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India will never accept mediation: PM Modi tell Trump

“Hostilities between India, Pak ended on Islamabad’s request”

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SRINAGAR : Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Wednesday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear to United States President Donald Trump that India will “never accept” mediation on any issue.

The Foreign Secretary said that PM Modi in a 35-minute telephone call to the United States President stated that India will “never accept” mediation and that the discussions between Indian and Pakistani militaries on cessation of military actions last month were initiated at Islamabad’s request.

PM Modi also said that India no longer views “terrorism as a proxy war, but as a war itself”, and that India’s Operation Sindoor is still ongoing.

Pertinently, the cessation of hostilities



between India and Pakistan was first announced by President Trump on May 10. Since then, the US president has been claiming that he brokered the ceasefire

deal by threatening to stop trade with both countries if they do not agree to stop the conflict.

Prime Minister Modi declined a request

by the US president to stop over in the US on his way back from Canada, citing “prior commitments”.

The May 7-10 military clashes between India and Pakistan figured prominently during the phone conversation that took place as the two leaders could not meet on the sidelines of the G7 summit following the American president’s early departure.

“Prime Minister Modi clearly conveyed to President Trump that at no point during this entire sequence of events was there any discussion, at any level, on an India-US trade deal, or any proposal for a mediation by the US between India and Pakistan,” the Foreign Secretary said.

“The discussion to cease military action took place directly between India and Pakistan through the existing channels of communication

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Ensure Efficient Arrangements for Muharram: CM Omar Abdullah

Chairs high-level meeting to finalize Muharram arrangements



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SRINAGAR, JUNE 18: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat to review and finalize arrangements for the upcoming holy month of Muharram.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary; Ministers Sakeena Itoo, Javed Ahmed Rana, Javed Ahmad Dar, and Satish Sharma; Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani; Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta; administrative secretaries; the Inspector General of Police Kashmir; Divisional Commissioner

Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners of Srinagar, Budgam, Baramulla and Jammu; Members of the Legislative Assembly; senior officers from line departments; prominent heads of Shia and religious organizations; and other concerned officials.

Officers from outside stations attended the meeting through video conference.

In his address, the Chief Minister reiterated the government’s unwavering commitment to ensure that all arrangements for Muharram are made with utmost efficiency and care.

“We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts, and there should be no shortcoming from our side,” the Chief

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Heatwave returns in Kashmir

Owais Gul

SRINAGAR: The scorching heat has once again hit Jammu and Kashmir, especially in the valley, where the mercury continued to rise for the second straight day on Wednesday.

According to details obtained by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), J&K witnessed 26 per cent deficit rainfall during the ongoing month till Wednesday as against the normal precipitation of 39.7 mm, the region has recorded a rainfall of just 29.5 mm in the last 18 days.

The large deficit of rainfall has been recorded in Samba at 72 per cent and in Kathua at 62 per cent during the period. The majority of the stations across the region, including Srinagar, Budgam, Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Kishtwar, Kulgam, Poonch, Reasi, Shopian and Udhampur have recorded deficit rainfall.

According to the data prepared by the local Meteorological (MeT) department, Rajouri was the only station where large



excess rainfall was recorded during the period.

Five stations, including Anantnag, Doda, Jammu, Kupwara and Ramban, have recorded normal precipitation this month so far.

Meanwhile, an Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng said there is a possibility of an intense heatwave for the next three days.

“The temperature in Srinagar may go up above 35 degrees Celsius,” he said.

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India Launches Operation Sindhu



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NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday announced launching ‘Operation Sindhu’ to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran as the Persian Gulf nation’s conflict with Israel showed no sign of letting up.

Even as India kicked off the evacuation mission, there were reports of some Indian students sustaining injuries in a strike on a medical students’ dormitory in Keshavarz street area in Tehran.

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Kashmiri Students Being Moved To Turkmenistan For Evacuation

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SRINAGAR: Over 1500 students who were relocated to Qom over the last few days have been moved to Mashhad this morning for evacuation from Turkmenistan.

The journey to Mashhad will take approximately 12 hours, after which they are expected to cross to Turkmenistan.

In the meantime, over 100 students who had crossed into Armenia as part of the relocation will begin their journey home via Doha.

The group includes around 90 students from the Kashmir Valley studying at Urmia Medical University. As per details, the students will depart from the Armenian capital, Yerevan, and

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Amarnath Yatra Police To Set Up Additional Checkpoints For Security In Jammu

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JAMMU: Ahead of the Amarnath Yatra, police have been asked to identify locations to set up more checkpoints in the border districts of Jammu, Samba, and Kathua for the security of pilgrims.

The 38-day-long yatra is scheduled to start on July 3 from the

twin routes — the traditional 48-km Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district — to the 3,880-metre-high shrine of Amarnath.

The first batch of pilgrims will leave for Kashmir from Bhagwati Nagar a day before the start of the yatra.

“All the officers were directed to strengthen all the nakas (check-points), especially during night hours. They were also directed to identify places where more nakas can be established for the security of the yatis,” a police spokesperson said.

This was conveyed to the police officers by Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Jammu-Samba-Kathua range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, during a security audit of various police and paramilitary deploy-

ments in and around the base camp, lodgements, yatra route, CCTV installations, and parking areas.

Sharma conducted a security review of Ram Mandir Purani Mandi, Geeta Bhawan Parade, the base camp at Bhagwati Nagar, various routes, and the highway, the spokesperson said.

He also interacted with officers and security personnel of the CISF deployed at Ram Mandir Purani Mandi, in Jammu and directed them to remain extra alert at their posts, the spokesperson said.

11 Station House Officers (SHOs) were also directed to remain alert and intensify security measures and patrolling during night hours. he Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas

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Weather-based crop insurance scheme by October: Minister Javed



Waris Fayaz

SRINAGAR: Cabinet Minister Javed Dar on Wednesday said the current administration has been in place for six months, and is committed to implementing decisions promptly and effectively.

“Whatever happened earlier is not our responsibility. Now that we are in charge, our

focus is on execution,” the minister, as reported by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said while speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a review meeting for Muharram arrangements in Pattan.

Responding to a query on the status of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Dar said funds have been made available, with only 20 per cent pending. “This is being actively taken up with the Government of India, and the matter will be resolved in the coming days,” he added.

Addressing concerns over the recent hailstorm that caused damage to crops, the agriculture minister said those affected are being compensated under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

He announced that the departments of horticulture and agriculture are now planning to roll out a weather-based crop insurance scheme. “Unfortunately, there were fewer bidders when this scheme was conceptualised 2–3 years ago. But now we are actively working on it, and by September or October, it will be implemented on the ground,” Dar said. Regarding the water crisis in several drought-hit areas, the minister said the government is taking

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FASTag-Based Annual Pass For Private Vehicles From Aug 15: Gadkari



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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday said the government will introduce a FASTag-based annual pass for private vehicles, priced at Rs 3,000, effective from August 15, in a step towards hassle-free highway travel.

In a post on X, Gadkari said the pass is valid for one year from the date of activation or up to 200

Highway Travel

trips, whichever comes first. The pass is designed exclusively for non-commercial private vehicles such as cars, jeeps, and vans.

The road transport and highways minister said the annual pass will enable seamless and cost-effective travel across National Highways throughout the country.

A dedicated link for activation and renewal will soon be available on the Rajmarg Yatra App, as well

as on the official websites of NHAI and MoRTH, he added.

The minister said the average cost of passing a toll plaza will be Rs 15 from August 15, 2025.

Gadkari said the policy addresses long-standing concerns regarding toll plazas located within a 60 km range and simplifies toll payments through a single, affordable transaction.

“By reducing wait times, easing congestion, and minimising disputes at toll plazas, the annual Pass aims to deliver a faster and smoother travel experience for millions of private vehicle owners,” the minister said.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) clarified that those who already have a FASTag will not need to purchase a new FASTag.

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Committed to fulfill PM Modi’s vision of disaster resilient India: MHA



KC News Network

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Home Affairs on Wednesday said that it’s committed to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of disaster resilient India.

A PIB statement said, “Under the leadership of PM Modi, Government of India is standing shoulder to shoulder with the state governments during natural calamities and disasters.”

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Unified Pension Scheme Employees to Get Gratuity Benefits: Dr. Jitendra Singh

NEW DELHI, (PIB): In a major relief to lakhs of Central government employees, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Wednesday announced that employees covered under the Unified Pension Scheme (National Pension System) will now be eligible for retirement and death gratuity benefits under the Central Civil Service (Payment of Gratuity under NPS) Rules, 2021.

The move addresses a long-pending demand and brings parity in retirement benefits for all categories of government employees.

According to a statement issued by press Information Bureau, Dr. Singh, who holds multiple key portfolios including the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, made the announcement while outlining the transformational reforms undertaken by the Ministry over the past 11 years under the Modi government.

Speaking at an event held at the National Media Centre, the Minister said, "The new gratuity provision reflects the government's commitment to social security and fairness for its employees."

Dr. Singh highlighted four key pillars of reform—repealing obsolete rules, promoting fairness in recruitment, human-centric policies, and innovation through technology.

"For the first time since Independence, a government has taken pride in doing away with over 1,600 outdated rules, many of them colonial-era legacies," he said,



adding that the removal of redundant laws sends a strong message of trust in citizens, especially youth.

He also recalled the Prime Minister's 2015 Independence Day announcement abolishing interviews for certain posts, implemented nationwide by January 2016, as a landmark reform for fairness and transparency in recruitment.

Dr. Singh stressed that governance reforms were not just administrative, but rooted in empathy and dignity. Citing examples, he said reforms in family pension rules now cover divorced and separated daughters, and maternity leave has been extended to cases of stillbirth. The introduction of digital life certificates for pensioners and the clearance of over 19,000 long-pending promotions were

also part of these efforts.

"We combined human concern with technology to create solutions that respect the dignity of individuals," the Ministersaid.

Underlining the shift from "red tape to real-time," Dr. Singh said the Ministry had adopted several tech-based solutions such as the CPGRAMS portal, which now handles over 26 lakh grievances annually with a disposal rate of 95-96%. Platforms like iGOT-Karmayogi, the Capacity Building Commission, and Anubhav were described as key innovations shaping a future-ready bureaucracy.

He also released the Ministry's 11-year achievement booklets and launched digital initiatives including Sevottam training modules, guidelines for pensioners' grievances, and a compilation of circulars.

On the occasion Secretary, DoPT, Rachna Shah, shared key highlights including Removal of interviews for Group C and select Group B posts, Faster recruitment timelines and digitalisation via e-HRMS and e-APAR and recruitment exams in multiple Indian languages and clearing of 4.5 lakh backlog vacancies in reserved categories.

She added that over one crore government employees are now enrolled in Mission Karmayogi, fostering lifelong learning and performance-driven administration.

Secretary, DARPG and DoPPW, V. Srinivas said the CPGRAMS portal has evolved into one of the world's largest multilingual AI-enabled grievance redressal systems, cutting average response time to under 14 days.

He also highlighted citizen-centric initiatives including Pension Adalats that have resolved over 25,000 cases, simplification of pension rules, and digitisation efforts benefitting over 4 crore pensioners and Promotion of Swachhata campaigns, e-office implementation in the Northeast and J&K, and increased international cooperation in good governance.

