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Rain lashes plains, higher reaches receive fresh snowfall

Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Gurez Experience Fresh Snow; Bla Records Highest Rainfall

KA NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Nov 13: Moderate to heavy overnight rains lashed most parts of Kashmir, while higher reaches received fresh snowfall, bringing a spell of wintry weather to the Valley and disrupting movement along several important mountain roads.

Tourist resorts of Gulmarg and Sonamarg were among the places that received fresh snowfall during the night. Snowfall was also reported from upper areas of Gurez and Kupwara, besides Zojila Pass and the Mughal Road in south Kashmir's Shopian district.

Authorities have initiated road clearance operations along several important road links to restore traffic movement, officials said.

The plains of Kashmir, including Srinagar, received moderate to heavy rainfall. Baramulla recorded the highest precipitation at 49.5 mm during the preceding 24 hours, followed by Gulmarg at 40.6mm and Kupwara at 37.3 mm.

Srinagar received 16.3 mm of rainfall, while Pahalgam recorded 22.4 mm, Batote



16.1 mm, Bhaderwah 15.3 mm, Banihal 10.5 mm, Kokernag 6.4 mm and Qazigund 5.8 mm.

Gulmarg received around 2 to 6 inches of fresh snowfall, further intensifying the wintry conditions in the higher reaches.

According to

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CM chairs Cabinet meeting in Jammu

Key Welfare, Development Proposals Discussed

PTI/KA NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Nov 13: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday chaired a meeting of the Council of Ministers in Jammu to deliberate on a range of proposals concerning public welfare, infrastructure development, investment and administrative reforms.

The meeting was



attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Ministers Ali Mohammad Sagar, Sakeena Itoo, Javed Ahmad Rana, Javid Ahmad Dar, Mir Saifullah, Shamim Firdous and Altaf Ahmad Wani, besides Acting Chief Secretary Shailendra Kumar.

An official said the Council of Ministers deliberated on key proposals aimed at strengthening

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KULGAM TERROR ATTACK

CRPF Chief Interacts With Field Officers, Discusses Way Ahead

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, Nov 13: CRPF chief G P Singh on Friday visited Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district where three personnel were injured in a terror attack earlier this week.

Singh, Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), also interacted

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Several suspects picked up for questioning

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, Nov 13: Several suspects have been picked up for questioning in the aftermath of the Kulgam attack in which three CRPF personnel were injured, officials said on Friday.

Terrorists opened fire at a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) post in the South Kashmir district on Wednesday.

Immediately after

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Property of terror handler attached

KA NEWS DESK

Jammu, Nov 12: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday attached immovable property worth Rs 81 lakh belonging to a Pakistan-based terror handler in Rajouri district, an official

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2 rape accused held after year-long hunt

KA NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Nov 13: Two men accused of abducting and raping two girls in separate cases were held in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Friday, after evading arrest for nearly a year, police said.

Keshiv Ahirwar from Madhya

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Maintain vigilance at sensitive locations: DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jammu, Nov 13: Conducting a comprehensive Security Review of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine nested in Trikuta Hills of Katra town in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Udhampur-Reasi Range, Sawarn Singh Kotwal on Friday laid a special emphasis on maintaining effective area domination, vigilance at sensitive locations and seamless coordination among all security agencies.

The security review was conducted of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, Katra, covering the entire route from Katra to

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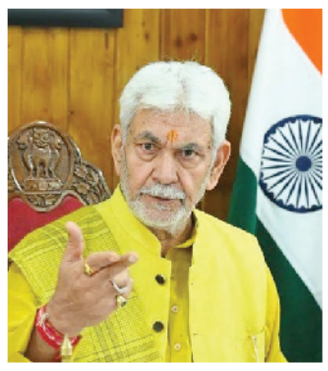
LG pays tributes to 2 SPOs killed in Kishtwar

KA NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Nov 13: Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday paid tributes to two SPOs, who were killed in a terror attack in the remote Dachhan area of Kishtwar district.

The bullet-riddled bodies of the two Special Police Officers (SPO)-- Babi Chand (57) and Rashpal Kumar (45) -- were recovered early Thursday, a day after they went missing from the remote Dachhan area.

The service weapons of the



slain SPOs, an INSAS rifle and a .303 rifle along with some magazines and ammunition, were missing and are believed to have been taken away by terrorists.

Empty cartridges of Pakistani-origin armour-piercing steel-core ammunition were recovered from the scene.

In a post on X, Sinha said, "I am deeply grieved by the tragic loss of the brave personnel of Jammu and Kashmir Police, who laid down their lives in line of duty at Kishtwar. I strongly condemn the cowardly attack".

"Their courage, unwavering dedication and

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Political rivalry should never turn into personal hostility: CM Omar

KA NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Nov 13: Emphasising the importance of maintaining mutual respect despite differences of opinion, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said political rivalry should never turn into personal hostility.

Abdullah was addressing a



gathering after inaugurating the 22nd All India Vice-Chancellor's T20 Cricket Tournament 2026 at the main campus of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), here.

Being hosted by the varsity from November 13 to 23, the prestigious tournament has brought

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Director Information reviews functioning of DICs of Jammu Division

KA NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, November 13: Director Information and Public Relations, Mamta Yadav, today chaired a review meeting with the District Information Officers (DIOs) of Jammu Division to assess the functioning and performance of their



respective District Information Centres (DICs). The

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Centre extends ban on Zakir Naik's IRF for 5 years

Amit Shah Says His Group Promotes 'Venomous Ideology'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: The Centre on Friday extended the ban on fugitive preacher Zakir Naik's Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) for another five years under the stringent UAPA, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah saying that the outfit was propagating a "venomous ideology" of terrorism and separatism.

