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● "Every citizen is a key stakeholder of this holy pilgrimage"



"Make this pilgrimage a vibrant celebration of spirituality, unity, love, and communal harmony"

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today held a meeting with the members of civil society organisations, religious leaders, elected representatives, trade and business community and discussed the

arrangements for forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah; Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; Special Director General (Coordination), PHQ, S.J.M Gillani; Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and CEO, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Bidhuri; Administrative Secretaries, senior officials of Police and Civil Administration attended the meeting. The Lieutenant Governor welcomed the suggestions from various sections of the society and sought their active participation and cooperation in smooth conduct of holy pilgrimage.

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Mitigate potential threats: DGP Prabhat directs officers

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JAMMU : Directing officers to take proactive and preventive measures to mitigate potential threats, Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, Nalin Prabhat on Saturday stressed on the need for strict implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the peaceful and successful conduct of forthcoming Amarnath Yatra, slated to commence on July 3.

Chairing a high-level security review meeting in Jammu, DGP Prabhat, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) directed the officers to intensify surveillance, deployment of anti-sabotage teams along the Yatra routes, and adopt advanced technology for real-time monitoring and threat detection. "We have to dismantle the terror ecosystem and maintain a robust security grid throughout the Yatra period. Field officers must remain alert and focused to ensure the highest level of preparedness and public safety," he said.

The meeting witnessed the participation of senior officers from the J&K Police, Army, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), intelligence agencies, telecom, NSG, and civil administration.

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CM Omar launches 'Mission YUVA' "Initiative will create 1.37 lakh enterprises, 4.25 lakh jobs in 5 years"

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today launched the much-anticipated Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), a visionary initiative to foster entrepreneurship in J&K by creating 1.37 lakh enterprises and 4.25 lakh jobs in 5 years.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah described the programme as a transformative initiative aimed at empowering the youth of Jammu and Kashmir through entrepreneurship, financial support and opportunity-rich ecosystem development, spokesperson said.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister affirmed his government's commitment to fulfil the aspirations of the



region's youth.

"I promise the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, that I will try my best to take you to that height, where you will not only write a better destiny for yourself, but for Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

The launch event was attended by Ministers Sakeena

Itoo, Javed Rana and Satish Sharma; Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani; Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo; Additional Chief Secretary to the CMD Dheeraj Gupta; Managing Director and CEO J&K Bank Amitabh Chatterjee; several MLAs;

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J&K tops in protected areas management

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Forest Department has achieved a remarkably high score of 92.97% for Dachigam National Park in Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) exercise, conducted by the Wildlife Institute of

India (WII) under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javed Ahmed Rana, has praised the officers of the Wildlife Department for this outstanding achievement in conservation of protected areas in ecologically sensitive Jammu and Kashmir. He referred the accomplishment as a benchmark to be emulated in other protected areas in J&K, spokesperson said.

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Shukla's Space Sojourn Marks Beginning Of New Era For India: PM Modi



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NEW DELHI: The 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' slogan reverberated on the International Space Station as Prime Minister Narendra Modi told astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla that his space travel marked the beginning of a new era and was the first step towards Mission Gaganyaan, India's own human spaceflight project.

"Shubhanshu, today you are the farthest from the land of India, but the closest to the hearts of every Indian,"

the prime minister told Shukla in an interaction through a video link from the International Space Station, which is orbiting the earth at an altitude of 400 km.

Modi said Shukla's name carries the word 'shubh' (auspicious), and that his journey marked the auspicious beginning of a new era.

"Bharat Mata ki jai" chant filled up the space station as the prime minister raised the slogan towards the end of the 18-minute conversation, which was reciprocated by Shukla.

Shukla told the prime minister that his space sojourn was "not my journey alone but also our country's", and that he was absorbing these "new experiences like a sponge".

"Everything is different here," the astronaut said, sharing his experience in micro-gravity conditions on the space station.

"We trained for a year and I learnt about different systems... but after coming here, everything changed... Here, even small things are different because there is no gravity in space... Sleeping here is a big challenge... It takes some time to get used to this environment," he told the prime minister.

The astronaut said that the space station orbits the Earth 16 times a day and that he was privileged to witness 16 sunrises and 16 sunsets every day.

"Right now, we are travelling at a speed of 28,000 kilometres per hour. This speed reflects how fast our nation is progressing and now, we must go even beyond this," Shukla said.

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Article 370 Was Against Dr Ambedkar's Ideology Of One Constitution: CJI Gavai

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NAGPUR: Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai on Saturday said Dr B.R. Ambedkar envisioned one Constitution for the country to keep it united



and never favoured the idea of a separate constitution for a state.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Constitution Preamble Park here, the CJI said the Supreme Court drew inspiration from Dr Ambedkar's vision of a united India under a single constitution while upholding the Centre's decision to abrogate Article 370 that granted

special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Gavai was part of a five-judge Constitution bench, headed by then Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, that unanimously upheld the Centre's decision to abrogate Article 370, which bestowed special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

"When Article 370 was challenged, it came before us, and when the hearing was underway, I recalled Dr Babasaheb's words that one Constitution is suited for a country... If we want to keep the country united, we need only one Constitution," he said, while addressing the gathering in Marathi.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip Jammu and Kashmir of special status and divide it into two Union Territories.

Gavai said Dr Ambedkar had been criticised, saying the Constitution provides for too much federalism, and in times of war, the country may not remain united.

However, he had responded, saying the Constitution would suit all the challenges and keep the nation united, the CJI said.

"See the situation in the neighbouring countries, be it

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PM Modi determined to make 'Bharat Viksit' by 2047: Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI: Asserting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is determined to make "Bharat Viksit" by 2047, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday asked the



youth to take a pledge towards making India a world leader in every sphere in coming years.

Addressing a programme virtually, Shah, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "It is a matter of importance for all of us. Our youth and children should make a resolution of creating an India where it attains the first position in every field in the world when the country celebrates the centenary of its independence," Shah added.

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CS Exhorts Officers To Create Errorless Land Records



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SRINAGAR: In a significant stride towards transparent land records management system, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting to review the ongoing digitization and modernization of land records across Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting saw the participation of key officials including the Secretary, Revenue; Secretary, IT; Secretary, Law; CEO, JaKeGA; Director, Land Records; a representative of BISAG-N; and other concerned officers.

Deputy Commissioners joined the meeting virtually from their respective

offices.

The Chief Secretary while emphasized the paramount importance of quality assurance in the digitization process. He stressed the need for a robust system of checkers and approvers for data entries made by the field staff. This will ensure that every entry is meticulously cross-checked with corresponding physical records by the experienced revenue officers. He observed that the correctness of records ensures fewer grievances and fewer court cases, thereby saving the time and energy of both people and public servants,

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CM Omar pledges to enhance playing experience for golfers in J&K Honours winners of Golf Tournament, Hosts FICCI delegation

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday evening reiterated his government's commitment to making Jammu and Kashmir one of the premier golf destinations in the country.

The Chief Minister made these remarks during a prize distribution ceremony held here at Srinagar, where winners and runners-up of the day's golf tournament were felicitated. Earlier in the morning, the Chief Minister joined golfers to tee off the tournament at the Royal Springs Golf Course, which saw participation from eminent golfers from across the country, including former Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah.

Welcoming the golfers to Kashmir, the Chief Minister



said their presence was highly encouraging. He also expressed his gratitude to Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for organizing the Golf Tournament and tourism stakeholders' interaction in Kashmir.

"It is very reassuring for us to see you all here. There is no doubt that your presence goes

along way in reinforcing what we are trying to do — which is essentially to bring tourism back on track after it had derailed," official spokesperson said in a statement.

Reflecting on recent challenges, the Chief Minister acknowledged the apprehensions

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Op Sindoor sets very high level of deterrence: CISC

KC News Network

NEW DELHI: During Operation Sindoor "tremendous" damage was done to the adversary and those 88 hours of the conflict tell a lot about it as "no self-respecting nation or armed forces will capitulate in such a short time", a top Indian military officer said on Saturday.

During an interaction at an event held here, the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC), Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, said that modernisation of the Indian armed forces is "on track", with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently clearing the "execution model" to design and produce India's ambitious fifth-generation stealth fighter jet — the advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA).

To a question on reports that China will supply fifth-

generation J-35 stealth jets to Pakistan, he said, "We are aware of the news, and we are following it closely".

Dixit was speaking at a

being developed by the Pakistani military.

Asked about the factors related to integration and jointness of the Indian military



session "The Age of Modern Warfare" hosted at the CNN News 18 Town Hall: The Defence Edition.

The tri-services officers also emphasised that the Indian military will have to build "defences and offences" against the kind of capabilities

that led to success in Operation Sindoor, Air Marshal Dixit said, integration,

jointness and coordination efforts were started way back after the 1999 Kargil conflict. Thereafter, Headquarters Integrated

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VP Jagdeep Dhankhar Calls Preamble Changes a ‘Nasoor’, Urges Respect for Constitution’s Soul

NEW DELHI, (PIB): In a strongly-worded address during the launch of the book Ambedkar’s Messages at the Vice-President’s Enclave, Vice-President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar denounced the changes made to the Preamble of the Constitution during the Emergency, calling them a “nasoor” (festering wound) and a “sacrilege to the spirit of Sanatana.”

According to a statement issued by press Information Bureau (PIB), the Vice-President criticized the 42nd Constitutional Amendment of 1976, which introduced the terms ‘Socialist’, ‘Secular’, and ‘Integrity’ into the Preamble, calling the move unconstitutional and executed during a time when democracy was under siege.

