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## LG Sinha Announces Reopening Of Closed Tourist Spots: LG Manoj Sinha

8 tourist destination in Jammu and 8 in Kashmir Division to be reopened from 17th June

KC News Network

**PAHALGAM:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday announced reopening of 16 tourist destinations across Jammu Kashmir, which were temporarily closed as precautionary measures after heinous Pahalgam terror attack on tourists on 22nd April. Of these tourist spots and parks, 8 are in Jammu Division and 8 in Srinagar. Betab valley and Parks in Pahalgam Market, Verinag Garden, Kokernag Garden and Achabal Garden to be reopened from 17th June.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the other tourist destinations being reopened includes Badamwari Park, Duck Park, Tagdeer Park in Srinagar, Sarthal, Dhaggar in Kathua, Devi Pindi, Siyad Baba, Sula Park in Reasi, Guldanda and Jai valley in Doda and Panchari in Udhampur. Reopening will be in



phase-wise manner, he added.

He also met the delegation of Member of Legislative Assembly, DDC Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons, tour and travel operators, Ponywala association and hoteliers' associations

at Pahalgam. He assured the delegation that restrictions on other tourist spots will be lifted after thorough security assessment. The Lieutenant Governor also observed

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### Kashmir safe, ready to welcome tourists: TAFI in Srinagar

Rehan Qayoom Mir

**SRINAGAR:** The Travel Agents Federation of India (TAFI) on Saturday assured its full support to Kashmir's tourism sector, saying it is crucial for the national travel bodies to stand with the Valley and project it as a safe and vibrant destination.

Addressing a joint press conference in Srinagar, TAFI National President, Ajay Prakash, said that the delegation's visit is aimed at reassuring people across India that Kashmir is open, safe and ready to welcome visitors.

"We have different chapters across India, and all chapter Chairmen and committee members are here. The aim is to extend full support to tourism, which is Kashmir's lifeline. There is no place comparable to this," Prakash said, as

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## Committed to build a stronger farm economy: LG

Addresses Closing Ceremony of Viksit  
Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at Khudwani-Kulgam



KC News Network

**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today addressed the closing Ceremony of Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at SKUAST Kashmir's Mountain Research Centre for Field Crops at Khudwani-Kulgam.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor commended the valuable contribution of everyone associated with the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan for marking a transformative step, through this initiative, toward building a resilient, modern, and prosperous agricultural landscape in the Union Territory.

"Our ultimate goal is to make every farmer

in J&K UT a proud stakeholder in India's journey toward becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Let us walk together towards a future where every field blooms with prosperity, every farmer thrives with dignity and every village becomes a symbol of development. With Sankalp (resolve) comes Shakti (strength) and with Shakti comes Vikas (development)," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor reiterated the commitment of J&K Administration, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, to build a stronger farm economy, increasing rural employment opportunities and enhancing farmer's income

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## LG Sinha visits Aadil's family, hands over job letter to his widow



KC News Network

**ANANTNAG:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today visited the family of Late Shri Syed Adil Hussain Shah, at his native village in Haptnadih, Anantnag and handed over the appointment letter to his wife Gulnaz Akhter on compassionate ground.

Syed Adil Hussain, was among the 26 innocent civilians who were killed by terrorists in Pahalgam.

The Lieutenant Governor paid homage to the martyr civilian and assured the family of concrete measures and continuous support so that they may live a life of dignity.

"The whole country is proud of the bravery of Adil. The Government job to martyr Adil's wife symbolizes our deep gratitude to the brave civilian who sacrificed his life while protecting tourists at Pahalgam on 22nd April," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The appointment of Gulnaz Akhter has been made by Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor in exercise of the discretionary powers conferred under Clause-2A of Jammu and Kashmir Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme, 2022 in relaxation of her educational qualification.

As per clause 2A of J&K Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme-2022, the Lieutenant Governor in exceptional circumstances may appoint the dependent family member of a civilian, who has died as a result of militancy/terrorist related action or due to law and order situation or due to enemy action and who is not involved in militancy related activity, in Government Service.

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## Mehraj Malik withdraws support to NC-led Govt

Yogesh

**SRINAGAR :** In a significant development, Mehraj Malik, the firebrand MLA from Doda and the sole MLA of the Aam Aadmi Party in J&K on Saturday announced withdrawal of support to NC-led government.

The firebrand legislator took to X, formerly known as Twitter, to announce his withdrawal of support from the ruling National Conference-led coalition.

"I, Mehraj Malik, MLA from Doda, hereby withdraw my support to NC in the government coalition. This decision has been taken in the best interest of my people of Jammu and Kashmir, whose trust and welfare will always be my top priority," the legislator posted, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

While Malik's exit does not threaten the government's majority—the ruling coalition still has backing of 52 MLAs, well above the required number.

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## FM Sitharaman begins 3-day visit to Leh

Raja Syed Rather

**LEH:** Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman arrived in Leh on Saturday, marking the start of her three-day official visit to the Union Territory of Ladakh.

She was warmly received at Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport by Member of Parliament Haneefa Jan, Chief Secretary Pawan Kotwal, Chief Executive Councillor LAHDC Leh Adv Tashi Gyalson, DGP Dr SD Singh Jamwal, Administrative Secretary Shashanka Ala, Deputy Commissioner Santosh Sukhadeve, SSP Shruti Arora, along with senior BJP leaders and officials.

During her stay, the Finance Minister, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) will engage with



officials from LAHDC Leh and the UT administration.

She is scheduled to inaugurate mul-

tiple developmental projects and chair a Credit Outreach Program with UTLBC Ladakh, focusing on enhancing credit flow and strengthening financial inclusion in the region.

Sitharaman will also visit key locations including Nyoma, Hanle, and Rezangla in the Changthang region to review ongoing developmental activities and assess local needs.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited the historic 17th-century

Leh Palace during her stay in Ladakh. Built by the revered King Singe Namgyal, the palace stands atop a steep rocky hill, overlooking the city and reflecting the region's rich cultural heritage.

During her visit to Leh, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met several delegations to discuss regional development and administrative priorities.

She held an interaction with Member of Parliament

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## Amid heatwave, Sonamarg records surge in local footfall

Raja Syed Rather

**GANDERBAL:** Amid the intense heatwave in Jammu and Kashmir, the residents from various districts of the Valley are seeking relief at Sonamarg, thus increasing the flow of visitors to the picturesque place.

The tourist hotspot Sonamarg, nestled in Ganderbal district, has witnessed a significant rush of local visitors in recent days, as people



flee the rising temperatures in the plains, particularly in summer capital Srinagar.

With mercury levels soaring to around 30°C in Srinagar, families, youth groups and even schoolchildren made their way to Sonamarg and other nearby cool destinations.

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## CS bats for seamless synergy for achieving tail end irrigation

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**SRINAGAR:** In a pivotal meeting, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today convened a high-level meeting to assess the proactive measures undertaken by the Jal Shakti Department (JSD) aimed at ensuring comprehensive irrigation coverage for every field across the Union Territory and fortifying defences against the recurring flood threats.

The meeting besides ACS, JSD was attended by Secretary, RDD; CEO, JSCL; Chief Engineers/SEs of tl&FC along with other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the critical need for seamless coordination among the Jal Shakti Department, Agriculture Production Department and the district administrations.



This collaborative synergy, he highlighted, is paramount to amplify the impact of flagship schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), ensuring that irrigation facilities translate into tangible benefits for the farmers at the grassroots level.

He further articulated that the efficacy of major and minor irrigation projects must be reinforced by the simultaneous development of their command areas, ensuring that these vital

schemes fully achieve their intended purpose.

To facilitate the robust implementation of district irrigation plans, the Chief Secretary strongly encouraged the optimal utilization of relevant Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and other available programs.

Addressing the pressing issue of flood management, Dulloo enjoined upon the concerned authorities to significantly accelerate the

implementation of flood mitigation projects envisioned under PMDP-II. He advocated a forward-looking approach, stressing the importance of envisaging long-term results for flood protection while executing these crucial projects.

He also impressed upon the Rural Development Department and the Housing & Urban Development Department to perform their paramount duty of protecting the precious water bodies, particularly irrigation canals, from pollution. He called for resolute enforcement measures against the polluters to safeguard these vital lifelines.

The Chief Secretary also took stock of the modernization efforts concerning the Ravi Canal and reviewed the operational

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## Jaju calls for greater coordination between DIPR, I&B media units Reviews functioning of Doordarshan, Akashvani, PIB, other deptts

KC News Network

**SRINAGAR:** Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Sanjay Jaju on Saturday said that greater coordination between the DIPR, J&K, and the media units under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is must for effective dissemination of public interest messages.



While reviewing the functioning of the ministry's media units here, Jaju, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) underscored the importance of greater coordination between the DIPR, J&K, and the media units under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. "This will ensure more effective dissemination of public interest messages, development stories, and citizen-centric initiatives across platforms, ensuring uniformity and wider reach," he said.

The Secretary, according to the officials, was provided with an overview of the functioning of Doordarshan, Akashvani, Press Information Bureau, Central Bureau of Communication and Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), J&K Government.

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# Sri Lanka Army Chief Returns to Alma Mater IMA as Reviewing Officer

**DEHRADUN(PIB)**—In a moment steeped in nostalgia and symbolism, Lieutenant General BKG M Lasantha Rodrigo, Commander of the Sri Lanka Army, returned to his alma mater—the Indian Military Academy (IMA)—as the Reviewing Officer for the prestigious Passing Out Parade.

A proud alumnus of the 87th Course commissioned in December 1990, General Rodrigo's return marked a powerful reaffirmation of the deep-rooted military ties between India and Sri Lanka.

An official Defence spokesperson said Lieutenant General Lasantha Rodrigo concluded four-day official visit to India from 11th to 14th June 2025, reinforcing the longstanding and robust military ties between the two Armies.

In a powerful homecoming, Lieutenant General Rodrigo revisited the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun, where he was commissioned in December 1990 as part of the 87th Course. Now the Commander of his nation's Army, he returned as the Reviewing Officer for the Passing Out Parade, witnessing the commissioning of a new generation of officers including foreign cadets from Sri Lanka.

Spokesperson said the event was deeply symbolic, with two Sri Lankan officer cadets, including RMNL Rathnayake, son of Brigadier RMSP Rathnayake, passing out as commissioned officers. "Their commissioning brings the total number of Sri Lankan Army officers



commissioned from IMA to 296, highlighting India's continued role in shaping the leadership of friendly foreign forces".

During his address to the cadets, the General officer expressed deep honour in reviewing the Passing Out Parade at IMA, calling it a profoundly emotional homecoming. Reflecting on his own journey,

he reminded the cadets that commissioning into the armed forces is not just about earning a rank, but embracing a lifelong way of service, responsibility, and leadership.

Emphasising that respect is earned through daily conduct, he invoked the IMA Credo - duty to Nation, Soldiers, and Families of bravehearts - and highlighted

the enduring values of discipline, integrity, loyalty, and honour. He urged the cadets to wear the uniform with pride and purpose, recognising them as part of an unbroken chain of patriots.

He lauded award winners and acknowledged foreign cadets as ambassadors of IMA's ethos, reinforcing that its values transcend borders. He also called upon the young officers to lead with wisdom, uphold justice, and contribute fearlessly to the legacy of IMA, invoking Field Marshal Manekshaw's enduring words: "Be truthful, be honest, be fearless."

