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Addresses National Seminar On Revival, Preservation of Valley's Cultural Heritage

LG Calls For Preservation Of Kashmir's Cultural Heritage

KA NEWS SERVICE



Srinagar, November 12: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today addressed a two-day National Seminar on "Revival, Preservation and Sustainability of Cultural Heritage of Kashmir," organised by Kakini Building Humanity.

The event was also graced by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, through virtual mode.

Congratulating the organisers, scholars, administrators, artists, ex-servicemen, military officers and citizens participating in the seminar, the Lieutenant Governor said that heritage is a priceless inheritance received from generations of philosophers, saints, artisans, writers and thinkers who enriched humanity through their wisdom and creativity. He stressed that the responsibility of the present generation is not merely to admire this legacy, but to preserve, organise, document and make it more accessible to society. He called for a collective

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Attack on CRPF post in Kulgam

CRPF Special DG meets LG, discusses prevailing security scenario



KA NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Nov 12: Special Director General, CRPF, Jammu and Kashmir Zone, Sandeep Khirwar, on Thursday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here and discussed the prevailing security scenario in the Union Territory.

The meeting

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Search operation resumes to track down terrorists

KA NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Nov 12: Security forces on Thursday resumed the search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district to track down two terrorists, who attacked a CRPF post injuring three personnel, officials said.

Two heavily armed terrorists emerged from a dense cluster of trees and opened fire at a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) post in the South Kashmir district on Wednesday, injuring three CRPF personnel, one

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Bullet-riddled bodies of 2 missing SPOs recovered in Kishtwar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jammu, Nov 12: The bullet-riddled bodies of two Special Police Officers (SPOs) were recovered from Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district early Thursday, a day after they went missing from the remote Dachhan area and terrorists targeted a CRPF checkpost in Kulgam, officials said.

The service weapons of the slain personnel were not found. These include an INSAS rifle and a .303 rifle along with some magazines and ammunition that are believed to have been taken away by terrorists, officials said. Empty cartridges of Pakistani-origin armour-piercing (AP) steel-core ammunition were recovered from the scene, they said.

"A massive operation is underway to identify, track and neutralise the assailants," said an official.

The two SPOs have been identified as Babi Chand (57) and Rashpal Kumar (45). They were posted with the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the local police at Kiyar village in Dachhan and had gone missing on Wednesday while travelling from their

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Rain, Snow Trigger Sharp Dip In Mercury Across Kashmir

KA NEWS SERVICE



Srinagar, Nov 12: Many areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall while the plains were lashed by rain, bringing the day temperature down by several degrees, officials said here on Thursday.

Under the influence of a western disturbance, the higher reaches of Kashmir, including the tourist resorts of Gulmarg and Sonamarg, received fresh overnight snowfall, the officials said.

They said snowfall was also reported in the upper areas of Gurez, and Kupwara, as well as along the Zojilla Pass, and Mughal Road in south Kashmir's Shopian.

The snow on the Zojilla Pass, connecting the Srinagar-Leh national highway, has led to the suspension of traffic on the highway,

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Omar seeks permanent Vande Bharat halt at Anantnag



KA NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Nov 12: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has sought the intervention of union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for converting the experimental halt of the Vande Bharat Express at Anantnag railway station into a permanent stoppage, citing the growing importance of the station for commuters across South Kashmir.

In a letter addressed to Vaishnaw, the Chief Minister said the experimental halt had been widely welcomed by people in Jammu and Kashmir and had considerably enhanced the convenience of passengers.

Omar said Anantnag serves as a major commercial and transport hub of South Kashmir, catering to a large population spread across several adjoining districts.

He said a permanent halt at the railway station would benefit a

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CM Omar calls for transparent and merit-based examination system

KA NEWS SERVICE



JAMMU, NOVEMBER 12: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today called for comprehensive reforms in the examination system in Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed the need to make examinations secure, transparent, technology-driven and as foolproof as humanly possible to safeguard the future of students and ensure that merit remains the sole criterion for selection.

Chairing a meeting with members of the High-Powered Task Force (HPTF) on Examination Reforms at the Civil Secretariat here, the Chief Minister emphasised the importance of strengthening examination security, gradually transitioning towards computer-based testing, improving the credibility of board examinations and addressing concerns

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Man held with grenades: Police

KA NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Nov 12: Security forces arrested a person and recovered two hand grenades from him in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, police said on Thursday.

The suspicious individual was apprehended from the Baderkote forest area of Tangmarg in the north Kashmir district,

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Drone seized near IB in Samba

KA NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Nov 12: A suspected Pakistani drone was recovered from an agricultural field near the International Border in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, officials said.

The drone, identified as a DJI Matrice 300 RTK, was recovered from Border

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At IAF commanders' meet, Rajnath calls for 'element of surprise'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA



New Delhi, Nov 12: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday urged the military to strengthen both the offensive and defensive aspects of the "element of surprise" to maintain combat readiness against conventional and emerging threats posed by the evolving nature of modern warfare.

In an address at the Air Force Commanders' Conference, he emphasised the need to continue bolstering intelligence and surveillance capabilities and identify potential threats before they unfold.

The defence minister added that a rapidly shifting security environment demands continuous adaptation and a forward-looking approach to military preparedness.

"Our defence forces must develop capabilities and methods that leave the adversary with no time to react or recover, while simultaneously ensuring that we are never caught off guard by an unexpected move from the enemy," he said.

Singh asserted that contemporary conflicts are extending beyond traditional battlefields into non-contact domains.

"Surprise can manifest in various forms, both conventional and electronic. Our intelligence and surveillance mechanisms must be further strengthened and operational preparedness enhanced to ensure that our personnel remain alert, agile and equipped to respond effectively to any emerging challenge," he added.

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4 houses among six structures gutted

KA NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Nov 12: Six structures, including four residential houses, were damaged in a fire incident in Anantnag district on Thursday, officials said.

They said the fire, which broke out in a house in the Bijbehara area of the south Kashmir district, spread to the adjoining structures and engulfed four

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LG visits fire-hit markets in Jammu

Announces Compensation To Affected Shopkeepers



KA NEWS DESK

Jammu, Nov 12: Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha visited the Warehouse, Nehru Market, and Shiv Market here on Thursday evening to assess the extent of losses to shops from recent fires, announcing Rs 1 lakh in relief for each affected shopkeeper.

While the October 25 fire gutted dozens of shops in Shiv Market near Jammu railway station, the November 8 blaze at Warehouse Nehru Market destroyed about 10 shops.

During the visit, the LG, along with senior officials, interacted with affected shopkeepers and members of the trade and business community and listened to their concerns, an official spokesperson said.

Sinha announced Rs 1 lakh in immediate relief from the Red Cross for each shopkeeper affected at Nehru

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Transport Department recommends FIR against school management in Pulwama

Kashmir Age News



PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 12: Taking serious cognizance of a critical road safety violation, the office of the Transport Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir, has formally requested the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Pulwama, to lodge an FIR against the management and authorities of Future Pack Secondary School, Shadimarg, Pulwama.

The action follows a road accident in which a school bus operated by the institution overturned at Darbgam, Pulwama, leaving 11 students injured out of the 13 onboard.

The vehicle involved, bearing registration number JK01M-2712, was reportedly being operated in direct contravention of mandatory statutory requirements laid down under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. Preliminary reports indicate that the bus had neither been produced before the competent transport authority for the mandatory fitness inspection nor did it possess the necessary valid permits and statutory documentation required for operating as a designated school transport vehicle.

Highlighting the grave negligence, Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, stated in an official communication that operating uninspected and unauthorized vehicles places the lives and safety of schoolchildren at severe risk.

Consequently, the police authorities have been urged to initiate criminal proceedings under the relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against the school management to fix strict accountability for endangering student lives.

ARTO Pulwama has also been tasked with actively pursuing the matter with local police authorities for prompt registration of the case and submission of an Action Taken Report.

Meanwhile a joint team of MVD Pulwama and Traffic Police conducted thorough inspection of transport fleet of Future

Pack Secondary School. During operation two more vehicles violating the permit conditions and with valid documents were seized immediately.

DC Pulwama conducts night inspection of control rooms

Reviews emergency preparedness amid weather advisory



Kashmir Age News

PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, K.K Sidha, accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. S.M Ashraf, conducted a night inspection of the Snow Control Rooms and Emergency Control Rooms established across District Pulwama to review their preparedness and functioning in view of the prevailing weather advisory.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the availability of staff, emergency response arrangements and coordination among the concerned departments.

He directed all concerned officers and officials to remain alert and ensure round-the-clock functioning of the control rooms to facilitate prompt response to any emergency arising due to adverse weather conditions.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for close inter-departmental

coordination and timely assistance to the public, particularly in areas that may be affected by snowfall or other weather-related disruptions.

He instructed the concerned teams to remain fully prepared to deal with any eventuality and ensure the safety and convenience of the people.

Nazir Gurezi chairs Committee on Estimates meet

Reviews functioning of Health and Medical Education sector; stresses improved healthcare delivery, infrastructure and manpower management

Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 12: The Committee on Estimates of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today held a meeting under the chairmanship of Nazir Ahmad Khan Gurezi to review the functioning of the Health and Medical Education Department in Jammu and Kashmir, with particular focus on budgetary estimates, financial management, infrastructure development and operational efficiency.



The meeting was attended by Committee members Sham Lal Sharma, Balwant Singh Mankotia, Ali Mohammad Dar, Mushtaq Guroo, Irshad Rasool Kar, Sajad Shaheen and Sunil Bhardwaj. Commissioner Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Saugat Biswas; Director, SKIMS; Managing Director, National Health Mission; Principals of various Government Medical Colleges; Secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandita; Director General, Budget; Directors of Health Services, Jammu and Kashmir, besides other senior officers of the concerned department and Legislative Assembly, were also present.

At the outset, the Chairman initiated the proceedings by reviewing the issues raised during the previous meeting and taking stock of the status of the Action Taken Report submitted by the department. He also took stock of the implementation status of earlier recommendations and discussed the concerns highlighted by Committee members, stressing the need for timely corrective measures to address existing gaps in healthcare delivery and ensure that the benefits of various government healthcare initiatives reach people at the grassroots level. The Committee undertook a comprehensive review of the overall healthcare scenario

across Jammu and Kashmir, including the functioning of healthcare institutions in urban, rural and remote areas, availability of medical facilities, manpower position, infrastructure development and delivery of patient-care services.

High-profile international conference AOMCON begins

Javid Dar advocates village level campaign against Mastitis



Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 12: The two-day International Conference of the Association of Mastitis (AOMCON-2026), along with the Annual Convention of the Association of Mastitis, began today at the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry (F.V.Sc. & A.H.), Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), R.S. Pura.

The conference is being organised by the Association of Mastitis in collaboration with SKUAST-Jammu on the theme "Advancing Mammary Health for Sustainable Dairy Production: Innovations in Diagnostics, Therapeutics, Clean Milk and AMR Navigation."

Minister for Agriculture Production, Finance, Mining and Cooperative Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar, formally inaugurated the high profile event.

Professor B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, presided over the inaugural function while Dr. N.A. Sudhan, former Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu and Dr. Sung-Jin Lee, Dean, Kangwon National University, South Korea, attended as Guests of Honour.

Dr. Neelesh Sharma, Organizing Secretary, AOMCON-2026 and Founder General Secretary, Association of Mastitis highlighted the activities and contributions of the Association towards advancing mastitis research, udder health and clean milk production.

Dr. M.S. Bhadwal, Associate Dean, http://F.V.Sc. & A.H., SKUAST-Jammu and Convener of the conference, delivered the welcome address.

The conference compendium was formally released during the inaugural ceremony, which was followed by presentation of various Association of Mastitis Awards to recognise exemplary contributions to veterinary science, research, dairy development and animal healthcare.

Vice-Chairman JKLCMA reviews development works at Dole Demb in Dal Lake

Kashmir Age News

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 12: Vice Chairman, JKLCMA, Khurshid Ahmad Shah, visited the Dole Demb area of Dal Lake to review the ongoing works related to the removal of bushes, clearance of the identified area for its proposed development, and dredging of internal channels to facilitate smooth navigation and flushing of water.



During the visit, the Vice Chairman inspected the site and took stock of the progress of the ongoing operations. He was briefed by the concerned officers on the work being undertaken, including the removal of aquatic vegetation, bushes, and dredging of internal channels.

Emphasizing the importance of planned and sustainable development, he stressed that the works should be carried out systematically, with due attention to the ecological sensitivity of the area. He underscored that the proposed park should enhance the scenic and recreational appeal of the identified stretch while preserving the natural character of Dal Lake and to promote Tourism.

He also stressed the importance of dredging internal channels and flushing of waters to ensure smooth navigation and improve connectivity within the lake. He directed the concerned officers to maintain close supervision of all ongoing activities and ensure timely progress while adhering to appropriate environmental safeguards.

The initiative is aimed at improving

Admin seizes 2 school buses , registration of 6 buses, 10 driving licenses being suspended

Kashmir Age News

PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 12: In compliance with the directives issued by the Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha and Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, a joint enforcement team comprising officials from the office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO), Pulwama, and the Traffic Police, Pulwama, carried out an extensive traffic enforcement drive today across key corridors in the district.

The targeted operations covered vital stretches, including the Pulwama- Newa Road, Drabgam, and Rajpora, focusing primarily on curbing critical traffic infractions such

as passenger vehicles carrying excess commuters, school buses operating in violation of safety guidelines, and habitual offenders operating Light Motor Vehicles (LMVs).

Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026: Programmes organised across Bandipora

Kashmir Age News

BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 12: As part of the ongoing observance of Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026, various activities were organised across district Bandipora by different departments to celebrate tribal heritage, promote cultural awareness and highlight the rights and welfare of tribal communities.



Painting competition was organised at Chandaji as part of the JJGD celebrations. Meanwhile, the Horticulture Department, Bandipora, organised awareness programmes and activities at Chontimulla, Gujran, Tulail and village Pethkoote (Chandaji). A dance competition was also organised at the Gujjar and Bakerwal Boys Hostel, Bandipora, showcasing the rich cultural traditions of tribal communities. As part of the celebrations, Gram Sabhas focusing on the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, were organised at Seva Kendra Kanzalwan, Block Bagtore, and Panchayat Halqa CA Khan, Block Arin, to sensitise participants about forest rights and community participation.

The Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Department, Bandipora, organised various activities under the campaign, witnessing participation in art and cultural activities and other activities. Meanwhile, Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada was also observed at Ayushman Arogya Mandir PTL, where health services, including ANC check-ups, NCD screening, haemoglobin estimation and free distribution of medicines, were provided to beneficiaries.

DC Srinagar reviews plan, design of approved District Mini Secretariat at Batamaloo

Kashmir Age News

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, on Thursday chaired a comprehensive meeting at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the plan and design of construction of the District Srinagar's Mini Secretariat at Batamaloo.

The project aims to bring all District-level Government Offices under one roof, ensuring seamless coordination among Departments and hassle-free delivery of public services.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioners Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz and Aadil Fareed, Chief Planning Officer Fayaz Ahmad Dar, SDM East Zubair Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Umar Gulzar, Executive Engineer R&B Abdul Qayoom, Executive Engineer KPDCL Tasaduq Nabi, Executive Engineer Water Works Division Aijaz Rafiq and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner was apprised about the proposed design and plan of the project and various components being incorporated into the proposed District Administrative Complex.



A detailed discussions were held on the project's design, infrastructure, functionality and other essential facilities to ensure that the Mini Secretariat is developed as a state-of-the-art Administrative Complex, reflecting the City's heritage while providing modern amenities for both employees and the general public.

The DC stressed the need for time-bound execution of the project and directed the concerned Officers to ensure strict compliance with the directions issued during the meeting.

MLA Sonawari reviews winter preparedness

Kashmir Age News

BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 12: MLA Sonawari, Advocate Hilal Akbar Lone, today chaired a meeting at Mini Secretariat Bandipora to review the progress of developmental works and assess winter preparedness in Sonawari Constituency.

During the meeting, Executive Engineer R&B Sumbal briefed the MLA on the status of ongoing works. Sector-wise deliberations were held on education infrastructure, teacher-student ratio, drinking water facilities, sports infrastructure, playground development and distribution of sports kits.



The MLA also reviewed the preparedness and functioning of various departments, including R&B, PHE, PMGSY, Municipal Committee Sumbal, Power Development, Mechanical Engineering, Health, CAPD, Agriculture, Rural Development, ICDS, Education, Forest, Youth Services and Sports, Fire and Emergency Services, Transport, Geology and Mining, Treasury, and other concerned departments.

Issues related to essential supplies, road connectivity, streetlights, power and water supply, healthcare services, availability of construction material and deployment of men and machinery for snow clearance were discussed.

