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Sajid Raina

VISAKHAPATNAM/NEW DELHI: Leading world's largest ever Yoga gathering of 3 lakh citizens to celebrate the 11th International Yoga Day here, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the Yoga has united the world, beyond borders, backgrounds, or abilities.

Prime Minister Modi, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), while addressing the gathering, now etched in the Guinness Book of World Records, said, "The essence of Yoga is to unite, and it is heartening to see how Yoga has united the world."

The Prime Minister joined thousands of participants from India and abroad for a historic yoga session by the sea on the occasion.

Extending warm greetings to people across India and the world on International Day of Yoga, the Prime Minister highlighted that this year marks the 11th occasion when the world has come together on 21st June to practice yoga collectively.

Reflecting on the journey of Yoga over the past decade, PM Modi recalled the moment when India proposed the idea of International Yoga Day at the United Nations. "As many as 175 countries supported the proposal, a rare instance of such wide global unity. The support was not merely for a proposal but represented a collective effort by the world for the greater good of humanity. "Eleven years on, Yoga has become an integral part of the lifestyle of millions across the globe", he added.

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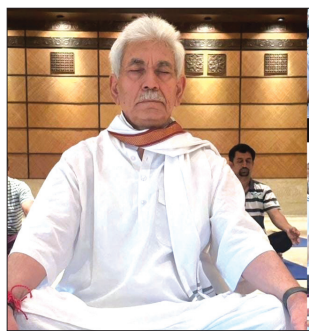
J&K Celebrates With Massive Participation

LG Sinha leads, says Yoga reduces stress

Rehan Qayoom Mir

SRINAGAR : Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday celebrated the 11th International Day of Yoga 2025 with multiple events, witnessing a massive participation of people, especially students, at different places.

Leading from the front, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha joined yoga at a mega celebration and performed asanas as per the Common Yoga Protocol. "Yoga reduces stress and enhances the quality of life. This ancient Indian tradition ensures harmony of body, mind and spirit. The theme 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health' reflects its holistic approach for humanity," the LG said, as reported by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO). Similarly, mass participation was witnessed in schools, stadiums, public grounds and heritage sites as hundreds embraced yoga as a path to mindfulness and wellbeing.



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Defence Minister revives security situation, SANJY preparedness



Yogesh

JAMMU: Top Army commanders on Saturday briefed Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on the prevailing security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and the arrangements put in place for the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra, slated to commence on July 3.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command Lt Gen Pratik Sharma and other senior officers including commanding officers of all units attended the meeting at Udhampur-based northern command headquarters.

The officers briefed the Defence Minister on security in the border areas as well as the hinterland, especially anti-terrorist operations in forested areas.

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Unity in diversity is our greatest strength : LG Manoj Sinha

J&K Raj Bhawan celebrates WB Foundation Day

KC News Network

SRINAGAR: Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan today hosted the cultural evening commemorating West Bengal Foundation Day, which was celebrated on June 20. Officials, Security Personnel and the people of West Bengal currently living in J&K UT were the special invitees. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha conveyed his greetings and best wishes to the people of West Bengal on the occasion.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address through virtual mode, paid tributes to the freedom fighters, great revolutionaries and luminaries from West Bengal and recalled their valuable contributions to nation's growth and building of a modern India, a Raj Bhawan Spokesperson said. "For centuries, West Bengal has stood as a beacon of cultural and social awakening.

This blessed land of Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Khudiram Bose, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, has shaped India's intellectual, political and spiritual landscape.

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'Operation Sindoor' shining example of control: Rajnath Singh

Leads mass Yoga demonstrations at Northern Command HQRS

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UDHAMPUR : Describing "Operation Sindoor" as a shining example of that control, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said that Indian Armed Forces displayed restraint, balance and precision during the operation, which is a reflection of their inner strength attained by practising Yoga.

On the occasion of the International Yoga Day, Singh, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), led a mass Yoga demonstration



at Northern Command headquarters here, performing various asanas and breathing exercises with 2,500 soldiers. Chief of the Army Staff General

Upendra Dwivedi, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma and other officers also joined the event.

Reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that "Yoga is India's gift to the world", Singh said it is not just a diplomatic quote, but a vision. "Through Yoga, India has given the world a tool which is beyond any border, religion, and culture," he said, pointing out that the theme of International Day of Yoga each year sends a global message that India

thinks not only for itself, but for the welfare of the world.

The Defence Minister said, "Yoga prepares a soldier physically and mentally and its benefits can be seen in the battlefield."

Singh credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for popularising Yoga globally and highlighted that the practice provides a holistic approach to health and well-being.

He termed Yoga as a universal solution to the problems faced by people in today's

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Govt's committed to build people-centric infra: CM

Unveils new marriage hall, lays foundation stone for a key bridge in Ganderbal



KC News Network

GANDERBAL: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today inaugurated the newly constructed Community Marriage Hall and laid the foundation stone for a 50-meter

span steel trussed girder bridge in Ganderbal.

He dedicated the Community Marriage Hall at Duderhama, Ganderbal to the public which has been constructed at a cost of Rs 4.15 crore and the facility is meant

to serve as an important and affordable venue for weddings and other community events, fulfilling a long-pending demand of the local population.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister reiterated the government's commitment to build people-centric infrastructure that promotes social wellbeing. "This marriage hall is not just a building, but a step toward making community life more inclusive and accessible," he said according to JK Government's spokesperson. Later, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for construction

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Hope Israel, Iran Will Stop War: CM Omar

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday expressed hope that Israel and Iran will soon stop attacking each other and resolve their issues

through dialogue.

"We can only hope and pray that the war stops. The situation is bad. This should not have happened," Abdullah told reporters in central Kashmir's Ganderbal, his assembly constituency.

Wondering on what basis Israel attacked Iran, he said, "A few days ago, the US intelligence in-charge said before the Senate and Congress that Iran

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CS for framing strategic plan to ease traffic congestion in Sgr, Jmu cities

KC News Network

SRINAGAR: A pivotal meeting of the Multi-Disciplinary Committee on Traffic Management Systems for Jammu & Srinagar was convened today under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo.

The committee undertook a comprehensive review of the existing traffic challenges and proposed advanced strategies to enhance urban mobility, streamline logistics and improve road safety in both cities.



The members of the Committee who attended the meeting included Principal Secretary, Home; Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu; DIG Traffic, Jammu/Kashmir; SSP Traffic (City), Srinagar/Jammu; Commissioner, JMC/SMC along with other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary directed for a proper implementation plan with a defined role for every stakeholder involved. He highlighted the importance of

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Srinagar hotter than Jammu, sizzles at 34.8 degrees Celsius

21-day harsh summer period begins



Owais Gul

SRINAGAR: The 21-day harsh summer period, commonly known as 'Wahrat' in Kashmir, commenced on Saturday, with Srinagar - the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir - among other parts of the valley witnessing the hottest day compared to Jammu division.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), after the season's hottest day for two consecutive days, Srinagar witnessed a slight improvement in day temperature as the mercury settled at 34.8 degrees Celsius compared to Friday's 35.5 degrees.

However, the station was hotter than Jammu where the mercury settled at 33.0 degrees.

As per the details, Kokernag recorded the all-time second hottest June temperature today at 34.2 degrees. According to an Independent

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15-days summer break for Kashmir schools from June-23

Riyaz Bhat

SRINAGAR: Amid soaring temperatures, Jammu and Kashmir Education Minister, Sakina Itoo Saturday said that the government has decided to announce early-summer vacation for all private and government schools in Kashmir division from June-23.

Speaking exclusively with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Itoo said, "The weather conditions in Kashmir region are unbearable for the students

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PM Modi's life an inspiration for importance of yoga: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

NEW DELHI (PIB): Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, participated in a mass yoga event on the occasion of the 11th International Yoga Day at the Pusa Campus, New Delhi today.

According to Press Information Bureau (PIB), on the occasion, Shivraj Singh Chouhan stated that the essence of an asana (yoga posture) lies in maintaining a stable and healthy body. He remarked, "I will not delve into an elaborate explanation of yoga. Our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, stands as a living testament to its benefits working tirelessly and energetically, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 12 months a year. His seamless transitions between countries and states, without fatigue, exemplify the transformative power of yoga," he added.

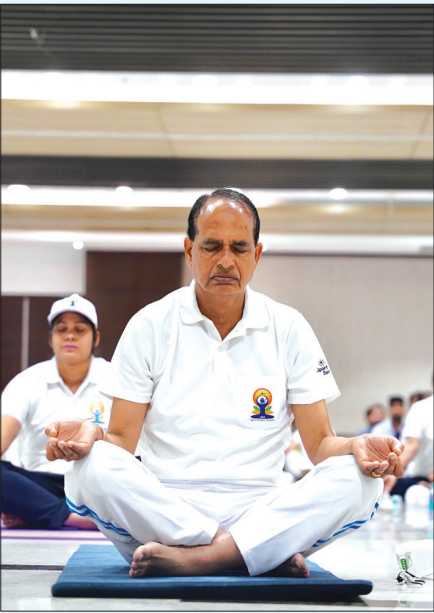
Sharing his personal journey, Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan recounted a life-changing experience from 1998, when he suffered serious injuries in a severe accident that impacted eight parts of his body. 'At that time, I could not even imagine walking again,' he said. "But it was yoga that played a pivotal role in my recovery. Today,

I am able to lead a healthy, normal life free from the lasting effects of those injuries, thanks to the transformative power of yoga.'

Emphasizing the importance of incorporating yoga into everyday life, Shri Chouhan urged individuals to treat yoga not as a one-day ritual, but as a consistent practice that promotes long-term well-being. 'Even if nothing else is followed, yoga alone practiced regularly for health and happiness can make a profound difference,' he said. 'Let yoga become a part of daily life.'

He also stressed the importance of proper guidance, advising that asanas should be performed under the supervision of trained instructors to avoid injury or adverse effects from incorrect technique.

Speaking on the power of pranayama (breath regulation), Shri Chouhan highlighted that, mastering the breath through pranayama can deliver remarkable benefits. According to our ancient wisdom, the first wealth is a healthy body. Nothing can be achieved without a healthy body. As the saying goes, 'Shariramadyam Khalu Dharmasadhanam' ('शरीरमाद्यं खलु धर्मसाधनम्') —the body is the foremost instrument



for fulfilling all duties. We must treat our body as a temple, with the same reverence and discipline. An unhealthy body neither ensures worldly success nor spiritual fulfillment. This is why our Prime Minister strongly advocates for a 'Fit India.'

The Minister highlighted the enthusiastic participation in the yoga session by officials from the Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development, scientists, farmers, and representatives from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The event also witnessed the active involvement of the Lakhpati Didis, women entrepreneurs from self-help groups who are driving transformative change at the grassroots level. 'Yoga must be embraced wholeheartedly not just once a year, but as a daily commitment. Good health allows us to live joyfully and contribute meaningfully to the nation's prosperity,' he added.

Addressing the farming community, Shri Chouhan emphasized that sound health is foundational for productive agriculture. "Farming can be performed effectively only when the body is fit. Several yoga postures also support the physical demands of

agricultural work," he explained. "For scientists, yoga enhances concentration and mental clarity, essential for research. Similarly, Lakhpati Didis, who manage both livelihood and family responsibilities, will find great value in regular yoga practice."

The Minister urged everyone to come together and embrace yoga as both art and science, saying, "Let us unite in adopting this profound discipline for a healthier and more balanced life, he added.