In a gazette notification,



the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said that the IRF has been engaged in activities prejudicial

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Pulwama woman's throat-slit murder case

Police arrest main accused, widens investigation

KA NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Nov 13: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday said they have arrested the main accused in the murder of a 75-year-old woman whose throat was slit in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, while the investigation has revealed the alleged involvement of another person in the crime.

The victim, identified as Jana Begum a resident of Parigam Jagir, was murdered on October 19, following which Police Station Pulwama registered an FIR under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Jana Begum was allegedly attacked when her son had gone to a nearby mosque to offer Fajr (pre-dawn) prayers. The assailants slit her throat and fled, leaving her lying in a pool of blood.

Taking cognisance of the crime, SSP Pulwama constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by Deputy Superintendent of Police Headquarters Pulwama, to investigate the

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The Cost of Exposing Irregularities?

Housing Board Employee Alleges Victimisation, Awaits Posting After HC Quashes Dismissal

Srinagar, November 13 (KPS): An employee of the Jammu and Kashmir Housing Board has alleged prolonged victimisation and administrative harassment after he raised concerns over alleged irregularities in the organisation, including violations of promotion rules and preferential treatment to certain employees.

Ghulam Ahmad Ganai, who claims to have faced repeated suspensions before being dismissed from service, has sought the intervention of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, demanding a high-level inquiry into the alleged irregularities in the Housing Board.

The controversy has assumed significance following the High Court's March 5, 2026 order quashing his dismissal. Although Ganai rejoined the department on April 2, he alleges that the authorities have yet to resolve the issue of his proper posting, leaving him facing continued administrative uncertainty.

According to Ganai, he joined the Housing Board as a daily wager in 1988 and was regularised in 1995 after completing the prescribed period of service. In 1999, he was granted an NOC for BE-I/ITI, while in 2001, he was appointed as Works

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Div Com Kashmir reviews winter preparedness

Directs prompt snow clearance, stocking of essentials in remote areas

Kashmir Age News



SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 13: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, today chaired a high-level meeting to review winter preparedness across Kashmir Division, emphasising coordinated efforts, timely response and adequate arrangements to ensure uninterrupted essential services during the winter season.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Director Airport Authority Srinagar, SSP Traffic Rural and senior officers from KPDCL, R&B, MED, PMGSY, ULB, BRO, NHAI, Irrigation and Flood Control, PHE, IMD, FCS&CA, Health, SDA, Police and other concerned departments.

During the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner reviewed the snow clearance action plans of various agencies, including MED, R&B, PMGSY, ULB, SMC and BRO. He directed all agencies to ensure prompt snow clearance and clearly demarcate jurisdictional responsibilities to avoid duplication and confusion.

He stressed optimal utilisation of available machinery and manpower and directed the concerned agencies to complete all pending stage contracts to strengthen the snow clearance mechanism.

Concerned Chief Engineers and officers assured the chair that adequate arrangements are in place to ensure smooth, prompt and timely snow clearance on highways, major roads, streets and inner lanes immediately after snowfall.

Reviewing winter power preparedness, the Divisional Commissioner assessed electricity demand and supply, availability of buffer stocks of transformers, transformer oil, DG sets and HSD in Gurez, besides the status of branch cutting.

The meeting was informed that all districts have adequate transformer stocks while 80 percent of branch cutting has been completed.

It was further informed that the average electricity demand in the Valley during winter is around 1,700 MW against an average supply of 1,300 MW, while peak demand during touchs to 2,400 MW.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the Chief Engineer, KPDCL, to augment the capacity of workshops wherever required, complete the remaining branch-cutting work at the earliest, strictly adhere to scheduled power curtailment timings and ensure prompt repair of damaged transformers.

While reviewing the availability of essential commodities in remote and snowbound areas, including Gurez and Karnah-Machil-Keran belt, the Divisional Commissioner directed FCS&CA to complete the advance stocking of LPG, petroleum products, rice and wheat within one week.

India ready to discuss all bilateral issues with Bangladesh: MEA

Kashmir Press Service

New Delhi: India has reiterated its desire to maintain positive, constructive and forward-looking relations with Bangladesh, stating that bilateral issues can be discussed through existing institutional mechanisms, including at the technical level.

Responding to a query on the India-Bangladesh Consular Dialogue, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said initiatives had been undertaken and meetings held under structured bilateral mechanisms covering trade, railways, water resources and border management, among other areas.

The Ministry stated that the next round of the India-Bangladesh Consular Dialogue, which will also discuss matters relating to the Revised Travel Arrangement, would be held on a mutually convenient date.

India remains ready to engage with Bangladesh on all bilateral matters through established channels, the MEA said.

India has national policy on foreign relations: MEA on Punjab CM

On the issue of political clearance for Punjab Chief Minister's foreign visits, the MEA said India follows a national policy concerning relations with foreign countries and expects everyone to abide by it.

The Ministry stated that requests for political clearance for dignitaries visiting abroad are assessed in accordance with the government's overall policy and processed accordingly.

Referring to India's position on Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack, the MEA said the country's stand on the matter should be amply clear to everyone.

Indian national in Iran provided Emergency Certificate, efforts underway for return

Meanwhile, the MEA said the Indian Consulate in Bandar Abbas was in regular contact with Indian national Akshay Hareesh and was extending all possible assistance to facilitate his return to India.

According to the Ministry, the Consulate



received a call from Akshay on November 9, 2026, during which he informed officials that he had joined the merchant vessel Plam Marine (IMO No. 8954532) in Japan in 2025.

