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London-Bound Al Plane Crashes in Ahmedabad



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AHMEDABAD: An Ahmedabad-London Air India plane carrying 242 passengers and crew crashed into a medical college complex here minutes after takeoff on Thursday, possibly killing all on board in one of the country's

worst air tragedies. There was no official count of those killed even hours after the Boeing 787 Dreamliner (Al171) crashed in the city civil hospital and BJ Medical College near the Sardar Vallab-hbhai Patel International Airport and burst

into a ball of fire.

As rescuers struggled to find survivors in the charred wreckage and pull out the injured, many of them with grievous burns, officials tried to assess the human magnitude of the disaster. Unofficial reports said chances of survival of those on board were remote and up to 25 people in the medical complex could

According to Air India, of the 230 pas-sengers, 169 were Indians, 53 British, seven Portuguese and one Canadian. The other 12 were two pilots and 10 crew members.

The pilot of the twin-engine wide bodied aircraft issued a 'Mayday' distress call, denoting a full emergency, soon after takeoff at 1.39 pm, the Air Traffic Control at Ahmedabad said.

The search was also on for the aircraft's black box — the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder — for clues to understand what happened in the last crucial moments.

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The 11-year-old aircraft could be seen
from miles away, losing altitude rapidly and
combusting in a fiery blaze that sent plumes
of thick black smoke spiralling up in the air.
The aircraft climbed just about 600-800
feet before plummeting to the ground almost
immediately, aviation sources said.
Former Gujarat chief minister and BJP

leader Vijay Rupani was among the pas-sengers on the doomed flight to London's

Gatwick airport.

"The aircraft departed from Ahmedabad at 1339 IST (0809 UTC) from Runway 23. It gave a MAYDAY Call to ATC, but thereafter no response was given by the aircraft to the calls made by ATC," according to a statement from the Directorate General of Civil

Visuals from the wreckage area showed bodies being pulled out and the injured, many with burns, wheeled into the city civil hospital close by. Eyewitnesses in Ahmedabad said the blaze was so intense that it led to several multi-storey

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PM Takes Stock Of Plane Crash Incident

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday spoke to Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu and took stock of the plane crash at the Ahmedabad airport.



The Boeing 787 aircraft operating the flight AI 171 from Ahmedabad to Gatwick (the UK) crashed immediately after take off. There were 242 people, including 12 crew

members, onboard.

Modi personally spoke to Naidu and took stock of the Air India plane crash incident in Ahmedabad, an official at the civil aviation minister's office said.

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CM Omar reviews works plan of Estates, Revenue, **Tourism & Culture Deptts**

Stresses on timely execution of projects



KC News Network

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a series of departmental review meetings to take stock of the Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plans for the year 2025-26 of the Estates, Revenue, Tourism and Culture departments.

The high-level discussions were attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Estates Shaleen Kabra. Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Finance Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary Culture Brij Mohan Sharma, Commissioner Secretary Tourism Yasha Mudgal, Secretary Revenue Kumar Rajiv Ranjan and other senior officials and heads of concerned

departments.

During the review, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of ensuring immediate approval of plans, authorization of funds and execution of development projects thereby strengthening the institutional capacity, and creating impactful outcomes.

He underscored the need for close monitoring, effective coordination, and optimum use of resources to deliver public services efficiently and meet people's

At the outset, ACS Estates informed the meeting that the Department reported a 94.93% expenditure (Rs 2452.34 lacs) for CAPEX 2024-25 against funds released (Rs 2583.19 lacs). Out of 217 total works, 182 have been completed. For 2025-26, the department

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One survivor found in plane crash

KC News Network

Ahmedabad (Gujarat): One survivor has been found in the deadly crash of an Air India plane carrying 242 people, after it rammed into a nearby doctors' hostel shortly after taking off from the Ahmedabad airport, a senior police

Speaking to ANI on a phone call, Ahmedabad Police Commissioner GS Malik says, "The police found one survivor in seat 11 A. He has been in the hospital and

is under treatment. Cannot say anything about the number of deaths yet. The death toll may increase as the flight crashed in

a residential area." The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, carrying 242 people, including 12 crew members, crashed shortly after take-off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport on Thursday afternoon. "After the takeoff, the plane crashed here and after a preliminary enquiry, we got to know that the ... plane crashed into

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PM, HM, LG, CM, others express shock

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SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and other leaders from the region expressed sadness over the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad in which 242 persons were onboard.

Pertinently, an Ahmedabad-London Air India plane carrying 242 passengers and crew crashed into a medical college

complex here minutes after takeoff on

According to the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), PM Modi in a post on X, said that he has been in touch with the Ministers and authorities who are working to assist the people affected in the plane crash.

0"The tragedy in Ahmedabad has stunned and saddened us. It is heartbreaking beyond words. In this sad hour, my thoughts

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PM Modi Democratised Use Of Technology: Amit Shah

KC News Network

NEW DELHI: The Modi gover nment has democratised the use of technology and harnessed its power for the business sector, making Bharat a leading digital economy in the world in the last 11 years, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

government completed 11 years



on June 9."The Modi government democratised the use of technology and harnessed

CISF Secures Two Sensitive Jails In J&K

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has taken over the security of the two most secure central jails in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The development comes almost three

Jammu and Srinagar airports from the Jammu and Kashmir Police. In a post on X, CISF said it takes immense pride in securing Srinagar Jail, ensuring a

vears after CISF took over the security of

robust and vigilant security presence at "Our dedicated personnel operate with

the highest standards of professionalism to safeguard this critical institution," the post said. The CISF, which is usually responsible

for the security of central government offices, airports, seaports, Metro facilities, and some industrial units, has now taken over the charge of two high-security jails-the Srinagar Central Jail and Central Jail Jammu, Kothhalwal, The two sensitive prisons house several

terrorists and other criminals. The two jails house an estimated over 1,400 inmates.

While the CISF provides security to the two jails, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) would continue to secure the outer periphery of the jail.

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No Let Up In Severe Heatwave Across J&K

Srinagar swelters at 34.2 degrees Celsius



Owais Gul

SRINAGAR: There has been no letup in the intense heatwave conditions in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday as the maximum temperatures continued to settle above normal, with the local Meteorological Department here issuing a severe heatwave alert for the next two days.

According to the details obtained by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K, has recorded a maximum temperature of

34.2 degrees Celsius, which was 6.2 degrees Celsius above normal, Jammu City, however, recorded a slight improvement but continued to witness above normal temperatures today. As per the details, Jammu has recorded a maximum temperature of 43.6 degrees Celsius against yesterday's 44.4 degrees Notably, Jammu on Wednesday figured

among the top 'hot-spots' on earth at 44.4 degrees Celsius, ranking 68th hottest place across the globe.

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We have to take full advantage Of **IWT Suspension: Union Minister Khattar**

KC News Network

SRINAGAR: Union Minister of Power and Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday said that India will fully leverage the current suspension of Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) to enhancing its infrastructure.

Khattar was speaking media in Srinagar after a review meeting with J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

"Now that the Indus Waters Treaty is in abeyance, we have to take full advantage of it," the Union minister said.

Khattar emphasized the importance of Jammu and Kashmir's potential for hydroelectric power generation due to its mountainous terrain.



on hydro projects across the Jhelum, Chenab, and Sindhu rivers. NHPC and local companies are jointly pushing these initiatives forward," he

He emphasized that the government would increase



the capacity of existing infrastructure especially those that are currently under construction.

Khattarfurtherrevealed that the Centre is also considering several new projects that can be initiated due to the IWS suspension.

"We are exploring new possibilities," he added. The IWT was suspended

by New Delhi a day after the April 22 attack on tourists in Pahalgam, in which 26 people were killed. The Union Minister

praised J&K for its significant advancements in the power sector, particularly in the adoption of smart and prepaid smart meters, placing it ahead of other states.

He noted that "very satisfactory work" was being carried out and commended the synergy between the Central and state governments in addressing several issues.

"In the area of smart meters and prepaid

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Tourist destinations shut after Pahalgam terror attack likely to be reopened

Jahangeer Ganaie

SRINAGAR: The administration is likely to take a final call soon on reopening the tourist destinations that were closed in Kashmir after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack,

which left 26 civilians, mostly tourists dead. Official sources told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the administration has sought the feedback from the security agencies about when to reopen the destinations that were shut after the

terror attack at Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam. An official said, "We don't want to take any chances. The closed resorts will be opened after getting assurance from everyone. The terror attack had left entire nation shell shocked. The government wants to ensure that all the destinations are secured so that no untoward incident takes place." Pertinently, following the Pahalgam ter-

ror attack out of 87 tourist destinations the government had ordered closure of 48 places temporarily in April this year.

The destinations which were closed, included Yousmarg, Tousimaidan, Doodpathri, Aharbal, Kousarnag, Bangus, Kariwan Diver Chandigam, Bangus Valley, Wular/Watlab, Rampora and Rajpora, Chearhar, Mundij-Hamam-Markoot Waterfall, Khampoo, Bosnia Vijitop, Sun Temple, Verinag Garden, Sinthan Top, Margantop, Akad Park, Habba Khatoon Point, Babareshi, Ringawali, Gogaldara, Baderkote, Shrunz Waterfall, Kamanpost, Namblan Waterfall,

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"Power sector faced 2 lakh cyber-attacks during Op Sindoor

stated.

Riyaz Bhat

SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Power and Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal Khattar Thursday said that there were two lakh cyber-attacks on the power sector of India during 'Operation Sindoor'. The Minister however said that all the cyber-attacks were successfully thwarted.

Speaking at a press conference here—marking 11 years of the BJP-led Central government, Khattar as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer(KNO)said, "There have been many cyber-

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"GoI will resume work on Wullar barrage"

Riyaz Bhat

SRINAGAR: With Indus WaterTreaty(IWT)being put in abeyance, Union Minister of Power and Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal Khattar Thursday said that the Government of India (GoI) was no longer answerable to Pakistan and will resume work on Wullar barrage project.

Speaking at a press conference-marking 11 years of the BJP-led Central government, Khattar as per news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said "Earlier we had to take them (Pakistan) on board with regard to the any project or development in this regard. Now, the situation has changed.'

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International Day of Yoga 2025 to Be a Global Wellness Celebration: Ayush Minister

NEW DELHI (PIB): The Ministry of Ayush on Thursday unveiled plans for the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) with a grand curtain-raiser event at the National Media Centre in New Delhi, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare Shri Prataprao Jadhav, along with senior ministry officials, addressed the media to outline the scale and vision for IDY 2025, set to be held on June 21.

Speaking at the press conference, the Minister of Ayush, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, reflected on the remarkable journey of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) over the past decade. "When the United Nations General Assembly adopted 21st June as the International Day of Yoga in 2014—following the visionary call of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi—it marked the beginning of a global wellness movement rooted in India's traditional wisdom," the Minister said.

According to Press Information Bureau (PIB), the Minister recalled that since 2015, IDY has been celebrated with extraordinary enthusiasm across the world. "From the record-setting first event in New Delhi to landmark celebrations in Mysuru, New York, and Srinagar, each edition of IDY has united people from diverse cultures in the shared pursuit of health, harmony, and peace," he noted.

Highlighting the importance of this year's milestone, the Minister stated, "As we enter the 11th year, IDY 2025 is not just a commemoration—it is a collective call to scale up our efforts and deepen yoga's reach across all segments of society." He added that the theme 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health' aligns with the global health vision presented during India's G20 Presidency and reflects the Indian civilisational ethos of 'Sarve Santu Niramaya', meaning—"May all be free from disease."

 $The \, Minister \, also \, mentioned \, that \, the \, national \, event$ on 21st June 2025 will take place in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, where Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will lead the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) session with more than five lakh participants. Simultaneously, Yoga Sangam' sessions will be conducted at over one lakh locations across the country, making it one of the largest synchronised yoga demonstrations in history.

The Minister also acknowledged the significant contribution of the Government of Andhra Pradesh and its Chief Minister, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, for



launching the "YogaAndhra" campaign—an ambitious initiative to cultivate a community of 10 lakh regular yoga practitioners across the state.

The Minister highlighted that IDY 2025 will feature ten Signature Events spread over 100 days, designed to resonate with various segments of society and

promote yoga as a holistic way of life. These eventsranging from Yoga Samavesh for inclusivity to Yoga Bandhan for international partnerships—represent the government's strategic vision of taking yoga from the mat to the masses. The Minister further noted the enthusiastic public response to the series of countdown events-held at 100-day, 75-day, 50day, and 25-day milestones in Delhi, Bhubaneswar, Nashik, and Puducherry, respectively—which have built strong momentum in the lead-up to the main event.Calling upon the media, Shri Jadhav urged, "Yoga is not just a practice of postures and breathing-it is a way of life. With your support, we aim to make IDY 2025 a landmark event that inspires millions to integrate yoga into their daily routines and help create a healthier, happier, and more harmonious society."