“What a travesty of justice! First, we change something which



is not changeable or alterable – and that too during the Emergency, when ‘We the People’ were behind bars,” he said. “Except Bharat, no other nation has altered its constitutional preamble. These words were added as a nasoor – and they’ve inflicted existential challenges upon the soul of our Constitution.”

The Vice-President invoked Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, architect of

the Indian Constitution, asserting that such changes would have been against his vision and the ethos of the Constituent Assembly. “Dr. Ambedkar lives in our hearts, he dominates our minds, and touches our soul,” Dhankhar said. “His message must reach every family, every child. The founding fathers gave us a preamble rooted in timeless Indian civilisational values – one that

should not have been ‘farcically and casually’ changed.”

Referring to landmark Supreme Court judgments, the Vice-President cited opinions from Kesavananda Bharati and Golaknath cases, where the judiciary held that the Preamble is not just a symbolic preface but the soul and guiding light of the Constitution.

“Judges like Justice H.R. Khanna, Justice Sikri, and others emphasized that the Preamble is unalterable, embodying the grand and noble vision of the Constitution. Tampering with it, especially in the dark times of Emergency, is nothing short of sacrilege,” he stated.

The VP further quoted Ambedkar’s emotional final address to the Constituent Assembly, where he warned about caste divisions, religious loyalties,

States’ Cooperation Ministers to Convene ‘Manthan Baithak’ on June 30

NEW DELHI (PIB): In a major step towards strengthening the cooperative movement in India, the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, is set to organise a high-level “Manthan Baithak” of Cooperation Ministers from all States and Union Territories (UTs) on June 30, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The meeting will be chaired by the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah. The event will witness the active participation of Cooperation

Ministers along with Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, and Secretaries of Cooperation Departments from across the country. It will serve as a key platform for reviewing progress, exchanging views, and charting the way forward in line with the vision of ‘Sahkar Se Samridhi’ – prosperity through cooperation.

The primary objective of the Manthan Baithak is to comprehensively evaluate various schemes and initiatives of the Ministry of Cooperation and assess the outcomes achieved so far. The meeting will also encourage the exchange of best practices, constructive feedback, and practical suggestions from the States and UTs, with an aim to foster shared understanding and coordinated action towards enhancing the strength and sustainability of India’s cooperative sector.

A major highlight of the Baithak will be deliberations on the Ministry’s ongoing drive to establish two lakh new multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), as well as dairy and fisheries cooperative societies, to strengthen last-mile rural service delivery. Another key topic on the agenda will be the progress of the World’s Largest Grain Storage Scheme being implemented in the cooperative sector, which is designed to enhance food security and empower farmers through improved infrastructure and logistics.

The meeting will also include discussions on the nationwide campaign “Cooperation Among Cooperatives” and the “International Year of Cooperatives 2025”. During the session, participating States and UTs will present progress updates and share their expectations for increased engagement and collaboration.


MNRE Notifies Key Revisions in Biomass Programme Guidelines

NEW DELHI (PIB): In a major move to strengthen India’s bioenergy ecosystem and facilitate ease of doing business, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has notified revised guidelines under Phase-I of the National Bioenergy Programme. The updated norms apply for the period from FY 2021–22 to FY 2025–26 and mark a significant shift in how biomass energy projects will be implemented, monitored, and supported.

According to Press Information Bureau (PIB), the revised guidelines aim to simplify administrative procedures, encourage clean energy solutions, and support India’s net-zero emission targets by 2070. Notably, the Ministry has eased approval requirements and reduced documentation burdens, particularly benefiting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). These changes are also expected to enhance stubble management efforts across key agricultural states.

One of the most notable revisions is the technological upgrade that now permits the use of Internet of Things (IoT)-based monitoring systems or quarterly data submissions in place of costly SCADA systems. This shift promotes cost-effective, digital monitoring and increased accountability, especially for smaller businesses that previously found compliance with expensive systems a financial burden.

In another welcome change, developers of briquette and pellet manufacturing plants are no longer required to submit multiple clearance documents, significantly reducing red tape and saving crucial time during project setup. Moreover, the earlier mandate of having a two-year briquette or pellet sale contract has been replaced with a general sale agreement.



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Out-sourcing of Cafeteria at Children Park Gulmarg on “As Is Where Is Basis” at Gulmarg through GeM Portal for a period of 05-years.
Reference: No: GDA/F/2025/44-49 Dated: 05/04/2025
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, E- Auction is invited through GeM Portal for Outsourcing the Cafeteria at Children Park Gulmarg on “AS IS WHERE IS BASIS”, for a period of 05-years. The details are as under:

S.No	Particulars	Date/Amount
1.	PQ(Pre-Qualification) Submission Start Date	01-07-2025 10:00 AM
2.	PQ (Pre- Qualification) Submission End Date	09-07-2025 04:00 PM
3.	PQ (Pre-Qualification) Assessment Date & Time	11-07-2025 05:00 PM
4.	EMD (Bid Security) Amount (To be pledged in favour of Accounts Officer Gulmarg Development Authority)	12-07-2025 10:00 AM
5.	EMD End Date	16-07-2025 04:00 PM
6.	EMD (Bid Security) Amount (To be pledged in favour of Accounts Officer Gulmarg Development Authority)	Rs. 2,40,000/- (Two Lac Forty Thousand Only)
7.	Bid Submission/ Auction Start Date	18-07-2025 10:00 AM
8.	Bid Submission/ Auction End Date & Time	19-07-2025 01:00 PM
9.	Minimum Reserve Bid Amount(Per year with 10% escalation for each successive year)	Rs 12,00,000/- (Twelve Lac Only)

The e-auction has been finalized by the Outsourcing Committee under the Chairmanship of Director Tourism, Kashmir. Reliable/resourceful and experienced agencies/persons, who fulfill the ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (PRE QUALIFICATION) detailed as under shall only be eligible to participate in the E – Auction process.

PRE – QUALIFICATION(PQ) CRITERIA (TO BE UPLOADED ON GEM-PORTAL)

- The bidder shall have to upload GST Registration Certificate.
- The bidder shall have to upload PAN/ Adhaar Card.
- The bidder shall have to upload Character Certificate duly certified by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) or Police Station concerned. The character certificate shall be within the time limit.
- The bidder shall have to upload Certificate of Registration for Hotel or Restaurant if any duly issued by the Tourism Department under J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act and/or Relevant qualification (Degree/Diploma/Certificate Course) in the Hospitality sector and/or having experience in the Hospitality sector with documentary Proof be uploaded.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

- The minimum bid amount shall be Rs. 12,00,000/- lacs per year initially for a period of 05 years subject to satisfactory performance by the outsourcee with 10% compound escalation for each successive year
- The restaurant shall be maintained and operated in an aesthetic manner on professional lines, any innovations or modifications in the structure facelift or cladding should be approved by recognized architects and shall be subject to the approval by the competent authority.
- Only professional and qualified staff shall be employed.
- The bidder participating in the e- bid process must apply in his/her name or in the name of firm duly registered in his/her name as indicated in the uploaded PAN/ GST Certificate.
- The minimum reserve bid has been fixed at Rs. 12.00 lacs (Rupees Twelve Lacs) per annum with 10% escalation for each successive year, thereafter to be deposited before the start of every year.
- The interested parties should compulsorily visit & inspect the asset before participating in the e- bidding process and the physical position of the asset. As such, no claim of any deficiency, addition, alteration, rectification in the asset would be entertained during/after bidding process.
- Eligible persons shall be allowed to participate in the e-bidding process only after uploading of relevant documents mentioned in the Eligibility Criteria and EMD in the shape of CDR, amounting to Rs. 2,40,000/- (Two Lac Forty Thousand Only) pledged in favour of Accounts Officer Gulmarg Development Authority.
- That the successful bidder shall has to pay all the taxes i.e GST & SGST Labourcess Income Tax and other taxes in vogue at his/her own. The bid amount received by the department is excluding the taxes mentioned above.
- Overstay period of 1st 10 days will be charged @ 10,000/-per day and thereafter @ 20,000/-per day for a period of further 10 days thereafter legal action will be initiated against the occupant.
- In case the successful bidder fails to complete the term of contract, or leaves the contract half way or the contract is cancelled due to any disqualifications/nonpayment of advance rent, the CDR shall be forfeited.
- The safety, security and upkeep of the asset shall be sole responsibility of outsourcee during the period of contract.
- The out-sourcing committee reserves the right to reject any or all the e - bids without assigning any reason thereof.
- The successful bidder shall have to charge rates for various allotted services as per approval of the Department from time to time.
- The electric/water consumption charges shall be payable by the outsourcee.
- The bidder should not be employee of any Govt. Deptt. Or a Public Sector undertaking.
- The successful bidder shall have to execute an agreement along with undertaking positively within seven days with the department on non-Judicial Stamp Paper regarding adherence to the instruction/terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Department during the course of the contract period.
- The bidder shall have to bear all the costs and expenses for executing the agreement/ undertaking.
- The successful bidder shall have to provide the catering facilities for the full period of lease and not on seasonal basis only.
- The successful bidder shall be under an obligation to make arrangement for safe disposal of solid/liquid waste etc. And meet other requirements of pollution control/protection of environment.
- On completion of contract period GDA shall take over the possession of property without any notice.
- The licensee shall not make any alterations or additions to the space/unit allotted, without seeking proper permission from the competent authority of the department.
- Repair or renovation work will only be granted after obtaining approval from the competent authority. Once approved, the repair or renovation must be reviewed and sanctioned by the concerned engineering wing of the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department, ensuring compliance with the existing structure. If any violations are found during the repair or renovation process, the contract will be canceled without further notice.
- The successful bidder shall arrange on his/her own all necessary stationery, staff or any other requirements for providing efficient services to the clients.
- The Licensee shall provide necessary uniform & name plates to the staff working in the premises & shall be responsible for any act of the staff member for which, he/she shall be liable for criminal/civil action under rules/law if any required.
- The Watch and ward of the property, maintenance of lawns and other subsidiaries and landscape if any is the sole responsibility of the licensee. No departmental employee will be posted/ stationed at the site for this purpose.
- The rates to be charged on account of various catering items and other activities to be carried in the premises will be approved by the licensor.
- The bidder who intentionally / unintentionally posts a financial bid which is absurdly/anomalously on a higher side and might hamper the bidding process, the same will be rejected and even the bidder can be debarred from further participation during bidding process without any bearing on the ongoing process to ensure smooth conduct of auction.
- The e-bidding process can be stopped by the Gulmarg Development Authority at any time / stage on arriving to the reasonable bid offer and information in this regard shall be given to bidders through an advance “Marquee message” on GeM portal during bidding process.
- Defaulters shall not be allowed to participate in the further E-auction processes.
- The equipment shall be eco-friendly, and the same can be installed only after obtaining proper approval form the Authority. Allottee in command is directly responsible for the safety of clients and the ground staff and the agency shall ensure first aid equipment at the site.
- The licensee shall not, in any case, sub-let the premises to any other party. It shall vacate the premises allotted on the expiry of allotment. However, in case the party intends to vacate the premises before the expiry period, he/she shall have to deposit the full amount of the successive year and has to give three months’ advance notice for the same. and during this period, it shall carry on with the allotted arrangement on the terms and conditions as prescribed.
- The successful bidder shall have to provide services to the best satisfaction of tourists/locals. The bidder shall have to ensure that there isn't any complaint of misbehavior with the visitors/locals or by any of the staff member employed by the bidder in this regard. In case any complaint is received, action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against the bidder and necessary penalty will be imposed.
- In case of any negligence in running the service or compliant pertaining to bad performance, the contract shall be terminated without any notice by the department.
- The allotted premises shall be inspected periodically by the departmentally authorized officers and in case the services of the licensee are not found satisfactory, the contract shall be liable for cancellation without any notice.