Emphasising interdepartmental coordination, the MLA said that all departments must work in close coordination with the District Administration to address bottlenecks and improve public service delivery. While expressing satisfaction over progress in certain areas, he stressed the need for improvement in others and said that deliberations must translate into concrete outcomes.

The MLA urged all officers to follow their respective departmental guidelines seriously and ensure timely execution of works and effective delivery of public services.

Among others, the meeting was attended by PO ICDS Bandipora, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Sumbal, Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, Superintending Engineers of R&B, and KPDCL Circles, Executive Engineers of various engineering divisions,

Assistant Commissioner Development, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Chief Education Officer, and other concerned officials.

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Man killed, two injured in Sadhna Top accident

Kashmir News Observer

KUPWARA, NOV 12 : A man was killed and two others sustained injuries after a Mahindra Xylo vehicle skidded off the road and plunged down a slope in the Dub area of Sadhna Top in Kupwara district on Wednesday evening, officials said.

An official said that the vehicle, while travelling through the Sadhna Top area of Kupwara, skidded off the road and plunged down a slope, leaving three persons injured. He said the injured were shifted to Kralpora Hospital for treatment, where one of them succumbed to his injuries, while the remaining two are undergoing treatment. The deceased was identified as Mumtaz Ahmed, a resident Karnah. The injured include the driver, Danish Ahmed, while the identity of the other injured person is yet to be ascertained. Cognisance of the incident has been taken and further investigation has been initiated—

VDG member found dead in Ramban

Kashmir News Observer

RAMBAN, NOV 12 : A 57-year-old Village Defence Group (VDG) member was found dead under mysterious circumstances in the Dhandrath area of Ramban district on Thursday, officials said. An official said that the body was found lying at Laggalli in Dhandrath, following which a police team rushed to the spot and took it into custody. He was shifted to hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. The deceased was identified as Sukhdev Singh, son of Mehant Singh, a resident of Dugga Dhandrath in Ramban. Meanwhile, police have initiated inquest proceedings to ascertain the cause of death.

Delegation calls on LG Sinha



Kashmir Age News

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 12: A delegation of J&K Khadi Gramodyog Federation, led by Peerzada Manzoor Ahmad Shah called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, today.

Teen killed after vehicle hits scooty

Kashmir News Observer

JAMMU, NOV 12 : A 17-year-old boy was killed after the scooty he was riding was hit by another vehicle in the Nagrota area of Jammu district late Wednesday night, officials said.

An official said that the teenager was injured after the scooty he was travelling on was hit by another vehicle in Nagrota, Jammu.

He was shifted to Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, where doctors declared him brought dead. The deceased was later identified as Nihal (17), a resident of Nagrota.

Handwara: Man injured, 3 sheep killed in leopard attack

Kashmir News Observer

HANDWARA, NOV 12: A man was injured and three sheep killed after a leopard attacked a flock in the Budnambal area of Kralpora in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Thursday, officials said. An official said that the man was grazing his sheep near a forest area when a leopard suddenly attacked him and the flock. He said the man sustained injuries, while three sheep were killed in the attack. The injured man was identified as Nazir Ahmad Khan, son of Mohd Aalam Khan, a resident of Budnambal. He was shifted to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Kralpora, from where he was referred to Government Medical College (GMC) Handwara for specialised treatment.

'Op Sindoor' lessons shaping IAF's future war preparedness: Rajnath Singh



Kashmir News Observer

SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI, NOV 12: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said that lessons learnt during 'Operation Sindoor' were shaping the Indian Air Force's evolving operational procedures.

Addressing the Air Force Commanders' Conference in New Delhi, Singh said the changing nature of warfare demanded greater preparedness against conventional and emerging threats, stressing technological superiority, jointness and the element of surprise.

He said the Indian Air Force must remain prepared for new challenges, including kamikaze drones, surveillance and counter-drone operations, while developing dedicated doctrines for emerging domains such as electronic, cyber and space warfare. Referring to Operation Sindoor, the Defence Minister commended the Air Force for effectively implementing its operational doctrines and methods during and after the operation, praising the professionalism, restraint and judgement displayed by air warriors. He said the lessons from the operation were reflected in the Air Force's evolving procedures, particularly its increased emphasis on drones and air defence systems, which have become critical components of modern warfare.

Highlighting the coordinated role of all three services during Operation Sindoor, Singh said jointness and integrated efforts must continue to guide military planning and operational execution. The Defence Minister also called for strengthening both offensive and defensive capabilities to ensure that adversaries are left with little time to react, while India's own forces remain prepared for unexpected threats. "Victory in future conflicts would depend not merely on the number of aircraft, but also on technological sophistication.

ACB arrests RDD assistant engineer, contractor in Rs 8,000 bribery case

Kashmir News Observer

SRINAGAR, NOV 12: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday said it had arrested an Assistant Engineer of the Rural Development Department (RDD) and a contractor for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 8,000 for clearing pending bills related to five government works in Bandipora district.



In a statement the ACB said the accused Assistant Engineer, identified as Mohd Rafi Moon, posted at Block Arin, had initially demanded Rs 11,000 as bribe for clearing the bills, which was later reduced to Rs 8,000 after negotiations.

The ACB said its Police Station Baramulla had received a complaint alleging that the Assistant Engineer was deliberately withholding the complainant's bills despite the completion of five government PRI works and his refusal to pay the bribe.

Following the complaint, the Bureau conducted a discreet verification, which prima facie established the commission of a cognizable offence under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended in 2018.

Accordingly, FIR No. 07/2026 was registered at Police Station ACB Baramulla on November 12, and an investigation was initiated.

The ACB said a trap team was subsequently constituted in the presence of independent witnesses and a successful trap was laid, during which the Assistant Engineer and another accused, identified as Hilal Ahmad Mir, son of Mohd Ramzan Mir, a resident of Gundpora Rampora, Bandipora, were caught red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe of Rs 8,000. The amount was recovered from the conscious possession of the accused persons and authenticated through independent witnesses and other supporting evidence, the statement said. Both accused have been arrested and taken into custody, while further investigation into the case is underway.

Kashmir will always remain India's integral part: Dr Farooq reminds Pak

Asks neighbouring country to end terrorism; seeks revival of SAARC for dialogue, resolution of issues

Kashmir News Observer

JAMMU, NOV 12 : Reminding Pakistan that Kashmir was, is and will always remain India's integral part, National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah on Thursday told the neighbouring country that nothing can be achieved through terrorism.



Talking to reporters here, Dr Farooq said, "I have always told Pakistan to put an end to terrorism. Nothing will come out of terrorism. Find a solution through talks. That is the only way a solution can be found."

"Kashmir was, is and will always remain a part of India," he said, asserting that violence could not resolve the issues between the two countries.

He said nothing could be achieved through violence and called for reviving South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to bring regional countries together for resolving their differences. "Regional countries must come together, resolve their differences and work towards progress. We have to revive that SAARC again. We must all sit together, resolve our issues and move towards progress," he said.

"Every day Pakistan is shouting Kashmir, Kashmir, Kashmir. They don't know that what has happened has happened. But the issues will not be solved by violence," Dr Farooq added.

Referring to the violence which Jammu and Kashmir witnessed, Dr Farooq said people should not forget the painful history of the region.

He also referred to international conflicts, including those involving Iran, the United States and Ukraine, to underline the destruction caused by wars and the need to resolve disputes through dialogue.

Indoor smoke can worsen lung conditions, doctor warns

SKIMS expert urges winter precautions, advises timely flu, pneumococcal vaccination

Kashmir News Observer

SRINAGAR, NOV 12 : With the onset of winter, respiratory infections and pneumonia cases are expected to increase across Kashmir, with health experts urging people, particularly vulnerable groups, to take precautionary measures to minimise the risk of seasonal illnesses.



Dr Syed Mudasir Qadri, Professor of Internal and Pulmonary Medicine at SKIMS Soura, said that, as in other regions experiencing harsh winters, Kashmir also witnesses an increase in respiratory infections and pneumonia during the colder months. Dr Qadri said people at the extremes of age, particularly children below five years and elderly persons above 65 years, are more vulnerable to respiratory infections and pneumonia.

He said patients suffering from chronic lung diseases and those with compromised immunity, including cancer patients, transplant recipients and people taking systemic steroids or other immunosuppressive medications, are also at increased risk of developing serious complications.

"During the winter season, we do see an increase in the inflow of patients with respiratory ailments in hospitals. However, the healthcare system tries its best to prepare for such eventualities well in advance," he said.

Highlighting another major concern, Dr Qadri said indoor air pollution remains a significant contributor to respiratory complications, particularly among people living in rural and tribal areas where traditional heating arrangements are still widely used.

PDP's Mehdi condemns Kulgam, Kishtwar attacks

Kashmir News Observer

BUDGAM, NOV 12 : Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) MLA from Budgam, Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi, on Thursday condemned the attack on CRPF personnel in Kulgam and the killing of two Special Police Officers (SPOs) in Kishtwar, saying violence has no place in a civilised or democratic society.

Speaking to media persons at his Budgam office, Mehdi said repeated incidents raise serious questions about the approach adopted by the Central government towards Kashmir.

"While the government may have controlled the visible signs of instability, maintaining control cannot be considered a permanent solution to the situation," he said.

Mehdi called upon the Government of India to reset its priorities and initiate political measures, including dialogue with the "elected Assembly", to address the political grievances of the people.

Referring to the abrogation of Article 370, the MLA said it had not addressed the political grievances or instability in the region, alleging that the post-abrogation situation was controlled through the use of police force and surveillance.

"The prevailing silence and fear should not be projected as peace," the PDP leader said, adding that recent incidents indicate that political grievances and instability in the region remain unresolved.

Gulmarg hosts 'Winter Caddy Golf Tournament', junior golf initiative

MLA Gulmarg Farooq Ahmad Shah tees off event

Kashmir News Observer

GULMARG, NOV 11 : In an effort to promote participation of grassroot players in golf, the Directorate of Tourism Kashmir organised the 'Winter Caddy Golf Tournament 2026' here in North Kashmir on Thursday.

According to the details MLA Gulmarg Farooq Ahmad Shah, who as the Chief Guest on the occasion, inaugurated the tournament with a ceremonial tee-off. MLA Pattan Javed Reyaz Bedar and Director Tourism Kashmir Syed Qamar Sajjad were present as Guests of Honour.

An official said that the tournament was organised to recognise the contribution of golf caddies, who play an important role in supporting golf tourism in Gulmarg, while providing them an opportunity to showcase their golfing skills. Winners were given awards and cash prizes.

A key highlight was the Junior Golf Initiative, under which local students aged 12 to 18 participated in golf activities. Junior golf kits were also provided to encourage young participants to take up the sport.

The Director Tourism said regular golf learning sessions would be organised every weekend to help children develop their skills.

SMC sounds alert, sets up 24x7 snow clearance control room

'35 ward officers tasked with daily monitoring; helplines activated to address issues'

Kashmir News Observer

SRINAGAR, NOV 12 : With preparations underway to tackle snowfall in Srinagar, the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has established a 24x7 snow clearance control room and directed its officers to ensure round-the-clock preparedness, timely clearance of roads and uninterrupted access to essential services.

As per the details SMC has kept a fleet of 43 tractors fitted with snow ploughs, 10 JCBs/loaders and two skid-steer machines ready for snow clearance operations across the city. The corporation has designated Joint Commissioner Syed Abul Qasim as the overall nodal officer to coordinate and monitor snow clearance operations, while Joint Commissioner (Administration) Nuzhat Khurshid Qurashi will oversee the 24-hour control room.

The SMC has also directed that its helpline numbers 0194-2470465 and 0194-2474499 remain fully functional to address public grievances.

An official said that all 35 ward officers have been tasked with submitting daily reports on snow clearance in their respective jurisdictions, covering roads, lanes, by-lanes, hospitals, ration depots, water supply stations and electricity installations. "The Mechanical Wing has been directed to keep snow clearance machinery operational, with workshop teams available round-the-clock in case of emergencies. Three water tankers will also remain available for de-icing operations," he added.



Meanwhile, the Sanitation Wing will mobilise manpower and machinery to clear snow from footpaths, pavements, hospitals, religious places, government offices and other vital installations, he said. The SMC has further directed the Drainage Wing to ensure the functioning of all 104 permanent dewatering stations and 281 mobile pump units, with adequate diesel stocks to deal with waterlogging and other eventualities during snowfall.

The contact details of officers and officials associated with snow clearance operations will also be made available on the corporation's official website and through local media for public convenience. The order further directs zonal officers to establish control rooms and submit hourly progress reports to ensure effective coordination and speedy response during snowfall—(KNO)

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E-TENDER NOTICE

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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	**Bid Starting Date**	**Bid Closing Date/Time**
10.11.2026	18.11.2026	02.12.2026 / 15:00 Hrs.

S. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1	220-2026-27-SrDEN-I-FZR	Provision of Relay Hut at (23 Nos Level crossings) for Gate Signalling at Non Interlocked L-xing gates over Firozpur division(TVU between 10,000 and 20,000) in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-I/FZR as per Type Plan No. NRHQ Plan No. 097/2017/R1.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money (Rs.)**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	2,95,19,971.98	5,90,400.00	60 Days	08 Months	
	Similar nature of work:- "Any structural work made of Pre-cast PSC/RCC panels."				
2	221-2026-27-ADEN-JRC	Provision of Relay Hut at (7 Nos Level crossings) for Gate Signalling at Non Interlocked L-xing gates over Firozpur division (TVU between 10,000 and 20,000) in the section of SSE/W/NRO as per Type Plan No. NRHQ Plan No. 0-97/2017/R1			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money (Rs.)**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	89,84,455.14	1,79,700.00	60 Days	08 Months	
	Similar nature of work:- "Any structural work made of Pre-cast PSC/RCC panels."				
3	222-2026-27-ADEN-JRC	Replacement of old dilapidated qrs. with standard Type -II staff quarters at Suchipind & Alawalpur. (16 Unit) under ADEN/JRC.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money (Rs.)**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	3,89,63,907.64	7,79,300.00	60 Days	08 Months	
	Similar nature of work:- "Construction of building/quarters."				

Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.
Tender No.: 220-2026-27-SrDEN-I-FZR, 221 & 222-2026-27-ADEN-JRC
Date: 12.11.2026 **3967/2026**
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SKUAST-Kashmir hosts 70 Kishtwar farmers for awareness programme



KASHMIR PRESS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 12: The Directorate of Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir, organised an awareness-cum-exposure programme for 70 farmers from Kishtwar district, focusing on scientific horticultural practices, sustainable orchard management and digital agricultural advisory services.

The programme, held under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai and the guidance of Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth, Director Extension, formed part of the University's efforts to strengthen farmer–scientist linkages and promote the adoption of modern horticulture technologies.

Organised in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Kishtwar, the programme was part of a five-day educational exposure visit. The delegation comprised 60 farmers sponsored under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and 10 under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) scheme.

The awareness sessions covered vermicomposting, scientific management of apple orchards and high-density apple cultivation, with emphasis on soil health, improved orchard management, resource-use efficiency and enhanced productivity.

SSB Launches 90-Day Tailoring Training for 25 Women in Ganderbal



Ganderbal, 12 November 2026: The 13th Battalion Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Dignibal, Ganderbal, organized the opening ceremony of a 90-day Cutting & Tailoring Training Programme for 25 women from nearby villages of Dignibal under the Civic Action Programme (CAP)-2026, in collaboration with the NGO Saving the Future, at the Auditorium of SKUAST-Kashmir, Shuhama.

The programme was inaugurated by Sh. Imtiaz Ismail Parray, IPS, DIG, SHQ (Spl-Ops), SSB Srinagar, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The initiative aims to empower local women by providing them with vocational skills, promoting self-reliance and creating opportunities for sustainable livelihood generation.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Sh. Mukesh Singh Yadav, Commandant, 13th Bn SSB, Dignibal, who welcomed the Chief Guest, dignitaries, faculty members, guest speakers and participants. In his address, he highlighted the commitment of SSB towards community welfare, women empowerment and strengthening the bond between the force and the local population through various Civic Action Programme initiatives.

During the inaugural ceremony, the Chief Guest formally inaugurated the Cutting & Tailoring Training Programme and appreciated the efforts of 13th Bn SSB and the NGO Saving the Future for undertaking this meaningful initiative for the women of nearby villages. He encouraged the participants to make the best use of this training opportunity and acquire skills that would help them become economically independent and self-reliant.

Dr. Raihana Habib Kanth, Director Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir, also addressed the gathering and appreciated the efforts of SSB in organizing community-oriented welfare activities in collaboration with educational institutions.

Prof. Riaz Ahmad Shah, FVSc & AH, SKUAST-K, Dr. Ajaz A Malik & guest speakers of Dr. Mehar Rather and Advocate Barkat Kour, also addressed the participating women and highlighted the importance of vocational education, skill development, entrepreneurship and women's empowerment.