During his visit, Lieutenant General Rodrigo held detailed discussions with senior leadership of the Indian Army, including Vice Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani and GOC-in-C, South Western Command, Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh focusing on enhancing professional military cooperation, joint training, and regional security frameworks.

India and Sri Lanka conducts bilateral exercise "Mitra Shakti", the flagship Army-level counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism training initiative between the two nations. The 10th edition of the exercise was held in Sri Lanka in August 2024, and it continues to serve as a cornerstone for operational synergy and trust-building between the Armies.

At any given time, approximately 700 Sri Lankan Army personnel are undergoing training at various Indian Army establishments, making Sri Lanka Army

the largest foreign participant in Indian military training programmes. These include prestigious institutions such as the Defence Services Staff College, Infantry School, Counter-Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, Army Air Defence College, School of Artillery, Armoured Corps Centre and School,

Mechanised Infantry Centre and School; and the Indian Military Academy itself. This training collaboration not only builds professional competence but also deepens interpersonal and institutional bonds between the two Armies.

Lieutenant General Rodrigo's visit continues a tradition of regular Army-to-Army engagements between the two nations. Former Indian Army Chiefs have visited Sri Lanka for key bilateral events, including past editions of Exercise Mitra Shakti and high-level defence dialogues.

Likewise, successive Sri Lankan Army Commanders have made official visits to India, cementing defence diplomacy through structured cooperation and shared training ethos.

The Commander's visit symbolised more than a routine military engagement. It was a celebration of shared values, mutual trust, and enduring friendship. From reviewing the parade at IMA to holding strategic discussions in Delhi and Jaipur, the visit reflected the Indian Army's pivotal role in building strong defence ties across the Indian Ocean region. (PIB)

## India Welcomes Five Foreign Universities to Mumbai, Marking a Milestone in NEP 2020 Implementation

**Mumbai, June 14(PIB)**: In a landmark step toward internationalizing Indian higher education, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, on Saturday issued Letters of Intent (LoIs) to five globally acclaimed foreign universities, allowing them to establish offshore campuses in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.

An official spokesperson said the initiative aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and signals India's growing stature as a global education hub.

According to Press Information Bureau (PIB), the five institutions—University of York, University of Aberdeen, University of Western Australia, Illinois Institute of Technology, and Instituto Europeo Di Design (IED), Italy—are all ranked among the top 500 in the QS World University Rankings.

The LoIs were presented during the event 'Mumbai Rising: Creating an International Education City', held in the presence of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, and senior officials from the Government of India and Government of Maharashtra.

Speaking at the event, Dharmendra Pradhan said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is making premium global education accessible and affordable, especially for its youth. "We are not just inviting foreign universities; we are co-creating ecosystems of innovation, entrepreneurship, and research, driving India towards a Viksit Bharat," he said. The initiative, he added, marks five years of progress under NEP 2020 and reflects the spirit of 'Sankalp se



Siddhi'—from resolution to realization.

The Minister emphasized that the move strengthens the two-way global flow of ideas and talent. With Mumbai and Navi Mumbai

emerging as education-finance-tech convergence zones, the new campuses will play a pivotal role in fostering innovation-led growth. Courses at the Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels will be offered in fields such as Business, Economics, Computer Science, Public Health, Data Science, Design, and more.

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis praised the swift action of the government and the enabling provisions of NEP 2020, which have opened doors for global universities to operate in India. "Indian students will now have access to world-class education at

lower costs without leaving the country," he said, also hinting at ongoing discussions with five more international institutions for future campus establishments.

Notably, the University of Western Australia will open two campuses—in Mumbai/Navi Mumbai and Chennai, underscoring growing institutional confidence in India's regulatory and academic ecosystem.

The event also saw participation from key diplomats, including Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to India, Paul Murphy, Consul General of Australia, Mike Hankey, Consul General of the USA and Walter Ferrara, Consul General of Italy

According to the spokesperson they commended India's bold steps under NEP 2020 and affirmed their countries' commitment to deeper education ties.

"Education is a bridge between nations," said a representative, lauding India's openness and rapid facilitation of global academic partnerships.

Dr. Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Higher Education Department and Chairman, UGC, highlighted the role of UGC's 2023 regulations which allow foreign higher education institutions to set up campuses in India. He noted the use of a digital portal for quick, transparent proposal evaluation, with approvals being granted within a record one-month timeframe.

This latest development follows the earlier approvals of University of Southampton and University of Liverpool from the UK, and operational campuses by Deakin University and University of Wollongong at GIFT City, Gujarat, under IFSCA regulations.

India is also taking its institutions global—IIT Delhi has opened a campus in Abu Dhabi, IIT Madras in Tanzania, and IIM Ahmedabad is preparing to establish itself in Dubai. Additionally, the recently notified Equivalence Regulations now enable smoother academic collaborations between Indian and foreign universities, including joint, dual, and twinning degree programs.

Spokesperson further stated that as India celebrates five years of NEP 2020, this milestone underscores the country's commitment

to building a globally competitive, inclusive, and innovation-driven higher education ecosystem, empowering youth and aligning with the long-term vision of a developed India. (PIB)

## Consumer Affairs Dept Pushes Digital Redressal at Chennai Workshop

**CHENNAI (PIB)**: Reinforcing its commitment to tech-driven consumer justice, the Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, hosted a Regional Workshop in Chennai on Friday, focusing on strengthening digital grievance redressal systems across Southern States and Union Territories. An official spokesperson said the event brought together legal experts, consumer commission members, and state officials to deliberate on innovative tools like e-Jagriti and Virtual Courts aimed at delivering faster, accessible, and inclusive consumer protection.

In her keynote address, Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, GoI, emphasized that the digital age requires adaptive



legal and digital mechanisms. She underlined the significance of initiatives like the Right to Repair Portal, e-Jagriti and Strengthening of National Consumer Helpline which is speedy, hassle free and inexpensive method of redressing consumer grievances at the prelitigation stage.

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Subject:- Construction of PHC at Kullian Ganderbal Phase-I & II (Balance / Repair Work). Reference:- NIT No. 05 of 2025-26 issued under endorsement No. 372-80 Dated: 09-05-2025 of R&B Division Kangan.

### REVOCATION

The NIT referred above is hereby revoked as per instructions issued by the Superintending Engineer vide letter no. SE/Gbl/TEC/1507-09 Dated: 14-06-2025.

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Dated: 14-06-2025

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R&B Division Ganderbal

## Union Power Minister Reviews Progress of Strategic Nuclear Project at Gorakhpur

**GORAKHPUR, (PIB)**: Union Minister for Power, Manohar Lal, on Saturday visited the Gorakhpur Haryana Anu Vidyut Pariyojana (GHAVP) to take stock of progress at the nuclear power project being developed by the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) under the Department of Atomic Energy.

In a statement issued to Press Information Bureau (PIB), an official spokesperson said the ambitious project, located in Fatehabad district of Haryana, involves the construction of four 700 MWe Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs). Once operational, the project will be a major boost to the state's power infrastructure, with 50% of the electricity generated earmarked for Haryana, thereby strengthening the region's energy security. Spokesperson while identifying Key Milestones, said Unit-1 of the project is on track, with the First Pour of Concrete targeted for October 2025 and the First Criticality is expected by June 2030. He said the Commercial Operation is projected by March 2031. He further stated that Unit-2 will follow six months after Unit-1 milestones. During his visit, Minister Manohar Lal was also briefed on NPCIL's extensive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities. "The corporation has invested approximately 75 crore in community development, which includes construction of schools, roads, medical infrastructure, and the establishment of an Astro Turf Hockey Ground," he added.



## REC Limited Organizes Blood Donation Camp on World Blood Donor Day

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**GURUGRAM:** REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise and a leading NBFC under the Ministry of Power, organized a blood donation camp on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, in collaboration with Lions Blood Centre — a charitable blood bank committed to saving lives. In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener, an official spokesperson said International kickboxer Sudhir Saxena graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from REC employees, and Shri Saxena's presence inspired donors by emphasizing the importance of fitness, discipline, and social responsibility in building a healthier and more compassionate society. Demonstrating his personal commitment

to the cause, Shri Jitendra Srivastava, CMD, REC Limited, led by example by donating blood during the camp. Speaking on the occasion, he said, "Voluntary blood donation is a noble act that can make a life-saving difference. At REC, we believe in promoting a culture of compassion and collective responsibility. This camp reflects our ongoing commitment to the health and welfare of the community." The initiative underscores REC's dedication to social responsibility and community welfare. Employees of REC enthusiastically participated in the camp, reaffirming the organization's commitment to humanitarian causes and the importance of voluntary blood donation. This effort highlights the power of collective action in addressing critical healthcare needs and supports the global message of World Blood Donor Day — "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often."

## In the court of Commissioner Agrarian Reforms/ Addl. Deputy Commissioner Budgam

No: DCB/ADC/Reader/24/F-542-43/522  
Dated: 12/06/2025

In the case of

1. Mst saleema W/o Bashir Ahmad Shah.
2. Mst Dilshada W/o Gh Nabi Shah Rs/o wagoora Tehsil B.K Pora.
3. Mst. Fatima W/o Mohammad Syed Laway R/o Bud Shahnagar Mehjoornagar Tehsil South Srinagar (all daughters of Assad Shah)

(Appellants)

Vs

1. Imtiyaz Ahmad S/o Mohd. Yousuf Shah R/o Mustafaabad Tehsil B.K Pora.
2. Mst. Yasmeen D/o Mohd Yousuf Shah. R/o Kothipora Tehsil B.K.
3. Gulla Shah S/o Assad Shah R/o Mustafadab, B.K Pora. (Contesting respondents)
4. Aijaz Ahmad S/o Mst. Saja W/o Abdullah Shah R/o Mustafabad, B.K Pora
5. Mst Haseena D/o Assad Shah W/o Ab Majid Shah R/o Ropora Namtahal, Chadoora.
6. Mst Shareefa D/o Mst. Saja W/o Mohd Ashraf Reshi R/o Ratnipora, Pulwamma.
7. Mst Sheeraza D/o Mst. Saja W/o Mohd. Maqbool Wagay R/o Kenihama B.K Pora
8. Mohd Ramzan Shah
9. Bashir Ahmad Shah.
10. Ghulam Nabi.
11. Ghulam Mohamamd
12. Mohd Maqbool.
13. Fayaz Ahmad sons of Mst Fata D/o Ahmad Shah Rs/o Wagoora, B.K.Pora.
14. Mst Fazi D/o Mst Fata W/o Ali Mohamamd Shah R/o Chadoora,
15. Mst Rehti W/o Bashir Ahmad &
16. Mst Mugli W/o Mohd Yousuf both Ds/o Mst Fata Rs/o Mustafabad Tehsil B.K Pora
17. Mst Mugli D/o Ahmad Shah W/o Ali Mohammad shah R/o Mustafabad

In the matter of: Appeals against mutation order No 1669 dated 28-01-1989 passed U/S 4 and mutation order No 1674 dated 28-02-1989 passed U/S 8 of J&K Agrarian Reforms Act 1976 of estate Mustafabad Pahroo Tehsil B.K Pora District Budgam. Notice The above titled case is under adjudication before this court. The respondent No 3,8 and 11 to 17 have been summoned a number of times, but they failed to appear before this court on the scheduled date of hearings. Now through the medium of this public notice, the respondent No 3,8 and 11 to 17 are hereby informed to attend the court of undersigned on 18-06-2025 at 10:30 am failing which ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against them without further intimation.