No: GDA/F/2025-26/1266-70

DIPK-NB-947/25

Dated:28 June 2025

Sd/-
Tariq Hussain (JKAS)
Chief Executive Officer

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION ANANTNAG

NIT NO 320F R&B/Anantnag/2025-26 /E-TENDERING/3213-22DATED 27-06-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost(Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs)	E/Money (In Rs)	Time of Completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Sarai for the attendants of poor patients at GMC Anantnag Phase-I	149.12 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 126.38 + (18% GST Amount 22.74)	2600	298240/-	180 Days	MPLADS	AAY Class Only

Project Authority: District Development Commissioner Anantnag.
Position of AAA: Accorded vide Order No. 82 – DDCA of 2025, Dated 26.05.2025.
Position of TS: Accorded vide Order No. CE(R&B) SK/TS/42 of 2025-26, Dated 26.06.2025.

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

S.No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	27-06-2025
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 28-06-2025 To 03-07-2025 (11:00AM) (04:30PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 28-06-2025 To 03-07-2025 (11:00AM) (04:30PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 03-07-2025 (11:00AM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid(online)	04-07-2025

In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag [Tender Inviting Authority] (NIT No. Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag (Tender receiving Authority). (The Date of EMD (CDR/FDR/BG) should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date and validity of EMD at the time of opening of Bids shall be a period of 45 Days beyond Bid Validity of 120 Days). The same EMD should not be used in more than one Tender/Bid.

2. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

3. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released 60 days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period(DLP) of the work. The date of Performance Security (CDR/FDR/BG) should be after the date of issuance of letter/LOI to deposit the performance security. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarment of the Contractor be forwarded to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.

4. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance Security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released 60 Days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.

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

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

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

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

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

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

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

f. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

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

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

9. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

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

11. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

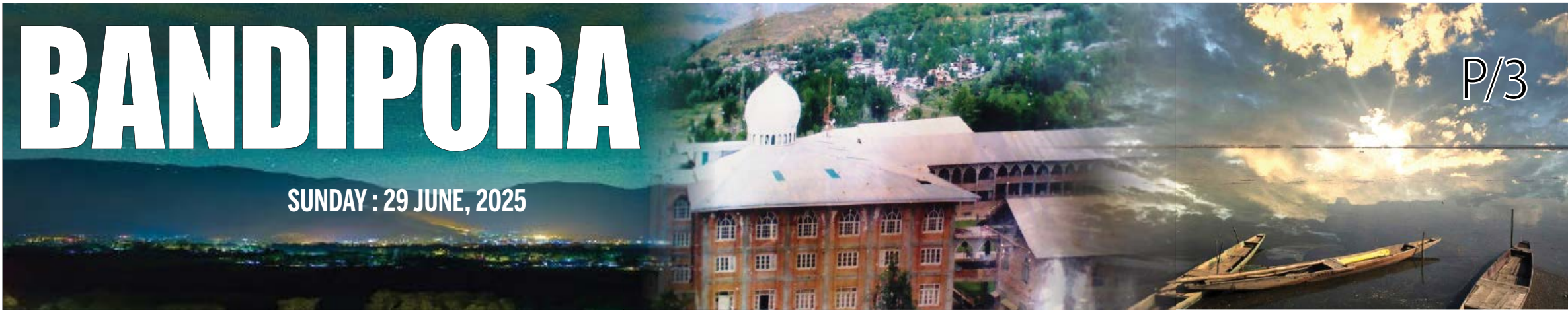
12. Bidders are advised to use “My Documents” area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

13. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

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Handicrafts & Handloom Department Hosts Mega Awareness Programme in Gurez

CONVENER NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA: The Department of Handicrafts & Handloom Bandipora, on Saturday organised a Mega Awareness Programme at Dawar, Gurez with an objective of sensitising the artisan and weaver community about the various government schemes and services available through the department. The programme was inaugurated by Joint Director Handicrafts Kashmir, Parvaiz Sajad, along with General Manager, District Industries Centre Bandipora, Sameer Ahmad Jan, who is also holding the additional charge of

Assistant Director, Handicrafts/Handloom Department Bandipora. The event was attended by a large number of artisans and weavers across the Gurez valley. As part of the programme, departmental stalls were set up to exhibit products crafted by registered artisans and weavers of Gurez valley, while also disseminating information about schemes aimed at their welfare and socio-economic upliftment.

On the occasion, the Joint Director inspected stalls and interacted with artisans, appreciating their craftsmanship and commitment for preserving the rich cultural heritage of the region.



He reaffirmed that the department is committed to empowering artisans through capacity-building initiatives, financial support, and enhanced market connectivity. On the occasion, AD Handicrafts, Sameer Ahmad Jan encouraged unregistered artisans and weavers to promptly register online for Artisan and Weaver Registration Cards to become eligible for a wide range of departmental benefits and welfare schemes.

Officials of H&H Department on the occasion, highlighted the range of schemes and welfare initiatives available to support artisans and weavers.

TFSA Bandipora Felicitates CAHO at Wevan

CONVENER NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA: The Technical Field Staff Association (TFSA), Bandipora, held a felicitation ceremony at Wevan, Bandipora, to formally welcome Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Younis on assuming charge as the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO) of Bandipora district.

The event witnessed the presence of field staff and officers from the department, who gathered to express their support and extend greetings to the newly appointed officer.

During the ceremony Parvaiz Ahmad Reshi, District President of TFSA Bandipora, extended heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Younis and assured him of the association's full cooperation and support in fulfilling the department's mission under his leadership.

He lauded Dr. Younis's track record and expressed optimism about the future of the department with him at the helm.

The event also welcomed Dr. Khalid Hameed Bhat, Livestock Development Officer (LDO) Sumbal, and Dr. Abdul Gani Baba, Block Veterinary Officer (BVO) Bandipora. Both officers addressed the gathering, stressing the significance of collaboration, field-level commitment, and accountability in delivering effective services to the farming and livestock-rearing communities.

In his address, Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Younis thanked TFSA Bandipora for the warm welcome and expressed his commitment to strengthening the department through teamwork, transparency, and efficiency. He highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts between field staff and officers to improve service delivery, particularly at the grassroots level.

Sajad Ahmad Bhat, Head Assistant, also spoke on the occasion, emphasizing the need for integrity, honesty, and transparency in administrative functioning. He encouraged staff to work collectively towards enhancing public trust and departmental performance.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Parvaiz Ahmad Reshi, who expressed his gratitude to all the officers, dignitaries, and staff members for their participation and dedication.

He reaffirmed TFSA's commitment to supporting the department's developmental goals and working in tandem to achieve meaningful progress in the field of animal husbandry in Bandipora.

Jaffari Council Chairman Reviews Muharram Arrangements in Sonawari

CONVENER NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA:- Chairman of the Jaffari Council Jammu and Kashmir, Haji Musadiq Hussain Manhas, visited several areas of the Sonawari area of Bandipora district—including Nowgam, Harinara, and Zalpura—to review the ongoing Muharram arrangements.

During his visit, Haji Musadiq inspected local Imambaras and assessed the facilities being provided to the public during this sacred month. He expressed concerns over the lack of basic amenities in some areas and called for urgent administrative attention.

Speaking to the media, Haji Musadiq Hussain Manhas stated, "I visited Sonawari to review the Muharram arrangements and available facilities. I urge the Deputy Commissioner of Bandipora to personally visit these locations, especially the Imambaras, and look into the shortcomings such as inadequate drinking water, electricity, and poor road connectivity."

He further added, "I believe the DC is a capable officer and hope he will address all genuine demands at the earliest."