'Mere Hisse Ka Poonch' by Shokat Mir Poonchi Released



KASHMIR PRESS SERVICE

Poonch: In a simple yet impressive literary function organised by the Pir Panjal Foundation for Peace and Communal Harmony, the J&K Alig Society (Regd.), in collaboration with Management of HAAKIA Poonch the book "Mere Hisse Ka Poonch", authored by renowned Poonch-based writer Shokat Mir Poonchi, was formally released.

The book beautifully reflects the historical, literary, cultural and religious heritage of Poonch, a region widely recognised for its rich traditions of communal harmony and peaceful coexistence.

A galaxy of poets, writers, intellectuals and prominent members of civil society attended the function. The speakers appreciated Shokat Mir Poonchi's valuable literary contribution and shared their cherished memories and personal associations with the author.

Shokat Mir Poonchi became visibly emotional while recalling different phases of his literary journey and the people who had remained associated with him throughout his life. Responding to the audience's request, he also recited some of his popular Gujri and Urdu poems, adding a special literary touch to the occasion.

On the occasion, Hafiz Shahzad Anwari, Chairman HAAKIA, was also felicitated in recognition of his nomination as a Member of the Muslim Personal Law Board, Jammu & Kashmir.

The speakers appreciated the efforts of Prof. Mussaraf Shah, Principal Higher Education (Retd.), for taking the initiative to organise such an impressive and much-needed literary gathering. They expressed their gratitude for his contribution towards promoting literature, cultural understanding and communal harmony in the Pir Panjal region.

Prof. Fateh Mohammad Abbasi, Anwar Khan, Principal 10+2, and Dr. Alamdar Adam enthralled the audience with their beautiful and heart-touching poetic recitations. Zafar Nawaz Rather, SSP graced the occasion as guest of honour.

Other prominent speakers included Hafiz Shahzad Anwari; and Dr. Sarfraz Mir Alig. Renowned singer Ahsan Asghar Mir also presented a Naat-e-Sharief, adding spiritual warmth to the programme. Sarfraz Rather a renowned Advocate blessed the occasion with his presence.

The proceedings of the function were conducted by renowned anchor Haroon Rathore, while Shokat Hussain Kazmi, KAS (Retd.), presented the formal vote of thanks.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Abdul Khaliq Mir, S/o Late Abdul Ghaffar Mir, R/o Dalwan, Charar-i-Sharief, District Budgam, hereby notify the general public that my son, Mushtaq Ahmad Mir, S/o Abdul Khaliq Mir, R/o Dalwan, Charar-i-Sharief, and my married daughter, Raja Bano, W/o Mohammad Yousuf Dar, R/o Tujjan, Pulwama, have become disobedient and ungrateful, causing me severe distress in my old age. On the contrary, my other son, Mohammad Shafi Mir, who is serving in the Police Department, is the only one taking care of me in my old age and looking after my medical treatment, medicines, food, and accommodation. Despite this, my aforementioned disobedient children are creating hurdles for Mohammad Shafi Mir and approaching his senior officers with unwarranted complaints in an attempt to malign him and disturb his official duties.

Due to their continuous misconduct and strained relations, I have decided to sever all my social, familial, and financial ties with Mushtaq Ahmad Mir and Raja Bano with immediate effect.

I hereby disown and debar both of them from all my movable and immovable properties and assets. From the date of publication of this notice, I shall have no concern, connection, or dealings with them whatsoever.

Anybody dealing with them in any monetary, property, or legal transaction will do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility, and I shall not be held liable for any of their acts, deeds, debts, or liabilities. Furthermore, they are advised to settle any pending personal accounts with me immediately.

Issued By: Abdul Khaliq Mir
S/o Late Abdul Ghaffar Mir
R/o Dalwan, Charar-i-Sharief, District Budgam.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The electricity connection bearing Consumer ID No. 0209010014838, presently registered in the name of my father Gh. Hassan Wani, is proposed to be transferred in favour of my name Lateef Ahmad Wani S/o Gh. Hassan Wani R/o Marhama, Bijbehara. In this regard, if anybody has any objection to the proposed transfer, he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), PDD Sub-Division, Bijbehara, within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the stipulated period, no objection shall be entertained.

Lateef Ahmad Wani
S/o Gh. Hassan Wani
R/o Marhama, Bijbehara
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E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. : 433-Sig-T-57-26-27 Date:- 15/10/2026.
Closing Date/Time: 06-11-2026 15:00

Sr.DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders on **https://www.ireps.gov.in** against Tender Notice no. **433-Sig-T-57-26-27 Closing Date/Time 06-11-2026 15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes available** on IREPS portal LIKE net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

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Contract Type	**Works**		
Name of Work	Telecom work in c/w Crossing of various GAS pipeline under railway track over Firozpur Division.		
Tender Closing Date Time	06/11/2026 15:00	**Date Time of Uploading Tender**	14/10/2026 17:30
Advertised Value (Rs.)	5334440.66	**Bidding Start Date as per IREPS**	23/10/2026
Earnest Money (Rs.)	106700.00	**Period of Completion**	3 Months
NOTE:	Tenderer should keep himself updated about the Tender amendments, Corrigendum, etc. by remaining in touch regularly with the website.		**3957/2026**

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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	**Bid Starting Date**	**Bid Closing Date/Time**
09.11.2026	19.11.2026	03.12.2026 15:00 Hrs.

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1.	216-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of Rubberized level crossing at existing level crossings in the section of SSE/PWAY/FKA under ADEN-II/FZR in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ/FZR.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	15557325.10	311200.00	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar nature of work :- "Road Work or LC Gate Road or Paving Work".				
2.	217-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of Rubberized level crossing at existing level crossings in the section of SSE/PWAY/KKP under ADEN-I/FZR in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ/FZR.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	32724174.68	654500.00	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar nature of work: - "Road Work or LC Gate Road or Paving Work".				
3.	218-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of Rubberized level crossing at existing level crossings in the section of SSE/PWAY/MOGA & SSE/PWAY/MKS under ADEN-I/FZR in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ/FZR.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	41230718.24	824600.00	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar nature of work: - "Road Work or LC Gate Road or Paving Work".				
4.	219-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of Rubberized level crossing at existing level crossings in the section of SSE/PWAY/LNK & SSE/PWAY/FZR under ADEN-II/FZR in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ/FZR.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	34772430.56	695500.00	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar nature of work: - "Road Work or LC Gate Road or Paving Work".				

Note 1:- Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. **Tender No: 216, 217, 218 & 219-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR Date: 12.11.2026** **3963/2026**
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E-TENDER NOTICE

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Tender Type	Open	Tendering Section	Works	Bidding System	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	06.11.2026	**Bid Starting Date**	18.11.2026	**Bid Closing Date/Time**	02.12.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

Sr.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1.	212-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of MEA & divyangjan facilities at stations like tactile path, parking area, divyangjan toilet, COP, etc. on FZR-FKA section under DEN-HQ/FZR in C/with Provision of MEA & divyangjan facilities at stations like tactile path, parking area, divyangjan toilet, COP, etc. at 55 nos. stations under DEN-HQ/FZR.			
	Advertised Value(₹)	**Earnest Money(₹)**	**Validity of offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	₹2,52,56,743.13	₹5,05,100/-	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar Nature of Work: "Any Civil work other than track work"				
2.	213-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of MEA & divyangjan facilities at stations like tactile path, parking area, divyangjan toilet, COP, etc. on JUC-FZR section under DEN-HQ/FZR in C/with Provision of MEA & divyangjan facilities at stations like tactile path, parking area, divyangjan toilet, COP, etc. at 55 nos. stations under DEN-HQ/FZR.			
	Advertised Value(₹)	**Earnest Money(₹)**	**Validity of offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	₹4,04,10,821.90	₹8,08,200/-	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar Nature of Work: "Any Civil work other than track work"				
3.	214-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of MEA & divyangjan facilities at stations like tactile path, parking area, divyangjan toilet, COP, etc. on LDH-FZR section under DEN-HQ/FZR in C/with Provision of MEA & divyangjan facilities at stations like tactile path, parking area, divyangjan toilet, COP, etc. at 55 nos. stations under DEN-HQ/FZR.			
	Advertised Value(₹)	**Earnest Money(₹)**	**Validity of offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	₹4,04,10,821.90	₹8,08,200/-	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar Nature of Work: "Any Civil work other than track work"				
4.	215-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of MEA & divyangjan facilities at stations like tactile path, parking area, divyangjan toilet, COP, etc. on BTI-FZR & KKP-FKA sections under DEN-HQ/FZR in C/with Provision of MEA & divyangjan facilities at stations like tactile path, parking area, divyangjan toilet, COP, etc. at 55 nos. stations under DEN-HQ/FZR.			
	Advertised Value(₹)	**Earnest Money(₹)**	**Validity of offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	₹3,28,71,828.41	₹6,57,400/-	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar Nature of Work: "Any Civil work other than track work"				

Note: Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.
Tender No. 212, 213, 214, & 215-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR Date: 12.11.2026 **3964/2026**
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E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No: 206, 207, 208 & 209-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR **Date: 12.11.2026**
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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
06.11.2026	17.11.2026	01.12.2026 15:00 Hrs

SN	Tender Number	Details of Tender			
1	206-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of Relay Hut at (10 Nos Level crossings) for Gate Signalling at Non Interlocked L-xing gates over Firozpur division (TVU between 10,000 and 20,000) 10 Nos. under SSE/W/KKP in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ/FZR (Conventional).			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	18160455.12	363200.00	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar nature of work: - "Construction of building/quarters".				
2	207-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Provision of Relay Hut at (08 Nos Level crossings) for Gate Signalling at Non Interlocked L-xing gates over Firozpur division (TVU between 10,000 and 20,000) 01 Nos. under SSE/W/FZR, 04 Nos. under SSE/W/JBD & 03 Nos. under SSE/W/LNK in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ/FZR (Conventional).			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	14528270.33	290600.00	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar nature of work: - "Construction of building/quarters".				
3	208-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Interlocking at 08 Nos Level crossings 02 nos. under SSE/W/JBD, 06 nos.under SSE/W/LNK in c/with Interlocking of 74 Nos (55 No's manned L-Xing gates over FZR Division & 19 Nos of JAT Division) in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ/FZR (Conventional).			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	8415441.48	168300.00	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar nature of work: - "Construction of building/quarters".				
4	209-2026-27-DEN-HQ-FZR	Interlocking at 12 Nos Level crossings 04 Nos. under SSE/W/JGN, 05 Nos. under SSE/W/KKP, 03 Nos. under SSE/W/FZR in c/with Interlocking of 74 Nos (55 No's manned L-Xing gates over FZR Division & 19 Nos of JAT Division) in the jurisdiction of DEN-HQ/FZR (Conventional).			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	12623162.20	252500.00	60 Days	12 Months	
	Similar nature of work: - "Construction of building/quarters".				

Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. **3962/26**
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DGP Prabhat orders major police reshuffle, transfers 136 DySPs

Kashmir News Observer



SRINAGAR, NOV 12 :The Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarters has ordered the transfer and posting of 136 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) across the Union Territory with immediate effect.

According to an order issued by Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat the reshuffle has been carried out in the interest of administration, with officers shifted across district police establishments, CID, Security, Traffic, Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Special Operations Group (SOG) and Armed Police formations.

As per the order, Tejinder Kour has been transferred from SO to DIG HG Jammu to Principal CTI Jammu, while Nisar Ahmad Khan has been shifted from DSP Headquarters Kulgam to DSP PCR Srinagar. Ashaq Hussain Dar has been transferred from SDPO Zakura to DSP Headquarters Kulgam, Sachit Mahajan from DSP SKPA Udhampur to DSP CID SB Political Jammu and Junaid Wali from SDPO M.R. Gunj to DSP CID SB Srinagar.

Mohd Ameen Bhat has been shifted from DSP SOG Bani, Kathua, to DSP CTC Lethpora, Tussif Ahmed from SDPO Mendhar to DSP CID CI Ramban, Imtiaz Ahmed from DSP Security Jammu to SDPO Pahalgam and Parul Bhardwaj from SDPO Mahore to DSP Headquarters Bandipora. Irshad Ahmad Ahanger has been transferred from DSP CID CI Doda-Kishtwar to DSP EOW Jammu, while Shaid Nahiem Ahmed has been shifted from SDPO Manjakote to SDPO Arnas.

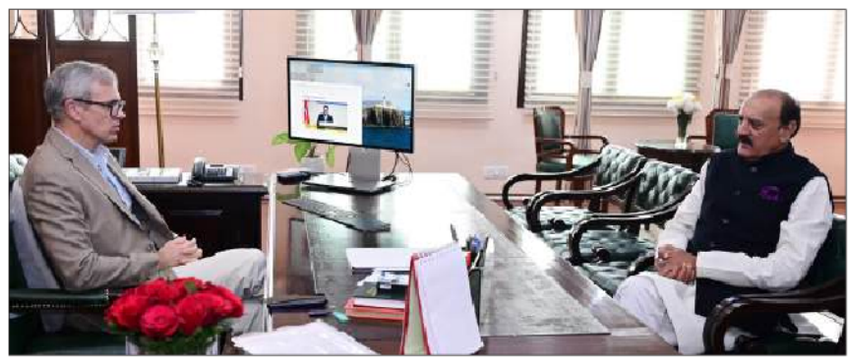
Aftab Hussain Shah has been posted as SDPO Bijbehara from DSP EOW Jammu, Satish Bhardwaj as DSP Personnel APHQ from SDPO Bakshi Nagar and Sheikh Mudasir Ahmad Farooqi as SDPO Magam from SDPO Bijbehara. Nikhil Gogna has been shifted from DSP Prov I PHQ to SDPO Katra, Zafar Mahdi from DSP Headquarters Bandipora to DSP 22 JKAP IR and Ahmad Shaafi Zargar from DSP DAR Bandipora to DSP Buildings Headquarters.

Mohd Nawaz Khandey has been transferred from SDPO Sumbal to DSP DAR Sopore, Sheezan Bhat from DSP 7 JKAP IR to SDPO Handwara, Neeraj Kumar from SDPO Billawar to DSP Headquarters Rajouri, Lov Karan from SDPO Gandoh to DSP Headquarters Kathua and Rohit Chadgal from DSP SOG Jammu to DSP Headquarters Reasi.

Khalid Ashraf has been shifted from DSP CID CI Headquarters Jammu to DSP SKPA Udhampur, while Sagara Singh, who was awaiting posting, has been posted as SO to DIG DK Range. Qazi Shamas-ul-Muzaffar has been transferred from

DSP CID CIK (JIC) to DSP CID CI Budgam, Zahid Ahmad Lone from DSP Buildings Headquarters to SDPO Zakura and Zohaib Hassan from SDPO Panthachowk to SDPO Sopore.

People from different walks of life call on CM Omar



Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 12: Several delegations, public representatives and school students today called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at the Civil Secretariat here and apprised him of various developmental issues, community concerns and matters pertaining to their respective constituencies.

MLA Anantnag West Abdul Majeed Bhat (Larmi), MLA Samba Surjeet Singh Slathia and MLA Gulmarg Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah separately called on the Chief Minister and discussed ongoing developmental works, public welfare concerns and other important issues concerning their respective constituencies.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to the visiting public representatives and delegations and assured them that their genuine demands and developmental concerns would be examined and addressed on priority.

Director, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Prof. (Dr.) M. Ashraf Ganie, met the Chief Minister and apprised him of the functioning of the premier health institution.

Managing Director, Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited (CVPPL), Ramesh Mukhiya, also called on the Chief Minister and briefed him on the status of various hydroelectric power projects being executed by the company in Kishtwar district. He also discussed key issues related to the implementation and progress of these projects.

A delegation of the All J&K Christian Sabha, led by its President Ashu Peter Matoo, met the Chief Minister and discussed an upcoming event being organised by the Sabha. The delegation also apprised him of various issues concerning the Christian community in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rana directs speedy execution of tribal welfare projects

Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 12: Minister for Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today chaired a review meeting of the Tribal Affairs Department at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu, to take stock of the physical and financial progress of ongoing developmental works.

He assessed the implementation of various flagship schemes and welfare initiatives aimed at socio-economic empowerment of tribal communities across Jammu and Kashmir.

Emphasising the need for accelerated execution and result-oriented implementation, the Minister directed the district administrations, departmental officers and executing agencies to step up the pace of developmental works, ensure optimal utilisation of funds and strictly adhere to the prescribed timelines. He stressed that bottlenecks and delays in execution must be identified and resolved promptly to ensure that the benefits of government initiatives reach the intended beneficiaries.

The meeting held an extensive district-wise review of projects and activities being undertaken under the UT CAPEX Budget 2026-27, Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI), Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and construction of Gujjar and Bakerwal hostels across the Union Territory.

Taking note of the expenditure position, Rana directed the concerned officers and executing agencies to intensify implementation efforts, remove procedural impediments and ensure a substantial improvement in both physical and financial progress.