Upon the vessel's arrival at Chahbahar Port, the captain informed him that his passport and Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) had been lost. He was subsequently disembarked from the vessel at Chahbahar.

Akshay also informed the Consulate that the vessel's owner was providing him with boarding and lodging facilities at Bandar Lengeh.

Following his call, the Consulate immediately contacted the vessel's owner and agent and briefed them about the formalities required for issuance of an Emergency Certificate (EC).

The MEA said the Emergency Certificate had since been issued to Akshay and all possible efforts were being made to facilitate his early return to India.

DC Budgam chairs DLIC meeting, reviews progress under Mission YUVA

Kashmir Age News

BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 13: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Jatin Kishore, today chaired a District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting to assess the progress of Mission YUVA implementation in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the status of pending bank cases, subsidy disbursement, hybrid training, capacity building, Udyam Jagriti, ONDC onboarding and progress reporting.

He directed the concerned banks to expedite the scrutiny, sanction and disbursement of all eligible cases and ensure clearance of pending subsidy claims within stipulated timelines.

Reviewing the training component, he instructed the concerned departments and institutions to ensure enrolment and completion of all pending training batches.

He stressed that no approved or disbursed case should remain unattended and called for optimum utilisation of available manpower and resources across colleges.

Under Udyam Jagriti, the Deputy Commissioner directed daily submission of progress reports and intensified awareness activities across the district.

He also stressed saturation of eligible beneficiaries under the Lakhpati Didi initiative and accelerated formation of new Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Emphasising the role of educational institutions, he directed all college Principals and other concerned to ensure 100% student participation in Mission YUVA training, awareness and entrepreneurship promotion programmes.

He asserted on effective mobilisation of students and optimum utilisation of institutional resources.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed educational institutions to maximise participation in the Udyam Jagriti and instructed the concerned officers to accelerate onboarding of eligible local products and entrepreneurs on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

Mir Saifullah highlights universal message of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji



Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 13: Minister for Planning, Development and Monitoring, Culture, Youth Services and Sports, Mir Saifullah, today highlighted the timeless relevance of the supreme sacrifice of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, describing it as an enduring symbol of religious freedom, human dignity, tolerance and universal brotherhood.

The Minister was speaking as the Chief Guest at "Shristi Di Chadar – A Supreme Sacrifice for Faith and Freedom of Religion", a ten-city nationwide academic and interfaith commemorative initiative marking the 350th Martyrdom Year of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, organised at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

Mir Saifullah said that the supreme sacrifice of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji transcended religious and geographical boundaries and represented one of the greatest examples of standing up for the rights, beliefs and freedom of others. He observed that Guru Sahib's unparalleled courage and commitment to protecting freedom of conscience continue to inspire humanity and hold immense relevance in contemporary society.

Emphasising the importance of preserving and promoting the country's rich spiritual and cultural heritage, the Minister said that the teachings of great spiritual personalities must reach younger generations so that the values of compassion, mutual respect, communal harmony and peaceful coexistence remain deeply rooted in society.

He appreciated the organisers for bringing together academicians, scholars, writers, students and representatives of different faiths on a common platform to deliberate upon the life, philosophy and extraordinary martyrdom of Guru Sahib. He said such initiatives strengthen social harmony and encourage meaningful dialogue across communities.

The Jammu chapter of the initiative was organised by IHA Foundation, with the support of the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and

Languages and District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Jammu, under the aegis of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Reconsider J&K Bank Recruitment Notification: Irfan Matoo

Calls for fairness to general category candidates

Kashmir Press Service

SRINAGAR: Irfan Mattoo, District President of the J&K People's Conference, Srinagar, has expressed serious concern over the recently issued recruitment notification by Jammu & Kashmir Bank, which reportedly provides 40% of the advertised positions to the General Category and 60% to reserved categories.

He stated that this distribution has raised serious concerns among General Category aspirants, who deserve equal consideration, fairness and transparency in the recruitment process. The interests and future of deserving candidates must not be overlooked.

Mattoo urged the Chairman of J&K Bank to personally reconsider the recruitment notification and ensure that the concerns of General Category candidates are addressed.

He further referred to the 2006 Full Bench judgment of the Hon'ble High Court, which, as per his understanding, held that J&K Bank, being an independent institution, is not automatically governed by the Government's recruitment rules. He stressed that the legal implications of this judgment must be examined carefully before proceeding with the present recruitment process.

He also appealed to the Bank's Governing Board to review the notification in light of the relevant judicial directions, applicable recruitment policies and principles of fairness and equal opportunity.

"Every deserving young person, irrespective of category, deserves a fair opportunity. The recruitment process must inspire confidence and ensure that no section of aspiring candidates feels ignored or disadvantaged," Mattoo said. He called upon the Bank management to reconsider the notification and take appropriate steps to ensure justice, transparency and fairness for all aspirants.

Sheikh Amaan appointed as BJP State Executive Member (OBC)

Kashmir Press Service



SRINAGAR: In a significant development within the organisational structure of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu & Kashmir, Sheikh Amaan has been promoted and appointed as BJP State Executive Member (OBC), Jammu & Kashmir (UT), as per an official order issued by the BJP State Office (OBC MORCHA).

The appointment marks an important milestone in his political journey, reflecting his progression through the party's organisational ranks and his continued involvement in grassroots political activities.