CRPF's 3rd Battalion Organizes Medical Camps in Ketson Village

CONVENER NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA: In a significant move to extend healthcare services to rural and underserved communities, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) 3rd Battalion organized a free medical camp on Friday in Ketson village of Bandipora district under its Civic Action Programme.

An official spokesperson said the camp witnessed participation from over 475 beneficiaries, including 249 residents from Upar ketson and 226 from Ducky mohalla ketson, along with other underprivileged and differently-abled individuals from ketson and nearby areas.

He said attendees received free medical consultations and essential medicines. The camp was inaugurated by the second in-charge (2IC) of the Crpf 3rd Battalion Manojan Kumar, who emphasized the core

objective behind the initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, Kumar said the aim of organizing these free

"We are receiving a very positive response from the locals. Hundreds benefit from these camps, receiving



medical camps is to ensure that people living in remote areas have access to basic medical facilities. He said similar camps will be held in other far flung areas of Bandipora in the near future."

He further mentioned that the medical camp is part of a larger series of healthcare initiatives planned by the 3rd Battalion in rural areas of the district.

free checkups and medicines right at their doorstep," he added.

Local residents expressed their appreciation, stating, "This initiative by the CRPF is highly commendable. It brings much-needed medical relief to our community, which often lacks access to such services."

The effort was widely appreciated by the villagers for bridging a vital healthcare gap in the region.

JKEDI Hosts 'Startup Meet-2025' Under New J&K Startup Policy

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Saturday organized the "Startup Meet-2025" at its Pampore campus, under the framework of the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27.

The event marked a significant step towards building a dynamic startup ecosystem in the Union Territory and witnessed enthusiastic participation from entrepreneurs, investors, mentors, and officials.

The meet was graced by several prominent figures in the startup and governance space, including Siddharth Ladsariya, Founder of 'Everest Fleet', and Ankita Sheth, Co-founder of 'Stay Vista'—both known for their successful ventures and active roles as angel investors. Vikramjit Singh (IPS), Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department, J&K, attended the event as the Chief Guest.

Also present were Mussarat Islam (JKAS), Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir, and Professor Parvez

Ahmad Mir, CEO of the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (CIED), IUST, Awantipora.

Addressing the gathering, Commissioner/Secretary Vikramjit Singh reiterated the government's strong commitment to fostering startups through the newly notified J&K Startup Policy 2024-27. He spoke about the conducive ecosystem being built in the Union Territory and noted a growing trend of professionals returning to J&K to launch ventures, taking advantage of the policy and institutional support.

He emphasized that the government is also working to embed entrepreneurship education into university and college curricula, thereby nurturing a culture of innovation from an early stage.

The day-long event opened with a startup pitching session, where ten shortlisted startups presented innovative ideas across diverse domains such as technology, agriculture, healthcare, and education. These presentations were followed by interactive

Q&A rounds, where investors offered feedback, guidance, and mentorship.

In the following session, Siddharth Ladsariya shared his entrepreneurial journey, recounting the growth of 'Everest Fleet'—India's largest Uber fleet operator with over 20,500 vehicles. He spoke candidly about the initial hurdles in scaling a startup and underscored the importance of funding, operational efficiency, and leveraging government schemes. He encouraged local startups to actively network and avail incubation support, and offered his own mentorship and support to promising ventures from J&K.

Ankita Sheth, co-founder of 'Stay Vista', delivered an inspiring address on resilience and leadership in the entrepreneurial journey.

Khalid Jahangir, Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department, and Director, JKEDI, extended gratitude to Commissioner/Secretary Vikramjit Singh for spearheading the implementation of the new startup policy and to the guest speakers for their participation.

DC B'pora Reviews Arrangements at Shadipora Transit Camp for Amarnath Yatra 2025

CONVENER NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA: In view of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2025, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Saturday visited the Transit Yatra Camp at Shadipora to review the arrangements and assess the facilities available for the Yatris.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner conducted an extensive inspection of the camp infrastructure and took stock of key services including accommodation, sanitation, potable water, electricity, medical facilities, and security measures.

He emphasized the need to ensure 24x7 availability of these services while maintaining high standards of hygiene and cleanliness.

On the occasion, the DC also chaired a review meeting with officers of various departments. The concerned officers apprised him that all requisite arrangements have already been put in place to facilitate a smooth and comfortable stay for the pilgrims.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of close inter-departmental coordination and timely execution of pending works, if any, to ensure the successful conduct of the annual pilgrimage.

The DC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Sumbal, Murtaza Ahmad, officers from J&K Police, and other concerned officers.



Director ULB Kashmir Reviews Civic Facilities in Sumbal

CONVENER NEWS DESK

SUMBAL: The Director, Urban Local Bodies (ULB), Kashmir, today conducted an official visit to Sumbal to review the functioning of the Municipal Committee Sumbal and inspect the Solid Waste Management (SWM) facility.

During the visit, the Director conducted a comprehensive review of municipal operations, including sanitation, waste collection, and public service delivery. Particular emphasis was placed on the working and upkeep of the Solid Waste Management facility. The Director stressed the importance of efficient door-to-door collection, scientific waste segregation, and timely disposal.

The Director also visited the Shadipora Transit Camp, a key location for the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 (SANJY-2025). He reviewed the civic arrangements being put in place for the convenience of Yatris, including sanitation, water supply, lighting, temporary shelter, and waste disposal systems.

He directed the concerned officers to ensure round-the-clock cleanliness and hygiene at the camp and instructed for deployment of sufficient manpower and resources during the Yatra period.

The visit concluded with a brief interaction with the field staff, during which the Director appreciated the efforts of the Municipal Committee and emphasised the need for enhanced coordination and community engagement for better urban management and successful conduct of SANJY-2025.

MLA Sonawari Inaugurates Macadamization Work on Sadunara-Baniyari Road

CONVENER NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA: In a major move towards improving road infrastructure in Bandipora district, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Sonawari, Hilal Akbar Lone, on Friday inaugurated the much-awaited macadamization work on the Sadunara-Baniyari road. The road, which



connects the localities of Sadunara and Baniyari, had remained in a dilapidated state for several years, posing significant challenges for commuters and local residents.

The commencement of the macadamization work has been widely welcomed by the people of the area, who expressed a deep sense of relief and optimism. Locals said that the long-pending demand has finally been fulfilled, thanks to the intervention of their elected representative and the district administration.

Addressing the gathering at the inauguration site, MLA Hilal Akbar Lone reiterated the government's commitment to infrastructure development and better road connectivity. "We are committed to ensuring that all areas receive adequate attention in terms of infrastructure. The Sadunara-Baniyari road had been a pressing issue for the locals, and I am glad that the work is finally underway," he said.

Residents of the area thanked the MLA and praised the administration for responding to their longstanding grievances. They noted that the improved road would not only ease daily travel but also contribute to the overall development and economic activity in the region.

110 Battalion CRPF Organizes Free Medical Camp at Chandhara, Pampore

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: As part of its ongoing humanitarian outreach, the 110 Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) organized a free medical camp under the 'Madadgaar' initiative at Chandhara village in Pampore. Reaffirming its commitment to public welfare, the CRPF aimed to extend essential healthcare services to the residents of this semi-rural area through the day-long camp.

The event was formally inaugurated by a village elder from Chandhara in the presence of senior CRPF officials, symbolizing the strong civil-security cooperation in the region. According to officials from the battalion, the camp focused on providing free medical consultations, check-ups, and distribution of medicines to

residents, many of whom lack regular access to healthcare.

A large number of locals—including women, elderly citizens, and children—benefited from the camp, which witnessed active participation by medical teams from 110 BN CRPF as well as healthcare professionals from the Ayush Department, Pulwama. The camp ensured the delivery of quality healthcare, including preventive and curative services, to all who attended.

The Commandant of the 110 Battalion, B. R. Meena, personally supervised the camp, accompanied by Second-in-Command Sudhir Kumar Chauhan, Deputy Commandant Kuldeep Singh, Senior Medical Officer Dr. Himani Singh, Assistant Commandant Sanjesh, and other unit officers. Speaking to the media, the command team reiterated that such camps are an integral



part of CRPF's 'Madadgaar' initiative—designed to support marginalized communities and address their medical needs in remote and underserved areas.

CRPF officials shared that the force has consistently organized similar health camps in different parts of Pampore in the past, ensuring that even those in the farthest corners of the region receive timely and affordable healthcare.

Local residents warmly welcomed the initiative and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the CRPF for their continued service and commitment to the well-being of the people. Many requested that more such camps be organized in the future to benefit the underprivileged and the elderly in the area.

Editorial



Smart Governance

The JK Government has launched an ambitious initiative to create unique Family IDs for every household in a bid to streamline public service delivery and enhance beneficiary targeting across departments. Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo yesterday laid out the vision with clarity: to build a unified system that brings efficiency, accuracy, and inclusivity into the governance framework. For decades, citizens especially families living in remote villages have faced the exhausting burden of repeatedly submitting the same documents across departments—from ration cards and domicile certificates to income proofs and Aadhaar. This redundancy has not only caused delays and frustration but also led to inefficiencies, leakages, and missed entitlements. The proposed Family ID system seeks to break that pattern. By serving as a singular digital repository of verified household data, it will enable departments to seamlessly coordinate, verify eligibility, and deliver services without forcing citizens to run from pillar to post. It marks a serious move toward “citizen-centric governance” where the state reaches the people—not the other way around.

The use of reliable databases such as the Public Distribution System (PDS) and Ayushman Bharat (AB-PMJAY) as anchors for the Family ID design shows strategic foresight. These schemes already contain granular family-level data and can provide a strong foundation for building a comprehensive, dynamic, and updateable system.