In his concluding remarks, Shri Chouhan shared a practical formula for daily wellness. "Just as we speak of the 20-20 format in cricket, I propose a '20-20-20' model for life: 20 minutes of asanas, 20 minutes of pranayama, and 20 minutes for planning your day. Start each morning by setting your daily goals, and end the day reflecting on your progress. This simple practice can make life purposeful and fulfilling."

The event also featured the participation of Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, MoA&FW and Dr. M. L. Jat, Director General (ICAR), who also performed yoga alongside other dignitaries.

The theme for the 11th International Yoga Day was: "Yoga for One Earth, One Health." (PIB)

From Siachen To Seas, Armed Forces Celebrate International Day Of Yoga

NEW DELHI (ANI): From the icy heights of Siachen Glacier to naval ships anchored in Visakhapatnam, the Indian armed forces on Saturday observed the International Day of Yoga across the country, reaffirming their commitment to discipline and inner strength.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh led the celebrations in Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir, accompanied by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi.

"There was a time when yoga was considered limited to saints and seers. But today, people are performing Surya Namaskar on mats from New York's Times Square to lawns near the Eiffel Tower. Is it less than a miracle?" Singh said.

This is the "rising soft power" of India, and yoga has become its "strongest ambassador", he added.

A senior Army official said Yoga Day was celebrated with great fervour and spirit across the country.

From the edges of Pangong Tso lake to Port Blair, and from Kibithu in Arunachal Pradesh to the Rann of Kachchh, soldiers performed yoga, embracing the ancient Indian practice as a tool for physical, mental and emotional



resilience, the official said.

The Army Chief's presence at the Udhampur event underscored the importance of yoga in "enhancing combat readiness and stress management among troops," he said.

In Delhi, Vice Chief of the Army Staff Lieutenant General N S Raja Subramani performed yoga with troops and families at Cariappa Parade Ground, joined by more than

3,400 participants including defence attaches from 25 countries, NCC cadets and school students.

In Visakhapatnam, Indian Navy personnel participated in the main yoga day celebrations

led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sessions were held along the R K Beach and onboard Navy ships anchored nearby.

"As the sun rose over the RK Beach, personnel and families of the Sunrise Command, along with the citizens of Andhra Pradesh, came together in breath and spirit with the Hon'ble PM... embracing the energy of the sea and sky," Eastern Naval Command posted on X.

A day earlier, a Navy spokesperson had said more than 11,000 naval personnel and family members from the Eastern Naval Command were expected to participate in the event.

The maritime lineup included

frontline Eastern Fleet ships and Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessels – Veera and Vighraha – stationed at the Visakhapatnam anchorage off the RK Beach.

The Indian Coast Guard also held a 'Yoga Sangam' event at its Noida complex in collaboration with Yog Vandana Institute. Similar sessions were conducted at stations along India's coast and island regions.

Indian Army personnel deployed on United Nations peacekeeping missions and with military training teams abroad also marked the occasion with yoga sessions.

Indian troops participating in the multilateral exercise 'Khaan Quest' in Mongolia and the bilateral exercise 'Shakti' in France conducted yoga with fellow international soldiers, reflecting India's cultural outreach.

These widespread celebrations reflect the Indian Army's belief in the motto 'Yoga Karmasu Kaushalam' (Yoga is excellence in action), and its resolve to incorporate yoga into the daily regimen of personnel.

The theme for this year's International Day of Yoga is 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health'. ANI

Not Just Loss Of Voice, But Surrender Of Values: Sonia On India's Silence On Gaza, Iran

NEW DELHI (ANI): Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Saturday strongly criticised India's silence on Israel's devastation in Gaza and Iran as "not just a loss of its voice, but also a surrender of values".

In an article – "It is still not too late for India's voice to be heard", she accused the Narendra Modi government of abandoning India's long-standing and principled commitment to a peaceful two-nation solution envisioning an independent Palestine along with Israel.

Gandhi, in the article, was also critical of US President Donald Trump for following a "destructive path" in West Asia, after having spoken against America's endless wars.

"New Delhi's silence on the devastation in Gaza and now on the unprovoked escalation against Iran reflects a disturbing departure from our moral and diplomatic traditions. This represents not just a loss of voice but also a surrender of values," the Congress leader said in her article in 'The Hindu'. "It is still not too late. India must speak clearly, act responsibly, and use every diplomatic channel available to defuse tensions and promote a return to dialogue in West Asia," Gandhi asserted. She also said that in the face of this humanitarian catastrophe, "the Narendra Modi government has all but abandoned India's long-standing and principled commitment to a peaceful two-state solution, one that envisions a sovereign, independent Palestine living side-by-side with Israel in mutual security and dignity." Sonia Gandhi noted that on June 13, 2025, the world has, once again, "witnessed the dangerous consequences of unilateral militarism when Israel launched a deeply



troubling and unlawful strike against Iran and its sovereignty". She said the Indian National Congress has condemned these bombings and targeted assassinations on Iranian soil, which represents a dangerous escalation with grave regional and global consequences. "As with so many of Israel's recent actions, including its brutal and disproportionate campaign in Gaza, this operation was executed with utter disregard for civilian lives and regional stability. These actions will only deepen instability and sow the seeds of further conflict," she noted.

Gandhi also alleged that the current Israeli leadership under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, "has a long and unfortunate record of undermining peace and nurturing extremism". She alleged that given the record, "it is not surprising that Netanyahu would choose escalation over engagement". Referring to the US President, she said, Trump's statement of June 17 dismissing its own intelligence chief's assessment and claiming that Iran was "very close" to acquiring nuclear weapons is

"deeply disappointing".

"The world expects and needs leadership that is grounded in facts and driven by diplomacy, and not by force or falsehoods," she said.

Gandhi said Iran has been a long-standing friend to India and is bound to us by deep civilisational ties.

"It has a history of steadfast support, including in Jammu and Kashmir at crucial junctures. In 1994, Iran helped block a resolution of India at the UN Commission on Human Rights on the Kashmir issue," she noted. "Indeed, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been much more cooperative with India than its predecessor, the Imperial State of Iran, that had tilted towards Pakistan in the 1965 and 1971 wars," she added. Referring to the India-Israel strategic relations in recent decades, she said, "This unique position gives our country the moral responsibility and the diplomatic leverage to act as a bridge for de-escalation and peace." "This is not simply an abstract principle. Lakhs of Indian citizens are living and working across West Asia, which makes peace in the region an issue of vital national interest.

"Israel's recent actions against Iran have taken place in an atmosphere of impunity, enabled by near-unconditional support from powerful western nations," Gandhi said. She said while the Indian National Congress unequivocally condemned the "absolutely horrific and totally unacceptable attacks" by Hamas on October 7, 2023, "we cannot remain silent in the face of Israel's catastrophic and disproportionate response." ANI

PM Modi Has Mastered Art Of Slogans, Not Solutions: Rahul Gandhi

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has mastered the "art of slogans" but offers no solutions, and claimed that India's manufacturing was at a record low despite the 'Make in India' initiative.

"'Make in India' promised a factory boom. So why is manufacturing at record lows, youth unemployment at record highs, and why have imports from China more than doubled? 'Modi ji has mastered the art of slogans, not solutions. Since 2014, manufacturing has fallen to 14 per cent of our economy,'" he said in a post on X.

Gandhi, the leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, said Modi has "no new ideas" and has "surrendered".

"Even the much-hyped PLI scheme is now being quietly rolled back," he alleged.

Gandhi said India needs a fundamental shift, one that empowers lakhs of producers through honest reforms and financial support.

"We must stop being a market for others. If we don't build here, we'll keep buying from those who do. The clock is ticking," he said.

Gandhi met mobile repair technicians at Nehru Place, Delhi and attached a video of the conversation to the post.

"In Nehru Place, New Delhi, I met Shivam and Saif – bright, skilled, full of promise – yet denied the opportunity to fulfil it.

Noting that there is a difference between 'Made in India' and 'Assembled in India', he said: "The truth is stark: we assemble, we import, but we don't build. China profits. "China is the world's electronic market. There is no other electronic market anywhere. Assembly as many iPhones as you want, all you are doing is giving money to the big oligopolies of India. Start making iPhones, it's

a completely different ball game," he said in the video.

The former Congress chief said to manufacture parts, whether it is a motherboard or "small pieces", you need a certain level of machining, a certain level of quality, a certain level of understanding of tolerances of working with small components.

"That is a learnt skill. That is not something you can get in just two minutes. Until you start respecting the idea of physical labour, the man who is doing that work... But we have no respect for that guy on the street who is sitting there, selling his things, for hours together... "And, at the centre of it, and people don't like it when I say it, and at the centre of it is the idea of caste. We need to make this transparent. We need to show exactly how Indian society distributes power, exactly how Indian society distributes respect," Gandhi observed.

Rahul Gandhi and the Congress have raised the issue of conducting a nationwide caste census to ascertain if various castes in society have a proportionate "share" of power. ANI

High courts not custodian of revenue department, says SC; stays Bombay HC order

NEW DELHI: High Courts are not the "custodian" of the revenue department, the Supreme Court has said while dealing with a petition challenging a Bombay High Court order that stayed a tribunal's direction for a refund of Rs 256.45 crore to a firm. A bench of Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and Manmohan observed that prima facie, the high court could not have stayed the order after holding that the appeal filed by the Commissioner of CGST and Central Excise, Belapur Commissionerate, was not maintainable. "A high court is not the custodian of the revenue," the apex court, which stayed the high court's June 12 order, observed. "Prima facie, the high court could not have passed the order of stay after holding the appeal to be not maintainable and after recording that the writ petition and the appeal are disposed of as not pressed," the bench said in its order passed on June 20. The top court passed the order while hearing a plea filed by the firm, challenging the high court order. The bench noted that the high court had disposed of a writ petition as well as an appeal filed by the revenue department. It also noted that the appeal was filed under section 35G of the Central Excise Act, 1944 against a January 2025 order of the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) in Mumbai that allowed the Service-Tax appeal of the firm. The apex court said subsequently, the company filed an application for the release of the amount, which was allowed in May.

It noted that the high court had recorded in its June 12 order that both the petition and the appeal were "disposed of as not pressed with liberty to the respondent to prefer appeal before the Supreme Court, the high court has stayed the direction of CESTAT for refund for a period of eight weeks". ANI

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

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NO: T-1/EEA/ 1616-18 Dated: 21/06/2025

M/S Emperor Constructions, Prop: Muzaffar Bashir, R/O: Kandizal, Kakapora, Pulwama, Ph: 7006087715.

FINAL NOTICE

Subject: Construction of U-Shaped small ventral drain with trash guard from H/O Farooq Ahmad Bhat to H/O Manzoor Ahmad Qadri at Namlabal Pampore.

Reference:

1. This office Allotment No. T-1/EEA/10372-74 Dated: 24-02-2025.

2. Assistant Executive Engineer (R&B) Sub-Division Pampore's Notice No's. N-13/P/1093-94 Dated: 18-03-2025, N-13/P/37-38 Dated: 10-04-2025 and N-13/P/234-35 Dated: 12-06-2025.

In connection with the above mentioned subject and reference, it is to convey that the execution of above subject work stands entrusted to you vide above quoted reference.

Whereas, you have not started the work till date for the reasons best known to you.

It is pertinent to mention here that the completion time of said work was 25 days only.

Whereas, you have been directed by the concerned AEE to start the work but you paid no heed towards the directions.

Whereas, higher ups are pressing hard to complete the work within the stipulated time period.