Sheikh Amaan's journey within the BJP organisation has been marked by a steady rise through various responsibilities. Beginning his political journey as OBC Constituency President, Lal Chowk, he subsequently served as OBC District Secretary, Srinagar, proposed as OBC district president, srinagar and now has been entrusted with the responsibility of State Executive Member (OBC), Jammu & Kashmir (UT).

His elevation to the state-level executive reflects the growing organisational responsibilities entrusted to him.

A journey defined by dedication, commitment and grassroots connection

Known for his active presence in organisational programmes, public gatherings, protests and party events, Sheikh Amaan has consistently remained engaged with the people and party workers at the grassroots level.

His political approach has centred on raising public concerns, highlighting issues affecting ordinary citizens and advocating for the welfare and representation of the OBC community.

Whether it is a public protest, an organisational programme or a party event, his consistent participation has become an important part of his political engagement. His willingness to remain present on the ground and raise his voice on issues concerning the public has contributed to his political journey.

With his new appointment as BJP State Executive Member (OBC), Sheikh Amaan assumes a wider organisational responsibility, particularly in strengthening the party's engagement with the OBC community across Jammu & Kashmir.

The position provides an opportunity to carry grassroots concerns to a broader organisational platform and work towards greater awareness, participation and representation of the community.

His journey from a constituency-level responsibility in Lal Chowk to a state-level executive position stands as a notable progression in his political career.

The latest appointment is not merely a designation; it brings with it greater responsibility, expectations and an opportunity to contribute at a wider level.

As Sheikh Amaan steps into his new role, the focus will remain on strengthening organisational activities, maintaining public engagement, addressing community concerns and contributing towards the objectives of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

His political journey so far reflects a commitment to active participation, organisational discipline and public engagement.

From OBC Constituency President, Lal Chowk, to OBC District Secretary, Srinagar, and now BJP State Executive Member (OBC), Jammu & Kashmir (UT) — Sheikh Amaan's journey represents a steady rise from the grassroots to the state-level organisational platform.

Public awareness essential for complete eradication of drug abuse: Allama Hami

Ameer-e-Karwan addresses massive gathering in Shangus

Kashmir Press Service

SHANGUS: Chief of Karwani Islami International, Allama Dr Ghulam Rasool Hami, on Friday stressed that the complete eradication of drug abuse from Kashmir requires a sustained public awareness movement, saying government action and enforcement measures alone cannot address the growing social challenge.



Addressing a massive gathering of thousands of people at Shangus, Allama Hami said that meaningful public participation and awareness at the grassroots level were essential to protect society, particularly the younger generation, from the menace of drug addiction.

He observed that public awareness campaigns must reach every household and educate people about the causes and consequences of drug abuse, its legal implications and its prohibition under Islamic teachings.

Allama Hami said that awareness, proper guidance and constructive upbringing could play a significant role in preventing young people from falling prey to substance abuse. He added that such initiatives could also help individuals already affected by addiction realise the consequences of their actions and motivate them to return to a healthy and responsible way of life.

Emphasising the importance of intellectual and moral development, he said knowledge, wisdom and meaningful reflection had remained fundamental pillars of human progress throughout history. Scholars, spiritual leaders and social reformers had consistently advocated public awareness as an effective instrument for addressing social challenges and bringing about lasting transformation.

He further stressed the need to familiarise people with the teachings and spiritual legacy of righteous saints and eminent Sufi masters, saying their moral and spiritual guidance could promote purity of heart, sound judgement, intellectual maturity and good character.

According to him, strengthening these values would help create a positive social environment and contribute towards eliminating drug abuse and other social evils.

Allama Hami maintained that combating drug addiction was a collective responsibility requiring coordinated and sustained efforts by religious scholars, intellectuals, civil society, educational institutions, families and the general public.

He called for greater public engagement in awareness initiatives to safeguard future generations and build a healthier and morally stronger society.

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CAASPI delegation, MLA Budhal call on LG Sinha



Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 13: A delegation of Centre for Activities for Advanced, Strong and Progressive India (CAASPI), Jammu Kashmir called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today.

The delegation consisted of prominent citizens including Justice Tashi Rabstan, Retired Judge, J&K and Ladakh High Court, Kuldeep Khoda, B R Sharma, Dr S. P. Vaid, Dr Ashok Bhan, Maj Gen S.K. Sharma (Retd), K.B. Jandial, Adv Rameshwar Singh Jamwal, and submitted a proposal for the creation of "Social Defence Volunteer Groups" to provide support to existing Home Guards and Civil Defence personnel at the district level and in border areas. These Groups can act as "Joint Quick Reaction Teams" to work with Home Guards and Civil Defence teams in the event of a disaster or any situation requiring trained manpower.

They also highlighted the important matters pertaining to the extension of facilities under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) for the welfare of Pensioners. Meanwhile, Javed Iqbal Choudhary, Member of Legislative Assembly, Budhal, also called on LG Sinha and projected various issues related to enhancement of facilities to Haj pilgrims from Jammu Kashmir.

Kashmir faces 4,400 MWh' daily power shortfall amid cold

Kashmir News Observer



SRINAGAR, NOV 13 :The onset of cold weather has pushed Kashmir into a daily power deficit of nearly 4,400 megawatt-hours (MWh)—leaving consumers to contend with scheduled curtailments amid plummeting temperatures.

An official informed the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that "Over 24 hours, we face an actual power demand of 34,400 MWh. However, the power availability fluctuates from 29,000, 31000 MWh. There is a deficiency of nearly 4400 MWh."

The official further said that on an average, there is a power deficiency of nearly 150 MW.

"On an average, we have a power availability of 1280 MW against a total requirement of 1435 MW," he said.