Equally commendable is the government’s acknowledgment of evolving demographics—births, deaths, migration—and the emphasis on mechanisms to keep the Family IDs current. A digital ID is only as useful as its accuracy, and the inclusion of BISAG-N and technical support teams on the pattern of hiring of professionals (DPMUs) for the implementation of IPDS to ensure backend strength is vital. Existing staff can’t deal with it but the professionals of the field will do the job better.

The success of this ambitious project will also hinge on transparency, public trust, and data protection. The Family ID could be a game-changer in Kashmir where targeted welfare, development planning, and monitoring have often been hampered by fragmented data and logistical gaps. If implemented sincerely, this initiative can lay the foundation for intelligent policymaking, efficient welfare, and digital empowerment. J&K is clearly positioning itself as a model for future-ready governance, and the Family ID could be the backbone of that transition. It’s a mission worth watching—and supporting.

Five Challenges for South Korean President Lee Jae-Myung



DR. SANDIP KUMAR MISHRA

Lee Jae-myung became the 21st President of South Korea on 4 June 2025 after a tumultuous six months for South Korean politics, which began with the sudden announcement of emergency martial law by the previous President Yoon Suk-yeol on the night of 3 December 2024. Although martial law was withdrawn within six hours as the National Assembly rejected the decision, the process of President Yoon Suk-yeol’s impeachment and the election of a new leader were cumbersome. Once the Constitutional Court of South Korea approved the impeachment on 4 April 2025, the whole process of choosing a new leader was completed within two months.

The Democratic Party of South Korea, which enjoys a comfortable majority in the National Assembly, was swift in choosing its candidate for president, but the People’s Power Party (PPP) took longer to get it done. In post-martial law South Korea, the People’s Power Party hasn’t been able to decide if it should fully distance itself from Yoon Suk-yeol or not. The dilemma has created a gap between their formal pronouncements and their actual behaviour.

However, election results show that despite martial law, factionalism in the PPP, and the late announcement of the presidential candidate, PPP candidate Kim Moon-soo was able to get 41.15 per cent of the votes. This means that most of the support bases of the PPP remain loyal. The election results also show that South Korean men in their 20s and 30s are feeling discontented with the Democratic Party along with the older generation which generally supports the conservative party.

After assuming the president’s post, Lee Jae-myung has talked about the need to unite a divided South Korean society. He has promised to communicate more with opposition party leaders and people, and has also promised greater cooperation and transparency in the making and implementation of policies. However, the task ahead is not easy. His pledges of constitutional reform and reforming the judiciary and the prosecutor’s office as well as instituting a two four-year term limit on the presidency will be challenging. The Democratic Party, because of its comfortable majority in the National Assembly, will

try to take up all these issues, leading to political contestation with the opposition PPP. Uniting the Korean people and political reform will be the first challenge for Lee Jae-myung.

The second challenge for Lee Jae-myung will be revitalising the sluggish economy. He said that he considers it the most important task ahead. South Korea’s growth rate in 2025 is projected to be 0.8 per cent. For several years, the country’s growth rate has

cost-sharing for American soldiers stationed in South Korea. The US may demand more active participation from South Korea in areas of contestation with China and Russia. Lee Jae-myung may do so, but he will likely be less loud than his predecessor.

The fourth challenge for Lee Jae-myung will be to determine his approach towards North Korea. His party and he have been in favour of engagement with North Korea, but at present North Korea doesn’t appear

tactfulness, and sincerity.

The fifth challenge will be to maintain and improve relations with Japan. Usually, under progressive presidents in South Korea, except Kim Dae-jung, South Korea’s relations with Japan have deteriorated. Lee Jae-myung has to show he is a leader like Kim Dae-jung, who can build good relations with Japan as well as with other regional countries.

In brief, the new president of South Korea faces



been slow and the ‘citizen economy’ needs to be dealt with urgently. Lee has already created a task force to address it. It remains to be seen how he will bring back economic vitality to South Korea’s export-led economy when many regions of the world are facing military conflict.

The third big challenge for Lee Jae-myung will be to determine how to engage with China in the economic domain while moving closer to South Korea’s military ally, the US. With the US, Lee Jae-myung has to resolve tariff issues that are looming large. He also has to convince Trump to maintain the status quo in

keen. North Korea has a more sophisticated missile and nuclear inventory than in the past, is relatively less isolated after the mutual defence agreement with Russia last year, has also officially abandoned the goal of unification, and designated South Korea as a “hostile state.” Immediately after coming to power, Lee put a stop to the broadcasting of propaganda loudspeakers at the border and also wanted to stop sending propaganda balloons to North Korea. North Korea responded positively to his moves by also stopping North Korean loudspeakers, but moving forward would be a test of the president’s resolve,

formidable domestic and foreign policy challenges. That said, Lee Jae-myung is considered a pragmatic, sharp, decisive, and hardworking leader, and he will certainly try to deal with these challenges positively.

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Statistics Day 2025: 75 Years of the National Sample Survey



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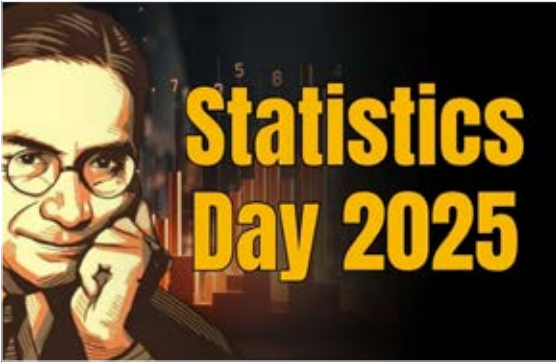
The Statistics Day is observed annually on 29th June, commemorating the birth anniversary of late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, since 2007. This day celebrated valuable contribution by late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, in the field of Economic planning, Statistics and Policy making. The main objective of celebrating Statistics Day is to create public awareness, especially among the younger generation, about the role and importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation, data-driven development and data-driven decision making for the country. The data driven decision making is important and most essential skills for better understanding of statistical information emanating from official statistics and for facilitating evidence-based decision making

Every year on Statistics Day, one particular theme of current national importance is chosen for intensive and focussed attention. This year, the celebration of 19h Statistics Day has decided to celebrate statistics day with the theme “75 years of National Sample Survey”. The event of celebrating holds special significance as it marks 75th year of National Sample Survey. This year also National Sample Survey is celebrating its 75th years with the theme “NSS- A Glorious Past to a Promising Future for a Viksit Bharat”. With the spirit and enthusiasm of knowing work assigned of the National Sample Survey (NSS) in the service of the nation since 1950 and celebrating 75th anniversary of organised different kinds of events by Field Operations Division of National Statistics office at local level for better publicity and awareness of the citizen particularly among young generations for the survey matters such as collection of data from households by the scientific statistical sampling methods.

The National Statistics Office erstwhile National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) has been in the service of the nation since 1950. It has been developing a strong database on various socio-economic parameters through its countrywide sample surveys, which help both the central as well as state governments in development sound planning and data driven decision policy formulations. The main objective of data collection by National Statistics Office (NSO) have a major role in data driven development process of the nation with the help of planning formulation and implementation policies of various schemes and programmes to upgrade their standard

and betterment of their implementation.

In growing the values of data on using different technology to upgrade the collection of data through Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) mode to over the pen and paper mode of data collection and also increasing the response of the data collection. CAPI can refer to several things, but most commonly it stands for Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing, a method of conducting surveys where interviewers use electronic devices like tablets or laptops or other electronic device to record responses.



The pen and paper mode to CAPI mode have made many changes such as paperless work, time saving management, easy way to collect data from selected sample villages and blocks, better response from informant, reduce sampling and non-sampling errors than before and final brought out results within four months after the compilation of the survey. The rapid implementation of technologies in National Sample Survey have reap value of data present scenario for data driven decision making. Data is very important and its requirement is not only national level but also at international level for data driven development and decision. Thus, National Sample Survey (NSS) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India play an important role in producing authentic, accurate and meaningful data from individuals, households and enterprises in real time through CAPI mode by scientifically statistical sampling processes. With this importance of National Sample Survey, the theme of this year is chosen as 75 years of National Sample Survey and spirit of event intends to promote awareness about official statistics produce by National Sample Survey and enlighten the citizens particularly young minds about various facets of Indian official statistical system with name and fame in the world.

National Sample Survey also known as National Statistics Office (NSO) is an organisation of Government of India with the main function to collect data from individual, households and enterprises as and when required by government for planning and policy formulation. NSO is conducting both household

surveys and enterprise survey as per requirement of different users and stakeholders. At present the following household surveys conducted by National Sample Survey through Field Operations Division with purpose. The following surveys at present ongoing namely

- Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for employment and unemployment situation.
- Annual Survey on Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) for various informal economical activities vital insights into employment, economic contribution and societal impact.
- Household Construction surveys for requirement of National accounts of construction activity undertaken by unincorporated establishments and construction by household own use.
- National Household Travel Survey for valuable inputs for international comparism in standard of tourism good and services
- Domestic Tourism expenditure survey for preparation of tourism satellite accounts
- Household Survey on social consumption health for generate basic quantitative information on health sector.
- Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) for pattern consumption of food and non-food items.

- Annual Surveys of Services Sector (ASSS) for situation of service sector.
- Various price CPI(R), CPI (AL/RL), CPI(U), etc. for various calculation of index in banking, inflation, etc and WPI and PPI for measure of movement of basic price in the economy.

Official statistics have had an enviable track record over the last few decades in using data driven decision making in this age of information and technology. Today is the focus on attention of reliable and high-quality data which is almost possible through information and technology. Thus, data produced by National Statistics Offices (NSOs) and other sources of official agencies have a critical importance and demand and increasingly requirement of data for decision making not only to economy but also for development and wellbeing of the society.