Sd/-Collector/  
Addl. Deputy Commissioner  
Budgam

DIPK-2512/25

Dated: 14-06-2025



# District Hospital Bandipora Marks World Blood Donor Day with Voluntary Donation Camp

Over 50 units collected; Officials urge regular donations to support healthcare needs

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**Bandipora:** District Hospital Bandipora, in collaboration with Bandipora Volunteers, organised a successful blood donation camp on Saturday to mark World Blood Donor Day 2025, witnessing strong participation from youth, health officials, and civil society members.

The camp, held within the hospital premises, was inaugurated by Chief Medical Officer Bandipora, Dr. Ishtiyag Ahmad, and Medical Superintendent Dr. Masrat Iqbal Wani, who lauded the voluntary spirit shown by the participants and called for sustained efforts to promote regular blood donation in the district.

“Blood donation is not just a noble act—it’s



a lifeline. Today, we honour those who step forward to save lives without expecting anything in return,” said Dr. Ishtiyag Ahmad in his address.

Dr. Masrat Iqbal Wani commended the role of Bandipora Volunteers in mobilising community support. “It is encouraging to see such coordination between the hospital and youth-led initiatives. This collective spirit enhances the strength of our public health system,” he said.

The camp yielded over 50 units of blood, which will be preserved in the District Hospital’s blood bank for emergency use. Organisers also distributed awareness material to educate the public about the safety, ben-

efits, and need for regular blood donations.

Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, a core member of Bandipora Volunteers, expressed satisfaction over the turnout. “Serving humanity through small acts like this can make a big difference. Bandipora has shown heart today,” he said.

Aamir Gani, a first-time donor, shared his experience: “This is my first time donating blood. It feels great to know that this small act can help save a life. I’ll definitely do it again.”

Health officials reiterated that while World Blood Donor Day is observed annually, the need for blood is constant, and every eligible person should consider donating regularly. The day’s theme, “20 Years of Celebrating Giving: Thank You, Blood Donors!”, reflects two decades of global recognition for selfless donors.

As the event concluded, Spokesperson expressed hope that the camp would inspire more people to become lifelong donors, strengthening the culture of compassion and public responsibility in Bandipora.

## Department of Fisheries Stocks 5 Lakh Carp Fish Seed in Sumbal Water Bodies

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**BANDIPORA:** In a major boost to sustainable aquaculture and aquatic biodiversity conservation, the Department of Fisheries, District Bandipora, successfully completed the first phase of carp fish seed stocking in the natural water bodies of the Sumbal Division.

As part of this initiative, 5 lakh carp fish seeds were introduced into various water bodies to enhance fish production and support the livelihoods of local fishing communities. The move is expected to play a vital role in replenishing the natural fish stock and promoting ecological balance in the region.



The program was formally flagged off by Mr. M.A. Qadri (JKAS), District Development Commissioner, Bandipora, who lauded the efforts of the Fisheries Department in promoting sustainable fishery practices. He emphasised the importance of such initiatives in strengthening rural economies, especially for communities dependent on fisheries.

Speaking on the occasion, fisheries officials highlighted the long-term benefits of fish seed stocking, noting its impact on both biodiversity conservation and the socio-economic upliftment of traditional fishermen.

The Department of Fisheries has reiterated its commitment to continue such environment-friendly measures in future phases, further contributing to the blue economy of Jammu & Kashmir.

## HSS Chuntimullah Organizes Conference on Astronomy, Astrophysics

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**Chuntimullah:** Government Higher Secondary School (HSS) Chuntimullah Saturday organized a day-long conference on Astronomy and the Scope in Astrophysics, aimed at fostering scientific curiosity and awareness among students about space sciences.



An official spokesperson said various schools from across the cluster were invited to participate in the event. The programme was chaired by the Principal of HSS Chuntimullah, Malik Waseem Raja, who, in his inaugural address, highlighted the significance of such events in shaping students’ understanding of space and opening new avenues for career opportunities in the field of astrophysics.

The day featured multiple sessions that included expert lectures, interactive discussions, and hands-on training. Students were introduced to practical demonstrations related to the rotation and revolution of celestial bodies. Motorized models were used to vividly explain complex astronomical concepts such as the solar system, elliptical orbits, and seasonal changes.

Distinguished faculty members, including Zahoor Mehdi, Ishfaq Rashid Lone, Attaullah Khan, Sajad Ahmad, and Afreen delivered insightful lectures on various aspects of space science, enriching the participants with their knowledge and experience.

The event was anchored and coordinated by Dr. Yasir Ali, Lecturer in Physics at HSS Chuntimullah, whose efforts ensured the smooth execution of the programme.

The conference was well-received by both students and faculty, and it concluded with a renewed enthusiasm among young learners to explore the vast and fascinating world of astronomy.

## ‘Har Shaniwar Ho Tyohaar’: MCB Organises Cleanliness Drive Along Madhumati

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**BANDIPORA:** As part of the ongoing “Har Shaniwar Ho Tyohaar” campaign, the Municipal Council Bandipora on Saturday Organises a cleanliness drive along the banks of Madhumati Nallah in Kaloosa, reaffirming its commitment to environmental conservation and public hygiene.

An official spokesperson said the drive witnessed active participation from ward sanitation volunteers, who turned up in large numbers to support the cause of cleanliness. Equipped with cleaning tools and a sense of civic duty, the volunteers worked collectively to clean the scenic water body and its surrounding areas.

Officials from the Municipal Council lauded the enthusiasm and dedication of the participants, describing the campaign as a grassroots effort to instill a culture of cleanliness and community pride.

“Clean surroundings, protected water bodies, and united communities are our shared goals. Initiatives like these not only enhance public spaces but also promote a sense of responsibility among citizens,” an official spokesperson said.

The “Har Shaniwar Ho Tyohaar” programme, which translates to “Every Saturday is a Festival,” is a weekly cleanliness initiative aimed at transforming public participation into a celebration of civic responsibility. The campaign encourages residents to treat cleanliness as a regular and joyful community activity. The Municipal Council has urged residents to continue supporting the movement and join hands in keeping Bandipora clean and green.

## DLSA, F&ES Bandipora Organizes Fire Safety Awareness Programme

Wahid Rafiqi

**BANDIPORA :** District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora in coordination with Tehsil Legal Services Committee, Bandipora and in collaboration with Fire and Emergency Services Command Bandipora and District Bar Association Bandipora Saturday organized a comprehensive Fire Safety Awareness Programme at District Court Complex Bandipora.

An official spokesperson said the aim to organised the event was to prevent fires and other accidents, protect people and property and ensure a safe environment.

The awareness programme was held under the supervision of Khalil Ahmad Choudhary, Chairman DLSA (Pr. District and Sessions Judge) Bandipora and guidance of Amandeep Singh, Chairman TLSC (Munsiff/JMIC) Bandipora at the premises of District Court Complex Bandipora.

The programme was attended by Iqbal Ahmad Akhoun, Chief Judicial Magistrate Bandipora, Amandeep Singh,

Chairman TLSC ((Munsiff/JMIC) Bandipora, Sofi Feroz, President Bar Association alongwith Executive Body, Officials from District Court Bandipora,



Prosecution Section, DLSA Bandipora and PLVs from DLSA Bandipora. The primary objective of the programme was to sensitize the participants on the importance of fire safety measures, preventive practices, and appropriate response mechanisms in the event of a fire emergency.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman DLSA (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Bandipora Khalil Ahmad Choudhary highlighted the significance of community awareness in preventing fire-related incidents and minimizing loss of life and property. He emphasized that fire safety is not just a departmental responsibility but a collective obligation of every citizen.

Ashaq Ahmad Bhat, Officer from Fire and Emergency Department Bandipora conducted live demonstrations on the use of fire extinguishers, evacuation techniques, and first response actions during fire incidents. He also educated the participants about common fire hazards at homes, workplaces, and public spaces, and advised on best practices for maintaining fire safety standards.

The programme also covered legal provisions related to fire safety under various acts and regulations, aiming to make citizens aware of their legal rights and duties concerning safety compliance.

The event concluded with an interactive session where participants raised queries and received expert advice on fire prevention and legal remedies available in case of fire-related damages..

## DC Baramulla Reviews Progress of PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana



Convener News Desk

**BARAMULLA:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana in the district.

The scheme aims to promote the adoption of rooftop solar energy by providing financial assistance and incentives to residential households, contributing to the broader goals of clean energy and energy independence.

During the meeting, it was informed that 1,700 applications have been received through the official portal. To accelerate progress, DC set a district target of at least 500 rooftop solar installations by the end of August 2025. DC expressed concern over reports that some bank branches are demanding unnecessary additional off line documents from applicants, leading to delays. He directed all branch managers to follow the official guidelines strictly and ensure a citizen-friendly, transparent, and efficient loan processing system under the scheme.

To enhance awareness among the public, DC instructed concerned departments, PRIs, and the District Information Centre to launch intensive awareness cam-

paigns across panchayats and blocks. These campaigns will include door-to-door outreach, information sessions, and support for online applications, encouraging more households to take benefit of the scheme.

Banks were further directed to clear all pending loan cases within a fixed timeframe and ensure that online application and processing mechanisms are fully functional and accessible. Lead District Manager assured the chair that coordinated efforts are underway to resolve bottlenecks and speed up approvals.

In his concluding remarks, Minga Sherpa underlined that the PM Surya Ghar Yojana not only advances the national vision of sustainable development but also provides a practical opportunity for citizens to reduce electricity bills and become self-reliant in energy. He urged all departments, financial institutions, and stakeholders to work in a mission mode to ensure effective implementation of the scheme at the grassroots level.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Joint Director Planning, Assistant Commissioner Development, Superintending Engineer JKPDCL and other concerned officers beside all registered vendors.

## DC Bandipora Reviews Arrangements for 11th International Day of Yoga

Convener News Desk

**BANDIPORA:** In preparation for the 11th International Day of Yoga to be celebrated on June 21, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri today chaired a comprehensive meeting to review and finalize the necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of Yoga Day events across the district here at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

According to an official spokesperson, during the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of the International Day of Yoga in promoting physical and mental well-being and called for collective efforts to ensure successful district-wide participation. He directed concerned departments to make all logistical and technical arrangements, including ensuring medical and emergency support, availability of drinking water, sanitation and transportation.

It was informed that the main event will be organized at S.K. Stadium Bandipora, where a large number of participants including students, officials, and civil society members are expected to attend the early morning session on June 21.

During the meeting, the DC stressed the need for awareness campaigns leading up to the event to encourage maximum public involvement, especially among youth. He directed concerned officers from Department of Youth Services & Sports, AYUSH, and Education to organize preparatory sessions in schools, colleges, and training centers across the district.

He further emphasized that contingency plans be put in place in case of inclement weather, and directed all departments to ensure seamless coordination for the success of the national event at the district level.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Zaffar Hussain Shawl; District Information Officer Aadil Manzoor Wani, DySP DAR Ahmad Shafee, District Youth Services & Sports Officer, District Nodal Officer AYUSH, CEO MC Bandipora and other concerned officers.