The press conference was attended by senior officers from all three departments—DoPT, DoPPW, and DARPG—marking a unified celebration of 11 years of reforms, innovation, and service delivery. (PIB)

Voter ID Delivery Now in Just 15 Days After Roll Update: ECI

NEW DELHI, (PIB): Election Commission of India (ECI) has introduced a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to ensure that Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) are delivered to voters within 15 days of any update in the electoral rolls. This includes new enrolments as well as changes in existing elector details.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener, an official spokesperson said ECI has introduced a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) enabling the delivery of EPICs within 15 days of an update in the electoral rolls, including new enrolment of an elector or change in any particulars of an existing elector.

He said the initiative is in line with the various measures being undertaken by the ECI for the convenience of electors as envisaged by the Chief Election Commissioner, Gyanesh Kumar along with Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi.

Spokesperson further stated that the new system will ensure real-time tracking of each stage right from the EPIC generation by the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) till the delivery of EPIC to the elector through the Department of Posts (DoP). Electors will also receive notifications via SMS at each stage, keeping them informed about the status of their EPICs.

For this purpose, ECI has introduced a dedicated IT module on its recently launched ECINet platform. Officials said the new IT platform will replace the existing process by re-engineering the current system and streamlining the workflow.

He said DoP's Application Programme Interface (API) will be integrated with the ECINet for seamless delivery.

"This initiative aims to enhance service



delivery while maintaining data security," he said, adding Providing prompt and efficient electoral services to all its electors is a major focus area for the ECI.

It may be recalled that in the past four months, the Commission has taken a slew of initiatives for the benefit of electors and other Stakeholders.

Spokesperson said the initiative reflects ECI's commitment to prompt, efficient, and secure electoral service delivery. "Over the past four months, the Commission has undertaken several such reforms aimed at simplifying procedures and empowering electors," he added. (PIB)

Yoga Maha Kumbh Unfolds Across India as Prelude to International Day of Yoga 2025

NEW DELHI PIB : With just days to go for the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 21, 2025, the country is witnessing a vibrant celebration of yoga under the nationwide initiative titled Yoga Maha Kumbh.

From the snowy heights of Ladakh to the heart of the national capital and the city parks of Noida, the movement is uniting citizens in a shared commitment to wellness and mindfulness.

A three-day Yoga Maha Kumbh was inaugurated today at the Heartfulness Meditation Centre in RK Puram, New Delhi.

The event is jointly organized by the Container Corporation of India



(CONCOR) and the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), in collaboration with the Heartfulness Institute. The event features yoga demonstrations, wellness sessions, and cultural performances focusing on mindfulness and community well-being.

A vibrant Nukkad Natak

Kumbh event began in Ladakh on June 15 in the rarefied air of Ladakh's high-altitude terrain. The International Festival of Yoga and Meditation (IFYM) 2025 in Ladakh has already captivated global and national attention by bringing yoga to awe-inspiring locations such as Pangong Lake (13,000+ ft), Nubra Valley, Sindhu Ghat, and the MIMC Devachan Campus.

Jointly organised by the Ministry of Ayush, Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre (MIMC), UT Administration of Ladakh, LAHDC Leh, and allied institutions, the festival is a powerful expression of this year's theme—"Yoga for One Earth, One Health."

INS Arnala Joins Navy Fleet in Presence of CDS Gen Chauhan

VISAKHAPATNAM, (PIB): Indian Navy Wednesday commissioned INS Arnala, the first of 16 indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener, an official Defence spokesperson said the commissioning of INS Arnala will

significantly boost India's maritime defence capability. He said the commissioning ceremony was held in the presence of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan.

Built under the Indian Navy's ASW-SWC project, INS Arnala marks a milestone in India's efforts towards self-reliance in naval shipbuilding.

The vessel has been designed and built indigenously by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) and Larsen & Toubro Shipbuilding, showcasing the success of India's public-private partnership model in defence manufacturing.

The event was hosted by the Flag Officer

Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, and witnessed the presence of senior naval officials, dignitaries, and representatives from the defence industry.

INS Arnala is the largest Indian naval warship powered by a Diesel Engine-Waterjet propulsion system having a length of 77 meters and a displacement of over 1,490 tonnes. Spokesperson said INS Arnala is designed for a wide range of missions including anti-submarine warfare, subsurface surveillance, interdiction, search and rescue operations, and low-intensity maritime operations (LIMO).

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION BEMINA SRINAGAR.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No.15/EE/R&B/BM/CS/1856-63 of 2025-26 DATED:18.06.2025
Email ID: xenbemina@gmail.com

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	E/Money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Main Building for Directorate of Employment (Balance Portion) for Development of Approach Roads/Internal Roads, Landfilling, path, plinth protection and land scaping at Bemina Srinagar..	89.85/-	1600 /-	1,79,700/-	90 days	2230- Employment (Labour& Employment)	"AAV"

Position of AAA: Accorded by Director Finance J&K , vide Order No. 01-L&E of 2018 Dated: 01.01.2018 issue vide endorsement no. L&E/PLAN/AAA/55/ Bemina/2012 Dated:01.01.2018.

Position of funds: Available
Project Authority: Director Finance J&K.

1.The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18.06.2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	19.06.2025 from 10.00 AM
3	Bid submission Start Date	19.06.2025 from 10.00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	25.06.2025 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	26.06.2025 at 12.00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under M.H-0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar (tender inviting authority)/(The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date)/pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

2. At the time of tendering, all the bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar (The date of Earnest money should be between Date of Start of bid and bid submission End date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 5% of Allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of contract award. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 5% of the total allotted cost which will be released after successful completion of the DLP.

3. Unbalanced bid:

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz -a- viz Adv.cost	Additional performance security to be deposited on quoted bid by L1
1	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
2	15% upto and including 20% below	5%
3	20% upto and including 25% below	10%
4	25% upto and including 30% below	15%
5	30% below	20%

The bidder declared as L1 has to Provide additional performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG as per the break up given above at the time of allotment.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a) Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

b) To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

c) The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

d) Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

e) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

Note: Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

7 The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

8 Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar. (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan(cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.

9 Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

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DIPK-2638/25

Dated:18.06.2025

Sd/ Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Bemina Srinagar.

Centre Approves ₹2,006.40 Crore for Himachal Pradesh's Post-Disaster Reconstruction

AMIT SHAH-LED Committee Clears Major Relief Package for 2023 Flood and Landslide Recovery

New Delhi (PIB): The Government of India has approved central assistance of ₹2,006.40 crore for Himachal Pradesh to support the state's recovery and reconstruction efforts in the aftermath of the devastating floods, landslides, and cloudbursts that occurred during the 2023 monsoon season.

According to an official spokesperson of the union government, the decision was taken by a High-Level Committee chaired by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah.

The committee, which also included the Finance Minister, Agriculture Minister, and Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, examined the proposal submitted by the state for financial support under the Recovery and Reconstruction funding window of the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

Out of the total approved amount, ₹1,504.80 crore will be provided as the central share under the NDRF. This support will facilitate the state in carrying out long-term reconstruction and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure damaged during the disaster.

Earlier, on December 12, 2023, the Ministry of Home Affairs had already sanctioned ₹633.73 crore from the NDRF for Himachal Pradesh to address the immediate aftermath of the calamity.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government of India has reiterated its commitment to stand shoulder to shoulder with state governments during natural disasters.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, under the guidance of Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, has undertaken several initiatives aimed at enhancing disaster risk reduction and building a disaster-resilient India. The focus has been on reducing loss to life and property through strengthened preparedness and mitigation efforts.

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EXTENSION OF ADMISSION NOTICE

In continuation to this Directorate Admission Notice issued under endorsement No.DSD/401/Trgs/2025/1521-1611 dated 08-05-2025 and No.DSD/401/Trgs/2025/1867-1957, dated 30-05-2025, the last date for submission of online applications alongwith the hard copies, for admission in Government/ Private ITIs of UT of JK, for the academic session, 2025-26/27 is hereby extended upto 21st June, 2025.

Furthermore, the deadline for the verification process is 24th June, 2025 enabling this Directorate to publish the first selection list well in time.

NO.DSD/401/Trgs/2025/2165-2257

Sd/-Deputy Director Trainings
Skill Development, J&K

DIPK-2684/25

Dated: 18/06/2025

Government of Jammu and Kashmir (UT)

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BARAMULLA

Public Advertisement Notice

Subject: Temporary Engagement of Chartered Accountant/Professional Expert for DPR Formulation under Mission YUVA for a period of three (3) months.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the temporary engagement of a Chartered Accountant (CA) or Professional Expert with experience in the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) under Mission YUVA for a period of three (03) months. The engagement is aimed at augmenting the capacity of the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) and Business Help Desks (BHDs) in processing applications from aspiring entrepreneurs.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Educational Qualification: Chartered Accountant or Graduate with expertise in DPR preparation.
- Experience: Preferably more than five (5) years of experience in DPR formulation, project finance, or related fields.

Honorarium:

- 40,000 (Rupees Forty Thousand)only per month

Terms of Reference (ToR):

- Expert hired should ensure that there is no pendency in processing of application as far as preparation of DPR/Quotation Performa of application submitted to SBDU is concerned.
- Expert should complete at least 10 DPRs/Quotation Performa in a day in order to ensure no pendency of application at SBDU level.
- Expert should prepare document in consultation with SBDU/BHD members so that they get acquainted with technical knowhow of preparation of DPR and technical document for starting the unit.
- Experts should ensure usage of DPR generator manual, AI Based DR generator and DPR repository on Mission YUVA App/Portal and equipped SBDU/BHD officials so that these tools become important resource for preparation of DPR in longer run.
- Build capacity of SBDU/BHD officials by familiarizing them with DPR tools and formats over the engagement period.

Selection Procedure:

The selection shall be made on the basis of qualification, experience, interview cum On-spot live demonstration of DPR/Quotation Performa preparation to be conducted during the selection process to assess practical expertise and suitability for assignment. A duly constituted selection committee shall evaluate all eligible applicants.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are required to mail/submit their detailed resume/CV along with self-attested copies of qualifications and experience certificates in the Office of District Employment and Counselling Centre Kanispora Baramulla within three days from the date of publication of this notice(baramullamissionyuva@gmail.com).

Note: The engagement shall be purely temporary in nature for a period of three (3) month and shall not confer any right for permanent absorption in the government services.

No:DE&CC/Bla/MW/240-42

Sd/-Addl Distt Dev Commissioner
(Nodal Officer, Mission YUVA) Baramulla

DIPK-2657/25

Dated: 18/06/2025

GMS Onagam “Becomes First Govt School in J&K to Participate in GAT Exams”

Convener News Desk

Bandipora: In a landmark achievement for government education in Jammu and Kashmir, Government Middle School (GMS) Onagam has become the first government school in the Union Territory to participate in the General Aptitude Test (GAT) conducted by Aloha J&K.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener, Headmaster of the School Javid Jawad said 12 students from the school have been selected to appear in the three-stage examination, which, for the past decade, has primarily seen participation from private institutions.