Official statistics, collected and disseminated by governments and authorized organizations, serve a multitude of purposes across various sectors. They are crucial for informing public policy, enabling evidence-based decision making and fostering public understanding of societal trends and conditions. These statistics provide a foundation for monitoring progress, evaluating the effectiveness of programs and conducting research in diverse fields and become as special only when a skill set critical for interpreting and evaluating data effectively with objectives of Statistical literacy.

The primary objectives of statistical literacy are to equip

individuals with the ability to understand, interpret, and critically evaluate statistical information encountered in everyday life, make informed decisions and participate effectively in a data-driven society. It encompasses understanding statistical concepts, interpreting data representations and recognizing the limitations and potential misuses of statistics.

In present scenario Statistical literacy play an important role in connection with targets and achievements of various indicators of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The data requirements for the status of the targets and their achievements of SDGs by and before 2030. As we know that there are SDGs namely (1) End poverty (2) Zero hunger. (3) Good health and wellbeing (4) Quality education (5) Gender equality (6) Clean water and sanitation (7) Affordable and clean energy (8) Decent work and economic growth (9) Industry, innovation and infrastructure (10) Reduced inequalities (11) Sustainable cities and communities (12) Responsible consumption and production (13) Climate change (14) Life below water (15) Life on land (16) Peace, Justice and Strong institutions and (17) Partnerships for the goals. Here is the value and power of statistical literacy and importance of statistics. Similarly data for Viksit Bharat, 2047 where the statistical literacy has important role in terms of status and to understand mission and vision for making better policies for achieving Viksit Bharat. Here the statistics may be the only source to measure the progress, status and way to forward how to achieve Viksit Bharat by or before 2047 on using alternative data sources and frontier technologies. .

Thus, data produced by National Sample Survey (NSOs) and other sources of official agencies have a critical importance and demand and increasingly requirement for decision making not only to economies but also for development and wellbeing of the society. In the beginning of the month June, 2025, the national workshop on using alternative data sources and Frontier technologies for policymaking conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, NITI Aayog and World bank at New Delhi during 5-6th June, 2025 with the thrust using data driven decision making tools instead traditional way of thinking of planning.

At the end it is to say here that National Sample Survey under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is on the way of the statistical reforms of the statistical system of the country particularly easy way data collection that was learned from the glorious past promising future of Viksit Bharat.

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As India’s Groundwater Runs Dry, Calls For Reform Grow



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Last month, the southern Indian city of Bengaluru faced an early start to the monsoon and experienced its wettest May ever. Beneath the heavy rains and floods, water shortages may seem a far cry. Yet they are a common problem. Just last year, a

long been overlooked in policy debates.

Reliance on and overexploitation of groundwater
Groundwater accounts for more than 60% of India’s irrigation and over 80% of rural drinking water needs. The country uses more groundwater than any other. In rural areas, it is the primary source of drinking and domestic water, and also helps to meet many urban demands. Northern states like Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are particularly hard hit by widespread groundwater extraction, with a large proportion of their populations involved in agriculture.

According to a 2024 government report by the Central Groundwater Board, India is using up groundwater faster than it can be naturally refilled. On average, the country extracts just over 60% of the water available underground. Out of nearly 7,000 areas they studied, 11% are considered “over-exploited” – where people are

water availability and environmental sustainability, according to my research.

India’s discriminatory groundwater laws
The groundwater regulatory framework in India adds to the challenges of managing its groundwater development. The framework is rooted in an outdated “land-water nexus”, a concept developed during Britain’s industrial era and later adopted in Indian law through colonial-era court rulings. Under this system, enshrined in the Indian Easements Act 1882, groundwater is treated as an extension of land, giving landowners the right to use such water that is beneath their property.

This framework fails to reflect India’s social, economic, environmental and climate realities. By linking groundwater rights to land and property ownership, it has reinforced historical inequalities in land distribution, which disproportionately benefit

Current groundwater laws in most Indian states follow a uniform pattern that does not consider important local factors, such as variations in aquifers, climate patterns, rainfall distribution and the social and economic realities of each region. Existing laws do not address the diverse groundwater situations in different parts of the country, particularly in eastern and southern states where there is less groundwater development and exploration than the agricultural belts of the northern states. They also fail to address the continued challenges arising from climate change, such as higher aquifer depletion rates during droughts and dry conditions caused by weak monsoon rains.

Environmental concerns – particularly groundwater recharge, water-source sustainability and ecosystem water needs – receive inadequate attention in these bills. As courts and policymakers increasingly discuss the rights of nature, it is crucial to include environmental protection and ecosystem water needs in groundwater regulation.

This legal framework must be reconceptualised, especially in the light of growing impacts of climate change. We need to move towards greater state control over groundwater access and allocation, reducing the dominance of private ownership and control. Groundwater should be regulated as a “public trust” resource, meaning it belongs to the public, is for their use, and the government has ultimate responsibility for looking after it. Additionally, there should be greater emphasis on subsidiarity – giving local authorities primary control of such resources – along with decentralisation and public participation in groundwater management, as suggested by the Groundwater Model Bill 2016. These could help create more responsive and equitable groundwater management. Such a bottom-up approach would allow local water users to have more say in day-to-day water decisions.

Equity and inclusiveness in water management are essential. Enabling broad participation in “water-user associations” – farmer organisations responsible for managing and distributing water resources – alongside eliminating caste- and gender-based discrimination, will support fairer and more informed decision-making. The voices and choices of women, who often assume the role of water collectors and make up a significant part of the agricultural workforce, must be recognised and encouraged.

There also needs to be a paradigm shift from supply sustainability – focusing solely on getting enough water for immediate use – to source sustainability, or protecting the natural water sources themselves. This means treating aquifers, rivers and ecosystems as living systems that need to be conserved and restored, especially in the context of climate change. Many participants of water conservation initiatives have noted that current efforts often only aim to meet short-term irrigation needs and lack a long-term vision for sustainable water management. India’s policies for addressing summer water crises also reflect this short-term mindset, and they do not go far enough to deal with the challenges posed by climate change.

Our water laws, policies and conservation efforts must focus on equity and inclusiveness to achieve water justice for all users. At the same time, they should also foreground the needs and rights of water resources themselves, ensuring their protection and sustainability for future generations.

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weak monsoon the year before led to dry conditions that created a water shortage for about 4 million inhabitants, mostly on the outskirts, who rely on groundwater extracted via borewells. This led to snaking queues of residents buying water from tankers.

Such scenes reflect a wider issue across the country, with water scarcity deepening and population needs rising. Tensions are mounting – both within urban areas and in broader interstate disputes.

In response to depleting surface water resources, Bengaluru and many other regions are increasingly turning to aquifers to quench their thirst and meet their daily needs. This race to extract groundwater is intensifying the crisis. Calls for an urgent rethink of water governance models are intensifying too – particularly regarding groundwater management and regulation, which has

taking out more water than nature can replace. Another 3% are in a critical situation, using nearly all the available groundwater, while 11% are at risk (“semi-critical”), and 73% are still considered safe, with an extraction rate of under 70%.

This crisis is being driven by a growing population, the intensification of farming, rapid industrialisation and unsustainable urbanisation – The main drivers are agriculture, industrial water demands and drinking water needs.

Government subsidies for power, credit and market access – first introduced during the Green Revolution in the 1960s and 1970s to boost agricultural productivity and address poverty and food security – have also had unintended consequences. While these measures helped ensure enough food for the country, they also encouraged over-extraction of groundwater, undermining

upper-caste, male landowners. Meanwhile, many lower-caste communities and women, who make up a significant part of India’s agricultural workforce, have far less access to land – and therefore to the groundwater it holds.

This system perpetuates social and economic injustices and violates constitutional principles of equality, distributive justice and the fundamental right to water, recognised by India’s courts.

The state has tried to address these problems through laws and regulations, including the Model Groundwater Bills of 1992 and 2005. But these statutes largely preserve the old land-based framework. They take a “curative” approach, only stepping in to regulate areas already in crisis, rather than proactively protecting groundwater resources.

Challenges and steps ahead

"The Declining Love for Mathematics in Kashmir: A Wake-Up Call"



By Dr. Azham Ilyass

"Mathematics is the most beautiful and most powerful creation of the human spirit."
— Stefan Banach

In the lush valleys of Kashmir, where nature paints its most breathtaking canvas, an invisible crisis is quietly unfolding in our classrooms – a growing aversion among students towards mathematics. Once regarded as a subject of logic, discipline, and intellectual challenge, mathematics is now increasingly being sidelined by students, especially in higher secondary and undergraduate education. This shift is both concerning and consequential.