HE further said, "Since yesterday, the peak power demand has increased by 50 MW. Till yesterday we were facing a peak non-solar power demand of 1650 MW which increased to 1700 MW today."

As already reported by KNO, Hydro power generation in Jammu and Kashmir declines by nearly 80 percent.

An official had informed that the hydel power generation from the J&K owned projects was fluctuating between 250-280 Megawatt (MW).

"During the past week, the average power generation from the local generation projects was fluctuating from 250-280 or 270-300 MW," the official said.

Earlier this news agency reported that Kashmir is reeling under power deficiency of nearly 300 MW.

An official had informed that "In Kashmir, the power demand during the third week of September remained around 1350 Megawatts (MW)."

He said, "During the peak hours, we generally had a power demand of 1300-1350 MWs in Kashmir division. However, the power availability was fluctuating between 1000-1150 MWs."

The official further said that the power supply keeps on fluctuating. "Thus, the power demand and availability also varies from time to time. During that period we enforce grid curtailment."

It is pertinent to mention that Jammu and Kashmir was importing nearly 84 percent of power from other states in the last week of October.

The official figures in this regard reveal that the Union Territory was importing nearly 2000 MWs of power from other states and UTs.

Kulgam Terror Attack

J&K Police question 300 OGWs, NIA joins investigation

Kashmir News Observer



KULGAM, NOV 13 :Jammu and Kashmir Police have questioned more than 300 Over Ground Workers (OGWs) during the past three days in connection with the Kulgam terror attack that left three Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel wounded earlier this week.

A top police officer while talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "Till now 300 OGWs have been questioned. Assailants will soon be nailed."

The officer said that questioning OGWs is part of the investigation and many of them have been released.

According to the details available with KNO a team from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has also joined the investigation. "The NIA team visited the scene and collected forensic evidence. Investigating agencies are examining footage from nearby CCTV cameras to trace the attackers' movements and their escape routes," said another official.

Meanwhile, a massive search operation to track down the attackers involved in the firing on the CRPF party continued for the third consecutive day on Friday, with security forces extending searches to nearby villages.

Pertinently, terrorists had opened fire on a CRPF party at Akhran village of Kulgam, on Wednesday, injuring three personnel and triggering a massive cordon and search operation in the area.

Officials said that security forces have maintained a heightened vigil across the district, with barricades erected and armoured vehicles deployed at several locations. Vehicles are being stopped and frisked at security checkpoints as part of intensified security measures.

They said security agencies are using both human and technical intelligence to develop leads and trace the attackers. Several suspects have also been picked up by police for questioning as part of the investigation.

Search teams are combing residential localities, orchards and adjoining areas, with sniffer dogs also pressed into service to assist the operation. Searches are being conducted at multiple locations across the district through coordinated efforts of police and other security forces.

Security has been strengthened at several places across Kashmir, with police and paramilitary personnel and Army conducting random vehicle checks as part of heightened surveillance.

Security beefed up across Kashmir, checks intensified on NH-44

Kashmir News Observer

SRINAGAR, NOV 13 :Following a terrorist attack on a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) checkpoint earlier this week in South Kashmir's Kulgam district that left three personnel injured, authorities have beefed up the security across Jammu and Kashmir.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that additional checkpoints have been established at several vulnerable locations, while security personnel have stepped up frisking of commuters and checking of vehicles, particularly along the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway (NH-44) and other sensitive stretches.

The intensified measures are visible in Awantipora, Pampore and other parts of South Kashmir, besides Srinagar city, where additional police and CRPF personnel have been deployed at important junctions and entry and exit points.

Armoured vehicles have also been stationed at select locations as part of the enhanced security arrangements, while round-the-clock patrolling and random checking of vehicles are being carried out to prevent any further incident. A senior police officer said the security grid has been reviewed across the Valley following the attack, with special attention being paid to vulnerable locations and movement along highways.

"Security arrangements have been reviewed and strengthened across the city and the Valley as a precautionary measure. Additional checkpoints have been established, vehicle checking and frisking intensified, and deployment increased at sensitive junctions. Our priority is to prevent any further untoward incident while ensuring that normal public movement is not affected," the officer said.

Fire damages residential house, injures fireman in Ganderbal



Kashmir News Observer

GANDERBAL, NOV 13:A fire damaged a double-storey residential house in Akhal area of Kangan in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Friday evening, while a fireman sustained injuries during firefighting operations, officials said.

An official said that a distress call was received at 8:25 pm, following which a team of Fire and Emergency Services rushed to the spot.

He said the fire damaged the double-storey house, while a fireman sustained injuries after slipping during the firefighting operation.

The injured fireman was shifted to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Kangan for treatment and was later identified as Irfan Mehraj.

The exact extent of the damage and the cause of the fire are yet to be ascertained.

Man killed, 3 injured as school bus hits motorcycle

Kashmir News Observer

KULGAM, NOV 13 :A 25-year-old man was killed while three others were injured after a school bus collided with a motorcycle at Danew Kandi Marg in Damhal Hanjipora area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday. An official said that

a school bus bearing registration number JK18D-9296, collided with a motorcycle JK18B-0190 at Danew Kandi Marg, leaving four persons travelling on the two-wheeler injured.

DG CRPF visits Kulgam, reviews counter insurgency operations

Meets injured head constable, lauds his courage, presence of mind

Kashmir News Observer

KULGAM, NOV 13: Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) G P Singh visited South Kashmir's Kulgam District on Friday and reviewed the ongoing counter-insurgency operations in the Valley.

