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Dr. Jitendra Singh Chairs First National Workshop on Pension Litigation



NEW DELHI (PIB): Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Tuesday chaired the first-ever National Workshop on Pension Litigation at Vigyan Bhawan, emphasizing the need for systemic reforms to address rising pension-related legal disputes and improve grievance redressal mechanisms for the country's 60 lakh Central Government pensioners.

Describing litigation as a "last resort, not the first," the Minister stressed that the time and energy of retired government employees—many of whom continue to contribute to society—should not be wasted on avoidable disputes. "They may be retired from service, but not

retired from service to the nation," he remarked.

According to an official spokesperson of the Ministry, workshop, organised by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, was attended by senior officials, legal experts, and pension administrators.

He said It aimed to chart a roadmap to reduce the over 300 pending pension cases, 70% of which are currently before the Central Administrative Tribunals (CAT).

Dr. Singh highlighted that most litigation stems from misinterpretation of rules or unresolved grievances and called for greater coordination with the Department of Legal Affairs. He proposed leveraging technology, including

AI-enabled dashboards, for case tracking, but cautioned that "no algorithm can replace human empathy."

During the workshop, the Minister launched several publications and initiatives to aid pension administration, including a Compendium of Case Studies on Pension Litigation, a Flyer on Pension Litigation, and a Booklet on Grievances of Family Pensioners. He also launched Special Campaign 2.0, a national drive to resolve grievances of family and super senior pensioners.

Attorney General of India R. Venkataramani, speaking virtually, proposed a target of "zero pension litigation" by 2028 through anticipatory grievance redressal, improved accountability, and the adoption of mediation mechanisms. He stressed the importance of digital tools and structured litigation management, especially for vulnerable groups like armed forces retirees.

Secretary, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, V. Srinivas, said the workshop was convened to build the capacity of nodal officers and reduce avoidable litigation.

He noted the integration of pension portals with banks and the submission of over 4.6 crore Digital Life Certificates as part of ongoing digital reforms.

The plenary session featured senior officials including Secretary (Ex-Servicemen Welfare), Dr. Niten Chandra; Secretary (Law), Dr. Anju Rathi Rana; Additional Solicitor General Vikramjit Banerjee; and CAT Member (A) Dr. Chhabilendra Roul.

spokesperson said the Department also announced the launch of CCS Unified Pension Scheme Rules, 2025, and a month-long Family Pension Awareness Campaign starting July 1. (PIB)

ICMR, AIIMS Rule Out Link Between COVID-19 Vaccines and Sudden Deaths in Adults

NEW DELHI (PIB): Extensive scientific investigations carried out by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have found no link between COVID-19 vaccines and sudden deaths among adults in India.

In a statement issued by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, an official spokesperson said the studies, backed by the Ministry were launched following rising concerns over unexplained fatalities, particularly in the 18–45 age group.

According to findings published by ICMR and the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), the COVID-19 vaccines administered in India are safe and effective, with serious adverse effects being extremely rare. Spokesperson said major studies were conducted to probe the issue. The first, a multicentric matched case–control study by ICMR's National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), reviewed cases of sudden deaths among apparently healthy individuals across 47 tertiary hospitals in 19 states and Union Territories between October 2021 and March 2023. It concluded that COVID-19 vaccination did not increase the risk of sudden unexplained deaths in young adults. The second study, led by AIIMS New Delhi in collaboration with ICMR, is ongoing and aims to determine the common causes

of sudden deaths in young people through real-time analysis. Preliminary findings indicate that myocardial infarction (heart attack) remains the leading cause, with no significant change in death



patterns compared to previous years. In several cases, genetic mutations were also identified as probable causes. Officials emphasized that lifestyle factors, genetic predispositions, and pre-existing conditions are the primary contributors to sudden deaths. "COVID-19 vaccines do not appear to elevate the risk," a senior ICMR official stated. Health experts have cautioned against linking vaccination to sudden deaths without scientific basis, warning that such misinformation could erode public trust and fuel vaccine hesitancy. "Speculative claims without evidence can severely damage public health efforts," the report noted.

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DDWS, UNICEF Launches Protocols for Climate-Resilient, Inclusive Sanitation

NEW DELHI (PIB) : The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, and UNICEF India, organized the National Rural Sanitation Workshop on Wednesday at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

An official spokesperson said the event brought together key stakeholders including senior government officials, state mission directors, development partners and sector experts to review the progress of the SBM-G and identify priorities for its next phase.

Delivering the Address, Secretary, DDWS, Ashok KK Meena, said: "As we move forward on the SBM-G journey, we recognize that sanitation is not just about infrastructure, it is about dignity, equity and sustainability. This event and the launch of these protocols reflect the government's commitment of

leaving no one behind, while adapting to the climate challenges of our times. The next phase of SBM-G must continue to build on the collective momentum of the last decade and anchor local leadership in delivery."

As part of the workshop, two important technical publications were released that represents an important step towards ensuring that sanitation services are not only safe and inclusive but also climate-resilient and equitable.

The publications included Standard Operating Procedures for the Safety and Dignity of Sanitation Workers in Rural India and Protocol for Developing Climate Resilient Sanitation Technical Designs and Services.

Giving details, spokesperson said the workshop opened with welcome remarks from UNICEF, Chief

WASH & CCES, Karina Malczweska, who reiterated the need to transition from safe and inclusive sanitation to one that is resilient and future-ready, aligning with the broader goals of sustainable rural development.

Kamal Kishore Soan, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, JJM & SBM-G, delivered the opening remarks and noted that the workshop is an important platform for reflection and recalibration.

He said this meeting allows us to assess what we are doing and identify the areas that need our attention. The focus continues to be on ensuring pace and quality goes hand in hand. "As climate risks intensify, integrating resilience into sanitation systems is no longer optional, it is essential. We are committed to supporting States with the tools, resources, and guidance they need to deliver".

RBI Directs Banks to Integrate DoT's Financial Fraud Risk Indicator in Major Push Against Cyber Crime

NEW DELHI (PIB): In a major step toward bolstering cybersecurity in India's financial ecosystem, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised all Scheduled Commercial Banks, Small Finance Banks, Payments Banks, and Co-operative Banks to integrate the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) into their systems.

According to an official spokesperson, the directive, issued on June 30, 2025, is being hailed as a landmark initiative in the fight against cyber-enabled financial frauds. The DoT termed the move a "watershed moment" and said it reflects the growing inter-agency collaboration aimed at securing India's expanding digital economy.

He said the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI),

fraud cases. This step, experts say, will not only reduce financial losses but also reinforce trust in digital financial systems.

The DoT reiterated its commitment to working with RBI-regulated entities to further streamline alert systems and embed telecom intelligence into banking workflows. As more institutions adopt the FRI, it is expected to evolve into a nationwide standard for fraud detection and prevention.

Union Jal Shakti Minister Inaugurates C-FLOOD Unified Flood Forecasting Platform

New Delhi, July 2 (PIB): Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri C. R. Patil, on Wednesday inaugurated C-FLOOD, a unified inundation forecasting system aimed at enhancing India's flood management capabilities. The platform, developed jointly by the Central Water Commission (CWC) and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), was launched at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.

C-FLOOD is a web-based system that provides two-day advance flood inundation forecasts up to the village level. It generates real-time flood maps and water level predictions and is currently operational for the Mahanadi, Godavari, and Tapi river basins.



launched by DoT's Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU) in May 2025, is a real-time metric that categorizes mobile numbers based on their association with financial fraud into Medium, High, or Very High Risk.

The classification is based on data shared by banks, telecom providers, the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), and DoT's own Chakshu platform.

With mobile phones increasingly used for digital payments, especially via UPI platforms, the FRI enables banks and financial institutions to take preemptive action against high-risk numbers. These include declining or delaying transactions, issuing alerts to customers, or triggering additional verification processes.

Leading financial institutions, including HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Punjab National Bank, PhonePe, Paytm, and India Post Payments Bank, have already begun using FRI to screen transactions. The RBI's latest directive now mandates broader adoption across the banking sector.

The DoT also regularly shares the Mobile Number Revocation List (MNRL) with banks and regulators, identifying numbers disconnected due to cybercrime, failed re-verification, or misuse.

Officials said that the integration of FRI with bank systems will be achieved through API-based automation, allowing real-time exchange of intelligence and rapid response to suspected

The forecasts are based on advanced 2-D hydrodynamic modelling run on High Performance Computing infrastructure at C-DAC Pune under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), jointly led by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Press Information Bureau (PIB) reported that the system integrates outputs from national and regional agencies to serve as a comprehensive decision-support tool for disaster management authorities. Forecasts for Godavari and Tapi basins were developed by the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) under the National Hydrology Project.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister called for wider dissemination of the C-FLOOD portal to enhance public preparedness and directed the CWC and allied agencies to formulate a plan for expanding inundation studies across all river basins. He also stressed on improving the accuracy of forecasts through satellite validation and ground-truthing, and integrating forecast data into the National Disaster Management Emergency Response Portal (NDEM).

Patil lauded the collaborative efforts of CWC, C-DAC, and NRSC in operationalizing the platform, and reiterated the government's commitment to proactive disaster mitigation and climate-resilient infrastructure. Senior officials from the Ministries of Jal Shakti, Electronics and IT, and DST attended the inauguration.

Quad calls for punishing perpetrators of Pahalgam attack

WASHINGTON (PTI): The Quad grouping has called for bringing the perpetrators, organisers and financiers of the Pahalgam terror attack to justice without any delay and urged UN member nations to extend cooperation for it.

The four-nation grouping reaffirmed its commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific that is free from "coercion" and strongly opposed any unilateral actions to change the status quo by force, in a clear message to China that came amid concerns over Beijing's military muscle-flexing in the region.

The foreign ministers of the four-nation grouping met in



the US capital on Tuesday to firm up a broad agenda for the bloc's annual summit in India later this year.

The meeting was attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong and her Japanese counterpart Takeshi Iwaya. The ministers condemned the April 22 attack in the strongest terms and strongly pitched for action against cross-border terrorism. In a joint statement, the foreign ministers, however, did not mention Pakistan or the four-day military conflict between Indian and Pakistani militaries in May. "We express our deepest condolences to the families of the victims and extend our heartfelt wishes for a swift and full recovery to all those injured," they said. "We call for the perpetrators, organisers, and financiers of this reprehensible act to be brought to justice without any delay and urge all UN Member States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, to cooperate actively with all relevant authorities in this regard," they added.

The ministers also reaffirmed the Quad's steadfast commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific and to defend the rule of law, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

"We are committed to a region where all countries are free from coercion and strongly oppose any unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo by force or coercion," they said.