The Trend: Why Students Are Avoiding Mathematics

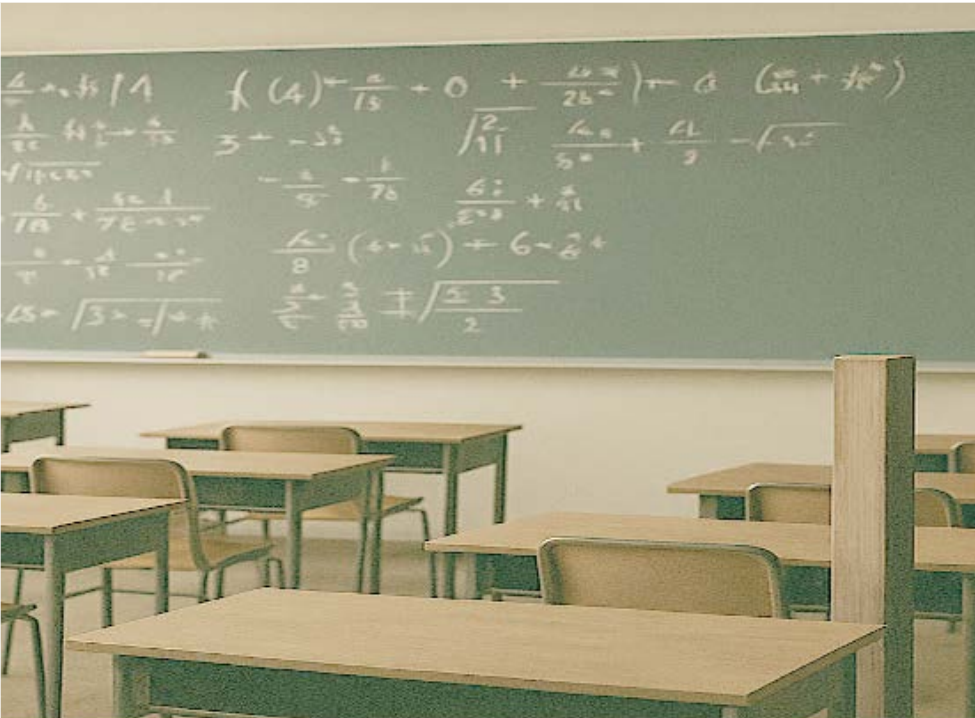
In recent years, there has been a noticeable decline in the number of students opting for mathematics as a core subject in classes XI and XII, as well as in degree colleges across Kashmir. Instead, many are gravitating towards subjects perceived to be 'easier' or more 'scoring'.

Generated imageOne of the primary reasons behind the declining interest in mathematics among students is the fear and anxiety often associated with its abstract nature. Many learners find mathematical concepts intimidating and disconnected from everyday life, which leads to a lack of confidence and eventual disengagement. This challenge is further compounded by a lack of inspiring teaching methodologies – when math is taught mechanically rather than conceptually, students struggle to relate to it and lose interest. Additionally, peer and parental pressure play a significant role; students are often encouraged

to opt for subjects perceived as easier or more secure for career prospects, steering them away from mathematics. Finally, there is a widespread misconception that mathematics offers limited

plays a crucial role in shaping our world.

Mathematics fosters a range of essential skills that are crucial in today's complex and fast-paced world. It develops critical



career options, which discourages students from considering it as a viable and rewarding academic path. Unfortunately, this trend stems more from perception than from reality.

Why Mathematics Matters in the Modern Era

Mathematics is not just a subject; it is the foundation of modern science and technology. From artificial intelligence to economics, from data science to cryptography, mathematics

thinking and analytical reasoning, enabling individuals to approach problems logically and make well-informed decisions. Through consistent engagement with mathematical challenges, students enhance their problem-solving skills, learning how to break down complex issues into manageable parts. Moreover, mathematics cultivates precision and logical decision-making, qualities that are not only valuable in scientific and technical

fields but also in everyday life and a wide range of professions.

In a world driven by data and digital transformation, mathematics is more relevant than ever before. Avoiding it means limiting one's ability to understand and contribute to cutting-edge developments in technology, research, and innovation.

Reimagining Mathematics Education in Kashmir

To revive interest in mathematics, a multi-pronged approach is essential. First, there must be a strong focus on innovative teaching – educators should move beyond rote learning and instead use real-life examples, technology, and visual tools to make mathematical concepts more engaging and accessible. Equally important are mentorship programs, where students can interact with passionate mentors who highlight the beauty and practical applications of mathematics in the real world. In addition, awareness campaigns can play a crucial role; organizing seminars, workshops, and school outreach programs can help students and parents understand the wide spectrum of career opportunities that mathematics offers – from finance and engineering to actuarial sciences, artificial intelligence, and academic research. Finally, training teachers with modern pedagogical techniques and updated resources can significantly improve classroom experiences and reshape how students perceive the subject.

Conclusion: It's Time to Change the Narrative

If Kashmir is to rise as a knowledge-driven region, mathematics cannot be an afterthought. It must be reinstated as a pillar of education and progress. As educators, parents, and policymakers, we have a responsibility to nurture a culture that celebrates curiosity, logic, and problem-solving – all of which mathematics embodies. Let us not allow fear to overshadow fascination. The future belongs to those who can think, analyze, and solve – and mathematics is the key.

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J&K Govt to Roll Out Unique Family IDs to Streamline Public Services: CS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has launched an ambitious initiative to create unique Family IDs for every household in the Union Territory in a bid to streamline public service delivery and enhance beneficiary targeting across departments. The move was discussed in detail during a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo at the Civil Secretariat on Friday.

Senior officials including Principal Secretary Finance, MD J&K Bank, Commissioner Secretaries of FCS&CA and H&UDD, Secretaries of Planning, IT, and RDD, Directors General of Planning, Codes, Budget, CEO J&K, representatives from BISAG-N, and other officers participated in the deliberations. Calling the initiative transformative, Chief Secretary Dulloo said the Family ID system will serve as a unified and authoritative source of truth, helping departments plan, monitor, and reach beneficiaries more effectively. "It will provide valuable insights into how government schemes are benefiting the public and ensure that no eligible citizen is left out," he stated.

The Family ID system is expected to eliminate the redundancy of documentation and verification currently faced by citizens when availing various government schemes. The integration will also reduce the administrative burden and optimize resource allocation. Secretary of Planning, Development & Monitoring, Talat Parvez, presented an overview of the program, emphasizing the need for a single-window system to consolidate data and improve efficiency in welfare delivery. He outlined a detailed implementation roadmap, citing the potential of the initiative to bring wide-ranging benefits to the people. Secretary IT, Dr. Piyush Singla, highlighted the department's readiness building the Family ID database. They also discussed provisions for updating records to reflect changes due to birth, death, or migration. The meeting emphasized the collaborative approach required for the project's success and stressed the need for a dedicated technical team along with continued support from BISAG-N. The administration expects the Family ID system to become a cornerstone of efficient governance in J&K, addressing long-standing issues in service delivery and ensuring equitable access to welfare schemes.



Pulwama Admin Brings Govt Services to Tribal Doorsteps

PULWAMA: Continuing its commitment to ensuring last-mile delivery of public services and welfare measures, district administration Pulwama today organised a mega tribal outreach camp at Inderwali Sangerwani under the nationwide flagship initiative Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA). According to a statement issued by Directorate of Public Relations (DIPR), the initiative envisions the holistic upliftment of tribal communities through focused interventions across sectors such as infrastructure, healthcare, education, livelihoods, and digital inclusion. With strong inter-departmental coordination, multiple government departments including Health, Education, RDD, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, FCS&CA, and Forest had set up dedicated stalls to deliver instant services and enhance outreach of welfare schemes envisioned under the Abhiyan. Rural Development department had also set up a dedicated service desk that facilitated on-the-spot registration of Job Cards under MGNREGA, processed claims under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), and ensured inclusion of eligible households under PMAY (G). A special stall by Mission Poshan focused on nutrition and health awareness among children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers was also set up on the occasion. Health department conducted a comprehensive health camp offering free consultations, screenings, and diagnostics, with a focus on sickle cell disease and water-borne illnesses. Medical teams also conducted awareness sessions on preventive healthcare and early detection. Officials said the camp saw an overwhelming response from tribal residents, leaders and youth representatives, who lauded the initiative for delivering crucial services and support at the grassroots level.



DLSA Srinagar organizes comprehensive awareness programme

DLSA Srinagar Holds Awareness Programme Against Drug Abuse



SRINAGAR: Continuing its campaign against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, on Saturday organized a comprehensive awareness programme in collaboration with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Srinagar, and PRAYAS Juvenile Aid Centre Society (NGO). The programme was held at HMT Road, Shalteng (PRAYAS) as part of the extended observance of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which is globally commemorated on June 26. The event was conducted under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and closely monitored by Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge and Secretary, DLSA Srinagar. Addressing the participants, Khair Ul Nisa, Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee, Srinagar, expressed concern over the growing vulnerability of children and adolescents to substance abuse. She warned that exposure to drug environments increases the risk of addiction, neglect, abuse, and eventual conflict with the law. She emphasized the need for early intervention and community-based prevention strategies, calling for coordinated efforts between the judiciary, families, educational institutions, and civil society. She also highlighted the statutory responsibility of the CWC to ensure care, protection, and rehabilitation of children affected by drug-related issues. Advocate Suhaila, a panel lawyer with DLSA Srinagar, served as the programme's key resource person. She elaborated on the legal framework surrounding drug abuse and trafficking, particularly the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, and the role of legal services in safeguarding vulnerable individuals. She also underlined the rights and entitlements of children in need of care and protection, as well as those in conflict with the law, stressing the importance of legal literacy at the grassroots level. The programme concluded with an anti-drug pledge taken by all participants—including children, officials, volunteers, and legal professionals—who collectively vowed to work against drug abuse, raise awareness, and support affected individuals. The event saw active participation from officials of DLSA Srinagar, Legal Aid Defence Counsels, members of the Child Welfare Committee, representatives of PRAYAS NGO, and para-legal volunteers, all reaffirming their commitment to creating a drug-free and safe environment for children and youth.