The meeting was informed that approximately 86 per cent of the funds released under DAJGUA had been utilised.

Sagar interacts with representatives of Patwari Association

Calls for strengthening of Revenue Services



Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 12: Minister for Revenue, Relief, Power Development Department (PDD), Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR), and Elections, Ali Mohammad Sagar, today held an extensive interaction with representatives of the All Jammu and Kashmir Patwari Association and several other deputations, during which he reviewed issues concerning the Revenue Department, besides taking up various public grievances and demands raised by the visiting delegations.

During the meeting, the delegation apprised the Minister of various service-related, administrative and operational issues affecting the Patwari cadre. They also highlighted the challenges faced by field functionaries in discharging their responsibilities and stressed the need for addressing their genuine concerns to further improve the efficiency and functioning of the Revenue Department.

The delegation also discussed matters relating to strengthening the grassroots revenue administration, improving working conditions and facilitating better coordination between field functionaries and higher departmental authorities for effective public service delivery.

The Minister gave a patient hearing to the representatives and acknowledged the important role played by Patwaris in the overall functioning of the Revenue Department. He observed that Patwaris constitute a vital link between the administration and the people, with their responsibilities extending to land records, revenue-related public services, field verification and implementation of various government initiatives.

Sagar assured the delegation that the issues and concerns projected by them would be examined on merit and taken up with the concerned authorities for appropriate consideration.

He stressed that strengthening the institutional capacity of the Revenue Department and addressing genuine difficulties faced by its field functionaries remained important for ensuring responsive, transparent and efficient public service delivery.

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

DC Srinagar reviews progress of Rooftop Solar installations, solarization of Govt buildings

Kashmir Age News

SRINAGAR NOVEMBER 12: In order to assess the progress of Rooftop Solar installations under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana a meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.



He also reviewed the progress of ongoing solarization of Government buildings across Srinagar District.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, District Statistics & Evaluation Officer, Shah Ismail Bangroo, Executive Engineers of KPDCL, JAKEDA, Zonal Head J&K Bank and other concerned Officers and stakeholders.

During the meeting the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the Chairman of the Monitoring and Management Committee of the schemes, emphasized the need to further accelerate rooftop solar installations and solarisation of Government buildings.

The DC directed the banks to clear all pending approved cases on priority and ensure timely disbursement of loans to facilitate hassle-free installation of rooftop solar systems.

He also instructed KPDCL Engineers to ensure sustained progress, timely execution of works and enhanced consumer outreach to encourage wider adoption of renewable energy solutions.

Emphasizing the importance of reaching to the consumers, the Deputy Commissioner called for intensified outreach activities to highlight the benefits of rooftop solar systems, including reduced electricity bills, promotion of clean energy and environmental sustainability.

The meeting was also informed that 8122 households have been covered under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, reflecting the ongoing efforts to expand rooftop solar adoption among domestic consumers.

DC Ganderbal chairs meeting on traffic management, town decongestion

Kashmir Age News



GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shreya Singhal, today chaired a meeting in the VC Room, Mini Secretariat Complex, Ganderbal to review measures for regulating traffic movement, tackling decongestion, removing encroachments, and curbing traffic violations across the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Ganderbal, Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Ganderbal, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Ganderbal, Executive Engineer (I&FC) Ganderbal, ARTO Ganderbal, Chinar Development Officer Ganderbal, and other concerned officials.

At the outset, the Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Ganderbal delivered a detailed presentation outlining the comprehensive Traffic Management Plan and road-widening plan from Duderhama to Beehama.

Taking a serious view of traffic bottlenecks in the town, the Deputy Commissioner held a threadbare discussion on immediate and

long-term steps required to ease vehicular traffic at Meerani Chowk, identified as the primary choke point.

Training for exam staff held at GDC Shopian

Kashmir Age News

SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 12: A training programme was organized today at Government Degree College (GDC) Shopian for officials deployed on examination duties in connection with the upcoming JKSSB Accounts Assistant Examination scheduled to be held on November 15, 2026.

The session was held to familiarize Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents, Centre Observers and Invigilators with examination-related guidelines, procedures and responsibilities to ensure the smooth, fair, and transparent conduct of the examination. Speaking On the occasion, Special Secretary (Law) JKSSB, Dr. Rais Ahmad Qazi underscored the crucial role of examination staff in upholding the credibility and integrity of the recruitment process. He urged the deployed officers and invigilators to remain vigilant, follow standard operating procedures strictly and ensure zero-error execution across all examination centres.



On the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz stressed upon the deployed staff to discharge their assigned duties with utmost dedication and responsibility, ensuring that all necessary arrangements are put in place so the examination is conducted in a free, fair, and transparent manner.

SWD Budgam organises awareness programme on Govt schemes

Kashmir Age News

BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 12: Social Welfare Department (SWD), Budgam, through SANKALP – Hub for Empowerment of Women (SANKALP-HEW), under Mission Shakti, organised an awareness programme on various government welfare schemes at Government High School Kachwari, and Village footlipora with the objective of creating awareness among the local community, particularly women and children, about the benefits and provisions of different government initiatives.

The programme focused on disseminating information regarding various women-centric and child welfare schemes, their eligibility criteria, benefits and application procedures, while encouraging eligible beneficiaries to avail themselves of the available government assistance.

Block Diwas held at Wagoora, public grievances taken up for time-bound redressal

Kashmir Age News

BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 12: Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Baramulla, Nissar Ahmad, today presided over a Block Diwas programme at Wagoora, providing an opportunity to local residents to highlight their grievances, demands and developmental issues before the administration.

Speaking on the occasion, the CPO highlighted the objective of organising Block Diwas programmes, stating that these initiatives provide a direct platform for people to bring their grievances and developmental concerns to the notice of the administration. He emphasised that such programmes aim to strengthen public outreach, ensure effective coordination among departments and facilitate timely redressal of public grievances at the grassroots level.

He assured the participants that all demands and grievances raised during the programme would be compiled and placed before the Deputy Commissioner Baramulla for consideration and necessary redressal. He reiterated that all genuine issues would be pursued on priority for resolution in a time-bound manner.

During the programme, residents raised a range of issues pertaining to road connectivity, education infrastructure, healthcare facilities, drinking water, horticulture, sanitation and other essential public services.

People highlighted the need for repairs and upgradation of several main roads and inner link roads in the area. They also raised concerns regarding the availability and quality of safe drinking water. Taking cognizance of the issue, the CPO directed the concerned departments to ensure proper testing of drinking water sources and take necessary measures to ensure the supply of safe and potable drinking water.

Residents also expressed concern over the non-availability of adequate street lighting following the installation of smart meters. The CPO assured that the Rural Development Department (RDD) would take necessary steps to ensure the installation of solar street lights in the area.

On horticulture-related issues, residents urged the administration to ensure pre-season field visits by horticulture experts to provide farmers with timely technical guidance and advice on improved practices. They stressed that such visits would help farmers address field-level concerns and enhance productivity.

Issues concerning education infrastructure were also highlighted, with residents seeking improvement and upgradation of existing facilities to provide students with a better learning environment.

They also raised concerns over the shortage of staff at local healthcare facilities and called for adequate deployment of medical and paramedical personnel.

Friday Focus

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Wealth is often regarded as the product of individual effort, labour, intellect and ingenuity. Under the capitalist system, an individual is generally considered entitled to accumulate wealth, spend it according to personal choice and look after his own interests, with the State exercising limited control through taxation and regulation. Such an approach, however, often places individual interests above collective welfare, creating economic inequalities in which some enjoy abundance while others struggle for basic necessities.

Islam presents an altogether different understanding of wealth and ownership. It establishes that whatever a person possesses ultimately belongs to Allah, while human beings are merely entrusted with these resources. This concept fundamentally changes the way wealth is acquired, accumulated and utilised. Ownership is not an unrestricted licence to exploit resources or disregard the needs of others. Rather, it carries responsibilities, obligations and accountability.

The Islamic approach does not discourage enterprise, hard work or the pursuit of prosperity. Instead, it places ethical and moral boundaries on the acquisition and use of wealth. Earnings must come through lawful means, and the rights of others must be respected. Wealth cannot become an instrument of arrogance, exploitation, oppression or domination. Similarly, power and authority are not personal privileges to be exercised according to individual whims; they are trusts that demand fairness, humility and responsibility.

Significantly, Islam seeks to achieve this balance not merely through legislation or external restrictions but through the transformation of individual character and conscience. The belief in accountability before Allah, the reckoning in the Hereafter and the possibility of losing divine blessings instils a sense of responsibility that goes beyond the fear of worldly punishment. The Quran and Hadith repeatedly warn against extravagance, miserliness, arrogance and misuse of power, while encouraging generosity, contentment, compassion, gratitude and service to humanity.

Charity, Zakat, assistance to the needy and concern for fellow human beings are not presented merely as acts of personal kindness but as essential expressions of faith. The possession of wealth is therefore measured not simply by how much one accumulates, but also by how responsibly it is used and how many lives it touches.

History offers numerous examples of rulers, wealthy individuals and people in positions of authority who understood these obligations and placed public welfare above personal gratification. Their lives demonstrate that true greatness lies not in possessing wealth or power, but in exercising them with justice and compassion.

The central message is clear: wealth is a blessing, not an absolute entitlement; power is a responsibility, not a licence for domination. Both are temporary trusts from Allah, and their true worth will ultimately be judged by how they are earned, preserved and used for the welfare of humanity.

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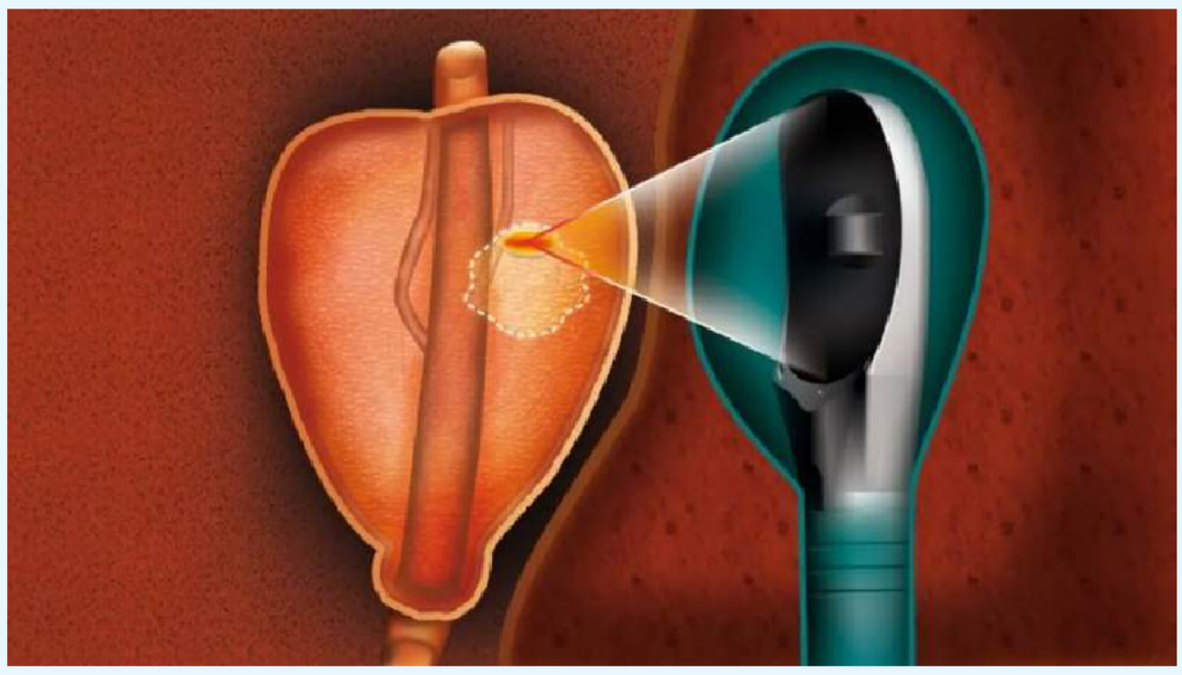
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Prostate Cancer and HIFU: Focused Approach to Treatment





DR AVAIS SYED

Hearing the words "prostate cancer" is frightening, and for many men the worry extends to what treatment might cost them: bladder control and sexual function. For some early cancers, a newer option treats the tumor with no incisions at all. It is called HIFU.

What Is Prostate Cancer?

The prostate is a small, walnut-sized gland located below the urinary bladder in men. It produces fluid that forms part of semen. Prostate cancer develops when cells in the prostate begin to grow uncontrollably. It is one of the most common cancers among men, particularly older men. While some prostate cancers grow slowly and may not require immediate treatment, others can be aggressive and spread to other parts of the body. Early diagnosis and assessment of the cancer's stage and risk category are important in deciding the most appropriate treatment.

Treatment Options at a Glance

Treatment depends on how aggressive the cancer is and whether it has spread. Slow-growing cancers may only be monitored (active surveillance). Surgery removes the whole prostate, radiotherapy destroys cancer cells with radiation, and hormone therapy is mainly for advanced disease. All are proven, but surgery and radiation can affect urinary, bowel and sexual function.

What Is HIFU?

High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) destroys cancer with sound energy instead of a blade or radiation. A slim probe placed through the rectum directs focused beams that heat targeted tissue to roughly 80 to 90°C, destroying cancer cells while sparing the tissue the beams pass through. There are no incisions or cuts, and no radiation. The patient is discharged in a day.

Focal One: Robotic Precision

Focal One is a robotic-assisted HIFU system. It fuses MRI scans with live ultrasound images, so the specialist can map the cancer in three dimensions and the robotic arm delivers energy exactly where it is needed. Treatment can be focal, aimed only at the confirmed tumor, or cover the whole gland when required.

Who Is It For?

HIFU is generally considered for localized prostate cancer, meaning cancer that has not spread beyond the prostate, most often low- to intermediate-risk disease confirmed by MRI and biopsy.

It is not suited to everyone and a specialist assessment is essential.

A Day-Care Procedure

HIFU is usually a day-care procedure. Treatment takes one to three hours under anesthesia, and most men go home the same day. A urinary catheter is commonly needed for a few days to a couple of weeks. With no wounds to heal, many men return to normal activities quickly, though recovery varies.

Benefits and Risks

The main appeal is protecting quality of life. Because HIFU targets the cancer without cutting, it is designed to spare the urinary sphincter and the nerves that control erections. Compared with radical surgery and radiation therapy, it generally carries a lower risk of long-term incontinence, and with focal treatment many men keep erectile function. Treatment can often be repeated and does not rule out surgery or radiation later.

Follow-up with PSA tests, MRI and sometimes repeat biopsy is important.

Robotic-assisted HIFU offers a minimally invasive, day-care option for carefully selected men who want to treat their prostate cancer while protecting urinary control and sexual function. Discuss all options, including active surveillance, surgery, radiation and focal therapies, with your specialist.

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Sher-E-Punjab Maharaja Ranjit Singh: Architect Of Secularism And Valor



BY TARANPREET SINGH

Today, on the 13th of November, we commemorate the birth anniversary of one of the most visionary and legendary rulers in South Asian history-Maharaja Ranjit Singh, universally remembered as Sher-e-Punjab (The Lion of Punjab).

Popularly known as the Lion of Punjab, Maharaja Ranjit Singh rose from the chiefdom of a misl to unify the fragmented principalities of the Punjab region into a powerful, sovereign empire. Unlike many contemporary monarchs of his era, his rule was not defined by religious dogma, but by secularism, justice, and inclusivity. His court, Durbar-e-Khalsa, was a vibrant mosaic where Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims, and Europeans held prominent positions of trust and authority. His prime minister was a Hindu (Dhian Singh), his foreign minister was a Muslim (Fakir Azizuddin), and his military generals hailed from diverse backgrounds.

Sher-e-Punjab in the hearts of the people was his deep-rooted sense of justice and compassion. He firmly believed that sovereignty belonged to the people and that a ruler was merely a custodian. Despite holding absolute power, he never sat on a throne higher than his ministers, nor did he ever impose capital punishment, even for treason-a remarkable display of mercy in an unforgiving age. His administration prioritized the welfare of the peasantry, trade, and the preservation of communal harmony.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh's military genius carved out an empire that stretched from the borders of Tibet to the deserts of Sindh, keeping the British expansion in check during his lifetime. Yet, his legacy extends far beyond military conquests. He is remembered for his immense generosity toward holy shrines of all faiths, famously contributing gold to adorn the sanctum of Harmandir Sahib (The Golden Temple) in Amritsar, as well as supporting Hindu temples and Muslim mosques.



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Vitamin D has more health benefits than previously known.

HOW CAN WE GET IT?



Vitamin D has been found to have way more health benefits than we used to think. A recent study highlighted the many ways vitamin D can benefit our bodies, from strengthening bones to boosting immunity.