The Quad foreign ministers also expressed serious concern over Beijing's military muscle-flexing in the East China Sea and South China Sea. "We reiterate our strong opposition to any unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo by force or coercion," they said, without directly mentioning China. The Quad foreign ministers specifically highlighted the "dangerous and provocative actions, including interference with offshore resource development, the repeated obstruction of the freedoms of navigation and overflight, and the dangerous maneuvers by military aircraft and coast guard and maritime militia vessels."

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Public Notices

In pursuance to the approval accorded by the Administrative Department, School Education, J&K vide Communication No. Edu-P5/67/2021-11-SED/33828 Dated:- 10/08/2023 and Project Director SAMAGRA Shiksha, J&K vide Order No. Edu/P5/Sms/Quality/5939-53/2023-24 dated 30-08-2023 and Chief Education Officer Shopian communication vide No. CEO/Spr/Sms/Seasonal/7458-63 Dated 07-06-2025, an advertisement notification was issued by this office vide No. No: ZEO/K /Behok/24/Est/SMS/13990 dated: 06/07/2024 through Newspapers with opening date of receipt of application Forms as 06/07/2024 and closing date as 13/07/2024 forengagemnet of E.V for Seasonal Centre's for purely on contract Basis forthe period of three to Four Months. Now the tentative selection list (Annexure -A) is hereby published for information of public in general and Applicant candidate in particular for filing of objections if any. The objection if any against the selection list shall be filed in the office of the Zonal Education Officer Keegam against proper receipt within 10 days from the date of publication of this notification. No objection shall be entertained after expiry of last date of filing objections.

(Annexure-A)

S. No	Name of Candidate	Parentage	Residence	D.OB	Category	Behok Center
1.	LIYAQAT HUSSAIN	MIR MOHAMMAD AWAN	PHALIPORA	04/04/1996	ST	BANDAR GALI
2.	MUBEENA BASHIR	BASHIR AHMAD	PEHLIPORA	03-04-1999	ST	SHUKROO
3.	BILAL AHMAD KALAS	MOHD HUSSAIN KALAS	M-DUNAROO	11-05-2005	ST	ADHANG
4.	MUKHTAR AHMAD PASWAL	ALI MOHAMMAD PASWA,	NAGBAL K-HALLAN	01-09-2000	ST	NARZALAN K- HALLAN
5.	BARAKAT HUSSAIN KALAS	AB KALOO KALAS	ZARRKAN SHALIDAR	15-12-1991	ST	CHORDARA
6.	AB AZIZ KATARI	KAKA HUSSAIN GOJAR KATARI	KATHAHALLAN	05-02-1996	ST	RAKH K-HALLAN
7.	MOHD SADIQ KALAS	MISHRI KALAS	M DUNAROO	03-05-1986	ST	TADAWALI
8.	MOHD YOUSUF DEEDAD	NAZIR AHMAD DEEDAD	M.DUNAROO	15-12-2007	ST	NAVJAN
9.	FAREED AHAD PASWAL	KEMU PASWAL	K-HALLAN NAGBAL	03-07-2001	ST	AADANG K-HALLAN
10.	JAVAJD AHMAD BEIRAN	MOHAMMAD YOUSUF BEIRAN	KATHAHALLAN	01-09-2000	ST	NAGBAL
11.	ALTAF AHMAD PASWAL	LAL HUSSAIN PASWAL	NAGBAL	03-09-2000	ST	SEI WALI K- HALLAN
12.	SHAHID ALI	S/O MOHD JAMIL	SAAJ RAJORI	01-12-2002	ST	NAVIGAR
13.	SHAIQ AHMAD AWAN	AB RASHID AWAN	PHALIPORA	04-08-1997	ST	DOGI
14.	FARDOOQ AHMAD AWAN	AB MAJEED AWAN	PEHLIPORA	22-01-2004	ST	THORPAJAN
15.	LIYAQAT HUSSAIN	MIR MOHAMMAD AWAN	PEHLIPORA	04-04-1996	ST	BANDERGALI
16.	ARIF FARDOOQ	FARDOOQ AHMAD AWAN	PEHLIPORA	02-03-1997	ST	DODAWALI
17.	BASHIR AHMAD GOGER KATARI	MIR MOHD GOGER KATARI	GATIPORA	03-09-1994	ST	SARAWALI K HALLAN
18.	FAREED AHMAD AWAN	NAZIR AHMAD AWAN	PEHLIPORA	06-02-1997	ST	PARD
19.	MOHD ASLAM AWAN	BASHIR AHMAD AWAN	PEHLIPORA	05-10-1990	ST	BRAMSUMAN
20.	IRSHAD AHMAD KALAS	GH HASSAN KALAS	M.DUNAROO	10-12-2000	ST	ZABAN GALI

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“Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025”

LG Manoj Sinha flags off first batch of pilgrims

➤ “Undeterred by terror incidents, devotees of
Bhole Baba are arriving in huge numbers”

KC News Network

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of devotees for the pilgrimage to the holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji, from Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp, today.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and blissful journey.

“This sacred pilgrimage is a journey of faith and self-discovery. Wishing all spiritual seekers a safe and comfortable journey to the holy abode of Lord Shiva and deep soul-stirring experience,” the Lieutenant Governor said according to official statement.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said the administration, people of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, J&K Police, and security forces have made elaborate arrangements for the pilgrims.

“More than 4,500 devotees set off to the holy



Cave Shrine in the first batch for the darshan of Baba Barfani today, Jammu city has come alive with a new vibrancy. The enthusiasm of pilgrims is very high.

➤ “I hope this year's Yatra will be even
more historic than previous years”

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Bhole Baba are arriving in

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Innovative security measures in place

Umaisar Gull Ganie

JAMMU: Amid multi-tier security cover, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday flagged off the first batch of Amarnath pilgrims numbering over 5,485, marking the beginning of this year's pilgrimage from here.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and blissful journey. “This sacred pilgrimage is a journey of faith and self-discovery. Wishing all spiritual seekers a safe and comfortable journey to the holy

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Locals, civil society welcome pilgrims in Kashmir

Umaisar Gull/Raja Syed

SRINAGAR: Reflecting the spirit of communal harmony and traditional hospitality, locals and civil society members in Kashmir warmly welcomed the first batch of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims.

As the 38-day pilgrimage commenced amid tight security arrangements, residents across parts of South Kashmir – especially in Qazigund, Pahalgam, and Baltal – according to the news agency –

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Amarnath pilgrims laud Operation Sindoore

Umaisar Gull Ganie

PAHALGAM: In a strong display of faith and resilience, a group of Amarnath pilgrims from Gujarat arriving at Nunwan base camp here installed a banner on their vehicle praising the success of “Operation Sindoore” – a counter-terror operation launched in the aftermath of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. The banner, displayed on their vehicle, according to the news agency – Kashmir News Observer (KNO) read: “Operation

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No hesitation in wiping out terrorists, wherever they are: Rajnath Singh

KC News Network

PATNA: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday asserted that the Narendra Modi government will not hesitate to eliminate terrorists, wherever they are, and that no distinction will be made between masterminds and the regimes which sponsor them.

The former BJP president's stern message to Pakistan, without mentioning the neighbouring country by name, came in his address to the party's state executive meeting



in Bihar, where assembly elections are due this year. Singh said that under Modi, the country's policy on security has turned a new leaf with steps like surgical strikes and Balakot airstrikes. Referring to the military operation that followed the Pahalgam terror attack, he said, “Operation Sindoore

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Vibrant Village Programme is transforming border villages: LG Sinha

KC News Network

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today visited the border village of Changiya in Arnia Jammu and paid obeisance at Daati Maa Dev Sthan of Mahajan Phageta Biradari.

The Lieutenant Governor prayed for the well-being of all and peace and prosperity of J&K UT. I also pray to Mata Daati for a safe and smooth pilgrimage for all the devotees of Shri Amarnath Ji, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor lauded the courage displayed by the residents of border villages during Operation Sindoore. He reiterated the commitment of the Government of India to the inclusive development of the border areas.

“Border areas are the first line of defence. Vibrant Village Programme is transforming our border villages through improved infrastructure, and it will be ensured that the villages of this area will be taken up under the programme,” he said.

Responding to the demands, the Lieutenant Governor assured that appropriate steps will be taken by the GoI to bring the sacred Daati Maa Dev

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In a first, high- altitude telemedicine services launched

Jahangeer Ganaie

SRINAGAR: In a historic first, high-altitude telemedicine services during the Shri Amarnath Yatra 2025 have been established and made fully operational at key Base Hospitals in Baltal and Panjtarni.

This innovative initiative results from a collaboration between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir (DHSK), aimed at enhancing real-time specialist healthcare in the challenging mountainous terrain along the Yatra route.

For the first time in the pilgrimage's history, ground medical teams at these high-altitude camps can connect with expert doctors at tertiary healthcare centres via satellite-enabled systems. This technology facilitates timely diagnosis, advanced consultations, and remote management of critical cases, significantly improving patient

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Will ensure peaceful Amarnath Yatra: DGP Prabhat Reviews security along Jammu-Srinagar NH

Umaisar Gull Ganie

QAZIGUND: Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat, on Wednesday said that all officers are on the ground to ensure peaceful conduct of the Amarnath Yatra.

The DGP, according to the news agency – Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reviewed security arrangements for the ongoing Amarnath Yatra along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway today.

DGP Prabhat inspected the security setup at Nayvug Tunnel in Qazigund and interacted with police personnel deployed on ground. He also met the pilgrims and took firsthand stock of the arrangements in place to ensure their safety.

Speaking to reporters during his visit, the DGP, per news KNO said all officers are on the ground ensuring peaceful conduct of the Yatra.

The visit came at a time when the first batch of 5,485 pilgrims reached Kashmir amid unprecedented security measures.



The 38-day Yatra is being conducted through twin routes – Baltal in Ganderbal and Pahalgam in Anantnag – with a robust multi-tier security grid – (KNO)

Union Minister, CM Omar jointly review AH&F sector in J&K



KC News Network

SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday jointly chaired a high-level review meeting of the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries sectors of Jammu & Kashmir here at Srinagar, Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Agriculture Production & Panchayati Raj Javid Ahmad Dar, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Secretary Gol Alka Upadhyay, Additional Chief Secretary Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Secretary (CDD/IT) and other senior officers from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Principal Secretary

Agriculture Production Department J&K Shailendra Kumar, Vice Chancellors of SKUAST-K and SKUAST-J, and heads of allied departments were also present, spokesperson said.

Addressing the meeting, the Union Minister underlined the immense untapped potential in J&K's livestock and fisheries sectors and assured full support from the Centre.

“We are here today to listen, understand your challenges, and work together. Where there is scope, there must be action,” he stated.

He called for joint efforts between the Centre and J&K Government to convert potential into outcomes, adding that rural prosperity can only be achieved when

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Union Minister promises optimal support

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, who is on a two day visit to Kashmir,

today said the central government will extend all possible support to J&K for developing dairy and fisheries sectors.