Satish Sharma inaugurates EVCL League trials In Srinagar

SRINAGAR: In a remarkable step towards promoting youth participation in sports, Minister for FCS&CA, IT, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today inaugurated the Epic Victory Cricket League (EVCL) Trials at Doon School, Srinagar. An official spokesperson said the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from aspiring cricketers from across the Kashmir Valley, marking a significant milestone in the UT's grassroots sports development efforts. Addressing the gathering, the Minister commended the initiative undertaken by Eventovista Private Limited through EVCL, describing it as a powerful platform to identify and nurture cricketing talent in Jammu and Kashmir. He stated that the government is committed towards creating new avenues and institutional support systems to help young athletes flourish and represent the Union Territory at national and international levels. "Jammu and Kashmir has no dearth of talent. What is needed is the right opportunity and a supportive ecosystem. Initiatives like EVCL not only serve as talent pools but also reflect our shared vision of empowering youth through sports," asserted the Minister. Satish Sharma reiterated the government's unwavering resolve to develop state-of-the-art sports infrastructure, enhance coaching access and introduce league-based competitive exposure for youth in every district of the UT. Former Indian cricketer and IPL player Anureet Singh joined the ceremony and officially flagged off the trials for Kashmir. His presence served as a major source of inspiration for the young participants. The trials will continue over the coming days, with selected talent moving ahead to represent the Kashmir region in the broader EVCL tournament structure. The event was organized with full cooperation from local authorities, to ensure smooth conduct and maximum outreach. The trials at Doon School are expected to become a launchpad for many promising cricketers from the region.



Baramulla participates in UT Launch of Mission YUVA with live Youth Interaction

BARAMULLA: District Baramulla today participated in the Union Territory-wide launch of Mission YUVA, a flagship youth empowerment initiative formally unveiled by the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir at a grand ceremony held at SKICC Srinagar. The launch event was broadcasted live to all districts of the Union Territory, including Baramulla, through a two-way communication platform, enabling real-time interaction and synchronized participation across J&K. The district-level facilitation event was organized at Dak Bungalow Baramulla, where a good number of youth and stakeholders gathered to witness the live proceedings. At the Dak Bungalow, event was graced by the presence of MLA Wagoora-Kreeri Constituency, Irfan Hafiz Lone; senior officers and aspiring entrepreneurs from across the district. Officials said a key highlight for District Baramulla was the live interaction of Mohammad Saleem Gashroo, a successful entrepreneur, with the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the UT-level event at SKICC. His inspiring journey exemplified the spirit of Mission YUVA.



NC Appoints Irshad Ahmad Anchari as Youth Wing District President for Srinagar

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Friday appointed Irshad Ahmad Anchari as the District President of its Youth Wing for Srinagar District. According to a party communiqué, the formal appointment order was issued by Provincial President Advocate Showkat Ahmad Mir. An official spokesperson said the appointment highlights the party's focus on youth engagement and grassroots mobilization. Anchari, a young entrepreneur known for his longstanding involvement in social work, has been widely appreciated within party circles and civil society for his appointment. Speaking to media persons after the announcement, Anchari expressed gratitude to the party leadership for reposing faith in him. "I thank the senior leaders for their trust. I am committed to strengthening the party's base at the grassroots and will work as a bridge between the youth of Srinagar and the party," he said. He further emphasized the crucial role of youth in shaping the democratic and developmental future of Jammu and Kashmir. "The youth are the backbone of our party and the driving force behind a peaceful and progressive Jammu and Kashmir," Anchari said, adding that his focus will be on channeling youth energy toward constructive political participation. A senior party spokesperson told Kashmir Convener that appointment of district presidents for various districts reflects NC's renewed focus on empowering young voices. "I am confident that all young district presidents including Irshad Anchari will uphold the values of the National Conference and actively engage with the younger generation to bring them closer to the democratic process," the spokesperson said. Anchari pledged to organize youth-centric initiatives, outreach programs, and community engagement drives to further the party's vision in Srinagar and beyond.



Deputy Commissioner Budgam reviews progress under HADP

BUDGAM: To assess the progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in the district, District Development Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting at the DC Office Complex, Budgam. DC took a detailed sector-wise review of the physical and financial performance under HADP, emphasizing timely completion, inter-departmental convergence, and last-mile coverage, especially in tribal and far-flung areas. It was apprised that in Agriculture Sector, 4048 applications have been received, with 3007 approvals, achieving 1224 physical targets; in Animal Husbandry, 888 approvals are given; out of 1145 applications, 271 units have been achieved; in Sheep Husbandry sector, 264 applications were processed, Fisheries Department achieved full physical targets under HADP in the district. In addition to departmental targets, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) coverage, Smart Kisan Cards, and the functioning of Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) were reviewed in detail. Dr Bilal stressed the need for 100% saturation of KCCs across eligible farmer households and real-time issuance of smart cards for seamless access to entitlements. He urged all officers to adopt a mission-mode approach, strengthen IEC activities, and hold regular block-level review meetings to address gaps. He called for better utilization of Kisan Khidmat Ghars as single-window platforms to extend agriculture-related services to farmers at the grassroots. DC instructed officers to ensure proactive field engagement, regular monitoring of beneficiary data, transparency in scheme delivery, and timely submission of utilization certificates. He also stressed on accelerating the implementation, and ensuring the transformative vision of HADP reaches every farmer in Budgam District.



Rana condoles demise of hostel warden



SRINAGAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, has expressed profound grief and shock over the demise of Javid Ahmed, Warden of Gujjar-Bakewal Boys Hostel in Shopian. The Minister remembered his dedication towards the welfare of students, noting that he consistently went above and beyond to ensure the well-being of the student community. He appreciated his instrumental role in smooth operation of the hostel. The Minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, praying for the eternal peace to the departed soul and strength for the family during this difficult time.

DIC Shopian conducts RAMP awareness programme at Zainapora

SHOPIAN: Continuing its outreach to encourage entrepreneurship in rural belts, District Industries Centre (DIC) Shopian on Saturday held an awareness programme under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) initiative at the Government Higher Secondary School, Zainapora. The session attracted participation of over 75 individuals, including MSME entrepreneurs, NRLM members, local artisans, skilled youth, and small traders. The objective was to educate attendees about the relevance of Udyam Registration and familiarize them with key government schemes tailored for micro and small enterprises. The event featured the active involvement of officials from DIC Shopian, who conducted informative discussions and extended on-the-spot guidance to the participants. They underscored the importance of formalizing enterprises and leveraging available schemes to foster business growth. A detailed and engaging interaction followed, wherein participants were guided through the Udyam Registration process and step-wise explanation. The officials answered a wide range of queries from eligibility criteria, documentation, and portal navigation to benefits like access to institutional finance, priority lending, marketing support, and exemption from certain registrations.

Legal awareness programme on Children's Rights held at Srinagar

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards empowering and protecting the rights of children, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, in collaboration with the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences Kashmir (IMHANS-K), Saturday organized a comprehensive legal awareness programme focusing on 'Legal Provisions for Vulnerable Children, Children's Rights and the Remedies Available through Legal Services.' The programme was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and supervised by Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar. The event aimed at raising awareness about child protection laws, constitutional and legal rights of children, and the mechanisms available for ensuring legal aid and assistance to children in need of care and protection. It also shed light on the pivotal role of legal services institutions in promoting access to justice for every child, especially those facing mental health, social, or economic vulnerabilities. Advocate Malik Fahad Ul Haq and Advocate Syed Shabana Kausar, Panel Lawyers and active members of the Legal Services Unit for Children, served as the key resource persons. They provided insightful presentations and engaged the participants in interactive discussions on child rights, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, POCSO Act, and other vital legislations. The resource persons highlighted how timely legal intervention, counseling, and awareness can help prevent the exploitation and marginalization of children and ensure their holistic development. The programme was attended by mental health professionals, Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Srinagar. According to spokesperson, DLSA, Srinagar, reiterates its commitment to upholding the constitutional mandate of providing free and competent legal services to the marginalized and vulnerable, with a special focus on children.



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Hazlewood's five helps Australia surge to victory inside three days

Australia 180 & 310 (Carey 65, Webster 63, Head 61, S Joseph 5-87) beat West Indies 190 & 141 (S Joseph 44, Hazlewood 5-43) by 159 runs

Josh Hazlewood led Australia's surge to a 159-run victory in Barbados as West Indies lost all ten wickets in the final session of the third day, the final two falling in consecutive deliveries to Nathan Lyon in what would have been the

last over of the day. Mitchell Starc struck in the first over of the chase when former captain Kraigg Brathwaite clipped loosely to backward square0leg where Konstas held a low catch. However, that was followed by some adventurous strokeplay by John Campbell, including a sweep against Hazlewood, as he and Keacy Carty made encouraging process.

But innovation brought Campbell's downfall when he attempted to lap-sweep Hazlewood again, and this time

best: hammering away at a back-of-a-length and giving the surface every chance to play some tricks.

Pat Cummins was then the beneficiary of those tricks when Shai Hope was cleaned up by a wicked delivery that scuttled under his bat. The run-scoring of Australia's middle order against an older ball felt a long time ago. The only question was whether the visitors could get the job done in the evening.

Marnus Labuschagne, on as a sub, produced a direct hit to remove Alzarri Joseph and Hazlewood removed Jomel Warrican for his fifth wicket. Shamar Joseph launched two balls out of the stadium and some frustration was growing for Australia before Lyon sealed the job in fading light.

The game was in the balance at the start of the day, Australia ahead by 82, with plenty of eyes on how the surface would play. There was an early grubber to Head, which fortunately for him wasn't straight, and he responded by flaying the next delivery through the off side. As Head would later find out there was always something lurking, but with a touch of fortune, runs were there to be made when intent was shown.



West Indies, though, were their own worst enemy again. On 21, Head was given a life when Greaves spilled a chance at second slip. It was the seventh they had put down for the game and had come after coach Daren Sammy had overseen the morning slips catching practice where nothing had been spilled. Head went to his second fifty of the match from 77 balls.

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