, affirming commitment to actively contribute towards the creation of a drug-free society.

Students who delivered speeches and participated in the skits were felicitated with cash prizes for their contributions.

Bandipora Police Arrests Three LeT OGWs in Hajin

BANDIPORA: Bandipora Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested three Over Ground Workers (OGWs) in Hajin area of Bandipora district.

An official spokesperson said in a joint operation with the CRPF's 45 Battalion and the Army's 13 Rashtriya Rifles, arrested three Over Ground Workers (OGWs) affiliated with the banned terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in the Hajin area. "Acting on specific inputs about the movement of suspected OGWs, a joint naka was established at Shahgund Nursery".

During the naka checking, three individuals were seen approaching from Khusarpura towards Shahgund. On noticing the presence of security forces, the suspects attempted to flee but were apprehended tactfully by the alert personnel.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Shahzad Ahmad, son of Mohammad Khalil, Danish Ahmad Parray, son of Ghulam Mohammad Parray, and Ather Iqbal, son of Ghulam Mohammad Rafiquee, all residents of Hajin. Upon questioning, the trio confessed to being associated with the LeT as OGWs. During their personal search, the security forces recovered two Chinese hand grenades, one 7.62 mm magazine, and seventeen live rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition from their possession.

Following the recovery, a case under FIR No. 33/2025 was registered at Police Station Hajin under sections 18, 23, and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and section 7/25 of the Indian Arms Act. Further investigation into the case is currently underway.



MD JJM for pacing up execution of Water Supply projects in Kupwara

SRINAGAR, APRIL 29: Mission Director (MD), Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) J&K, Khurshid Ahmad Shah today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of JJM in district Kupwara.

The meeting was apprised about the various components under execution through a powerpoint presentation. As per the figures, the district comprises 355 villages with 1,56,179 rural households out of which 1,29,755 households have been provided with Functional Household Connections (FHTCs).

MD directed the concerned officers to speed up the pace of execution of water supply schemes so that the remaining 26,000 odd households are provided with FHTCs soon.

The meeting was informed about the failure of nine bore wells due to no or less discharge, impeding the progress in scheme completion.

Shah sought response from the Executive Engineer, Ground Water Division, Srinagar who informed the chair that letter of intent for these wells has been issued and the contractor has mobilized the machinery.

MD directed the Executive Engineer, Ground Water to personally monitor the drilling of these bore wells in coordination with Superintending Engineer, concerned.

While reviewing the timelines for various works, MD inquired about non-starter of General Service Reservoir's (GSR's) in the Keran sector. He was assured that the allotments have been issued, and with the improvement of weather the works on these GSRs will be started within a week's time.

MD directed the Executive Engineers to certify all Har Ghar Jal (HGJ) reported villages as a large number of HGJ reported villages remain uncertified. He directed Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle Kupwara to personally monitor the certification of reported HGJ villages.

Indian Army Conducts Cyber Security Awareness Lecture for Youth in Kulhand

Doda, April 29: In a bid to promote digital literacy and cyber safety, the Indian Army today organized a cyber security awareness lecture for the local youth at Kulhand in Doda district. The initiative was part



of the Army's ongoing outreach programme aimed at empowering civilians, particularly the youth, to safely navigate the digital space.

The interactive session covered a range of crucial topics, including common cyber threats, online frauds, social media safety, and essential preventive measures. Delivered in a simple and relatable manner, the lecture also featured real-life examples to underline the importance of cyber hygiene in everyday life.

The initiative was well received by the participants, who lauded the Indian Army for its commitment to the overall well-being of the local community. Attendees acknowledged the value of such sessions in a time when digital awareness is increasingly critical to personal and national security.

By conducting these awareness programs, the Indian Army continues to demonstrate its holistic approach to safeguarding both the physical and digital domains of the nation.

“Illegal Medical Shops” Mushroom in Bandipora, Private Clinics Flout Norms

SUHAIL RATHER

BANDIPORA: In brazen violation of norms, scores of medical shops are operating illegally across north Kashmir's Bandipora district, raising serious concerns over public health and safety.

Sources said that besides the unchecked mushrooming of unlicensed medical stores,



even ayurvedic shops in the district are openly selling allopathic medicines without proper authorization. Many of these shops are being run by individuals who are not qualified to sell medicines.

Alarming reports reveal that a majority of private clinics in the district are not registered under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994. Doctors engaged in private practice and paramedics conducting ultrasounds at these clinics often lack a diploma or degree in Radiology, mandatory residency training, or even a six-month certification from a recognized institute.

Experts warn that unqualified individuals are endangering the lives of patients by performing diagnostic procedures like ultrasounds, while also exploiting them financially.

Sources further said that several medical shops, particularly in rural and far-flung areas,

are being operated without registration or professional oversight. In many instances, even government employees, including teachers and PHE department workers, are running chemist shops during morning and evening hours, acting as self-styled doctors.

As per regulations, a person must hold a diploma in pharmacy and obtain a proper license to operate a medical shop. However, locals alleged that most rural shops flout these norms with impunity. Even in the town areas, many shops function irregularly without maintaining the mandatory standards.

Officials pointed out that pharmacists are required to maintain a record of medicines sold against prescriptions, and a detailed ledger must be kept for storage and sale, especially of sedative drugs like codeine. However, the absence of proper billing systems has encouraged black marketing and the sale of substitute drugs, particularly exploiting poor and uneducated customers.

Additionally, many medical shops reportedly lack essential infrastructure, such as proper storage facilities, further compromising the quality and safety of the medicines being sold.

Locals acknowledged the growing menace, particularly in remote areas where unlicensed shops have become rampant. They also pointed out that many licensed shop owners have hired unqualified workers to run their businesses, with unauthorized persons often seen prescribing medicines and issuing prescriptions.

Recently, police have also seized sedative drugs in various parts of north Kashmir. While officials have conducted raids, cancelled licenses, and sealed dozens of illegally operating shops, the shortage of enforcement staff in the district continues to hamper regular inspections and checks.

JKTF Organises “Education Conference” to felicitate retiring Teachers in pampore

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: The Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF), Zone Pampore, on Monday organised an education conference at Government Middle School Drangbal to honour retiring and retired teaching faculty members who



have rendered decades of dedicated service to the education sector in the zone.

An official spokesperson The event served as a tribute to educators who have devoted their lives to the cause of teaching and nation-building. Those felicitated included Farooq Ahmad Mir (Ex-Headmaster, HS Barsoo), Mohammad Rafiq Shah (Ex-HOI, UPS Andrusoo), Mohammad Shafi Mir (Vice Zonal President JKTF Pampore/Teacher, HS Zaintrag), Mohammad Akram Bhat (HOI, GMS Khrew), Mahmooda Ji (Teacher, GMS Drangbal), and Abdul Rashid Bhat (Ex-Master, HS Zaintrag).

"These teachers have displayed exemplary dedication, commitment, and professionalism,

shaping the lives of countless students," said Bilal Ahmad Wani, Zonal President JKTF Pampore, while speaking to Kashmir Convener.

The conference was attended by several senior JKTF leaders, including Chairman Mohammad Shafi Rather, Vice Chairman Javid Ahmad Malik, UT Chief Organiser Farooq Ahmad Sofi, Ex-State President Afzal Bhat, General Secretary Hamidullah Trambo, Provincial President Javid Bhat, and District President Pulwama Ghulam Hassan Mir. A large number of teachers, retired officials, and members of the educational fraternity were also present.

Mementos were presented to the retiring teachers as tokens of appreciation, led by the Zonal President and forum members. Emotional tributes were paid, with speakers praising the honourees as role models who had inspired students and colleagues alike.

The conference also marked the formal introduction of a newly expanded zonal organisational structure, formed after recent unification efforts within the forum. The new office bearers were felicitated in the presence of the JKTF leadership.

In his concluding address, JKTF Chairman Mohammad Shafi Rather called upon all members to maintain organisational discipline and work collectively for the welfare of the teaching community and the strengthening of the forum.

The event concluded on an emotional and hopeful note, celebrating the contributions of retiring teachers and welcoming a rejuvenated union structure for the future of education in Zone Pampore.

Hakeem Yaseen Urges Centre to Rethink Deportation of Militants' Wives Post-Pahalgam Attack

SRINAGAR: President of Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) and former minister, Hakeem Muhammad Yaseen, on Tuesday urged the Government of India to reconsider the decision to deport the Pakistani wives of former Kashmiri militants, warning that such action could trigger a humanitarian crisis.

Reacting in the wake of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Yaseen said that while the people of Jammu and Kashmir have always stood against terrorism, punishing women who entered the Valley through legal means would be unjust and counter-



productive.

"Jammu and Kashmir has been an integral part of India since 1947, and the people here have consistently rejected violence and terrorism. The recent attack in Pahalgam was widely condemned, and we must now focus on providing a healing touch to the victims' families," Yaseen said.

He added that effective and concrete steps must be taken to prevent such incidents in the future, but insisted that targeting families of former militants, particularly their legally-wed

Pakistani wives, was not the solution.

Appealing directly to the Prime Minister and Home Minister, Yaseen called for an urgent review of the deportation move, stressing that these women pose no threat and should not be made scapegoats in the aftermath of isolated incidents.

He also condemned rising instances of hate speech against these families, urging the government to ensure their safety and dignity instead of marginalizing them.