To encourage and support the students, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Bandipora, Ab Rasheed Mir, along with Principal of NM Higher Secondary School Bandipora, Ab Rasheed Lone, visited GMS Onagam and distributed study materials to the participants.

In a parallel effort to cultivate reading and literary interest among young learners, copies



of the children's magazine “Bachon Ki Duniya” were also distributed among 10 selected students. Officials said this milestone has been made possible through the support of Mubashir Wafie, CEO of Aloha J&K, who facilitated free registration for the GMS Onagam students. “His contribution

was widely lauded as a step forward in bridging the educational divide between government and private school students”.

Javid Jawad, Headmaster of GMS Onagam and recipient of the Best Teacher Award, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Mubashir Wafie and the Aloha J&K team.

“This is not just an opportunity, but a motivation for our students to aim higher. We thank CEO Bandipora and Principal NM Higher Secondary School for their encouragement and support,” he said. This initiative is being hailed as a trailblazing move for inclusive academic excellence and is expected to inspire other government schools across the region to pursue similar opportunities for their students.

DAJGUA Awareness Camps Organized Across Gurez to Boost Tribal Welfare Outreach

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Bandipora: In a continued effort to promote inclusive development in tribal regions, the District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday organized a series of awareness and benefit saturation camps under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) across the Gurez sub-division.

The camps were held at key locations including Higher Secondary School Kanzalwan, KCVB Gurez, and BHSS Dawar, witnessing enthusiastic participation from tribal residents of these remote and border areas.

Aimed at saturating tribal households with welfare benefits and enhancing awareness about government schemes, the initiative brought multiple departments under one umbrella. Officials from the departments of Health, Education, Social Welfare, Rural Development, Agriculture, Horticulture, and Animal & Sheep Husbandry provided on-the-spot services, enrollments, and information to beneficiaries.

Residents availed services under a range of schemes including PMAY, PM-KISAN, Ujjwala Yojana, pension schemes, and educational scholarships, among others.



The DAJGUA campaign was officially launched on Sunday at Government Higher Secondary School Aragam, marking the beginning of a 15-day outreach programme. Covering 31 notified tribal villages in Bandipora, the campaign aims to ensure 100% saturation of welfare schemes and empower tribal communities through direct government engagement.

The district administration reaffirmed its commitment to bridging service delivery gaps and strengthening last-mile connectivity in tribal belts through such integrated outreach efforts.

MC Sumbal Conducts Polythene Seizure Drive in Main Market

Bhat Zahoor

BANDIPORA: In a determined effort to enforce the ban on single-use plastic and promote eco-friendly practices, the Municipal Committee Sumbal today carried out a polythene seizure drive in the Main Market area.

The drive, aimed at curbing the use and sale of banned polythene bags, witnessed active participation from municipal officials, sanitation workers, and volunteers. Several shops and roadside vendors were inspected, and polythene bags were confiscated from multiple establishments found violating the norms.

During the operation, officials also raised awareness among shopkeepers and customers regarding the environmental hazards posed by plastic waste. They encouraged the adoption of sustainable alternatives such as cloth and jute bags. Pamphlets detailing the adverse impacts of plastic pollution and the advantages of a plastic-free lifestyle were also distributed.

Shopkeepers were cautioned against the continued use of banned items and informed about penalties for repeat offenses. The committee reiterated its commitment to environmental protection and sustainable living.

“The cooperation of the public is essential in making Sumbal cleaner and greener. Similar drives will be conducted in other areas of the town to ensure strict implementation of the polythene ban,” said an official from the Municipal Committee.

The Municipal Committee has urged all residents to support the initiative and contribute to a healthier environment by avoiding single-use plastics.

Helmatpora Residents Slam Bandipora Admin Over Water Shortage

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Bandipora: Women from the remote Gujjar settlement of Helmatpora in Aloosa area of Bandipora district staged a strong protest on Tuesday against the prolonged disruption



tion in drinking water supply, accusing the Bandipora district administration and the ruling government of neglect and apathy.

Carrying empty water pots and chanting slogans, the protesting women alleged that their settlement has been deprived of the basic right to clean drinking water. They criticized both the local administration and the UT government, saying the claims of equitable development have failed to reach their mountainous hamlet.

“We are forced to walk long distances to fetch even a drop of water. There may be schemes on paper, but in reality, nothing functions here,” said one of the protestors. The

women said despite repeated appeals, no official from the Jal Shakti Department has visited the area to assess their plight. While the administration speaks of the Har Ghar Jal scheme reaching every household, the residents of Helmatpora said they continue to suffer in silence. They warned

that if immediate measures are not taken to restore water supply to their area, they will intensify the protest and launch a wider agitation.

A similar situation prevails in Malangam, where locals complained that the filtration plant under construction is progressing at a sluggish pace, leaving a large population without access to safe drinking water.

The protest highlights growing discontent among marginalized communities over the failure of basic service delivery and exposes the gap between official claims and ground realities in remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

JKTF Bandipora Thanks ZEO for Release of Pending TA Bills

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BANDIPORA: The Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF), Bandipora unit, has expressed heartfelt gratitude to Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Fayaz Ahmad Shah and his team for the release of long-pending Travelling Allowance (TA) bills of teachers, terming the step a welcome move that reflects administrative responsiveness to teachers' longstanding concerns.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener on Wednesday, a onal president Reyaz Rasool Malik said the disbursement of pending dues has brought significant relief to dozens of teachers who had been awaiting reimbursement for several months.

JKTF leaders hailed the ZEO's swift and considerate action, calling it a positive signal of mutual respect and cooperation between the teaching community and the education department.

While appreciating the effort, JKTF also pointed out that a few teachers are yet to receive their dues. The Forum has already taken up the matter with the ZEO, who has assured that the remaining cases will be resolved within the next few days.

JKTF spokesperson said: “The

release of TA bills is not just about pending payments—it represents growing trust and collaboration be-

key challenges in the education system. His proactive and dedicated approach has been widely ap-



tween teachers and the education authorities. This step will not only improve morale but also encourage greater dedication within the teaching community.”

The Forum also lauded the broader initiatives of the ZEO Bandipora in improving academic infrastructure, enhancing administrative transparency, and addressing

preciated across the zone.

According to the spokesperson JKTF Bandipora reiterated its resolve to work hand-in-hand with the administration for the overall development of the education sector, emphasizing that such collaborative efforts are crucial to achieving quality education and institutional accountability.

AI Training Program for Girls Concludes Successfully at ITI Bandipora

Convener News Desk

BANDIPORA: A two-day Artificial Intelligence (AI) Vocational Training Program for girls, organized under SANKALP-HEW and Mission Shakti by the Department of Social Welfare Bandipora in collaboration with ITI Bandipora, concluded successfully on Wednesday.



An official spokesperson said the program witnessed enthusiastic participation and generated positive learning outcomes among the trainees. He said the initiative aimed to equip young women with foundational skills in AI, fostering digital literacy and future career preparedness.

On the concluding day, participants were awarded certificates of participation and provided with diaries to encourage continued learning. Refreshment kits and training materials were distributed throughout the program. Mementos were presented to trainer Mr. Muneer Ahmad Mir and ITI faculty in recognition of their contributions.

Officials from SANKALP-HEW, including Tahira Tabassum (District Mission Coordinator), Sumaya Muzzafar (Gender Specialist), Najamu Saqib, Zakir Bashir, and Nazira Nazira (Financial Literacy Specialists), addressed the participants and emphasized the long-term value of the training. They encouraged the girls to build upon the knowledge gained and explore opportunities in the digital and AI-driven world. The impact of the sessions was evident as additional participants joined on the second day, drawn by the relevance and engaging nature of the training.

Key modules covered during the training included the introduction to Artificial Intelligence and its types, Applications of AI in everyday life and education, Career planning and job search tools using AI, Business automation and content creation and Digital ethics, online safety, and responsible use of AI. The vocational training program highlights the Department of Social Welfare's commitment to women's empowerment through skill development and technological inclusion. Such initiatives are seen as vital steps toward equipping the next generation of women with tools to thrive in the digital economy.

AIP Team Promises Support for Women Artisans at Ashtangoo Ghat

CONVENER NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA: A delegation from the Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) visited the Delight Carpet Centre at Ashtangoo Ghat today to assess the working conditions of local artisans, particularly women engaged in traditional Kashmiri handicrafts and Aari work.

An official spokesperson said the team was led by Mr. Prince Pervaiz, General Secretary (Organization), AIP, and included Mr. Farooq Ahmad Shah, District President Bandipora; Mr. Mudasir Bashir, PRO to MP North Kashmir Bandipora; and Mr. Mohammad Muzaffar Dar, Block President Aloosa. Officials from Block Aloosa, including the concerned Junior Engineer and Panchayat Secretary, were also present during the visit. He said the delegation interacted with a group of 54 women artisans working at the centre, who raised pressing concerns about the lack of basic infrastructure, particularly the absence of proper washroom facilities and a suitable building to carry out their work.

Prince Pervaiz gave a patient hearing to their grievances and assured the artisans that the AIP remains committed to supporting local talent and improving their working conditions. He announced that construction of washrooms at the centre will be taken up soon under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS).

Spokesperson said the visit underscores AIP's continued efforts toward grassroots development and its focus on empowering women through the promotion of traditional crafts and by addressing critical infrastructure gaps in rural communities.

File Gather Dust as J&K's Sports Quota SPOs Fight for Regularisation

CONVENER NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 18 (KDC): In a glaring case of administrative delays, hundreds of Special Police Officers (SPOs) recruited under the sports category in Jammu & Kashmir continue to await regularization as constables, despite a clear 2009 policy mandating their absorption. The issue, pending for over years according to these SPOs, has left them and their families in financial and emotional distress, with repeated postponements of key meetings adding to their woes.


A delegation of sports category SPOs told Srinagar-based news agency Kashmir Dot Com that the Home Department of J&K had issued a circular (No. Home/PB-III/62/G/2008 dated 25-09-2009) outlining the regularization/rehabilitation of SPOs under the sports quota as constables. However, implementation has been marred by bureaucratic hurdles.

They said the Range Police Headquarters, Baramulla, had forwarded the cases of eligible SPOs to the Additional Police Headquarters (APHQ) Srinagar in 2022 through multiple communications (Estt/ SPO-Sports/2022/10640-41, Estt/Reh-38/2022/15277-78, and Estt/ Reh-38/2022/15263-64). These cases, accompanied by Range Level Committee (RLC) recommendations and original documents, were later sent to the DIG Armed Kashmir for final approval.

However, according to them, a scheduled meeting to review these cases (Notice No. AROK/6339-45 dated 03-07-2024) has been postponed multiple times, leaving the SPOs in limbo.

Speaking anonymously, an SPO from Baramulla said, “We have served the department with dedication, some of us for over a decade.