Whereas, unnecessary delay has badly affected the overall progress of the work and has affected the target of work completion.

Whereas, unnecessary delay for completion of work is the fundamental breach of contract and is actionable under rules.

In this regard, you are directed through the medium of this notice to start the execution of work within two days (02) positively failing which action under rules shall be initiated against you, including the forfeiture of your CDR without any further notice.

DIPK-2795/25

DATED:-21-06-2025.

Sd/-Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora

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(UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CITY ROADS (SMC) DIVISION SRINAGAR.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No:- E-NIT/23/CRD/SMC/SGR/2025-26 DATED: 20-06-2025.

For and on behalf of the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders (in Single cover System) are invited on Percentage Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments.

S.No	Name of Work	Advt. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/B/Inc. (Rs In Lacs)	Earliest Money Deposit @2% of Advt. Cost	Completion days	Class of Contractor	M.H of A/C
1	Improvement/ upgradation of Lane no. 1 Iqbal Abad Zanakotebomacadamization	6.00	300/-	12000/-	10 Days	CEE/ DEE Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)
2	Improvement/ upgradation of inner links of Rawalpore including Astanpora.	33.00	1100/-	66000/-	25 Days	AAV/ BEE Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)
3	Improvement/ upgradation of lane opp. Iram Colony Badshah Nagar Natiporabwo pl of 75mm thick WMM, 50mm thick macadam and 25mm thick SD.	2.63	200/-	5280/-	10 Days	DEE Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)
4	Restoration/ upgradation of link road at Maqdam Mohalla Bataporabwo 75mm thick compacted wetmix 50mm thick Macadam, 25mm thick compacted semi dense and 6mm thick seal coat	15.89	800/-	31780/-	15 Days	REE/ CEE Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)
5	Upgradation/ Development of link road by way of filling and macadamization and construction of 20 mtr drain from house of Shaif wazashuperbag to the House of Shokat Bhat via Abubakar masjid at Chatterhama.	10.00	600/-	20000/-	12 Days	CEE/ DEE Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)
6	Improvement/ Upgradation of inner link roads of Habbab.	38.00	1100/-	76000/-	25 Days	AAV/ BEE Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)
7	Development by way of Macadamization of Lankar Lane (connecting Umer Colony B with main road) at Lal Bazar.	10.00	600/-	20000/-	12 Days	CEE/ DEE Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)
8	Improvement/ Upgradation of Various links at Gangbuh.	20.00	800/-	40000/-	15Days	BEE/ CEE Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)
9	Improvement/ upgradation of road surface at Dar Mohalla Khumani Chowk by way of providing and laying of nullah mud/ khajabari and WBM Grade 2nd, 75mm WMM, 50mm BM, 25mm SD and premixed seal coat in patches and stretches.	15.07	800/-	30140/-	15Days	BEE/ CEE Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)
10	Improvement/ upgradation of Zaffran colony links, Yechnambal links towards Masjid MohammadiazZewan.	80.00	1600/-	160000/-	30Days	AAV Class	Capex Budget (2023-2024)

ANNEXURE

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, 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.kjtenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given below:

Scheduled Dates& Time of Online Tenders.			
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice Online	21-06-2025.	
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	FROM	21-06-2025 10:00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	21-06-2025	FROM 10:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	20-06-2025	UPTO 4:00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	30-06-2025 at 10:00 A.M in the office of the Executive Engineer City Roads SMC Division Srinagar.	

1. The bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of introducing Bank Receipt as a tender fee paid in the Municipal Account No. 021610270000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Doon Gangs Balgarden, Srinagar payable at Srinagar (With NIT No. and S.No. of work mentioned) simply uploading a copy of necessary Bank Receipt.

2. Bids must be accompanied with Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) @2% of the advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/ BG pledged to Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar which shall be uploaded with the tender documents at the time of tendering. The same shall be released after receipt of 5% of performance security which should be valid till completion of DLP from the successful Bidder.

3. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.kjtenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).

4. The bids for the work shall remain Valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

5. The lowest bidder (L1) also called the successful Bidder has to produce a performance security amount equal to 5% (five percent) of the contract value in the shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG immediately after the opening of financial bids, but prior to fixation of contract. The validity period of the FDR/ BG for requisite amount shall be upto DLP. Any FDR/ BG having less validity period shall not be entertained. The CDR/ FDR/ BG shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP).

6. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws/ modified his bid during the period of validity etc, the Department is at liberty to suspend the bidder for one year or as shall be deemed suitable by the tender inviting Authority. Some shall hold good if the bidder fails to produce performance security within the specified time.

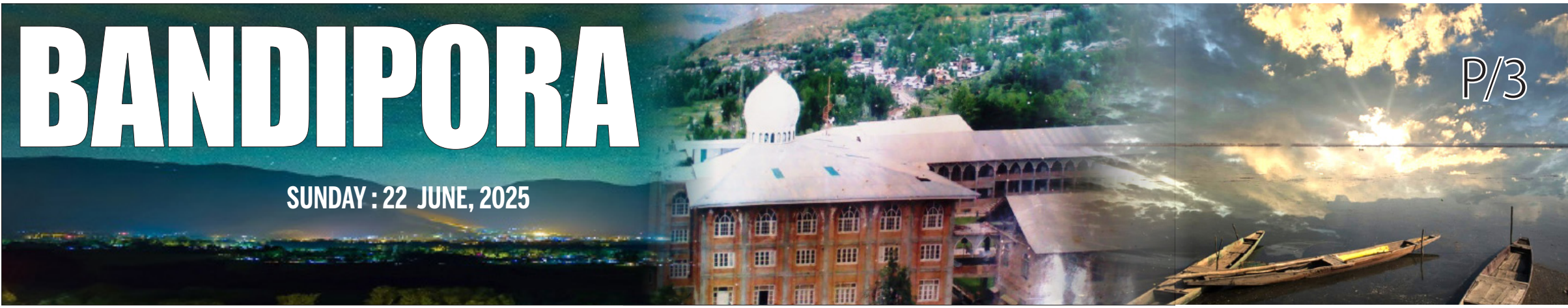
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Bandipora Court Acquits All Accused in 2002 Killing of Usman Majid’s Brother

SHEIKH SALEEM

BANDIPORA: Over two decades after the killing of Ghulam Nabi Ganai, brother of former Minister of State (MoS) and legislator Usman Majid, a local court in Bandipora on Saturday acquitted all surviving accused in the case, citing lack of evidence and granting them the benefit of doubt.

The Principal Sessions Judge Bandipora, Khalil Ahmad Choudhary, delivered the verdict in the case (FIR No. 296/2002) registered at Police Station Bandipora under sections 302, 307, 34, 326, 109 of the RPC and 7/27 of the Arms Act.

The accused — Ayaz Ahmad Pir alias Mitha, Shawkat Pir (both sons of Ab. Ahad Pir), and Mst.

Mymoona (wife of Ab. Ahad Pir), all residents of Garoora Bandipora — were acquitted.



Counsel for the accused Advocate Shuaib Ahmad Dewani said two other accused, Ab. Ahad

Pir and Shamsuddin Pir, had passed away during the pendency of the trial, and the case against them stood abated.

“The testimonies of witnesses, even if taken on their face value, fall short of the requirement of proof of the charge beyond all reasonable doubt,” the court said in its detailed judgment. “It is unsafe on the aforesaid circumstances to maintain the conviction of the accused persons; thus, extend to them the benefit of

doubt,” reads the judgement. The court further directed that the bail bonds

of the accused be discharged and the seized property be destroyed after the expiry of the appeal period. The 2002 killing had brought shock waves across the valley, as Ganai was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Garoora village, around 60 kilometres north of Srinagar. A Police Officer- ASI Ghulam Rasool was also killed in the incident while two other policemen were injured in the incident, which occurred shortly after Usman Majid was elected as an independent MLA from Bandipora constituency.

Three years after killing of his brother, Usman Majid himself survived an assassination bid in Srinagar. In a car bomb Blast in Srinagar three persons were killed while 30 others were injured including then Minister of State Usman Majid.

JKTF Bandipora Convenes Strategic Meeting to Reinforce Educational Advocacy and Staff Welfare

CONVENER NEWS DESK

Bandipora: In a bid to address emerging challenges in the education sector and reinforce staff welfare initiatives, the Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF), Bandipora unit, convened a high-level meeting on Saturday. The session was held under the guidance of UT General Secretary Bashir Ahmad Mir

cilities hinders the academic potential of children, especially in remote zones.

Second, extensive deliberations were held on service-related issues of teaching staff, including pending promotions, rationalisation of transfers, cadre restructuring, regularisation of services, and lack of growth opportunities. The forum demanded transparent and merit-based administrative processes



and chaired by District President Mr. Sajad Ahmad Wagay.

The meeting brought together several district and zonal-level office bearers, who actively deliberated on a range of issues affecting students, teaching staff, and non-teaching personnel across the district. Notable participants included Mr. Majid Majeed (Vice President), Mr. Nazir Ahmad Ganaie (Zonal President Sumbal), Mr. Reyaz Rasool Malik (Zonal President Bandipora), Mr. Ghulam Hassan Parray (Zonal President Hajin), and Mr. Saleem Kawa (Publicity Incharge), alongside other members of the executive and zonal committees.

Owing to other pre-scheduled commitments, several senior JKTF leaders participated virtually, including Mr. Hilal Ahmad Qureshi, Mr. Mir Bashir (EJAC Spokesperson & UT General Secretary), Mr. Anjum Nisar (Chief Spokesperson), and Mr. Mohammad Shafi Tantrey (Zonal President Quil Muqam). Their remote participation ensured continuity of dialogue and leadership engagement.

The meeting centered around four key thematic areas:

First, the forum raised serious concern over inadequate infrastructure in schools, stressing the need for safe, inclusive, and learning-friendly environments that support the holistic development of students. Members emphasized that the lack of basic fa-

to enhance morale and motivation among teachers.

Third, the welfare of non-teaching staff was given considerable attention. Speakers acknowledged the vital role played by clerical and support personnel in the functioning of educational institutions. The need for improved service conditions, fair promotion policies, and enhanced job security for this segment was strongly advocated.

Finally, the meeting concluded with a strategic roadmap for sustained engagement with higher authorities. Participants resolved to pursue coordinated efforts for timely resolution of long-pending demands, and to amplify the collective voice of the teaching community through focused policy advocacy.

In his concluding remarks, District President Sajad Ahmad Wagay expressed gratitude for the enthusiastic participation and reiterated the forum's unwavering commitment to educational reform and staff welfare. “This meeting reflects JKTF Bandipora's determination to pursue excellence in education and ensure dignity for all stakeholders—teachers, students, and support staff alike,” he stated.

The session concluded on an optimistic note, with renewed resolve to maintain unity and constructive action in strengthening the education ecosystem in Bandipora district.

Yoga Day Observed Near LoC in Gurez Valley with Enthusiastic Participation

ADIL ABDULLAH

BANDIPORA: The 11th International Day of Yoga was celebrated with remarkable fervour on Saturday morning near the Line of Control (LoC) in the breathtaking Gurez Valley of Bandipora district. The event drew enthusiastic

participation from hundreds of Indian Army personnel, Jammu and Kashmir Police officials, local school students, and residents of the valley.

Organized by the Indian Army in collaboration with local authorities, the event aimed to promote the benefits of yoga for physical and mental well-being, especially in today's world marked by increasing stress and anxiety. The serene landscape of Gurez added a special charm to the occasion, reinforcing the message of harmony and inner peace that yoga embodies.