In a post on X, the CRPF said: "The DG interacted with field officers of the CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police at Sadura in Anantnag, where discussions were held on the way forward for intensifying counter-insurgency operations in the Valley."

The CRPF chief also visited Head Constable/GD Sonbir Singh, who is undergoing treatment at Army Hospital in Srinagar after sustaining serious injuries during the November 11 attack at Nowpora, Akhran, the paramilitary force said.

According to the CRPF, Singh displayed exceptional courage and presence of mind while responding to the attack, and his swift retaliation helped foil the attackers' designs and avert a major incident.

The DG CRPF lauded his courage and wished him a speedy recovery. He also expressed gratitude to the Indian Army for providing immediate helicopter support for the evacuation of injured personnel and ensuring their treatment at the Army Hospital.

Pertinently, terrorists had opened fire on a CRPF party at Akhran village of Kulgam on Wednesday, injuring three personnel and triggering a massive cordon and search operations in the area.

Samba Police bust inter-state arms, drug syndicate

Kashmir News Observer



SAMBA, NOV 13: In a major crackdown on organised crime, Samba Police have busted an inter-state narcotics and illegal arms syndicate operating across Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, arresting 10 persons, including the key leaders of the Gataru gang and recovering weapons, ammunition and heroin.

Police said the investigation has substantially dismantled the network, with financial transactions exceeding rupees 1 crore between the gang leaders and other members also coming under scrutiny.

According to a statement the case dates back to August 22, 2026, when a police party during routine checking at AIIMS Naka, Vijaypur, intercepted a Swift car bearing registration number JK21J-3391, travelling from Samba towards Vijaypur.

During checking, the driver was identified as Sourab Baloria, a resident of Tehsil Vijaypur, Samba. Police said around 9.08 grams of heroin-like substance and a pistol were recovered from his possession.

Accordingly, FIR No. 146/2026 under relevant sections was registered at Police Station Vijaypur and investigation was taken up.

Taking cognisance of the matter, SSP Samba constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by DSP Headquarters Samba, to investigate the case further.

During sustained investigation, Sourab Baloria disclosed his alleged association with the Gataru gang, headed by brothers Sourav Gupta and Gaurav Gupta, both residents of Vijaypur in Samba district.

Police said the investigation revealed that Baloria was allegedly working as an important logistical facilitator for the gang's activities in Vijaypur and other areas of Samba.

Punjab-based associates identified

Further investigation brought to light the alleged role of Vivek Kumar, a resident of Hanumannagar, Sitamarhi, Bihar, presently residing in Vijaypur and working at Ravi Fast Food.

Police said that, based on material collected during the investigation, including technical evidence, the premises of Ravi Fast Food were allegedly being used to provide temporary shelter to associates of the Gataru gang and facilitate certain financial transactions.

The investigation also identified the alleged involvement of four Punjab-based associates, namely Manmohit Singh, Sahib Singh, Vikram Bhardwaj alias Vicky Star and Jagdeep Kaur, all residents of Gopal Nagar, Ajnala, Amritsar.

Police said the associates allegedly facilitated the procurement, movement and supply of narcotics and illegal weapons besides providing logistical and financial support to members of the network.

During further investigation and technical analysis, police made another recovery from accused Vivek Kumar, including two country-made pistols, five live 9 mm cartridges and 8.37 grams of heroin-like substance.

The financial investigation also exposed systematic movement of money, with transactions exceeding rupees 1 crore between the gang leaders and other members, police said.

Gataru gang leaders arrested in UP

Following sustained technical analysis and human intelligence inputs, Samba Police, with the assistance of Uttar Pradesh Police, traced and arrested the two alleged gang leaders, Sourav Gupta and Gaurav Gupta, both sons of Om Parkash Gupta and residents of Vijaypur, Samba. Their associate Rohit Baloria, son of Gopal Krishan Baloria, also a resident of Vijaypur, was arrested along with them from Meerut in Uttar Pradesh.

The investigation further revealed that during their period of evasion, the accused were allegedly taking shelter at the residence of Mohd Maaz, son of Mohd Zakir, a resident of Saigang, Tehsil Sadar Bazar, Meerut district, Uttar Pradesh.

Police said Maaz allegedly facilitated their stay and provided logistical support to the gang. Relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) were also invoked in connection with the alleged harbouring of the accused.

Following the arrests and on the disclosure of the accused, a police party recovered two pistols, 12 live rounds of 9mm calibre, one country-made weapon, 23 grams of gunpowder, 113 pellets, four pellet caps and around 10.21 grams of heroin from a spot behind AIIMS Vijaypur.

Further investigation has revealed leads regarding the alleged procurement of weapons through intermediaries connected with the Punjab-Haryana-based Ghanashyampuria gang. Police said the investigation is being pursued on multiple fronts to identify every individual involved in

the alleged criminal network and dismantle its operational and financial infrastructure.

Police arrest 2 drug peddlers in Anantnag

Kashmir News Observer

SRINAGAR, NOV 13: Continuing its sustained crackdown against drug trafficking, J&K Police in Anantnag arrested two drug peddlers in separate operations conducted by Police Station Uttrasoo and Police Station Bijbehara, recovering 4.5 kg of cannabis powder and heroin.

According to a statement a police party from Police Station Uttrasoo, during routine patrolling at Krad, apprehended a suspicious person carrying a polythene sack. Upon search, 4 kg and 542 grams of cannabis powder was recovered from his possession. The accused was identified as Ghulam Hassan Khan, son of Fareed Ahmad Khan, resident of Rakh Brah. Accordingly, FIR No. 112/2026 under Sections 8/20 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Uttrasoo, and investigation has been taken up. In another operation, a police party from Police Station Bijbehara, during random naka checking on Bijbehara-Arwani Road near Fruit Mandi, apprehended a person identified as Mohsin Zahoor Mir, son of Late Zahoor Ahmad Mir, resident of Batengoo. During his search, 4 grams of heroin were recovered from his possession. Cognizance has been taken under the relevant provisions of the NDPS Act.