Highlighting the long-term trauma inflicted by terrorism in the region, Yaseen reiterated the need for lasting peace and support for youth development. "The people of Jammu and Kashmir have already suffered immensely. We support every initiative aimed at ending terrorism and ensuring a secure, prosperous future," he said.

Yaseen also voiced concern for Kashmiri students studying outside the Union Territory, noting that many are facing distress and discrimination through no fault of their own. He urged the government to take steps to safeguard their well-being and protect them from any backlash.

I Think Of Kashmir Often

A Poem by Vinod Singh Negi

- Whenever I think of Kashmir,
- and I think often I think of the lofty mountains
- and the milky streams,
- Of the sprawling landscapes and meadows,
- Of the blooming yellow flowers and the tulip garden
- Of the beautiful, long nosed, fair, rose cheeked people
- Of beauty ! beauty ! and sheer beauty !
- Whenever I remember Kashmir, and I remember often
- I remember the beautiful memories of Srinagar,
- Of Dal, Shalimar, Nishat and Chashme - Shahi
- Of Shankaracharya, Gulmarg, Sonamarg and Pahalgam
- Of Kheer Bhawani, Amarnath and Kaman Setu
- Of good times and good times !

- Whenever I fondly miss Kashmir and I miss often
- I miss my 'Karam Bhooni' of Bandipora
- Of Alim, Adab and Aab Of Wular Lake and Baba Shakur-ud-din
- Of Erin, Aragam and Panar
- Of Apple Orchards and Rainbow Trout
- And above all, the people ; ever humble and warm

- Whenever I poignantly think of Kashmir, and I think often
- I feel sad at the state of affairs today
- Of the separatism and radicalization
- Of the stone pelting and pellet wounds
- Of the young dying and getting injured each day
- Of the 'living hell' that the place is turning each day
- Whenever I am enraged about Kashmir, and I get enraged often
- I get enraged at the 'unfriendly neighbor' and 'separatists' ;
- who continue to fuel terror and divide people
- Of diabolical intentions to 'land grab' and misguide OUR people
- Of objectives to finish off Kashmiriyat, Jamhooriyat and Insaniyat
- Of cunning unquenched thirst for bloodshed !
- And more bloodshed !

- When I optimistically think of Kashmir, and I think and pray often
- I think that time will come when we will be able to make
- the separatists and the misguided youths 'see reason'
- To envision that 'India is Kashmir and Kashmir is India'
- To appreciate that we have the same roots, culture, shared history
- and are part of the same great civilization

- To see how compelling it is to RESET and REBUILD
- the 'heaven on earth', earliest
- To see how prosperous is the secular, socialist, democratic republic
- To see as to how 'Unity in Diversity' is the core strength of India
- And Kashmir is its Shining example

- I have hope and faith in my Kashmiris brethren
- And in the undying love for them of the Indian people
- And thus I remember and pray for Kashmir,
- And I do it often



My Parents, My Pride

Danish Ashraf Khan

My parents' love, so pure and true,
They give their all in all they do.
For every smile upon my face,
They work with strength, they move with grace.

They hide their pain, they never show,
The storms they face, I'll never know.
They light my path with care so deep,
And guard my dreams when I'm asleep.

My father stands, so strong, so wise,
A steady flame that never dies.
He lifts me up when I feel low,
His love, a river's endless flow.

My mother's heart, so warm and kind,
A truer soul, I'll never find.
Her gentle touch, her silent prayer,
She's always near, she's always there.

They never ask for thanks or fame,
Yet bless my life in every name.
For every need, they always try,
With tired hands and hopeful eye.
So here I stand, with love so wide,
Their sacrifice, my deepest pride.
For all they give and all they do,
My world begins and ends with you.

A Prayer for My Parents
O Allah, bless my parents dear,
With peace and joy year after year.
Grant them health, both night and day,
And guide their steps along the way.

Forgive their sins, increase their light,
Surround them with Your mercy bright.
Let paradise their reward be,
For all they've done so selflessly.



The Deeper Sorrow Carves Into Your Being The More Joy You Can Contain- Khalil Gibran



SHABEER AHMAD LONE

The deeper sorrow carves into your being the more joy you can contain- Khalil Gibran

از دل خود گریه کن، تا گلی ز خنجر تر شود
تا نی، دلسوختگی با روح تو بگیرد-رومی

"Cry from your heart, so that the wound becomes a garden,
So that the soul's anguish may find its release."

در دل شمع سوزان، در دل دریا پر از گلاب
تا که ارمغان خون خود بر خاک تو بنشانم-حافظ

"In the heart, a burning candle, in the ocean, a field of roses,
Until I place the gift of my blood upon your sacred earth."

Grief, a deeply human experience, transcends cultural, temporal, and geographical boundaries, weaving through the fabric of human existence as both a shared burden and a profound teacher. Its universality makes it one of the most compelling subjects of intellectual inquiry, as

Hazaaron khwahishen aisi ke har khwahish pe dam nikle
Bohat nikle mere arman lekin phir bhi kam nikle
Thousands of desires, each so intense that it takes a lifetime to fulfill,
Many of my wishes were fulfilled, but still, they were too few.

What is life without sorrow? Nothing but a dream / A momentary illusion." It appears to be a paraphrased or interpretative rendering of Ghalib's thought, capturing his reflections on life's impermanence and the role of sorrow in giving life depth and meaning.For Ghalib, grief is both a reflection of the human condition and a path to spiritual enlightenment, as it pushes the soul toward introspection and transformation.

Iqbals views grief as an essential catalyst for inner growth and the awakening of the "khudi" (self), which is central to his philosophy. He portrays grief as a necessary trial that purifies the soul, enabling one to transcend worldly limitations and attain higher spiritual consciousness. In his famous poem "Shikwa", Iqbal addresses humanity's grievances and questions with God, expressing a deep sense of existential pain. Yet, in "Jawab-e-Shikwa", he transforms that grief into a call for action, suggesting that pain, when embraced with courage, leads to empowerment and change. Tu shaheen hai, parwaz hai kaam tera, Tere samne asman aur bhi hain."("You are an eagle, soaring is your task ,There are more skies ahead of you.")This highlights Iqbal's belief that grief, when accepted and processed, can elevate the individual to greater heights.

In Kashmiri Sufi poetry, grief is closely linked to the idea of separation from the Divine. Poets like LalDed,Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani, Shams Faqir, Ghani Kashmiri, Wahab khar, Ahad zarger, Soach kraal, Rehman Dar, Samad Mir, Asad mir etc etc viewed the pain of separation as a necessary condition for spiritual awakening. This form of grief is not seen as an end but as a process that purifies the soul, bringing

sociated with memory, emotional regulation, and decision-making. Prolonged grief can lead to chronic stress and health complications, yet it can also catalyze post-traumatic growth, fostering resilience, empathy, and a redefined sense of purpose. These findings align with cultural frameworks like Japan's mono no aware, which embraces the poignancy of impermanence, teaching individuals to find beauty and meaning even in transience. Grief, then, is not merely a response to loss but a force that reshapes the self, transforming pain into a deeper appreciation for life's fleeting nature.

The communal and societal dimensions of grief are equally profound. Catastrophic events, such as wars, pandemics, or natural disasters, often evoke collective grief, which can become a catalyst for social and political change. The global COVID-19 pandemic, for instance, highlighted shared vulnerabilities, fostering empathy across borders and inspiring systemic shifts in healthcare and social policy. However, the commodification of grief in contemporary contexts, particularly through social media, raises critical questions about authenticity and the implications of public mourning in a digital age. While such platforms have democratized expressions of grief, they also risk trivializing profound experiences, turning sorrow into spectacle.

Grief's transformative potential is inherently tied to the frameworks within which it is processed. Supportive communities, cultural validation, and spiritual traditions can amplify grief's ability to heal and inspire growth. Conversely, societies that stigmatize grief or fail to provide adequate resources risk compounding its destructive aspects. Herein lies the challenge and opportunity of grief: to create spaces where sorrow is acknowledged and embraced, where its lessons are integrated into the collective narrative, and where its capacity for renewal is realized.

In the final analysis, grief is more than an emotion-it is a pro-



it reflects the interplay between individual vulnerability and collective resilience. Across traditions and periods, anatomy of grief has been understood not merely as a reaction to loss but as a transformative force, capable of reshaping identities, fostering empathy, and redefining societal values. From ancient mourning rituals in Egypt to the communal grief expressed in modern pandemics, the multifaceted nature of grief demonstrates its power to bridge the temporal divide, uniting humanity in its struggles and aspirations. As both a personal journey and a societal phenomenon, grief invites critical analysis and deeper understanding of its expressions, its psychological impacts, and its potential to inspire growth. This exploration, enriched by insights from traditions, cultures, and disciplines, seeks to illuminate grief's profound capacity to teach, heal, and transform, even amidst the shadows of loss.

In ancient traditions, grief often bore a sacred dimension. Egyptian mourning rituals, for instance, celebrated the transition from life to eternity, embedding grief within a cosmological framework that gave meaning to the loss. Similarly, Indigenous communities around the world have long viewed grief as a communal responsibility, where mourning rituals serve not only to honor the departed but to heal the collective psyche. This contrasts with modern, individualistic societies where grief is often privatized, with public expressions frequently constrained by cultural norms or stigmatized as weakness. Yet, the transformative potential of grief lies in its capacity to move beyond isolation, fostering connections that transcend the boundaries of the personal and the communal.