Participants performed a series of yoga asanas and breathing exercises as part of the Common Yoga Protocol, under the guidance of in-



structors. The event not only encouraged healthy living but also highlighted the Army's efforts to foster a sense of community and wellness in

JKRETTF Felicitates Khalid Rafeeq Bhat on Appointment as EJAC Vice-President

BANDIPORA: In a show of unity and appreciation, the District Body of Jammu and Kashmir Rehbar-e-Taleem Teachers Forum (JKRETTF) Bandipora, in collaboration with Zonal Presidents from across the district, hosted a grand felicitation ceremony at the Higher Secondary School Auditorium Bandipora to honour Khalid Rafeeq Bhat, Chairman JKRETTF, on his appointment as Vice-President of the Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC).

An official spokesperson of the organisation said the event witnessed an overwhelming presence of teachers and representatives from various employee associations, underlining the widespread support for Bhat's leadership. Prominent among the dignitaries present were EJAC President Wajahat Durrani, General Secretary Sajad Ahmad Parray, Spokesperson Mir Bashir Ahmed, along with heads of various EJAC-affiliated organisations.

Senior office bearers of JKRETTF, including UT Vice-President Rahi Irshad, District Presidents Mohammad Yaqoob Bhat (Baramulla) and Mush-taq Ahmad Hajam (Bandipora), along

with their respective teams, also graced the occasion. Members of the CPW Association, SRTC Association, and zonal representatives from Bandipora and Baramulla added further weight to the gathering.

The programme commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Peer Arif, followed by a soulful Naat-e-Pak by Mehraj-Ul-Islam Reshi. A warm welcome address was presented by Ashaq Hussain Khan, and Hamid Hussain Lone shared a thoughtful presentation highlighting the journey and contributions of Khalid Rafeeq Bhat.

Speakers unanimously hailed Bhat's consistent efforts in championing employee issues and strengthening organisational structures across the education and allied sectors. A special felicitation segment followed, where Bhat was presented with a certificate and mementos in recognition of his new role and longstanding commitment to public service.

In his address, Khalid Rafeeq Bhat expressed heartfelt gratitude to his

colleagues and leaders for their trust and encouragement. He reaffirmed his commitment to working tirelessly for the resolution of employees' concerns and for the collective welfare of the workforce.



Speaking on the occasion, EJAC President Wajahat Durrani emphasized the need for continued advocacy on unresolved employee matters and stressed the importance of unity in securing rights through collective efforts.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Haji Ghulam Hassan Dar. The proceedings of the day were skillfully moderated by Altaf Hussain Mir.

Bandipora Marks International Yoga Day with Massive Participation

Over 1,000 join events at SK Stadium, Wullar Park in celebration of yoga, wellness

Bandipora: The District Administration Bandipora organized enthusiastic celebrations to mark the 11th International Yoga Day-2025 across the district, with the main events held at S.K. Stadium Bandipora and Wullar Vantage Park, Garoora.

An official spokesperson said the occasion witnessed massive participation from students, government officials, volunteers, and general public.

At S.K. Stadium Bandipora, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, Senior Superintendent of Police Bandipora, Harmeet Singh Mehta, and Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl attended the event and participated in the mass yoga session, joining hundreds of citizens in observing the day.

The events were marked by a collective yoga demonstration and the live telecast of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address, streamed at both venues, providing participants the

opportunity to virtually join the nationwide observance of International Yoga Day.



More than 1,000 participants from various walks of life enthusiastically took part in the programme, reflecting the growing awareness about health and well-being.

Celebrated each year on June 21, International Yoga Day highlights the significance of yoga in promoting physical health, mental clarity, and emotional balance. The day symbolizes light and energy, and marking the beginning of Dakshinayana, an auspicious phase in the Indian tradition.

During the session, the yoga instructor briefed participants on the health benefits of yoga and encouraged them to make it a regular part of their daily lives. He emphasized the role of yoga in reducing stress, improving focus, and achieving a more peaceful and harmonious lifestyle.

In addition to the main events, International Yoga Day was also celebrated at several educational institutions, Sports Stadiums across the district, including HKM Government Degree College Bandipora, Government Degree College Hajin, Government Degree College Gurez, and Sports Stadium Dawar, Gurez. These events also saw enthusiastic participation from students, teaching faculty, and local staff.

The District Administration Bandipora expressed appreciation to all departments, yoga instructors, volunteers, and citizens for making the event a grand success and reinforcing the message of collective well-being through the practice of yoga.

remote, high-altitude regions.

A local resident, expressing gratitude to the Indian Army, said, “Today's Yoga Day celebration was not just about physical exercise—it was about mental healing. People are burdened with stress, and yoga is a way to regain balance and peace.”

Another participant echoed similar sentiments, noting, “It was heartening to see hundreds of people coming together. The event left us all feeling calm, happy, and connected.”

The celebration served as a powerful reminder of how yoga can unite diverse communities and promote holistic health, even in the most distant corners of the country like Gurez.

MLA Nizam Uddin Bhat Reviews Water Supply Amid Heatwave Concerns

Bandipora: In light of the ongoing heatwave and increasing water scarcity, the Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Bandipora Constituency, Nizam Uddin Bhat, chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the functioning of the Public Health Engineering (PHE) sector and discuss immediate measures to strengthen the district's water supply system here at the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat Bandipora. During the meeting, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Er. Mutayib Bashir, gave a detailed presentation on the progress of civil, mechanical and irrigation works and highlighted issues hampering effective water supply across several areas.

MLA Bhat, stressed the urgent need for better coordination between the civil and mechanical wings to ensure timely and efficient execution of water-related projects. He urged departments to prioritize areas facing acute drinking water shortages and called for rationalized water distribution, prompt leak detection and swift repair of damaged infrastructure such as hand pumps and public tubewells. “Mitigating water crisis is a collective responsibility, and all departments must work in unison to provide relief to the people,” he asserted.

On the occasion, Vice-Chairperson DDC Kousar Shaheed, emphasized the need to mobilize all available resources to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply, particularly in rural and water-stressed areas during the peak summer months.

A key point of discussion was the desilting of agricultural canals (khuls) to restore irrigation supply to farmlands. The MLA urged the administration to involve the Rural Development Department in these operations to ensure a collaborative and result-oriented approach.

During the meeting, the MLA reviewed the progress of multiple Water Supply Schemes in both urban and rural parts of the district. He sought clarity on pending components and directed that proposals for new borewells be submitted promptly to expand the district's water infrastructure.

Among others, the meeting was attended by the Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Baramulla/Bandipora (H.Q Sopore), Executive Engineer PHE Hydraulic Division Bandipora, Executive Engineer PHE Division Sopore, Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical North Sopore/Bandipora, Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora, Executive Engineer Ground Water Division Srinagar, Executive Engineer I&FC Division Bandipora/Sumbal and other concerned officers.

ACR B'pora Presides Over Training on Jamabandi Digitisation Under Web Harlis Initiative

Bandipora: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, the District Administration Bandipora today organized a hands-on training programme on the digitisation of Jamabandis under the Web Harlis initiative at the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

The training programme was presided over by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Bandipora, Shabir Ahmad Wani, and aimed at equipping revenue officials with the technical skills required for efficient data entry and digitisation of land records.

Speaking on the occasion, the ACR informed that 10 Master Trainers have already been trained specifically for the punching of Jamabandis. He added that the mass punching of Jamabandis across all Tehsils of the district will formally commence from Tuesday, marking a significant step in the digitisation process.

During the training session, the ACR assured the participants that all necessary infrastructure will be provided to support the smooth execution of the task and directed officials to flag any emerging issues for swift resolution. “We are fully prepared for the seamless execution of this task, and any rising concerns will be addressed accordingly,” he stated. On the occasion, the ACR emphasized the significance of the initiative in enhancing transparency, accessibility, and accountability in land record management, and urged all officials to ensure timely and error-free completion of the process.

Among others, the training programme was attended by Naib Tehsildars, Girdawar Qanoongos, Patwaris, and other deployed officials from all Tehsils of the district.

BSF Observes International Yoga Day with Zeal at Sector HQ Bandipora

WAHID RAFIQI

BANDIPORA: The Border Security Force (BSF) celebrated the International Day of Yoga with great enthusiasm and commitment at its Sector Headquarters in Bandipora, reinforcing its focus on the physical and mental well-being of its personnel.


Marking the occasion, a large-scale yoga session was organized at the SHQ BSF Bandipora campus. Personnel from various BSF units participated alongside teachers, staff, and students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, BSF Bandipora. The event was led by Brigadier N.R. Babu (Retd), Deputy Inspector General, BSF Sector HQ Bandipora, who underscored the importance of yoga in enhancing physical endurance, mental resilience, and spiritual harmony among the force.

The participants performed a series of yoga asanas, pranayama, and meditation exercises, reflecting the discipline and unity that define the BSF. The event underscored the force's long-standing tradition of incorporating yoga into its daily training and lifestyle as a tool for holistic wellness.

Speaking on the occasion, DIG Brig N.R. Babu (Retd) stated, “Yoga is an integral part of our routine. It equips our personnel with the mental and physical strength required to serve in challenging border environments. Our focus is not only on security but also on the well-being of our jawans through sustained wellness practices.”

The event concluded on a high note, symbolizing the BSF's unwavering dedication to the health and happiness of its personnel through regular wellness initiatives like yoga.

Editorial



Healthier Planet

The early morning calm of June 21 was pierced not by noise, but by the steady rhythm of breath, stretching bodies, and united minds across the country. From the beaches of Visakhapatnam to the banks of Dal Lake, from urban parks to high-altitude Siachen, India once again reminded the world why Yoga is not merely exercise—but a philosophy of life. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the national celebration in Visakhapatnam alongside over 3 lakh participants, the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) became a historic milestone in India's soft power and public health journey. Back home, Kashmir witnessed a spectacular turnout. What made this year's Yoga Day distinctive was not just the numbers, but the depth and diversity of participation. All came together in a single synchronised breath. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister's address struck a philosophical chord: "Yoga leads us on a journey from 'Me' to 'We', from personal peace to global harmony."

In Kashmir, Yoga has slowly transformed from an imported concept to a growing community practice. This year's events across the Valley, especially in educational institutions and panchayats, point toward a deeper cultural shift—wellness is being reclaimed, not as privilege, but as a right. The government's evidence-based promotion of Yoga—through research at AIIMS, Yoga Certification Boards, and the integration of trained teachers in Ayushman Arogya Mandirs—is laying the foundation for a new era of healthcare: preventive, inclusive, and holistic.

But challenges remain. In his speech, the Prime Minister once again raised the red flag on obesity and lifestyle diseases, urging citizens to adopt mindful eating, reduce oil consumption, and embrace Yoga not as a yearly ritual but a daily practice. His message wasn't just for Indians, but for the world: Let Yoga be the bridge from conflict to cooperation, from stress to stability. In Kashmir too, where Yoga is gradually finding roots, it offers a gentle yet powerful tool of personal and collective renewal. Yoga is no longer just India's ancient gift to the world—it is India's enduring message to the future: harmony within, harmony with the Earth. As we move ahead, let Kashmir too breathe deeper, stretch further, and rise stronger—one mindful breath at a time.

“The Purpose of Life”

A Journey of Gratitude, Accountability and Faith

"Stop Comparing, Start Appreciating, Embrace Your Blessings and Prepare for Eternity."