The study, published in Engineering, found that vitamin D helped improve blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar control.

However, these benefits were stronger in non-Western individuals, those with lower vitamin D levels, a lower body weight, older age (50 and above), or longer treatment periods (over 3 months).

Vitamin D is essential for absorbing calcium, which is critical for maintaining strong bones and muscles. It also works with vitamin K to keep blood vessels healthy, promoting heart health.

In addition to bone health, vitamin D plays a vital role in boosting the immune system.

According to the Mayo Clinic, it helps protect the body from infections and viruses, thanks to its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. Moreover, it supports brain cell function and may help prevent cognitive decline.

NEW STUDY FINDINGS

A recent study involving over 17,000 participants found that even a moderate intake of vitamin D can have impressive health benefits.

The results showed that it helps lower blood pressure, reduce cholesterol levels, and improve blood sugar and insulin regulation, important factors for managing type 2 diabetes.

HOW TO GET VITAMIN D?

The most effective way to get vitamin D is through sunlight, but it can also be found in certain foods. Some great sources include:

Fatty fish like salmon or mackerel
Fish oil
Egg yolks
Butter
Mushrooms
Fortified foods like cereals

Supplements are another option, but adults should be cautious not to exceed 4,000 international units (IU) of vitamin D per day to avoid harmful side effects.

Dr Gaurav Prakash Bhardwaj, Director, Sports Injury, Joint Preservation & Replacement Surgery, PSRI Hospital, New Delhi, earlier told IndiaToday.in that several respiratory infections like respiratory tract infection, bronchitis and pneumonia could also be linked to the deficiency of vitamin D.

No one-size-fits-all for vitamin D

While vitamin D is good for you, not everyone needs too much of it. Simultaneously, some might not even need it at all.

The US Endocrine Society released a set of guidelines for vitamin D, who set the daily recommendation for as 600 IU per day for people aged 1 to 70 years old.

For those older than 70 years, the recommendation is 800 IU per day. Experts suggest getting a vitamin D check-up at least once a year to know its level in the body.

The study mentioned how people need personalised strategies for intake of vitamin D. For most people, vitamin D doesn't need to be taken daily in a fixed amount.

Instead, it should be supplemented based on factors like body weight, a diet low in animal fats, limited sunlight exposure, or the weather conditions in your area.

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Fairfax COO says IDBI has potential to be finest universal Indian bank with global reach



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MUMBAI, Nov 12: Fairfax Financial Holdings' Rs 52,878-crore acquisition of IDBI Bank, clinched with an offer that beat the government's independent valuation benchmark, is set to pave the way for the Canadian investor to transform the lender into a diversified financial services powerhouse spanning banking, insurance, investment banking and wealth management, sources said.

Fairfax, led by billionaire investor Prem Watsa, offered Rs 81 per share of a 60.72 per cent controlling stake against the government's benchmark valuation of Rs 75.99, in a global competitive bidding process, people with knowledge of the matter said.

The offer price represented a 56 per cent premium to IDBI Bank's regulatory book value of Rs 51.85 per share as of March 31, 2026, excluding revaluation reserves and deferred tax assets. It was also about 15 per cent higher than the bank's closing price of Rs 70.38 on May 18, the last trading day before final offers were invited, they said.

IDBI Bank shares on the stock market have, since the announcement of the bid, traded lower than the offer price as it moved towards the bank's fundamental value as uncertainty surrounding the disinvestment eased, they added.

The disinvestment, people said, followed a global, transparent and competitive bidding process conducted by the government through its transaction adviser. All prospective bidders underwent a fit-and-proper assessment by the Reserve Bank of India, followed by detailed due diligence for those who qualified.

The policy framework for IDBI Bank's disinvestment was outlined in the Union Budgets for 2016-17 and 2021-22, with the formal sale process commencing in October 2022. The move followed a prolonged period of financial stress at the lender, which remained under the RBI's Prompt Corrective Action framework from May 2017 to March 2021 and required repeated capital infusions from the government and LIC.

Seeking to dispel questions over the role of Niti Aayog in the disinvestment, the people said the policy think tank had made no recommendation for the sale. IDBI Bank is a scheduled commercial bank, not a public sector undertaking, and Niti Aayog had only been asked to identify a list of PSUs.

Addressing allegations of a potential conflict of interest involving former Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, they said he was never part of any government panel that recommended the disinvestment. Kant left Niti Aayog in 2022 and joined Fairfax in 2025, three years later.

Reached for comments, Peter Clarke, President & Chief Operating Officer, Fairfax, said that, as a policy, Fairfax does not comment on any of its ongoing transactions.

"We are of the view that IDBI has the potential to be the finest universal Indian bank with global reach. This would help raise India's credit-to-GDP ratio and transform the lives of ordinary citizens."

The proposed acquisition will give Fairfax management control of IDBI Bank, while the government and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) will retain a combined 34 per cent stake and participate in the lender's future growth, the people cited earlier said.

Beyond acquiring control of the bank, Fairfax plans to bring its interests in Go Digit General Insurance, Go Digit Life Insurance and Fairfax India Holdings' stake in IIFL Capital Services into IDBI Bank, creating an integrated financial services platform that could compete with established banking groups such as State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank.

The investor's strategy is to leverage IDBI Bank's banking franchise and customer base to cross-sell insurance, investment banking and wealth management products, broaden its revenue streams and strengthen its competitive position in India's expanding financial services market.

India's Russian oil imports touch record EUR 6.4 billion in October

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NEW DELHI, NOV 12: India's purchases of Russian fossil fuels surged to a record Euro 6.4 billion in October, driven by a sharp increase in crude oil imports, helping Moscow push its fossil fuel export revenues to their highest monthly level since December 2022 despite Western sanctions.



"India was the second-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels in October 2026, importing a total of EUR 6.4 billion of Russian hydrocarbons, its highest monthly total in data going back to January 2022. Crude oil constituted 91 per cent of India's purchases, totalling EUR 5.8 billion. Coal (EUR 333 million) and oil products (EUR 232 million) constituted the remainder of its monthly Russian imports," according to a monthly analysis by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).

China remained the largest global buyer of Russian fossil fuels, accounting for 51 per cent (EUR 10.7 billion) of Russia's export revenues from the top five importers.

"India's imports of Russian crude oil rose in October 2026, up 10% month-on-month. Russian crude imports rose at all three of India's largest importing refineries: (Nayara Energy's) Vadinar (up 12 per cent month-on-month), (Reliance Industries Ltd's) Jamnagar (up 22 per cent), and (Indian Oil Corporation Ltd's) Paradip (up 28 per cent)," CREA said. "This increase has once again made the Jamnagar refinery the biggest importer of seaborne Russian crude."

The EU was the third-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels, accounting for 11 per cent (EUR 2.2 billion) of Russia's export revenues from the top five importers in October 2026.

Refineries in India, Turkiye, and Brunei that use Russian crude exported EUR 1.6 billion of oil products to countries that imposed sanctions on Russia for its February 2022 invasion of Ukraine. "The destinations include the EU (EUR 1.2 billion), Australia (EUR 271 million), the US (EUR 94 million), and New Zealand (EUR 23 million). An estimated EUR 389 million of these products were refined from Russian crude."

According to CREA, Russia's fossil fuel export revenues surged to their highest monthly level in October since December 2022, rising 14 per cent from the previous month to EUR 754 million a day, as higher crude oil prices and record seaborne oil earnings offset Western sanctions and kept Moscow's energy exports flowing. China and India, the two largest buyers of Russian fossil fuels, recorded their highest monthly purchases since January 2022, highlighting Moscow's continued dependence on Asian markets even as Western governments tighten restrictions on its energy trade, the think tank said.

Titan counts on stabilising gold prices to drive jewellery growth; margin guidance at 11 pc

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NEW DELHI, NOV 12: Titan expects a correction and stabilisation in gold prices to bring back consumers who postponed purchases amid elevated prices, as the company seeks higher customer acquisition to sustain growth in its branded jewellery business.

The leading jewellery maker, which has brands such as Tanishq, Mia and Zoya under its fold, has put a margin guidance at around 11 per cent for the current fiscal year, the company's top management said in the latest earnings call. "If gold prices remain corrected and stable, the chances are we will see many more customers coming into the market, especially those who had stayed away," Titan Managing Director Ajoy Chawla told analysts after the company's September quarter results.



In October, gold prices saw a sharp correction of around Rs 7,300 per 10 grams, falling from Rs 1,49,300 per 10 grams on September 30 to around Rs 1,42,000 by the end of the month, a drop of nearly 5 per cent.

On November 11, Gold prices fell for the second straight session, declining Rs 800 to Rs 1.45 lakh per 10 grams in the national capital.

In global markets, spot gold traded marginally higher at USD 4,047.71 per ounce and silver rose nearly 3 per cent to USD 52.86 per ounce.

Titan expects that if gold prices remain stable, it could bring back customers who had stayed away from the market due to affordability concerns, thereby supporting buyer growth even as the benefit of higher gold prices on average ticket sizes moderates. "I would bet on much healthier buyer growth than what we have seen in the past, perhaps compensating for some of the ticket size-related issues that you might be anticipating because gold prices remain subdued," Chawla added.

Danube Properties launches Shahrukhz Residences in Dubai, penthouse units sell out on Day 1



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DUBAI, Nov 12: Danube Properties has opened bookings for housing units in its Dubai residential project, which is named after Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, and said each penthouse, worth Rs 50 crore, in the project has been sold out on the first day itself.

The project - Shahrukhz Residences by Danube - launched on Thursday, includes penthouses designed by celebrity interior designer and the actor's wife Gauri Khan.

The fully-furnished waterfront project in Dubai's Maritime City has already received 500 EoIs (expressions of interest) from buyers, Danube Group Founder and Chairman Rizwan Sajan said at the launch event here.

He did not disclose the total number of units or the project's overall cost.

Shahrukhz Residences offers apartments starting at AED 1.65 million (around Rs 4.2 crore), with a flexible 30:70 payment plan, providing buyers the option to pay 30 per cent during construction and 70 per cent upon handover of flats.

Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri Khan also attended the launch event, hosted by filmmaker Karan Johar.

"The project represents our ambition to create homes that bring together exceptional design, meaningful experiences and lasting value. The response, particularly the penthouse sell-out, is a proud milestone for our team," Sajan said.

Speaking on the occasion, Shah Rukh Khan, famously known as King Khan, said, "The idea of 'living life king style' is brought to life through experiences envisioned for this development."

The residential tower will feature more than 40 lifestyle amenities, including a first-of-its-kind longevity lounge with cryotherapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, a red-light therapy bed, infrared sauna and other longevity-inspired facilities. Buyers will also have access to aqua-themed play areas, sports facilities, children's daycare, cycling and jogging tracks, an exclusive rooftop King's Club and a private yacht.

About the interior design, Gauri Khan said, "For the penthouses, I wanted to create spaces that feel elegant, warm and distinctive, while making the most of the waterfront setting. It's special to see this design vision receive such an encouraging response, with a houseful mark already stamped on it."

HFCL bags export orders worth Rs 834 crore for optical fibre cables

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NEW DELHI, NOV 12: Telecom gear maker HFCL on Thursday said it has secured export orders worth about Rs 834.36 crore (around USD 88.94 million) for supplying optical fibre cables to an international customer, through its overseas wholly-owned subsidiary.

The order is scheduled for completion by June 2027.

The company, however, did not disclose the identity of the customer.

"These orders reaffirm the confidence reposed by our customers in the company's manufacturing capabilities, technological excellence and product quality," HFCL said in a regulatory filing.

HFCL posted a multi-fold jump in consolidated profit to Rs 394.22 crore in the second quarter ended September 30, 2026, up from Rs 72 crore a year ago, driven by demand for optical fibre cables from AI data centres.

The company has forecasted 80 per cent revenue growth in FY27 and expects to achieve the Rs 10,000 crore revenue mark before the projected timeline of FY29.



HFCL's consolidated revenue from operations more than doubled to Rs 2,541.79 crore in Q2 FY27 from Rs 1,043.34 crore in Q2 FY26.

In September, HFCL bagged an export order of USD 244 million, about Rs 2,329 crore, for supplying high-quality optical fibre cable to a global multinational corporation, in a three-year agreement.

The company's board has approved a fresh investment of approximately Rs 400 crore to expand its optical fibre and optical fibre cable manufacturing capacities. The proposed expansion will be funded through a mix of internal accruals and debt and is expected to be completed by July 2028. (PTI)

'What we have done is not enough', says Lenskart CEO as he eyes 10 cr eyewear units a year

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NEW DELHI, NOV 12: Lenskart co-founder and CEO Peyush Bansal on Thursday said what the eyewear retailer has done "is not enough", and it is eyeing 10 crore eyewear units a year in India, up from 3.2 crore at present, a year after its listing.

Bansal also announced two decisions: blue-light lenses will come as standard on Lenskart's glasses in India at no extra charge, and the company will offer prescription glasses to one lakh children on November 14, Children's Day, with only a Rs 199 fitting charge.



In a letter shared on LinkedIn to mark one year since the company's listing on the stock exchanges, Bansal said, "How far have we come? Not far enough. That keeps me up at night."

Bansal said the company has made vision more affordable for millions but has "started accepting that better vision could still be a privilege".

"And I was part of that," he wrote.

Blue-light filtering lenses will come as standard on Lenskart's glasses in India from Thursday, with no extra line on the bill, Bansal said.

A note to the letter stated that the lenses would be included on eligible frames. "The upsell is over," he said. Bansal said he had often seen parents buy a child's first pair with regular lenses instead of blue-light ones because they cost less. "The science on blue light is debated, and we will not argue it either way. What we can say is what millions of our customers tell us: they feel the difference, and when they can afford it, they choose it.

Asian shares mostly slip as Nvidia's troubles weigh on AI stocks, despite a rally on Wall St



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TOKYO, NOV 12: Asian shares were mostly lower and US futures were mixed Thursday as concerns over leadership at chipmaker Nvidia weighed on artificial intelligence -related stocks.

In after-hours trading, Nvidia's shares fell 8.6% after reports said Nvidia's board was meeting late Wednesday to discuss the situation surrounding its CEO, Jensen Huang, whose affair with a Chinese woman has raised national security concerns in the US

Nvidia 's shares climbed 2.9% on Wednesday. Its shares have fallen after the company said it was investigating Huang, who has admitted to a relationship with a businesswoman who allegedly fed intelligence and advanced chips to China. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 edged 0.1% lower to 61,224.87. In South Korea, the Kospi gave up early gains to stand nearly unchanged at 5,375.63. Taiwan's Taiex lost 1.2%.

Australia's S&P/ASX 200 declined 0.4% to 9,117.00.

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Man posing as CBI officer dupes Pune senior citizen of Rs 22 lakh on threat of 'digital arrest'

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PUNE, NOV 12 :An unidentified person posed as a "CBI officer" and allegedly cheated a 71-year-old man in Pune of Rs 22 lakh after threatening him with a 'digital arrest', police said on Thursday.

The fraud took place between October 5 and 15, according to the victim's complaint filed on Wednesday.

The fraudster contacted the victim and gained his trust by claiming to be a senior police officer from Karnataka and a CBI officer, the complainant alleged.

He told the victim that his SIM card had been misused for child trafficking and asked him to transfer money as a security deposit, claiming that the amount would undergo "digital verification".

The fraudster threatened the victim with digital arrest and persuaded him to transfer Rs 22 lakh to bank accounts he provided, a police official said.

Based on the victim's complaint, the Vishrantwadi police on Wednesday registered a case against the unknown fraudster under sections 319(2) (cheating by personation) and 318(4) (cheating) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and relevant provisions of the Information Technology Act. No arrest has been made so far, the police added.

'Digital arrest' is a form of cyber fraud where fraudsters pose as law enforcement officers and threaten people through audio or video calls, forcing

them to transfer money online.

Police and government authorities have repeatedly said that "digital arrest" is a cyber scam with no legal basis.

Men assault woman selling flowers in Hauz Khas over refusal to sell drugs



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NEWDELHI, NOV12 :A woman selling flowers was assaulted with sticks and iron rods by a group of men in south Delhi's Hauz Khas after she allegedly refused to sell marijuana, with her family claiming that they had been repeatedly threatened and attacked by members of a drug mafia, police said on Thursday.

A purported video of the incident, which reportedly occurred on October 8, has surfaced on social media, showing the woman sitting by the roadside when two men approach her. After a brief exchange, one of them allegedly begins beating her with a stick. When bystanders intervene to help, another man joins in to attack them as well.

The woman's family has alleged that a man identified as Soni, described as a member of the drug mafia, has been pressuring them to sell marijuana. They claim that the assault

occurred after they refused to comply and that this was the third such attack against them.

Aman, a family member, told PTI that the incident took place around 3 am while his sister-in-law Radha was making garlands alone, as he was asleep.