Grief, as explored through the lens of literature, philosophy, mysticism and sufism, emerges as a transformative force capable of reshaping the individual and collective spirit. Figures like Shakespeare and Emily Dickinson portray grief as a powerful emotional current that, while often leading to existential questioning, also catalyzes deeper reflections on the human condition. Shakespeare's Hamlet grapples with the paralyzing effects of grief, whereas Dickinson and Rilke express how sorrow can unlock profound insights into life's fragility. Several key Hindu and Punjabi poets have explored the theme of grief and its transformative power in their works, often portraying it as a means of spiritual awakening, devotion, and liberation. These poets used grief as a metaphor for longing and separation from the Divine, highlighting its role in the spiritual journey. One could mention Poets like Kabir, Guru Nanak, Mirabai, Surdas, Bhai Gurdas, Tulsidas, Sant Tukaram, Bulleh Shah, Sant Eknath and scores of others.Ghalib's poetry reflects the pain of separation and loss, portraying grief as a form of spiritual yearning. In his famous couplets, Ghalib speaks to the agony of unfulfilled love and the existential suffering that arises from the human search for meaning. He writes:

"Ghalibe-Khasta ke begair kaun se kaam band hain
rojiye zaar-zaar kya kijiye haye-haye kyon"
What business of life, without Ghalib the miserable ,has shut its door
Why should anybody cry his heart out if he's no more.

one closer to the Divine. Their verses often depict grief as a yearning that leads to spiritual liberation.

Grief in Kashmiri poetry is often layered with a deep sense of melancholy, not just for what has been lost, but for what could have been. This duality gives the poetry an added complexity, where grief serves as both a remembrance of past beauty and a longing for future healing. It is this intricate balance that defines Kashmiri poetry, where sorrow does not merely dwell in the past but is seen as an ongoing process that informs the present and shapes the future. Ultimately, grief in Kashmiri poetry is not just about sorrow but the eternal pursuit of redemption and transformation.

Philosophers like Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Confucius, Laozi, Zhuangzi, Buddha, Maimonides, Sankara, Shankara, Ibn Arabi, Rumi, Friedrich Nietzsche, Arthur Schopenhauer, Soren Kierkegaard, Martin Heidegger, Simone de Beauvoir, Jean-Paul Sartre, Albert Camus, Michel Foucault, Sri Aurobindo, Rabindranath Tagore etc.from various cultural and philosophical traditions, have approached the subject of grief, suffering, and its potential for transformation in different ways, often seeing grief not as a mere negative experience but as a catalyst for personal and spiritual growth. They view grief as an inherent aspect of human existence, one that exposes the individual's confrontation with mortality, yet also serves as a pathway to authenticity. In this realm, grief is not merely loss but a portal to greater self-awareness and existential freedom.

Across cultures, thinkers like Simone Weil, Elvyn Underhill, and Islamic philosophers like Ibn Arabi offer further perspectives, emphasizing that grief can lead to empathy, resilience, and inner growth. Weil's notion of "affliction" as a means to transcend the self aligns with Underhill's spiritual understanding of suffering, where grief serves as a catalyst for spiritual maturity. For Sufi mystics, the pain of grief is often linked to the soul's longing for union with the Divine, a longing that can only be fulfilled through the surrender of the ego. Collectively, these thinkers and mystics reveal that grief, when understood and integrated into life's journey, holds the potential to transcend sorrow and lead to profound healing, empathy, and spiritual renewal. Their insights underline that grief, rather than being a solely negative experience, is a universal process that connects humanity across time and space, offering a path for personal and collective transformation.

Mystics such as Meister Eckhart, Rumi, and the Sufis interpret grief as an essential part of the soul's purification, a necessary step toward divine union. Eckhart's teachings suggest that grief, when embraced with detachment, enables the soul to experience a deeper connection to God, turning sorrow into a spiritual crucible for transformation. Such expressions of grief resonate deeply, affirming its universality while celebrating its particularities. Their works underscore the paradox of grief: it can both shatter and rebuild, isolate and unite, paralyze and inspire.

Modern psychology and neuroscience provide further insights into the anatomy of grief. Research has shown that grief impacts the brain's structure and functioning, altering neural pathways as-

cess, a journey, and a reflection of the interconnectedness of human experience. It holds within it the potential for profound transformation, turning pain into resilience, sorrow into empathy, and loss into renewal. The lessons of grief, whether derived from ancient traditions, modern psychology, or personal introspection, resonate with a timeless truth: in embracing sorrow, humanity finds the seeds of growth and the strength to rebuild. Across periods and contexts, grief has

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catalyzed social change, redefined cultural values, and inspired artistic and philosophical expressions that endure across generations. By integrating insights from diverse traditions, cultures, and disciplines, this exploration underscores the enduring significance of grief-not as an endpoint but as a catalyst for understanding, connection, and renewal. Grief reminds us that even in the face of profound loss, there exists the possibility of transformation, reaffirming the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring beauty of life.

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Dy CM Reviews Capex Budget; Calls for Tangible Outcomes, Faster Project Execution

JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, today chaired a meeting to review the progress on Capex Budget 2024-25 works besides discussing formulation of the Capex Budget Action Plan for 2025-26 fiscal.

Minister for Health & Medical Education, Sakina Itoo, Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javed Ahmad Dar, Minister for Transport, Satish Sharma, Advisor to CM, Nasir Aslam Wani, Secretary PWD, Bhupinder Kumar besides senior officials of the concerned department attended the meeting.

A detailed discussion was held on budget proposals aimed at strengthening grassroots level infrastructure, ensuring rapid growth and development.

The Dy CM emphasized that the planning process should be integrated at departmental and district level to incorporate the

whole government approach. He asserted that the focus of



the department should be on completion of ongoing works rather than starting a large number of underfunded works. "The timeline for completion of new works taken up for execution during the financial year 2025-26 should be between one or two years, except mega projects in which the department can extend the timeline up to three years" he added.

Surinder Choudhary said that the work plan of the department should be based on tangible outcomes which should

indicate the number of works to be completed and number

of people to be benefited. He exhorted upon the department to ensure that the directions issued are strictly adhered to and feedback/priorities from the elected representatives as indicated during budget meetings, as feasible, shall be captured while framing the annual work plans. He also issued strict instructions to the higher authorities to take firm action against the contractors who cause unnecessary delays in project completion. Javed Ahmad Dar, Sakina Itoo, Satish

Sharma and Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani also contributed their valuable suggestions for better functioning of the department in terms of finalizing works and their execution. They also apprised of some crucial works in their constituencies which needs utmost priority and completion at the earliest.

Earlier, Secretary PWD presented a comprehensive overview of the proposed Capex Budget through a detailed PowerPoint Presentation, highlighting key projects and financial allocations.

He highlighted the previous financial year's achievements including 3410 Km road length macadamized under various sectors, 2763 works completed under UT Capex, 769 Km road length blacktopped under PMGSY, 498 schemes completed under road sector and 47 bridges completed under various schemes.

Adopt 'Citizen-First' Approach in Welfare Delivery: Sakeena Itoo to Officials

JAMMU: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo Tuesday urged the heads of different sectors of Social Welfare Department (SWD) to adopt 'citizen-first' approach for delivering public services and successful implementation of welfare schemes on the ground.

She said this while chairing a meeting to assess the impact and progress on implementation of various schemes operated by SWD across Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, the Minister assessed the achievements of the department for the year 2024-25 and also deliberated on various aspects to strategize actionable plans for 2025-26.

Addressing the officers in the meeting, Sakeena emphasized on a fostering a greater collaboration between departments and agencies to ensure a cohesive approach towards effective implementation of social welfare schemes.

She called for maximising community involvement in scheme implementation to ensure greater ownership and participation of the general public.

The Minister also called streamlining the processes involved in scheme implementation, which will eventually improve the service delivery for public. She directed the officers

that beneficiaries should be facilitated at all levels and inordinate delays should be avoided. "Beneficiaries must not face avoidable delays

senior citizens and persons with disabilities, and Ladli Beti and PMMVY schemes for the welfare of girl children and pregnant women,



or procedural hurdles. Our systems should reflect the spirit of compassion and efficiency that these welfare schemes are founded upon", Sakeena stated. While reviewing the on-ground impact of these schemes, Sakeena asked the officers to establish a robust monitoring mechanisms to track progress and effectiveness of these schemes, besides identify challenges during implementation process.

She also called for employing innovative approaches and data-driven decision-making during scheme implementation to uplift the most vulnerable sections of society.

While reviewing Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS), the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), pension schemes for

the Minister called for regular audits, better inter-departmental coordination, and use of technology to enhance transparency and accountability in their implementation.

The Minister also directed the officers to hold monthly grievance redressal camps through their field offices to gather feedback directly from beneficiaries and ensure timely resolution of issues.

She underlined the importance of public awareness campaigns so that eligible citizens are fully informed of their entitlements.

During the meeting, each departmental head presented their performance reports through PowerPoint presentations detailing progress achieved and future roadmaps.

Secretary RDD reviews PMAY-G implementation, Panchayat Ghars construction across J&K



SRINAGAR: Secretary, Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj (RDD&PR), Mohammad Aijaz Asad, today conducted a comprehensive review of key rural development initiatives across the Union Territory, including the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G), status of Panchayat Ghars (PGs) and functionality of Panchayat Learning Centres (PLCs).

During the review, the Secretary held detailed discussions with the ACPs regarding construction status of Panchayat Ghars with emphasis on land availability, tendering delays and completion rates. He directed for immediate resolution of land identification issues, asking the Deputy Commissioners

(DCs) to personally intervene in the cases where land acquisition hurdles remain unresolved.