Swami Devendra Brahmachari

In a world increasingly torn apart by violence, war, and terrorism—from the devastating conflict between Russia and Ukraine to the escalating tensions in the Middle East between Israel and Iran—humanity finds itself at a critical juncture. The ever-looming threat of nuclear war, coupled with a rising tide of hatred,

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destruction, and ethical decay, has cast long, dark shadows over the foundational values of life, peace, and non-violence. The global atmosphere is thick with despair and division, where distrust is becoming the new normal and compassion is in retreat. Amidst this chaos, an urgent question emerges: Who will be the savior of humanity in such troubled times?

It is in these testing moments that the eternal, serene light of Lord Mahavira becomes not only relevant but vital. His life and teachings offer humanity a luminous path forward—one rooted in ahimsa, truth, restraint, and universal harmony. Lord Mahavira, the 24th Tirthankara of the Jain tradition, is not merely a revered spiritual figure. He is a timeless guide, a beacon of non-violence and wisdom whose teachings

transcend the boundaries of religion, geography, and era. His profound message—"Live and let live"—is not a passive ideal but a powerful, active philosophy that challenges individuals to recognize the sanctity of all life, to reduce harm, and to cultivate compassion in every thought, word, and deed.

In response to the world's escalating crises, the Mahavirayatan Foundation has launched a powerful

to confront the most pressing issues of our time—war, terrorism, religious intolerance, moral decline, poverty, and inequality. It demands that we not turn away from these crises, but rather confront them with clarity, courage, and compassion.

At the core of this movement is ahimsa, the principle of non-violence. In Jainism, ahimsa is not limited to refraining from physical violence; it is an



and transformative initiative—"Samvad se Samadhan", which means Solutions through Dialogue. This movement is not just an event or a slogan; it is a moral and spiritual revolution. It is a global call for peace, a resurgence of collective conscience, and a national movement to rekindle the ethical flame that once guided civilizations.

A grand event under this banner will be held on 23rd June 2025 in Mumbai, bringing together voices of wisdom and governance. Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla will grace the occasion as the chief guest, while Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnis will be the special guest. But beyond dignitaries and public attention, the true essence of this gathering lies in its mission—to inspire a churning of hearts and minds, to facilitate meaningful dialogue that leads not just to words, but to action, transformation, and unity.

"Samvad se Samadhan" is a sacred resolution. It is an invitation for deep reflection, where saints, scholars, leaders, and common citizens come together

all-encompassing way of life that requires mindfulness in every action, every word, and even every intention. It urges us to see the pain of others as our own, to embrace self-restraint over aggression, and to respond to conflict not with retaliation, but with understanding. Ahimsa, in its truest form, is the ultimate expression of love—a love so expansive that it extends to all living beings, regardless of species, class, or belief.

The philosophy of Jainism teaches that real strength lies not in dominating others, but in mastering the self. It is a path of aparigraha (non-possession), anekantavada (respect for multiple perspectives), and satya (truth). In today's world—where freedom often substitutes discipline, where instant gratification replaces sacrifice, and where violence is mistakenly glorified as power—these ancient yet urgent values offer a new blueprint for humanity. Jainism does not propose escapism but calls for responsible living rooted in introspection, compassion, and restraint.

'Samvad se Samadhan' is a platform that awakens the dormant moral power within every individual. It calls upon people not just to be spectators of change, but active participants in a transformation that begins within and radiates outward. It teaches that peace is not the absence of war, but the presence of justice, harmony, and understanding. It fosters a sense of interconnectedness where the problems of one are shared by all, and the solutions we create must uplift everyone.

This movement encourages us to build not just informed minds but integrated personalities—human beings who are intelligent yet humble, spiritually anchored yet socially engaged. The world today suffers from fragmented identities and isolated egos, from intellectual arrogance and emotional emptiness. What we need are not just experts, but wise individuals—those who can blend intellect with empathy, strength with gentleness, and progress with morality.

In this time of global crisis, 'Samvad se Samadhan' is emerging as a Kalpavriksha, a wish-fulfilling tree that offers shelter to the weary, hope to the hopeless, and strength to the weak. It seeks to unify scattered energies into a force of non-violent resistance against hatred and injustice. This is not just about changing policies or systems—it is about transforming the human heart, one dialogue at a time.

The Jain community, bound by unwavering faith in ahimsa and truth, holds the potential to lead this moral renaissance. But this is not a sectarian endeavor—it is a universal mission. When one voice of truth becomes the voice of millions, it becomes a revolution. Not a revolution of blood, but a revolution of values. A revolution that does not burn cities but ignites hearts. A revolution that does not divide nations but unites humanity.

'Samvad se Samadhan' is more than a movement—it is a prayer in action, torchlight in darkness, and a profound affirmation of the human spirit. It is a resurrection of dignity, an embrace of dialogue over destruction, and a commitment to build a future where peace is not a distant dream but a living reality.

As we walk forward on these uncertain roads, let us carry the eternal flame of Mahavira's teachings in our hearts. With this light, no path will ever be too dark, and no challenge insurmountable. This is our moment to choose—not between war and peace, but between ignorance and awareness, between fear and courage, between death and life. The solution is dialogue. The call is for a non-violent revolution. Let us answer it, together.

Tradition Isn't the Opposite of Progress—It's Its Foundation



SHABEER AHMAD LONE

The philosophical underpinnings of this interplay in the subcontinent are deeply insightful. Thinkers like Rabindranath Tagore and Muhammad Iqbal grappled with the tensions between tradition and modernity in their writings. Tagore envisioned a world where the spiritual depth of the East could harmonize with the rationality of the West, while Iqbal advocated for a dynamic interpretation of Islamic philosophy to meet the challenges of modernity. Their works continue to inspire debates about the possibilities of synthesizing these paradigms.

The subcontinent's experience of modernity and tradition offers lessons for the broader world. It demonstrates that these paradigms are not inherently oppositional but can coexist in ways that enrich human life. By critically engaging with both, societies can create pathways that honor their heritage while embracing innovation. The resilience of traditional practices and the adaptability of modern ideas illustrate the human capacity for balance and creativity in the face of change.

Kashmir, a land of syncretic traditions and profound spirituality, embodies the harmonious coexistence of diverse cultural paradigms. Rooted in the teachings of saints like Lal Ded and Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani, it reflects resilience, sustainability, and a deep connection to nature. Despite modern challenges, Kashmir's heritage of Sufism, sustainable practices, and intellectual pursuits continues to inspire, offering universal lessons on balancing tradition and modernity, fostering coexistence, and preserving identity amidst global change. While it acknowledges the universal appeal of Kashmiri wisdom, the nuanced interplay of these traditions with the region's contemporary realities, such as political turmoil, economic challenges, and cultural transformations cannot be overlooked.

The interplay of modernity and tradition is a testament to the complexity and resilience of human societies. Far from being an adversarial relationship, this dynamic reflects a continuum of negotiation, adaptation, and synthesis that has shaped the world across periods and traditions. By embracing this complexity, humanity can aspire toward a more inclusive and balanced existence—one that honors the wisdom of the past while engaging the opportunities of the present and future. The Indian subcontinent, with its unique synthesis of the ancient and the modern, offers a compelling example of this interplay,

revealing the profound potential for coexistence, creativity, and collective growth. Through this ongoing dialogue, the

risks alienation and excess. Conversely, rigid traditionalism stifles progress, perpetuating outdated practices. True synergy



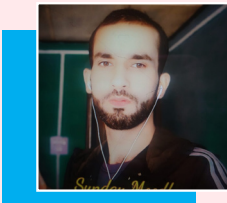
interplay of modernity and tradition becomes not merely a challenge but a source of enduring strength and inspiration for generations to come.

The synergy between modernity and tradition is a dynamic interplay, where each critiques and enriches the other. Tradition provides moral and cultural depth, anchoring human identity, while modernity drives innovation, reason, and universal justice. However, this relationship demands critical evaluation. When modernity becomes unmoored from ethical foundations, it

emerges through mutual growth: modernity compels tradition to evolve, while tradition tempers modernity with wisdom and ethical grounding. This balance fosters a civilization that is both innovative and humane, preserving the best of the past while embracing the promise of the future.

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Unseen Scars: How Counselling Rescues Emotionally Neglected Kids



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In the quiet corridors of schools across Kashmir, there are children who carry more than just school bags. They carry the invisible weight of emotional neglect—of cold silences at home, of unmet eyes, of withheld warmth. These are the parentally rejected children—those who, in one way or another, have felt unwanted, unseen, or unloved by the very people whose approval and affection shape a child's world. Their pain is often not spoken of in staff meetings or exam reviews, yet it echoes in their falling grades, fading confidence, and emotional detachment.

But something is changing. In a region already grappling with political instability and mental health concerns, the quiet rise of school-based counselling is beginning to mend what

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emotional neglect has broken. In recent years, local studies and education initiatives have revealed a hopeful truth: counselling has the power to transform the academic lives of these wounded children. Not merely by tutoring them in subjects, but by giving them the emotional tools to believe in themselves again.

In many ways, parental rejection is an invisible trauma. It doesn't always show up as bruises or marks, but it leaves scars all the same—on a child's sense of worth, on their motivation, and on their emotional regulation. Children who grow up feeling unwanted often internalize the belief that they are not good enough—not just at home, but in every sphere of life. Classrooms become spaces of quiet humiliation, where the blackboard feels like a mirror of inadequacy, and teachers' questions feel like tests of belonging.

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But when such a child meets a counsellor who listens without judgment, something begins to shift. For many of these students, counselling is the first time someone has validated their feelings. It is the first time someone has told them that their story matters, that their pain is real, and that they can still succeed. Counselling provides a safe space—emotionally and mentally—where healing can begin. It doesn't erase the rejection, but it equips children to face it with strength rather than silence.

In schools across north and south Kashmir, including in Pulwama, Anantnag, and Baramulla, a handful of pilot interventions have been introduced. In one such study conducted by education researchers in Baramulla, underachieving students identified through classroom performance were provided with individual

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In the quiet corridors of schools across Kashmir, there are children who carry more than just schoolbags. They carry the invisible weight of emotional neglect—of cold silences at home, of unmet eyes, of withheld warmth. These are the parentally rejected children—those who, in one way or another, have felt unwanted, unseen, or unloved by the very people whose approval and affection shape a child's world. Their pain is often not spoken of in staff meetings or exam reviews, yet it echoes in their falling grades, fading confidence, and emotional detachment.

But something is changing. In a region already grappling with political instability and mental health concerns, the quiet rise of school-based counselling is beginning to mend what emotional neglect has broken. In recent years, local studies and education initiatives have revealed a hopeful truth: counselling has the power to transform the academic lives of these wounded children. Not merely by tutoring them in subjects, but by giving them the emotional tools to believe in themselves again.

In many ways, parental rejection is an invisible trauma. It doesn't always show up as bruises or marks, but it leaves scars all the same—on a child's sense of worth, on their motivation, and on their emotional regulation. Children who grow up feeling unwanted often internalize the belief that they are not good enough—not just at home, but in every sphere of life. Classrooms become spaces of quiet humiliation, where the blackboard feels like a mirror of inadequacy, and teachers' questions feel like tests of belonging.

A child who feels rejected by their parents may sit in the back row, eyes down, voice absent. They may not complete homework, not out of laziness, but because they believe it won't matter. They may act out, not because they are 'bad kids', but because they are aching for recognition. Parental rejection undermines the emotional scaffolding on which learning depends—confidence, curiosity, and hope.