"They first asked where I was. I was sleeping. By that time, another man came and started beating my sister-in-law. She became unconscious. When I woke up, they started beating me as well. I ran away and later went to a hospital for help," he said.

Aman alleged that at least ten men were involved in the attack and that they were armed with iron rods, sticks, and knives. He reported injuries to his head and leg, while Radha sustained injuries to her head, back, and legs. He also mentioned that his brother was injured during the incident.

He further alleged that the attackers threatened to kill them if they refused to sell marijuana. According to him, the family approached the police several times after the incident but received no assistance initially.

The family's lawyer claimed that they contacted the police four to five times, and medical examinations of Radha and her son were conducted. However, no action was taken despite a complaint being lodged.

Man held for 'embezzling' over Rs 3 crore in govt funds

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KENDRAPARA, NOV 12 :The Odisha Vigilance Department on Thursday arrested a senior revenue assistant in Kendrapara district for allegedly embezzling over Rs 3 crore in government funds meant for salary and pension payments.

The accused, who had been absconding since the alleged



fraud came to light, was arrested from Angul, officials said.

He "misappropriated Rs 3,03,65,843 during his postings at Rajkanika and Derabish

blocks, where he was in charge of processing salaries, arrears and pension payments", according to an official release.

The accused allegedly manipulated the Human Resource Management System (HRMS) portal to raise fraudulent claims for salaries, arrears, gratuity, leave encashment and pension in the names of retired and deceased employees, it said.

He has been booked under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the release added.

20-year-old woman loses hand after being molested, pushed onto tracks; suspect held



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MUMBAI, NOV 12 :A 20-year-old woman lost her hand after allegedly being molested on a train and pushed onto the tracks at Naigaon station in neighbouring Palghar district, a railway official said on Thursday, adding that the 53-year-old accused has been arrested.

The shocking incident took place on the evening of November 4, the Western Railway official said.

The injured woman, her left hand severed, was rushed to Janseva Hospital in Vasai.

It was initially thought to be an accident. But in her statement recorded at a civic hospital in Mumbai on November 6, the woman told police that an unidentified man had molested her while travelling in a local train from Borivali to Naigaon, 40 km from Mumbai.

When she confronted him after alighting at the Naigaon station, he allegedly pushed her, causing her to fall onto the tracks between two coaches of the train. Her left hand got severed after being run over by the train.

The Government Railway Police (GRP) then registered a case at Bhayander GRP police station under sections 74 (assault or criminal force against a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty) and 117(2) (voluntarily causing grievous hurt) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

A joint team of the GRP and Railway Protection Force launched an investigation. The alleged assailant, identified as Jitendra Girjappa Hirmukhe (53), a resident of Naigaon East, was arrested on November 9, the official said. Section 109 of the BNS, relating to attempt to murder, was subsequently added to the case, he said.

Punjab man threatens woman with pistol in Himachal's Solan, arrested

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SHIMLA, NOV 12 :A Punjab resident was arrested for allegedly threatening a woman with a pistol at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh's Solan district, police said on Thursday.

The accused was identified as Narender Kumar (37), a resident of Gurdaspur, Punjab.

According to the woman, Anjali Devi, Kumar entered her house on November 10, pointed a pistol at her and threatened to kill her in the presence of her son. She alleged that Kumar asked her to go with him to Punjab; otherwise, he would either kill her or himself.

As the woman approached the police to lodge a complaint against the accused, he followed her to the police post in Kuthar, where he pointed the gun at her again. He was immediately arrested. Confirming the report, Solan Superintendent of Police Tirumalaraju S D Varma said a case under Sections 333 and 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Sections 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act has been registered against the accused. Confirming the report, Solan Superintendent of Police Tirumalaraju S D Varma said a case under Sections 333 and 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Sections 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act has been registered against the accused.

Woman among two tied to tree, 'beaten' for holding girl 'captive' in J'khand's Chatra

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CHATRA, NOV 12 :Two persons, including a woman, were allegedly tied to a tree and beaten by villagers for holding a girl "captive" for three days in Jharkhand's Chatra district, police said on Thursday.

The incident took place at Ghangri village under Bashishtnagar police station limits on Wednesday.

The minor's mother filed a police complaint on Wednesday, alleging that the 15-year-old girl was kidnapped for ransom.

DSP (Headquarters) Sunil Kumar Singh said the police rescued both the accused and they were being interrogated.

The accused woman told the police that it was a case of

cyber fraud in which the girl had allegedly transferred around Rs 60,000 to an unidentified person from her mobile phone, he said.

The girl, a friend of the accused woman's daughter, went to school on Saturday, but did not return home thereafter, according to the complaint.

"The woman held her captive at her home for three days with the support of a man. The victim was released on Tuesday as a search operation by the villagers intensified. The girl was threatened not to reveal anything to her parents," the DSP said, quoting from the complaint.

The minor told her parents that the accused were "planning to sell her", police said.



On Wednesday, the villagers caught the two accused, tied them to a tree and allegedly beat them, the officer said.

"The woman claimed that she sought Rs 60,000 from the girl, suspecting it to be a case of cyber fraud,"

Bashishtnagar police station in-charge Amit Kumar Singh said. Further investigation is underway.

Jeweller stabbed to death by brother-in-law at Kota hospital, held

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KOTA, NOV 12 :A 39-year-old jeweller was allegedly stabbed to death by his brother-in-law outside the intensive care unit (ICU) of a hospital here on Thursday morning following an argument over a family dispute, police said.

The accused, identified as Kapil Jain, was detained and booked on charges of murder under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), they said. The victim, Maulik Jain, a resident of the Talwandi area, was a jewellery trader.

Jain had visited the hospital along with his wife around 10.30 am to enquire about



the health of his mother-in-law, who was admitted after sustaining a head injury in a fall from a motorcycle near Kota Barrage on Wednesday night. During the visit, an argument broke out between Jain and his brother-in-law, Kapil Jain, who runs an artificial jewellery shop, over a family matter. The verbal altercation escalated when Kapil allegedly pulled out a knife and stabbed Jain in the chest outside the ICU on the second floor of the hospital, Dadabari Circle Inspector Baldev Ram said. The victim was initially taken to the hospital's emergency facility and later referred to Kota Heart Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. His body was subsequently shifted to the medical college hospital for a post-mortem examination by a medical board, the police officer said.

Email threatens blasts at Mumbai Mayor's office, airport, Big B's bungalow

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MUMBAI/PUNE, NOV 12 : Authorities in Mumbai were placed on high alert on Thursday following an email threat warning of bomb blasts across the metropolis, including at the airport, Mayor's office, megastar Amitabh Bachchan's bungalow 'Jalsa' and a Punjab National Bank (PNB) branch, an official said.

The official said the email, sent at 10.52 am from an account identified as reduak079@gmail.



com, was addressed to the Zonal Office of PNB Mumbai, the Local Crime Branch (LCB) at Cuffe Parade and the bank's Zaveri Bazar branch in south Mumbai.

The subject line of the email mentioned a bomb blast at a PNB branch in Mumbai at 1.11 pm. It further mentioned dates, including November 27 and December 31, and contained threatening references to bomb attacks. The email contained threats referring to multiple locations, including Mumbai banks, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mahalaxmi Stadium, Bachchan's 'Jalsa' bungalow,

Mayor's office, besides making references to Khalistan and a purported organisation named 'Khalistan National Army', the official said.

Overcrowded auto hit by dumper; 2 killed, pregnant woman miscarries

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New Delhi, Nov 12 :Two men were killed and six others, including a six-month-old girl, sustained injuries after a speeding dumper truck rammed into an auto rickshaw in northeast Delhi's Sonia Vihar early Thursday, while a pregnant woman travelling in the three-wheeler suffered a miscarriage following the collision, police said.

The accident took place near Pushta No. 5 around 5.09 am, leaving the auto rickshaw mangled. The dumper driver fled the spot after the collision, and police have launched a search to trace him.

Police said they received information about the accident at 5.09 am, while the Delhi Fire Service (DFS) received a call at 5.17 am.

A police team and fire personnel rushed to the spot and found that a dumper truck had collided with an auto rickshaw. With the help of locals, all eight occupants of the three-wheeler -- five men, two women and a six-month-old girl -- were rushed to Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital.

Doctors declared two persons, identified as Satbir (32) and an unidentified man, dead. Their bodies have been shifted to the mortuary of GTB Hospital for post-mortem, police said.

The six injured have been identified as Satbir's wife Moni (26), their six-month-old daughter Kanika, Raja (32), his wife Rakhi (26), Rameshwar Dayal (45) and an unidentified person.

Rakhi, who was six months pregnant, suffered serious injuries in the accident and lost her unborn child, family members said. The injured were initially taken to Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital, with several of them subsequently referred to GTB Hospital and Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital.

The Delhi Fire Service had earlier reported that two persons and a six-month-old infant girl were declared brought dead at the hospital. However, police later identified the two deceased as Satbir and



an unidentified man.

The forensic team inspected the accident site and collected evidence as part of the investigation. Police are examining CCTV footage and questioning locals to establish the circumstances leading to the collision.

Locals claimed that dumper drivers frequently drive on the wrong side of Pushta Road, resulting in accidents in the area.

Delhi Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra told PTI that he received information about the accident in the morning and immediately reached the spot.

"It is a very unfortunate and tragic incident. A vehicle collided with an auto-rickshaw carrying eight people. Three people lost their lives in the accident. A pregnant woman was also among those travelling in the vehicle," he said.

He noted that the tragedy once again raises serious concerns about road safety. "We often see people driving autos with more passengers

than the permitted capacity. Overloading, reckless driving and uncontrolled speed can have fatal consequences. Innocent people end up paying the price for such negligence," he said.

He further noted that the road where the accident occurred is a double-lane road, and residents of Sonia Vihar have repeatedly raised concerns about accidents on this stretch.

"The road needs to be widened. It should be developed into a four-lane road to ensure smoother traffic movement and improve safety. The project design has already been approved, and the responsibility for its execution has been assigned to the PWD. The process is underway, and the road will be developed," Mishra assured.

The minister urged people to exercise caution until the infrastructure is upgraded. "I appeal to all residents and commuters in Delhi to follow traffic rules and exercise restraint while driving. A little caution can save precious lives," he said.

Pankaj, a local, alleged that illegal autos and other commercial vehicles were operating openly in

the area despite lacking valid documents, fitness certificates, permits and other mandatory requirements.

"Such accidents have happened earlier as well. The traffic police officers are responsible for allowing these vehicles to operate," Pankaj alleged.

He claimed that at least 50 illegal autos were operating in the area, including vehicles bearing private registration numbers, without proper documents, fitness certificates, licences or uniforms.

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commitment to safeguarding the civilisational legacy of Jammu Kashmir for future generations.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that Jammu Kashmir is not known only for its natural beauty but also for its profound contributions to philosophy, spirituality, language, aesthetics and human thought. Referring to Acharya Abhinavagupta, he said that the great philosopher embodied the unity of spiritual experience, art and intellectual inquiry, and that youth should be introduced to the remarkable thinkers who emerged from the Kashmir Valley.

"Every university, every teacher, and every cultural institution of this land should work on translating important texts, encourage research, and provide scholars and students with a common platform. I believe that heritage must be alive, it must converse, and it must guide our new generation," he said.

Emphasising that culture forms the foundation of every society, the Lieutenant Governor noted that communities draw confidence and self-respect from a deeper understanding of their history and heritage. He underlined the importance of preserving ancient religious sites, manuscripts, museums and cultural institutions as instruments for strengthening identity and promoting mutual understanding.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the significant efforts undertaken in Jammu Kashmir for heritage conservation under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He noted that heritage revival projects are being implemented across the Union Territory through restoration of monuments, archival modernisation, archaeological research and cultural infrastructure development.

It is pertinent to mention that preservation work has been initiated on 106 heritage projects under the first two phases, with over 40 projects already completed. Under Phase III, 321 projects have been identified and 312 have received administrative approval. The digitisation work of historical records is ongoing in the Jammu and Srinagar archives, with nearly 96.8 lakh pages digitised so far, representing about 68 per cent of available documents.

Under Mission Gyan Bharatam, the surveys have identified 43,000 manuscripts and digitisation efforts are progressing steadily.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted ongoing work related to the Sufiana School in Srinagar, the modernisation of Abhinav Theatre and Kala Kendra in Jammu, restoration of Mubarak Mandi and research into recently discovered Kushan-era Buddhist remains in Baramulla district.

Speaking about Naranag Heritage Complex in Ganderbal, the Lieutenant Governor welcomed the research and documentation initiatives undertaken by Kakini Building Humanity and expressed hope that conservation and restoration activities would commence after completion of necessary procedural requirements. He also appreciated efforts connected with the Harmukh-Gangbal pilgrimage, describing it as a symbol of the region's enduring cultural and spiritual traditions.

"I believe that Naranag has its own distinct historical and spiritual dignity, where faith, geography, and collective memories are deeply intertwined. Therefore, I am extremely pleased that Kakini Building Humanity has also established a chair at the Indian Heritage Institute," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed that Jammu Kashmir has a long tradition of harmony and equal respect for all faiths. He emphasised that the heritage of every community must be preserved with sensitivity.

"The vaakhs of Yogini Lalleshwari and Nund Rishi still reach people's hearts across centuries, because their words contain eternal truths that are untouched by the passage of time. Preserving this tradition of harmony is our collective public responsibility," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said Kashmiri Pandit's contribution to Kashmir's literary, spiritual and cultural heritage is invaluable and their dignified return would help restore the Valley's complete social and cultural fabric.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, scholars, archivists, museum professionals and all stakeholders associated with heritage conservation. He also lauded former army officers and civil society organisations for their continued contribution to cultural preservation and nation-building.

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam, Shri Kuldeep Krishan Sidha; Adv. Raja Ashraf Ali Khan, Swamini Vishwa Nireeshwari Lakshmi Priya Mata, Shri Ramesh Hangloo, Ar. Balaji Dhar and Ar. Shravanthi were felicitated for their contribution in the field of culture and heritage.

Maj Gen R.K Raina (Retd.), Chairman Kakini Building Humanity, Cdr. Sanjay Kaul (Retd.), Dr. Aanchal Khurana, Vice President, Kakini Building Humanity; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Secretary, Culture Department; Shri Anshul Garg, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Shri Rajiv Omprakashn, DIG CKR; Dr. GV Sundeep Chakravarthy, SSP Srinagar; Shri Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, senior officials and prominent citizens from different walks of life were present.

Attack

comes a day after a terrorist attack on a CRPF post in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, in which three CRPF personnel were injured.

An official spokesman said Khirwar called on the Lieutenant Governor at the Lok Bhavan here.

The two discussed the prevailing security scenario in the Union Territory, the spokesman said.

Search

of them critically.

The two men disappeared into the forested area after the attack that took place around 2.15 pm near Mir Bazar, about 75 km from Srinagar and just a km from the strategic Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

Immediately after the attack, security launched a massive cordon and search operation in the area to track down the terrorists.

On Thursday morning, the security forces resumed the searches, the officials said.

They said the forces have erected barricades and deployed armoured vehicles at several places in the district.

Checking and frisking of vehicles is being undertaken at the security check-points as a tight vigil is being maintained.

The security agencies are using human and technical intelligence to aid the operation, the officials added.

Bullet

camp to an Army post for patrolling duty at Dharna-Marwah. They were locals and were aware of the topography of the area, an official said.

Their mobile phones were initially reachable but were later switched off, prompting concerns and an extensive search operation.

Security forces rushed reinforcements and deployed specialised teams equipped with drones and sniffer dogs early this morning, widening the search to cover a wider area around Kiyar and the route towards Dharna-Marwah.

While drones scanned inaccessible forest stretches, sniffer dogs assisted ground teams in tracking possible movement.

The killing of the two SPOs follows an attack on a CRPF checkpost in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday, in which three security personnel were injured, one of them critically.

The twin incidents led to widespread condemnation, including from the National Conference, BJP, Congress, PDP and CPI-M.

Several right-wing groups. including the Shiv Sena Dogra Front and Bajrang Dal, staged anti-Pakistan protests in Jammu and demanded action against those responsible.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary termed the twin attacks within 24 hours a matter of serious concern, saying the incidents contradict the BJP government's claims of having made Jammu and Kashmir terrorism-free.

He said statehood was taken away from Jammu and Kashmir in the name of security and combating terrorism, yet the security situation remains largely unchanged with militant attacks continuing much as they did when it was a state.

According to National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, those harbouring ambitions of taking Kashmir must abandon such notions and asserted that terrorism would never succeed in its designs.

Expressing concerns over claims in Delhi that terrorism had ended in Jammu and Kashmir, he called for concrete measures and said, "I have already said such incidents are still happening. One never knows where the next attack might take place."