The Union Minister was speaking at a function, ‘Reimagining Livestock & Fisheries with Future Ready Farmers: Vision 2030’, at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), spokesperson said.

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Kashmir's off-beat tourist destinations face eco crisis

Sajid Raina

SRINAGAR: With the intense heat wave sweeping across the plains and driving tourists toward Kashmir's upper hill regions, but the surge in tourist footfall at

off-beat destinations has raised serious environmental concerns, especially due to unregulated and careless waste disposal by visitors.

According to the news agency – Kashmir News Observer (KNO), popular spots like Bangus, Tangdhar, Gurez, Tulail, Drang, Gagangear, Uri and other areas have become preferred destinations, but the influx has brought along piles of litter and plastic waste.

In Gurez, located in Bandipora district, locals say the

scenic beauty of the Kishanganga riverbanks is being marred by discarded plastic bottles, food wrappers, and other non-biodegradable waste left by tourists.

Mumtaz Ahmad, a homestay owner, said tourists often choose dumping sites on their own, creating problems for the community and the environment. “They should either take the waste back or inform us so we can help with proper disposal,” he said.

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Slight dip in mercury brings relief to people in J&K MeT predicts rains from July 5



Owais Gul

SRINAGAR: As Jammu and Kashmir braces for the light to moderate from July 5, the region has witnessed a bit relief from the scorching heat as the maximum temperatures plummeted by a few degrees on Wednesday.

According to the details available with the news agency – Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, witnessed

a slight improvement in the maximum temperatures as the mercury settled at 32.8 degrees against yesterday's 34.2 degrees.

Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir recorded 29.2 degrees while Pahalgam recorded 27.2 degrees. Besides, Kupwara, Kokernag and Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort, recorded a maximum temperature of 34.4 degrees, 30.0 degrees and 22.8 degrees respectively.

However, Jammu stations

continued to record below normal temperatures with Jammu city recording a day temperature of 32.9 degrees. Katra recorded 31.0 degrees while Bhaderwah recorded 30.6 degrees.

As per the details, Banihal and Batote recorded a maximum temperature of 27.3 degrees and 26.5 degrees respectively.

Meanwhile, as per the seasonal rainfall data prepared by the local Meteorological department, only three stations in Jammu and Kashmir including Kishtwar, Kulgam and Bandipora recorded large deficit rainfall, which ranges between 60 to 99 per cent from June 01, 2025 to July 02, 2025.

Srinagar, Shopian, Poonch, Kupwara, Ganderbal, Doda, Baramulla, Budgam and Anantnag continued to record a deficit rainfall, ranging between 20 to 59 per cent.

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Police establishes helpline for terror victims

KC News Network

SRINAGAR: In a significant initiative aimed at providing timely support and assistance to the families affected by terrorism, Police on Wednesday said to have established




dedicated Grievance Cells/Helplines in Anantnag, Budgam, Baramulla and Sopore.

This initiative is intended to facilitate the registration and resolution of grievances of terrorism affected families across the district, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency – Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

In Anantnag, helpline has been established at the District Police Office Anantnag. Victims or their kin can approach the helpline number 01932-222870 to register grievances or seek assistance. In Budgam, the victims or their family members can reach out to the

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Editorial



Energy Revolution

In a nation racing toward clean energy goals, the latest innovation from Indian scientists may have quietly laid the foundation for a new era in power storage technology. A team of researchers from the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, and Aligarh Muslim University has achieved a breakthrough that could redefine the future of supercapacitors—devices vital for powering electric vehicles, renewable energy grids, and next-generation electronics. Their innovation centers around lanthanum-doped silver niobate—a lead-free, environmentally friendly material that delivers unprecedented performance in terms of energy retention and charging efficiency. The most compelling result? A staggering 118% energy retention and 100% coulombic efficiency, even after prolonged usage cycles. In layman's terms, the material doesn't just store more power—it keeps it, and without wasting a drop. Unlike conventional batteries that degrade over time and have limitations in speed, supercapacitors charge faster and last longer but have traditionally been hampered by lower energy density. This new material addresses that key limitation, making supercapacitors not only viable but potentially superior alternatives for a range of applications—from mobile devices to electric mobility and industrial-scale renewable energy systems. India's energy ambitions hinge on breakthroughs like this. With the country aiming to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2070 and to become a global leader in green technologies, investments in cutting-edge research are no longer optional—they're imperative. What's particularly noteworthy here is that this is a 100% indigenous effort, developed by Indian scientists using domestic infrastructure and insight. It's a powerful reminder of what "Atmanirbhar Bharat" can look like when science and policy move in sync. The government's support through institutions like DST has borne fruit, and the success should now be followed by efforts to scale up and commercialize the technology. This includes forging industry-academia linkages, funding pilot manufacturing units, and securing rare-earth elements like lanthanum in sustainable ways. India is already making its mark on the global stage with its prowess in space, digital governance, and pharmaceuticals. The time is ripe to add green innovation to that list. This new energy material may be microscopic in scale, but its impact on our collective future could be massive. The lab has spoken—now it's time for industry and government to listen and act.

The Valley's Ailing Heart: Why Heart Disease is Surging?



Syed Yunis Bukhari

Kashmir, once celebrated for its pristine air and traditional longevity, is now grappling with a devastating rise in cardiovascular diseases (CVDs). Recent data reveals a disturbing trend: heart disease has become the leading cause of death in the region, surpassing even conflict-related fatalities. With cardiovascular mortality rates 27% higher than India's national average, experts point to a dangerous convergence of factors—stress, climate, diet, and healthcare deficiencies—that are pushing Kashmir into a full-blown public health crisis.

The numbers paint a grim picture. Cardiovascular diseases now account for 35% of all deaths in Jammu and Kashmir, with young adults increasingly affected. Shockingly, 22% of heart attack patients are under 45, compared to just 12% nationally. Women face additional barriers, as cultural hesitancy delays medical care, leaving them 30% less likely to receive timely treatment. The crisis is exacerbated by Kashmir's harsh winters, which trigger blood pressure spikes due to extreme cold. A 2023 Government Medical College study found hypertension rates surge by 42% during winter months, as plummeting temperatures cause blood vessels to constrict. Compounding the problem, Kashmiris become more sedentary in colder months, accelerating obesity and metabolic disorders.

Diet plays a crucial role in this health emergency. Traditional Kashmiri cuisine, while rich in flavor, often contains dangerously high levels of salt. The lavish Wazwan feasts, preserved pickles, and daily bread contribute to an average salt intake of 12–15 grams per day—more than double the World Health Organization's recommended limit. At the same time, the shift from fiber-rich whole grains to refined flour and rice has stripped diets of essential heart-protective nutrients. Even the region's famed walnuts, packed with healthy fats, are no match for the rising consumption of processed junk food among younger generations.

Mental health is another critical but overlooked factor. Decades of conflict have left deep psychological scars, with chronic stress and anxiety now recognized as major CVD risk factors. Elevated cortisol levels from prolonged stress accelerate atherosclerosis, the hardening of arteries that leads to heart attacks and strokes. A 2024 Kashmir Mental Health Survey found that 68% of heart disease patients also suffer from poor sleep, further straining cardiovascular health. Air pollution, once negligible in Kashmir, has emerged as another silent killer. As vehicle numbers surge, so do levels of PM2.5 particles, which inflame blood vessels and worsen heart disease.

Yet, even as the crisis grows, Kashmir's healthcare system struggles to cope. With only three dedicated cardiac hospitals serving 12 million people, access to emergency care is dangerously limited. Rural patients often face life-threatening delays, traveling four or more hours to reach a hospital. The shortage of specialists is equally dire—Kashmir has just one cardiologist per 100,000 people, compared to one per 10,000 in Delhi. For those who do reach medical help in time, financial barriers often prevent proper treatment. A single angioplasty can cost 1.5 lakh, an impossible sum for many farmers and laborers.

The situation demands urgent action. Public health campaigns must target excessive salt consumption, perhaps through taxes on salty snacks and school-based nutrition programs. Given the proven impact of cold weather on blood pressure, Kashmir should implement winter health advisories, warning vulnerable populations to monitor their cardiovascular health during extreme temperatures. Reviving traditional diets rich in greens like haakh, fish from local streams, and ancient grains like buckwheat could help restore balance. Community-driven initiatives—yoga groups, walking clubs, and smoking cessation programs—could bridge the gap for remote villages, while government subsidies could make life-saving treatments more accessible.

The stakes could not be higher. Without immediate intervention, Kashmir risks losing an entire generation to preventable heart disease. The solutions—dietary reform, stress reduction, better healthcare access—are within reach, but only if policymakers, doctors, and communities act now. The Valley's heartbeat is fading, and time is running out to save it.

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A Decade of Digital India



BY NARENDRA MODI

"Ten years ago, we embarked on a bold journey into uncharted territory with great conviction."

While decades were spent doubting the ability of Indians to use technology, we changed this approach and trusted the ability of Indians to use technology.

While decades were spent thinking that use of technology will deepen the gap between the haves and the have-nots, we changed this mindset and used technology to eliminate the gap between the haves and the have-nots.

When the intent is right, innovation empowers the less empowered. When the approach is inclusive, technology brings change in the lives of those on the margins.

This belief laid the foundation for Digital India: a mission to democratise access, build inclusive digital infrastructure, and opportunities for all.

In 2014, internet penetration was limited, digital literacy was low, and online access to government services was scarce. Many doubted whether a country as vast and diverse as India could truly go digital.

Today, that question has been answered not just in data and dashboards, but in the lives of 140 crore Indians. From how we govern, to how we learn, transact, and build, Digital India is everywhere.

Bridging the Digital Divide

In 2014, India had around 25 crore internet connections. Today, that number has grown to over 97 crores. Over 42 lakh kilometres of Optical Fibre Cable equivalent to 11 times the distance between Earth and the Moon now connects even the most remote villages.

India's 5G rollout is among the fastest in the world, with 4.81 lakh base stations installed in just two years. High-speed internet now reaches urban hubs and forward military posts alike including Galwan, Siachen, and Ladakh.

India Stack, which is our digital backbone, has enabled platforms like UPI, which now handles 100+ billion transactions a year. Around half of all real time digital transactions happen in India.

Through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), over 44 lakh crore has been transferred directly to citizens, cutting out middlemen and saving 3.48 lakh crore in leakages.

Schemes like SVAMITVA have issued 2.4 crore+ property cards and mapped 6.47 lakh villages, ending years of land-related uncertainty.

Democratising Opportunity for All

India's digital economy is empowering MSMEs and small entrepreneurs like never before.

ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) is a revolutionary platform which opens a new window of opportunities by providing a seamless connection with huge market of

last 100 million in just six months. From Banarasi weavers to bamboo artisans in Nagaland, sellers are now reaching customers nationwide, without middlemen or digital monopolies.

GeM has also crossed 1 lakh crore GMV in 50 days, with 22 lakh sellers including 1.8 lakh+ women-led MSMEs, who

ecosystems.