Editorial



J&K’s Power Future

Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on his recent visit to JK said that India will move ahead with long-pending hydropower projects. With the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) now in abeyance, a new window of opportunity has opened—one that must be harnessed with vision, speed, and sustainability. Jammu and Kashmir has been the worst hit and victim of the IWT between the two countries with JK denied to get benefited from its own resource. Pakistan’s persistent objections—like those over the Wullar Barrage—created a diplomatic deadlock that froze several critical projects. Now, with the treaty effectively suspended, India has sovereign claim over these waters. This moment calls not just for celebration, but for responsible nation-building. The Centre’s decision to revive stalled hydropower initiatives is a necessary and timely move, especially for a region like J&K that holds vast untapped hydro potential but suffers from unreliable power supply and developmental lag.

But merely announcing projects is not enough. The execution must be swift, transparent, and inclusive. Infrastructure must be built with environmental safeguards and local participation. Projects like Wullar Barrage and others should not only generate electricity but also create employment, enhance irrigation, and offer long-term economic benefits to locals. Moreover, reviving these projects should include rehabilitative measures for any affected communities and ecological systems. The rhetoric of “blood and water not flowing together” is a strong diplomatic signal. It underlines India’s shift from passive restraint to assertive self-interest in strategic sectors. However, it also puts the onus on India to set a global example in how to utilise transboundary resources responsibly, even when agreements falter.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah’s prompt engagement with the Centre over resuming two key power projects indicates political maturity and cooperative federalism. His government’s readiness to implement these projects reflects a rare alignment between the Centre and the UT—something that must be sustained through dialogue, trust, and mutual accountability. As the power sector continues to face losses due to subsidised tariffs and rising demand, the focus should simultaneously be on efficiency reforms, smart metering, and public awareness about energy conservation. India must now seize this watershed moment to turn policy intent into grassroots change, ensuring that the rivers that once symbolised restraint now power a new era of self-reliance and prosperity for Jammu and Kashmir.

Beyond the Threshold: What Breaching 1.5°C Means for India — and for Kashmir



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What This Means for Kashmir

Kashmir is often described as a land of breathtaking beauty — snow-covered peaks, shimmering lakes, alpine meadows, and apple-laden orchards. But beneath this postcard image lies a fragile ecological foundation that is now under acute stress. For regions like Kashmir, a global temperature rise beyond 1.5°C is not merely a warning — it is a turning point.

The Himalayas are warming at nearly twice the global average, and Kashmir stands on the frontlines of this accelerated change. Glaciers in the Pir Panjal and Zaskar ranges are retreating at unprecedented rates, endangering the water flow that sustains both urban settlements and rural life. These glaciers feed the Jhelum River — the arterial lifeline of the valley. As glacial melt accelerates, it creates a paradox: sudden floods in the short term and looming water scarcity in the long term.

Kashmir’s distinct ecological rhythms — the timing of snow, bloom, rain, and harvest — are already being disrupted. The valley’s famed horticulture sector, especially apple and saffron farming, is struggling to adapt. Shifts in flowering periods, unexpected frosts, and heatwaves are not just hurting yields; they are shaking the confidence of entire farming communities. Crops that once flourished here, nourished by centuries of tradition and local knowledge, are now at the mercy of unpredictable seasons.

Tourism, a major contributor to the region’s economy, is also vulnerable. A rise in extreme weather events, forest fires, landslides, and reduced snow cover could undermine the very image of Kashmir that attracts visitors. Climate change, if unchecked, risks turning this ecological sanctuary into a zone of instability and uncertainty.

Yet the most concerning part of this unfolding crisis is not just the change itself, but our collective unpreparedness for it. Climate risks have not been central to planning in the region — not in infrastructure, not in agriculture, not even in education. As a result, local communities are left exposed. They rely heavily on traditional coping strategies, but these are being outpaced by the speed of environmental disruption.

But within this vulnerability lies an opportunity — an opportunity to act, to lead, and to protect what remains. Kashmir’s young people are increasingly aware of the threats facing their land. They are organising clean-up campaigns, starting eco-tourism ventures, planting native trees, and raising awareness through education and social media. With the right support — in terms of research, climate data, funding, and policy integration — these efforts can evolve into a powerful local climate movement.

For India, prioritizing climate resilience in Kashmir is not a regional favour — it is a national imperative. The protection of this Himalayan ecosystem is critical not just for Kashmiris, but for millions downstream who depend on its water and forests. It is a question of food, energy, biodiversity, and cultural heritage — all bound up in one valley.

If we take the 1.5°C threshold seriously, then Kashmir cannot be treated as a footnote in India’s climate journey. It must be seen as a model for high-altitude adaptation, a place where sustainability is not just a goal, but a necessity. The region’s deep environmental wisdom, combined with new scientific insight and national solidarity, can pave the way for long-term resilience.

What Should Be Done?

The science has spoken. The temperatures are rising. The question now is not what will happen, but what we will choose to do about it. The breach of 1.5°C is no longer a distant event to avoid — it is a lived reality to respond to, with urgency and clarity. For both India and Kashmir, this means turning warnings into action and forecasts into planning.

First, India must place climate at the center of its national agenda — not just in words, but in practice. That means integrating climate risks into agriculture, water management, infrastructure, finance, and health. Development plans must no longer treat climate change as a background variable, but as the stage on which all other priorities now unfold.

In rural areas, we need investment in climate-resilient farming, including support for heat- and flood-tolerant crops, improved irrigation efficiency, trust, investment, and sustained ecological care. The valley’s rivers, forests, wetlands, and people deserve not just admiration but protection. Climate-resilient livelihoods — in farming, tourism, and forestry — must become the foundation of a sustainable future.

We cannot afford to wait. Every policy delayed, every forest cleared, every glacier ignored, makes recovery harder. The time for pilot projects and symbolic pledges has passed. This is the era for transformative action — grounded in science, guided by justice, and driven by people.

Conclusion – A Future Still Worth Fighting For

The new projection is not merely a matter of temperatures. It is a matter of thresholds — environmental, economic, social, and moral. A 1.5°C threshold is not merely a scientific benchmark; it is a point between stability and doubt, preservation and loss. And we are set to cross it.

But projections are not destinies. They are warnings — and, possibly, last opportunities.

For India, the future is as bright as it is challenging. We must reimagine what progress means. Growth that undermines the very climate systems upon which we rely is not progress — it is delaying collapse. But growth that rejuvenates, that integrates the marginalized, that honours the cycles of land and water — that is the only path that holds a hope now.

For Kashmir, it is a more personal tale. Changes are already evident — in the receding snow, the worried farmer, the glacier’s silent retreat. And yet, so too is the potential for resilience: in the people’s local wisdom, in the vigour of its youth, in the quiet resolve of those who have always learned to coexist with the land.

What we do in the next five years will determine not only climate results, but the character of who we are as a nation — what matters to us, whom we care for, and whether we are courageous enough to act when it is most needed.

This is not the end. However, it may be the beginning of a new climate awareness, born of action, humility, and shared responsibility. We still have time. Not much. But enough — if we make good use of it.

Let that be India’s promise. Let that be Kashmir’s hope.

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Listening, Not Lecturing: A New Model for Public-Centered Journalism



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From listening to conversation

Once we’ve agreed on the importance of listening to your audience, we must move to the next level: don’t just listen — have a conversation with them.

Too often, when newsrooms practice listening, information stops after flowing one way. We ask people for their ideas and opinions to get the insights we need for content or a project, and that makes us feel like we’re listening. But if the conversation ends there, and we don’t let audiences know what we do with the information they have generously provided, that won’t do much to build trust and accountability.

Real listening and conversation means being transparent about the choices you make as a result of the listening process. It means acknowledging mistakes and correcting them; it means accepting that some people in your audience will always know more than you about any given topic — and you can ask for their help; it means being open, showing how journalism is done, and even sharing the difficult choices you make on a daily basis, rather than just giving people the final product and expecting them to automatically trust you.

Making sense of the world, together

Let’s go one step further: I would argue that healing our relationship with the people we aim to serve requires us to stop thinking of us (working in journalism) and them (the audiences) as two different breeds. Journalism might be a job for us and not for them; but journalism, intended as the process of making sense of the world through information, is a collaborative effort we are all taking part in. We are all human beings trying to understand the world — together.

Add to that that we often forget that each one of us working in journalism is also someone else’s audience. Our news consumption might not be representative because we are so immersed in this journalism thing day in and day out, but that doesn’t mean we should forget to bring our insights as readers and users into our work.

Some newsrooms understand that so well that they made this part of their editorial strategy: readers of Il Post (an Italian digital media founded in 2010) have heard the editorial team sharing multiple times that one of their criteria for deciding

which less newsy stories to write about is simple: if someone in the newsroom is curious or passionate about a story, it’s likely their readers might find it interesting too. Il Post has no paywall and started a membership program in 2019: by the end of 2023, 75% of their revenue came from membership. This editorial strategy appears to be working. (Full disclosure: I’m a member and a big fan of their work.)

double down on that. Do it more often and as a core element of our activities, and not as a nice-to-have. In 2025, people crave connection, relationship, community and conversation. They want to feel part of something. What better way do we have to achieve that?

Focus on what our real purpose is



But back to the audience side of things: let’s mind our language. Over the last few months, at various industry conferences as well as on social media, I started paying attention to how we talk about the people we aim to serve with our journalism, and I found myself feeling quite uncomfortable and even a little... cringe.

We refer to audiences as eyeballs, credit cards, numbers. Rarely as people with problems and needs that is our mission to help and meet. Our obsession with page views and engagement — justified in its essence but not in how it translates into practice — leads us to dehumanize the audience, making it harder to find optimism and motivation in our sense of purpose.

I don’t mean to suggest this as a silver bullet — spoiler alert: there is no silver bullet — but I strongly believe there’s one thing we must be doing much more often to counter this trend toward dehumanization: meet our audiences in real life.

The good news is that this is already happening. Many brands organize events, live shows, think-ins, and other occasions to meet face to face the people they work for. We must

After a long list of “we must do” and “we must change,” I feel like it’s time to acknowledge the elephant in the room: change is hard. And working in journalism is often... well, not easy, to say the least.

That’s exactly why I believe we should continue building spaces and support groups where we can feel “less alone in the big fight,” as one of my News Alchemists friends put it. Working on changing journalism and redefining the relationship with our audiences requires serious and difficult conversations, but we can design joyful processes to guide us through them. We can be playful and continue bringing hope to the table as we shape our future, whether within our teams or with the products and experiences we create.

I also want us all to embrace what Candice Fortman wrote in an incredible post on LinkedIn a few weeks ago: “Saving journalism has never been the job.” We can only go through change with hope and a positive attitude, and get out of it healthy and successful, if we free ourselves of the pressure

of having an entire industry to save. It’s not journalism that requires our effort and ideas. It’s the people we care for, and the communities we want to support and strengthen. If one day we wake up and journalism is not the best way to help them anymore, so be it. Let’s shed the old skin and find out how beautiful the new skin can be, whatever it looks like.

So let’s stop protecting old ways that don’t work anymore and only exist to guarantee their own survival. Let’s do what we can to help our organizations look more like what we need them to be to serve our mission, but let’s also give ourselves permission to stop working for organizations that just don’t want to change. Let’s encourage each other to recognize when it might just be time to let them go.