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Sakeena Itoo visits Kulgam, lays foundation stone for PHC Pahloo building

Inaugurates macadamization works across DH Pora Constituency

KULGAM: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, laid the foundation stone for the new building of Primary Health Centre (PHC) Pahloo here today. The project, to be undertaken by R&B Division Kulgam, will be executed at an estimated cost of Rs. 492.20 lakh. It aims to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure and improve service delivery near the vicinities of general public. Director Health Services Kashmir, Director Family Welfare, MCH & Immunization J&K, ACD Kulgam Bilal Ahmad, ADDC Kulgam, Xen R&B Kulgam, Chief Medical Officer Kulgam, other senior officers and large number of locals were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister highlighted the government's commitment

to strengthening rural healthcare facilities across Jammu and Kashmir. She emphasized



on the government's commitment to enhancing healthcare accessibility and ensuring quality services at the grassroots level.

"Establishing a well-equipped PHC at Pahloo has been a long-pending demand of



the people. This demand is moving towards reality", Sakeena said. The event also witnessed massive participation

of local residents, who welcomed this development as a much-needed step towards better health facilities in the area.

Later, Minister Sakeena also inaugurated macadamization works in DH Pora Constituency, particularly at Beighpora to Jamia Masjid road at Qasba Khull D.H Pora.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the road project, aimed at improving surface connectivity, is part of a broader infrastructure upgrade that is expected to boost mobility and economic activity for residents of far flung areas.

She also interacted with local residents on the occasion and emphasized that development, particularly in healthcare and road infrastructure, remains a top priority of the government. "Quality roads are not just a matter of comfort but a backbone for development", she remarked.

MLA Lal Chowk presides over International Day of Yoga celebration at Pari Mahal



SRINAGAR: International Day of Yoga was on Saturday celebrated at the iconic heritage site Group of Arched Terraces/Structural Complex, Pari Mahal, Srinagar by the Archaeological Survey of India, Srinagar Circle.

Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Lal Chowk, Ahsan Pardesi presided over the celebrations as the chief guest.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation under the global theme for this year, 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health,' emphasizing harmony between humanity and nature, and promoting wellness at both individual and planetary levels.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Lal Chowk highlighted the relevance of yoga in today's world. He said, "Yoga is an invaluable gift of our ancient tradition. It enhances not just individual health, but connects us with the larger goal of environmental balance and collective well-being."

"Celebrating Yoga Day at a historic site like Pari Mahal is a beautiful reminder of our roots and responsibilities," he added.

The event also witnessed the presence of Padma Shri awardee, Faisal Ali Dar, a celebrated sports personality from Jammu and Kashmir, and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, as guests of honour. Both dignitaries appreciated the initiative and underscored the benefits of incorporating yoga in daily life.

Students from Syed Meerak Shah High School, Shalimar, Iqbal Mission High School, Brain Nishat, and scholars from the faculty of Agricultural Sciences, SKUAST-Kashmir, actively participated in the yoga demonstration sessions conducted by trained instructors.

Earlier, the celebration commenced with an introductory talk on the essence and benefits of yoga in promoting physical, mental, and environmental health. The mass yoga session included common asanas, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques aimed at holistic wellness. The event concluded with the distribution of participation certificates.

DC Budgam visits various Imambaras, takes stock of Muharram arrangements

BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat today conducted an extensive tour of various majority Shia populated areas of the district to take stock of arrangements for the ensuing holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram. During the tour, DC visited various Imambaras, including Central Imambara Budgam, Imambara Bemina, Markazi Imambara Chattergam, Imambara Khanda and Imambara Magam, where he met local residents and committee members and took stock of arrangements being placed for the smooth conduct of Muharram processions and religious congregations.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that a meeting was conducted with all members of different shia associations in advance to review all required arrangements that are put in place in time for the seamless conduct of all Muharram-ul-Haram related rituals this year.

He said work has been initiated including macadamization of various roads where processions take place during Muharram.

He directed the officers to ensure all the required arrangements, including restoration and installation of street lights, uninterrupted electricity and water supply in all areas and leveling work on all processions roads and inner links be taken up and completed before the start of the holy month.

He said that special sanitation drives are being carried out at all Imam baras to facilitate mourners attending Muharram processions and congregations seamlessly.

DC further instructed CMO, Executive engineers of PHE, PDD, PWD to ensure all facilities including a team of officials to remain available at all major Imam baras so as to ensure seamless procession during the holy month.

Directions were passed for advance timber dumping and ration supply be ensured in all areas.

He said that other major demands projected by locals shall be projected in this financial plan for their approval and early execution. Among others, DC was accompanied by SSP Budgam Nikhil Borkar; ADC Budgam, CPO, SDMs, SE R&B, CMO, Executive Engineers from PDD, PHE, R&B, AD FCS&CA, FSO, DR Cooperative, Tehsildar's, EOs and senior officers from other concerned offices during the tour.

Srinagar Municipal Corporation celebrates 'International Yoga Day'

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) commemorated International Yoga Day with great zeal and enthusiasm at SK Park today, emphasizing the importance of health, mental well-being, and holistic living.

The event was led by Commissioner, SMC, Faz Lul Haseeb whose inspiring leadership added vigor to the celebration.

Recognized globally each year on June 21st, International Yoga Day highlights the transformative benefits of yoga in enhancing physical vitality, mental tranquility, and spiritual harmony.

The occasion featured captivating demonstrations of various yoga postures, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques, aimed at encouraging citizens to incorporate these practices into their daily routines for a healthier and more balanced life. A key highlight of the event was the address delivered by Haseeb, who eloquently underscored the crucial role of mindfulness and yoga in fostering overall health, mental clarity, and emotional resilience.

His words inspired many participants to adopt yoga as a vital component of their wellness journey. Joint Commissioner, Nuzhat Khursheed was also present on the occasion. SMC remains committed to promoting wellness initiatives that empower citizens to achieve harmony of body, mind, and spirit. The event was attended by senior officials of the Corporation and a diverse group of participants, reflecting the community's enthusiasm for a healthier and more mindful lifestyle.

Rana visits Imambaras; assesses Muharram arrangements

SRINAGAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, conducted an extensive visit to Shia-dominated areas in Srinagar to review the arrangements being put in place for peaceful and smooth conduct of Muharram processions.

Accompanied by MLA Zadibal, Tanveer Sadiq and senior officers from various departments, Rana visited several Imambaras including Bagwanpora Nawa Bagh, Gulshan Bagh and Saïda Kadal.

The Minister emphasized the importance of close coordination among the departments to ensure that all arrangements are ensured well in advance. He stressed the need for uninterrupted electricity and potable water supply, sanitation, medical facilities and effective traffic management. The Minister also interacted with the caretakers, organizers and devotees, listening to their concerns and suggestions as well.

Rana directed the officials to address the public grievances on priority to ensure a peaceful and comfortable experience for the devotees. He assured that the Omar Abdullah led government is committed towards facilitating peaceful and smooth conduct of religious events in the region.

"Our government is dedicated towards ensuring a smooth and dignified observance of Muharram," maintained the Minister. Locals at the Imambaras raised various issues, including lack of potable water, drainage problems and road maintenance. MLA Zadibal appreciated the efforts being made by the government authorities to facilitate the smooth conduct of Muharram processions.

Secretary RDD visits Holy Cave; takes stock of sanitation readiness for SANJY-2025

BALTAL: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, today conducted an extensive tour of Baltal axis to assess the sanitation facilities being put in place for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY), 2025.

He reviewed the facilities from Baltal Base Camp through Rail Pathri up to the Holy Cave, inspecting sanitation units and checking the deployment status at various points.

The Secretary was accompanied by Director General (DG) Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Nodal Officers and other district officers of Ganderbal.

He emphasized upon the urgency of proper maintenance of the installed sanitation units at all designated sites, pointing out deficiencies at few locations and directing immediate action to plug the loopholes.

The Secretary instructed that full deployment of sanitation personnel be ensured with proper supervision by the designated nodal officers who must remain present at the sites. He also asked for proper disposal of mule dung and biomedical waste. He directed the officials to streamline collection processes, ensuring no

inconvenience to pilgrims. He underscored the importance of mobility management, asking the concerned officials to ensure smooth operations across all transit and resting points.

The Secretary called for establishing control rooms at DRS to enable real-time monitoring, with a system of daily calls and status updates to ensure accountability. He



also directed that sanitation workers be provided with adequate shelter, food and electricity connections to support their efforts during the yatra.

Reiterating the government's commitment towards providing a safe and clean environment for the Yatris, the Secretary said the Directorate of Rural Sanitation shall work in coordination with other agencies/ departments and ensure every loophole is plugged well before the commencement of the yatra. The Secretary emphasized that

DDC Budgam reviews completion of all FHTCs under JJM

BUDGAM: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat today took stock of work progress on all Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), in the district.

At the outset, DDC took block-wise review of all households covered under FHTCs.

The chair was apprised that there are a total of 1,27,754 rural households in the district as per data from 1st April 2024. Out of these, 1,14,236 households had been provided with tap connections by 11th January 2025. Between 11th January and 19th June 2025, 89 more connections were provided, taking the total to 1,14,325 household tap connections.

Stressing on the speedy execution and completion of works, DDC instructed concerned to expedite work progress on all ongoing projects across the district.

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AEEs and JEs to speed up the pace of work in their areas so that there is cent percent



achievement in all given targets.

DDC directed both the executive engineers of sub-division Chadoora and Budgam to complete pending works both retro and new within a targeted timeline. DDC also directed for close coordination among all concerned departments. Departments including Mechanical Division, KPDCI, Forest, and Revenue have been asked to work in synergy to avoid any delays in the execution of water supply schemes under JJM.

Dr Bilal emphasised that seamless inter-departmental

cooperation is crucial for achieving the targets set under the mission.

He instructed that regular joint meetings be held to monitor the progress of ongoing schemes and to promptly resolve any bottlenecks. The concerned officers were asked to identify critical projects and ensure that timelines are strictly adhered to.

DDC directed utilising all the man power available to ensure all house holds are provided functional tap water connections across the district.

He assured full support from the district administration in removing any hurdles that come in the way of implementation of JJM in the district.

The meeting among others was attended by SE Hydraulics Circle Budgam, Chief Planning Officer, Executive Engineers Jal Shakti Budgam and Chadoora Divisions, Executive Engineers of KPDCI, and mechanical of both sub-divisions, DESO, AEEs and JEs of both divisions.

6th Day of Tribal Empowerment drive witnesses vibrant outreach at Mammarr Kangan

GANDERBAL: Marking the 6th day of the ongoing Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, a spirited tribal outreach and welfare camp was successfully organised today at Panchayat Mammarr, Block Kangan, under the ambit of the PM JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan).

Led by the IEC (Information, Education & Communication) team, the event drew enthusiastic participation from the tribal community, highlighting increasing grassroots engagement and awareness. The camp served as an integrated platform for on-the-spot public service delivery and community sensitisation.

Key citizen services facilitated during the camp included Aadhaar enrolment and updates, Ayushman Bharat - PM-JAY registration, issuance of Scheduled Tribe certificates, enrolment in PM-KISAN and

Jan Dhan Yojana, screening and counseling for Sickle Cell Disease, linkages to multiple other PM JANMAN schemes.

To complement service



delivery, interactive IEC sessions were conducted, focusing on community education around schemes in healthcare, education, skill training, and livelihood generation.