Startup Power Meets AatmaNirbhar Bharat

India now ranks among the top 3 startup ecosystems in the world, with over 1.8 lakh startups. But this is more than a startup movement, it is a tech renaissance.



buyers and sellers.

GeM (Government E-Marketplace) enables the common man to sell goods and services to all arms of the government. This not only empowers the common man with a huge market but also saves money for the Government.

have fulfilled orders worth 46,000 crore.

Digital Public Infrastructure: India's Global Offering India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) from Aadhaar, CoWIN, DigiLocker, and FASTag to PM-WANI and One Nation One Subscription is now studied and adopted globally.

In 2014, India had around 25 crore internet connections. Today, that number has grown to over 97 crores. Over 42 lakh kilometres of Optical Fibre Cable equivalent to 11 times the distance between Earth and the Moon now connects even the most remote villages.

Imagine this: You apply for a Mudra loan online. Your creditworthiness is assessed through an account aggregator framework. You get your loan and start your venture. You register on GeM, supply to schools and hospitals, and then scale up via ONDC.

ONDC recently crossed 200 million transactions, with the

CoWIN enabled the world's largest vaccination drive, issuing 220 crore QR-verifiable certificates. DigiLocker, with 54 crore users, hosts 775 crore+ documents, securely and seamlessly.

Through our G20 Presidency, India launched the Global DPI Repository and a \$25 million Social Impact Fund, helping nations across Africa and South Asia adopt inclusive digital

India is doing extremely well when it comes to AI skill penetration and AI talent concentration among our youth.

Through the \$1.2 billion India AI Mission, India has enabled access to 34,000 GPUs at globally unmatched prices at less than \$1/GPU hour making India not just the most affordable internet economy, but also the most affordable compute destination. India has championed humanity-first AI. The New Delhi Declaration on AI promotes innovation with responsibility. We are establishing AI Centres of Excellence across the country.

The Road Ahead

The next decade will be even more transformative. We are moving from digital governance to global digital leadership, from India-first to India-for-the-world.

Digital India has not remained a mere government program, it has become a people's movement. It is central to building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and to making India a trusted innovation partner to the world.

To all innovators, entrepreneurs, and dreamers: the world is looking at India for the next digital breakthrough.

Let us build what empowers.

Let us solve what truly matters.

Let us lead with technology that unites, includes, and uplifts.

Author is Prime Minister of India

Adopt zero tolerance approach towards illegal mining in J&K: Dy CM to Officers

SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, reiterated the Government's firm commitment to completely ban illegal mining activities across Jammu and Kashmir.

He made these remarks while chairing a high-level review meeting of the Geology and Mining Department at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

According to an official statement issued by Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), the Dy CM emphasized the importance of taking stringent action against the violators to safeguard the region's natural mineral resources. He directed the officials to adopt a zero tolerance approach towards illegal mining, ensuring a complete ban on such activities.

The Dy CM instructed the District Mineral Officers to take full control of all mining resources while keeping strict monitoring and vigilance on the ground. He warned that any laxity or negligence, in this regard, would invite disciplinary action as per the law.

Underscoring the significance of protecting the public infrastructure, the Deputy CM directed the officers to closely monitor all functional mining blocks to ensure that critical in-

frastructure such as bridges, roads and water supply schemes remain unaffected.

the auctioning process of mineral resources strictly as per the existing rules and regulations,



"Immediately cancel the licenses of functional blocks if any damage to infrastructure is reported and impose penalties on the responsible firms," he instructed the officials.

He also directed the department to expedite

while ensuring robust enforcement and strict compliance with both the Central and UT mining Acts and Rules.

The meeting featured a detailed presentation on the status of exploration and extraction of

key minerals including limestone, granite, blue sapphire, gypsum, lithium and coal. The officials informed that 36 major mining leases for limestone and 233 minor mineral leases have been issued, so far.

To further strengthen enforcement, the Dy CM called for establishment of a robust monitoring mechanism involving multi-departmental district-level task forces, flying squads, informant networks, checkpoints and e-challan systems to curb the illegal mining effectively.

Highlighting the potential of the mining sector, the Deputy CM stressed on promotion of mineral-based industries to enhance employment opportunities and revenue generation.

He was informed that the department has generated Rs. 16.79 crore revenue through the compounding of vehicles and machinery involved in illegal mining and transportation, with a total of 6,219 seizures recorded during the financial year 2024-25. Besides, the department has recorded a revenue generation of Rs. 150.49 crore during the same period. Additionally, gypsum mining has earned a revenue of Rs. 438 lakh in 2025-26.

Warm Reception for First Amarnath Pilgrims in Bandipora

BANDIPORA: In a gesture of hospitality, the first batch of Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY) pilgrims was warmly received by Deputy Commissioner (DC)



Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, as they reached Shadipora Transit Camp in Bandipora on Wednesday.

The DC was accompanied by SSP Bandipora Harmeet Singh Mehta besides other civil and police officials were present to extend their greetings to the pilgrims.

On the occasion, the DC extended a warm welcome to the pilgrims by presenting garlands as a gesture of respect and goodwill. The pilgrims were

also served refreshments, including juice, water, and sweets, reflecting a hospitable and comfortable experience for the devotees.

M.A. Qadri expressed his heartfelt greetings and extended his best wishes to the yatries. As the first batch of yatries embarked on their spiritual journey towards the Holy Cave, the DC wished them a fulfilling and blessed pilgrimage.

Meanwhile, the DC said that the District Administration Bandipora has put in place all arrangements in advance for a hassle-free yatra. He stated that the administration has implemented comprehensive plans to facilitate smooth and hassle-free experiences for all pilgrims.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner also inspected various facilities, including accommodation, bedding, water supply, electricity, langars and other essentials at Shadipora Yatra Transit Camp.

State Tax Department launches operation against Fake ITC Evasion in Kashmir

SRINAGAR: In a resolute effort to safeguard the public revenue and ensure compliance with the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, the State Taxes Department Kashmir today conducted massive raids against the business entities involved in fraudulent Input Tax Credit (ITC) practices across Kashmir.

An official spokesperson said these meticulously executed raids, planned over the past month, unearthed significant instances of tax fraud, reinforcing the department's commitment towards curbing the fraudulent tax practices.

The raids were initiated based on credible intelligence inputs regarding widespread misuse of ITC provisions, particularly in Kashmir, where certain commodities such as iron, cement and steel have been identified as highly susceptible to tax evasion. The investigation cell of the State Taxes Department conducted thorough research over the past 30 days to identify the entities involved in generating fake invoices and passing ineligible ITC.

The department's proactive approach was driven by a "reason to believe" that fraudulent practices were causing substantial revenue losses to the exchequer. The investigation zeroed in on sectors such as iron, cement and steel and other high-value commodities known for their vulnerability to tax evasion. These sectors have been exploited

through fake billing and shell companies to fraudulently claim ITC without actual supply of goods or services in violation of the Act and rules.

The State Taxes Department's enforcement team, under the guidance of Additional Commissioner State Taxes Department Kashmir, Parveez Ahmad Raina, worked tirelessly to map out the complex web of transactions and pinpoint the perpetrators. The crackdown was proposed and executed under the leadership of Commissioner State Taxes J&K, P.K. Bhat.

The operation comprised seven specialized teams, properly trained and adequately equipped, each led by a State Tax Officer (STO) and supported by a dedicated team of inspectors and Sub-Inspectors. These teams were tasked with conducting simultaneous raids in the early hours today across multiple locations across North Kashmir, targeting the businesses and individuals suspected of orchestrating fake ITC rackets.

Over the past month, the team cross-referenced GST returns and conducted physical verifications to identify discrepancies in ITC claims.

The underlying aim is to create a robust and transparent tax regime, deterring fraudsters from exploiting loopholes and encouraging the honest taxpayers to contribute to the region's economic progress.

CRPF 3rd Battalion Conducts Free Medical Camp at Nathpora

BANDIPORA: The 3rd Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on Monday organized a free medical camp in Nathpora, Bandipora, under its Civic Action Programme (CAP), delivering much-needed healthcare services to hundreds of residents in underserved areas.

An official spokesperson of the battalion said the programme was held at Rather Mohalla and Wani Mohalla in Nathpora are of the town. He said the initiative drew an overwhelming response from locals, with a total of 607 people availing free medical consultations and essential medicines. "Residents from Nathpora and adjoining villages participated in the camp".

He said a team of doctors conducted general health check-ups, provided basic treatments, and distributed medicines free of cost. The initiative aimed to bridge the health-

care gap in areas lacking adequate medical facilities.

Speaking to reporters, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, Shri Vimal Panwar, said the medical camp



was part of the CRPF's Civic Action Programme and was organized in areas where access to healthcare is limited or entirely absent. "As a force, our duty goes beyond maintaining

law and order. We are also committed to serving the people and supporting their well-being," he said.

Local residents welcomed the effort with appreciation. "We are grateful to the CRPF for bringing healthcare services to our doorstep. Most of us cannot afford treatment or travel to distant hospitals," said a resident of Nathpora.

The medical camp highlighted the CRPF's humanitarian approach and its growing role in community outreach. By addressing critical healthcare needs, the force continues to strengthen its bond with the public while contributing to the broader goals of development and welfare in remote regions.

DC Kupwara chairs mega Block Diwas at border block Keran



KUPWARA, JULY 02: In order to review the developmental issues and grievances of the people at their doorsteps, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today visited remote border area Keran and

Administration is committed to provide the basic infrastructure to the people of Keran especially road connectivity, hospital equipment and mobile network connectivity to ease out their sufferings.

Monitoring the attendance of teachers and staff to ensure complete functioning of the schools.

On her arrival, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed stock of the stalls established by various departments including Fisheries, Agriculture, Education, Health, ICDS, Animal Husbandry and others. She enquired about the progress and achievements of these departments under the Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP).

She stressed upon the concerned officers and field functionaries to gear up their efforts in saturation of ABDP indicators which will improve the overall developmental scenario of the border block.

Earlier, prominent and senior citizens spoke and put forth their day to day developmental issues which include poor mobile network, macadamization of inner roads etc.

Later, the DC inaugurated the Robotic Lab in Higher Secondary School Keran and asked the Teachers to make fruitful use of the Laboratory by inculcating the scientific temperament among the school children. She also inspected the school Library and directed the Teachers to develop the habit of book reading among the children.

The Deputy Commissioner also took a detailed tour of the Keran area and stressed upon the concerned officers for execution of different developmental works and initiatives to make Keran more accessible and attractive place.

chaired a Mega Block Diwas function at Higher Secondary School (HSS) .

Addressing the Block Diwas, the Deputy Commissioner said that the Keran block has a bright future because the Government of India has a special focus on its overall development. She highlighted various initiatives of the Central Government like Aspirational Block Development Programme and Vibrant Village Programme through which the holistic development of this border block is being ensured.