Sharing updates on global participation, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha noted that over 60 countries have already initiated activities in the run-up to IDY 2025. He added that yoga enthusiasts worldwide are actively organising events aligned with the theme 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health' and the ten Signature Events, reflecting the truly international character of this movement. (PIB)

Sri Lanka Army Chief Visits South Western Command in Jaipur

JAIPUR/NEW DELHI(PIB): In a significant step towards bolstering bilateral defence cooperation, Lieutenant General BKGM Lasantha Rodrigo, Commander of the Sri Lanka Army, visited the Headquarters South Western Command in Jaipur on Thursday as part of his official tour of India from June 11 to 14, 2025.

According to a defence spokesperson, Lt Gen Rodrigo was accorded a warm welcome by Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the South Western Command. During the visit.

The two military leaders held in-depth discussions on a wide range of subjects of mutual interest, including regional security dynamics, joint training programmes, capability development, and the exchange of operational best practices.

Lt Gen Rodrigo also interacted with senior officers of the Command, exchanging operational insights and exploring new avenues to enhance inter-army cooperation, particularly in light of evolving regional and global security challenges.

NHAI Restricts Number of Projects per Engineer for Consultancy Firms

NEW DELHI, (PIB): To enhance quality and supervision mechanism of the National Highway projects, NHAI has restricted the maximum number of 10 projects per 'Engineer' for the consultancy firms for supervision of construction or maintenance of National Highway projects. It was observed that the Consultancy Firms working as Independent Engineer, Authority Engineer or Supervision Consultant are assigning supervision obligations of many projects to a designated 'Engineer'.

 $In \, a \, statement \, is sued \, to \, Press \, Information$ Bureau (PIB), an official spokesperson said the compliance of specifications and contract provisions is primarily controlled and supervised by the Consultant's team through the designated 'Engineer' assigned to a particular project. Due to more number of projects in hand, the designated 'Engineer' may not be able to fulfil contractual obligations, defeating the purpose of qualitative and quantitative monitoring of the projects.

Detailed clauses have also been included in the guidelines for consultancy firms implementing and maintaining National Highway projects on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) and Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) mode. The clauses include provisions for the appointment of Independent Engineers/Authority Engineers and Delegation of responsibilities.

Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan Concludes with Outreach to Over I Crore Farmers

NEW DELHI / BARDOLI (PIB): The Union Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, on Wednesday formally concluded the 15-day Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at a grand Kisan Sammelan in Bardoli, Gujarat, marking a successful culmination of the campaign that connected with more than 1.12 crore farmers across over one lakh villages through 55,000-plus outreach programmes.

According to Press Information Bureau, the campaign, launched on May 29 from Odisha, aimed to strengthen the farmer-scientist connect and promote sustainable, research-backed agricultural practices. During his address, Chouhan highlighted the massive mobilisation undertaken through 2,170 teams of 16,000 agricultural scientists, who engaged directly with farmers across the country



to disseminate knowledge tailored to local climatic and soil conditions.

"This is not just the conclusion of a campaign, but the beginning of an ongoing dialogue with our farmers," said the Minister, adding that the initiative is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Lab to Land'.

Govt approves procurement of summer Moong, Groundnut

the procurement of a total quantity of 54,166 MT of Moong under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) in the States of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat for the summer crop season 2025–26. Similarly, the Government has



approved the procurement of 50,750 MT of Groundnut under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) in Uttar PradeshforSummerCropSeason2025-26. Duringthemeeting, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers'

WelfareShivrajSinghChouhanhasalsogivenapproval to extend the period of procurement in Andhra Pradesh by another 15 days up to 26.06.25 keeping the interest of farmers of the state. According to Press Information

to incentivize farmers and enhance the domestic

NEWDELHI(PIB): The Government has approved production of pulses while reducing the country's dependenceonimports, the Government has permitted procurement of Tur(Arhar), Urad, and Masurunder the PSSupto 100 percent of the production of the respective Statefortheprocurementyear 2024–25. Furthermore, in the Union Budget 2025, the Government announced the continuation of this initiative for an additional four years, up to 2028–29, wherein procurement of these pulses will be undertaken up to 100 percent of State production through the Central Nodal Agencies, namely NAFED andNCCF with the aim of achieving national self-sufficiency inpulse production. Spokes person said the Government of India is implementing the integrated scheme Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), which encompasses the Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS),

Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), and Price StabilisationFund(PSF).Hesaidtheoverarchingobjective of this initiative is to ensure assured and remunerative prices for farmers' agricultural produce, thereby protecting theirincomeandsecuringtheirlivelihoodagainstmarket fluctuations.PSSisimplementedasandwhenthemarket prices of notified pulses and oilseeds & coprafall below the notified MSP during peak harvesting period to providethe remunerative price to the farmers. (PIB)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER B.K. PORA

(PUBLIC NOTICE)

Subject: Provisional Merit List of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project B.K. Pora.

In pursuance to Government order No 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated-28-04-2023. and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar Vide No MD/ Poshan /38356-59 Dated 03-12-2024. Accordingly, posts were Advertised Vide advertisement Notice No CDPO/Poshan/BKP/2024/AdV/1113-1123 Dated: 09-12-2024 & Extension notice No: CDPO /Poshan /BKP /2024/Adv/1240-54 Dated: -31-12-2024 for selection of five (05) Sahavikas (Anganwadi Helpers) for five (05) Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project B.K. Pora In response to said Advertisement Notice, only Nine (09) application forms were received, and merit list of candidates were prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government Order No.103 JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023. Thus, Provisional Selection list has been framed on the merit basis appended at Annexure-A, comprising of 05 candidates selected as Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers). The Provisional Merit List of each ward has been thoroughly scrutinised by the selection committee members and the most eligible candidates in accordance with merit have been provisionally selected against the

vacant posts. The Provisional Merit List is hereby published for information of general public and inviting objections/appeals (if any) which shall be received in the Office of the District Programme Officer Poshan Budgam or Child Development Project Officer B.K. Pora within 10 days of the Publication. No objections/appeal will be entertained afterwards.

Subject:-Tentative Selection List of candidates who have applied for engagement as Sahayikas (AWH) for AW Centre of Poshan Project B.K.Pora"vide advertisement Notice No CDPO/Poshan/BKP/2024/AdV/1113-1123 Dated:-09-12-2024 published in Daily Newspaper Gadyal, Moring Kashmir, and Secrete Kashmir Weekly on 11-12-2024 & Extension notice No:-

CDPO/Poshan/BKP/2024/Adv/1240-54 Dated:-31-12-2024 published in Daily Newspaper Gadyal & Kashmir Horizon on 04-01-2025 arranged in order of Merit as shown below (Phase-3rd)

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1	8	Rizwana Ashijif Wio Younis Hamid Rio Dangerpora	Married	Dangerpora "B"	Dangerpora	Panch Ward No (02)	29-07-1995	10th	500	445	89.00	89.00	С	39.00	Selected
2		Tasleema Rasool W/o Javid Ahmad Malik R/o Wagoora	Married	Wagoora "A"	Wagoora	Panch Ward No (03)	28-02-1991	10th	500	213	42.60	42.60	G	42.50	Selected
3	28	Nida Fayaz D/o Fayaz Ahmad Mir R/o Soitaing	Un- Married	Soitaing "B"	Soitaing	Panch Ward No (04)	09-10-2002	10th	500	368	73.60	73.60	С	73.6C	Selected
4	21	Ryhana Ashraf W/o Younis Ahmad Magrey R/o Soitaing	Married	Soitaing "D"	Soitaing	Panch Ward No (03)	20-11-1991	10th	500	239	47.80	47.80	С	47.30	Selected
5		Tabasum Farooq W/o Mohammad Lateef R/o Nowgam	Married	Nowgam "A"	Nowgam "A"	Panch Ward No (02)	09-07-1991	10th	500	300	60.00	60.00	0	60.00	Selected

Copy for information and necessary action to the selection committee for the approval of selection for the post of Sahayikas (AWH constituted vide Govt Order No:222-JK(SWDjof 2023 Dated: 20.11.2022 and Govt order No: 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28.04.2023 However this would be strictly conditional and is subject to objections, if any, as received from the general public within Ten days after publication of the tentative selection list in the nowspaper.

No: -CDPO/Poshan/BKP/2025/2341 Dated:- 12/06/2025

DIPK-2432/25

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER **MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SRINAGAR, NEAR J&K BANK(ZALDAGAR)**

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Sub: - Extension in bidding time for Short Term e-NIT No. 01 0F 2025-26. Dated: 14-05-2025 for below mentioned works: -

Mechanical repair works to 10 cusec VT Pump (Unit 1st) at LI/DWS Rabitar of MISD Ganderbal. Part 3:

Electric repair works to 250 KVA HT Transformer Aluminium wound at LIS Narayanbagh of MISD Ganderbal.

Ref: - JK Government official e-Procurement portal Tender ID No.: -

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EXTENSION NOTICE

Due to poor response to above mentioned e-NIT for the subject works, the critical dates are extended as under:

Bid submission/ Document download / sale end Date

17/06/2025 at 1400 hrs

Date and time of Bid opening

DIPK-2452/25

18/06/2025 at 1230 hrs

Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain un-altered as laid down in the original e-NIT. No. MIDS/Ts/768-73

Dated: -12-06-2025

Sd/-Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Division Srinagar

Sd/-**Child Development Project Officer** B.K. Pora

Committee on Privileges holds first meeting in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: The Committee on Privileges of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly held its first meeting today at the Assembly complex in Sri-

The meeting was chaired by the Committee Chairman, Nizam-u-din Bhat.

The Committee members including MLAs Riyaz Ahmad Khan, Salman Sagar, Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed (Pardesi), Javaid Iqbal, Vikram Randhawa and Bharat Bhushan participated in the meeting. The Chairman elaborated on the roles and responsibilities of the Committee members. He expressed confidence in the members' ability to work in coordination and contribute effectively to the Committee's performance.

The members actively participated in the



discussions, sharing their suggestions and feed-The Chairman emphasized that the Comback on various pertinent issues. mittee will function strictly within its man-

dated framework and will regularly meet to formulate and implement a course of action for the resolution of matters brought before it. He further urged all the members to discharge their duties diligently and uphold the decorum and responsibilities entrusted to

Pertinently, Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Speaker, Abdul Rahim Rather, had announced the formation of the nine-member Committee on Privileges during

the latest Assembly session. The Committee will serve for the term ending March 31, 2026.

Bandipora Gears Up for Digital Governance with e-Office Training

BANDIPORA: In a continued push towards digital transformation and paperless governance, the District Administration Bandipora today organised



a comprehensive training-cum-review session on the e-Office platform for all District and Sectoral Officers.

An official spokesperson said the session, held at the Conference Hall of the Mini Secretariat, aimed to enhance the efficiency, transparency, and accountability of administrative functioning through digital tools.

The Training-Cum-Review Session was chaired by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl. In his address, the ADC underscored the administration's commitment to digital transformation and urged all departments to ensure familiarity and compliance with the new

The Training-Cum-Review Session aimed to ensure smooth functioning of e-Office operations in the district and to enhance digital governance by making office functioning more efficient, transparent, and paperless.

> During the session, the Additional Deputy Commissioner reviewed preparedness regarding e-Office implementation and emphasized the importance of digital transition in routine official work. He directed officers to attend to e-Office operations regularly and ensure their staff is properly rained in the system.

On the occasion, the ADC further highlighted that smooth operation of e-Office is essential to ensure timely delivery of services, transparency, and efficient public administration. He also emphasized the need

for regular follow-up training sessions and assured the establishment of a dedicated helpdesk to provide ongoing technical support.

Technical sessions were conducted by experts from NIC Bandipora, who provided detailed guidance on document flow management, digital file handling, and system operations. They offered real-time technical support to participants during hands-on training sessions. The training session concluded with a resolve to implement e-Office operations effectively across all departments of the district.

Among others, the training session was attended by sectoral officers from various departments, along with their designated staff, while officers from Sub-division Gurez joined virtually.

Indian Army Organizes Annual Community Event at Peer Baba Shrine in Gurez

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GUREZ: In a heartwarming display of civil-military harmony, the Indian

Army's Rana Battalion (Bagtore) organized its annual community outreach event on Thursday at the revered Peer Baba Shrine near the Line of Control (LoC) in North Kashmir's Gurez Valley, Bandipora district.