Participants actively raised queries and received detailed responses regarding their rights and entitlements. Adding a cultural dimension to the day, tribal folk performances infused

the event with spirit and identity, celebrating local traditions and unity. Educational brochures in local languages were distributed widely for greater

accessibility. The program witnessed the coordinated participation of sectoral officers, PRI members, frontline workers, and CSC operators, showcasing strong convergence between departments.

Community elders and locals applauded the initiative, describing it as a practical bridge between governance and the grassroots

Satish Sharma attends 11th International Day of Yoga celebration in Jammu

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir celebrated the 11th International Day of Yoga with grand fervor and overwhelming participation, marking a joyous convergence of wellness and spiritual unity.

Minister for Youth Services & Sports, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Transport, Satish Sharma, participated in the mega event held at Gulshan Ground as chief guest.

Speaking on the significance of the day, the Minister said, "under one sky and with one spirit, thousands of yoga lovers from Jammu & Kashmir have come together to spread the message of harmony, wellness and unity." He highlighted the significance of this year's theme titled "Yoga

for One Earth, One Health", underscoring yoga's vital role in promoting not just physical fitness, but holistic well-being and environmental harmony.

"India, the birthplace of Yoga, has given the world a priceless legacy, an age-old science that unites the body, mind and the soul," he said.

Satish Sharma noted that more than 170 countries now observe International Yoga Day, following India's proposal to the United Nations.

He emphasized how Yoga has become a universal movement for health and inner peace.

"In today's stressful world, students frequently face emotional and academic pressures.

Yoga is one of the best tools to overcome these

challenges. It helps control stress, calm the mind and reduce anxiety. I urge our youth and masses to incorporate Yoga into their daily routine.

It will not only enhance their mental and emotional strength but also build confidence and focus, maintained the Minister."

Acknowledging the efforts of the J&K government in mainstreaming Yoga across all sectors, the Minister said that from integrating Yoga in school curriculums to establishing AYUSH Wellness Centres and launching community outreach programmes, the government is ensuring access to natural, preventive and holistic healthcare for every citizen. The Minister complimented the

Health & Medical Education Department and the Directorate of Ayush J&K for organizing the grand celebration. He also appreciated the contribution of distinguished guests, Yoga practitioners and other participants in the success of this mega event.

The event witnessed the participation of Chairman, District Development Council Jammu, Bharat Bhushan; Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar; IGP Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti; DIG, Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu, Joginder Singh, large number of district officers, citizens and students.

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PM Modi

The Prime Minister expressed pride in seeing how Divyang individuals are reading yogic texts in Braille and how scientists are practicing yoga in space. He also noted enthusiastic participation of youth from rural areas in Yoga Olympiads.

PM Modi underscored that whether it is the steps of the Sydney Opera House, the summit of Mount Everest, or the vast expanse of the ocean, the message remains the same, “Yoga is for everyone and for all, beyond boundaries, beyond backgrounds, beyond age or ability.”

The Prime Minister expressed his delight at being in Visakhapatnam, describing it as a vibrant blend of natural beauty and modern progress.

The national event was joined by the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Abdul Nazeer, and the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, N. Chandrababu Naidu Garu. Union Minister for Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu Garu.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ayush and MoS for Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State Dr. Chandrasekhar Pemmasani and others were also present.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah joined IDY celebrations in Ahmedabad and wrote on “X” that “Yoga brings unity among the mind, body and brain and has become an integral part of the daily routine of people all over the world.”

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh joined the celebrations in Udhampur. “The ancient tradition of Yoga passed down by our sages is now being followed globally. In India, Yoga is not just a practice, it’s a way of life,” he said.

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Jagat Prakash Nadda also participated in the International Day of Yoga celebrations at Kartavya Path in New Delhi.

Reflecting on the transformative journey of yoga over the past decade, he posted on the social media platform X: “Yoga nurtures balance across our physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions, enabling a healthier and more fulfilling life. It is due to the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister that Yoga has earned global recognition. Over the last 10 years, people across the world have embraced yoga as an essential part of their daily lives.”

Nadda extended his heartfelt wishes to all citizens on the 11th International Day of Yoga, urging them to continue practicing and promoting yoga as a way of life—(KNO)

J&K Celebrates

At Srinagar’s historic Clock Tower - locally known as Ghanta Ghar, locals, students and political workers gathered for a community session.

Among them was a college student Sabiya. “My yoga is who I am—calm, centred and strong. It brings me back to myself, especially in these uncertain times,” she said.

The spirit was echoed at SKICC Srinagar, where Health Minister Sakeena Itoo led the session alongside Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and senior officers. “Yoga is not merely a form of exercise; it is a bridge to inner peace and collective harmony,” she said.

The minister highlighted yoga’s role in combating lifestyle diseases and even the drug menace among youth. In Srinagar, MLA Lal Chowk Ahsan Pardesi presided over the Yoga Day celebration held at the picturesque Pari Mahal, where participants gathered under the theme ‘Yoga for One Earth, One Health’. Organised by the Archaeological Survey of India, the event beautifully merged heritage and holistic wellness, with students, scholars, and dignitaries like Padma Shri Faisal Ali Dar taking part in the mass yoga session.

The High Court of J&K and Ladakh held a dedicated session at its Srinagar complex, inaugurated by Chief Justice Arun Palli, who stressed the role of yoga in enhancing judicial efficiency and personal well-being. “Embracing yoga as a way of life can significantly improve our cognitive and emotional resilience,” Justice Palli said.

In Jammu, Minister Satish Sharma presided over a grand event at Gulshan Ground. “India has given the world a priceless legacy. Under one sky and one spirit, yoga today connects people across 170 countries,” he said.

At Reasi, a session was held near the Chenab Rail Bridge: the world’s highest railway bridge. DC Nidhi Malik and other top officers joined citizens in performing asanas. “Yoga fosters harmony with nature and self,” she said.

In Poonch, DC Vikas Kundal led a district-wide celebration at the Indoor Sports Hall. Participants joined a live telecast of PM Modi’s address from Visakhapatnam. Certified instructors guided the crowd through breath and bodywork.

In Kathua, despite rain, hundreds gathered at the Sports Stadium. DC Dr Rakesh Minhas, MLAs and PRI members joined the mega session. Participants also took a pledge to make yoga part of their daily life.

In Samba, Yoga was celebrated under the banner “Yoga Sangam” at Rani Suchet Singh Indoor Stadium with guidance from DC and Director AYUSH Dr. Nuzhat Bashir Shah. Medicinal plants were presented to dignitaries as a nod to traditional healing systems.

In Doda, at Gatha Park Bhaderwah, over hundreds of participants, including differently-abled persons, NCC cadets, and elders, attended a vibrant session led by expert Acharya Anil. A tree plantation drive titled “Harit Yoga” and a painting competition added colour to the day.

In Kishtwar, hundreds of people joined celebrations at Chowgan Grounds, with participation from security forces, students, and civil society. Yoga was simultaneously observed in educational institutions, Anganwadi centres, and remote subdivisions like Marwah and Chatroo.

In Udhampur, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) organised a yoga session led by trained instructors from Bharatiya Yog Sansthan. Judicial officers and legal staff participated with zeal.

Similarly, in Jammu, the Forest Protection Force and Wildlife Protection Department jointly hosted a session in Sidhra, underlining yoga’s importance for field officers engaged in conservation work—(KNO)

Unity in diversity

Building upon the legacy of these great personalities who fuelled the nation’s rising aspirations and instilled new self-confidence, the new generation now has the important task of contributing to the journey of Viksit Bharat”, the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the youth to work collectively for building a progressive and united society. “Unity in diversity is our greatest strength and I believe this spirit will empower us to fulfil the dream of our forefathers,” he said.

“West Bengal has kept the ancient traditions alive while sustaining a vibrant societal energy. Its influence across diverse fields, including the economy, social reform, the freedom movement, literature, music, arts, drama, and cinema is remarkably extensive. May the state scale new heights of progress in the years to come. I pray for the good health and well-being of all,” the Lieutenant Governor further said.

Operation Sindoor’

fast-paced world such as stress, anxiety and depression.

“Yoga gives clarity to the people in chaos. It is an art, a science, a philosophy, and spirituality. Those who practice yoga in their daily lives have control over their body and mind. It makes us proactive, not reactive,” he said.

“When the nation is celebrating International Day of Yoga, it should remember the true meaning of the practice, which is to connect every section of society with the culture and soul of India. If even one section is left behind, the wheel of unity and security is broken. Therefore, today, we should perform yoga at the level of society and thought and not just body,” he said.

This year’s theme for the International Day of Yoga is ‘One Earth, One Health’.

He said, “The whole world is a family and working for it is a part of our thinking. Yoga is a practical expression of this thinking, it is silently changing the world and every citizen should be proud of the fact that India’s ancient tradition is being recognised and accepted globally.”

He dubbed it as a responsibility to not just practice yoga as a trend but make it a way of life.

“There is a need to incorporate yoga as a resolution in our lives. It should be a part of our daily routine as it brings positive changes in everyone’s life,” he said.

Singh said yoga is no longer just an individual practice but it has become a global movement with United Nations, World Health Organisations and other international groups including it in their mental and physical health frame. (KNO)

Govt’s committed

of a 50-meter span steel trussed girder bridge over Nallah Sindh at Ahanger Mohalla, Gadoora. The Rs 7.56 crore project is expected to significantly enhance local connectivity and facilitate smooth movement between habitations on either side of the Nallah.

Highlighting the importance of the bridge, the Chief Minister stated, “Bridges don’t just connect places, they connect people and opportunities. This bridge will significantly improve access, reduce travel time, and ensure smoother mobility for residents.”

Senior district officers, engineers, and a large number of local residents were present at both the events and expressed appreciation for the developmental initiatives undertaken by the government in their area.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by his Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Jatin Kishore, Senior Superintendent of Police Ganderbal Khalil Poswal, Chief Engineer Public Works (R&B) Department Kashmir Sajjad Ahmed Naqeeb and other concerned officials.

Hope Israel,

is not closer to getting a nuclear weapon. So, if America felt that a few days ago, then why did Israel attack Iran?”

“It is obvious that there is some politics behind it but we hope that this cycle stops sooner and the issues are resolved through dialogue,” he added.

Abdullah visited many areas in his assembly constituency and said it was his duty as the local MLA.

“The people of Ganderbal have sent me to represent them and serve them and I will try my best to meet their expectations. So, since I became the MLA, we have hastened the development progress here.

“Today, I inaugurated one project, a marriage hall and laid the foundation stone of a bridge, which was an old demand,” he said.

Abdullah said when he sought votes from the people of Ganderbal, he had told them that he would serve them as an MLA and address their issues.

“I had told them I will not remain away for five years after taking their votes. Despite having the responsibility of the whole J-K, I have never forgotten that the people of Ganderbal did me a huge favour by electing me from here and that is why I did not leave this seat,” he said.

Abdullah won the assembly polls from two seats - Ganderbal and Budgam. He vacated Budgam after being sworn-in as the chief minister.

Asked about the upcoming annual Amarnath yatra, Abdullah said he was hopeful that yatris will come in large numbers to visit the Amarnath cave shrine.