Regarding the abandoned and incomplete Panchayat Ghars, the Secretary instructed both the Directors of RDD to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the same. He asked them to collect details like number of abandoned or stalled structures, status of physical work executed, funds utilized and additional financial requirements for work completion. He directed that the report, in this regard, be submitted within one week to enable further action under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).

The Secretary emphasized the integration of old structures with newly approved design standards, in order to optimize resource use and ensure functionality.

Reviewing the status of PLCs, the Secretary instructed the field officials to ensure that all PLCs are made fully functional within

a week's time. He also asked the concerned to ensure that any logistical or staffing gaps are addressed without delay.

Regarding implementation of PMAY-G, the Secretary emphasized the timely completion of pending houses, rigorous monitoring and accuracy of beneficiary data. He reviewed the cumulative physical and financial progress under the scheme, including updates from the ongoing Awaas Plus Survey. He directed all the ACDs to ensure expeditious completion of the pending houses besides clearing all Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) cases by releasing pending installments to the eligible beneficiaries immediately.

The Secretary underscored the importance of ensuring transparency and rationality in the Awaas Plus survey to ensure no eligible household is left out. He instructed both the Directors of RDD to effectively monitor the field activities and maintain regular communication with the block and village level teams for smooth implementation of the crucial schemes.

JPDCL Launches 'Bill Suvidha' App for Seamless Digital Electricity Billing

JAMMU: The Jammu Power Distribution Corporation (JPDCL) has launched its innovative mobile application, "Bill Suvidha," a transformative step towards modernizing the electricity bill management for the digital age. The user-friendly app offers a comprehensive suite of features designed to bring convenience, transparency and efficiency to every consumer's fingertips. The key features of "Bill Suvidha" inter alia included Instant Bill Access and Payment, Smart Consumption Monitoring, Multi Account Management, Service Request Handling and Energy Saving Tips.

In addition, it allows the prepaid consumers to view their deduction and recharge history. Through a detailed statement of accounts, they can view their detailed transactions for accounting and auditing purposes. This initiative aims to enhance transparency and improve service delivery in the region. The 'Bill Suvidha' app is testament to JPDCL's commitment towards revolutionizing the billing experience through digital innovation. With a strong focus on consumer empowerment and technological advancement, Bill Suvidha eliminates traditional billing hassles, offering a seamless digital alternative.

The app is now available for downloading on the Google Play Store (Android) and Apple App Store (iOS). The JPDCL encourages all the consumers to embrace this digital revolution by using the "Bill Suvidha" app for future electricity bill payments. For further information, the consumers can contact at 0191-2479122, 18001807183 and 1912.

"Democracy on Wheels" ignites awareness among Budgam students

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards bolstering electoral literacy among the young voters, the state-of-the-art awareness van, "Democracy on Wheels," visited two prominent Higher Secondary Schools in the 27 Budgam Assembly Constituency on 29th of April 2025.

Acting on the directions of Chief Electoral Officer, Pandurang K Pole, the team comprising Mohammad Kamran Shamshad and Shahid Andrabi engaged with students at Government Higher Secondary School, Shogapora, and Government Higher Secondary School, Sholipora.

The recently designed "Democracy on Wheels" served as an interactive platform, effectively educating the student fraternity on various aspects of the electoral process.

Through engaging sessions and informative resources available within the van, the team empowered the students with crucial democratic knowledge, fostering a deeper understanding of their rights and responsibilities as future voters.

The interactions at both schools were reported to be highly positive, with students actively

participating and demonstrating keen interest in the information shared. This initiative underscores the commitment



of the Chief Electoral Officer's office to reach out to young citizens and instil in them the importance of democratic participation.

The "Democracy on Wheels" campaign is a proactive effort to strengthen the foundation of democracy by educating and engaging potential voters at the grassroots level.

Such initiatives play a vital role in ensuring informed and enthusiastic participation in the electoral process in the years to come.

Kupwara Schools Hold Week-Long Drive on Water Conservation

KUPWARA: In line with the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, a week-long awareness campaign on water conservation and rain water harvesting was successfully conducted across all high and higher secondary schools of district Kupwara.

The programme featured a range of engaging

and educational activities, including seminars, workshops, debates, painting competitions, and expert talks, aimed at sensitizing students and the wider community about the critical importance of water conservation.

About 350 colorful activities were conducted in all educational institutions of the district.

Through these initiatives, participants were made aware that water is not only a vital natural resource but also essential for sustaining life on earth.

Chief Education Officer (CEO) and District Education Planning Officer (DEPO) Kupwara appreciated the Heads of Institutions (HOIs) for their active role in organizing and conducting the week-long activities.

DLSA Srinagar Reviews functioning of Legal Aid Defence Counsels

SRINAGAR: To assess and enhance the functioning of the Legal Aid Defence Counsel System, ensuring quality legal representation for underprivileged sections of society, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar Tuesday convened a comprehensive Legal Aid Defence Counsels (LADC) review meeting.

The meeting was held under the guidance of Shazia Tabassum, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority and under the supervision of Tasleem Arief, Chairman of the DLSA (Principal District & Sessions Judge) Srinagar.

The meeting was chaired by Tasleem Arief, Chairman, DLSA Srinagar/ Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar and witnessed the participation of all Legal Aid Defence Counsels associated with DLSA Srinagar. The meeting focused on streamlining the workflow, addressing practical challenges faced by counsels, and reiterating the importance of professional ethics and dedication towards assigned cases. During the meeting, newly appointed Legal Aid Defence Counsels were provided valuable guidance, making the session particularly enriching for them. Discussions centered around best practices, case management techniques, and the significance of effective client communication. The interaction fostered a platform for sharing experiences, clarifying procedural doubts, and reinforcing the role of defence counsels in strengthening access to justice for all.

The meeting concluded with a strong commitment from all participants to uphold the principles of legal aid and work with renewed zeal towards ensuring justice delivery for marginalized sections.

Baramulla achieves TB Muk status in 242 Panchayats

BARAMULLA: Baramulla district marked a major achievement in its fight against tuberculosis, as 242 out of 402 panchayats were declared 'TB Mukta Panchayat 2024' under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP).

Among these, 106 panchayats received Silver Status and 136 received Bronze Status in recognition of their sustained efforts in TB detection, treatment, and community engagement.

The milestone was celebrated at a special award ceremony organized by the District Tuberculosis Control Society Baramulla, under the aegis of the State TB Cell, Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, at Dak Bungalow Baramulla.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, who

presided over the function, lauded the tireless efforts of field-level officers, health workers, and volunteers in achieving this public health milestone.

He highlighted that despite the difficult terrain and scattered population, the health teams worked with dedication to ensure early detection and treatment of TB cases, contributing significantly to the national goal. He further said, "Today's recognition reflects our district's strong collective resolve to

eliminate tuberculosis. I sincerely hope that by 2025, the remaining panchayats will also achieve TB Mukta status, fulfilling our shared goal of a TB-free Baramulla ahead of the national target."

DC also emphasized the importance of community participation, awareness drives, and nutritional support for TB patients under schemes like the Nikshay Poshan Yojana.

Chief Medical Officer Baramulla, Dr. Mastoora Iqbal, congratulated the health

department teams for their remarkable performance. She appreciated the coordination between field workers, ASHAs, and TB programme staff, and called for continued vigilance in active case finding, contact tracing, and ensuring treatment adherence.

"TB is preventable and curable, and with persistent community-level engagement, we can make TB a disease of the past," she said.

District Tuberculosis Officer and other senior officers shared data-driven insights, best practices and the roadmap for 2025.

The ceremony concluded with the felicitation of officers and frontline health workers whose contributions made the achievement possible.



DIC Shopian organizes awareness programme under RAMP initiative

SHOPIAN: District Industries Centre (DIC) Shopian today organized an awareness-cum-outreach programme under the RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) initiative at Government Polytechnic College, Shopian.

The event witnessed participation from key stakeholders, including the General Manager DIC Shopian, Lead District Manager Shopian, Principal of Government Polytechnic College Shopian, District Coordinator CSC Shopian, faculty members of the Polytechnic College, and officials of DIC Shopian.

Over 120 beneficiaries participated in the programme, comprising existing



entrepreneurs. The participants were sensitized on the importance of UDYAM Registration and its vital role in empowering

business establishments and promoting industrial growth.

A comprehensive PowerPoint presentation was delivered during the session, detailing the UDYAM registration process, associated benefits, and various government support mechanisms available to MSMEs.

Speakers emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to tap flagship schemes and initiatives aimed at accelerating enterprise development. On the occasion, officials of DIC encouraged participants to take advantage of available government schemes and financial assistance to strengthen and scale their business ventures.

DC Kupwara reviews progress of PM Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojana

KUPWARA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan, today chaired a detailed review meeting to assess the implementation progress of the PM Surya Ghar (Muft Bijli Yojana) in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, DC laid strong emphasis on proactive coordination among all departments to ensure speedy processing of applications and maximize outreach of the scheme.

She directed the concerned to organize joint awareness camps involving KPDC,

vendors, bankers, and other stakeholders to guide the public and facilitate smooth execution of the scheme at the grassroots level.

It was revealed in the meeting that a total of 788 applications have been received, out of which 729 have been found technically feasible. So far, 278 vendors have been selected and 26 solar rooftop systems (SRTs) have already been successfully commissioned.