The event, held every year, draws large participation from local residents and school children, and serves as a reflection of the deep-rooted trust and camaraderie between the Army and the border communities.

As per an official spokesperson, the day began with the ceremonial laying of a wreath and the traditional offering of a blanket at the shrine – a spiritual gesture symbolizing respect for the region's cultural heritage and a commitment to communal

Prominent attendees at the event included the Commanding Officer (CO) of the unit, Detachment Officer (DO) of Izmarg, former BDC Chairman of Kanzalwan Mukhtar Ahmad Lone, former Sarpanch Ghulam Mohideen Lone, along with other dignitaries, community elders, and civil society

To foster goodwill and reinforce its social outreach efforts, the Army

also arranged community lunch for all attendees, emphasizing its ongoing commitment to the well-being of people in remote and strategically

Speaking on the occasion, former BDC Chairman Mukhtar Ahmad Lone expressed his appreciation:

"We are thankful to the Indian Army for organizing this event every year. It reflects their unwavering commitment to the local commu-

nity and strengthens har-Kashmir mony in the region. Today's **onvener** large turnout, especially by students, shows the trust people have in the Army." Former Sarpanch Ghulam

Mohideen Lone also lauded the Army's initiative, stating: "The participation of the local population was remarkable. The Army has always stood by us, and we are truly grateful for their consistent support. Organizing this event every year reflects their dedication to peace and unity."

Another local resident remarked that such gatherings not only bring the community together but also highlight the Army's pivotal role in sustaining lives in remote border areas, instilling a sense of security and pride.

The annual event at Peer Baba Shrine continues to stand as a testament to the Indian Army's enduring role in promoting peace, cooperation, and mutual respect through sincere and sustained civil-military engagement in the border belt of

CBK Hosts Cyber Fraud and Cybersecurity Awareness Programme

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SRINAGAR: In response to the sharp escalation in cyber fraud incidents,

to strengthen the investigative capabilities and technical proficiency of officers engaged in handling cybercrime investigations. The session was mod-



the Crime Branch Kashmir (now Economic Offences Wing-EOW) organized a focused awareness programme on Cyber Frauds, Cybersecurity, and Information Technology at the Crime Headquarters, J&K, Srinagar.

An official spokesperson said the event was conducted under the supervision of the Inspector General of Police, Crime Branch J&K. The primary objective of the programme was erated by SSP Crime Branch Kashmir (now EOW), Abdul Waheed Shah, JKPS. Muneer Hassan KongaWani, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of J&K Bank, was the key expert speaker at the event. He shared

his deep insights with investigating

officers from the Crime Branch Kash-

mir and the Cybercrime Investigation

Centre for Excellence (CICE). His expert

session focused on the evolving cyber

threat landscape and highlighted advanced investigative approaches that can be adopted to stay ahead of cybercriminals.

Spokesperson said the programme aimed to build the knowledge of investigative officers on various forms of cyber frauds, such as phishing, online banking scams, and social media exploitation. It also emphasized the importance of implementing actionable countermeasures to safeguard citizens and prevent them from

falling victim to such crimes. The sessions promoted the adoption of strong online security practices, including cyber hygiene and digital resilience, to reduce vulnerabilities. Additionally, the initiative focused on enhancing investigative competencies so officers can effectively handle, analyze, and resolve complex cybercrime cases.

Excise Department, Police Launch Anti-Bhung Drive in Pampore

PAMPORE: In a concerted crackdown on narcotic cultivation, the Excise Department in collaboration with Pampore Police launched a major drive to destroy wild bhang (cannabis) in Pampore area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Thurs-

BILAL HABIB

The joint operation targeted vast tracts of illicit cannabis plants growing along the banks of the river Jhelum in the Khankahbagh locality. Officials confirmed that dozens of kanals of wild bhang cultivation were cleared during the drive.

This marks the first such anti-bhung campaign of the year in Pampore, also known as the Saffron Town. Authorities have vowed to continue these operations throughout the summer to curb the spread and misuse of the

An official from the Excise Department, speaking to Kashmir Convener, described the initiative as part of a long-term effort to eradicate narcotic cultivation in the region.

"We carry out this drive every year. It's one of the biggest achievements of our department. We've already achieved 100% control over bhung cultivation in Anantnag and Shopian districts. What remains now is wild bhung, which naturally grows along riverbanks and on state land," he said.

The official added that the department had received reports of the wild bhang being misused in certain areas of Pampore. "Today's drive is the first of the season and was carried out in coordination with the police. We appeal to parents and community leaders to stay vigilant and help keep children away from such substances," he added.

Officials assured that the antinarcotics campaign will continue in the coming weeks with similar action planned in other vulnerable areas of south Kashmir.

Mission Vatsalya Leads Awareness Drive on World Day **Against Child Labour**

BANDIPORA: Mission Vatsalya Bandipora, in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora, Labour Department Bandipora and International Delhi Public School Bandipora, marked the World Day Against Child Labour with a comprehensive awareness programme



aimed at highlighting the evils of child labour and advocating for child Rights.

The event commenced with all participants taking a solemn pledge against child labour, reinforcing the collective commitment to eradicate this social evil. A large number of students, teaching and nonteaching staff, civil society members, and officials from the District Child Protection Unit, Child Welfare Committee, Child Help Line and the Labour Department attended the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Rabia Iqbal, Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) Bandipora, emphasized the significance of observing this day and the crucial role that various stakeholders, including educational institutions and government departments, must play in preventing child labour.

District Child Protection Officer Bandipora, Bashir Ahmad Malik reiterated the need for community vigilance and proactive reporting of child labour cases. He stressed that collective responsibility and action are vital in combating child labour and safeguarding Child

A poignant highlight of the event was a skit performed by students of GPS Colie Mohalla Athwatoo, which depicted the harsh realities and consequences of child labour. The performance left a deep impact on the audience, underscoring the message that every child deserves to grow in a safe and nurturing environment, free from exploitation.

Several key speakers enriched the event with their insights. Gowhar Mahmood, Protection Officer DCPU, Mohd Hashim Rather, Member CWC Bandipora, Rasik Ramzan, Member Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) Bandipora, Malik Tabinda, Protection Officer and Dr. Nasir shared their perspectives on the role of Mission Vatsalya and associated departments in ensuring the safety and well-being of children, especially those in vulnerable situations.

Students Highlight Child Labour Issues Through Skit

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BANDIPORA: Marking the World Day Against Child Labour, the District Child Protection Unit Bandipora, in collaboration with the District Administration, organised an impactful awareness



programme at the IDPS Auditorium, aiming to sensitize the public about the grave consequences of child labour and the importance of safeguarding children's rights.

An official spokesperson said the event

was attended by social activists, educationists, parents, teachers, and students, who engaged in meaningful discussions on the legal frameworks, enforcement mechanisms, and educational and social impacts of child labour. Speakers unanimously stressed that child labour is not merely a legal violation, but a denial of childhood and a theft of potential.

A major highlight of the programme was a thought-provoking skit performed by students of Government Primary School, Colie Mohalla Athwatoo, a remote village in Bandipora. Despite limited resources, the children delivered a powerful and emotional performance that underscored the message: education is a fundamental right, and child labour stands in its way. Their expressive acting and sincere delivery earned resounding applause from the

In recognition of their moving performance, IDPS honoured the young artists with a special trophy, applauding their spirit and the efforts of their dedicated teachers.

In a heart-warming gesture, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Bandipora, Mr. Ab. Rashid Mir, personally invited the students to his office post-event. He spent time interacting with them, encouraged their creativity, and offered them fresh fruits as a token of appreciation. The students, beaming with joy, cherished the special attention and support.

Spokesperson said this event marked a first-time public stage experience for the children of Colie Mohalla Athwatoo, revealing the untapped talent and potential in rural schools. CEO Bandipora praised Headmaster Mr. Anjum Nisar for his inspiring leadership and dedication to nurturing student development, especially in far-flung areas.

The programme served not only as an awareness campaign against child labour but also as a confidence-building initiative for rural children—laying the foundation for a more empowered, educated, and child-friendly future.

KU, WUCMA Organises Cleanliness, Awareness Drive at Wular Lake

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BANDIPORA: As part of the Environmental Week celebrations, the Department of Environmental Science, University of Kashmir, in collaboration with the Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA), organized a comprehensive Cleanliness and Awareness Drive today at Wular Lake-one of Asia's largest freshwater lakes—aimed at sensitizing the youth on the importance of ecological preservation.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener, an official spokesperson said the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 150 students, including participants from the University of Kashmir and various educational institutions across Bandipora district. The initiative focused on instilling awareness about Wular Lake's ecological and hydrological significance, while promoting active youth engagement in its conservation.

A special highlight of the event was a live water quality demonstration session titled "Empowering the Next Generation - Water Quality Demonstration to School and College Students at Wular Lake." Students were introduced to scientific equipment and techniques for monitoring water quality, gaining first-hand insight into environmental research and its relevance in protecting aquatic ecosystems.

An official from WUCMA, speaking on the occasion, outlined the ongoing conservation measures being implemented to restore and preserve the lake's natural habitat.

"Wular Lake is not just a regional treasure but a vital natural resource for the future. Active community participation, especially from the youth, is essential to protect such fragile ecosystems. We must minimize plastic use and adopt environmentally sustainable lifestyles," he emphasized.

The programme also featured onground conservation interventions, including the digitization of lake boundary pillars and identification and treatment of silted areas, as part of WUCMA's structured restoration

To recognize the participants' contributions, Certificates of Appreciation were distributed among students and Eco Club members who actively took part in the cleanliness drive. The recognition aimed to encourage sustained youth involvement in future environmental initiatives.

The University of Kashmir and WUCMA reaffirmed their shared commitment to environmental sustainability and called upon students, communities, and stakeholders to work collectively towards preserving the ecological integrity of Wular Lake and other vital ecosystems.



Green Drive

The launch of the "e-Mobility R&D Roadmap for India" is a pivotal moment in the country's journey towards sustainable and self-reliant transportation. With a clear focus on reducing import dependency and fostering domestic innovation, the roadmap sets a clear pathway to achieving Atmanirbhar Bharat in the automotive sector. India's ambitious goals of achieving a 45% reduction in emission intensity by 2030 and energy independence by 2047 are aligned with its commitment to reach netzero emissions by 2070. Electric vehicles (EVs) will play a crucial role in this vision, and the R&D roadmap addresses the critical areas necessary to support this transition The current heavy reliance on imports within the e-mobility value chain is a significant hurdle. The establishment of the CGeM and its role in devising technical roadmaps illustrates a strategic approach to accelerating the transition from fossil fuel-based transportation to electric mobility. This shift is not just an environmental imperative but also a significant economic opportunity for India to assert its leadership in the global automotive market.

By leveraging existing infrastructure and resources, India can feasibly implement these projects within the set timelines, ensuring that the country is well-prepared to adopt and innovate new technologies as they emerge. Experts time and again highlight the crucial role of the automobile sector in India's GDP and its fast growth trajectory. Aligning this progress with the Net-Zero vision necessitates a culture of R&D and innovation-driven

The e-Mobility R&D Roadmap is not just a strategic document but a visionary blueprint that calls for collective action from all stakeholders to transform India into a hub of sustainable and advanced automotive technologies The Roadman for India is a landmark initiative that promises to reshape the future of transportation in the country. The collaborative efforts of government, industry, and academia will be key to realizing the ambitious goals set forth in this visionary plan.

It is equally important to ensure that these innovations are accessible and beneficial to all sections of society, including rural and underserved regions. Focused investment in skill development and workforce training will be vital in building a future-ready ecosystem to support this transition. As global trends shift toward green technologies, India's proactive stance through this roadmap places it at the forefront of shaping an equitable and sustainable mobility paradigm.

Inside The Revenue Strategies Of Non-Profit Newsrooms In The US

You've probably heard the adage about not putting all your eggs in one basket.

It's an especially meaningful one for newspapers. For decades, they relied heavily on advertising revenue. That arrangement stopped working about 20 years ago, as audiences moved online and advertisers followed. News media outlets moved online as well, but they found themselves in a losing battle for advertising dollars against new digital competitors such as Craigslist, Facebook and Google. One-third of U.S. newspapers have closed in the past two decades, most of them local.