## SWD Organises Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan awareness Programmes

Convener News Desk

**Bandipora:** In a continued effort to spread awareness against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, the Department of Social Welfare Bandipora on Saturday organized a series of awareness and publicity programmes under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan at Sumo Stand Hajin and Bus Stand Nassu in Bandipora district.

The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals, including people from various areas of Bandipora and a large number of Sumo and bus drivers. The programmes aimed to sensitize the public about the ill effects of drug addiction and the importance of collective action to combat this growing menace.

As part of the awareness campaign, artists from Rishi Cultural Forum Society (RCF) performed folk songs and Nukkad Natak in the local language, which received widespread appreciation from the audience. The cultural performances served as an effective medium to convey strong messages against drug abuse in an engaging manner.

The initiative by the Social Welfare Department to organise such awareness programmes at public places was widely lauded by the public. “These programmes should be organized quarterly in different parts of the district to save our youth from the clutches of drug abuse,” said Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, a local resident.

District Social Welfare Officer Bandipora, who monitored the programmes on ground, emphasized that the primary objective of these initiatives is to guide the youth towards a productive and healthy life while keeping them away from social evils, particularly drug addiction.



Editorial



Digital Diplomacy

At the 11th BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting in Brazil, India not only reiterated its commitment to inclusive and sustainable digital development, but also set a compelling vision for global cooperation rooted in equity, innovation, and shared progress. India's success with Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) such as Aadhaar and UPI is not merely a technical achievement; it is a socio-political revolution that has brought over 950 million people into the digital fold. UPI's staggering dominance—accounting for 46% of global digital transactions—is a testament to what inclusive innovation can achieve when guided by political will and visionary leadership. The Indian government's digital journey has indeed shifted the global conversation—from digital divide to digital leadership. As the digital world becomes increasingly fragmented, monopolized, and vulnerable to cyber threats, India's DPI model offers a path that is equitable, secure, and adaptable.

Importantly, India's digital vision is not insular. The invitation to BRICS nations to co-create a shared digital future shows an evolved, confident diplomacy—one that goes beyond economic or strategic gain to build long-term human-centered infrastructure. This is further reflected in India's advocacy for responsible space governance and digital sustainability—areas where unchecked competition could have disastrous consequences. The conversation on space sustainability, too, signals a shift in priorities. In a world racing to commercialize low-earth orbits, India is asking the right questions: Who governs shared orbits? How do we manage space traffic? Can we ensure orbital equity before it's too late? These are no longer questions of the future, but urgent demands of the present.

What emerges from the meeting in Brazil is this: India is no longer a follower in global digital conversations. It is shaping the narrative—ethically, inclusively, and assertively. As BRICS expands and evolves, it will need anchors of credibility and vision. India, through its DPI, progressive policies, and civilizational wisdom, offers both. The road to digital equity is not without challenges—rising cyber threats, unequal infrastructure, and global mistrust in tech giants all remain. But as India prepares to host the 12th BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting in 2026, it has already made one thing clear: The future of global digital cooperation lies not in competition, but in shared commitment to the idea that the world is, indeed, one family.

Innovation in Education: Meeting Gen Z's Aspirations in Kashmir

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Generation Z, born between the mid-1990s and early 2010s, is stepping into the world of higher education with values, aspirations, and learning styles vastly different from those of previous generations. These digital natives have grown up in an era of smartphones, social media, and instant information. Their expectations from education are evolving rapidly, been taken in this direction, with the introduction of smart classrooms and online learning platforms. However, much remains to be done to truly empower the youth with modern educational tools.

Innovation in higher education must also address employability. Generation Z is pragmatic. They seek degrees that translate into tangible career paths. Unfortunately, the mismatch between academic content and market needs is particularly stark in Kashmir. Skill-based courses, vocational training, and entrepreneurship programs are urgently needed to align with Gen Z's ambitions and the valley's socio-economic realities. Institutions need to collaborate more actively with industries, both local and national, to create bridges between education and employment.

Mental health is another critical area that cannot be ignored. The emotional and psychological toll of prolonged conflict in Kashmir has deeply impacted the youth. Gen Z is vocal about mental health issues, seeking safe spaces and support systems. Higher education institutions must recognize this and create student-centric environments with counseling services, peer networks, and awareness programs. A healthy mind is fundamental to meaningful learning.

Technology remains both a challenge and an opportunity in Kashmir. While Generation Z thrives on digital platforms, frequent internet shutdowns and poor connectivity hinder progress. During the pandemic, when online classes became the norm, students in Kashmir often found themselves disconnected—literally and figuratively. To ensure equity, investment in digital infrastructure is essential. The administration must prioritize uninterrupted access and facilitating international collaborations. Study exchange programs, webinars with global experts, and digital libraries can help bring the world to Kashmiri classrooms.

It is also essential to involve students in the process of educational reform. Gen Z wants to be heard. They expect transparency, participation, and feedback mechanisms. Student councils, opinion surveys, and regular dialogue between students and faculty can foster a more democratic academic culture. This sense of agency will not only improve satisfaction but also prepare students for responsible citizenship.

In recent years, some promising developments have emerged. Institutions like the University of Kashmir, IUST, and Central University of Kashmir have begun offering innovative programs and using online platforms for seminars and lectures. Several youth-led initiatives in the valley focus on entrepreneurship, art, literature, and tech innovation, reflecting the dynamic spirit of Gen Z. NGOs and civil society groups are also playing a role in bridging educational gaps and mentoring young talent.

However, policy-level changes are equally crucial. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 offers a framework that aligns well with Gen Z's aspirations. Its emphasis on flexibility, multidisciplinary education, skill development, and digital learning resonates with the needs of students in Kashmir. Effective implementation of the NEP in the valley, with sensitivity to its unique context, can open new doors for the younger generation.

In conclusion, higher education for Generation Z is not just about technology or updated syllabi—it is about reimagining the entire ecosystem of learning. For Kashmir, this reimagination must be rooted in resilience, inclusion, innovation, and above all, hope. Generation Z has the potential to transform the valley—not just by achieving academic excellence, but by becoming agents of positive change. It is time that the education system rises to meet their expectations, and helps them build a future that is as bright as their dreams.

A major concern in Kashmir's education system is the disconnect between classroom learning and employability. Skill-based training, internships, and industry-academia collaboration can close this gap and channel Gen Z's energy into local innovation. Degrees must lead to doors—of opportunity, not dead ends.

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# Bamboo as a Solution to Kashmir's Earthquake Risk



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Jammu and Kashmir occupies a strategically vital and geographically diverse expanse within the western Himalayas. Characterised by its mountainous terrain, forested valleys, glacial rivers, and high-altitude plains, the region is both ecologically rich and geologically vulnerable. At its heart lies the Kashmir Valley—the most prominent and densely populated part of the union territory. Nestled between the Pir Panjal and Greater Himalayan ranges, the valley is celebrated for its scenic beauty, yet it sits precariously within Seismic Zone V, the highest earthquake risk classification in India. This seismic exposure stems from its location along a major fault line, where the Indian and Eurasian tectonic plates converge. The geological instability is further compounded by soft alluvial soils, concentrated population clusters, and traditional building techniques, all of which amplify the impact of seismic activity.

Ironically, the shift towards modern construction methods has not mitigated this threat; it has, in some cases, intensified it. The widespread use of heavy construction materials such as reinforced concrete and unreinforced masonry, often employed without proper seismic design, increases vulnerability. While these materials offer strength under static conditions, they are inherently brittle and inflexible. During an earthquake, such rigidity can lead to structural failure. This occurs when buildings are unable to absorb or dissipate seismic energy.

Unlike traditional lightweight structures that respond more dynamically to ground movement, modern buildings tend to accumulate greater seismic forces due to their mass. This increases the likelihood of catastrophic collapse in high-intensity tremors. In seismically active regions like Kashmir, the choice of construction material is critical; it can determine the resilience of a building and, ultimately, the safety of its occupants. Adopting flexible, lightweight, and renewable materials offers a practical and life-saving alternative. Materials such as bamboo, treated timber, and natural fibres possess high strength-to-weight ratios and superior energy absorption capabilities.

Their inherent flexibility enables structures to sway with seismic forces rather than resist them rigidly, reducing the risk of sudden failure.

"Earthquakes don't kill people, buildings do"



The fundamental principles of earthquake-resistant construction revolve around flexibility, ductility, low mass, and energy dissipation—qualities that enable buildings to withstand seismic shocks. Flexibility - allows structures to sway with the tremors rather than resist them rigidly, preventing cracks and collapse. Ductility - refers to a material's ability to deform without sudden failure, giving occupants precious moments to evacuate safely. Buildings with low mass experience less force during an earthquake since heavier structures attract stronger seismic waves.

--- Roger Musson (British geologist)

The quote emphasises that while seismic events are natural and unavoidable, the true cause of devastation is the collapse of poorly constructed buildings. By focusing on better construction practices rather than merely fearing earthquakes, the region can protect lives and build safer communities. Earthquake-resistant construction refers to the design and building practices aimed at minimising structural damage and loss of life during seismic events. In regions like Kashmir, where tectonic activity is a constant threat, incorporates

seismic resilience into construction, which is not just recommended, it is essential.

The core principle behind earthquake-resistant design is flexibility over rigidity. Structures must be able to absorb and dissipate the energy released during an earthquake. Earthquake-resistant construction is grounded in several basic principles designed to enhance a building's ability to withstand seismic forces. These include flexibility, ductility, low mass, and energy dissipation.

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Modern construction materials like reinforced cement concrete (RCC) and masonry, although strong in normal conditions, often fall short when earthquakes strike. Their inherent heaviness and brittleness make them less effective against seismic forces. RCC structures are rigid and unable to flex under stress, which leads to cracks and catastrophic failure. Their weight further amplifies seismic impact, increasing the likelihood of collapse—a serious concern in high-risk zones such as Kashmir. This vulnerability underscores the urgent need to explore naturally resilient alternatives.

Bamboo emerges as a highly promising material for earthquake-resistant construction due to its unique combination of lightweight, strength, flexibility, and ductility. Its natural ability to bend without breaking allows it to absorb and dissipate seismic energy, reducing structural damage during earthquakes. Additionally, bamboo is renewable, locally available, and cost-effective, making it an environmentally sustainable choice for the construction sector.

Integrating bamboo and other flexible, low-mass materials into building practices offers Kashmir a viable path toward safer, more resilient, and eco-friendly construction in this seismically vulnerable region.



# Hadiqat-ul-Haqiqat : An Insight into the Sufi Classic



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The modern predicament is in difficulty of finding a harmonious balance or meditative blissful internal alchemy among all the vast and various consequence of science, technology, social sciences, democracy, mass literacy, various decisive eras in literature and movements, etc.Modernism on one side an ensemble of changes in intellectual, political, economic, social, cultural, technological, aesthetic and other forms of modern progress but on the other side for many people it also has costs: isolation, loneliness, psychological depression, purposelessness, powerlessness, hyperstimulation, amorality, meaninglessness, absurdism etc.