I believe that journalism can and will be better. I believe that 2025 can truly be the year when we redefine our relationship with audiences and our role in society. If we continue supporting each other, with passion and care, we can really make a difference and invite more people to join arms with us. Because we all need to be involved. The change we need is systemic and it’s the business of all of us, not just of a few chosen ones with “innovation,” “product” or “leadership” in their job title. So let’s get together. There’s work to do.

What’s next for News Alchemists

The work I started on News Alchemists has not concluded with the end of the fellowship. In 2025, I plan to continue it by:

(1) Consulting for news organizations that want to find new avenues for sustainability by optimizing their mission and value proposition for the concrete value they can offer to their communities.

(2) Continuing to facilitate important conversations about how to put people at the center of our journalism through the News Alchemists community, which is ready to grow from 15 founding members into a bigger group of thinkers and doers from across the information ecosystem.

(3) Writing a weekly newsletter featuring a list of seven things I read that make me think and give me hope: links about changing journalism, and about audience, community and sustainability. (Something that I’ve already been doing on LinkedIn in preparation for starting the newsletter.)

This is a work in progress. But if you’re interested in receiving the newsletter when it starts, and staying informed about other News Alchemists activities, you can leave your email through this form.

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When Hearts Drift Apart: The Hidden Pain of Unspoken Words and Untreated Wounds



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There is a quiet kind of pain that lives in many hearts today. It doesn't shout or scream. It hides behind everyday smiles and polite conversations. This pain doesn't always stem from betrayal or anger—it grows silently from the gradual breaking of bonds that once felt unbreakable. From the distance that builds when people stop speaking, when care is felt but never expressed, when hearts are full but lips remain sealed.



We must also learn to forgive. Carrying past pain into the present only makes it heavier. Everyone makes mistakes. What matters is whether we grow from them, and whether we choose to stay. Forgiveness isn't about forgetting—it's about valuing the bond more than the error. It's about choosing peace over punishment, healing over hurting, and love over ego.



Many today are emotionally exhausted—not because of work or life's responsibilities, but because of relationships that have become distant, uncertain, and heavy. We live in a time when messages travel the globe in seconds, yet hearts living under the

to us: "How are you, really?"

In the beginning, love feels effortless. Words flow easily. Affection is freely shown. Every little gesture matters. But over time, we begin to assume the bond will take care of itself—that



same roof go unheard for days. We scroll through feeds, reply to strangers, and like random posts, but forget to ask those closest

love will remain without being nurtured, that understanding will survive without communication. That's a dangerous mistake. Just

as a fire dies without oxygen, love fades without attention. Like a plant left unwatered, connection withers in silence.

There is nothing more painful than feeling alone in the presence of someone you love. When silence replaces conversation, and distance grows between people living side by side, the heart breaks—but quietly. No loud fights, no final words. Just the soft fading of something once vibrant and alive.

What deepens the hurt is when both people are suffering, yet neither speaks. Both want to fix things, but pride stands in the way. Both miss each other but wait for the other to speak first. Time passes, and the silence thickens. The wall between them grows taller. And one day, they look at each other and feel like strangers—not because the love disappeared, but because the silence drowned it.

We must remember: emotions, no matter how deep, are not eternal unless nurtured. Even the strongest connection can break if taken for granted. Relationships don't heal on their own—they require attention, effort, and care.

Sometimes, all it takes to repair the damage is a few heartfelt words. A soft "I miss you." An honest "I'm sorry." A brave "Let's talk." These small gestures have the power to heal wounds and rekindle closeness. Like rain falling on parched soil, they can revive what was thought to be lost.

Another silent killer of relationships is overthinking. In the absence of communication, the mind writes its own painful stories: "Maybe they don't care anymore." "Maybe I was never truly loved." These narratives, born from silence, grow more powerful than the truth itself.

This is why it's so important to speak. Don't make your loved ones guess what's in your heart. Don't let pride silence your feelings. Words may hurt—but silence wounds deeper. It breeds confusion, insecurity, and distance.

Sometimes, the right words at the right moment can save a relationship. Don't wait too long to say them. Don't assume another chance will come. People don't always walk away because they've stopped loving—they walk away because they grew tired of waiting for a love that was never voiced.

We often hesitate: "What if I say too much?" "What if I look weak?" "What if they don't feel the same?" But vulnerability isn't weakness. It's strength. It takes courage to open your heart, to speak your truth, to try again when giving up feels easier.

We must also learn to forgive. Carrying past pain into the present only makes it heavier. Everyone makes mistakes. What matters is whether we grow from them, and whether we choose to stay. Forgiveness isn't about forgetting—it's about valuing the bond more than the error. It's about choosing peace over punishment, healing over hurting, and love over ego.

So, ask yourself today:
Who do I need to talk to?
Who do I miss but haven't reached out to?
What relationship is slowly dying because of pride or fear?
Then take the step. Send the message. Make the call. Say the words. Because in the end, what gives life its true meaning isn't success or status—but connection. The feeling of being seen, heard, understood, and loved. Don't let that slip away. Don't let silence do what storms couldn't.
Let your love be louder than your pride.
Let your care be stronger than your fear.
Let your honesty rise above your doubt.

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Tracing the Timeless Journey of Yoga: From Ancient Roots to Global Movement

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As India marks the 11th International Day of Yoga, the 2025 theme "Yoga for One Earth, One Health" resonates deeply with the global community's collective aspiration for unity, wellness, and ecological harmony. From the icy heights of Ladakh to the lush backwaters of Kerala, millions are joining in celebration, embodying the timeless wisdom of Yoga—a discipline that has transcended geography, faith, and time.

Yoga, today, is practised by millions across the globe. Yet its origins lie deep within the spiritual soil of ancient India, where it first emerged not merely as a form of exercise but as a path to inner peace and self-realisation. "Yoga is India's enduring gift to the world—a living heritage that blends physical, mental, and spiritual well-being," said a senior official from the Ministry of Ayush, which has been instrumental in organising events for the International Day of Yoga.

Derived from the Sanskrit root "yuj", meaning "to unite," Yoga symbolises the fusion of body, mind, and soul. While many believed for years that Yoga originated around 500 BCE during the rise of Buddhism, archaeological discoveries suggest an even older history. Seals from the Indus-Saraswati Valley civilisation depict meditative postures that point to early yogic practices. The worship of figures like the Mother Goddess further supports this connection, indicating that spiritual and yogic traditions were already ingrained in the culture.

Historical references to Yoga appear across India's sacred texts—the Vedas, Upanishads, Smritis, Puranas, and even in Jain and Buddhist scriptures. During the Vedic period, Yoga was closely tied to Upasana (spiritual worship) and rituals. Practices

like Pranayama (breath control) were part of daily life, conducted under the direct guidance of a Guru. The Sun, or Surya, held profound spiritual importance and inspired practices such as Surya Namaskara (Sun Salutation).

"The influence of Yoga can be traced in our epics—the Ramayana and Mahabharata—and in the teachings of theistic traditions like



Shaivism and Vaishnavism," noted Dr. Rajiv Kumar, a scholar of Indic spirituality. "Its evolution is not linear but layered, adapting itself to the spiritual needs of each era."

A pivotal moment in Yoga's history came with Maharshi Patanjali around the 2nd century BCE. Though Yoga had long existed in practice, it was Patanjali who systematically compiled its philosophies into the Yoga Sutras, laying out the foundational principles of Ashtanga Yoga—the eightfold path to enlighten-

ment. His concise yet profound treatise transformed Yoga from scattered practices into a cohesive, universal system.

Between 700 and 1900 CE, during the classical and pre-modern periods, Yoga continued to evolve. Hatha Yoga emerged, focusing on the physical body as a tool for spiritual progress. Foundational texts like the Hathayogapradipika, Gheranda Samhita, and Goraksha Shatakam detailed specific yogic postures and techniques. Great saints such as Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Ramana Maharshi, Paramahansa Yogananda, and Swami Vivekananda shaped the way Yoga was understood and practised, both within India and abroad.

Swami Vivekananda's powerful address at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1893 is widely seen as a defining moment in the global dissemination of Indian philosophy and Yoga. "He gave the world a glimpse of India's spiritual reservoir and made Yoga a household name in the West," said a historian of Indian philosophy.

In the 20th century, figures such as T. Krishnamacharya, Swami Sivananda, B.K.S. Iyengar, Pattabhi Jois, Swami Kuvalayananda, and Sri Aurobindo further shaped modern Yoga by exploring its therapeutic, psychological, and spiritual dimensions. Their disciples and institutions helped bring Yoga into the mainstream—across clinics, classrooms, and even corporate offices.

A defining global moment arrived on September 27, 2014, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), urging the international

community to adopt Yoga as a means to promote holistic health. "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It is not about exercise but discovering the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and nature," Modi told the UN. His call was met with resounding approval.

On December 11, 2014, the UNGA, with the support of 193 member states, declared June 21—the Summer Solstice—as the International Day of Yoga. The date holds both scientific and spiritual significance: it marks the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere and is traditionally believed to be the day Lord Shiva, the Adi Yogi, began imparting Yoga to the Saptarishis (Seven Sages).

Since then, the International Day of Yoga has grown into a worldwide celebration. Parks, city squares, rooftops, and schools now host Yoga sessions with people of all ages and backgrounds participating. It serves as a reminder that Yoga is more than physical postures—it is a philosophy of balance, inner peace, and global harmony.

"Yoga is not just a practice—it is a lifestyle rooted in values like compassion, self-discipline, and respect for nature," said Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture. "Its universal appeal lies in its simplicity and transformative power."

As the world embraces Yoga with increasing enthusiasm, its Indian roots remain a beacon of timeless wisdom. In an age challenged by stress, conflict, and disconnection, Yoga offers a unifying path—towards health, mindfulness, and spiritual awareness, proving that its journey from ancient caves to global capitals is far from over.

Sakeena Itoo, Satish Sharma visit Imam Baras to oversee the Muharram arrangements

SRINAGAR: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo alongwith Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Information Technology and Transport, Satish Sharma today visited Imam Bara Zadibal and Imam Bara Hassanabad here to review the preparedness and arrangements being made for the observance of forthcoming Holy Month of Muharram-ul-Haram.

During the visit to Imam Bara at Zadibal, the Ministers interacted with local representatives, community leaders and members of the Shia community.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Sakeena said that Muharram holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for the Muslim community and it is our collective responsibility to provide an environment of dignity, safety and comfort to the mourners.

She directed the officers to deploy adequate manpower of health department along the routes of Muharram processions for the facilitation of mourners. She asked the Director Health to deploy sufficient number of Ambulances as well as blood storage units during the days of procession.

The Minister also directed the SMC Commissioner to take immediate measures for cleanliness and desilting of drains in Zadibal, Alamgari Bazar, He assured them that sufficient stock of essential supplies will be kept available during this holy month.

During the visit, the Ministers held detailed interaction with the local Shia leaders and public representatives to have first-hand feedback of the arrangements to be put in place during the Holy Month of Muharram-ul-Haram.

Later, the Ministers undertook a comprehensive tour of Mir Behri Dal, the interiors of densely populated Shia areas.