As their income from ads and subscriptions has dwindled, some news organizations that used to rely mainly on ad revenue, such as The Salt Lake Tribune and Philadelphia Inquirer, have become nonprofits – opening the door to other sources of revenue. And interest in launching news organizations as nonprofits has been growing. Meanwhile, some for-profit media outlets have begun to obtain some philanthropic support and ask for donations from readers and subscribers.

I'm a journalism studies researcher and a former journalist myself. To better understand how news leaders were thinking about their future in this ever-evolving landscape, I researched the fundraising approaches of local nonprofit news outlets across the U.S.

I interviewed 23 local news leaders about their fundraising strategies and their views on the best way to balance their sources of funding in the long term. What I found is that nonprofit news media outlets are finding it necessary to pursue multiple streams of revenue, including from foundations, in the search for sustainable business models. But the ideal revenue mix may look different for each organization.

Foundations are footing half the bill

Foundations, especially the Knight Foundation, have become major supporters of nonprofit news media in recent years. According to the Institute for Nonprofit News, foundations provided about half of all revenue for nonprofit news media in 2023. Another 29% came from individual donations. And 17% came from ads and other sources of earned, rather than donated, revenue

Money raised through grants from foundations can arrive in larger amounts and be more predictable than advertising revenue. But it often comes with strings attached. For example, in exchange for a grant, a media outlet might be pressured to adjust its editorial priorities or adopt specific technologies.

The nonprofit news leaders I interviewed also said foundations tend to be more interested in starting new organizations than sustaining media outlets that

are already up and running.

Some foundations are now making that point clearer than ever by telling the nonprofit news organizations they have supported not to depend too much on them anymore. The Knight Foundation and other funders have informed potential applicants

Nonprofit news organizations can also accept advertising. However, advertising is a taxable form of revenue, unlike donations. The IRS has also warned organizations that they can lose their tax-exempt status if they accept too much income that is "unrelated" to their nonprofit missions, including advertising.



they must demonstrate they are pursuing revenue diversity as a condition for getting a grant.

In other words, nonprofit media shouldn't put all of their eggs in the foundation basket, either.

The local news leaders I interviewed said they didn't necessarily see having a variety of revenue sources as a path to sustainability. And adding new revenue streams comes with costs, such as hiring membership directors or advertising salespeople. Local news leaders said it's hard to know whether making those investments will pay off.

Still, under pressure to rely less on foundations and more on other types of revenue, they've been branching out in recent years. According to the Institute for Nonprofit News, foundations provided 57% of nonprofit news revenue in 2018; in 2024, that share had declined to 51%.

But it's not clear how much more revenue could come from other sources. Donations from readers tend to be provided in small amounts, so news organizations need a lot of them. And individuals donate to news organizations for a variety of reasons, so news organizations need to hire fundraisers who can craft a variety of messages. Getting large numbers of readers to donate is hard, however, because audiences for local news tend to be small.

Pooling donor funds

 $Ultimately, the {\it nonprofit} news leaders I interviewed$ say every type of revenue has its drawbacks. And the more complicated their revenue mix becomes, the more complicated their approach to fundraising has to be. Local news organizations already operating on

shoestring budgets don't have the capacity to complicate their fundraising, even though they say they agree with the general principle of revenue diversity. The nonprofit news leaders did have encouraging

things to say about a newer fundraising trend: pooled donor funds. With pooled donor funds, multiple donors contribute to a single charity that serves as an intermediary that disburses that donated money to a particular kind of nonprofit.

For the media, examples include the Institute for Nonprofit News' NewsMatch and Press Forward, a coalition of 20 foundations.

Pooled donor funds can be considered a form of revenue diversity, since they combine contributions from multiple sources and are used to persuade individual readers to "match" donations from the pooled funds with their own contributions. That can potentially insulate news organizations from major changes as grants from individual foundations come and go.

Researching the role of 'earned revenue' I plan to publish the results of another study soon. It's about the role that "earned revenue," meaning $advertising, sponsorships \, and \, other \, entrepreneurial \,$ sources of money, is playing in the funding of nonprofit news media.

The Institute for Nonprofit News has called it 'perhaps the most underutilized revenue stream

But the nonprofit news leaders I interviewed had mixed feelings about earned revenue. In part, that was because of ambiguous guidance about how much of it news organizations may accept without



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jeopardizing their tax-exempt status.

Given President Donald Trump's recent threats against other nonprofits, including universities and hospitals, news organizations may be even more reluctant to test those limits.

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Dissolving in Mystery: Final Reflections on Ibn Arabi



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Ultimately what matters in our reading of any great thinker is how one is ready to listen or engage with him or get transformed by encountering the same. A few takeaways may be mentioned here in the form of a few quotes from Ibn Arabi:

If men knew themselves, they would know God; and if they really knew God, they would be satisfied with Him and would think of Him alone (Ibn Arabi) How can the heart travel to God, when it is chained by

its desires.(Ibn Arabi)

This world is a place of preparation where one is given many lessons and passes many tests.

What is bad is what you do with the world when you become blind to truth and totally consumed by your desires, lust, and ambition for it.

Allah is sensed and the world inferred. Ibn Arabi

You and your sensations, which you call other than Alllah are mere thought and the world is thought within thought. Existence itself is Allah. Ibn Arabi

Ultimately nothing is simpler than truth, nothing more natural to us than our theomorphic nature, nothing more accessible than our self or God. Nothing is to be done. Nothing needs to be believed. Nothing is at stake. Nothing is lost. No problem to be solved, no territory to be mapped, no quest to be undertaken. Everything is as it is and as it should be. All scriptures ask for transcendence of all word games, theories, narratives. Truth is not there at the end of the tunnel gettable someday. There is no search, no adventure, no truth really from a strictly nondualistic perspective. The metaphor of search and discovery is quite misleading. There is no seeker, no sought, no seeking really. As a great nondualistic philosopher has said: "There is neither creation nor destruction, neither a struggling nor a bound soul, neither a seeker after liberation nor a liberated one." To be liberated from truth is ultimate liberty. Nietzsche's rejection of slavery to truth has deeper meaning. Religion aims not at truth but at freedom from every dualistic image or entity, everything that can only be conceived by its opposite. To speak of truth is to think of its opposite falsehood, error. Truth can't be experienced because as long as there is

intact the notion of separate experiencer there is a problem. There is something that we can't know in conceptual terms but that doesn't make it a dustbin of superstitious ideas being demystified by means of conceptual intellect is what conceptually should be a matter of celebration for us as it has explained in his Time and Eternity (1952). There is no

or esoteric abacadabra. That we can't know the First Principle transcendence or the notion of beyond really means as Stace



means familiarization will not kill us. It is Mystery that saves and that feeds poets and visionaries rather than knowledge that reduces object to a thing and thus removes sacred from the scene The Pure Absolute or Essence (Dhat) in its fundamental aspect – and thus Meaning/Truth/ Presence/ Identity/ Reality per se – is beyond the human quest and all attempts to reach It, track it, pinpoint It, catch It in the net of language or realm of the finite or time, to conceptualize It, to imagine It, to speak

humanely discoverable ultimate truth. All representations of the Real are provisional. God is ever glorified by every creature and exalted over whatever man can say about Him as Ibn Arabi keeps us reminding of the Quranic statements such as "Glory be to God the exalted." This implies that the Real or Truth can't be appropriated in absolute terms. Man must be content to have only relative knowledge of things or God. There are countless veils on the countenance of God which though continuously

The goal is only glimpsed, sensed, and then lost. Meaning or Truth is never grasped in its fullness. It ever recedes. Truth escapes all our searching. We can have a vision of it, rather a glimpse of it through the phenomena which are Its symbols. This follows from the doctrine of God as Infinite and All-Possibility. God is not an object that one could somehow ever encompass or possess or grasp. Man's quest for the Absolute will have no full stop in all eternity. Life is perpetual becoming as God's infinite riches are inexhaustible and the Beauty that never ceases unveiling its infinite faces never ceases to attract its seekers to move on and on. Artists, scientists, mystics and lovers shall never be out of business.

about It, to affirm anything of It are doomed. Before the Ipseity or Dhat one can only be bewildered according to Ibn 'Arabî. The world is ultimately a Mystery, a Mystery of Mysteries and no rational or scientific approach could finally and completely demystify it. The world being ultimately a mystery that resists

being lifted can't be wholly lifted. Man can't afford to behold the naked truth. The Real has infinite aspects and can be approached from infinite contexts and thus perspectives. Man must travel ceaselessly as Kitab-al-Isfar attempts to argue. Ibn 'Arabî says in Risâlat al-Anwâr: "You should know that man has been on the journey ever since God brought him out of non-being into being." The goal is not reached. For it is "the unspeakable, the impossible, the inconceivable, the unattainable." The goal is only glimpsed, sensed, and then lost. Meaning or Truth is never grasped in its fullness. It ever recedes. Truth escapes all our searching. We can have a vision of it, rather a glimpse of it through the phenomena which are Its symbols. This follows from the doctrine of God as Infinite and All-Possibility. God is not an object that one could somehow ever encompass or possess or grasp. Man's quest for the Absolute will have no full stop in all eternity. Life is perpetual becoming as God's infinite riches are inexhaustible and the Beauty that never ceases unveiling its infinite faces never ceases to attract its seekers to move on and on. Artists, scientists, mystics and lovers shall never be out of business. God is continuously experienced, ever afresh in all new experiences. Rationalization, familiarization, demystification and descaralization of the world that ultimately make it inhuman, alienating and absurd and disrespectful towards the environment can't happen in the Akbarian perspective that sees the mysterious, sacred divine face in everything. Western philosophy, as Heidegger pointed out, is oblivious to the ground of being. It is not open to the sacred mystery of Being. It is not the philosopher but the poet who can show the track of the holy, to the sacred mystery of Being. Nothing in the world of known can express the Divine Darkness. All quests end in wonder. In the last analysis man knows nothing to its depth by means of senses and reason. Other modes of knowledge such as intellectual intuition give us another kind of knowledge that instead of making things comprehensible dissolves the knowing subject in the object preserving the ultimate mystery of things in the process. If to comprehend means to have discursive conceptual knowledge

we comprehend nothing ultimately. All our explanations, analyses stop at a certain point. Things are as they are. Being or wajud is in the last analysis a miracle or a scandal to reason. Man's prerogative is to contemplate and dissolve in the mystery of being. Though being is aware of itself this awareness has no analyzable or knowable structure. And we learn to unlearn our hubris, our arrogance, our knowledge claims and become more open and humble and respectful to the other. And that gives us peace which constitutes the substance of Heaven.

Note: With today's Article, we conclude our special series of articles on the life, thought, and legacy of the great Sufi mystic Ibn Arabi. Over the past several weeks, this series explored his profound philosophical insights, spiritual teachings, and enduring influence on Islamic thought and mysticism. We thank our readers for their keen interest and engagement, and we hope this journey through Ibn Arabi's world has inspired reflection and deeper understanding.

The Nature Of Reality: Between Illusion And The Infinite



SHABEER AHMAD LONI

"Do they not reflect upon the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and everything that Allah has created?" (Quran 7:185) "If the doors of perception were cleansed, everything would appear to man as it is, infinite."-William Blake

"You are the universe experiencing itself."-A.Watts
"Weseethings not as they are, but as we are."-Immanuel Kant:
"All of humanity's problems stem from man's inability
to sit quietly in a room alone."

B.Pascal

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Everything in the universe is interconnected."-D.Bohm
"This material world is a reflection of the ultimate spiritual
reality, which is eternal and beyond all change."-Bhagavad Gita
"The nature of reality is not a static thing but a constantly
unfolding mystery, where the mind creates and the universe

responds."-D.Chopra
"The reality is that we are all connected by our unconscious and share the collective reality of the world."-Carl Jung

"Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent

"What is real? How do you define real?"-The Matrix

To deepen the exploration of the nature of reality, we must step into an even more intricate dialogue between perception, existence, and the fundamental structure of the cosmos. At the intersection of metaphysics, science, religion, consciousness, and ethical philosophy lies a complex web of ideas and experiences that seek to reveal the layers of reality that are not immediately apparent. From the limitations of perception, metaphysical traditions, scientific insights, religious and cultural frameworks, we must now go even further, addressing how these elements interrelate, challenge, and ultimately enrich one another in the ongoing pursuit of understanding reality. This deeper dive will reveal the interplay between the subjective and objective dimensions of existence and the spiritual and material aspects of being.