Addressing different issues of the people, the DC said that District

Baramulla Admin bids farewell to Hilal Ahmad Wani

BARAMULLA: A farewell function was organized at the Meeting Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office to bid farewell to Hilal Ahmad Wani, Accounts Officer, on his transfer to the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE).

An official spokesperson of the district administration said the event was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa and attended by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Joint Director Planning (JDP), Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), District Information Officer, District Informatics Officer, and other senior officials.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner and other officers lauded Wani's professionalism, integrity, and commendable service during his tenure at the DC Office Baramulla. His contribution to the financial and administrative functions of the office was highly appreciated by the officers.

As a gesture of respect and appreciation, a memento was presented to Hilal Ahmad Wani by the district administration. The officers extended their best wishes for his future endeavours and success in his new role at JKBOSE.



JKSA Thanks PM, Edu Minister for Approving Library Science Department at JMI

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) on Wednesday expressed its gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan for approving the establishment of a full-fledged Department of Library and Information Science at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), calling it a long-overdue academic development nearly four decades in the making.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener, Nasir Khuehami, National Convener of JKSA, described the approval as a "historic academic milestone" and a "visionary decision" that would significantly strengthen India's academic and professional landscape, particularly in the field of library and information sciences.

"JMI has been offering a Bachelor's course in Library and Information Science without a dedicated department or permanent faculty for almost 40 years. The establishment of this department, along with the sanctioning of six permanent teaching positions, marks a major structural reform," Khuehami said.

JKSA commended Vice Chancellor Prof. Mazhar Asif and Registrar Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi for their continued efforts in pursuing the matter with the Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission (UGC). The Association noted that their leadership played a key role in securing the long-pending approval.

Highlighting the importance of the new department, Khuehami said it would provide cutting-edge academic training in knowledge management, digital cataloguing, metadata creation, research indexing, and archival science. "This will open doors for careers in academic libraries, digital repositories, national archives, and research institutions," he added.

The Association said the move supports the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 by fostering multidisciplinary learning, digital literacy, and research-led education. It further stated that the department will benefit students from diverse backgrounds, including those from Jammu and Kashmir, seeking to contribute to the knowledge economy.

The Association thanked the Prime Minister, the Education Minister, the Ministry of Finance, and the UGC for their collective support in advancing higher education. It said the move will help Jamia Millia Islamia reinforce its legacy of academic excellence and social reform.

Fire & Emergency Services Conduct Mock Drill at Shadipora Transit Camp

SHADIPORA (Bandipora): The Fire and Emergency Services Department on Tuesday conducted a mock drill and awareness programme at the Transit Yatra Camp in Shadipora to sensitise langar service providers, staff, and pilgrims about fire safety measures ahead of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025.

Officials demonstrated the use of firefighting equipment and briefed participants on evacuation procedures, safety protocols, and ways to minimise damage in case of a fire emergency. The exercise aimed to strengthen preparedness and ensure a swift response mechanism during the annual pilgrimage.

A dedicated fire service crew, along with firefighting vehicles and equipment, has been deployed at the Transit Camp and will remain stationed there throughout the Yatra period to ensure the safety of pilgrims and staff.

Authorities stressed the importance of vigilance and proactive safety practices, urging all stakeholders to cooperate in maintaining a secure environment during the pilgrimage.



J&K Ministers Hold Key Meet on Irrigation Woes, Call for Swift Action

SRINAGAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana and Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today had a comprehensive review of the irrigation scenario in Jammu and Kashmir in a meeting held at Civil Secretariat here.

An official spokesperson said the meeting was called in view of the irrigation problems being faced by the farming community besides assessing the response mechanism adopted by the department to ensure farmers are provided a reliable irrigation supply.

Detailed discussion was held on the working of Lift & Gravity irrigation schemes, NABARD/CAPEX/CSS projects and efficient water management for agricultural prosperity.

Javed Rana directed for effective measures to tackle the irrigation issues, especially putting an efficient response mechanism in place to address the complaints of farmers. "There

is no doubt that we are facing a critical situation due to adverse climatic conditions and there are shortcomings also but we have to find solutions," he said.

It is our collective responsibility to find solutions to the problems faced by our farming community amid the paddy farming, he said.

He called for taking both short-and-long-term measures to augment the supply of irrigation water as per the requirements on the ground.

He also asked for an assessment of both the machinery and infrastructure given the present climatic conditions.

Superintending Engineers were instructed to submit a

comprehensive report outlining the potential measures for upgrading and strengthening the existing resources in their respective areas.

During the meeting, Rana also emphasized timely project completion, regular monitoring of public services and expedited project execution for enhanced agricultural support.

The meeting centered on discussions about restoring previously existing canals that have been encroached upon, with a focus on their revival.

Rana called upon the concerned to report encroachments and illegal mining that is creating a threat to the irrigation system so that appropriate action will be taken.

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, gave a detailed presentation on the present irrigation infrastructure.

He briefed about the functioning of Lift and Gravity irrigation schemes of the department being executed in the entire UT, status of NABARD schemes being implemented under various RIDFs and Capex Budget schemes under Capex Budget 2025-26.

Shaleen Kabra also briefed about the new schemes to be proposed under PMKSY-HKHP and status of execution of the schemes under PMKSY-HKHP. He also gave details about the schemes affected due to low precipitation.



Sakeena Itoo felicitates NEET achievers, 10th,12th meritorious students at GDC Pulwama

PULWAMA: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited Pulwama and felicitated the NEET achievers and meritorious students of 10th and 12th classes of various Government Institutions from Pulwama district in a special function organized at Government Degree College (GDC), here.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Sakeena lauded the students for their outstanding performances despite challenging circumstances.

"You are the torchbearers of change, and your achievements today mark the beginning of a brighter tomorrow, not only for yourselves but for the entire

region," she stated. Highlighting the role of education in shaping a resilient and progressive society, the Minister urged the youngsters to

pursue knowledge with purpose and serve their communities with commitment. She also appreciated the efforts of teachers and parents who stood behind the students through their academic journeys.

According to an official spokesperson, the Minister underlined that the youth must be provided with the right opportunities, mentorship and resources to excel at the national and international levels.

On the occasion, the Minister also distributed regularisation orders among CPWs.



LG Manoj Sinha Releases Book on 'Shiva Tatva Amarnath'

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday released a book titled "Shiva Tatva Amarnath", published by the Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust.

Congratulating the authors and members of the Trust, the Lieutenant Governor described the book as a unique presentation of faith and devotion to Lord Amarnath, deeply rooted in Vedic traditions. In a statement issued by Raj Bhawan, an official spokesperson said the book, authored by Mahant Rohit Shastri

and Shri Rohit Jandiwal, explores various dimensions of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, including the mythological dialogue between Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, the legend of the holy ice Lingam (Himling), sacred sites along the yatra route, saint traditions, folk culture, pilgrimage management, and environmental and administrative aspects. It also delves into the broader philosophical concept of Shiva Tatva.

Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor and CEO of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust; and trust members including R.K. Chhibber, Rohit Jandiwal, Vinay Jamwal, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Nigam Gupta, and Sunil Sharma were present at the release event.

Srinagar welcomes the first batch of Amarnath Yatris with warmth & devotion

SRINAGAR: In a warm gesture of hospitality, the Srinagar district administration led by DDC Chairperson, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo along with Senior Superintendent of

Manoj Sinha, as part of the significant spiritual journey undertaken by the devotees every year to the holy Amarnathji cave.

Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR)



Police Sundeep Chakravarthi on Wednesday warmly welcomed the first batch of Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims as they arrived at Pantha Chowk in Srinagar.

This followed the formal commencement of the annual yatra which was flagged from Jammu by Lieutenant Governor

reported that Deputy Commissioner & SSP personally received the pilgrims and extended greetings besides ensuring all arrangements are in place for their comfort and safety.

DDC Chairperson, DC, SSP & Officials from the District

Administration Srinagar, along with senior Officers from SMC and Police Department were present at the reception site to assist and guide the pilgrims. The administration has reiterated its commitment to ensuring a smooth and secure yatra experience for all devotees.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stated that the Amarnathji Yatra is a significant spiritual journey and we are committed to ensure smooth conduct of the pilgrimage with safety and comfort of all pilgrims.

He added that the District Administration Srinagar along with Srinagar Police has put in place comprehensive arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the annual Yatra and cater to the needs of the pilgrims.

Transport Commissioner inspects driving test centre, RTO office Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, today conducted a comprehensive visit to Regional Transport Office (RTO) Kashmir, here at Bemina.

The Commissioner interacted with the citizens waiting in queues, raising awareness about the Transport Department's online and faceless services. He encouraged them to leverage these digital platforms to streamline their transactions and minimize visits to the RTO office.

Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) reported that He instructed the ARTO Headquarters to prominently display the signboards and informational material, highlighting the availability and advantages of online services, so as to raise awareness among the general public.

He reiterated the department's commitment towards minimizing the footfall at the RTO office by promoting digital access and ensuring ease of service delivery through faceless platforms.

Earlier, the Transport Commissioner inspected the trial ground located at Bemina and monitored the driving tests being conducted there. Interacting with the youngsters, he urged them to be careful while driving besides strictly abiding by the traffic laws.

He directed the staff to ensure that those who appear for the driving test are guided properly.

He also asked them that the test results should be uploaded online within 24 hours.

First Batch of Pilgrims for SANJY-2025 reaches Baltal Base Camp

GANDERBAL: The first batch of pilgrims for the

Jatin Kishore, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed



Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025 successfully arrived at the Baltal Base Camp, marking the formal commencement of the annual pilgrimage.

In a spirit of devotion and hospitality, the District Administration Ganderbal extended a warm and heartfelt welcome to the Yatris at the base camp.

The welcome ceremony was graced by the presence of Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal,

Fahim Bihagi, SDM Kangan, along with officers from the Civil Administration, Police and members of the local community.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner extended his best wishes to the pilgrims for a safe and spiritually enriching journey. He assured full support from the administration to ensure a seamless and comfortable pilgrimage experience.

To ensure the safety, security, and convenience of the pilgrims, the administration has put in place comprehensive arrangements including medical facilities, sanitation services, and round-the-clock security.

These measures reflect the commitment of the district authorities to uphold the highest standards of service and care during the Yatra.

The pilgrims expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the rousing reception and proactive support extended by both the Civil and Police Administration.

The District Administration reiterated its resolve to provide all necessary assistance and continue its efforts to make the Yatra smooth, safe, and spiritually fulfilling for all participants.

Srinagar welcomes the first batch of Amarnath Yatris with warmth & devotion

SRINAGAR: In a warm gesture of hospitality, the Srinagar district administration led by DDC Chairperson, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo along with Senior Superintendent of Police Sundeep Chakravarthi on Wednesday warmly welcomed the first batch of Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims as they arrived at Pantha Chowk in Srinagar.