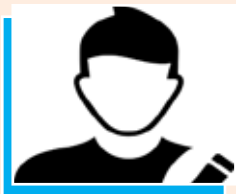
To further accelerate the

implementation, DC instructed officers to clear all pending cases within a set timeframe.

She also proposed a village-wise roster for awareness programs to be conducted at key government offices such as DC Office, RDD, Education, Health and other departments.

A monthly target of 1000 installations was fixed for Kupwara and Handwara sub divisions, with a clear framework for documentation and monitoring.

PM’s address in the 121st Episode of ‘Mann ki Baat’



PIB New Delhi

My dear countrymen, Namaskar. Today as I speak to you in 'Mann Ki Baat', there is a deep anguish in my heart. The terrorist incident that took place in Pahalgam on the 22nd of April has hurt every citizen of the country. Every Indian holds deep sympathies for the affected families. No matter which state one belongs to, no matter which language one speaks, one is feeling the pain of those who have lost their loved ones in this attack. I can feel that the blood of every Indian is on the boil after seeing the pictures of the terrorist attack. This attack in Pahalgam shows the desperation of the patrons of terrorism; displays their cowardice... at a time when peace was returning to Kashmir, there was a vibrancy in schools and colleges, construction work had gained unprecedented pace, democracy was getting stronger, the number of tourists was increasing at a record rate, people's income was increasing, new opportunities were being created for the youth. The enemies of the country, the enemies of Jammu and Kashmir, did not like that. The terrorists and the masterminds of terror want Kashmir to be destroyed again and hence they executed such a big conspiracy. In this war against terrorism, the unity of the country, the solidarity of 140 crore Indians, is our biggest strength. This unity is the basis of our decisive fight against terrorism. We have to strengthen our resolve to face this challenge that has surfaced before the country. We have to demonstrate strong willpower as a nation. Today the world is watching, after this terrorist attack, the whole country is speaking in one voice.

Friends, the anger that we the people of India feel, that anger is there in the whole world. After this terrorist attack, condolences are continuously pouring in from all over the world. Global leaders have called me up as well; written letters and sent messages too. Everyone has strongly condemned this heinous terrorist attack. They have expressed condolences to the families of the deceased. The whole world stands with 140 crore Indians in our fight against terrorism. I once again assure the affected families that they will get justice, and justice will be done. The perpetrators and conspirators of this attack will be served with the harshest response.

Friends, two days ago we lost the country's great scientist Dr. K. Kasturirangan ji. Whenever I met Kasturirangan ji, we discussed topics like the talent of Indian youth, modern education, Space-Science. His contribution in lending newer heights to science, education and India's Space Program shall always be remembered. ISRO attained a new identity under his leadership. The Space Programs that moved forward under his guidance gave global recognition to India's efforts. Many of the satellites that India uses today were launched under the supervision of Dr. Kasturirangan.

There was one more special facet to his personality, which the younger generation can learn from. He always accorded importance to innovation. The vision of learning, knowing and doing something new is very inspiring. Dr. K. Kasturirangan also played a major role in formulating the new National Education Policy of the country. Dr. Kasturirangan came up with the idea of forward looking education according to the modern needs of the 21st century. His selfless service to the country and contribution to nation building will always be remembered. Very humbly, I pay my tribute to Dr. K. Kasturirangan.

My dear countrymen, this month of April marks 50 years of the launch of the Aryabhata Satellite. Today, when we look back and remember this journey of 50 years, we realize how far we have come. This flight of India's dreams in space once commenced with just conviction. Some young scientists with the passion to do something for the nation ... they neither had the modern resources like today, nor the access to world technology as such. If at all they had anything, it was talent, dedication, hard work and the passion to do something for the country. You must have seen pictures of our scientists carrying critical equipment themselves on bullock carts and bicycles. It is the result of that very dedication and spirit of service to the nation that so much has changed today. Today India has become a Global Space Power. We have created a record by launching 104 Satellites simultaneously. We have become the first country to reach the South Pole of the Moon.

India has launched the Mars Orbiter Mission and we have reached pretty close to the Sun through the Aditya - L1 Mission. Today India is leading the most cost effective but successful Space Program in the entire world. Many countries of the world take help of ISRO for their Satellites and Space Missions. Friends, when we see a Satellite launch by ISRO, we are filled with pride. I had a similar feeling when I witnessed the launch of PSLV-C-23 in 2014. I was also present at the ISRO Center in Bengaluru during the landing of Chandrayaan-2 in 2019. At that time Chandrayaan failed to achieve the expected success, it was a very difficult time for the scientists. But I could see with my own eyes the patience of the scientists and their zeal to achieve something. And a few years later, the whole world too noticed how the same scientists made Chandrayaan-3 a success.

Friends, now India has opened her Space Sector for the private sector as well. Today many youth are attaining new milestones in the field of Space Startups. 10 years ago, there was only one company, but today there are more than 325 Space Startups working in the country. The times to come are ushering in a lot of new possibilities in Space. India is going to scale new heights. The country is busy preparing for many important missions like Gaganyaan, SpaDeX and Chandrayaan-4. We are also working

on the Venus Orbiter Mission and Mars Lander Mission. Our Space Scientists are going to fill the countrymen with new pride through their innovations.

Friends, you certainly must have seen the horrific pictures of the earthquake that struck Myanmar last month. The earthquake caused huge devastation there... every breath, every moment was precious for the people trapped under the debris. That is why India immediately started Operation Brahma for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar. From Air Force aircraft to Navy ships, everything was sent to help Myanmar. The Indian team set up a field hospital there. A team of engineers helped in assessing the damage to important buildings and infrastructure. The Indian team supplied blankets, tents, sleeping bags, medicines, food items and many other things. During all of that, the Indian team also received a lot of appreciation from the people there.

Friends, in this crisis, many heart-touching examples of courage, patience and ingenuity came to light. The Indian team



rescued an elderly woman of more than 70 years of age who was buried under the debris for over 18 hours. Those who are watching 'Mann Ki Baat' on TV right now, you must be able to see the face of that elderly woman. The team from India provided every treatment facility, from stabilizing her oxygen level to treatment of fractures. When this elderly woman was discharged from the hospital, she expressed her gratitude to our team. She expressed that she had got a new life because of the Indian rescue team. Many people told our team that because of them they were able to locate their friends and relatives.

Friends, after the earthquake, there was a possibility of many people being trapped in a monastery in Mandalay, Myanmar. Our team also carried out relief and rescue operations there, that resulted in them receiving a lot of blessings from Buddhist monks. We are very proud of all those who participated in Operation Brahma. We have our tradition, our values, the sentiment of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - the whole world is one family. India's readiness as the Vishwa-Mitra in times of crisis and India's commitment to humanity is becoming the hallmark of our identity.

Friends, I have come to know about an innovative effort of NRIs in Ethiopia, Africa. Indians living in Ethiopia have taken the initiative to send children who are suffering from heart disease since birth to India for treatment. Many such children are also being helped financially by Indian families. If the family of a child is unable to come to India on account of lack of money, our Indian brothers and sisters are making arrangements for that too. The effort is to ensure that every needy child of Ethiopia suffering from a serious ailment receives better treatment. This noble work of NRIs is being appreciated a lot in Ethiopia. You know that medical facilities are constantly improving in India. Citizens of other countries are also benefitting from that.

Friends, just a few days ago, India has also sent a large quantity of vaccine for the people of Afghanistan. These vaccines will be useful in preventing dangerous diseases like Rabies, Tetanus, Hepatitis B and Influenza. This week, on Nepal's request, India has sent a large consignment of medicines and vaccines there. This will ensure better treatment for patients of thalassemia and sickle cell disease. Whenever it comes to serving humanity, India has always been at the forefront and will always be at the forefront in every such need in the future as well.

Friends, we were just referring to Disaster Management and the most important thing in dealing with any natural disaster is your alertness. You can now get help in this alertness from a special APP on your mobile. This APP can save you from getting trapped in any natural disaster and its name too is 'Sachet'. The 'Sachet APP' has been developed by India's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). Be it flood, cyclone, land-slide, tsunami, forest fire, avalanche, storm, hurricane or lightning, 'Sachet APP' tries to keep you informed and protected in every way. Through this APP, you can receive updates related to the weather department. The special thing is that 'Sachet APP' also provides a lot of information in regional languages. You too should take advantage of this APP and share your experiences with us.

My dear countrymen, today we see India's talent being appreciated all over the world. India's youth has changed the world's view towards India and the interest of the youth of any country shows what the future of the country would be like. Today, India's youth is moving towards science, technology and innovation. Even in those regions, which were earlier known for backwardness and other factors, the youth have set examples that give us new confidence. A Science Centre at Dantewada in Chhattisgarh is drawing everyone's attention these days. Until some time ago, Dantewada was known only for violence and unrest, but now, the Science Centre there has become a new ray of hope for children and their parents. Children are enjoying going to this Science Centre. They are now learning everything from making new machines to technology.

Through making new machines and using technology, they

are learning to make new products now. They have got the opportunity to learn about 3D printers and robotic cars as well as other innovative things. Some time ago, I also inaugurated Science Galleries at Gujarat Science City. These galleries provide a glimpse of the potential of modern science, and how much science can do for us. I have been informed that the children there are very excited about these galleries. This growing attraction towards science and innovation will surely take India to new heights.