The Sufi way is seeing an unremitting increase in global communication among political and economic philosophies, physical sciences, social sciences and inevitably among religious and mystical philosophies.This has also therefore forced the different world religions to come together, which has lead to arise in the overwhelming sentiment that favours increased comprehension and understanding, if not unity,of the religions which serves as a ray of hope.The inner dimension of the religion constitutes mysticism or sufism-the central of which is love, light, wisdom and peace which illumine us towards the meaning and purpose of life to a far greater extent by gain of ontological, social and psychological embeddedness.

The Sufi way is not a path of retreat from the world but a way of seeking the Divine wisdom and love while still actively engaged in the world.Engagement in the world provides opportunities for spiritual growth, opportunities to practice love, awareness, generosity, and non attachment.The sufi approach is summarized by Sheikh Muzaffer, a modern Sufi teacher: "Keep your hands busy with your duties in this world, and your heart busy with God. "The Sufi is he whose thought keeps pace with his foot-Hujwiri.

Just as Ibn Arabi, Rainer Maria Rilke, Adrienne Rich, Suzuki, Meister Eckhart tell us, diving deep and also surfacing, Moving inward and outward, but always deeply. Deep where the joy resides; where the darkness, pain, and grief cry to us; where creativity is unearthed; where the passion for justice and compassion return-the absolutely rich constantly renewed.

Sufism develops a spirit of comprehension which will breakdown prejudice and misunderstanding and bind us together as a varied expression of a single truth.It is feeling the limitless horizons opening up to the vision, the feeling of being simultaneously powerful ever before, the feeling of ecstasy and wonder and awe, the loss of placement in space and time and finally the conviction that the extremely feel important and value had happened, so that the subject was to some extent transformed and strengthened even in his daily life by such experience towards which sufi classics come to rejuvenate us in many ways.

Sufism has a distinctive advantage today because it is an expression of the universal wisdom tradition while still offering a living tradition that is grounded in centuries of practice a sophisticated methodology, a vast literature and culture, and a coherent metaphysics of divine origin.Sufism is capable of integrating the postmodern appreciation for the uniqueness and freedom of the individual with the spiritual demands of



We'll enjoy the rides, eat cotton candy, and drink mango shake. It will be so much fun!" Aisha replied, "No, amusement parks are for kids. We're not little kids anymore. Let's go to the new mall in the nearby city. We'll buy frocks and storybooks. For your wish, we can also visit the amusement park there." They started arguing, and just then, Ammi came in and said, "Why are you two arguing? We'll go wherever Abbu ji decides." Hassan added, "Yes, Ammi is right. It's up to Abbu ji. But I'm sure wherever we go, it'll be fun." Hearing this, Amina and Aisha stopped arguing and smiled



traditional wisdom.

Today I am exploring the great and popular sufi classic , "Hadiqat-ul-Haqiqat(The Walled Garden of Truth)and its author Hakim Sanai by revealing the insightful illumination with universal divine love and wisdom from his classic text and his journey of arrival at it.

Sanai wrote an enormous quantity of mystical verse, of which, The Walled Garden of Truth or The Hadiqat al Haqiqa is



his master work and the first Persian mystical epic of Sufism. Dedicated to Bahram Shah, the work expresses the poet's ideas on God, love, philosophy and reason. For close to 900 years, The Walled Garden of Truth has been consistently read as a classic and employed as a Sufi textbook.

Author(Abdul Majd Majdud b Adam Sanai 1080-1131AD) is one of the most popular and the great Persian sufi mystical love poet who influenced Rumi, Hafiz and virtually all successive Persian sufi poets.great poets such as Khaqani in composing Tuhfat al-Iraqayn and Nizami Ganjavi in composing Makhzan al-Asrar were under the direct influence of Hadiqat al Haqiqa , but often less quoted compared to Rumi.This may be due to the ambigual beauty or obscure nature of his works.

Sanai's poetry had a tremendous influence upon Persian literature.He is considered the first poet to use the qasida(ode), ghazal(lyric) and the masnavi(rhymed couplet) to express the philosophical, mystical and ethical ideas of sufism.

Sanai taught that lust, greed and emotional excitement stood between humankind and divine knowledge, which was the only true reality.Love(ishq)and social conscience are for him the foundation of religion; mankind is asleep, living in a desolate world.

**The Sufis book is not composed of ink and letters; It is enough but a heart as white as snow. The scholar's provision is pen-marks(written letters and words): What is the Sufi's provision? Footmarks. ( Rumi,mathnawi,vol IV,p366)**

Hakim Sanai (popularly known)was born at Ghazni(Afghanistan),12th century sufi poet, lived in the reign ofBahram shah(A.H-512-548;AD: 1118-1152).William Ousely says of him that he "while yet young become one of the most learned, devout and excellent man of the age which he adored.His praise was on every tongue; for in addition to his accomplishments in the sufi philosophy, he possessed a kind and benevolent heart, delighted manners & a fine taste for poetry.

Osho writes in , "Unio Mystica"that Hakim Sanai is a sweet to me as honey, as sweet as nectar.He is unique, unique in the world of sufism.No other sufi has been able to reach to such heights of expression and such depths of penetration. Hakim Sanai has been able to do almost the impossible.Osho further says, if I were to save only two books from the world of the mystics, then these two books would be, one of Hakim Sanai's, "Hadiqatul Haqiqat(The Walled Garden of Truth).The other would be from the world of Zen, "the path of awareness(Sosan's Hsin Hsin Ming).It contains the quintessence of Zen,of the path of awareness and meditation.

Rumi acknowledges Hakim Sanai Attar as his two primary inspiration, saying, "Attar is the soul & Sanai is its two eyes" I came after Sanai and Attar. On the passing of Sanai in 1131A.D.,Rumi acknowledges him cordially as;

**"Look!Master Sanai is dead!" Ah, such a man's death is no small affair! He was a golden treasure. He cast the dusk into the dust,He carried heavenward both soul & mind. The dregs were mixed here with the purest wine, The wine then rose; the dregs were setting down. The second soul, which people do not know- By God!He gave it to the friend, To God, they all meet during travel, O my friend-From Marw and Rayy, and Kurds, and Byzantin, But every one returns to his own home-why should fine silk become a friend of wool? Be quiet, quiet :For the king of speech erased your name now from the book of speech!" Allama Iqbal on visiting Ghazni offered reverence to Hakim Sanai as: AlaslGhazni, in it resting in eternal sleep the Ghaznavid sage too, by whose voice the heart of men grew strong. That seer of unseen, man of high station by whose iteration Rumi's Passion rose to a climax. I exulted in the Present, he exulted in the Hidden, He speaks of God while I speak of Godly folk. I felt fire in the tomb's atmosphere to such an extent that I became appalled by the cry. I said to him "O you seer of the secrets of life, both this world and the other luminous to you. Whatever is there hidden behind the veil, let me know, may the wave once past come back in stream.**

The Mysterious birth story of this great book-The Hadiqa(The garden), is tremendously beautiful.

Hakim Sanai was originally a 12th century court poet who engaged in wrting praises for the sultan of Ghazni and celebrated their virtues and generous actions.When sultan Bahram Shah of Ghazni determined upon attacking the infidel idolators of India.

Hakim Sanai composed a poem in his praise, and was hurrying to the court to present it before the sultan.There was at that time in Ghazni a great sufi mystic, but known to masses only drunkard & madman.He was known as Lai Khur(the ox-eater); the lowerself-animalic or basal self eater, who often in his incoherent wanderings uttered sentiments and observations worthy of a sounder head-piece.It so happened that Sanai,in passing through a near by garden, heard the notes of a song, strange,



strong, irresistible with magnetism in sound.Hakim Sanai stopped to listen near enclosed garden.As Sanai was passing by, he heard Laikhur loudly.Laikhur was available to the chosen few, because very few people can rise to such height where he lived.He lived on Everest.The Everest of consciousness, beyond the clouds.Only those who were fortunate enough and courgeous enough climb to the mountain were able to understand what he was saying. To the knowers he was just a vehicle of God, and all was coming through him was pure truth, truth and only truth.As Sanai was passing by, he heard Laikhur loudly proclaim toast to the blindness of the sultan for greedily choosing to attack Indians where there was so much beauty in Ghazni.Laikhur then proposed a toast to the blindness of the famous young poet Sanai.Who, with his gifts of insight and expression couldnt see the pointlessness of his existence as a poet praising such a foolish Sultan.

These words were like an earthquake to Hakim Sanai, because he knew they were true.He abandoned his profession as a pampered court poet, even declining marriage to sultans only daughter and his kingdom offered by sultan and began to study with a sufi master named Yousof Hamadani(whose cell was called the kaabah of khorasan).

Sanai soon went on pilgrimage to Mecca.When he returned he composed his master work and the first persian mystical epic of sufism, "The Hadiqat-ul-Haqiqat(The walled garden of Truth).The work expresses the poets ideas on God, love, knowledge, philosophy, understanding and reason, the revolution of the heavens, the concerns of Universal soul, stars, unity in diversity etc.It has been constantly read as a classic and employed as a sufi text book.There was a double meaning in this title for in persia, the word for a " Walled garden "is the word for "paradise" but it was also from within a walled garden that Lai Khur uttered the harsh truths that set Hakim Sanai on the path of love.Hakim Sanai has been able to catch the very soul of sufism.Such books are not written, they are born.No body can compose them.They are not manufactured in the mind, by the mind, they come from beyond.They are gift.They are born as a child is born, or a bird or a rose flower come to us.

The Hadiqatul Haqiqat commonly called Hadiqa,is a poem of about 11500 lines, each line consists of two hemistiches, each of ten or eleven syllables, the bulk ; therefore is equal to about 23,000 lines of English ten syllabled verse.

The chapters of which the Hadiqa consists treat, according a few lines of verse at the end of the contents in Lucknow edition, of the following: The first on the the praise of God, and especially on His unity ; the second, in the praise of Muhammad(SAW) ; the third on the understanding; the fourth, on knowledge; the fifth on love, the lover and Beloved; the sixth on Heedlessness; the seventh on friends and enemies, the eight on the revolution of the Heavens ; the ninth, in praise of emperor Shahjahan; the tenth on the characters or qualities of the whole work, eleventh on the concerns of the universal soul; twelfth on stars.However Prof.Brown(Lit.History Of Persia Vol II p318)gives still another order, apparently that of an edition lithographed at Bombay in (1859A.D).

Shah Abdul Latif, in his preface of the The Miratul Hadaiq enters in to a somewhat lengthy comparison between Sanai and Rumi, in which he asserts the greater length of the Mathnawi as compared with the Hadiqa.Sanai's work is the more compressed ; he expresses in two or three verses what the Rumi expresses in twenty or thirty.

With regard to style, some suppose that the verse of Hadiqa is more elevated & dignified than the elegently ordered language of Mathnavi.The Hadiqa does indeed contain poetry of which one verse is a knapsack of a hundred diwans ; nor, on account of its great height, can hand of any intelligent beings ability reach pinnacles of its rampart ; the saying:

**"I have spoken a saying which is whole work; I have uttered a sentence which is a complete diwan."**

Who possesses the power of dividing and discriminating between milk and sugar intermingled in one vessel?Shah Abdul Latif (commentator of Hadiqa)Sumsup in "Lataifi-Hadiqa". However, Prof.Brown, says that Hadiqa seldom rises to the level of Martin Tupper's proverbial philosophy, inferior to the Mathnavi of Rumi as Robert Montgomer'ys Satan to Milton's Paradise Lost.