“We hope they return safely as well. The responsibility of their security lies with the LG and Raj Bhavan, and I hope all the measure will be taken for their safety and security. Rest of the responsibilities -“ be it medical or infrastructure -“ we have fulfilled those,” he added. (PTI)

Srinagar hotter

Weather Forecaster, Aadil Maqbool, the previous second-highest June temperature was recorded on June 19, 2025 and 29 June, 1999, at 33.8 degrees Celsius, while the all-time highest-ever June temperature was recorded on 25 June 2005 at 34.9 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund - the gateway of Kashmir - recorded a day temperature of 35.0 degrees Celsius while Pahalgam, Kupwara and Gulmarg recorded 29.6 degrees, 34.5 degrees and 25.7 degrees respectively.

Meanwhile, as per another Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng, Qazigund recorded 35.0

degrees Celsius, the highest June temperature since 1988. This is the third all-time June temperature for Qazigund.

The second all-time highest temperature stands at 35.3°C, recorded on 27 June 1988 and the all-time highest temperature is 35.7°C, recorded on 26 June 1988.

Srinagar has surpassed the previous records, as the night temperature also witnessed an increase in Kashmir. It recorded the 4th all-time highest night temperature in 134 years at 23.2°C.

According to Keng, temperature is also the highest since 24 June 1990, when a minimum night temperature of 23.6°C was recorded. Moreover, 23.2°C was also recorded on 15 June 2008. The all-time highest minimum night temperature in June stands at 24.6°C, recorded on 29 June 1978.

Meanwhile, Director of MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, said that generally cloudy weather with intermittent spells of rain and thundershowers is expected at many places till tomorrow.

He added that on June 23 and 24, the weather is expected to remain dry, with a brief spell of light rain and thundershowers at isolated places. From June 25 to 27, generally cloudy weather with the possibility of intermittent light to moderate rain and thundershowers at many places is forecasted.

The MeT has also issued an advisory, urging farmers to continue farm operations until June 20.

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 and 22. “Flash floods are expected at a few places, along with landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones,” it added (KNO)

Srinagar hotter

and in view of the severe heatwave, we have decided to announce early-summer vacation for schools in Kashmir division from June-23.”

The minister further said that the government will review the weather conditions after the culmination of summer vacations and will take the call of extension accordingly.

Itoo further said that earlier the department had proposed to declare the summer vacations from July-01 to July-10. “However, keeping in view the severe heatwave, we have decided to announce an early summer vacation of 15 days with effect from June-23.”

Earlier the minister had ordered a change in school timing saying, “From Saturday, the school timing in Srinagar municipality limits areas will be from 8am to 1pm and in case of schools outside the Srinagar municipality limits, the schools shall function from 8:30 Am to 1:30 Pm.”

In the meantime, Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) in an order said, “Consequent upon the approval conveyed by the competent authority, it is hereby ordered that all the government and recognized private schools up to higher secondary level functioning in the Kashmir Division shall observe summer vacation with effect from 23-06-2025 to 07-07-2025.”

Pertinently, Kashmir region is reeling under intense heatwave from past couple of days and in this regard, the parents of students were demanding for early summer vacation. (KNO)

CS for framing

such a plan for making the travel experience less cumbersome for both travellers and commuters, JK Govt spokesperson said.

The Chief Secretary asked the Divisional Commissioners to work out such modalities in their respective areas, and subsequently, these are going to be consolidated to frame a well-thought-out strategy for both Jammu and Srinagar. He also advised for looking into creating a web portal defining the actionable points pertaining to different departments so that the role played and progress could be easily tracked in subsequent meetings.

The key discussions held in the meeting revolved around the need for development of detailed traffic management plans for Srinagar and Jammu by the Traffic Department. The focus was laid on utilizing the scientific studies and data analysis to identify alternate routes after incorporating feedback from local authorities, citizens and stakeholders.

A commitment was made to operationalize an efficient traffic management system, including the installation, management and maintenance of traffic signals at key junctions, rotaries and T-points.

Strategies for de-congestion will be implemented in high-footfall and vehicular traffic areas, especially in tourist and pilgrimage zones together by the Traffic and Tourism Departments. Actions to regulate the commercial activities impacting traffic flow will be identified, with the Transport Commissioner, JMC/SMC and potentially LCMA, being involved in this process.

Moreover, the key locations requiring road expansion or upgrading to accommodate the growing traffic volumes will be identified, focusing on increasing the carrying capacity of critical roads. The committee also underscored the need for speedy completion of ongoing developmental projects to alleviate traffic congestion at key locations.

In addition, the strategies for addressing encroachments, particularly by street hawkers and their relocation and rehabilitation without disrupting the traffic flow will be recommended by the Tourism and municipal bodies in consultation with each other.

The plan also delineates identification of traffic-heavy routes where one-way movement or no-traffic zones can be implemented, with clear signage installed there. Routes for introducing e-bus services with increased frequency to reduce personal vehicle usage was also debated to be a step towards decongesting city roads from heavy traffic during peak hours.

Targeted strategies to reduce the accidents and fatalities through better road design, awareness campaigns and stricter enforcement of safety norms were proposed. The holistic approach integrating the traffic management with urban planning and development by showing synergy among key stakeholders like Traffic Police, PWD (R&B), NHAI, and local authorities will be ensured for effective traffic resolution through minimal engineering interventions.

Besides, development of infrastructure like bus lay-byes, designation of more spaces for on-street and off-street parking avenues in both the cities were unanimously stressed upon for the ever increasing vehicles plying on roads here.

The Committee also discussed the requirement of multi-modal solutions like Mass Rapid Transit system, city bus system, Inland Water Transport (IWT), Ring Roads, enhanced parking and creation of Unified Transport Authority as other reliable solutions to ease traffic woes in our cities here.

Defence Minister

They also apprised him about the security arrangements made for the annual 38-day Amarnath Yatra.

Pertinently, the Army is part of the multi-tier security arrangements made for the smooth conduct of the yatra, especially for combing the forests surrounding the twin tracks — the traditional 48-kilometre Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-kilometre shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district besides the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

Singh had reached Udhampur headquarters of the Northern Command on a 2-day visit on Friday (KNO)

Will knock SC if statehood is delayed: Farooq Abdullah

Jahangeer Ganaie

SRINAGAR: National Conference president and former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah Saturday reiterated the demand for early restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, asserting that further delays may compel the party to approach the Supreme Court.

Speaking to reporters in Pahalgam, Farooq Abdullah, per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said it has been eight months since the Jammu and Kashmir government was formed. “I am hopeful that when statehood is restored, we will also get the administrative powers that are essential for true governance.”

He added their stand remains unchanged, they are waiting patiently for the restoration of statehood. “But if there are unnecessary delays, we will have no option but to go to the Supreme Court.”

“We are committed to a democratic and peaceful struggle, but at the same time, we will not stay silent if our basic political rights continue to be denied,” he said.

He appealed for wisdom and restraint amid the ongoing tensions in the Middle East. “I pray that God gives wisdom to both Iran and Israel. This conflict can only be solved with peace,” he

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that in my Driving licence bearing Registration No, JK-15 20100010150, my name and parantege has been Mistakenly Mentioned as Khurshid Ahmad Bhat, S/O Ali Mohammad Bhat. While as my Actual and correct name and parantege as per my Aadhaar Card is, Khurshed Ahmad Bhat, S/O Ali Mohd Bhat, 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 Assistant Regional Transport Office Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice. Khursheed Ahmad Bhat. S/O Ali Mohd Bhat. R/O Ward NO: 06, Bandipora, pin code: 193502.. [21/06, 7:29 pm] Syed Basharat Hussain: Public Notice. This is an information for general public that the DOB of my Son has been Mistakenly Mentioned in his school records as: 21-02-2016, While as his Actual and correct DOB is: 21-02-2018, 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 Tangdaji Chuntimulla, Bandipora, Amalgamated with Girls primary School Chuntimulla Bandipora, with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted. **Mehraj UD Din Khan Gojer. F/O Muzamil Ahmad Khan Gojer. R/O Chuntimulla Bandipora.**

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that the Father's name of my Daughter has been Mistakenly Mentioned in her School Records as Mehraj Ahmad Khah, while as her actual and correct Father's name is Mehraj U Din Khah. 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 Zonal Education office Quilmuqam and Headmaster GOVT Primary school Kainle Bagh Aloosa, with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice. **Mehraj U Din Khah. F/O Sadiya Mehraj. R/O Kanli Bagh Aloosa District Bandipora.**

said, urging global leaders to advocate for dialogue.

He also called on US President Donald Trump to call for peace between the two nations. (KNO)

Operation Sindhu 827 Indian Nationals Brought Back From Iran: MEA

NEW DELHI: More than 800 Indian nationals have so far returned home from Iran under Operation Sindhu, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Saturday.

The MEA shared the update on the status of the evacuation operation in a series of posts on X. More Indian nationals, including students, arrived in Delhi late on Friday evening and in the early hours of Saturday after being evacuated from Iran as its military confrontation with Israel intensified.

India announced the launch of Operation Sindhu on Wednesday to evacuate its nationals from Iran. “#OperationSindhu flight brings citizens home.

India evacuated 290 Indian nationals from Iran, including students and religious pilgrims by a charter flight.

The flight arrived in New Delhi at 2330 hrs on 20 June and was received by Secretary (CPV& OIA) Arun Chatterjee,” MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on X.

“Government of India is grateful to the Government of Iran for the facilitation of the evacuation process,” he added.

In another post, Jaiswal shared the details of an evacuation flight that arrived from Turkmenistan. “#OperationSindhu continues. A special evacuation flight from Ashgabat, Turkmenistan landed in New Delhi at 0300 hrs on 21st June, bringing Indians from Iran home. With this, so far 517 Indian nationals from Iran have returned home under Operation Sindhu,” he said.

The first batch of 110 Indian nationals evacuated from Iran arrived in India on Thursday, with many evacuees sharing first-hand accounts of the frightening situation they witnessed before being moved to safer locations. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh welcomed them on their arrival at the Delhi airport after their arduous journey.

In another post in the evening, Jaiswal informed about the arrival of a separate evacuation flight. “#OperationSindhu Another evacuation flight from Mashhad landed in New Delhi at 1630 hrs on 21 June with 310 Indian nationals from Iran. With this, a total of 827 Indians have been evacuated,” he said.

Also, the Indian embassy in Iran, in a post on X, said, “On request of the

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I have changed my name from SHAIKH DILAHADA TO DILSHADA BEGUM. In future I will be known as Dilshada Begum. If anybody is having any objection in this regard, he/she may contact the regional passport office ,Srinagar within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained thereafter.

Dilshada Begum R/O Bandipora

NOTICE

This is for the information of all the concerned that I want to change the consumer name of my Electricity Agreement from Riyaz Ahmad Ganie son Habibullah Ganie to Saqib Riyaz son of Riyaz Ahmad Ganie with consumer ID -021602004551, PDD Division Kaloosa. If anybody has any objection he/she may approach the authorities concerned within 7 days from the publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Riyaz Ahmad Ganie S/o: Habibullah Ganie R/o: Kaloosa, Bandipora

NOTICE

This is an information for general public that Electricity Agreement bearing Consumer ID No: 0216020003352, which is Registered in the name of Mohammad Maqbool Kawa, S/O Gh Qadir Kawa. Now i want to apply for Change this Electricity Agreement in the name of Mohd Ashraf Kawa, S/O Mohd Maqbool Kawa, 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.

Mohd Ashraf Kawa. S/O Mohd Maqbool Kawa. R/O Laharwalpora Bandipora.



Jammu and Kashmir joins the world in celebrating the **11th International Day of Yoga** with events From Meadows to Mountains, Borders to Valleys across the valley in Stadiums, schools, Institutions spreading the spirit of harmony, health, and mindfulness.