The first point to consider is the profound limitation that arises from our human condition as finite beings. We are biologically wired to process information in a way that allows us to function effectively within the parameters of everyday life. However, these sensory perceptions and cognitive frameworks are inherently limited by the scope of our physical senses and mental faculties. Our eyes are only able to perceive a narrow spectrum of electromagnetic radiation, which means we cannot directly observe ultraviolet or infrared light. Our hearing, likewise, is constrained by a particular



The quest to understand the nature of reality is an inquiry that transcends disciplines, straddling science, philosophy, and religion. While modern science and philosophy focus primarily on empirical observation, logical reasoning, and conceptual exploration, religious perspectives offer a unique dimension to this inquiry-one that addresses questions of meaning, purpose, morality, and the divine. Religious traditions across the world provide deeply ingrained worldviews that shape not only our understanding of reality but also our place within it. These traditions often present an overarching framework in which reality is seen as not just an impersonal, mechanistic system of matter and energy, but as a divine manifestation-a sacred cosmos imbued with purpose, direction, and spiritual significance.



frequency range, limiting our ability to detect high-pitched sounds beyond our range of hearing. Similarly, our cognitive capacity for processing the complexities of quantum mechanics or the vastness of the universe is also restricted, often making it difficult for us to truly conceptualize the enormity of the cosmos or the intricacies of subatomic particles. These limitations are not just inconveniences; they are a fundamental reality of being human. Our subjective experience is shaped by the confines of our senses, which filter the vastness of the universe into a manageable, though incomplete, representation.

Yet, in confronting this limitation, humanity has developed systems of thought and practice to expand beyond these sensory and intellectual confines. These systems-spanning across disciplines like philosophy, science, and spirituality-seek to address the fundamental question: What lies beyond the veil of our perception? In grappling with this question, we are compelled to acknowledge that our human experience is not the final arbiter of reality; instead, it is one dimension of a much greater and more intricate whole. To truly grasp the nature of reality, we must be willing to consider what lies outside our perceptual limitations, including the possibility of realms beyond physical space and time. This opens the door to questions of spirituality, non-material dimensions of existence, and the metaphysical nature of consciousness itself.

One of the most profound insights that have emerged from these inquiries is the recognition that the material world is not the only layer of reality. In metaphysical systems like Advaita Vedanta, Eastern mysticism, or even the perennial philosophy, reality is understood as a multi-layered construct, with the physical realm being just one of its many dimensions. The material world, in these traditions, is seen as an illusion or a fleeting manifestation of a deeper, unchanging, and transcendent reality. This belief suggests that behind the constant flux and impermanence of the world of form lies a non-dual essence-an eternal, unified consciousness that encompasses all things. In this view, reality is understood not in terms of separate objects or events but as an interconnected, dynamic web of being. This understanding challenges the classical, reductionist view that reality consists of isolated, independent objects interacting according to mechanical laws.

This interconnectedness points to a more relational understanding of reality. Instead of seeing reality as a collection of discrete objects or events, we must begin to recognize that everything exists in relation to everything else. In modern physics, this relational view is echoed in concepts like quantum entanglement, where particles that were once in close proximity remain interconnected regardless of the physical distance between them. This finding suggests that the boundaries between separate objects and systems may not be as definitive as they seem. Quantum theory, in its abstract and paradoxical form, calls into question our assumptions about the separateness of things, highlighting a reality where particles are entangled and interdependent.

At the same time, the recognition of interconnectedness carries with it an ethical dimension. If all things are interconnected, then actions in one part of reality reverberate throughout the whole. This insight has profound moral and ethical implications. It suggests that the way we treat others, the environment, and even our own consciousness contributes to the shaping of the larger cosmic order. If we accept that reality is relational and interdependent, we are called to act in ways that honor and respect that interconnectedness. In traditional metaphysical frameworks, this principle is reflected in the idea that the entire universe is imbued with sacredness, and our actions toward it should therefore be rooted in reverence, compassion, and mindfulness.

Another vital aspect in understanding the nature of reality is the exploration of consciousness. Consciousness, the subjective experience of awareness and being, plays a pivotal role in shaping how we understand the world. While science has made remarkable strides in explaining the mechanisms of the brain and nervous system, it has yet to fully address the "hard problem" of consciousness-why and how subjective experience arises from neural processes. This question, which was articulated by philosopher David Chalmers, points to a significant gap in our scientific understanding. Consciousness, it seems, is not reducible to purely physical processes. This challenge has led some thinkers to propose that consciousness is not simply a byproduct of the brain but may be a fundamental feature of reality itself. Some even suggest that consciousness is the primary ground of all being, from which the material world emerges.

In these explorations, we see a convergence between modern science and ancient philosophical traditions. For example, the idea that consciousness is foundational to reality finds resonance in both Eastern philosophies, such as those of Buddhism and Vedanta, and in the holistic systems of modern physics, which suggest that the observer plays a central role in the manifestation of physical phenomena. This emerging view of consciousness challenges the classical, materialist worldview that treats consciousness as an epiphenomenon of physical processes. If consciousness is indeed foundational, then the nature of reality may be far more subjective, participatory, and dynamic than previously understood.

At the same time, while we explore the metaphysical and scientific dimensions of reality, we must also consider the implications of human experience in constructing and interpreting reality. Human beings are not merely passive observers of the world; we actively interpret, shape, and create meaning in our lives. Our culture, language, social systems, and histories play a crucial role in shaping the lens through which we perceive reality. As noted earlier, the cultural and psychological frameworks we inherit influence our understanding of reality, often creating filters or lenses through which we interpret our experiences. These frameworks influence everything from the way we see nature to the values we hold dear and the way we relate to other people. Thus, the human experience is inextricably tied to the construction of reality-it is not a simple process of passively receiving information but an active, interpretive process that reflects the larger structures of culture, history, and belief.

The recognition that reality is a multi-dimensional construct-encompassing both material and immaterial dimensions, physical and non-physical realms-points to a deeper challenge of human existence. Our minds are constantly engaged in an ongoing process of interpretation, attempting to make sense of a world that is both fleeting and eternal, finite and infinite. The journey to understand the nature of reality is thus not merely an intellectual endeavor

but a deeply personal, existential quest. It involves confronting the limits of our perception, grappling with the implications of our interconnectedness, and striving to live in a way that reflects the larger cosmic order.

Further to truly grasp the nature of reality requires the integration of multiple perspectives-scientific, philosophical, religious, spiritual, and ethical. It is a process that transcends the limits of our senses and intellect, demanding an openness to the mysteries and paradoxes that lie at the heart of existence.



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Understanding reality is not a static or final achievement but an ongoing journey that involves continually revising and refining our understanding. It calls us to recognize that the universe is not just an object to be studied or an experience to be interpreted but a living, interconnected whole in which we play an essential, active role. Only through a humble and open-minded engagement with the various layers of reality-whether physical, metaphysical, or existential-can we begin to approach a fuller understanding of the nature of existence itself.

The quest to understand the nature of reality is an inquiry that transcends disciplines, straddling science, philosophy, and religion. While modern science and philosophy focus primarily on empirical observation, logical reasoning, and conceptual exploration, religious perspectives offer a unique dimension to this inquiry-one that addresses questions of meaning, purpose, morality, and the divine. Religious traditions across the world provide deeply ingrained worldviews that shape not only our understanding of reality but also our place within it. These traditions often present an overarching framework in which reality is seen as not just an impersonal, mechanistic system of matter and energy, but as a divine manifestation-a sacred cosmos imbued with purpose, direction, and spiritual significance.

In many religious traditions, reality is understood as a reflection of divine will or as an emanation from a source beyond human comprehension. Whether it is the concept of Brahman in Hinduism, the Tao in Taoism, or God/Allah in monotheistic religions, these traditions hold that the ultimate nature of reality is spiritual, transcendent, and non-material. From this viewpoint, the physical world, with all its complexities, is not the end-all, but rather a signifier of a greater, hidden truth. For example, in Hindu philosophy, the physical universe is seen as an illusion, or Maya, which masks the underlying, unchanging reality of Brahman. In this framework, all forms of life, all objects, and events, no matter how distinct they may seem, are ultimately interconnected, emanating from the same divine source.

This perspective echoes the interconnectedness of all things found in quantum physics, but it also adds a layer of meaning that secular frameworks often miss. In religious thought, the interconnectedness of reality is not simply a scientific fact but a metaphysical one, signifying that all aspects of existence are expressions of a single, ultimate truth. In Christianity, for instance, the Apostle Paul writes, "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28), which suggests that the divine permeates all of creation. Similarly, in Islam, God is said to be Al-Imam (the Sustainer) and Al-Qayyum (the Self-Subsisting One), meaning that all existence depends on and is sustained by God's will.

Within this religious framework, the purpose of human life is also intricately tied to the nature of reality. The teachings of most major religions assert that humans are not isolated from the universe, but integral to it-creatures with a spiritual destiny or calling. In Christianity, human beings are created in the image of God (Imago Dei) and are called to live in harmony with divine will. In Islam, human beings are considered khalifah (stewards) of the Earth, entrusted with the responsibility of nurturing and preserving creation in accordance with God's commands. Similarly, in Buddhism, life is understood as part of the eternal cycle of birth, death, and rebirth (samsara), with the ultimate aim being to break free from this cycle and achieve enlightenment and unity with the ultimate reality, Nirvana.

For religious perspectives, understanding the nature of reality is not merely an intellectual exercise but a spiritual journey. Many religious traditions emphasize the importance of inner transformationingrasping the true nature of existence. In Christianity, for instance, the concept of redemption and salvation suggests that individuals must undergo a spiritual awakening or "rebirth" to fully comprehend their relationship with the divine and the world. This journey involves shedding the illusions of the material world and aligning one's life with a higher moral and spiritual order. Similarly, in Sufism, the mystical branch of Islam, the goal is to experience divine presence through personal spiritual practice, prayer, and contemplation. In this view, the pursuit of understanding reality requires more than mere intellectual analysis-it necessitates direct, personal experience of the divine.

alysis-it necessitates direct, personal experience of the divine. The relationship between perception and reality is thus central to religious discourse. In many religious traditions, human beings are encouraged to transcend the illusion of the material world, which is often seen as ephemeral and deceptive. In Buddhism, the concept of dukkha (suffering) highlights the transient and unsatisfactory nature of worldly existence. The Buddha taught that through mindfulness, meditation, and ethical conduct, one can come to understand the true nature of reality, which is beyond the transient phenomena of birth, decay, and death. Similarly, in Hinduism, the practice of yoga-inits various forms, such as jnana (knowledge), bhakti (devotion), and karma (action)-is designed to lead the practitioner to a realization of the unity of all things with Brahman, the ultimate reality.

Religion also offers profound insight into the nature of time and the cosmos. In many religious worldviews, time is not linear or cyclical in the purely physical sense, but rather has a metaphysical significance. In Christianity, for example, the creation of the world in Genesis sets a divine order that unfolds through time. However, this time is understood to have an ultimate telos or purpose-the Kingdom of God-which humans are called to participate in. In Hinduism, time is conceptualized as both cyclical and divine, with the four ages (Yugas) reflecting the cosmic rhythm of creation and destruction. The cyclical view of time in Hinduism and Buddhism suggests that the universe undergoes periods of creation, preservation, and dissolution, which are part of a larger divine plan or cycle of cosmic evolution. In both views, time is not seen as merely a sequence of events but as a movement towards the realization of divine harmony or enlightenment.

Religion also emphasizes the role of ethics and morality in understanding reality. The moral dimensions of existence are intricately tied to the metaphysical understanding of reality in many religious systems. In Christianity, the concept of divine justice and grace suggests that there is a moral order to the universe, one that aligns with God's will. Human beings are called to live according to divine commandments, as these reflect the ultimate reality. Similarly, in Islamic theology, the concept of Adl (justice) is essential to understanding the divine will. The way humans act-whether with compassion, humility, and justice-directly impacts their understanding of reality and their relationship with the divine. In these traditions, the pursuit of truth is not only intellectual but also moral-acting in accordance with divine principles is seen as an essential step in discerning the true nature of existence.

In contrast to the materialist framework (natural/neuroscience/quantum/social/psyhological scieneces etc, where reality is often viewed as a collection of random, purposeless events governed by physical laws, the religious view holds that reality has an inherent moral and spiritual dimension. The order and harmony of the universe are seen as reflections of divine wisdom and design. Religious metaphysics suggests that everything in the universe is imbued with purpose and meaning, even if that meaning is not immediately apparent to human perception. The



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human search for understanding, in this sense, is not merely a scientific inquiry but a spiritual quest, one that involves both the mind and the heart, the intellect and the soul.