BJP's Sunil Sharma and leader of opposition in the J&K Assembly also condemned the killing of the two SPOs and demanded decisive action against remaining terrorist elements.

"This is extremely tragic. We strongly condemn the attack, but condemnation alone is not enough. The remaining terrorist ecosystem must be completely dismantled. We are hopeful that the security forces, which are actively engaged in operations, will eliminate the remaining Pakistan-sponsored elements and ensure lasting peace across Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Such incidents, he added, undoubtedly create hurdles in the efforts to restore peace."

CPI-M MLA Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami said violence has never yielded any positive results and only inflicts pain and suffering on society. There is no justification for taking innocent lives.

PDP senior leader and spokesperson Firdaus Tak questioned the sudden escalation in violence and urged the government to take serious note of the deteriorating security situation.

He also called for adequate support and rehabilitation for the families of the slain personnel and demanded that those involved in the attacks be apprehended and brought to justice.

Congress' Ravinder Sharma said "such cowardly attacks won't deter our brave forces from eliminating terrorists".

Kishtwar, about 200 km from Jammu, has been a focus of counter-insurgency operations, which have resulted in the killing of several active terrorists. Security forces are continuing efforts to eliminate the remaining terrorist presence in the area's remote and forested areas, officials said.

According to available figures, five people, including four terrorists and one Army soldier, were killed in terror-related incidents in 2026.

The latest incident comes in the backdrop of repeated appeals by the district administration and security agencies for greater public cooperation in tackling terrorism and ensuring lasting peace in the region.

On October 4, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma urged residents of the remote areas of Marwah, Warwan and Dachhan to stand united against terrorism and share timely information about the movement of suspected terrorists with security forces.

"Marwah, Warwan and Dachhan areas have immense tourism potential, but the presence of active militants remains one of the key reasons restricting tourist movement in the region," Sharma said, stressing that peace and security were essential for promoting tourism and ensuring sustainable development.

Snowfall

the officials said.

The plains of the valley, including Jammu and Kashmir's summer capital here, were lashed by rains, the officials added.

The wet weather has brought down the day temperature by several degrees, they said.

Srinagar's maximum was 10.4°C, 5.5 degrees below normal, while Kupwara was the coldest among the Valley's plains stations, with a maximum of 8.4°C, 7.6 degrees below normal.

Gulmarg's maximum was 4.0°C, and its minimum fell to minus 0.6°C. The night temperature in Pahalgam was recorded at minus 1.2 °C.

Rains also led to a landslide along the Uri-Baramulla National Highway at Rajanwani in north Kashmir, the officials said, adding that traffic movement was disrupted due to the landslide.

The landslide led to the accumulation of debris and boulders on the road, bringing vehicular movement to a halt and leaving commuters stranded.

Authorities have started road clearance operations to restore traffic movement, the officials said.

The Meteorological Department has forecast light to moderate rain in the plains and snow in the higher reaches at most places with moderate/heavy rain/snowfall at some places till Friday afternoon.

It said a brief spell of light rain/snow at a few places is also likely from November 14-15. The weather is likely to stay dry from November 16-20, it added

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substantial number of passengers by improving access to rail services and promoting trade, tourism and economic activity in the region.

Highlighting the significance of the Vande Bharat Express service between Jammu and Srinagar, the Chief Minister said its introduction marked a major milestone in strengthening rail connectivity and opening new avenues for economic growth and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I would, therefore, request your personal intervention in having the experimental halt at Anantnag Railway Station converted into a permanent halt, keeping in view the genuine needs and aspirations of the people of South Kashmir," Omar wrote.

He also sought favourable consideration of the request, describing the continuation of the halt on a permanent basis as a matter of considerable public importance.

The Vande Bharat Express service has emerged as an important addition to railway connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, with its high-speed operations improving travel convenience between the Kashmir Valley and the Jammu region.

CM Omar

relating to the subjective component of selection extend every possible support to the Task Force in fulfilling its mandate, as the credibility of examinations had a direct bearing on the future of young people.

The Chief Minister also underlined the importance of a gradual transition towards computer-based examinations, observing that students must be adequately familiarised with the technology before such a system is introduced on a wider scale.

Omar Abdullah also advocated examining the possibility of incorporating school board examination performance into the selection framework for competitive and entrance examinations.

He said such an approach could help reduce the excessive dependence on a single entrance examination while also restoring the importance of regular school education and board examinations.

The Chief Minister stressed that a suitable mechanism would have to be evolved to ensure a level playing field for students from different educational boards, including JKBOSE, CBSE and ICSE, so that candidates from any particular board were not placed at a disadvantage.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the need to strengthen transparency in the interview and viva-voce components of recruitment and admission processes.

Observing that concerns were frequently raised by candidates regarding the subjective nature of oral examinations and the possibility of manipulation of marks, he suggested that the Task Force could examine measures to make this component more objective, transparent and accountable.

The meeting also discussed the mandate of the High-Powered Task Force constituted by the Government of India to recommend comprehensive reforms in examinations conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), including NEET-UG, JEE (Main), CUET-UG and UGC-NET.

The Task Force has been mandated to examine various aspects of the examination ecosystem, including examination design, security, institutional governance, use of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain, inclusivity, student well-being and a time-bound roadmap for implementation of reforms.

The meeting reviewed the arrangements made by J&K administration for the conduct of NEET-UG 2026, including coordination among civil and police authorities, examination-centre preparedness, security of question papers, deployment of nodal officers and constitution of committees at UT, divisional and district levels.

The meeting also took stock of the security arrangements put in place for the transportation and custody of question papers, including police-escorted movement from designated banks, CCTV-monitored strong rooms, round-the-clock security, prescribed frisking procedures and monitoring of examination centres.

Besides, the members deliberated on examination reforms undertaken by the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC), Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), universities and other higher education institutions.

Best practices relating to question paper security, digital examinations, transparent evaluation, timely declaration of results and issuance of degrees were also discussed.

Various suggestions and recommendations were put forward by the participating Ministers and other officers, with particular emphasis on strengthening institutional safeguards, leveraging technology, eliminating examination malpractices and reducing avoidable stress for candidates.

The deliberations were aimed at evolving a comprehensive and practical framework that would make examinations more secure, credible, transparent and student-friendly, while ensuring equal opportunities and a level playing field for all aspirants.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Health and Medical Education Sakina Itoo; Minister for Education Shamim Firdous; Acting Chief Secretary Shailendra Kumar; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta; Additional Director General of Police, Armed; administrative secretaries of the General Administration, Health and Medical Education, and Higher Education Departments; Chairman, JKSSB; and members of the High-Powered Task Force, Tapan Kumar Deka and Prof. V. Kamakoti.

The visiting members were accompanied by Director National Recruitment Agency and other officials of the Task Force Secretariat.

Grenades

a police spokesman said. He identified the person as Ghulam Jeelani Reshi.

The spokesman said that a hand grenade was recovered from Reshi's possession, and on his disclosure, another concealed grenade was subsequently recovered from the forest.

An FIR has been registered at the Tangmarg police station, and further investigation is underway to ascertain the source, intended use and possible links of the recovered explosives, the spokesman added.

Drone

Outpost Lalfamkima about 800 metres from the IB during a search operation by the Border Security Force (BSF), the officials said.

However, they said no payload was found attached to the drone at the time of its recovery. The drone was sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for detailed examination, the officials said.

They said the investigators are expected to analyse the device to establish its technical details and gather information that could help determine its origin, ownership and possible flight history.

The BSF launched the search operation after the troops observed the suspected drone movement from across the border in the early hours of the day and activated the anti-drone mechanism, the officials said

Gutted

pucca residential houses and two concrete sheds containing firewood and dry grass.

Fire and Emergency Services rushed fire tenders to the spot and doused the blaze.

The cause of the fire is being ascertained, they added.

LG Visit

Market and Shiv Market. He said, "I have no relief funds at my disposal, but as the president of the Red Cross Society, I requested them to provide some assistance through the Red Cross. They have arranged cheques of Rs 1 lakh each, which is the maximum support they can offer as per the rule."

He said he understood the amount was very small compared to the losses shopkeepers had endured, but hoped it would provide at least some help during this difficult time.

"In the meantime, Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Deputy Commissioner Jammu are making every effort to ensure that you receive your insurance claims as soon as possible," he said.

The spokesperson said immediate financial assistance of Rs 11 lakh has been given to affected shopkeepers at the Warehouse, along with Rs 27 lakh for affected shopkeepers at Shiv Market.

The LG directed the officials to expedite the damage assessment process and ensure prompt relief measures are extended to all those affected. He also emphasised the need to review and strengthen fire safety protocols across major commercial hubs to prevent such unfortunate incidents in the future.

"The entire UT administration stands with you. I assure the business community of all possible support from the Administration to help you rebuild your business at the earliest," the LG said.

Officials said the LG has formed an enquiry committee comprising the Inspector General, Jammu, and the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, to ascertain the cause and circumstances of the fire incident at the Warehouse, Nehru Market. The committee is directed to probe any lapses or negligence, fix responsibility, and submit its report within 15 days.

The LG said the enquiry will be impartial, and accountability will be fixed.

Sinha was among others, accompanied by Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat, Principal Secretary Govind Jaiswal, and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Vikas Kundal, the spokesperson said.

Rajnath

to the Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas conflicts, the defence minister said drones and air defence systems have emerged as critical components of modern warfare.

He exhorted the Air Force commanders to remain prepared for emerging challenges such as kamikaze drones, surveillance and counter-drone operations.

He minister called upon the Indian Air Force (IAF) to develop dedicated doctrines and architectures for emerging domains of warfare, including electronic, cyber and space.

Singh emphasised that enhanced preparedness in these domains would strengthen the ability to address future challenges.

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Indian Men's Cricket Team for Blind receives a grand send-off in New Delhi ahead of the Asia Cup

United News Of India

NEW DELHI, NOV 12 :The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) the cricketing arm of Samarthanam Trust with the support of CBRE South Asia Pvt. Ltd., hosted a send-off and press interaction here for the Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Blind ahead of the Asia Cup 2026.

The Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Blind is all set to compete in the Asia Cup Cricket for the Blind 2026, scheduled from November 15 to 20 at Anvir Cricket Stadium, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The Indian team will aim to reclaim the Asia Cup title it won a decade ago, competing against some of Asia's leading blind cricket teams. CBRE, through its corporate social responsibility initiative, Ek Pehal, in partnership with the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, has been supporting the Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Blind in its preparations for the Asia cup tournament.

CBRE's support includes player selection, professional coaching, nutrition, fitness, physiotherapy, travel arrangements and essential cricket equipment, helping players prepare for the competition.



The event brought together the Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Blind, Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar, Founder and Managing Trustee, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, and Chairman, CABI, Anshuman Magazine, Chairman and CEO, India, South-East Asia & MENA, CBRE and Chetan Sharma Former Indian Cricketer and Sr. Selection Committee, BCCI and Shailender Yadav, General Secretary CABI.

The occasion marked the team's departure for Dhaka as defending champions, returning to compete for the Asia Cup title a decade after their last victory. Anshuman Magazine and Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar handed over cricket kits to the team, recognising the players' commitment ahead of the tournament.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has also extended its support to the Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Blind by sponsoring round-trip flight tickets from New Delhi to Dhaka, Bangladesh, for the Asia Cup Cricket for the Blind 2026. This support is in line with BCCI's earlier commitment to assist the team with its international travel arrangements. At the event, Anshuman Magazine spoke about CBRE's continued partnership with Samarthanam and CABI, while Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar addressed the team's preparations and the growth of blind cricket in India. Captain Durga Rao Tompaki shared insights into the team's training, readiness and expectations for the tournament.

Anshuman, Chairman and CEO, India, South-East Asia & MENA, CBRE, said, "Sport has the power to create opportunities, challenge perceptions and bring communities together. Through Ek Pehal and our partnership with Samarthanam and CABI, CBRE is committed to supporting India's men's and women's blind cricket teams at every stage of their preparation. Our support covers player selection, nutrition, travel, professional training, health and physiotherapy and essential kits. We believe that giving athletes the right resources and support is essential to helping them perform at the highest level and earn the recognition they deserve. We are proud to back the team as they head to the Asia Cup 2026."Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar, Founder and Managing Trustee, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, and Chairman, CABI, said, "Our endeavour has always been to ensure that talent gets the right opportunities, professional training and recognition for the Men's Blind Cricket team.

Wasn't expecting my first call to be in white ball: Auqib Nabi on India debut

United News Of India

NEW DELHI, NOV 12 : Auqib Nabi hoped for a Test call-up before making his India debut in white-ball cricket, but the Jammu and Kashmir pacer is determined to make the most of his first international assignment in New Zealand, where he is currently part of the squad as a net bowler ahead of the two-Test series beginning November 19.

Having played a key role in J&K's maiden Ranji Trophy triumph, Nabi admitted that his first India call-up came in a format he had not anticipated. He made his ODI debut against New Zealand and picked up two wickets in the second match at Wellington.

"If you look at my white ball record in domestic, it is good. To be honest, I wasn't expecting my first call to be in white ball. I was expecting it to be in red ball. Nonetheless,



it's a good opportunity for me to show my skills," he said.

Despite having hoped to begin his international journey in Test cricket, Nabi described representing India as a huge honour and said he wanted to inspire youngsters from regions where cricketing facilities remain limited.

"It is indeed a huge honour to play for India. Anyone who takes up cricket, regardless of region, aims to play for the country; that was my goal as well. Whenever someone mentions a lack of facilities, I tell them to work as hard as they can with whatever limited facilities they have. Hard work is the only thing in a player's hands; everything else eventually falls into place.

Pant receives CoE clearance, available for India-New Zealand Tests

United News Of India

NEW DELHI, NOV 12 :Rishabh Pant has received the fitness clearance from the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) and is set to join the Indian team in New Zealand ahead of the two-Test series beginning November 19.

The wicketkeeper-batter underwent fitness and match-simulation tests on November 10 and 11 before reportedly getting the final approval on Thursday. His availability comes as a boost for captain Shubman Gill and the Indian team, who were awaiting clarity on his recovery from a side strain.

Pant sustained the injury while captaining Rest of India in the Irani Cup in early October and had been undergoing rehabilitation at the CoE since then.

When the selectors announced India's squad for the New Zealand Tests, Pant's name was included subject to fitness clearance. However, he was unable to recover in time to feature in the three unofficial Tests played by India A as part of the team's preparations for the red-ball series,ccording to ICC.

Several members of India's Test squad used those matches to get valuable game time ahead of the international assignment, but Pant has now completed his rehabilitation and received the green light to return to the side.

The opening Test will be played in Wellington from November 19, while Christchurch will host the second match, beginning November 27. The wicketkeeper-batter underwent fitness and match-simulation tests on November 10 and 11 before reportedly getting the final approval on Thursday. His availability comes as a boost for captain Shubman Gill and the Indian team, who were awaiting clarity on his recovery from a side strain.

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Pacer Randell & Clarkson set for debut as New Zealand add duo to squad for India



United News Of India

MOUNT MOUNGANUI, NOV 12 : Pacer Brett Randell is in contention for his international debut after he won a maiden call-up to New Zealand's squad for the final two ODIs at home against India.

Randell has performed well in domestic cricket and for New Zealand A in recent times and is called up for the fourth and fifth matches of the ODI series that India currently lead 2-0.

All-rounder Josh Clarkson also comes into the squad for the final two matches of the series, with the Black Caps battling injury concerns to a host of key players that includes pacers Lockie Ferguson and Blair Tickner and a host of their red-ball stars currently preparing for the upcoming two-match ICC World Test Championship series against India.

New Zealand coach Rob Walter said Randell deserved his maiden call-up and believes the 31-year-old will perform admirably should he win selection, according to ICC.

"We're very pleased for Brett, he's been a consistent performer in domestic cricket for some time now and has earned this opportunity," Walter said.

"There's been a few movements throughout the series so we're fortunate to be able to bring in Brett and Josh.

"The weather looks promising this weekend so hopefully we'll get to end the series on a high."

Root calls for adaptability as England build towards World Cup

United News Of India

PERTH, NOV 12 :Joe Root has called for England to embrace greater adaptability as they continue their preparations for next year's ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

Speaking ahead of England's ODI series against Australia, the 35-year-old emphasised the importance of gaining experience across varied conditions as a young squad continues its evolution.

"We're a team that wants to be more adaptable. If we are going to challenge that World Cup, we're going to have to be able to adapt our games," Root told reporters in Perth on Wednesday.

"We're quite young and inexperienced in many ways. So the more experience we have on different surfaces, different situations in games... the more we'll learn, develop and become a more rounded team.

"We've come from Pakistan. We've learned a huge amount there. Over the course of this series, we're going to have to be really clear on how we want to get the best out of these three games. So that's the challenge for us."England arrive in Australia on the back of a tri-series against Pakistan and Sri Lanka, where they took one win from four group matches.