My dear countrymen, the biggest strength of our country is our 140 crore citizens, their capability, their will power. And when crores of people join a campaign together, its impact is huge. An example of this is 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' - this campaign is in the name of the mother who gave birth to us and it is also for Mother Earth who enconces us in her lap. Friends, On the 5th of June, on 'World Environment Day', this campaign is completing one year. During this one year, under this campaign, more than 140 crore trees have been planted in the name of the mother across

was shaken by Bapu's Satyagraha. The British had to suspend the law that forced farmers to cultivate indigo. This was a victory that infused new confidence in the freedom struggle. All of you must be aware that another son of Bihar also contributed a lot to this Satyagraha, who became the first President of the country after independence. The great personality was - Dr. Rajendra Prasad. He also wrote a book on the 'Champaran Satyagraha' - 'Satyagraha in Champaran'... every young person should read this book. Brothers and sisters, many more indelible chapters of the freedom struggle are associated with April itself. Gandhiji's 'Dandi March' culminated on the 6th of April itself. This March which commenced on the 12th of March and continued for 24 days had shaken the British. The Jallianwala Bagh massacre took place in April itself. The marks of this blood stained history are

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still present on the soil of Punjab.

Friends, in a few days, on the 10th of May, the anniversary of the first freedom struggle would also be there. The spark that arose in that first battle for freedom, later became a torch for millions of freedom fighters.

On the 26th of April, we observed the death anniversary of the great hero of the 1857 revolution, Babu Veer Kunwar Singh. The entire country derives inspiration from this great freedom fighter of Bihar. We have to keep alive the immortal inspirations of lakhs of such freedom fighters. The energy we receive from them provides renewed strength to our resolve of Amritkaal.

Friends, in this long journey of 'Mann Ki Baat', you have formed an intimate relationship with this programme. The achievements that the countrymen want to share with others are conveyed to the people through 'Mann Ki Baat'. Next month, we will again meet and talk about the diversity, glorious traditions and new achievements of the country. We will learn about people who are bringing about a change in the society with their dedication and spirit of service. As always, keep sending us your thoughts and suggestions. Thank you, Namaskar.

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Armed forces have

killings of CRPF personnel in Pulwama. Following the terror strike in Pahalgam, India has taken a series of measures targeting Pakistan, including putting in abeyance the Indus Waters Treaty with the neighbouring country.

Earlier in the day, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan had chaired a high-level meeting which was attended by chiefs of three paramilitary forces and senior officers of two other security organisations, sources said. There was no official word on its agenda. (agencies)

PM Modi to

In the meeting that lasted about 40-50 minutes, Union Minister Singh is understood to have briefed PM Modi on the possible key decisions that India could take against Pakistan to “punish it for its deeds”.

In the first CCS meet chaired by PM Modi on April 23, a day after the Pahalgam carnage, India took a slew of measures against Pakistan. India announced the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, the shutdown of the Attari border, the cancellation of visas of Pakistani nationals, the blockade of many of its YouTube channels and X handles, and downgrading the diplomatic ties with Pakistan by downsizing the already truncated staff in embassies, thereby forcing them back to their country of origin.

CM Omar

urged them to prioritise timely, effective response to weather-related challenges.

He emphasised the need to keep personnel ready and machinery in working condition to ensure the uninterrupted functioning of essential services.

“Preparedness is not just about having systems in place but ensuring that those systems work seamlessly when put to the test,” Omar Abdullah noted, adding that preparedness must be proactive rather than reactive.

While commending field-level officers for their proactive planning, he called upon them to maintain a constant state of readiness and ensure grievance redressal mechanisms remain accessible and effective for public facilitation during emergencies.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu delivered a detailed presentation highlighting preparations for the upcoming summer season, with a focus on the availability of drinking water, electricity supply management, and medical emergency response strategies.

The meeting was informed that in respect of forest fire management, high-risk districts like Nowshera, Jammu and Reasi have been prioritized with 175 control rooms and awareness drives. Water supply preparedness would include vulnerability mapping, infrastructure maintenance, and deployment of tankers, while IEC campaigns to deal with heatwave effect are being conducted.

It was informed that Power infrastructure is being strengthened through transformer upgrades, pruning of tree branches and activation of emergency teams. It was given out that the Health Department has stocked essential supplies, operationalized Heat Stroke Rooms, and mandated daily reporting of heat-related illnesses.

Divisional Commissioner also informed the meeting that Schools in the summer zone will follow revised timings from May 1, and the school bag policy is in effect. Irrigation canals have been desilted, and flood control rooms activated, with mitigation plans in place for vulnerable districts, he said.

JMC has readied monsoon rescue units, upgraded drainage equipment, and deployed water sprinklers and coolers for heatwave relief, he told the meeting.

He added that BRO and PMGSY have mapped landslide and flood-prone sites, ensuring machinery is in place for rapid response.

The Chief Minister directed departments to activate control rooms, maintain buffer stocks of essential supplies, and deploy quick response teams to vulnerable areas.

He also instructed the deployment of an adequate number of water tankers in areas prone to shortages. Additionally, he directed the ACS Jal Shakti to install GPS trackers on all water tankers to ensure accountability and oversight of their field operations.

The Chief Minister also called for timely maintenance of key roads, particularly the Srinagar–Jammu National Highway, Mughal Road, and other vital routes.

Support Centre’s

possible to bring the culprits to justice and give justice to those innocents who were killed,” he said. However, the MP said, the government should make sure that while the culprits are hunted and punished, innocent people are not harmed.

“For that, the Government of India and the forces here should keep in mind that no innocents like labourers, ponywalla, taxi drivers, are harmed in the process. If even a single innocent is harmed, it defeats the whole idea of justice. I request that the reaction be based on bringing justice... innocents should not be affected,” he said.

Mehdi said the country’s reaction to the attack — in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed — “should centre around justice”.

“We are with justice, we are with that reaction. We want a united voice to be raised across the world for justice and that the people of J-K get a permanent respite from this violence. The people of J-K are the biggest losers in this irrespective of religion.

“We are the victims and we want the ways for peace to be found. The people of J-K will be the beneficiaries of peace. So, we are with the country in its reaction — be it diplomatically or through some other ways,” he said.

After the April 22 Pahalgam attack, authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have launched a major clampdown against the terror ecosystem, raiding hundreds of places, detaining scores of suspects and razing homes of terrorists.

To a question about J-K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah’s refusal to ask for statehood for political gain in the face of the tragedy, Mehdi said it was right as the assembly session was for called for paying tributes to the victims of the terror attack.

“It was a session to pay tributes and if he (Abdullah) thought it right not to talk about statehood, then it

is right. But, it (statehood) is an issue that needs to be addressed...,” he said.

Residents Fear

Officials said the security grid along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir has been placed on high alert. The Army and Border Security Force (BSF) are conducting round-the-clock patrols and maintaining strict vigilance. They are also deploying advanced surveillance technology, including high-tech drones and other monitoring equipment, to track any movement across the border.

The repeated ceasefire violations have caused concern among residents in border villages. Schools have started preparing students for potential emergencies by conducting mock drills and evacuation exercises. “We are training children on how to take shelter quickly and where to gather in case of firing,” said Mohammad Younis, a school principal in the Tangdhar area.

Meanwhile, authorities on Tuesday announced the closure of several tourist destinations near the LoC, including Gurez, Keran, Tangdhar and Uri. These places had seen a rise in tourist footfall since the February 2021 ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan.

“The administration has decided to shut down tourism in these areas until the situation becomes clear,” a government official said.

Locals said the ceasefire pact of 2021 had brought a period of calm to the region, allowing people to resume normal life. That sense of security is now under strain.

“Since 2021, we have been living peacefully,” said Nizakat Ahmad, a resident of Uri. “We fear the shelling may return. We have already lost people in the past.”

All Major Tourist

Tourists are being warmly welcomed, and the local communities, along with administration and tourism stakeholders, are fully facilitating their stay,” the official added.

The statement comes amid concerns following a recent isolated incident near Pahalgam.

Officials emphasized that the situation is under control, and there is no cause for alarm

Tourists return to

never felt unsafe. My group is experiencing Kashmir for the first time, and they’re absolutely loving it.”

The locals are equally thrilled to see visitors return, especially after such a trying time. They have been showing their strength by coming together, with many local businesses resuming regular operations and offering a sense of normalcy. The town has also witnessed a local march where residents proudly carried the national flag, standing united against terror.

Tourists like Mohammad Ibrahim from Surat, Gujarat, also shared their thoughts on the return of tourism to Pahalgam. He said, “At first, we were worried after hearing the news, but the support from the local people and the army made us feel comfortable. We are happy to be here, and everything feels normal now. Pahalgam is as beautiful as always.”

The people of Pahalgam have shown incredible resilience in the face of adversity, and their welcoming spirit has helped restore the town’s charm. As tourists continue to return, the town’s recovery is becoming more visible, proving that the spirit of Kashmir remains unbroken.

Post-Article 370

Pertinently, the Economic Survey stated that the Tourism Department’s extensive promotional campaigns, both within and outside J&K, have produced impressive results.

Participation in various national and international events and active digital and social media promotion has significantly increased tourist visits, it said.

The 3rd Tourism Working Meeting of the G20, held in Srinagar from May 22 to 24, 2023, brought J&K into the global spotlight, marking a crucial moment for its tourism sector.

The survey also highlighted that the highest-ever number of yatris in the last 10 years was recorded for the annual Amarnath Yatra in 2024. “Off-beat tourist destinations and Border Area Tourist Destinations are also witnessing huge footfall. Tourism is directly/indirectly creating employment opportunities for the locals,” it said.