From this religious perspective, the nature of reality cannot be understood in isolation; it must be understood in relation to the divine, to the moral order of the universe, and to humanity's spiritual destiny. The various religious traditions of the world provide distinct yet complementary insights into the mysteries of existence, each offering a unique way of understanding reality. Whether through the teachings of divine revelation, mystical experiences, or ethical conduct, religion serves as a guide to uncover the deeper truths that lie beneath the surface of material existence.

Understanding the nature of reality, when viewed through a religious lens, is a multifaceted endeavor that involves not just intellectual and sensory exploration but spiritual and moral awakening. Reality, in many religious traditions, is understood as a dynamic, interconnected whole that reflects the divine order of the universe. It is a reality that is not merely composed of physical matter but is imbued with meaning, purpose, and transcendence. Through devotion, contemplation, ethical living, and spiritual practice, individuals can come to a deeper understanding of the nature of reality, aligning their lives with the divine and recognizing the sacredness that permeates all of existence.

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Reconnect With Nature, Make Green Living a Habit: Sakeena Itoo

for Health and Medical Education. Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today emphasised on the urgent need of reconnecting with nature and foster environmental stewardship among the young generation, especially college and school going students.

The Minister made these remarks while addressing a gathering held in the backdrop of World Environment Day-2025 week celebrations at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Kothibagh here today.

Addressing the gathering, Education Minister said that Kashmir's weather is witnessing drastic changes due to deforestation and other allied

She emphasized on the urgent need of the hour is to reconnect with nature and foster environmental stewardship

among the younger generation as well as school and college going students.

"Environmental preservation



like NEET, GATE and others are usually alumni of Government institutions.

She added that the Chief

Minister, Omar Abdullah is giving

more impetus to education and

health sectors as they form the

pillars of any developed society.

also praised the young students

of GGHSS Kothibagh for their

proactive role in promoting green

initiatives and urged them to

become lifelong ambassadors

Sakeena Itoo on the occasion,



is not just a policy issue, it is a personal responsibility. Each of us has the power to influence change, starting with our homes, schools and communities", Sakeena Itoo stated.

The Minister called upon all the participants to make plantation of trees a routine habit, highlighting that we need to work collectively to bring back the charm and environmental Kothibagh for academic excellence, highlighting that Government institutions are at par with Private schools in these days.

She added that the position holders of various government institutions felicitated today reflect this.

The Minister also said that selections in prestigious examinations like IAS and KAS toady paid a surprise visit to Labour Commissioner Office in Srinagar, assessing the functioning of the organisation. The Dy CM reviewed

progress on various initiatives and schemes being implemented by the Labour Department to promote social security and welfare of employees/workers. He also took stock of issues being faced by the employees in performing their duties efficiently. During the visit, the Dy

SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief

Minister. Surinder Choudhary,

CM held a detailed discussion with the officials regarding the steps aimed at to streamline the functioning of the department. He was briefed about the ongoing activities, achievements and challenges facing the department.

The Deputy Chief Minister emphasized the importance

Office in Srinagar implementation of labour laws and regulations to protect the

in the Labour Commissionerate Headquarters.

Dy CM Surinder Choudhary pays

surprise visit to Labour Commissioner



on maintaining cleanliness, ensuring quick disposal of public grievances and enforcing punctuality in government offices.

He also interacted with the public who were waiting to resolve their grievances at the concerns and assured them of

prompt resolution.

He also asked the officers to ensure official files are processed without any delay.

He stressed the need for efficient and citizen-centric service delivery, directing the officials to expedite the grievance redressal process and maintain transparency in

their functioning. Choudhary asserted " it is essential that citizens do not have to wait unnecessarily and services are provided strictly according to the scheduled time

He maintained that the benefits of all government schemes should reach the last person in line in real-time. He directed for conducting awareness programs to educate the general public about the government schemes.

The Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the achievements of the Omar Abdullah led government, underscoring the commitment to public welfare. He assured the public that the government is working tirelessly to meet their expectations and fulfill all promises.

Div Com Kashmir reviews Muharram-ul-Haram arrangements srinagar: Inview of forthcoming Muharramroutes for mourners procession.

ul-Haram, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today chaired a meeting of officers to ensure hassle-free and



to facilitate mourners.Besides, DIG Police Rajiv Pandey, the meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, officers of line departments and representatives of various associations of Shia community.

Addressing the meeting, Div Com directed officers for repairing and macademization of roads in Shia dominated areas to ensure pothole-free

He also directed civil departments including PHE and KPDCL to ensure delivery of uninterrupted services during the Muharram days.

He instructed deployment of water tankers to supplement the demand of drinking water to the areas inhabited by the community.

Div Com instructed concerned to provide adequate quantity of firewood, and also ensure distribution of sufficient ration to the community.

Bidhuri enjoined the concerned to launch special sanitation drives around Imam Baras and procession sites to ensure cleanliness and facilitate mourners.

He asked health department for deployment of medical teams along with ambulances to provide proper medical

assistance to mourners. To ensure law & order, Div Com emphasized on making fool-proof security arrangements and proper route plan for smooth vehicular movement. Meanwhile, he urged that all arrangements should be put in place well in time to ensure all religious gatherings and processions are held smoothly and peacefully.

Rana reviews progress on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission

SRINAGAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat Srinagar to review progress on implementation of Jal Jeevan completion. He directed the officers to personally monitor the execution of works in their respective divisions.

He instructed the concerned officers to ensure pace of work is expedited to ensure speedy



Mission (IJM) in PHE division Chadoora and other areas.

While reviewing various ongoing JJM projects in Chadoora, Budgam, Sopore, Khan Sahib and Beerwa, Javed Rana exhorted upon the officers to expedite pace of progress on these works for timely construction of filtration plants. civil works and other related works at all water supply schemes. He stressed that work on all JJM projects be carried out in full swing without any delay. He exhorted upon the officers to work in mission mode so that safe and adequate drinking water is made available to all citizens of Jammu and Kashmir

He enjoined upon the officers to maintain coordination and better synergy between executing agencies to ensure timely and effective implementation of Water Supply Schemes. He further said that work should be resumed on the water supply schemes wherever it has been stalled so that people don't have to face any problems.

MLA Chadoora, while speaking on the occasion, said that certain water supply schemes in his constituency are nearing completion and require little attention from the officers so that they can be dedicated to public use.

The MLAs raised various issues related to water supply and irrigation pertaining to their constituencies and demanded immediate attention of the Minister for early resolution.

Tribal Affairs Minister meets Gujjar-Bakerwal delegations; assures govt's support



SRINAGAR: Minister for Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today met with several delegations of the Gujjar-Bakerwal tribe from districts of Jammu, Samba and Kathua at the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar

The delegations raised various issues and problems including alleged discriminatory treatment, lack of security of life and property and concerns related to selective acquisition of their immoveable property in the name of development.

The tribal delegates projected various grievances regarding forced eviction from places they have resided in for decades.

Javed Rana gave a patient hearing to the delegations and assured them that the Jammu and Kashmir government, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, will not tolerate harassment of any section of society on sectarian grounds.

The Minister asked the officers to prioritise early redressal of the delegations' problems.

The Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment towards protecting the rights and interests of all communities, including the Gujjar-Bakerwal tribe.

Indian Army Conducted Medical Patrol for Gujjar, **Bakarwals at Bharakh**

Reasi: In a compassionate outreach effort, the Indian Army conducted a medical patrol in the remote Bharakh village of Reasi district, extending essential healthcare services to the local population, including Gujjar and Bakkarwals.

Defence Spokesperson in Jammu said the medical team provided on-the-spot consultations, conducted basic health check-ups, and distributed medicines for common illnesses. He said the patrol also educated villagers on preventive healthcare practices, emphasizing the importance of hygiene, balanced nutrition, and early illness detection. According to spokesperson, a total of 24 villagers comprising 10 men, 9 women, and 5 children benefited directly from the initiative. The locals expressed heartfelt gratitude towards the Indian Army for bringing medical assistance to their doorstep in an otherwise inaccessible area. This initiative reflects the Indian Army's commitment to fostering goodwill and supporting the health and well-being of communities in remote and underserved regions.

Deputy Commissioner Baramulla reviews tourist infrastructure, services at Gulmarg

BARAMULLA: In an effort to ensure a seamless, safe and memorable experience for tourists, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla Minga Sherpa, today undertook a comprehensive tour of Gulmarg, where he inspected the functioning of the Gulmarg Gondola and reviewed a range of facilities provided to visitors.

During the visit, DC inspected both Phase I and Phase II of the Gondola cable car system, reviewed the ticketing process, and assessed the preparedness

to manage the increasing flow of tourists. He examined the functioning of ticket counters, adherence to safety protocols, and arrangements made to streamline passenger movement and prevent overcrowding.

DC also conducted a detailed assessment of sanitation and cleanliness, particularly around the Gondola base station and nearby public spaces. He inspected the condition of public washrooms and other basic amenities, and interacted with tourists and staff to obtain feedback on the services being



He reviewed the progress of ongoing development works in the area, with specific instructions to ensure timely completion and adherence to

the overall tourist experience.

quality standards to enhance



Subsequently, DC chaired a review meeting with officers from the Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA), Tourism Department,

Municipal Committee, J&K Cable Car Corporation, Public Works Department (PWD), Health Department, and other allied departments During the meeting, Minga Sherpa stressed upon strengthening the tourist facilitation mechanism, including the establishment of round-the-clock Tourist Help Desks, improved traffic management, and streamlined transport services to ensure hassle-free mobility within the tourist area. He also called for timely waste disposal, an efficient and transparent

ticketing system, and proper directional signage and information displays.

DC emphasized the nce of enhanced interdepartmental coordination and deployment of emergency response teams to ensure tourist safety and satisfaction. He urged all departments to work collaboratively to provide a high-quality, visitor-friendly environment and reiterated the administration's commitment to promote Gulmarg as a model of sustainable and responsible

DLSA Srinagar sensitizes young minds about pressing issue of child labour

SRINAGAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, in collaboration with Bilaliya Educational Institute, observed the 'World Day against Child Labour' with deep commitment and meaningful engagement.



The programme was held at the premises of Bilaliya Educational Institute and reflected a shared resolve to sensitize young minds about the pressing issue of child labour and promote awareness about children's rights and legal protections.

The programme was conducted under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and supervised by Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA

Nisar Ahmed, Principal of Bilaliya Educational Institute emphasized the role of educational institutions in shaping informed and responsible citizens. He highlighted the importance of instilling legal and moral values in students to help eliminate exploitative practices like child labour.

Jahan Aara, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, DLSA Srinagar, served as the resource person for the occasion. In her informative address, she discussed the legal framework surrounding child labour, detrimental effects it has on children's development and collective role of communities in ensuring child protection and welfare.

Adding a vibrant dimension to the programme, students of Bilaliya Educational Institute also spoke on the occasion, sharing their thoughts and reflections on the importance of education, children's rights, and the role youth can play in creating a just and equitable society. Their active participation in discussions and interactive segments reflected the growing awareness and sensitivity among the younger generation.

This collaborative effort between DLSA Srinagai and Bilaliya Educational Institute underscored the powerful role of legal and educational institutions in nurturing a generation that is not only socially conscious but also legally empowered.

Maiden DLIC meeting under Mission YUVA held at Kulgam

KULGAM: In a major step towards youth empowerment and livelihood generation, the first District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting under Mission YUVA was held today in Kulgam under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan. During the meeting, the committee approved 31 cases

of young aspiring entrepreneurs from across the district, paving the way for financial assistance and capacitybuilding support under Mission YUVA.

The selected cases reflect a diverse range of sectors underscoring the potential of local youth to contribute meaningfully to the district's economic development. It was informed that Mission YUVA is a flagship initiative

of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir designed to

create a robust ecosystem for youth-led entrepreneurship. The mission aims to provide end-to-end support including skill development, financial assistance, mentorship, and market linkages to unemployed and aspiring youth. Speaking at the occasion, DC lauded the enthusiasm and proactive participation of local youth in availing this opportunity. He emphasized the importance of timely fund disbursement and post-approval mentoring

for the sustainability of projects. The meeting witnessed the participation of all DLIC & SBDU members and other officials of DE&CC Kulgam. Each case was thoroughly reviewed on the basis of viability, sectoral relevance and readiness of the applicants.

conference held at DC Office Srinagar **SRINAGAR:** With an aim to enhance disaster preparedness and coordination among kev stakeholders in the district, an orientation &

coordination conference was held today at the DC office Srinagar

Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed, who is also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the District Disaster Management Authority(DDMA)Srinagar presided over the event, while Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir Irfan Qazi; Deputy Controller of Civil Defence, Consultant DDMA, Amara Naseem; Consultant DDMA Srinagar, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat and other officials were present on the occasion.