On the occasion, the Ministers held a public interaction and met scores of people of the Shia community and assured them that adequate arrangements shall be made available on the eve of the month of Muharram ul Haram.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Sakeena said that this Government is chosen by the public and is for the public, adding that all genuine issues will be redressed in consultation with respective departments. She further said that sufficient staff will be posted in schools in this area within days.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Satish Sharma said that adequate ration supplies will be maintained during the holy month in this area. He also said that sufficient solar lights will also be set up across several areas of Mir Behri Dal.



Madain Sahib Hawal and other routes leading to Imam Baras and through which Muharram processions will pass so that people do not face any difficulty.

During the visit, Minister Satish Sharma also interacted with local representatives.

Minister Sakeena Itoo on the occasion also paid obeisance at the shrine of Mir Shams-ud-din Muhammad Araqi (RA). Later, the Ministers also visited Imam Bara Hassanabad and took stock of Muharram arrangements.

Javid Dar reviews Muharram arrangements in Pattan

BARAMULLA: Minister for Agricultural Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, today chaired a review meeting at ITI Pattan held to ensure smooth and peaceful observance of the approaching Muharram.

The Minister had a comprehensive review of the arrangements being made by various departments. He emphasized the need for inter-departmental coordination to ensure availability of all basic facilities during Muharram days.

He asked the officers to maintain close liaison with the local representatives and community leaders to address the public needs effectively.

Javid Dar laid special focus on ensuring an uninterrupted supply of drinking water and electricity, timely sanitation drives, deployment of health teams and availability of essential items.

He directed the concerned authorities to take up repair of roads along the procession routes on a priority basis and ensure all street lights are functional in the identified areas.

Advisor to Chief Minister related to firewood distribution, sanitation support, availability of drinking water and traffic regulation.

They called for special attention in high-footfall zones



exhorted upon the officers to remain available on the ground, stressing the importance of community-level coordination. He asked the departments to set up quick-response teams for addressing the emergency issues during the mourning period.

The Members of Legislative Assembly from Baramulla, Sopore, Pattan and Wagoora-Kreeri shared area-specific feedback and put forth demands

and assured full cooperation from the local volunteers.

The Deputy Commissioner briefed the meeting about the district-level preparedness, informing them that action plans are already under execution. These included sanitation drives, deployment of response team setups, road inspections and firewood arrangements in coordination with the local committees.

CS for equitable development of tribal areas under DA-JGUA

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dullloo, today chaired the maiden Apex Committee meeting held to review and accelerate benefits of the scheme equally reach all tribal areas of J&K. He laid particular stress on the importance of robust data to personally monitor the entire process in their respective districts.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Prasanna G. Ramaswamy, highlighted the key components and progress of the scheme, stating that it operates through two primary components. One component involves direct funding by the Ministry for Tribal Affairs, under which the Project Appraisal Committee has approved proposals worth 877.10 lakh for 2024-25. This included 500.00 lakh for establishing 5 Tribal Multipurpose Marketing Centers (TMMCs).

The Secretary added that the scheme also envisages setting up of Forest Rights Act Cells, one at the UT level and twenty at the district level, with an outlay of 377.10 Lakh. These cells will be crucial for managing the FRA claims and implementing the CFR Management Plans.

implementation of the 'Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan' (DA-JGUA), marking a significant step towards equitable and holistic development of tribal communities.

The Abhiyan is a flagship initiative of the Government of India aimed at comprehensive human development in tribal areas.

The Chief Secretary directed the department to work hard towards ensuring that the



validation at the grassroots level.

The Chief Secretary asked the Deputy Commissioners to conduct thorough ground truthing, visiting the villages to validate the data and pinpoint gaps across 25 critical parameters. He reiterated that reliable data is essential for impactful interventions, highlighting the need for meticulous verification to ensure data accuracy.

The Chief Secretary called upon the Deputy Commissioners

DLIC Kupwara approves 26 cases under Mission YUVA

KUPWARA: In a concerted effort to promote youth entrepreneurship and self-employment, District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) Kupwara, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today approved 26 cases under the Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan) scheme.

The meeting was held at the Mini Meeting Hall of the DC Office, Kupwara, and was convened to evaluate and approve applications received from aspiring entrepreneurs under the Mission YUVA initiative. The scheme is designed to provide financial assistance and capacity-building support to youth for launching and sustaining their entrepreneurial ventures. During the meeting, concerned officials presented a detailed appraisal of the applications received. After thorough scrutiny and discussion, 26 eligible cases were approved by the Committee for further financial assistance and handholding support. Speaking on the occasion, DC highlighted the pivotal role of Mission YUVA in enabling local youth to pursue self-employment opportunities and contribute to the economic development of the district. She emphasized the need for effective implementation and directed the District Employment & Counseling Centre Kupwara to ensure wider dissemination of the scheme among eligible youth and encourage greater participation.



Sakeena Itoo reviews performance, functioning of DFCO

SRINAGAR, JUNE 18: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, Wednesday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the functioning and performance of Drug and Food Control Organisation (DFCO) of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister held detailed assessment of the operational efficacy of the organisation in regulating and monitoring the standards of drugs and food products across the UT.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, the Minister directed the organisation to

adopt a proactive approach in monitoring the pharmaceutical as well as food supply chains effectively. "Public health is a non-negotiable priority. There must

as activities. She also asked them to coordinate with Social Welfare, Education and other departments regarding conduct of workshops and camps for creating awareness among the people about spurious and substandard drugs.

The Minister urged for stronger collaboration between DFCO and law enforcement agencies to effectively tackle the violations.

She also asked them to organise capacity-building workshops for the inspectors and field officers to stay updated with regulatory reforms and evolving industry standards.

While reviewing other aspects of DFCO, the Minister called for regular upgradation of laboratories besides checks and balances on Blood banks and storage facilities.

She also called for faster integration of digital platforms to ensure transparency, better reporting mechanisms and prompt grievance redress.



DAJGUA Day-4: Pulwama Admin holds mega Awareness, Benefit Saturation Camp at Sangerwani

PULWAMA: As a part of nationwide initiative Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), district administration Pulwama today organized a mega Awareness and Benefit Saturation Camp at Sangerwani Pulwama.

The initiative envisions holistic upliftment of tribal communities through focused interventions in infrastructure, healthcare, education, livelihoods, and digital inclusion.

With strong inter-departmental coordination, various government departments including Health, Education, RDD, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, FCS&CA, Forest and others came together to deliver instant services and ensure last-mile delivery & wider outreach of public welfare schemes as envisioned by the Abhiyan.

Each departmental stall offered real-time assistance, enabling on-the-spot registrations, enrolment of beneficiaries, personalised scheme consultations, and dissemination of key information.

Kisan Credit Card, Driving Licence, Ayushman Bharat Card, Domicile Certificate among others. The CSC also enabled access to various

Poshan was also set up at the camp, focusing on spreading awareness about nutrition and health among children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers.

DDC Member, Achgoze, Mansha Jan, was also present at the event.

She highlighted the significance of the initiative in empowering tribal communities through doorstep delivery of welfare schemes and services.

She interacted with the public, listened to their concerns, and assured them of continued support and coordination for effective implementation of government programmes at the grassroots level.

The Health Department conducted a comprehensive health camp, offering free consultations and medical services with a focus on sickle cell disease and water-borne illnesses.



Informative materials such as brochures, booklets, and pamphlets were distributed to encourage informed participation.

In a move to bring digital governance closer to the tribal community, a Common Service Centre (CSC) was established at the venue, facilitating citizens in enrolling, updating essential documents such as Aadhaar, PAN, digital services and government initiatives.

On the occasion, Rural Development department established a dedicated service desk that enabled on-the-spot registration of Job Cards under MGNREGA, facilitated claims under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), and ensured coverage of eligible households under PMAY (G).

A dedicated stall by Mission

Training on Pension Suvidha Portal conducted for DDOs at Baramulla

BARAMULLA: In an effort towards streamlining digital governance, District Treasury Office Baramulla today organized a detailed training session on the newly introduced Pension Suvidha portal for Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) at its office chamber. The session held in line with the directions from the Director General Accounts & Treasuries, J&K, aimed to ensure smooth transition to a paperless pension processing system. Developed collaboratively by the J&K Government, the Accountant General and

NIC, the Pension Suvidha portal is designed to enhance transparency, accuracy, and efficiency in handling pension cases of retiring government employees.

District Treasury Officer Baramulla, outlined the key features of the portal. He highlighted the significance of timely and error-free submission of pension cases and urged the DDOs to adopt the digital procedures in full earnest to avoid delays. Participants were trained on step-by-step usage of the portal, including login credentials, document uploads, digital verification processes, and final submission of cases through the online system.

DDO emphasized that the portal marks a transformative shift in pension case management, benefiting both the departments and retirees by reducing procedural delays and manual errors. To ensure smooth implementation, DDO also informed that further handholding sessions and technical support would be extended to DDOs and concerned staff in the coming days to address any operational challenges.

District-level RAMP awareness workshop concludes in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO), in collaboration with the District Industries Centre (DIC) Srinagar and Grant Thornton Bharat as the State Programme Implementation Unit (SPIU) under the RAMP scheme, successfully organized the District-Level RAMP Awareness Workshop for Srinagar at Government Polytechnic College, Bemina.

This workshop marked the 20th and final leg of the comprehensive district-level outreach campaign conducted over the past month, covering all districts of the Union Territory.

Event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 70 stakeholders, including officials from DIC Srinagar, JKTPO, PMEGP beneficiaries, MSME entrepreneurs, ITI and Polytechnic students, and local enterprise representatives.

The SPIU team from Grant Thornton delivered a comprehensive presentation on the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme, highlighting its objectives, components, and key interventions tailored for Jammu & Kashmir.

Session covered vital support areas such as capacity building, access to credit and finance, market access, digital empowerment, skilling, and the institutional strengthening of District Industries Centres (DICs).

Special emphasis was placed on formalizing enterprises through digital enablement and promoting women entrepreneurship.

The RAMP scheme, implemented by the Ministry of MSME with World Bank support, aims to enhance MSME competitiveness, foster innovation, improve access to finance and markets, and build robust institutional frameworks across the Union Territory.

A key highlight of the event was the on-spot Udyam registrations and formalizations facilitated by DIC Srinagar,

Secretary reviews implementation, progress on IT projects

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Information Technology, Dr. Piyush Singla, today chaired a meeting to review implementation and progress on various projects in the IT Department.

Pertinently, the e-Office 2.0 rollout marks a major stride towards paperless governance. It has brought over 480 Administrative Departments, HoDs and DC offices besides state universities such as the University of Jammu, University of Kashmir, SMVDU, BGSBU and SKUAST-Jammu under a unified digital umbrella, with more than 30,000 active users and 4000+ VPN-enabled users.

The Secretary appreciated administrative units in the Union Territory. He emphasized the role of e-Office 2.0 in enhancing transparency, efficiency and accountability in government operations. He appreciated the department's forward-looking roadmap to scale up this digital transformation to block and tehsil level, with a projected user base exceeding 25,000 new users.

He also commended the efforts of the IT Department in building capacity through regular training sessions, infrastructure modernization and handholding support to various departments, making Jammu & Kashmir one of the leading UTs in e-Governance adoption.