This followed the formal commencement of the annual yatra which was flagged from Jammu by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, as part of the significant spiritual journey undertaken by the devotees every year to the holy Amarnathji cave.

Deputy Commissioner & SSP personally received the pilgrims and extended greetings besides ensuring all arrangements are in place for their comfort and safety.

DDC Chairperson, DC, SSP & Officials from the District Administration Srinagar,

along with senior Officers from SMC and Police Department were present at the reception site to assist and guide the

with safety and comfort of all pilgrims. He added that the District Administration Srinagar along with Srinagar Police has put



pilgrims. The administration has reiterated its commitment to ensuring a smooth and secure yatra experience for all devotees.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stated that the Amarnathji Yatra is a significant spiritual journey and we are committed to ensure smooth conduct of the pilgrimage

in place comprehensive arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the annual Yatra and cater to the needs of the pilgrims.

Officials along with locals welcomed the Pilgrims and prayed for smooth, safe and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

Deputy Commissioner Shopian chairs DLCC review meeting on Tobacco Control

Shopian: The District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) review meeting was held at Mini Secretariat, Shopian to facilitate the strict enforcement of 'Control of Tobacco Protection Act, 2003' (COTPA) and 'National Tobacco Control Program' (NTCP) in the district.

The meeting, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Shishir Gupta, reviewed the measures and action taken till date towards the promotion of Tobacco free society.

Officers of the health department presented various provisions of COTPA and NTCP for awareness of the stakeholder departments.

They called for the conduct of enforcement drives against

smoking in the public places with focus on imposing fines against the violations.

The DC directed for ensuring strict enforcement of Tobacco

institutions as 'Tobacco Free Educational institutions' as per the guidelines.

The DC directed for displaying mandatory signages



Control measures especially in prohibited public places including the educational and healthcare institutions.

He also discussed the modalities for making all the government institutions/high footfall areas as 'Tobacco Free Zones' and all educational

across the prominent places, denouncing use of tobacco products.

He asked for strict enforcement of surrogate advertising and imposition of fines by all the departmental nodal officers against violations in their respective areas.

The members deliberated on the critical role of multi sectoral strategies and proper implementation of laws to tackle the issue comprehensively.

They assured a tougher and strictest stance and enforcement from the police administration in the district towards the implementation of NTCP and COTPA.

Emphasis was given on strict enforcement of rules by the shopkeepers selling tobacco products besides installation of CCTVs in the shop premises.

ADC Shopian Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, district officers and nodal agencies besides other concerned officers from the district attended the meeting.

PCB Serves Notices to CA Stores for Illegal Dumping of Rotten Apples

Bilal Habib

PULWAMA: The Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Board (JKPCB) has initiated action against several Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storage units for illegally dumping rotten and C-grade apples in violation of environmental regulations, officials said on Tuesday.

The Board has issued show-cause notices to 40 CA stores across the region, warning them of legal proceedings and environmental compensation for failing to comply with scientific waste disposal norms. A second notice was served on July 1, 2025, seeking an explanation from the units regarding the violations.

Division Officer JKPCB, Er Bilal Ahmad Khan, said that unscientific disposal of decomposed apples poses significant environmental and public health risks. "Such dumping contaminates soil and water, causes foul smell, and leads to the breeding of disease-carrying vectors," he told Kashmir Convener. The Pollution Control Board has also issued a notice to the State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCO) for not providing a designated solid waste disposal site for CA stores, a mandatory requirement under environmental norms for industrial estates. "Environmental accountability will be enforced," a JKPCB official said. "If compliance is not ensured, legal action and penalties will follow." The crackdown has been welcomed by environmental activists, who have repeatedly flagged concerns over pollution from unregulated operations of CA units. The Board is expected to carry out further inspections and monitoring in the coming days.

DC Pulwama conducts field visit to assess status of water supply schemes

PULWAMA: In order to take stock of progress of key infrastructural works under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and NABARD, District Development Commissioner (DDC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, today undertook a detailed field visit to multiple ongoing Water Supply Schemes (WSS) in the district.

The visit was aimed at obtaining comprehensive ground-level assessment of the execution status, identifying operational bottlenecks, and issuing necessary instructions to expedite completion of the works.

The DDC inspected various water supply schemes like NC Bonura, Arihal Arigam, Achal Astan (Petipora), Batnoor Sahoora, Lajoora, and Kerava Malangpora.

During the visit, Dr. Qayoom

took strong note of the issues like halted electro-mechanical (EM) works. He directed the concerned officials to resolve minor issues in a time-bound



manner. He stressed upon the need for speedy completion of Electro-Mechanical installations and asked the engineering staff to expedite the process of completion.

The DDC also visited WSS

Ratnipora, a major water supply scheme being executed under NABARD funding, which is at the final stage of completion. He directed officials to complete

top priority for the district administration and called upon all executing agencies to work in close coordination to remove bottlenecks and accelerate the pace of implementation. He further directed officials to set clear timelines, maintain quality standards, and submit progress reports for effective monitoring.

During the visit, the DDC was accompanied by Executive Engineer PHE Pulwama and concerned Assistant Executive Engineers, AEs, JEs and other field functionaries.

The visit concluded with on-spot instructions to the concerned engineers and field staff to intensify efforts and ensure that the benefits of Jal Jeevan Mission reach every eligible household in a time-bound manner.

First Batch of Pilgrims for SANJY-2025 reaches Baltal Base Camp

GANDERBAL: The first batch of pilgrims for the Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025 successfully arrived at the Baltal Base Camp today, marking the formal commencement of the annual pilgrimage. In a spirit of devotion and hospitality, the District Administration Ganderbal extended a warm and heartfelt welcome to the Yatris at the base camp. In a statement issued by Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), an official spokesperson said the welcome ceremony was graced by the presence of Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihagi, SDM Kangan, along with officers from the Civil Administration, Police and members of the local community.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner extended his best wishes to the pilgrims for a safe and spiritually enriching journey. He assured full support from the administration to ensure a seamless and comfortable pilgrimage experience.

To ensure the safety, security, and convenience of the pilgrims, the administration has put in place comprehensive arrangements including medical facilities, sanitation services, and round-the-clock security.

These measures reflect the commitment of the district authorities to uphold the highest standards of service and care during the Yatra. The pilgrims expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the rousing reception and proactive support extended by both the Civil and Police Administration.

The District Administration reiterated its resolve to provide all necessary assistance and continue its efforts to make the Yatra smooth, safe, and spiritually fulfilling for all participants.

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LG Manoj Sinha

huge numbers, demonstrating their immense faith. I hope that this year's Yatra will be even more historic than previous years," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Eminent spiritual leaders; heads of religious organizations; public representatives; senior officers of civil administration, Police, security forces and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, prominent citizens, and devotees in large number were present at the Flag-off ceremony.

Innovative security

abode of Lord Shiva and a deep soul-stirring experience," the LG said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the administration, people of Jammu and Kashmir, SASB, J&K Police, and security forces have made elaborate arrangements for the pilgrims.

More than 4,500 devotees set off to the holy Cave Shrine in the first batch for the darshan of Baba Barfani. Jammu city has come alive with a new vibrancy. The enthusiasm of pilgrims is very high. "Undeterred by terror incidents, devotees of Bhole Baba are arriving in huge numbers, demonstrating their immense faith. I hope that this year's Yatra will be even more historic than previous years," LG Sinha said.

An official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the Baltal axis convoy departed at 5:20 am, followed by the Pahalgam axis convoy at 06:04 am. "5,485 yatriss in 299 vehicles, with 2,347 reached Baltal base camp and 3,138 to Nunwan base camp," he sai, adding that 4,395 are males, 1,043 females, and 31 children, along with 16 sadhus.

The convoy includes 299 vehicles - 162 on the Baltal axis and 137 on the Pahalgam axis. The vehicle distribution includes 113 buses (48 via Baltal, 65 via Pahalgam), 42 medium motor vehicles (MMVs), and 144 light motor vehicles (LMVs)," he said.

A multi-layered security setup has been activated along the 38-day Amarnath Yatra route, ending August 09, 2025.

The official said that for the first time, facial recognition systems have been installed on both the Pahalgam and Baltal routes. "RFID tags are mandatory for all vehicles and pilgrims, enabling real-time tracking," he said.

The Yatra route from both Pahalgam axis and Baltal axis has been declared a no-fly zone due to serious security concerns. CCTV surveillance, random vehicle checks, and a three-tier security grid are in place along highways and camps—(KNO)

Locals, civil

Kashmir News Observer (KNO) lined the routes to greet the pilgrims with flowers, traditional Kashmiri fragrances like Izzbandh, and heartfelt smiles.

At the Nayvug tunnel near Qazigund, young volunteers gathered to offer refreshments and extend greetings to the yatriss.

Mohammad Iqbal Ahanger, a local social activist, said the people of Jammu and Kashmir take pride in hosting the pilgrims. "Kashmir is known for its hospitality. We are here to welcome and protect every yatri," he said.

Civil society member Ahamadullah Wani said, "Through our civil society, we want to send a message of brotherhood. The Amarnath pilgrims are our guests, and we are proud to host them."

Shah Fayaz, a local volunteer from Baltal, said, "Welcoming the yatriss gives us happiness. It is our tradition and part of Kashmiriyat to treat guests like family. We are here to serve."

Abdul Ahad, an elderly resident of Kulgam who stood near the main road with a group of villagers offering juice and water, shared, "I've been doing this for years. Yatra is not only a religious journey; it connects people. Their blessings are our reward."

Imtiyaz Ahmad from Srinagar, who had come with his young children to greet the yatriss, said, "This is a beautiful moment of unity. We want our visitors to feel safe and loved here in our land."

At the Shadipora base camp, Sajid Rasool was busy arranging refreshments for the new arrivals. "They've travelled far with devotion in their hearts. It's our duty to welcome them with equal devotion," he said.

The local gesture of warmth moved many of the pilgrims, who expressed surprise and gratitude for the hospitality.

District administrations in Kulgam and Srinagar also extended a warm welcome at Nayvug Tunnel in Qazigund and in the summer capital.

Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, said, "There is joy all around. Members of civil society, trade bodies, apple growers, and the administration have come together to welcome the pilgrims. We wholeheartedly welcome all visitors to Jammu and Kashmir."

Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat visited the Navyug tunnel to take stock of the security arrangements and interacted with police personnel deployed along the Amarnath Yatra route.

Police officers, including Deputy Inspector General (DIG) South Kashmir Range, Javid Iqbal Matoo, and SSP Kulgam also received the yatriss in Qazigund.

Pertinently, the first batch of over 5,485 pilgrims reached the twin base camps at Pahalgam and Baltal after being flagged off from Jammu by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The Yatra will commence on July 3 from Kashmir and conclude on August 9, coinciding with Raksha Bandhan.