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FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2026

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Chhath Puja Festival, Northern Railway, in association with other zonal railways, has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
02252	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Tri-Weekly Mon, Wed, Sat	Upto 25.11.26
02251	Patna Jn.	10:00	New Delhi	23:30	Tue, Thu, Sun	Upto 26.11.26
02254	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Tri-Weekly Sun, Tue, Thu	Upto 26.11.26
02253	Patna Jn.	10:00	New Delhi	23:30	Sat, Mon, Wed	Upto 28.11.26
02435	Patna Jn. VANDE BHARAT	08:00	New Delhi	21:30	Date Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
06598	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	17:55	Yesvantpur Jn.	19:45	Date Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04512	Chandigarh Jn.	23:35	Patna Jn.	21:15	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04511	Patna Jn.	23:15	Chandigarh Jn.	21:40	Friday	Upto 27.11.26
04616	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.	12:00	Patna Jn.	18:35	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 24.11.26
04615	Patna Jn.	20:20	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.	23:55	Wednesday	Upto 25.11.26
04228	New Delhi	18:00	Varanasi	09:00	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04028	Anand Vihar(T.)	09:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.	04:30	Bi-Weekly Tuesday, Friday	Upto 24.11.26
04027	Muzaffarpur Jn.	06:15	Anand Vihar(T.)	05:30	Wednesday, Saturday	Upto 25.11.26
04010	Delhi Jn.	23:05	Sitamarhi Jn.	23:30	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04009	Sitamarhi Jn.	00:45	Delhi Jn.	20:30	Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04014	Anand Vihar(T.) Via LUCKNOW (NR)	15:40	Laukaha Bazar	20:15	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 29.11.26
04013	Laukaha Bazar	22:30	Anand Vihar(T.)	03:40		Upto 30.11.26
04314	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	15:20	Muzaffarpur Jn.	11:45	Bi-Weekly Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04313	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:15	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	11:15	Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04096	Anand Vihar(T.)	00:05	Patliputra Jn.	23:00	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 29.11.26
04095	Patliputra Jn.	00:45	Anand Vihar(T.)	21:30	Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04072	New Delhi	21:35	Supaul	06:35	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 28.11.26
04071	Supaul	07:45	New Delhi	15:00		Upto 30.11.26
04052	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah Jn.	23:40	Tri-weekly Fri, Sun, Tue	Upto 29.11.26
04051	Howrah Jn.	01:40	New Delhi	08:20	Sun, Tue, Thu	Upto 01.12.26
04062	Anand Vihar(T.)	12:00	Bhagalpur Jn.	13:30	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 27.11.26
04061	Bhagalpur Jn.	16:30	Anand Vihar(T.)	20:00		Upto 29.11.26
04312	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	22:20	Kolkata	08:00	Weekly Friday	Upto 20.11.26
04311	Kolkata	13:55	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	23:30	Sunday	Upto 22.11.26
04624	Amritsar Jn.	20:10	Kolkata	15:00	Weekly Wednesday	Upto 25.11.26
04623	Kolkata	04:45	Amritsar Jn.	21:05	Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04668	Amritsar Jn.	20:10	Barauni Jn.	02:10	Weekly Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04667	Barauni Jn.	05:05	Amritsar Jn.	13:50	Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04090	New Delhi	23:30	Danapur Jn.	15:00	Bi-weekly Friday, Wednesday	Upto 27.11.26
04089	Danapur Jn.	16:40	New Delhi	09:45	Saturday, Thursday	Upto 28.11.26
04098	Shakur Basti	09:20	Darbhanga Jn.	11:45	6 Days a week Except - Tuesday	Upto 29.11.26
04097	Darbhanga Jn.	14:00	Shakur Basti	18:00	Except - Wednesday	Upto 30.11.26
04076	Delhi Jn.	00:30	Kamakhya Jn.	21:15	Weekly Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04075	Kamakhya Jn.	05:00	Delhi Jn.	20:40	Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04064	Delhi Jn.	11:00	Gaya Jn.	07:15	6 Days Except- Saturday	Upto 30.11.26
04063	Gaya Jn.	09:15	Delhi Jn.	08:00	a week Except- Sunday	Upto 01.12.26
04088	New Delhi	15:50	Patna Jn.	12:45	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04087	Patna Jn.	15:10	New Delhi	13:30		Upto 01.12.26
04634	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.	17:30	Purnea Jn.	03:00	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04633	Purnea Jn.	06:00	Firozpur Cantt. Jn.	16:35	Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04652	Amritsar Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	10:55	Jaynagar	20:00	Tri-weekly Wed, Fri, Sun	Upto 29.11.26
04651	Jaynagar	04:15	Amritsar Jn.	15:00	Fri, Sun, Tue	Upto 01.12.26
04406	Shakur Basti	19:10	Mansi Jn.	02:30	Date-Wise Sat, Sun, Mon	14 to 16.11.2026
04405	Mansi Jn.	04:30	Shakur Basti	11:30	Sat, Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed	14 to 18.11.2026