The session featured a comprehensive presentation via video conference by Deputy Secretary, Department of DMRRR. Snowber Jameel, and Chief Executive Officer DMRRR, Amir Hussain.

During the session, emphasis was placed on the urgent need to

update the Indian Disaster Resource Network (IDRN) to ensure real-time access to critical resources during emergencies.

Orientation & Coordination

Moreover, preparations with regard to conduct of Table Top



on updating the Incident Response System (IRS) and revising the District Disaster Management Plan to incorporate lessons learned from past incidents and to strengthen response strategies.

On the occasion, stress was also laid on identification of vulnerable flood sites aiming to prioritize mitigation efforts and resource allocation. It was decided that five flood-prone areas will be identified within Srinagar district for conducting

and a physical mock exercise on June 17, 2025 were also discussed in order to test and refine disaster response protocols.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination and community involvement in disaster management efforts. He highlighted that the upcoming exercises would serve as critical platforms to assess and enhance the district's preparedness for potential

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London-Bound

buildings being burnt, trees singed and cars damaged. One image showed the snout of the plane crashing through the top floor of a building that appeared to be a dining area of the hostel of nurses and doctors.

Elsewhere too, there were scenes of complete devastation with mangled metal of the wreckage, snarls of tangled wire and smoke rising from burning embers.

This is the first crash involving the Boeing Dreamliner, feted for its advanced features. It is also India's second biggest air disaster since 2020 when an Air India Express flight skidded off a wet runway while landing at Kozhikode in Kerala and split into two. Of the 190 people on board, 21, including two pilots, lost their lives.

Airport operations in Ahmedabad were temporarily suspended and resumed towards the evening.

The shock of the disaster echoed through political corridors in India and abroad with heads of states and others offering their condolences.

 $Britain's\,King\,Charles\,III\,said\,he\,and\,his\,wife, Queen$ Camilla, were "desperately shocked by the terrible events in Ahmedabad this morning".

"Our special prayers and deepest possible sympathy are with the families and friends of all those affected by this appallingly tragic incident across so many nations, as they await news of their loved ones," read his statement issued from Buckingham Palace.

Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer said the scenes emerging of a London-bound plane carrying many British nationals crashing in the Indian city of Ahmedabad are devastating.

The ill-fated flight was under the command of Capt Sumeet Sabharwal along with First Officer Clive Kundar. While Sabharwal has 8,200 hours of flying experience, Kundar 1,100 hours, the DGCA said in a statement.

Immediately after departure from Runway 23, the aircraft fell on the ground outside the airport perimeter, it said.

"On Jun 12, 2025, Air India B787 Aircraft VT-ANB while operating flight AI-171 from (Ahmedabad to Gatwick) has crashed immediately after takeoff from Ahmedabad," the statement said, adding that they were 242 persons on board, including two pilots and 10 cabin crew.

Several eyewitnesses on the busy, everyday afternoon described the horror of what they had seen.

"The plane was flying very low and it crashed into the residential quarters of doctors and nursing staff of civil hospital and BJ Medical college," Haresh Shah told PTI.

'There are several five floor buildings which are residential quarters of doctors and nursing staff. Many people in those apartments were injured as along with the plane the buildings also caught fire," he said.

Another said several cars and vehicles parked in the premises also caught fire.

Expressing his profound sorrow, Air India chairperson N Chandrasekaran said an emergency centre has been activated and support teams set up for families seeking

"Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with the families and loved ones of all those affected by this devastating event. At this moment, our primary focus is on supporting all the affected people and their families.

"We are doing everything in our power to assist the emergency response teams at the site and to provide all necessary support and care to those impacted. Further updates will be shared as we receive more verified information," he said in a post on X.

Aircraft maker Boeing said in a statement that it is in contact with Air India and stands ready to offer any support to the Tata-owned airline.

Thursday's tragedy is the second major air disaster in Gujarat's principal city.

On October 19, 1988, an Indian Airlines plane crashed in its final approach to the Ahmedabad airport, killing 130 people. (ANI)

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The minister informed the prime minister that he is rushing to Ahmedabad to oversee rescue and relief operations on the ground.

"The prime minister has directed the minister to ensure all necessary support is extended immediately and asked to be kept regularly updated on the situation," the official said.

Further, the official said all relevant agencies are on high alert, and coordinated efforts are underway.

Modi also spoke to Home Minister Amit Shah. The prime minister has asked both Shah and Naidu to go to Ahmedabad and ensure all possible assistance is extended to those affected in the wake of the air mishap, officials said. (ANI)

One survivor

a building, which is a doctors' hostel," Jaipal Singh Rathore, Joint Commissioner of Police, Ahmedabad,

The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crashed into the doctors' hostel near the airport perimeter.

Air India said that among the 230 passengers, 169 were Indians, 53 British, seven Portuguese and one Canadian national.

"Air India confirms that flight AI171, from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, was involved in an accident today after take-off. The flight, which departed from Ahmedabad at 1338 hours, was carrying 242 passengers and crew members on board the Boeing 787-8 aircraft. Of these, 169 are Indian nationals, 53 are British nationals, 1 Canadian national and 7 Portuguese nationals. The injured are being taken to the nearest hospitals. We have also set up a dedicated passenger hotline number, 1800 5691 444, to provide more information. Air India is giving its full cooperation to the authorities investigating this incident," the Airlines said.

The aircraft was under the command of Capt Sumeet Sabharwal with First Officer Clive Kundar. Capt Sumeet Sabharwal is an LTC with 8200 hours of experience. The official added that the copilot had 1100 hours of flying experience.

As per ATC, the aircraft departed from Ahmedabad at 1339 IST (0809 UTC) from runway 23. It made a Mayday call to ATC, but thereafter, the aircraft did not respond to the calls made by ATC. Aircraft immediately

after departure from Runway 23, fell on the ground outside the airport perimeter. The official said that heavy black smoke was seen coming from the accident site.

Meanwhile, the Gujarat government has mobilised three teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), comprising 90 personnel, from Gandhinagar to the crash site to aid rescue operations.

The Ahmedabad City Police has released an emergency helpline number for assistance and information related to the crash. "Ahmedabad City Police Emergency Number for Police Emergency Services and necessary information related to the Ahmedabad Plane Crash 07925620359," Ahmedabad Police stated in a post on X. (ANI)

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are with everyone affected by it. Have been in touch with Ministers and authorities who are working to assist those affected," Narendra Modi wrote.

OUnion Home Minister Amit Shah said that the disaster response forces have been quickly rushed to the crash site.

"Pained beyond words by the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad. Disaster response forces have been quickly rushed to the crash site. Spoke with the Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Home Minister Shri Harsh Sanghavi, and Commissioner of Police Ahmedabad to assess the situation," Shah wrote.

J&KLG Manoj Sinha expressed shock over the plane crash. "Deeply shocked and pained by the flight crash in Ahmedabad. My prayers are with the passengers and their families," Office of J&K LG, wrote.

National Conference (NC) President, Dr Farooq Abdullah and party's Vice President and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed profound grief over the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad.

"JKNC President Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President & CM @ Omar Abdullah have expressed profound grief over the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad. Their thoughts and prayers are with the victims and all those affected by this unimaginable tragedy, and they prayed for strength to the bereaved during this difficult time," JKNC wrote on X.

Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, Sunil Sharma prayed for speedy recovery of the injured.

"Shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad. My heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives. Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured," Sharma wrote.

MLA Handwara and Peoples Conference (PC) Chairman, Sajad Gani Lone termed the incident heartbreaking.

"Heartbreaking. The crash of the Air India aircraft. So many families have lost their loved ones. May they rest in peace," Lone wrote.

Top religious cleric and Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir, Molvi Umar Farooq prayed for the strength and patience of the bereaved. "Deeply saddened by the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad. Heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones. Praying for strength and patience of the bereaved, and a swift recovery for the injured," Mirwaiz wrote.

Apni Party President and former minister. Sved Altaf Bukhari in a post said that this is an unspeakable tragedy.

"The plane crash in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, is heartbreaking. Officials have confirmed that the Londonbound flight was carrying 242 people on board, however confirmation regarding the death toll is yet to come. Media reports are citing varying numbers of fatalities. This is an unspeakable tragedy. May the departed souls rest in eternal peace, and may the Almighty grant their loved ones strength, comfort, and patience in this time of immense sorrow." Altaf Bukhari wrote.

CPI(M) senior leader and MLA Kulgam, Muhammad Yousuf Tarigami expressed shock over the incident. "Deeply shocked by the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad. Thinking of all those who lost their lives. My heart goes out to their families and everyone affected by this tragedy," he wrote. (KNO)

CM Omar

has a CAPEX budget ceiling of Rs 10000 lacs. This budget includes Rs 3304.69 lacs for ongoing works, Rs 863.00 lacs for water/electricity for Sempora flats. Rs 2541.00 lacs for shifting REVEX to CAPEX, and Rs 3291.31 lacs for new works and budget announcements.

Major ongoing projects like the 400 Flats at Pampore and flats in Sarwal, Ahata Amar Singh, and Lower Muthi in Jammu are progressing, with some expected to be completed by October 2025.

The meeting was informed about key budget announcements for 2025-26 which include construction of 300 new 2-BHK/3-BHK units, twin towers at Canal Road, Jammu and additional blocks at Civil Secretariats in Jammu and Srinagar. Other new works proposed for 2025-26 include road macadamization, new flats in lawahar Nagar, CCTV installation, and power supply upgrades in various government complexes.

Secretary Revenue Kumar Rajiv Ranjan gave a detailed presentation outlining the department's CAPEX progress and plans for 2025-26. Out of the approved Rs 79 crore, Rs 69 crore has already been uploaded on the BEAMS portal. The department has proposed 133 new projects, including 18 SDM offices with an outlay of Rs 4.5 crore, 21 Tehsil offices with Rs 6.3 crore outlay, 50 Niabats with Rs 3 crore, and 40 additional rooms with lavatories worth Rs 2 crore. The department continues to push forward in its landmark digitization efforts, having completed 100% scanning of revenue records.

He informed that over 94.36% of cadastral maps have been digitized (quality checks are ongoing), and 89.97% of villages have been geo-referenced. Additionally, 99.9% of Record of Rights (RoR) have been digitized with spatial and non-spatial data integrated under the Land Records Information System (LRIS).

The Chief Minister was apprised of key digital initiatives, including the "Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani" platform launched in October 2021, which has enabled real-time access to land records while saving Rs 19.83 crore through in-house digitization.

The meeting was informed that the second phase of the LRIS involves transliteration of Urdu land records

into 22 Indian languages. Digitized land passbooks are now available in Urdu,

Hindi, and English. Other major initiatives include the J&K Revenue Court Case Monitoring System (JKRCCMS), issuance of SVAMITVA property cards, computerized registrations, creation of dynamic

RoRs, digitized crop surveys, and establishment of modern record rooms. He informed that the department aims to implement real-time RoR

updates, integrate Jamabandis with the NGDRS and mutation systems, and introduce map-based dynamic RoRs to enhance transparency and accountability in land governance.

Similarly, Commissioner Secretary Tourism Yasha Mudgal presented a comprehensive overview of the department's CAPEX implementation and future plans. The department is coordinating its initiatives across various agencies which include directorates of tourism in Jammu and

Kashmir, JKTDC, SKICC, JKCCC, 21 tourism development authorities, and several golf courses. As part of its 2024–25 CAPEX Plan, Rs 388.20 crore was approved, with Rs 247.66 crore (66.08%) already spent. Out of 1,551 total works, 871 have been completed so far, marking a 56% completion rate.

For 2025–26, the department has planned 1.071 total works with a financial outlay of Rs 191.87 crore including funds for Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

The meeting was also informed that a total of 312 new projects worth Rs 75.5 crore have been reviewed, while another 109 projects valued at Rs 18.07 crore are pending finalization. The Chief Minister was informed that an amount of Rs 10 crore has been reserved for high-priority or technically viable works proposed by elected representatives. Action has already been initiated on several budget announcements, including Rs 10 crore for

the preparation of tourism master plans, Rs 27 crore earmarked for sewerage and solid waste management projects in Gulmarg, Rs 6 crore for developing water sports infrastructure at major lakes, Rs 15 crore for winter sports facilities, and Rs 20 crore for exploring new tourism destinations.

She informed that plans are also underway to revive idle tourism assets, improve wayside amenities, and monetize under-utilized properties. Targets for 2025–26 include the preparation of master plans for key destinations, strengthening of tourism infrastructure, enhanced destination development, and aggressive promotional campaigns to attract visitors.