The pilgrimage is expected to attract lakhs of devotees to the sacred cave shrine situated at an altitude of 3,880 metres—(KNO)

Amarnath pilgrims

Sindoor: A Message of Strength and Resolve." The group said it was their way of thanking the PM Modi led Government and security forces for ensuring the safety of the pilgrims.

Talking to reporters, Mukesh, a devotee from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, said: "The Pahalgam terror attack was aimed at spreading fear among devotees, but the launch of Operation Sindoor has sent a strong message that the government stands firmly with the people. PM Modi's leadership has inspired confidence, and the turnout of pilgrims will increase with each passing day."

Echoing his sentiments, another pilgrim from the group, as per KNO, said, "We have seen a very high level of security arrangements. Devotees should come without any fear. The administration and security forces have made elaborate arrangements, and there is absolutely no need to be scared."

The devotees asserted that Operation Sindoor is not over, and that it represents a continued commitment of the security forces to eliminate the terror threat and ensure that the holy Yatra proceeds peacefully and without interruption.

The atmosphere at the Pahalgam base camp was marked by high enthusiasm as pilgrims from various parts of the country arrived amid tight security— (KNO)

No hesitation

marked the first time when we struck at terror hideouts 100 km beyond our borders. Of course, we hit only those who had hit us, a reason why no civilians nor any military installations were targeted".

"Under Modi, our policy has been not to hesitate in eliminating terrorists wherever they are. And we shall do so without making a distinction between masterminds of terror attacks and regimes which sponsor them," said the defence minister.

He added that the country's defence exports have seen a sharp

rise, thanks to Modi's thrust on "swadeshikaran" (production at home) and "Aatma Nirbhar Bharat".

"The Modi government works with a long-term road-map, in marked contrast with Congress-led governments of the past, which lacked direction and were driven by vote bank concerns," said the Union minister.

Singh also made an oblique reference to the controversy over RSS second in command Dattatreya Hosabale's remark that the words "secular" and "socialist" be dropped from the preamble of the Constitution, as those were inserted during the infamous Emergency.

"I would like to ask fake secularists, after the word secular was added to the country's Constitution, why was it not added to the separate Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir? Should the state, where minority Hindus were being oppressed, not have been secular? Jammu and Kashmir became secular only after Article 370 was abrogated," he said.

The BJP leader claimed that the party is the only political organisation in the entire world to have raised a voice against atrocities against minorities in neighbouring countries and taken a concrete step, in the form of CAA, upon coming to power.

He said, "India has always believed in treating all faiths with respect. Parsis were accepted with open arms. We have one of the world's oldest churches in Kerala. Ours is the only land where all 72 sects of Islam are recognised."

In contrast, even Ahmadiya Muslims are facing persecution in Pakistan, and one should not speak about minorities, Singh said.

"The situation is horrifying in Bangladesh as well. The treatment meted out to Hindus there is a blot on humanity," said the defence minister. (PTI)

Vibrant Village

Shan on the religious tourism map.

The Lieutenant Governor appreciated all the members of Akhil Bharatiya Mahajan Phagetra Biradari for their valuable contribution to the development of the Daati Maa Dev Sthan.

Rajeev Kumar, Member of Legislative Assembly from Bishnah; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Rajesh Gupta, President VHP Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh; Bharat Choudhary, President and other members of Akhil Bhartaiya Mahajan Phagetra Biradari, prominent citizens and people from all walks of life were present.

Kashmir's off-beat

Residents across these areas say there is a complete absence of a waste management system and with growing numbers of tourists setting up camps, lighting fires, and hosting gatherings, trash is often left scattered across meadows and hillsides.

Mushtaq Ahmad, a resident of Bangus, said this waste eventually ends up in nearby villages and water bodies, polluting natural resources and endangering biodiversity.

Visitors too have noticed the problem. At Drang, Amir Ahmad, a visitor from Srinagar said while some tourists are careful, many others leave behind plastic bottles and food waste.

Rayees Ahmad, another tourist, said he was troubled to see piles of trash in Gurez. "People must realise their responsibility towards nature," he said.

Tourists have also raised the issue of lack of basic amenities such as dustbins and signboards.

Surinder, a picturesque valley in Bandipora district, is gaining popularity among visitors during mid-summer for its lush green forests and clear streams. However, the area is now facing environmental challenges due to the open dumping of plastic waste by tourists.

"We have seen large amounts of plastic waste accumulating here over the past few weeks, especially as the number of visitors has increased with the rising heat in the plains. It's heartbreaking to see this happening," said Aqib Najar, a local resident. "Tourists should think about the impact. If we keep littering, it will harm the very beauty that draws people here."

Environmentalists have urged both tourists and local authorities to act. They say while the administration should create a solid waste disposal mechanism, tourists must also carry back their waste and avoid adding to the problem.

Shakir Ahmad, an environmental activist, said the administration and the public must work together to find solutions to this growing issue. "If this trend continues, it will damage these clean and peaceful destinations, and they will no longer remain enjoyable," he said.

An official from the administration said efforts are underway in coordination with local bodies to address the issue through sustainable waste management plans aimed at preserving the ecological balance of these fragile regions—(KNO)

In a first,

outcomes and reducing emergency evacuations.

Buoyed by the success at Baltal and Panjtarni, DHSK is now expanding this telemedicine network to four additional strategic locations: the Holy Cave, Lower Holy Cave, Sheshnag, and Chandanwari. These installations are currently underway and promise to revolutionise healthcare delivery across the entire pilgrimage corridor.

Each telemedicine unit is equipped with advanced diagnostic tools, satellite communication terminals, high-definition video conferencing, and real-time data sharing, creating a virtual link between frontline caregivers and remote specialists.

Speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Dr Jehangir Bakshi, Director of Health Services, Kashmir, said, "With the operationalisation of telemedicine at Baltal and Panjtarni, pilgrims at the most remote camps can access timely specialist care. This technology helps reduce unnecessary evacuations and strengthens on-site medical support."

This integration of space technology into public health demonstrates its potential in geographically difficult and disaster-prone areas, Dr Bakshi said, adding, "Not only does it enhance healthcare quality and reach for pilgrims, but it also ensures more efficient health infrastructure management during one of India's largest religious gatherings."

The DHSK has also undertaken extensive measures for Yatra safety, deploying over 1,000 medical personnel, including specialists, doctors, and allied health workers, across all medical stations, along with establishing Emergency Aid Centers (EACs), Mobile Medical Units, and Base Hospitals at critical points.

Life-saving equipment has also been provisioned, and pre-Yatra refresher training sessions and public awareness campaigns on high-altitude illnesses and emergency preparedness have been conducted.

The successful deployment of telemedicine services in such remote, logistically challenging locations highlights the transformative role of space technology in public health. It not only elevates the standard of medical care during this major pilgrimage but also sets a precedent for future healthcare interventions in remote and disaster-prone areas—(KNO)

Union Minister

economic development reaches the grassroots through sustainable livelihoods.

Union Minister said that encouraging youth to enter micro and small-scale livestock and fishery enterprises can generate employment and inclusive growth.

He informed that a detailed plan is being drawn up involving key national institutions like the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) to build strong infrastructure and link farmers to markets.

He also announced the government's intention to hold an Exporters' Conference and a Private Sector Investment Conference in J&K to boost entrepreneurship.

Emphasizing the need to shift dairy operations from the unorganized to the organized sector, the Minister stressed the importance of cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

He cited the example of dairy cooperatives in Varanasi where milk production increased manifold, and additional income was being earned even from cattle waste. He urged J&K's officials to study and replicate such successful models.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah thanked the Union Minister for his visit and reiterated the significance of such joint reviews in identifying local priorities and learning from national best practices.

He observed that in J&K, large industries and factories have not always yielded sustainable results, and the real opportunity lies in strengthening traditional sectors like agriculture, horticulture, livestock, fisheries, and tourism. "Our strength lies in these sectors—not in chasing elusive factories. We must build on what is rooted in J&K," he said.

The Chief Minister highlighted that while J&K contributes 90% of India's trout production, the sector lacks organized processing and value addition. Similarly, despite high per capita meat consumption, much of the mutton is sourced from outside. He emphasized that self-sufficiency in meeting domestic demand can significantly improve incomes and reduce imports. He also spoke about the gradual decline of cooperatives in the dairy sector and assured that his government is committed to reviving cooperative culture and linking milk producers to formal processing networks.

Referring to the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), the Chief Minister said the initiative was launched to address critical gaps in oilseed production, fodder, dairy, mutton, and fisheries. He appreciated the Union Government's support and assured that all valuable suggestions made during the review would be implemented with sincerity and urgency.

During the event, the Union Minister and Chief Minister virtually inaugurated a 50,000 litres per day Ultra High Temperature (UHT) Milk Plant at Satwari, Jammu, and held interactions with progressive dairy farmers, who shared their experiences of improved incomes and organized procurement process through cooperative societies.

The meeting concluded with both leaders reaffirming their shared vision for transforming Animal Husbandry and Fisheries into vibrant, employment-generating sectors in J&K. It was resolved to implement joint strategies for infrastructure expansion, market linkages, entrepreneurship development, and cooperatives' revival, aimed at building a resilient rural economy.

Earlier, Principal Secretary Shailendra Kumar gave a detailed presentation on the performance of the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Departments, noting that the sectors contribute 12,634 crore—6.25% of J&K's GDP. The livestock population includes 24.54 lakh cattle, 31 lakh sheep, 15 lakh goats, and 73 lakh backyard poultry, with annual milk production at 2,875 TMT and trout accounting for 90% of the national output.

The presentation highlighted achievements under major schemes. Under the National Livestock Mission, 2.91 lakh animals were insured and Sheep AI Centres established. Livestock Health & Disease Control facilitated mass vaccinations and the deployment of 50 Mobile Veterinary Units has been made. The meeting was informed that NADCP has covered over 96 lakh vaccinations, and Rashtriya Gokul Mission has expanded AI services and trained over 1,500 MAITRIS. PMMSY has supported aquaculture infrastructure, ornamental fisheries, and RAS units, benefiting nearly 80,000 individuals.

Under the National Program for Dairy Development, JKMPCL is targeting 500 crore turnover by 2025–26, with two new milk plants underway at a cost of 258.10 crore. Over 11.33 lakh Kisan Credit Cards have been issued, including 2.46 lakh for AH&F. The AHIDF has achieved a 73% sanction rate, enabling private investments in dairy and poultry infrastructure.

It was noted that 5,013 crore Holistic Agriculture Development Program includes 1,364 crore for livestock and fisheries, aiming at self-sufficiency in milk, mutton, and eggs. More than 1,800 Pashu Sakhis have been deployed, and 500 hydroponic fodder units are being set up to address green fodder needs.

It was stated that digitization is advancing through platforms like the Kisan Sathi Portal, Daksh Kisan LMS, and the Output Tracking App. Over 2,000 Kisan Kichmat Ghars are being established to deliver agricultural services at the grassroots level.