Prof.Seyyed Hossein Nasr, one the the leading scholars of Islam, contends that sufism is simply the name for the inner or esoteric dimension of Islam.The sufi teachings are based on individual understanding and experiences, not just on knowledge of texts and rote learning.The central concept of sufism is sacred love, which they believe is a propagation of God on the universe. Sufism has to be experienced to be understood says Dr.NurBakhsh.

A sufi transmutes evil into goodness through the alchemy of love.He sees the face of Beloved.He sees the face of beloved in even the ugliest of things(for him iblis too is a sort of intensely jealous lover of God, he is Khawja ahl firaq in Rumi's phrase. He celebrates the goodness of life and existence.He aspires for the life that is in heaven, or eternal bliss, life that has finally

defeated death and sorrow. He makes no complaints and despair never overcomes him.He is drunk with the soul of love. No paganism(e.g. that of Camus and Gide)can see life's eternal dominion, its heavenly kingdom.

Yet I can't but I think that Prof.Brown's opinion, which is shared by other scholars as well is neglect to which the Hadiqa has been exposed in the west, is due not the demerits of the original text so much to the repellent & confused state which the text has fallen ; and I would venture to hope that the present attempt at a restoration of the form and meaning of portion of work, imperfect in degree as i can but acknowledge it to be, may still be of some slight service to its author's reputation among orientalists and occidentalism as greater part of the book is really concerned with the life and experiences of sufi poet.

Excerpts from , "Hadiqatul Haqiqat(The Walled Garden Of Truth) of Hakim Sanai translated & edited by M.J Stephenson( 1910):

"We tried reasoning, our way to Him. it did not work; but the moment we gave up, no obstacle remained. While reason is still tracking down the secret, you end quest on the open field of love." "He introduced himself to us out of kindness:how else could we have known him? Reason took us as far as the door but it was his presence that let us in." "Once one is one, no more, no less; error begins with duality; unity knows no error." "For the wise man evil and good, are both exceeding good. No evil ever comes from God; Whenever proceeding from him, You were better to look on it as good." "Don't start preaching to me, I feel fortunate to live the life of a rogue lover who is always in love!

What good would your preaching possibly do, If I feel so blessed and lucky to be born this way." "Melt yourself down in his search; Venture your life and your soul in the path of sincerity; Strive to pass from nothingness to being, and make yourself drunk with the wine of God." "He heals our nature from within, Kinder to us than we ourselves are, A mother does not love her child with half the love he bestows. Bring all of yourself to his door; bring only a part, and you have brought nothing at all." "When the eye is pure it sees purity, Unself yourself... Until you see yourself as a speak of dust, you cannot possibly reach that palace; Self could never breath that air, so went you way these without self. Why should darkness grieve the heart? for night is pregnant with new day." "A ruby there is just a piece of stone: and spiritual excellence the height of folly. Silence is praise-have done with speech; Your Chatter will only bring you harm and sorrow-have done! The dumb find tongues, when the scent of life reaches them from his soul." "O satan," said Moses, "do you love God?" Hereplied, "Everytime his love increases towards some one else, my love and devotion increases towards him." I am pledged to loving and yearning. I am in heaven and hell." "O Moses, said satan, "do you know why God has caused me to be separated?So that I would not mix with the sincere ones and worship Him out of passion or fear or hope or craving."

"The wise man listen to the Quran with his soul, and abandons the letter and the outward elegance; his soul takes its delight in it and sets to work afresh on all its duties.The contents of the Quran are scattered pearls. Fortunate is one whose guide is wisdom." "Glorified is the choicest and the best of our last messenger of God." "The death of soul is the destruction of life; but death of life is the soul's salvation."

"And if my friend, you ask me the way. I'll tell you plainly, it is this; to turn your face towards the world of life, and turn your back on rank and reputation; and spurning outward prosperity, to bend Your back double in his service; The way is not far from you to afraid: You yourself are that way: So set out along." ----- Hakim Sanai

The great 20th century metaphysical philosopher, poet, artist Frithjof Schuon (Sheikh Noor-ud-in)wrote, to be human being means to be connected with God; life has no meaning without this.The human vocation means that until we find connection with God we are not able to connect with the innermost being that lies locked up within the human heart.Schuon's simplest solution to all people of all religious persuasion: you must pray, always pray, towards which Iqbal has already stressed in the Reconstruction. Here H.Sanai seeks purity of heart, the surrendered self in His magnification as the guided path for the Ascent. The esoteric find the Absolute within the sufi classic traditions bearing timeless wisdom, beauty and love, as poets and poetry with in poems.

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# JK CEO's 'Democracy on Wheels' reaches Ganderbal, raising awareness at Entrepreneurship mela

**GANDERBAL:** The innovative "Democracy on Wheels" campaign, spearheaded by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Jammu & Kashmir, today

mitment to participatory democracy. Their presence highlighted the significance of voter awareness as a cornerstone of civic empowerment, especially among the youth

face facilitated lively sessions, addressing the queries on voter enrolment and the importance of informed voting.



reached Ganderbal, as part of its mission to deepen the electoral literacy across the Union Territory. The state-of-the-art IEC Van was stationed at the bustling Entrepreneurship mela, attracting the students, entrepreneurs and local citizens.

Deputy Commissioner and Additional District Development Commissioner, Ganderbal, personally visited the campaign vehicle, engaging with the attendees and underscoring the administration's com-

and aspiring entrepreneurs.

The IEC Van, equipped with a high-resolution LED screen, interactive kiosks and dynamic audio-visual systems, drew crowds with compelling content viz. documentaries on electoral processes and voter rights; animated videos demystifying registration and ethical voting, also showcasing women's pivotal role in democracy.

Demonstrators from the CEO's Of-

## World Blood Donor Day: Blood Donation camp held at Handwara

**KUPWARA:** Indian Red Cross Society in collaboration with the Sub District Administration Handwara, successfully organized a blood donation camp at Government Degree College (GDC) Handwara

to commemorate World Blood Donor Day. The event brought together volunteers, students, and community members to donate blood and contribute to the noble cause of saving lives.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi graced the occasion.

In his address, he emphasized the significance of voluntary blood dona-

tion and its impact on patients in need of transfusions. He lauded the efforts of the organizers, volunteers, civil society members, and other stakeholders who contributed to the event's success.

The primary objective of the camp was to promote voluntary blood donation and raise awareness about its importance in healthcare.

# Distt admin Srinagar bids affectionate farewell to outgoing DC, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat

**SRINAGAR:** District administration Srinagar Saturday organized an impressive function at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, here to bid a warm and affectionate farewell to outgoing Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-

Srinagar district. The team Srinagar also expressed gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Bilal for his leadership in ushering the positive change in district and extended best wishes to him for future.

While appreciating his commitment, ef-



Ud-Din Bhat who has been posted as new Deputy Commissioner, Budgam.

Officers, while expressing their views on the occasion, highlighted the contribution of Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat as the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar and unanimously lauded his efforts in shaping developmental initiatives taken in Srinagar district, measures to ensure a prompt and efficient public delivery system, fight against drug menace, employment generation and infrastructure development.

In addition, officers lauded the tireless efforts of Dr Bilal as District Election Officer in ensuring successful conduct of Elections for Lok Sabha and Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly in Srinagar district. His role as a Controller Civil Defence Srinagar, during recent war like situation, to prepare Srinagar district for civil defence preparations and readiness to handle emergencies and ensure the safety of citizens and critical installations in the district.

Officers also enumerated the achievements made under his vibrant and dynamic guidance in

iciency, and people-centric approach. Officers also praised the ability of the outgoing Deputy Commissioner to maintain accountability, transparency, responsiveness, and coordination among departments.

On the occasion, outgoing DC, in his address, spoke at length about the team spirit and the improved work culture in the district administration at all levels.

He advised all the officers to work with a missionary zeal, sincerity and dedication for the larger interest of the public.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bilal extended his sincere thanks to the people of Srinagar for their affection, faith, and cooperation.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mirlmityaz Ul Aziz; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar besides all the officials of the DC Office Srinagar, District Election Office Srinagar were present on the occasion.

# Providing basic amenities at doorsteps is government's top priority: Dy CM

**RAJOURI:** In a significant outreach initiative aimed at addressing the public grievances and ensuring welfare of the citizens in border areas, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, conducted a public darbar at Kalasara, one of the remotest villages of Nowshera division.

During the visit, the local residents apprised the Deputy Chief Minister of various issues mainly pertaining to road connectivity, water scarcity, unscheduled power cuts, healthcare facilities, bunkers, compensation, shortages teachers, veterinary doctor and other developmental issues.

The Deputy Chief Minister issued on the spot directions to the concerned officers for prompt redressal of issues raised by the people.

Speaking on the occasion, the Dy CM reiterated the government's resolve to ensure equitable development across all regions, with a special focus on the welfare of border residents. He assured that concerted efforts are being made to address the challenges faced by the people, improving their living standards.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to well-being of the border population. He emphasized that providing basic amenities at the doorsteps of the people is among top priorities of the government.

Later, the Deputy Chief Minister paid a surprise visit to Maternity and Child Hospital Nowshera and inspected the progress on development works being executed there.

During the inspection, the Dy CM stressed on timely delivery of the project while maintaining set quality parameters. He said that this project, after completion, will significantly strengthen the maternal and child health services in the area.

The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by ADC Sunderbani, Ramkesh Sharma; SE PWD (R&B); ACA, Auqil Nuvaidd; DDE, Mohd Nawaz Choudhary; DMO, Mohd Rafiq besides other district and sectoral officers.

# DC Shopian conducts extensive tour to Zainapora subdivision Assesses public services, functioning of key offices

**SHOPIAN:** In a proactive move to enhance transparency and ensure effective public service delivery, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta Saturday conducted an extensive visit across several key government offices and healthcare institutions in subdivision Zainapora.

DC visited Tehsil Office Imam Sahib & Herman, BDO Office Zainapora, PHC DK Pora and PHC Herman.

During the visit, DC reviewed the functioning of these offices with a focus on healthcare facilities, revenue administration and rural development services. He closely examined attendance records, inspected official registers, and interacted with staff to assess on-ground performance. Special attention was given to the availability of health services and the quality of patient care in the Primary Health Centres.

At the revenue offices, DC inspected land records, mutation registers, and overall service responsiveness.

He emphasized the importance of punctuality, accountability and efficient service delivery, directing officers to maintain updated records and remain responsive to the public needs.

DC was accompanied by ADC Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; SDM Zainapora, BDO Zainapora, and other concerned officers.

# Distt Admin Pulwama organizes one-day Potential Entrepreneurship Mela

**PULWAMA:** In a significant initiative to foster self-employment and entrepreneurial growth, district administration Pulwama, in collaboration with the District Employment Counseling Centre, organized a one-day potential Entrepreneurship Mela at the Auditorium Hall of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Pampore.

The event was presided over by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Awantipora, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, and witnessed participation of Assistant Director Employment, members of SBDU including DNO JKEDI, & Lead Bank Manager Pulwama, SHG Members, Yuva doots and other concerned officers. Besides a large gathering of youth, budding entrepreneurs, and local residents also attended the mela.