Likewise, Secretary Culture presented an elaborate plan aimed at heritage restoration, infrastructure modernization, digitization, and promotion of regional arts and languages. The department has completed 16 out of 106 heritage restoration projects, with another 46 targeted for completion by March 2026. A major focus is on the revival of the historic Mubarak Mandi Complex in Jammu, with Rs 30.02 crore allocated for the purpose. Under Phase III of the Heritage Revival Scheme, an additional 123 projects have been identified across various districts.

The department is finalizing its draft Cultural Policy, which will soon be put in public domain for consultation. Simultaneously, efforts are underway to modernize the SPS Museum; while repairs and improvements are already completed, a revised DPR worth Rs 19.80 crore has been submitted for making the museum fully functional. Revival of the Tehzeeb Mahal project in Srinagar is also being actively pursued at its original site. On the digitization front, the department is upgrading its web portal to facilitate AI-assisted archiving of manuscripts and vital records.

To preserve and promote regional art forms, the department has been organizing structured cultural programs. It also aims to re-launch the publication of "Sheeraza" in Sheena and Bhaderwahi languages after re-advertising posts for editors and composers due to a poor initial response. Under the proposed Rs 132 crore budget for 2025–26, allocations have been made for the directorates of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, Libraries & Research, and the J&K Academy of Art. Culture & Languages. New projects include setting up library-cum-reading rooms and restoration of temples, forts, and shrines. During the last fiscal year, Rs 131.50 crore was allocated and Rs 27.20 crore was spent, with 10 out of 156 projects completed by March 31, 2025. Several heritage revival projects under Phase-I were successfully completed during 2024-25.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, while commending the detailed planning and progress in the departments, called for swift and effective execution to ensure that projects translate into measurable improvements on the ground.

The Chief Minister assured that his government remains committed to strengthening governance, modernizing public infrastructure, and accelerating inclusive development across all sectors. (DIPR)

PM Modi

its power for the business sector, making Bharat a leading digital economy in the world in the #11YearsOfDigitalIndia," Shah wrote on X.

he home minister said whether it is healthcare, education, trade, or commerce, PM Modi has transformed every sector of the economy and society through the digitial revoluation. (ANI)

We have to

smart meters, Jammu and Kashmir has taken a

lead over all other states. In fact, it has become number one in the country," he said.

However, the Minister acknowledged that the J&K still faces challenges, particularly in power distribution and energy losses. "The AT&C (Aggregate Technical and Commercial) losses here are higher than the national average, but the rate at which they are being reduced is commendable," he said.

He also spoke about financial gaps in the power sector, particularly the difference between Average Cost of Supply (ACS) and Average Revenue Realized (ARR), which continues to be above the national average.

"There has been substantial improvement over the last four years, but more work is needed," he said. (PTI)

No Let Up

Moreover, Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, recorded a day temperature of 33.9 degrees Celsius, which was 7.2 degrees Celsius above normal.

At 33.2 degrees Celsius, Kokernag also recorded 7.0 degrees Celsius above normal temperature on Thursday, while the mercury at Gulmarg, a famous ski resort, settled at 24.8

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 29.0 degrees Celsius while Kupwara recorded 33.0 degrees Celsius.

Similarly, the Jammu division also witnessed above normal temperatures today, with Katra recording a maximum temperature of 39.5 degrees Celsius.

Banihal, Batote and Bhaderwah recorded a maximum temperature of 33.8 degrees Celsius, 33.0 degrees Celsius and 34.0 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Moreover, Director MeT. Dr Mukhtar Ahmad has predicted severe heatwave conditions across Jammu and Kashmir for the next two days.

He said a brief spell of light rain and thundershower is expected at isolated to scattered places, accompanied by thunder and gusty winds from June 14 to 17.

"Generally, hot & dry weather is expected from June 18 to 20," Ahmad added.

Meanwhile, the MeT has issued an advisory, predicting a severe heatwave at scattered places of J&K during the next two days.

"Take sufficient fluid, water and avoid outdoor activities during peak intensity (12 noon to 4 pm)," the advisory reads, adding that the farmers are advised to continue farm operations (KNO)

CISF Secures

"Yes, the responsibility of round-the-clock security of the two jails is with CISF," said an officer. "There are deliberations to take over the security of more jails in J&K."

At present, there are 14 functional prisons in Jammu and Kashmir, which include two Central Jails, 10 district Jails, a Special Jail & a Sub Jail. Against a lodgement capacity of 3629 inmates, the Jammu & Kashmir Prisons Department is accommodating more than 5300 inmates.

The Srinagar jail had been in the news for the wrong reasons on multiple occasions in the past .The Counter-Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) and the State Investigation Agency (SIA) of J&K police last year conducted a joint raid on the Central Jail in connection with a "terror-linked case".

Over the last few years, several central institutes in Jammu and Kashmir have sought CISF security due to threat perception. (ANI)

Tourist destinations

Eco Park Khadniyar, Sangarwani, Jamia Masjid, Badamwari, Rajori Kadal Hotel Kanaaz, Aali Kadal [] Food Restaurant, IVORY Hotel, Padshapal resorts and restaurant, Cherry tree resort (Faqir Gujri), North cliff cafe and retreat by Stay Pattern, Forest hill cottage, Eco village resort (Dara), Astanmarg View Point, Astanmarg Paragliding, Mamneth and Mahadev Hills, Buddhist Monastery,, Dachigam - Beyond Trout Farm / Fisheries Farm, Astanpora (especially Oavam Gah resort. Lachpatri, Hung Park and Naranag.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister's Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani on Thursday appealed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to reopen soft tourist destinations.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a tourism event, Wani, according to KNO expressed concern over the prolonged closure of several popular spots. "There's no need to keep the softer tourist spots closed any longer," Wani said. "Even the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has shown concern over the continued shutdown. I request the Hon'ble LG, who looks after law and order, to consider opening up those sites where there is no security threat."

Wani said that the closure of these attractions is not only disappointing tourists but also affecting local livelihoods tied to the tourism sector. "Visitors come here from far-off places, but when they find these famous spots closed,

they leave disheartened. We must avoid sending the wrong message," he added.

"Tourism is the backbone of our economy. We must balance security concerns with the need to keep the sector alive and thriving," the Chief Minister's Advisor said. (KNO)

Power sector

our technology and if I will speak about the cyber-attacks on power sector, there were over 2 Lakh attempts of cyber-attacks on our power sector Operation Sindoor'."

Khattar however said, "Our cyber department tackled all of them and did not let us suffer any losses." Asked about the closure of a mobile app of the

power department, the Minister said, "There is no involvement of any cyber-attack. There would have been some other issues.'

He said, "We have strengthened our defense system. Nowadays, we are not only manufacturing war related gadgets and appliances for our safety only but we are becoming more powerful in exporting it."

"Since 2013, the export of such gadgets and appliances have increased by 34 percent," he said.

"GoI will

"Previously in 1981, there was a new project near Wullar Lake, Pakistan had not allowed and permitted to build the barrage on the River Jhelum at the mouth of Wullar Lake," he said.

The minister said that because of the treaty. the project could not be taken forward. "However, after putting the Indus

Water Treaty in abeyance, there is no requirement of any permission from Pakistan and we will resume the work on the project."

About the threats, Khattar said, "Pakistan has got the response during Operation Sindoor and they will again get the answer with the same force if they dare to do anything with regard to the Indus Water Treaty."

"After the operation Sindoor, Pakistan has been badly affected by the abeyance of Indus Water Treaty and PM Modi has clearly said that Terror and Talks, Terror and Trade and Blood and Water can't go together. This a clear message to every country of the world," he said. (KNO)

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Eco Tourism Society of Kashmir, Bharat CSR Network Sign MOU to Promote Responsible Tourism **SRINAGAR:** The Eco Tourism Society of Kashmir activities to increase tourist footfall and showcase

 $has signed \, a \, Memorandum \, of \, Understanding (MOU)$ Kashmir as a safe and vibrant destination," said Dr. with the Bharat CSR Network to promote responsible Sajid Saiyed, Chairperson of Bharat CSR Network. tourism and generate employment opportunities Mohammad Shafi Wagnoo, Convener of the in Jammu & Kashmir. As part of the agreement, the two organisations will collaborate on initiatives aimed at reviving the region's tourism sector through sustainable practices. The partnership includes hosting conferences, events, and campaigns that bring together influencers, celebrities, and stakeholders to encourage tourism in the Valley.

"We are planning targeted campaigns and

Eco Tourism Society of Kashmir, said, "We are confident that this partnership will play a vital role in promoting tourism in the region, especially responsible and eco-friendly tourism practices."The MOU comes at a time when the region is seeking to recover from a slowdown in tourist arrivals and aims to offer a structured approach to tourism that aligns with ecological and cultural sensitivities.

Morkel 'Blown Away' By **Bumrah's Rhythm As India's Preparation Intensifies**

ndia bowling coach Morne Morkel has been "blown away" by Jasprit Bumrah's rhythm and intensity in the three sessions the team have had so far on their tour of England, but reiterated that ▲ the management would be "smart" in managing him through the summer.

three net sessions, lot to be excited watching him bowl with the Dukes ball."

The Indians will tune up for the series-opener at Headingley in Leeds from June 20 by playing a three-day intra-squad fixture from June 6 in Beckenham. The match is expected to be a closed-doors affair, with the teams

options, with Shardul Thakur and Nitish Kumar Reddy as the seam-bowling allrounders.

It remains to be seen if India will prefer Thakur or Reddy as their fourth seamer, if they are inclined to include a seambowling allrounder instead of a specialist fourth quick or a second spinner. Thakur and Reddy looked rusty in both India Agames, and neither seems certain to start at Leeds.

Morkel, though, has high expectations from Reddy. "The more bowling options we can have, that's great. He's skillful. He's a guy that can bowl that magical ball, so for him it's about creating that consistency, it's something we want to work on, it's important for his game as well," Morkel said of Reddy. "I've had conversations where I've challenged him to bowl a bit more.

"I want to see the ball more in his hands, we all know what he can do with the bat. For a team, if we can have the bowling options especially in these conditions, I think he'll be exciting and can complement this bowling attack."

Morkel believes the key for India to start well will be for their bowlers to hit the ground running immediately

> against an aggressive England line-up that will look to take toll of errors ruthlessly.

"England - the brand of cricket they play, we need to be on top of our game," he said.

"We can't afford to find our feet

"The guys have stepped up by themselves, they've taken the ownership and responsibility, they've realised it's going to be a tough tour. That's the pleasing thing for us as coaches, to see guys taking that leadership and

Prior to departure, head coach Gautam Gambhir said it was likely Bumrah would play in just three of the five Tests, as part of his workload management given his history of back injuries. But India are yet to take on call on which Tests he'll play - that will depend on the state of the series and how Bumrah is holding up.

"Bumrah knows how to get himself ready, he knows how to prepare," Morkel said on Wednesday. "I was blown away to see the energy on the ball the last three days. That's very exciting to see. I'm happy his body is in good shape at the moment.

"We'll manage him with that. We'll be smart with him because he's obviously key for us, but in terms of the first drawn from players in the Test squad as well as those in this series. That's one of the things that has impressed from the India A team that played two four-day matches me so much in the two days, the few sessions we've had.

focus area in the lead-up to the first Test. Apart from Bumrah, India have Mohammed Siraj, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna and Akash Deep as their frontline pace

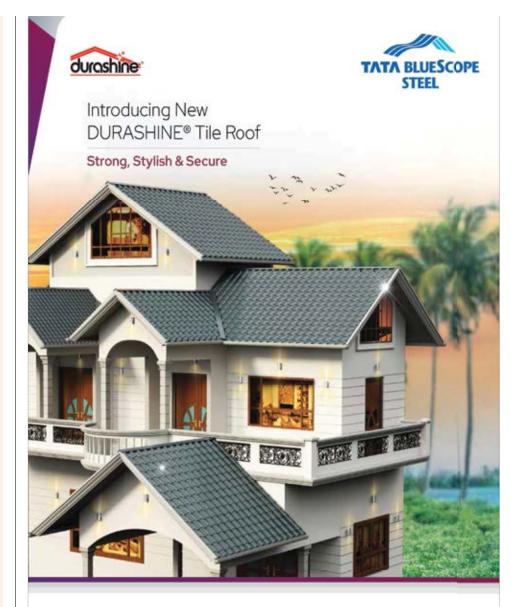
against the England Lions. The make-up of India's bowling attack will be a key

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