Srinagar records

recorded 29.2 degree Celsius, the data reads. As per the details, Kokernag recorded a day temperature of 28.2 degree Celsius and Gulmarg; a famous ski-resort, recorded 22.2 degree Celsius.

Pertinently, the weatherman had predicted a dry spell from April 27 and had stated that there is a possibility of a heat wave at a few places across J&K for the next few days.

Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the weather is expected to remain generally dry from tomorrow upto May 1. He added that there is a possibility of light rain and thundershower at isolated places on May 2 and May 3.

The MeT has, however, stated that there is a possibility of generally hot & dry weather over Jammu division with heat wave at isolated places for the next few days and advised people to stay hydrated & drink plenty of water, fluid & stay indoors and avoid working in the open during peak hours (12-3 pm).

Sanjay Parihar,

should be initiated by the Chief Justice. However, if the Chief Minister desires to recommend the name of any person, he should forward the same to the Chief Justice for his consideration. The Governor, as advised by the Chief Minister, should forward his recommendation along with the entire set of papers to the Union Minister of Law & Justice as early as possible, but not later than six weeks from the date of receipt of the proposal from the Chief Justice of the High Court.

If the comments are not received within the said time frame, it should be presumed by the Union Minister of Law & Justice that the Governor (i.e.

Chief Minister) has nothing to add to the proposal and proceed accordingly. The Union Minister of Law & Justice would consider the recommendations in the light of such other reports as may be available to the government in respect of the names under consideration. The complete material would then be forwarded to the Chief Justice of India for his advice. The Chief Justice of India would, in consultation with the two seniormost Judges of the Supreme Court, form his opinion in regard to a person to be recommended for appointment to the High Court.

After their consultations, the Chief Justice of India will, in the course of 4 weeks, send his recommendation to the Union Minister of Law & Justice.

Further, as per the MoP, as soon as the warrant of appointment is signed by the President, the Secretary of the Department of Justice will inform the Chief Justice, and a copy of such communication will be sent to the Chief Minister. He will also announce the appointment and issue the necessary notification in the Gazette of India.

96 JKAS officers

Secretary. Harbans Lal posted to Finance Department as Additional Secretary.

Mohammad Ashraf appointed as Secretary, Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Rajeev Magotra posted as Additional Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department. Sanjeev Rana transferred to Hospitality and Protocol Department as Additional Secretary. Sukriti Sharma appointed Registrar, GCET, Jammu.

Umar Shafi Pandit posted as Principal, Revenue Training Institute, Srinagar. Deepak Dubey becomes Joint Director, Information, Jammu. Pardeep Kumar appointed Additional Secretary, Tourism Department. Abdul Rashid Dass transferred as Registrar, District Anantnag.

Syed Naseer Ahmad posted as Secretary, Srinagar Development Authority. Girdhari Lal appointed Deputy Excise Commissioner (Distilleries), Jammu. Mir Nasrool Hilal Jeri posted as CEO, Tourism Development Authority, Pahalgam. Kaiser Ahmad Bhawani appointed CEO, Tourism Development Authority, Kishtwar.

Mita Kumari transferred to Industries and Commerce Department as Additional Secretary. Mushtaq Ahmad Chowdhary posted as General Manager, DIC, Kathua. Anshuman Singh appointed Additional Secretary, Science and Technology Department.

Zaheer Abass Bhat becomes Deputy Director, Rural Sanitation, Jammu. Naser Ali posted as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (M&P), Jammu. Preeti Sharma appointed Joint Registrar, Cooperatives (Special), Jammu. Bilal Mukhtar Dar posted as CEO, Tourism Development Authority, Sonamarg.

Abhishake Abrol transferred as General Manager, DIC, Jammu.

Vikas Dhar Bagati appointed Registrar, District Kathua. Shabnam Rashid becomes Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Stamps), Kashmir. Tinna Mahajan posted as Deputy Excise Commissioner (Accounts), Jammu.

Malik Waseem Ahmad posted as General Manager, DIC, Pulwama. Nazia Hassan posted as General Manager, DIC, Anantnag.

Manisha Koul becomes Registrar, District Samba. Mohammad Imran Khan posted as CEO, Tourism Development Authority, Wullar-Manasbal.

Zahid Rashid Khan appointed General Manager, DIC, Budgam. Varinder Gupta becomes Registrar, District Reasi. Kuldip Raj transferred as Additional Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department. Parvaiz Ahmad Naik appointed CEO, Urban Development Agency, Jammu.

Najwan Nazki posted as Deputy Labour Commissioner, Kashmir. Mir Zahida becomes CEO, Urban Development Agency, Kashmir.

Zaheer Ahmad Kaifi posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Kulgam. Deebah Khalid Peer appointed Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Srinagar.

Mohammad Ashraf posted as Deputy Secretary, Power Development Department.

Syed Nadeem Iqbal Andrabi transferred to Finance Department as Deputy Secretary.

Gulzar Ahmad Bhat appointed Deputy Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department. Vikas Sharma becomes Deputy Director, Estates, Jammu.

Hilal Ahmad Bhat posted as Deputy District Election Officer, Bandipora. Mohammad Rafeeq Bhat transferred to Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department as Deputy Director. Mohd. Rafiq becomes District Mineral Officer, Rajouri.

Shabir Ahmad Hakak posted as Sub-Registrar, Kangan and will also hold charge of Sub-Registrar, Ganderbal. Sheetal Pandita transferred as Deputy Secretary, School Education Department. Bashir Ahmad Bhat posted as Special Officer, Auqaf, J&K.

Muzaffer Hussain Wani becomes Deputy Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department.

Danish Rasool Mir posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Jammu. Riaz Ahmad transferred to JKTDc, Jammu as General Manager. Mohd. Hanief shall await adjustment in General Administration Department.

Mudasir Hussain Famda posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Baramulla.

Sham Lal Abrol becomes Collector, ERA, Jammu. Aijaz Ahmad Shigon posted as Personnel Officer, PCCF Office. Tarun Sharma transferred as Deputy Director, Motor Garages, Jammu.

Hamidullah Mir posted as Sub-Registrar, Kulgam. Altaf Hussain Bhat appointed Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Ganderbal. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Anantnag. Shafiq Ahmad Wani becomes Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Anantnag.

Iqbal Hussain Mir appointed Personnel Officer, Directorate of School Education, Kashmir. Irfan Ali Khan transferred as Deputy Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department.

Arshad Hussain Ganai posted as Deputy Secretary, Public Grievances Department.

Ch. Mohd. Nawaz appointed Deputy Director, District Employment Centre, Rajouri.

Subhayb Ahmad Wani posted as Deputy Secretary, Social Welfare Department. Diksha Bamba becomes Deputy Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department. Naveed Hussain Badroo posted as Custodian Evacuee Properties, Kashmir. Javaid Ahmad Malik becomes Deputy Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department. Saima Sharief Khan posted as Assistant Commissioner,

State Taxes Department, Jammu. Abdul Majeed Rather appointed Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Ganderbal. Ashwani Hansa posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Udhampur. Ashu Kumari transferred as Deputy Director, Information, Jammu.

Anissa Nabi becomes Chief Sports Officer, J&K Sports Council.

Angel Kotwal posted as Sub-Registrar, Akhnoor. Shallni Raina transferred as Sub-Registrar, Marh. Arshi Rasool appointed Sub-Registrar, Srinagar (East), also holding Srinagar (West). Tahira Tabasum posted as Deputy Secretary, Cooperatives Department.

Murtaza Rashid posted as Deputy Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department.

Bilal Ahmad Mir appointed Sub-Registrar, Khanshab and Budgam.

Kavita Pandoh posted as Sub-Registrar, Jammu (North-I). Sania Haq Khan becomes Assistant Commissioner (General), Jammu.

Arjumand Yaqoob posted as Deputy Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir. Malvika Sharma posted as Deputy Director, ICDS, Jammu.

Namaz Nahin Tabasam Shah appointed Assistant Commissioner, State Taxes Department, Jammu. Sugandhi Banotra becomes Assistant Settlement Officer, Jammu. Tahir Ahmad Magray transferred as Deputy Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department.

Syed Farhana Asgar posted as Deputy Secretary, Culture Department. Auqil Nuvaid becomes Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Rajouri. Tanvi Gupta transferred to Finance Department for posting as ERO/CTO.

Shivana Akhter posted as Under Secretary, State Election Commission, Jammu. Disha Gupta transferred as Administrative Officer, Government Medical College, Udhampur

60 Pak women, children living in J&K deported

Sajid Raina Srinagar: In the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 people, mostly tourists dead, nearly sixty Pakistani women and their children, most of them married to former Kashmiri terrorists, were deported to Pakistan through Wagah border on Tuesday.

According to the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the families, gathered from districts including Srinagar, Baramulla, Kupwara, Budgam, and Shopian, were escorted in buses to Punjab for handover to Pakistani authorities.

Many of the women had entered Kashmir under the 2010 rehabilitation policy for former terrorists.

Eleven Pakistani nationals who had entered India on valid visas nearly 45 years ago in Mendhar, Poonch, were also sent back.

Pertinently, after the Pahalgam terror attack Union Home Minister Amit Shah had directed heads of the States and Union Territories to identify and remove and deport Pakistani citizens from their respective States and UTs immediately

‘Unpleasant, ghastly’: Former Nepal PM condemns Pahalgam attack

NEW DELHI : Describing the Pahalgam terror attack as “unpleasant and ghastly”, former Nepalese prime minister Baburam Bhattarai on Monday said “we unequivocally condemn” it, as he extended solidarity with the government and people of India.