In his address, ADC emphasized the administration's commitment to building a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem in the district. He interacted with participants, visited departmental stalls, and urged the youth to take full advantage of the various government-sponsored self-employment schemes.

He further highlighted the importance of such outreach events in enhancing awareness and improving access to livelihood opportunities.

During the programme, participants were actively facilitated with on-the-spot guidance, registration support, and counselling services & several participants registered on-the-spot under Mission Yuva through the official portal.

Informative stalls were set up by all key line departments implementing self-employment schemes. These stalls provided comprehensive information regarding eligibility criteria, scheme benefits, available financial assistance, application procedures, and departmental contact details.

# Mega Entrepreneurship Mela under Mission YUVA organised at Handwara DDC inaugurates the event; says, initiative focuses on youth empowerment

**KUPWARA:** A mega Entrepreneurship Mela under Mission YUVA was organised on Saturday at Town Hall Handwara to sensitise and engage the potential entrepreneurs of Kupwara district.

Mega event focusing on mobilising youth and promoting entrepreneurial mindset, facilitated direct interaction with key stakeholders and real time on-boarding onto Mission YUVA platforms, was inaugurated by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan in presence of Vice Chairman District Development Council Kupwara, Haji Farooq Mir and DDC members.

The event featured screening of promotional videos, practical training, including a live demo of the Mission YUVA app, which simplifies the process of registering and tracking entrepreneurial ventures.

Resource persons explained the programme eligibility and its benefits, while successful entrepreneurs shared their journeys, struggles, and growth to the participants.

The mega event engaged hundreds of people, most of them potential entrepreneurs including men and women.

Addressing the gathering, District Development Commissioner Kupwara said, "The aim of organising this mela was to ignite entrepreneurial spirit, provide information on government support, and inspire self-reliance among youth through interactive sessions and success stories.

She said Mission YUVA initiative focuses on various aspects of youth empowerment, including entrepreneurship, skill development, and career support.



She also said that on the basis of the YUVA survey, the government has devised this Nano-enterprise scheme under the umbrella of Mission YUVA. While urging the potential entrepreneurs, DC said that youth can establish any unit depending upon their skill.

Ayushi said that it is a big opportunity for the youth of Kupwara district especially for women

potential enterprises. She added, "Women should take benefit of YUVA Mission as women have several incentives including 30 percent subsidy compared to men's 25 percent subsidy under mission".

She urged women of Kupwara district to actively avail themselves of various existing government schemes aimed at their empowerment, entrepreneurship encouraging them to become self-reliant and lead a dignified life.

DDC said that successful entrepreneurs of Kupwara district serves as our role models, inspiring others to dream big, take risks, and create meaningful change. Earlier, DDC inspected the stalls of different departments and distributed the certificates among the entrepreneurs.

Mega event was attended by DDC member Nutnoosa, Adv Zahoor; DDC member Rajwar, Muhammad Salman Mir; DDC member Mawar, Khurshid Ahmed; ADDC Kupwara, Mufti Fareed Ud-Din; ADC Handwara, Javid Ahmed Masoodi; GM DIC, Sameer Jan and other officers.

Later, DDC visited ADC Complex Handwara and inspected ongoing developmental work there.

# Transport Commissioner visits Pahalgam ahead of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra

**PAHALGAM:** In view of the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, today visited Pahalgam to review the transport arrangements besides interacting with the drivers and stakeholders at various taxi stands.

He was accompanied by the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir besides others.

During the interaction with the local taxi operators and union representatives, the Transport Commissioner emphasised the crucial role of transport community in ensuring a safe, smooth and welcoming experience for the pilgrims and tourists.

"Drivers are the first point of contact for the visitors and serve as our true ambassadors. In the current scenario, their role becomes even more vital in building confidence and trust among the yatrins and tourists alike," stated the Transport Commissioner.

The Transport Commissioner urged the drivers to drive responsibly, strictly follow the traffic and safety regulations and adhere to the fares prescribed by the department. He informed that the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) along with his team shall be stationed at Pahalgam throughout the Yatra period to ensure that these directions are followed in letter and spirit.

The RTO Kashmir exhorted upon the drivers to remain alert, courteous and fully compliant with the safety protocols throughout the Yatra period. He also appreciated their cooperation in maintaining discipline and order on the roads.

The officials assured that the Transport Department stands in full support of the transport fraternity and will extend all necessary assistance to facilitate seamless operations during the Yatra.



# Distt Admin Srinagar organizes Tabletop Exercise on Flood Disaster preparedness DC Srinagar leads practical demonstration to tackle emergency situation

**SRINAGAR:** In order to assess and strengthen the district's emergency response mechanism, district administration Srinagar, Saturday organized a Tabletop Exercise on Flood Disaster preparedness here in the DC office complex.

The Tabletop Exercise was followed by a comprehensive practical demonstration.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also the Chairman District Disaster Management Authority, presided over the event.

Additional District Magistrate and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), DDMA Srinagar, Aadil Fareed; CEO, DMRR, Dr. Amir Hussain; Deputy Secretary, DMRRR, Snowber Jameel and other concerned were present during the exercise.

The exercise, aimed to simulate emergency situations, outline the roles and responsibilities of key disaster managers, and learn from domain experts about the latest trends in flood disaster relief, was organised in joint collaboration of DDMA Srinagar with J&K level DMA.



It provided an opportunity for these agencies to highlight the significance of their respective roles and the specialized tools at their disposal during flood emergencies.

On the occasion, DC commended the active participation and coordination among all stakeholders. He reiterated the significance of preparedness in mitigating the impacts of disasters and ensuring the safety and well-being of the public.

He added that the initiative reflects the administration's unwavering commitment to disaster resilience and the safety of the residents of Srinagar

During the event, participating departments showcased their preparedness through demonstrations of specialized equipment crucial for floods.

A key segment of the exercise featured a detailed presentation by the Additional District Magistrate and CEO, DDMA Srinagar. He elaborated on the operational framework of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) and the Incident Response System (IRS), emphasizing the collaborative

efforts required during and after a disaster to ensure effective response and recovery.

Deputy Secretary, DMRRR, underscored the importance of such tabletop exercises in evaluating and refining disaster response strategies. He highlighted the collaborative approach adopted by various departments to address potential challenges.

CEO, DMRR, also lauded the participation and coordination among all stakeholders.

The successful execution of this exercise was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Consultant Mushtaq Ahmad and the District Emergency Operations Centre (DEOC) team in Srinagar, who meticulously organized and managed the event.

The Tabletop Exercise and practical demonstration was participated by the teams of National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, Fire & Emergency Services, Civil Defence, Health Department, Irrigation & Flood Control (I&FC) Department.



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that the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra will help in reviving tourism in Kashmir.

“I urge people to come forward and make the annual Shri Amarnath Ji pilgrimage successful. This Yatra is not just the responsibility of the administration or security forces, it is the people’s Yatra. Everyone should feel proud to contribute to it,” he said.

He said the security agencies have prepared a comprehensive security plan and urged the pilgrims to travel in the designated convoy.

The Lieutenant Governor said over the past few years, significant improvements have been made in infrastructure to support the Yatra which include better roads, improved power and telecom connectivity, increased accommodation facilities, and strengthened security systems.

The Lieutenant Governor also visited the Nunwan Base Camp and reviewed the progress of Disaster Management Centre and Yatri Niwas. He also inspected security and other arrangements for Shri Amarnathji pilgrimage beginning 3rd July.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir, Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and senior officers of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Armed forces, Civil and Police administration. (DIPR)

Kashmir safe

per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

Pertinently, the press conference was part of a larger outreach initiative following the terror incident in Pahalgam, which led to a decline in tourist arrivals.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that i have lost my Cheque Book No: 726401- 726500, lost Cheque: 726437- 726500, and Mobile phone with Simcard No: 6005752828, Alongwith ATM Card, in the name of Musadiq Fruit Company Aloosa District Bandipora, of JK Bank Aloosa, if someone found plz return in below mentioned Address, if not then i want to apply for cancellation of this cheque book and ATM card, and want to apply for new cheque book and ATM card, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Concern Authorities with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Musadiq Fruit Company.**  
**Aloosa District Bandipora,**  
**prop: Aijaz Ahmad Lone. Cell no: 6005272865.**

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement bearing Consumer ID No: 0216020014470, which is Registered in the name of Gh Mohi Ui Din Najar, S/O Gh Rasool Najar. Now i want to apply for Change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Mugli Begum, W/O Gh Rasool Najar, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Kaloosa Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Mugli Begum.**  
**W/O Gh Rasool Najar.**  
**R/O Najar Mohalla, Mangnipora**  
**District Bandipora.**

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement bearing Consumer ID No: 0216020005348, which is Registered in the name of Ab Majeed khan, S/O Gh Qadir khan. Now i want to apply for change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Hameeda Begum, W/O Mohammad Ishaq Sheikh, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Kaloosa Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Hameeda Begum.**  
**W/O Mohammad Ishaq Sheikh.**  
**R/O Kaloosa Bandipora.**

“The incident has left people scared, but we are here to give a strong message. Through our chapters, clients and agents across India, we will spread the word that Kashmir is open, safe and beautiful,” he said.

Ajay further said that Kashmir had witnessed a tourism boom until recently, and efforts are being made to bring back that momentum. “To get back to that level, support is needed from airlines, hoteliers and travel operators across the country,” he said.

He said TAFI is already in touch with airlines and hotel groups to ensure that travel and accommodation rates remain affordable for visitors.

Terming any boycott calls against Kashmir as “foolish,” Prakash said they are here to say that they stand with Kashmir and will support Kashmiri brothers to the fullest. “Things will return to better than before,” he said.

Notably, as a gesture of solidarity, TAFI has decided that its members will include the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism logo and slogans like “Dil Se Kashmir” and “Jannat Phir Khuli Hai” in their email signatures to promote the Valley as a prime travel destination.

Meanwhile, the delegation also visited several tourism stakeholders in the Valley, including hoteliers, travel agents and officials from the tourism department and expressed hope that the message of Kashmir’s hospitality and beauty would be carried nationwide.

Committed to

J&K had launched similar initiative in 2022 through Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), the first revolutionary program in agriculture in any state or UT in recent times. It is a comprehensive strategy, designed to make J&K UT a robust Rs. 1 trillion agricultural economy by 2030, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, highlighted several targeted initiatives taken by the Administration for the upliftment of the forest-dwelling tribal communities and those engaged in agriculture and allied sectors.

He said, the J&K also has a special focus on the development of our tribal farming communities, Gujjars,

NOTICE

I, Ab Majid Mir, S/O Gh Ahmad Mir, resident of Kaloosa Bandipora, am applying for the issuance of a contractor card in the Public Works Department (R&B). In view of the above, if anyone has any objections, they may contact the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Bandipora, within three days. Please note that no objections will be entertained after this period.

**Thank you.**  
**Ab Majid Mir**  
**S/O: Gh Ahmad Mir**  
**R/O: Kaloosa Bandipora**  
**Contact No. 7006515199**

NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that my name has been inadvertently mentioned as Omer Rashid Khan in my Driving License bearing No. JK01-20210003105, whereas the correct name is Omer Rashid. I am in the process of getting the necessary corrections made in the records. If any person has any objection to the proposed correction, he or she may submit the same in writing to the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Srinagar, within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections will be entertained thereafter.