The department's reform efforts have earned national recognition, including the SKOCH Gold Award, Innovation Leadership Award, and the Best UT in Fisheries Award for 2024.

Union Minister

The union minister reaffirmed the Central Government's commitment towards agricultural advancement and farming community in J&K. He said that these sectors need to be organised by strengthening and bringing them under Cooperatives at district, block and panchayat level to benefit the dairy farmers, who are mostly small and marginal. He added that there is tremendous potential for exports for Kashmir trout and niche dairy products, however, that requires processing and value addition. He said his Ministry will provide full support to the UT government for establishing retail dairy outlets in each district.

J&K Agriculture Minister, Javid Ahmad Dar; Union Secretary Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy, Alka Upadhyaya; Principal Secretary APD (J&K), Shalendra Kumar; Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Professor Nazir Ahmad Ganai; Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-J, Professor BN Tripathi; Additional Secretary, Union Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Varsha Joshi; Animal Husbandry Commissioner, DAHD, Abhijit Mitra and Joint Secretary Ministry of Fisheries, Sagar Mehra were present at the function.

Rajiv Ranjan Singh also interacted with the dairy and fisheries farmers, Poshu Sakhis and entrepreneurs, who informed him about the progress of these sectors in J&K over the years besides projecting their issues and challenges.

Earlier at SKUAST-K, the Union Minister toured the SKUAST-K Hig Density Apple orchards, followed by an inspection of various stalls showcasing groundbreaking agricultural innovations, particularly in animal sciences. A key highlight was the Minister's interaction at a stall featuring recently produced India's first gene-edited sheep, a testament to the cutting-edge research being conducted at SKUAST-K in animal husbandry. This achievement places India at the forefront of advanced genome editing technologies in livestock.

J&K Agriculture Minister, Javid Ahmad Dar, thanked the Union Minister for his support in transforming the livestock and fisheries sector in J&K. He stressed on processing and value-addition of livestock produce for economic empowerment of the farming community.

Shalendra Kumar, gave an overview of the dairy and fisheries sectors of the UT while Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-K briefed about the university's work.

The officers and faculty members from SKUAST-K, Directors and officers from the line departments and a huge number of farmers were present on the occasion.

Slight dip

As per the data, threes stations including Rajouri, Reasi and Samba have recorded large excess rainfall. The data reveals Rajouri has recorded a rainfall of 187.1 mm against the normal precipitation of 94.1 mm. Samba has recorded 155 mm rainfall against average

rainfall of 88.4 mm while Reasi has recorded 312.4 mm against normal precipitation of 151 mm.

Moreover, Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that from July 5 to July 7, generally cloudy weather is expected with possibility of intermittent light to moderate rain and thundershower at many places. "Few places may receive intense showers with heavy rain at isolated places of Jammu division," he added.

From July 8 to July 10, he said there is a possibility of brief showers at scattered places.

Moreover, in its advisory, the MeT has said that flash floods are expected at few vulnerable places with landslides and mudslides & shooting stones as well during July 5 to July 7

"Rise in water level in rivers, streams, local Nalas & water logging in few low lying areas is also expected during the period," he added—(KNO)

Police establishes

helpline number 9541902668 established at District Police Office Budgam, available from Monday to Saturday, between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Meanwhile, in Baramulla, the helpline has been established at District Police Headquarter Baramulla. Affected individuals or their families can approach the helpline number 95419-40261 (voice call, SMS and WhatsApp support available) on all working days between 1000 hrs (10 am) to 1800 hrs (6pm). Besides, in Sopore helpline has been established at District Police Headquarters, Sopore and affected individuals or their families can approach helpline numbers 9596773073 or 01954222313 (10 AM to 6 PM) on all working days.

"J&K Police is fully committed to extending every possible support and will promptly share the collected information with the concerned authorities for appropriate action," the statement reads—(KNO)

Encounter underway in Kishtwar

KISHTWAR: An encounter is underway between terrorists and security forces at Chatroo area of Kishtwar district on Wednesday, officials said.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that an exchange of fire took place after the security forces launched a Cordon and Search Operation in the area following specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists.

They said the joint operation is being carried out in the area. Meanwhile, sources said two to three terrorists are believed to be trapped in the area.

The White Knight Corps posted on X, "Op CHAS Based on specific #intelligence a joint search operation was underway in Kanzal Mandu, #Kishtwar."

"Contact has been established with the #terrorists and #operations are in progress," the post reads—(KNO)

Post-Pahalgam Attack Air traffic sees steady r evival at Sgr Airport in June

SRINAGAR: After a brief slump in air operations following the Pahalgam attack earlier this year, Srinagar International Airport has recorded a slow but steady revival in flight and passenger traffic in the month of June—2025.

According to figures exclusively accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the airport handled 1,537 flight movements (arrivals and departures) and 2,05,110 passengers during the month, reflecting a return to operational stability.

As per data, the revival began gradually. On June 1, the airport recorded just 36 flights and 5,965 passengers, but by June 28, the flight operations rose to 60 and the number of passengers reached 10,331, the highest for the month.

The data says key traffic days of the month were: June 01 with 36 arrival and departure flights with 5,965 passengers travelled, followed by June 14 with 58 flights and 10,147, followed by June 21 with 58 flights with 10,210 passengers, followed by June 27 with 48 flights and 10,454, followed by June 28 with 60 flights and 10,331 passengers travelled, and followed by June 30 with 56 flights with 9,570 passengers.

An official at Srinagar Airport, while speaking to KNO said that they are witnessing a consistent improvement in air traffic after the dip following the Pahalgam terror attack.

"The numbers in June reflect a return of passenger confidence and coordinated efforts to ensure smooth flight operations. We expect this trend to continue in the coming weeks," he said.

Notably, the increase in traffic was also supported by the return of Hajj pilgrims, summer tourism and airlines resuming regular services. With the Amarnath Yatra underway, airport officials anticipate continued high footfall in the coming weeks—(KNO)

Quad calls for punishing perpetrators of Pahalgam attack without any delay

WASHINGTON: The Quad grouping has called for bringing the perpetrators, organisers and financiers of the Pahalgam terror attack to justice without any delay and urged UN member nations to extend cooperation for it.

The foreign ministers of the four-nation grouping met in the US capital on Tuesday to firm up a broad agenda for the bloc's annual summit in India later this year.

The Quad condemned the April 22 attack in the strongest terms and strongly pitched for action against cross-border terrorism.

In a joint statement, the foreign ministers, however, did not mention Pakistan or the four-day military conflict between the Indian and Pakistani militaries in May. The meeting was attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong and her Japanese counterpart Takeshi Iwaya.

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معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں کاغذات سائل نسبت حصول تاریخ سرٹیفکیٹ مزکورہ دفتر پیدائش زیر کاروائی ہے بروہے رپورٹ چو کمیدار سائل کے پسردختر کی تاریخ پیدائش بذیل ہیں

قنوا محمد ولد بال احمد شاه۔ 2017_03_06

طیبہ محمد دختر بال احمد شاه۔ 2016_06_12

ا اگر اس بارے میں کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو سات دن کے اندر یوم دفتر پیدائش اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں، معیاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہو گا۔

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TRAFFIC POLICE
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- From 01-07-2025, 1700 hrs. to 02-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 05 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather.
- Commuters belonging to Reasi, Katra, Udhampur, Patnitop, Doda and Ramban town are requested to keep their photo ID card to prove their identification after cut off timing from Jammu/Udhampur so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- Passengers/LMV operators are advised to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW during day time due to apprehension of shooting stones between Ramban and Banihal.
- Goods carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable/live stock are advised to load their vehicle as per advisory issued by Traffic Police Headquarters time to time as there is single lane traffic and poor condition of road at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather on Jammu Srinagar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable from Valley towards Jammu are advised to load and park their vehicle timely (every morning before 9.00 am at designated place between NAVYUG Tunnel and Levdoora) so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly
- HMV Operators/Owners are requested to desist from overloading and carry sufficient fuel during journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. It is further requested that vehicle owners must double check the fitness of their vehicles and carry sufficient fuel before undertaking journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- HMV with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary halts between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 03-07-2025:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions SANJY convoy /LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44) viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa. However, HMVs shall be allowed on alternate days . TCU Jammu/ Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing this traffic.

SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA 2025

Please refer to Yatra Advisory No. 01 dated 27-06-2025

CUT OFF TIMINGS FOR LMVs/PASSENGER/PRIVATE CARS: -

To be released from:-

- Nagrota (Jammu) towards Srinagar: from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
- Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar: from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs &
- Qazigund towards Jammu: from 1130 hrs to 1400 hrs.

TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings. No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings.

HMVs/Load Carriers:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HMVs shall be allowed from NAVYUG Tunnel (Qazigund side) towards Jammu after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44 and no HMV shall be allowed after 1900 hrs. TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HMVs.

Moreover, in view of ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025, to provide hassle free movement of trucks carrying fresh/perishable goods on NH-44. UT administration has decided, all tankers of Petrol, Diesel, LPG bulk gas, all trucks carrying empty LPG Cylinders; all empty vehicles of FCI; any other vehicle loaded/empty upto 10-tyres shall use only Mughal Road while returning to Jammu, as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025

Kishtwar- Sinthan- Anantnag NH-244:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, LMVs/ HPSVs shall be allowed from both sides viz from Anantnag towards Kishtwar and vice- versa on Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road. These vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantnag from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishtwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. No HMV other than designated HPSVs shall be allowed as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/ KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

SSG ROAD

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, (after getting green signal from the BRO) traffic movement shall be allowed on regulated manner on Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari road. LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Minamarg towards Srinagar at 0500 hrs. to 1000 hrs. Similarly, LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Sonamarg towards Kargil at 1130 hrs to 1730 hrs. No vehicle shall be allowed after cut off timing. SFs Convoy, plying from Srinagar to Kargil and vice versa shall plan their movement in such a manner so that Yatra convoys (both UP and DOWN) don't get disturbed.

Mughal Road:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from Road maintenance agencies (GREF), LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Mughal road viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa via Poonch. However, HMVs (upto ten tyres only) shall be allowed from Shopian towards Poonch. These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Baffilaz) and Herpora (Shopian) at 0700 hrs. upto 1800 hrs. as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025.

ADVISORY :-

People are advised to undertake journey only after confirming status of the road from Traffic control units as under:-

- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191- 2740550, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (9419993745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (8491928625)
- PCR Kishtwar (9906154100)
- PCR Kargil (9541902330, 9541902331)



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Traffic Advisory

The yatris, travelling to seek blessings of Shri Amarnath Ji, in their own/rented cars/buses or any other mode, are requested to travel in the main Yatra convoy only, starting from Bhagwati Nagar Jammu daily; in the interest of smooth and secure conduct of Shri Amarnath ji Yatra 2025.



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