Root highlighted the enthusiasm within the group and backed the side's emerging talent to make the most of the change in conditions, according to ICC.



"They're very exciting. They've got huge amounts of energy, huge amounts of talent," Root said of his younger teammates.

"They've done very well domestically, and they've got great skill sets.

"I'm sure they'll be desperate to try and utilise the surfaces after coming from Pakistan, where you might not have the bounce.

"They've been great in this lead-up phase, and I'm sure if they get that opportunity, they'll put the best foot forward."The opening game of the series holds personal significance for Root, who is set to mark a major personal milestone when he takes the field in Sydney."I played my 100th ODI in Sydney and to be back here for my 200th game is obviously a huge privilege," Root said.

"As a kid in the back garden or on the driveway, playing little Test matches and international games against my brother and my friends with a table, twigs in the ground... to play as many games I have is a real privilege.

"I'm very proud of that and hopefully we can continue our development as a team over the next little while ahead of what's a very exciting World Cup not far down the line."

With nearly a decade and a half of international experience behind him, Root reflected on how continuous learning and adapting to different team dynamics have shaped his longevity at the highest level.

"As a player, you've just got to keep evolving with it, and you've got to keep finding ways of understanding the rhythm of the game," Root said.

Odisha gymnasts shine at CBSE national championship, bag 11 medals

United News Of India

BHUBANESWAR, NOV 12 :Young gymnasts from Odisha have made the state proud with an impressive medal-winning performance at the CBSE National Gymnastics Championship 2026, held in Pune, Maharashtra, bringing home 11 medals, including four gold, five silver and two bronze.

Representing their respective schools, 13 promising athletes from the Odisha AM/NS India Gymnastics High Performance Centre (GHPC), Bhubaneswar, and the Gymnastics Grassroots Centre, Rourkela, showcased exceptional talent, determination and sporting excellence at the prestigious national-level competition.The championship witnessed participation from more than 350 young gymnasts from across the country, offering a highly competitive platform for emerging sporting talent to demonstrate their skills. Among



the standout performers, Pritti Jhankhaar emerged as one of Odisha's brightest stars in the Under-17 girls' category, clinching two gold medals in the All-Around and Balance Beam events.

Kamindu starting to believe as Sri Lanka eye Pakistan triumph

United News Of India

RAWALPINDI, NOV 12 :Sri Lanka batter Kamindu Mendis is eyeing off a big first innings lead as his side chases victory in the first ICC World Test Championship contest against Pakistan here.



Kamindu scored an excellent half-century on the third day of the Test on Wednesday, but he was outshone by fellow batters Dhananjaya de Silva (167 not out) and Kusal Mendis (117 not out) as the pair put on an unbeaten stand of 249 to power Sri Lanka along to 404/4 at stumps to only trail Pakistan by 30 runs on the first innings.

With bowlers from both sides struggling to find much assistance from the Rawalpindi pitch, Kamindu knows runs will be the order of the day on Thursday when play resumes as Sri Lanka try and surpass Pakistan's first innings score and obtain a big lead.

"We are in a good position," Kamindu said at stumps after his innings of 58."The first session tomorrow will be crucial, so if these two set batters can continue and give us a good lead, then we can go to the next step.

"We need to get a good first innings lead.

"Two set batters are at the crease and hopefully they'll play well tomorrow as well."

Kamindu suggested it was too early to discuss when a potential declaration may come from his side, though he does feel Sri Lanka's spinners can still have a say in proceedings on the final day, according to ICC."We haven't yet decided when we will declare," he added.

"I feel maybe tomorrow evening or on the last day, the wicket might get good for spinners and there's something in it for the fast bowlers too."

Mohammad Abbas was the only Pakistan bowler to taste any success with the ball on Wednesday when he got Kamindu to edge one to keeper Ghazi Ghori.

India defeat Singapore in AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers opener

United News Of India

KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 12 :Skipper Dallalmoun Gangte struck a brilliant hat-trick as the India U17 men's team trounced Singapore 4-2 to get their Group E campaign off to a rousing start in the AFC U17 Asian Cup 2027 Qualifiers at the Kuala Lumpur Football Stadium in Malaysia.

Singapore took the lead through Izzan Farid in the 27th minute. But India equalised in the 29th through Dallalmoun Gangte, who also made it 2-1 from the penalty spot in the 61st minute on Wednesday.

However, Farid headed home his second in the 65th minute to make it 2-2. But Gangte completed his hat-trick in the 82nd minute as the Indians hit the front again at 3-2 before substitute Ristik

aity provided insurance cover in the 88th minute.

Mehrajuddin Wadoo's boys displayed a lot of maturity and calmness in their intention to build play. They kept the ball deep inside their own half as the defenders indulged in pushing and prodding the ball to draw the Singapore players out of their comfort lines before moving forward with swift passes.



But an error in defence, as centre-back Leo Thongbam delayed his clearance, allowed Singapore striker Farid to snatch the ball and place it home from close to give the island nation the lead in the 27th minute.

The Blue Colts were not unduly perturbed and attacked with renewed vigour. The response was swift as Sailex Oinam chipped into the box. Gangte controlled it, turned past his marker and slammed a left-footer low into the near post for the equaliser just two minutes later.

Gangte almost produced a repeat effort five minutes before the breather, but his placement travelled tantalisingly close to the left upright and rolled out after the skilful Kamgouhao Doungel found him free inside the box.

Lawmsangzuala, Doungel and Mukundo Singh Ningthoujam combined well to exert pressure with some well-coordinated moves. The trio of Sailex, Gangte and the speedy Md Sahir Ali also kept the attack going and gave the Singapore defence anxious moments but failed to find the net.Singapore tried to force themselves into the game with some long passes, but the Indian defence soaked up all that was thrown at them as the teams trooped out on level terms at the breather.The Blue Colts once again gathered forces and launched a series of attacks after the break. Mukundo twice darted into the box only to lose control.

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ACT celebrates historic golden jubilee

50 years of theatre, culture and service

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Srinagar: 'ACT For A Better Tomorrow', Kashmir's one of the oldest and most respected theatre organisations, yesterday celebrated its historic Golden Jubilee, marking 50 years of uninterrupted service to theatre, art, culture and society.

The Golden Jubilee celebration was held in Srinagar with great enthusiasm, in the presence of distinguished guests, veteran artists, writers, scholars, students, and hundreds of art lovers from across Jammu & Kashmir.

The show was sponsored by 'Kashmir Movietone', 'Halal Nation' and supported by 'Amar Singh Club' (Srinagar). The 'Gabfire' was the branding partner and 'Rampage Advertising Agency' was the Advertising Partner.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman ACT, Mushtaaque Ali Ahmad Khan, who has led the organisation for over four decades as actor, director, set designer and organizer, said:

"Theatre is and will remain the soul of ACT. For 50 years, we have performed not for fame, but for the people of Kashmir. Our journey is a story of passion, sacrifice and honest creative labour. Today, we renew our pledge to serve Kashmir for the next 50 years."

The show was attended by a good number of Politicians, Bureaucrats, Eminent Artists, Journalists and other dignitaries of the Valley including Zafar Iqbal Khan Manhas, Syed Basharat Bukhari, Dr. Rafi Ahmad, Syed Tajamul Islam, Sujada Basheer, Sayed Humayun Qaisar, Shahnawaz Bukhari, Ahsan Chisti, Suman Raina, Amit Wanchoo, Mehjabeen Nabi, Prof Tariq Abdullah, Rauf Tramboo, Rauf Punjabi, Roma Wani, Shabnum Ashai, Zameer Ashai, G M Wani, Shahzad Rasool, Hussein Khan, Ameen Bhat, Mushtaq Bala, Mir Aijaz, Mir Sarwar, Shafeeq Quraishi, Waheed Jeelani and Raja Bilal, Ashiq Peerzada, Tahir Mohi Uddin and Parvez Majeed.



In the last 50 years, ACT has produced more than two dozen major stage productions, many of which have won state and national level awards. The organisation is known for strong content, powerful performances and socially relevant themes.

Major productions include 'Jheel Bula Rahi Hai', 'Ek Potli Armanoon Ki' (8 awards), 'Taqdeer Saaz' (9 awards), 'Negative' - first-ever play on a floating stage in Dal Lake, 'Sabarmati Ka Sant', 'Sanyasi', 'Pagla Ghoda', and 'Deewana Bana De'.

ACT has received more than a dozen prestigious awards in the last 20 years, including Chinar Art Foundation Award, two Infotel Awards, Athwas Award, and Awards of Excellence and Honour. Its plays have won Best Production, Best Direction and Best Set Design awards in festivals organised by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and Doordarshan.

ACT has organised 3 Spring Theatre Festivals, 5 Editions of Kashmir World Film Festival - now considered J&K's largest film festival, 2 Editions of Istaqbaal-e-Chilla-e-Kalan, Jashn-e-Sheen Festival, and the first-ever 3-day Kashmir Theatre Conference (11-13 Sept 2026) with 24 theatre experts from Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad and Kashmir. ACT has also organised World Theatre Day on 27th March continuously for 21 years without a break.

Golden Jubilee Celebration Highlights:

- Felicitation of veteran artists, writers, and founding members of ACT
- Cultural performances, music, and excerpts from landmark ACT plays
- Release of Golden Jubilee Souvenir and Documentary on 50 Years of ACT
- Announcement of Future Vision: ACT FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Vision for Next 10 Years (2026-2036):

On this historic occasion, Sayed Humayun Qaisar , the Patron of ACT announced its roadmap for the next decade:

- ACT Academy of Performing Arts - structured training in theatre, music, dance and film
- ACT Youth Leadership Centre - leadership, skill development and women empowerment
- ACT Archive of Kashmiri Theatre - digital preservation of 50 years of history
- 50 Plays for 50 Years Project – 50 plays across J&K and Delhi
- Social initiatives aligned with 12 SDGs in education, health, gender equality, environment, and welfare of specially-abled, orphans and senior citizens

Bollywood Personalities Visit Shaurya Gatha Complex in Karnah



Appreciate Region's Rich Cultural Heritage

PEERZADA SAYEED

KARNAH, NOVEMBER 12: Shaurya Gatha Complex, located at SM Hill in the picturesque Karnah Valley of Kupwara district, witnessed a special visit by three distinguished personalities associated with the Indian film industry, bringing further recognition to the region's growing potential as a destination for cultural tourism, filmmaking and cinematic exploration.

The prominent visitors included Vipin Sharma, an acclaimed Indian actor widely recognised for his remarkable performances in Bollywood films such as Taare Zameen Par, Gangs of Wasseypur and Paan Singh Tomar; Namrata Jadhav, an Indian film actress known for her contributions to Marathi and Hindi cinema, including Yaari Dosti and Bhootkaal; and Kapil Mattoo, a renowned Kashmiri filmmaker, writer, producer and director associated with projects such as Haaput (The Bear) and Tasrufdar (Djinns of Kashmir).

During their visit, the distinguished guests explored the various attractions within the Shaurya Gatha Complex, including the Pahari Culture Centre, War Museum and War Memorial. They were briefed about the rich cultural heritage, traditional lifestyle, historical significance and glorious legacy of courage and sacrifice associated with the people of Karnah.

The visitors showed interest in the region's unique Pahari culture, historical traditions and the stories of valour that have shaped the identity of this border area. The War Museum and War Memorial provided them an opportunity to gain a closer understanding of the region's military history, while the Pahari Culture Centre offered an insight into its distinctive cultural identity, customs and traditions.

Journalists Association Kupwara calls on Deputy Commissioner

Urges establishment of dedicated press club in district

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PEERZADA SAYEED

Kupwara: A delegation of the Executive Committee of the Journalists Association Kupwara on Wednesday called on Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Abhishek Sharma, IAS, and held a detailed interaction with him on various issues concerning the media fraternity, professional challenges faced by journalists, and areas of mutual cooperation between the media and district administration.

During the meeting, the delegation highlighted the long-pending demand for the establishment of a dedicated Press Club in Kupwara district, stressing that journalists need a permanent and well-equipped common platform to carry out professional activities, exchange ideas, organise discussions, conduct interactions with officials and deliberate on matters of public importance.



The Association members pointed out that a Press Club would play an important role in strengthening the professional environment for journalists and promoting healthy, responsible and constructive journalism. They also emphasised that such an institution would provide media professionals with an appropriate space for meetings, press conferences, seminars, workshops and other activities related to the profession.

The delegation urged the Deputy Commissioner to take necessary steps towards facilitating the establishment of a Press Club in the district. Responding to the demand, DC Abhishek Sharma assured the Association members that the matter would be examined.

During the interaction, several other matters concerning the role of the media in district development were also discussed.

SKUAST-K organises farmer awareness programme at Wadura

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Srinagar: With the objective of popularising improved crop varieties developed by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), the Dryland Agricultural Research Station (DARS), Rangreth, organised a one-day awareness-cum-input distribution programme at the Faculty of Agriculture (FoA), Wadura.

The programme was conducted under the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Forage Crops and Utilisation in collaboration with the Division of Agronomy.



Around 30 farmers from Baramulla district benefited from the initiative and were provided seeds of improved oat varieties, seed bins and knapsack sprayers.

Nominated MLA Dr Farida Khan attended the programme as the chief guest, while Director Extension, SKUAST-K, Dr Raihana Habib Kanth, was the guest of honour. Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura, Dr Najeeb ur Rehman, attended as the special guest. Dr Saleem Khuroo, Chief Scientist and Principal Investigator, AICRP on Forages, was also present.

Day 2: Veshow Festival 2 showcases Kulgam's rich cultural heritage



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Kulgam: The second day of the three-day Veshow Festival 2026 witnessed a series of vibrant cultural activities, highlighting the rich cultural heritage, traditional values, artistic talent and literary legacy of Kulgam district.

The festival is being organised by the District Administration Kulgam under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam (IAS). Additional Deputy Commissioner Viqar Ahmad Giri (JKAS), Assistant Commissioner Development Bilal Ahmad Kamgar (JKAS), SDM Noorabad Bashir-ul-Hasan (JKAS) and District Information Officer Showkat Hussain (JKAS) are also overseeing its administrative arrangements.

The festival provided a colourful platform for local artists, performers and creative minds to showcase their talent and highlight the region's unique cultural identity. Various cultural presentations and artistic activities reflected the diversity and vibrancy of Kashmir's age-old traditions.

RailOne App offers complete railway services on single digital platform

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Jammu: In a major initiative to promote digitalisation and enhance passenger convenience, the Jammu Division of Northern Railway has appealed to railway passengers to make maximum use of the Indian Railways' official multi-purpose super app, RailOne, which provides a wide range of railway services through a single digital platform.

The initiative aims to reduce unnecessary rush at railway ticket counters and enable passengers to access essential railway services directly through their smartphones, ensuring a smooth, convenient and hassle-free travel experience.

RailOne is an integrated digital platform that brings several railway services under one roof. Earlier, passengers had to download multiple applications for different railway-related facilities. However, with the introduction of RailOne, passengers can now access various services through a single application.

Through the app, passengers can book unreserved and platform tickets within seconds without standing in queues. They can also make reserved ticket bookings and check their PNR status instantly. Other important features include real-time train tracking, expected arrival and departure timings, platform information and coach position details.



The app also provides facilities such as e-catering for ordering food directly to passengers' seats, wheelchair and porter services for Divyangjan and senior citizens, and access to the Rail Madad portal for registering complaints and seeking assistance.

Highlighting the financial benefits of the application, the Jammu Division stated that passengers booking unreserved tickets through RailOne are being provided an additional 3 per cent bonus discount. The bonus amount is credited directly to the passenger's R-Wallet and can be utilised for future ticket bookings.

The digital ticketing facility also helps save paper, promotes environmental protection and eliminates the risk of losing or damaging physical tickets. Passengers can make secure digital payments through UPI, debit and credit cards, net banking and R-Wallet.

Speaking about the initiative, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu, Shri Uchit Singhal, said that RailOne is a smart, fast and reliable digital solution for railway passengers.

He said that Jammu Division is committed to maintaining a leading position among Indian Railways divisions in digitalisation and passenger amenities.

District-level fencing competition organised at Gamroo

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Bandipora: The District Fencing Association Bandipora, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Fencing Association (JKFA), successfully organised a district-level fencing competition for both boys and girls at Cricket Ground, Gamroo, with the participation of around 40 enthusiastic young athletes.



The event witnessed spirited participation, showcasing the talent, discipline, determination and sporting skills of budding fencers from the district.

The Principal, Higher Secondary School Nadihal, attended the occasion as the Chief Guest, accompanied by local residents and prominent members of the area, who appreciated the efforts of the organisers in promoting sports and encouraging youth participation. The competition reflected the growing enthusiasm for fencing in District Bandipora and highlighted the importance of providing young boys and girls with opportunities to explore and excel in different sporting disciplines.