**Name: Omer Rashid**  
**R/O: Alochi Bagh, Srinagar**

NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that in my J&K Bank Fixed Deposit account bearing Account No: 0129050304686803 at J&K Bank Branch, Hajin Sonawari, my name has been mistakenly recorded as Shama Bano D/o Muhamd Ramzan Wagay R/o Baharabad. However, my actual and correct name is Shameema Bano D/o Mohd Ramzan Wagay R/o Baharabad, Tehsil Hajin, District Bandipora, as per my Aadhaar card records. I intend to apply for the correction of my name in the bank records. If any person has any objection in this regard, they may submit the same at J&K Bank Branch, Hajin, within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections will be entertained after the stipulated period.

**Shameema Bano**  
**D/o Mohd Ramzan Wagay**  
**R/o Baharabad**  
**Tehsil Hajin**  
**District Bandipora – 193501**

Bakarwals, Paharis, and other STs, who are the custodians of our forests, mountains and traditional wisdom.

“The active participation from every district in Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan reflects our collective commitment to a self-reliant J&K.

Let us continue this spirit of progress and partnership to ensure sustainable growth and improved livelihoods for our farming communities,” the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The occasion also marked the beginning of transplantation of rice.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon officials and scientists to ensure that the awareness, reforms and outreach achieved through this campaign become embedded in our systems and governance frameworks.

“Let this Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan not just end in ceremonies and reports, but continue to resonate in our policies, partnerships, and priorities,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

Progressive farmers shared their success stories and expressed gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor led J&K Administration for the support and hand-holding.

Responding to the issues raised by the farmers, the Lieutenant Governor asked the Agriculture Minister J&K for addressing the issue of the extension of benefits under PM Fasal Bima Yojana to Farmers associated with the Horticulture Sector on priority.

The Lieutenant Governor also launched various initiatives and publications of SKUAST Kashmir and handed over sanctioned letters to farmers from tribal communities under different schemes. He also congratulated the Mountain Research Centre for Field Crops for the development of 20 rice varieties keeping in mind the agro-ecology of Kashmir.

A Two-minute silence was observed in the memory of citizens who lost their lives in the Pahalgam Terror Attack.

Through the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, farmers are being educated on advanced agricultural research tailored to their specific area’s needs. In J&K, this campaign has successfully reached over 2.80 lakh farmers, providing crucial information on low-cost, high-production, and more sustainable and profitable modern agricultural techniques, resources, and schemes.

Javid Ahmad Dar, Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj; Sakina Itoo, Minister for Education, Health & Medical Education and Social Welfare; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Prof Nazir Ah. Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir, VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir, scientists, experts, faculty, students and members from farming community were present.

Mohd Afzal Parray, Chairman, DDC Kulgam; Members of Legislative Assembly, HoDs, and prominent citizens from all walks of life were also present. (DIPR)

Mehraj Malik

However, the real challenge for the government now lies in managing him on floor of the House.

In his fiery speeches in the last assembly session, he repeatedly accused the BJP and PDP of wrecking the state. He was assaulted by BJP MLAs and PDP workers in the House lobby, after he made disparaging remarks against the saffron party and late PDP founder Mufti Mohammed Sayeed. (KNO).

. LG Sinha

The conferment of relaxation of age/qualification for appointment under J&K Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme-2022 solely lies with the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor.

The appointment of Gulnaz Akhter has been made by Lieutenant Governor under exceptional

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I hThis is to inform the general public that, I am holding Aadhar Card bearing no. 5273 4687 2332 wherein my name is written as YASMEENA. Now I intend to change my name in my Aadhar Card from YASMEENA (old name) to ARIFA JAN (newname). In future, I will be known as ARIFA JAN (new name). It is certified that I have compiled with other legal requirements in this connection. Anybody having objection in this regard may file the asme before the concerned office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained thereafter.

**Arifa jan (formerly Yasmeena)**  
**D/o: ABDUL AZIZ BAKTOO,**  
**R/o IQBALABAD BEMINA SGR**  
**C/O WEST ARNALA THANE,**  
**MAHARASHTRA**

NOTICE

I hereby give notice of my intention to transfer the electric agreement under ID No. 0215020008578 in my name. The said agreement is currently registered in the name of my late husband, Kabir Rather S/O Abli, who passed away in the year 2008. If anyone has any objections to the proposed transfer, please submit them to AEE KPDCI Hajin office within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

**Hajira Begum**  
**W/O Late Kabir Rather**  
**R/O 250KVA Jamia Mohalla Ajas,**  
**Bandipora**  
**Phone No.: 8493054563**

circumstances as her husband was a civilian and not a Government employee. Further, appointment has been made in relaxation of her educational qualification. There is no role of Fisheries Department in granting relaxation as well as appointment in the instant case.

Acknowledging the supreme sacrifice of Adil Hussain Shah during the terrorist attack at Baisaran Pahalgam, the Lieutenant Governor in exercise of the discretionary powers has considered the appointment of wife of the slain civilian in relaxation of her educational qualification, so that it can bring a succour to the family.

This decision is a heartfelt gesture to support the bereaved family and ensure their dignity and well-being, reflecting the administration’s unwavering commitment to justice and compassion. (DIPR)

FM Sitharaman begins

Haneefa Jan, and later met with a delegation of Executive Councillors from the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC Leh), led by its Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, Tashi Gyalson.

The meetings focused on key developmental issues, financial inclusion, and the ongoing efforts to strengthen infrastructure and economic growth in the Union Territory (KNO)

Jaju calls

During the visit, Jaju inspected the offices of Doordarshan Kendra (DDK), Srinagar, and Akashvani Srinagar, where he held detailed interactions with officials and staff.

The Secretary laid special emphasis on the creation of more indigenous programmes and region-specific content that resonates with the cultural ethos of Jammu & Kashmir. He encouraged the teams to develop programming in local languages to enhance regional outreach and viewer connect.

On the occasion, Jaju said, public broadcasting in a region like Jammu & Kashmir must not only inform but also inspire. By promoting local languages, expanding news content, and leveraging our platforms, we aim to create a

stronger, more inclusive media presence that truly reflects the voice and diversity of the region.

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efficiency of the prestigious Shahpur Kandi Dam, both critical for welfare of the people of this UT.

Furthermore, Dulloo meticulously reviewed the progress on the Tawi Riverfront Development project. He issued stringent directives to the concerned agencies, emphasizing the imperative to complete the diversion of nallahs and all associated construction and beautification works, including the ongoing electromechanical installations, by the unyielding deadline of September 30, 2025.

Earlier in the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, presented a detailed overview of the department’s multifaceted functioning and its commendable achievements in expanding irrigation infrastructure and implementing robust flood mitigation strategies across the UT.

Kabra highlighted several key accomplishments, including successful completion of the Entry and Exit gates of Hokersar Wetland, a project worth Rs 28.45 crore, undertaken as part of PMDP-Phase II. He also revealed that 100 percent expenditure of the available Rs 114.29 crore had been made under PMDP-Phase II (Part A).

Amid heatwave,

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the banks of the Sindh stream became a hub of activity, with people setting up tents, dipping into the refreshing waters, and enjoying the crisp mountain air. “This weather is unbearable in Srinagar right now. We couldn’t sit inside the house, so we came here to spend a day. The breeze and water make it much more comfortable,” said a visitor from Srinagar. The influx of visitors has also led to a temporary boom for small vendors and shopkeepers in the area, who are catering to the growing needs of tourists. However, authorities and locals alike have urged visitors to maintain cleanliness and avoid littering, to preserve the natural beauty of the region. With the heatwave expected to persist, more people are expected to continue seeking relief in Kashmir’s cooler retreats, with Sonamarg remaining one of the top choices for those looking to escape the scorching heat. (KNO)

In the court of Commissioner Agrarian Reforms/ Addl. Deputy Commissioner Budgam

No: DCB/ADC/Reader/24/F-492/520  
Dated: 11/06/2025

In the case of

1. Ghulam Hussain Baba.
2. Mohammad Akber both sons of Mst. Farzana residents of Bemina Tehsil & district Budgam.
3. Gulzar Ahmad
4. Mst. Kulsum son & daughter of Mst Sakeena R/o Bemina Tehsil & District Budgam.
5. Mst Hafeeza R/o Reshipora Tehsil & district Budgam.
6. Maqbool Hussain.
7. Fayaz Ahmad
8. Mst. Tahira sons & daughter of Ghulam Mohi-ud-din R/o Khumani Chowk Bemina Tehsil & District Budgam.
9. Gulzar Ahmad Baba R/o Qadipora Tehsil Budgam.
10. Mst. Mugli R/o Waloonia Ichgam.
11. Mst Batoola R/o Hayatpora Beeru Budgam son & daughters of Ghulam Hyder Baba. (Appellants)

Vs

1. Mohammad Ramzan Son of Mohammad Jaffar.
2. Mst Haleema.
3. Ghulam Mohammad.
4. Mohammad Ibrahim.
5. Mukhtar Ahmad sons and daughter of Mohammad yousuf Dar

Mst. Raja D/o Sakeena R/o Hanjik Tehsil & District Budgam.

Respondents

A the matter of:

Appeal against mutation order No 80 dated 07-09-2015 of estate Hanjik Tehsil & District Budgam.

Notice

The above titled appeal case is under adjudication before this court, the respondents have been summoned a number of times, but they failed to appear before this court on the scheduled date of hearings. Now through the medium of this public notice, the respondents are hereby informed to attend this court on the 25-06-2025 at 10:30 am, failing which ex-parte proceedings shall be initiated against them.

**Sd/-Collector/**  
**Addl. Deputy Commissioner**  
**Budgam**

**DIPK-2513/25**

Dated: 14-06-2025

Office of The Principal District Institute of Education & Trainings Bandipora PUBLIC NOTICE

Auction for Non-confidential material pertaining to ParakhRashtriyaSarvekshan - 2024 at DIET Bandipora. It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that an open auction of the following unserviceable/ scrap items will be held as per the details mentioned below:

Items to be Auctioned:

S.no	Item Name	Quantity	Specification
1	Trunks	2	Length 24" ` Height 10" ` x8 Width 14" `
2	Trunks	5	Length 22" ` Height 30" ` Width 14" `
3	Booklets	300	

Auction Details:  
Date of Auction: 21-05-2025  
Time: 11:00 a.m  
Venue: DIET Bandipora  
Terms & Conditions:  
1. The auction will be held on "as-is-where-is" basis.  
2. Interested bidders must report to the venue at least 30 minutes before the auction begins.  
3. The highest bidder shall be required to deposit the full bid amount on the same date and in the official account of the institute.  
4. The items must be lifted/removed from the premises on the same day after payment.  
5. The auctioning authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

**Sd/-Principal**  
**DIET Bandipora**



## A photograph of Virat Kohli, a prominent Indian cricketer, wearing a dark blue Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) jersey. He is balancing a white cricket ball on top of his black cap. The jersey features the 'DREAM11' logo in large white letters across the chest, the 'TITANS' logo on the right chest, and the 'torrent GROUP' logo on the left chest. He has a focused expression and is looking upwards. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators.

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