The review highlighted progress on related initiatives such as the Digital Jammu



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India will

between the two armed forces, and it was initiated at Pakistan's request," he said, sharing key points of the PM Modi-Trump conversation.

PM Modi told President Trump in clear terms that after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, India had conveyed its determination to take action against terrorism to the whole world.

PM Modi told Trump that India had only targeted the terrorist camps and hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, adding India's actions were very measured, precise, and non-escalatory.

"India had also made it clear that any act of aggression from Pakistan would be met with a stronger response," the foreign secretary said.

"On the night of May 9, Vice President (JD) Vance had made a phone call to Prime Minister Modi. Vice President Vance had conveyed that Pakistan may launch a major attack on India," the Foreign Secretary said.

Prime Minister Modi had conveyed to him in clear terms that if such an action were to occur, India would respond with an even stronger response, he said.

"On the night of May 9-10, India gave a strong and decisive response to Pakistan's attack, inflicting significant damage on the Pakistani military," he said on the phone conversation.

"Their military airbases were rendered inoperable. Due to India's firm action, Pakistan was compelled to request a cessation of military operations," he said.

Misri said President Trump enquired if PM Modi could stop over in the US on his way back from Canada. "Due to prior commitments, Prime Minister Modi expressed his inability to do so. Both leaders agreed to make efforts to meet in the near future," he said. (KNO)

Ensure Efficient

Minister asserted.

Highlighting the significance of the meeting, he remarked, "The very size and composition of this meeting reflects the importance we attach to the sacred month of Muharram."

The Chief Minister emphasized that administrative focus should not be limited to just the first ten days of Muharram.

"The rituals and religious observances of Muharram span two months and eight days. The government must remain responsive even beyond the 10th day of Muharram," he stressed.

Acknowledging that this year Muharram coincides with the Amarnath Yatra, the Chief Minister noted the increased responsibility on the administration to ensure the smooth conduct of both events. In this context, he announced the appointment of a Secretary-level Nodal Officer—Independent of the Divisional Commissioner—to coordinate inter-departmental efforts and oversee Muharram arrangements across the Union Territory.

The Chief Minister outlined key focus areas identified during the meeting:

- Water Supply: CM assured uninterrupted water availability through the deployment of tankers and installation of storage tanks at key locations.
- Electricity and Lighting: The Power Development Department was directed to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply and install high-mast lights at major congregation points.
- Ration and Firewood: He instructed the Food Department, in coordination with FCI, to ensure timely availability of ration. Firewood will be provided, particularly in rural areas where demand is higher.
- Sanitation and Health: Municipal bodies and the Health Department was asked to intensify sanitation drives and ensure the availability of essential healthcare services: Fire and Emergency Services will use high-pressure water canons to clean congregation areas.

The Chief Minister added that the newly appointed Nodal Officer will coordinate efforts across departments and districts, and report regularly to avoid any lapses.

Earlier, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir gave a presentation on the planned arrangements for Muharram, covering key areas such as power, water, ration supply, sanitation, and infrastructure readiness in Shia-dominated areas.

The meeting also deliberated on issues related to macadamisation, street lighting, road repair, and other civic amenities required during the observance. Legislators and religious leaders present on the occasion provided valuable feedback and suggestions to enhance the effectiveness of the arrangements. (DIPR)

You will see

demand is high. "As people had demanded transport services till late hours, we will try to ensure that this is arranged this time," he said.

Sharma added that extra ration quotas and other essential arrangements, including transportation and

security, will be put in place. "This time, all kinds of arrangements will be better, whether it is ration or transportation. You will see the change," he added. (KNO)

India Launches

4,000 Indian nationals are living in Iran and half of them are students.

The MEA said the Indian embassy in Tehran has evacuated 110 Indian students from northern Iran, assisting them in safely crossing over into Armenia on Tuesday.

The students have travelled by road to the Armenian capital, Yerevan, under the supervision of the Indian missions in Iran and Armenia.

"These students departed Yerevan on a special flight at 1455 hours on June 18 and will arrive in New Delhi in the early hours of June 19 as part of the initial stages of Operation Sindhu," the MEA said.

New Delhi said it is grateful to the governments of Iran and Armenia for the smooth facilitation of the evacuation process.

In view of the deteriorating situation as a result of the ongoing conflict between Iran and Israel, India has been taking various steps over the last several days for the safety and security of Indian nationals in Iran.

"As part of the ongoing operation, the Indian embassy in Iran has been assisting large numbers of Indian nationals in moving from areas seeing increased hostilities to relatively safer areas within the country and to subsequently evacuate them using the available and feasible options," the MEA said.

"Indian nationals in Iran are advised to stay in touch with the Indian Embassy in Tehran through its emergency helpline, and with the 24x7 Control Room established by the MEA in New Delhi," it said. (PTI)

Kashmiri Students

are flying to Delhi via Doha on IndiGo flights arranged by the Government of India.

The Ministry of External Affairs has also confirmed to the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) that tickets from Delhi to Srinagar are being arranged to ensure a smooth and complete journey home for the students from Kashmir.

Nasir Khuehami, National Convenor of JKSA, said they are closely monitoring the situation and remain in constant touch with the students and authorities to facilitate their safe return. (PTI)

Heatwave returns

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, on Wednesday recorded a maximum temperature of 32.5 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, recorded a maximum temperature of 31.4 degrees Celsius while Pahalgam recorded 27.0 degrees Celsius. In Kokernag, the mercury settled at 30.8 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara and Gulmarg, a famous ski resort, recorded 30.5 degrees Celsius and 22.8 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Jammu city, however, continued to record below normal temperatures, with the winter capital of the region recording a maximum temperature of 37.6 degrees Celsius.

Banihal recorded 29.4 degrees Celsius, Batote 27.8 degrees Celsius, Katra 35.2 degrees Celsius and Bhaderwah 30.8 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, the weatherman here has predicted generally dry weather with the possibility of a brief spell of rain and thundershower with gusty winds at isolated places till June 20.

Between June 21 & 22, Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that generally cloudy weather with intermittent spells of rain and thundershower is expected at many places.

He added that on June 23 & 24, the weather conditions are expected to remain dry with the possibility of a brief spell of light rain and thundershower at isolated places while from June 25 to June 27, generally cloudy weather is expected with possibility of intermittent spells of light to moderate rain and thundershower at many places.

Moreover, the MeT has issued an advisory, advising the farmers to continue farm operations till June 20th.

According to the advisory, there is a possibility of moderate to heavy rain with intense showers at a few places, mainly in Jammu division on June 21 & 22. "Flash floods are expected at a few places with landslides, mudslides & shooting stones," it added (KNO)

Police To Set

in Jammu serves as the main base camp for Amarnath pilgrims before they proceed to the Kashmir Valley to pay obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high shrine of Amarnath. (PMC)

Committed to

It said, "To fulfill Prime Minister Modi's vision of disaster resilient India, Ministry of Home Affairs under the guidance of Home Minister Amit Shah has taken several initiatives to ensure effective management

of disasters in the country. A number of steps have been taken to prevent any extensive loss to life and property during disasters by strengthening disaster risk reduction system in India."

The statement said, "The Central Government has approved a number of mitigation projects with overall financial outlay of Rs 7253.51 crore, for mitigating the risks of a number of hazards in the areas of Urban Floods (Rs. 3075.65 crore), Landslides (Rs.1000 crore), GLOF (Rs. 150 crore), Forest Fire (Rs. 818.92 crore), Lightning (Rs. 186.78 crore) and Drought (Rs. 2022.16 crore)."

"This additional assistance is over and above the funds released by the Centre to the States in the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), already placed at the disposal of the States. During the financial year 2024-25, the Central Government has released Rs. 20,264.40 crore to 28 States under SDRF and Rs. 5,160.76 crore under NDRF to 19 States," it said, adding, "Additionally, Rs. 4984.25 crore from the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) to 19 States and Rs. 719.72 crore from National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) to 08 States has also been released." (PIB)

FASTag-Based

"The annual pass can be activated on your existing FASTag, provided it meets the eligibility criteria (i.e., it is properly affixed on the vehicle's windshield, linked to a valid Vehicle Registration Number, not blacklisted etc)," it said.

The annual pass is valid only at National Highway (NH) and National Expressway (NE) fee plazas.

At fee plazas on Expressways, State Highways (SH), etc., managed by State Governments or local bodies, the FASTag will operate as a regular FASTag, and applicable user fee charges may apply.

The annual pass is applicable only for private non-commercial Car/Jeep/Van. Use in any commercial vehicle will result in immediate deactivation without notice, the highways ministry said.

The annual pass will be activated only on FASTags properly affixed to the windshield of the registered vehicle. Each crossing of the fee plaza counts as one trip. A round trip (to and fro) counts as two trips. According to the ministry, for closed tolling fee plazas, one pair of entry and exit counts as one trip.

The ministry also clarified that the annual pass is not mandatory and that the existing FASTag ecosystem will continue to function as usual.

"Users who do not opt for the annual pass can continue to use their FASTag for regular transactions as per applicable user fee rates at fee plazas," it said.

The ministry said highway users may re-purchase the annual pass once the 200-trip limit is exhausted, even if the one-year validity period has not yet ended. (PIB)

Weather-based

a two-fold approach. "Where there's no source, we are planning community borewells, and where a water source exists, it will be efficiently tapped," he said.

Minister Dar called for the modernisation of ageing pump stations, some of which are over 20–25 years old and operating below efficiency. "We are preparing new Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to address this issue and mitigate the water scarcity crisis," he assured (KNO)

Amarnath Yatra

Police To Set Up Additional Checkpoints For Security In Jammu

JAMMU: Ahead of the Amarnath Yatra, police have been asked to identify locations to set up more checkpoints in the border districts of Jammu, Samba, and Kathua for the security of pilgrims.

The 38-day-long yatra is scheduled to start on July 3 from the twin routes – the traditional 48-km Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district – to the 3,880-metre-high shrine of Amarnath.

The first batch of pilgrims will leave for Kashmir from Bhagwati Nagar a day before the start of the yatra.

All the officers were directed to strengthen all the nakas (checking points), especially during night hours. They were also directed to identify places where more nakas can be established for the security of the yatris," a police spokesperson said.

This was conveyed to the police officers by Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Jammu-Samba-Kathua range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, during a security audit of various police and paramilitary deployments in and around the base camp, lodgements, yatra route, CCTV installations, and parking areas.

harma conducted a security review of Ram Mandir Purani Mandi, Geeta Bhawan Parade, the base camp at Bhagwati Nagar, various routes, and the highway, the spokesperson said.

He also interacted with officers and security personnel of the CISF deployed at Ram Mandir Purani Mandi, in Jammu and directed them to remain extra alert at their posts, the spokesperson said.

All Station House Officers (SHOs) were also directed to remain alert and intensify security measures and patrolling during night hours.

The Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu serves as the main base camp for Amarnath

NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the electricity connection with ID No: 0216020003616 is currently registered under the name of my father Mohd Sulaiman Gojar. However, due to certain reasons, I have been managing and paying the electricity bills for the past 15 years and want to transfer in my name. as per the guidelines of the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation. Anybody having objection in this regard may file the same before the office of Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Kaloosa within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained thereafter.