“We are with the people (of India),” he said during an interaction with reporters in Delhi.

At the beginning of the session, a minute of silence was observed in memory of the victims.

On April 22, terrorists opened fire at tourists at a meadow in Baisaran of south Kashmir’s Pahalgam, killing 26 people. One of the victims was a Nepalese national.

The horrific attack has drawn condemnation from countries and leaders across the world.

“A few days ago, a very unpleasant, ghastly terror attack was conducted in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir....

A Nepalese citizen was also killed. We unequivocally condemn this terrorist attack. Terrorism under any cover cannot be justified, wherever it takes place. We are with the people,” Bhattarai said during the interaction with reporters held at the Press Club of India.

Bhattarai later interacted with PTI Videos and shared his thoughts on the attack.

“We unequivocally condemn this... this is a sheer terrorist attack, and one of the Nepalese nationals was also killed. Such terrorist acts are condemnable, I personally and on behalf of Nepalese people, would like to condemn it, and express our solidarity with the government and people of India,” he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his monthly Mann Ki Baat radio address on Sunday, said terrorists and their backers carried out the Pahalgam attack to destroy Kashmir again as they did not like the return of peace and prosperity. He vowed the “harshest” response to the “perpetrators and conspirators”.

US-China tariff war opens golden opportunity for Aligarh’s lock industry

LUCKNOW: The ongoing US–China tariff war has created a golden opportunity for Aligarh, which is known for its lock industry, to further strengthen its position in the global market position, official sources said here on Monday.

Sources said that boosted by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath’s pro-business policies, Aligarh, already a hub for locks, is rapidly strengthening its global market position. “According to Volza’s export data, India leads the world in lock exports, surpassing China and Vietnam, with key markets in the UK, US and Australia,” they said.

Sources said that as per data till April 17, India tops the world in lock hardware exports with 40,664 shipments. “It is followed by China (30,289 shipments) and Vietnam (4,836 shipments). From October 2023 to September 2024, India exported 3,578 shipments, showing a growth of 10 percent over the previous year,” they said.

Sources said that China exports locks worth 1.19 billion dollars annually to the US, holding a 66 percent

market share. “However, the US’s 245 percent tariff on Chinese products has made them more expensive, creating an opportunity for Aligarh’s lock industry to capture a larger share of the US market,” they said.

Sources said, “The Yogi government has already taken steps, such as including Aligarh’s hardware in the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme in 2018 and offering incentives to local entrepreneurs, to capitalise on this.”

Sources said that Aligarh’s leading lock company, Link Locks, has invested Rs 100 crore to capitalise on this opportunity. “This investment will benefit the entire lock industry and its stakeholders. The government’s pro-business policies have boosted entrepreneurial confidence, positioning Aligarh to expand its share in the global lock market,” they said.

Sources said that the US–China tariff war has created a significant opportunity for UP beyond the lock industry, opening doors for exports of household products like kitchenware, tableware, plastic items, lamps, hair clippers and firecrackers. “China currently holds a 72 percent share of the 148 billion dollars annual export market in these products, with India at just 2.9 percent. UP, home to the largest number of MSME units, is well-positioned to fill this gap,” they said.

Sources said that the Yogi government’s ODOP scheme is providing crucial support to local artisans and small entrepreneurs, strengthening both the local economy and Brand UP globally.

Sources said that the Defence Corridor in UP has opened new opportunities for Aligarh, with six nodes including Aligarh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Chitrakoot and Agra. “The Yogi government has invested Rs 122 crore to develop Aligarh’s Defense Corridor, attracting Rs 3,300 crore in investment so far.

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Cricketing world, led by Sachin Tendulkar, salutes boy wonder Suryavanshi

What were you doing at 14?" asked some of cricket's biggest names as they saluted the fearless and evidently gifted Vaibhav Suryavanshi for his blazing hundred in the IPL, describing the child prodigy as a star in the making. After Suryavanshi, playing for Rajasthan Royals, smashed Gujarat Titans' Rashid Khan for a six over mid-wicket in Jaipur to become the youngest centurion in T20s last night, the cricketing world duly applauded his special feat. "Vaibhav's fearless approach, bat speed, picking the length early, and transferring the energy behind the ball was the recipe behind a fabulous innings. End result: 101 runs off 38 balls. Well played!" the iconic Sachin Tendulkar, himself a child prodigy who went on to become one of the best batters in the game, wrote on 'X'.

Suryavanshi broke former Rajasthan Royals batter Yusuf Pathan's record for the fastest hundred by an Indian with his 35-ball century. Suryavanshi was not even born when Pathan smashed a 37-ball hundred 15 seasons ago.

"Many congratulations to young #VaibhavSuryavanshi for breaking my record of the fastest @IPL hundred by an Indian! Even more special to see it happen while playing for @rajasthanroyals, just like I did.

"There's truly something magical about this franchise for youngsters. Long way to go, champ!" wrote Pathan.

India great Yuvraj Singh too was left hugely impressed.

"What were you doing at 14?!! This kid is taking on the best bowlers in the world without blinking an eyelid! Vaibhav Suryavanshi

- remember the name! Playing with a fearless attitude. Proud to see the next generation shine!" wrote Yuvraj.

Former India opener Kris Srikkanth called Suryavanshi the next superstar of Indian cricket. "At 14, most kids dream & eat Icecream. Vaibhav Suryavamshi delivers a fabulous 100 against one of the contenders for IPL! composure, class, and courage beyond his years. We are witnessing the rise of a phenomena. Indian

cricket's next superstar is here," said Srikanth. India pacer Mohammed Shami wrote: "Vaibhav Suryavanshi, what an incredible 14, he has taken on a 200+ chase with a level of confidence beyond his years. 100 off 35 balls, and he made it look effortless. Well played, champ!" she wrote.

Cricketer-turned-commentator Ian Bishop was left stunned by Suryavanshi's onslaught. "I hope we don't go too far with praising him, but you cannot step back from the fact that tonight was absolutely mind-blowing, otherworldly," he said on 'ESPNcricinfo'.

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First-ball sixes are normal for me: Suryavanshi

The cricket world stands captivated by his audacious stroke-play but for 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi, stuff like first-ball sixes is a "normal thing" as he remains unfazed by the grandeur of the stage.

Suryavanshi lit up the IPL by becoming the youngest ever centurion in T20 cricket with his 38-ball 101 that was dotted with 11 sixes and seven fours. A staggering 94 of his



runs came in boundaries in what was only his third game in the high-stakes tournament.

This was after a whirlwind 34-run knock on IPL debut that came off 20 balls and featured the first-ball six that fixed the spotlight firmly on his cherubic face.

"It was a normal thing for me. I have played Under-19 for India and also at the domestic level, where I have hit first ball sixes. I was not under pressure to play out the first 10 balls. In my mind I was clear that if the ball comes in my radar, I will hit it," Suryavanshi told the IPL T20 website after the win over Gujarat Titans on Monday night here.

"It was not like that I was thinking it's my first game. Yes, there was an international bowler (in front of me) and the stage was big but I was just playing my game," he recalled.

The youngster from Bihar's Samastipur was born a good three years after the IPL got underway so his marauding knock makes him the first player who is younger than the league itself to score a hundred in it.

Suryavanshi expressed gratitude towards his parents -- father Sanjeev and mother Aarti -- for sacrificing their comforts for his growth.

"I am what I am because of my parents. My mother, for the sake of my practice schedule, wakes up at 3 in the morning after going to sleep at 11, sleeping barely three hours.

"She then prepares meals for me. My father left his work to support me. My elder brother is taking care of his work and the household is running with great difficulty. But papa is backing me," he said.

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I just saw the ball, not bowlers: Suryavanshi on his record-breaking ton

Rajasthan Royals' history-making boy wonder Vaibhav Suryavanshi, on Monday, said he only watches the ball and not the one delivering it after stroking his way to a record 38-ball-101 to become IPL's youngest centurion at 14 years and 32 days.

in the IPL and in the third innings. It is a very good feeling. I had been practising for the IPL for the last three-four months and the results are now showing up."

"It was my dream to score a century in the IPL, as I said before I had been working hard for many days and the results were visible on the

The left-handed Suryavanshi brought up his triple figure mark off 35 balls against Gujarat Titans here as injured head coach Rahul Dravid literally forgot his crutches in excitement and stood without any support cheered the teenager vociferously.

Suryavanshi smacked 11 sixes and seven fours in his stunning onslaught against an array of international bowlers including India's Ishant Sharma, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Washington Sundar and Afghanistan's Rashid Khan and Karim Janat.

"I don't see the name (of the bowler) much, I just see the ball and play," he told the broadcaster after the match.

"It is a very good feeling, it is my first 100

ground," the soft-spoken Suryavanshi added.

Suryavanshi, who put on 166 runs inside 12 overs with Yashasvi Jaiswal (70 not out) credited the India player for his calming presence in the middle.

"I enjoy batting with him as he keeps talking positive things and keeps telling me what to do, so batting becomes easier," he said.

RR's stand-in skipper Riyan Parag said his side was able to execute with the bat better after feeling short of targets in the last few games.

"It was incredible. We spent two months with him and seen what we can do and to do it against world-class bowlers against GT, words can't express," he said.