Mohd Aslam Gojar
S/o Mohd Sulaiman Gojar
R/O: Gojarpati Kehnusa, Bandipora

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement bearing Consumer ID No: 0216010003688, which is Registered in the name of Ali Mohammad Khan, Now i want to apply for Change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Shah Begum, W/O Late Ali Mohammad Khan, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Ajar Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Shah Begum.
W/O Late Ali Mohammad Khan.
R/O Plan Bandipora Ward NO: 04,

pilgrims before they proceed to the Kashmir Valley to pay obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high shrine of Amarnath. (PMC)

Chinar Corps Commander Reviews Security In Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The General Officer Commanding of Army's Chinar Corps Lieutenant General Prashant Shrivastava on Wednesday reviewed the security and operational preparedness of soldiers in Kashmir Valley.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement bearing Consumer ID No: 0216020004618, which is Registered in the name of Gaffar Dar, S/O Rajab Dar, Now i want to apply for change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Ghulam Mohd Dar, S/O Late Abdul Gaffar Dar, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Kaloosa Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Ghulam Mohd Dar.
S/O Late Abdul Gaffar Dar.
R/O Kaloosa Bandipora.

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that the DOB of my Son has been Mistakenly Mentioned in his school records as: 05-06-2016, while as his Actual and correct DOB is: 30-12-2014, Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Headmaster GOVT Primary School Sumlar Bandipora, with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Javid Ahmad Khan.
F/O Shameem Ahmad Khan.
R/O Gojarpati Sumlar,

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INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION & PROPOSAL (RFQ & RFP)

COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS IN THE UT OF J&K

The Opportunity:

With the aim to promote and install micro / mini Small hydro projects in the UT of J&K, Science & Technology Department of J&K Govt. vide Order No.30-ST of 2021 dated 01.11.2021 has endowed JAKEDA with the mandate to implement all Micro / Mini/Small Hydro Power projects up to 10MW installed capacity. The projects mentioned here are self-identified projects. As per the Clause 8.3 of Policy for development of Micro/Mini hydro power project-2011 issued vide Govt. Order no. 71-ST of 2011 dated: 27.12.2011, "for self-identified projects, Swiss challenge method shall be adopted with the first right of refusal given to the party which has identified the project."

Accordingly, JAKEDA invites online bids against the tender document fee of Rs. 10,000/Project (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) to select competent, experienced and capable party/parties under Swiss Challenge Method (SCM) having the necessary technical competence, experience and financial strength for developing such projects as Independent Power Producer (IPP) for a period of 40 years.

The projects shall be taken in terms of Policy for "Development of Micro/Mini Hydro Power Projects-2011" issued vide Govt. Order no. 71-ST of 2011 dated: 27.12.2011.

Proposition:

- JAKEDA to execute Implementation Agreement and Land Lease Agreement for 40 years with the Successful Bidders for smooth development of the Project
- Developer to pay
 - Uprift Premium as quoted by the Successful Bidders before signing of the Implementation Agreement
 - Pre-development Costs incurred by JAKEDA.
- The originator (entity who has identified the project) would be asked to match the bidder offering maximum economic benefits to JAKEDA in the form of uprft premium, as the Originator has the first right of refusal (RoFR). If not matched by the originator, the project's would be awarded to the bidder offering the maximum economic benefits.

S.No.	Name of Project	Coordinates of Proposed Power House	S.No.	Name of Project	Coordinates of Proposed Power House
1.	1.5 MW Narasatn HEP Station, Pulwama	34°35'38"N, 75°41'3.54"E	2.	2MW Buddhah Kithar HEP Station, Kishtwar	33°7'24.32"N, 75°58'55.29"E
3.	1.8MW Kithar HEP Station, Kishtwar	33°4'12.40"N, 76°13.67"E	4.	0.70 MW Shuktani HEP Station, Ganderbal	34°17'56.86"N, 75°15'43.51"E
5.	1.0 MW Kirar Sijiche HEP Station, Kishtwar.	33°29'11.88"N, 75°49'9.21"E	6.	2.0 MW Chatru-Prawra-II HEP Station, Kishtwar.	33°26'45.00"N, 75°41'41.00"E
7.	2.0 MW Prawra-I HEP Station, Kishtwar	33°27'58.63"N, 75°41'18.44"E	8.	2.0 MW Prawra-II HEP Station, Kishtwar	33°27'22"N, 75°42'14"E
9.	2.0 MW HEP Station Suld Dachan, Kishtwar	33°29'25.84"N, 75°51'13.54"E	10.	2.0 MW HEP Station Sangri-I, Reasi	33°21'49.39"N, 74°42'1.03"E
11.	2.0 MW Upper Astammang HEP Station, Anantnag	34°5'22.18"N, 75°25'5.06"E	12.	2.0 MW Sangam HEP Station, Kulgam.	33°37'14.24"N, 74°46'26.95"E
13.	1.8 MW Marchei HEP Station, Ganderbal.	34°22'20.00"N, 74°59'46.00"E	14.	1.8 MW Upper Hori HEP Station, Kishtwar	33°28'58.49"N, 75°51'41.67"E
15.	1.4 MW Badkhala HEP Station, Reasi	74°43'23.24"E, 33°24'56.39"N	16.	2.0 MW Kongwattan HEP Station, Kulgam	33°37'57.33"N, 74°46'17.57"E
17.	2.0 MW Khara HEP Station, Doda	33°5'49.45"N, 75°51'40.06"E			

- The Bidder may bid for a single project or all the projects depending on its qualifications based on the qualification criteria as per the detailed RFP Document.

Bidding Process:

- The Bidder may be a single entity or a consortium of entities coming together for implementation of the project. In case of Consortium, the members are required to meet financial qualifications in the proportion of their respective equity commitments and the lead member is required to meet the technical qualifications, as per the provisions of RFQ/RFP. The Lead Member shall have at least 26% stake in the Bidding Consortium
- Bidders shall qualify themselves for aggregate capacity of projects they wish to bid for. For the purpose of bidding, the capacity of projects is expressed in MW. The brief Qualification Criteria are highlighted below:

Technical Qualification Criteria	Financial Qualification Criteria
The Bidding company or Lead Member in case of consortium, must have experience of "Developing or Executing the Projects through EPC Contracts in Govt./Semi-Govt./PSUs", (not necessarily in the power sector) or the power projects through IPP/EPC in the last 07 years (starting from 1st Jan, 2018) whose: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Aggregate capital costs must not be less than Rs. 1.50 Crores (or equivalent US\$) per MW;With one project of Capital cost not less than Rs. 0.50 Crores (or equivalent US\$) per MW Or In the last 07 years (starting from 1st Jan, 2018), for each MW of commissioned capacity under IPP mode, the bidder shall be eligible for 2MW capacity subject to a maximum eligibility of 15MW.	The Bidder must fulfill following minimum financial requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Networth: Rs. 1.5 Crore or equivalent US\$ per MW derived from any of the past three years' (2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25) audited annual accounts.Annual Turnover: Rs. 1.0 Crore or equivalent US\$ per MW derived from average of the past three years' (2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25) audited annual accounts
Notes: The bid Capacity (in MWs) of the bidder shall be evaluated on aggregate basis for all the projects. The bidder shall be considered for Nil/One/more projects based on the evaluated bid capacity.	
Period of availability of bid document online	11.06.2025 to 10.07.2025
Last date and time of submission of e-bids	10.07.2025 (5:00pm)
Last date and time of submission of hard copies of bids	11.07.2025 (3:00pm)
Date & Time of opening of Part-I (Technical Bids)	14.07.2025 (1:00 pm)
Date & Time of opening of Part-II (Financial Bids)	After Technical Evaluation

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Dated: 18/06/2025

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Chief Executive Officer
JAKEDA

Do not ignore early symptoms of urinary incontinence: Dr Javaid Ahmad Magray

SRINAGAR– With World Continence Week (June 16th to 22nd, 2025) underway, a significant call is being made to individuals to pay close attention to the initial signs of urinary incontinence. This common yet often unspoken issue affects millions globally and can profoundly impact an individual's social life and overall well-being. The involuntary leakage of urine, whether occasional or frequent, is a problem that merits attention rather than silence.

According to Dr. Javaid Ahmad Magray, Urologist & Renal Transplant Surgeon, SSH Shreenbagh, Srinagar, "One of the primary causes of urinary incontinence is weakened pelvic floor muscles.

These muscles play a crucial role in supporting the bladder and controlling urine flow. When these important bladder muscles become weak, it leads to difficulties in controlling the flow of urine. Seeking medical attention for proper diagnosis and personalized treatment options is essential."



Urologists opine that this overlooked condition can result from various factors such as age, hormonal changes, pregnancy and childbirth, obesity, certain medications, urinary tract infections, and

neurological disorders. It is important to note that urinary incontinence is not a normal part of aging or something that should be ignored.

Finding the right treatment is crucial for individuals seeking relief and improved quality of life.

Fortunately, there are various effective treatment options available that can help manage and even overcome this condition. It is treatable and manageable with the right approach. By seeking medical advice and diagnosis individuals with urinary incontinence can explore various treatment options tailored to their specific needs. These may include lifestyle modifications such as pelvic floor exercises, dietary changes, and bladder training techniques, medication management, or even surgical interventions if necessary.

Understanding the risk factors associated with urinary incontinence is crucial in addressing this common condition. By identifying these factors, individuals can take proactive measures to reduce their risk and manage the symptoms effectively.

Tharindu Rathnayake: I switch bowling arm according to weakness of batters

"When I started first-class cricket, I bowled a lot with my left arm. But later, it became about 60% right arm, and 40% left arm."

"I don't know which arm I've taken more wickets with," says Tharindu Rathnayake of his wicket tally in domestic cricket. "I've never looked at it properly. I've bowled a lot with both my arms."

If this seems like bragging, Rathnayake continues to speak as if being able to bowl with either arm is a normal experience to which anyone could relate. It must seem natural to him, though - he has 337 first-class wickets, and 122 List A dismissals.

"When I started first-class cricket, I bowled a lot with my left arm. But later, after a couple of years, it became about 60% right arm, and 40% left arm."

Right, so why, on day one of his debut Test, against Bangladesh in Galle, did Rathnayake bowl 15.5 overs of right-arm offbreaks before he tried his first ball of left-arm spin?

"I just felt that the ball that turns into the batter is harder for them to face because this wicket is suited to the batters. When you bowl right-arm offspin against right-handed batters with the red ball, it's not easy for them to play. When I bowl offspin, I also have more options with the fields I can set. With left-arm spin, because the wicket is not behaving as we want it to, they can put the ball into gaps, and they have more scoring options."

To what extent Rathnayake knows this unusual craft is not clear yet. Unlike Kamindu Mendis, the other ambidextrous spinner in the side, Rathnayake is primarily a bowler. In the match-ups age, though, being able to bowl with either arm could be a supremely useful skill. Rathnayake seems to be aware of that potential.



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"Before we come to the match, in our planning, we talked about what each batsman is better at facing, and which sides they hit to," he said. "So I try to create plans

spin. I'm expecting it to stay good until day four."

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