04638	Amritsar Jn.	19:40	Chhapra Jn.	20:45	Weekly Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04637	Chhapra Jn.	22:15	Amritsar Jn.	00:20	Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04640	Chheharta	08:35	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:10	Weekly Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04639	Muzaffarpur Jn.	16:00	Chheharta	21:30	Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04404	Shakur Basti	15:15	Patna Jn.	14:30	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04403	Patna Jn.	15:40	Shakur Basti	15:00	Saturday & Sunday	14 & 15.11.2026
04410	Shakur Basti	13:00	Jhanjharpur Jn.	16:00	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04409	Jhanjharpur Jn.	18:15	Shakur Basti	01:40	Saturday & Sunday	14 & 15.11.2026
04536	Chandigarh Jn.	23:45	Barauni Jn.	00:30	Weekly Friday	Upto 27.11.26
04535	Barauni Jn.	02:35	Chandigarh Jn.	03:35	Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04021	Gorakhpur Jn. Via LUCKNOW(NR)	07:00	New Delhi	23:10	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04058	Anand Vihar(T.)	00:20	Chhapra	19:20	Date-Wise Tuesday	17.11.2026
04057	Chhapra	22:10	Anand Vihar(T.)	17:20		
04054	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah	23:40	Date-Wise Sat, Mon, Wed	14, 16 & 18.11.26
04053	Howrah	01:40	New Delhi	08:20	Sat, Mon, Wed, Fri	14,16,18 & 20.11.26
04530	Sirhind	11:25	Saharsa Jn.	17:00	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04529	Saharsa Jn.	19:15	Ambala Cantt.	22:20	Sunday	15.11.2026
04335	Muzaffarpur	20:40	Dehradun	01:40	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04067	Patna Jn.	18:00	New Delhi	14:00	Date-Wise Saturday	14.11.2026
04079	Darbhanga Jn.	04:00	New Delhi	07:50	Date-Wise Saturday, Sunday	14 & 15.11.2026
02456	New Delhi	07:45	Kanpur Central	13:15	4 days a week Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
02455	Kanpur Central	15:00	New Delhi	20:20		
04209	Varanasi Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	22:15	Delhi Jn.	13:45	Tri-Weekly Mon, Wed, Fri	Upto 27.11.2026
04210	Delhi Jn.	18:50	Varanasi Jn.	09:50	Tue, Thu, Sat	Upto 28.11.2026
04213	Ayodhya Cantt. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	18:20	Anand Vihar(T.)	06:10	Bi-Weekly Sunday, Thursday	Upto 29.11.2026
04214	Anand Vihar (T.)	09:00	Ayodhya Cantt.	22:00	Monday, Friday	Upto 30.11.2026
04227	Varanasi Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	11:05	Chandigarh Jn.	04:20	Bi-Weekly Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
04228	Chandigarh Jn.	06:00	Varanasi Jn.	00:55	Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.2026
04604	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:15	Varanasi Jn.	18:30	Weekly Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
04603	Varanasi Jn.	04:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	04:40	Tuesday	Upto 01.12.2026
04610	Jammu Tawi Via LUCKNOW (NR)	05:15	Varanasi Jn.	05:10	Weekly Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
04609	Varanasi Jn.	09:00	Jammu Tawi	08:30	Friday	Upto 27.11.2026
04221	Varanasi Jn.	20:40	Bathinda Jn.	17:00	Weekly Sunday	Upto 22.11.2026
04222	Bathinda Jn.	20:50	Varanasi Jn.	17:30	Monday	Upto 23.11.2026
04201	Varanasi Jn.	16:20	Ayodhya Dham Jn.	21:40	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
04202	Ayodhya Dham Jn.	22:20	Varanasi Jn.	04:00		
04002	Hazrat Nizamuddin	23:45	Dadar	22:40	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 24.11.2026
04001	Dadar	00:15	Hazrat Nizamuddin	21:35	Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
02309	Rajendra Nagar (T)	20:10	New Delhi	15:00	Tri-weekly Wed, Fri & Sun	Upto 20.11.26
02310	New Delhi	19:00	Rajendra Nagar (T)	14:00	Thu, Sat & Mon	Upto 21.11.26
05736	Katihar Jn.	21:00	Amritsar	09:45	Weekly Wednesday	Upto 25.11.2026
05735	Amritsar	13:25	Katihar Jn.	23:45	Friday	Upto 27.11.2026
02563	Barauni Jn.	07:40	New Delhi	05:10	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
02564	New Delhi	17:55	Barauni Jn.	15:10		Upto 01.12.2026
02569	Darbhanga Jn.	06:30	New Delhi	04:00	Daily Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
02570	New Delhi	12:15	Darbhanga Jn.	10:00		Upto 01.12.2026
05579	Purnia Court	16:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	01:05	Bi-Weekly Friday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
05580	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Purnia Court	13:45	Sunday, Tuesday	Upto 01.12.2026
05575	Saharsa Jn.	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	01:05	Weekly Tuesday	Upto 24.11.2026
05576	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Saharsa Jn.	10:30	Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
02397	Gaya Jn.	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:40	Weekly Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
02398	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:30	Gaya Jn.	11:15	Monday	Upto 30.11.2026
03639	Dhanbad Jn.	18:30	Shakur Basti	18:40	Bi-Weekly Monday, Friday	Upto 30.11.2026
03640	Shakur Basti	21:10	Dhanbad Jn.	23:45	Tuesday, Saturday	Upto 01.12.2026
05219	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:00	Weekly Friday	Upto 27.11.2026
05220	Anand Vihar Terminal	12:00	Muzaffarpur Jn.	09:45	Saturday	Upto 28.11.2026
05193	Chhapra Jn.	14:00	Pathankot Jn.	22:15	Weekly Monday	Upto 23.11.2026
05194	Pathankot Jn.	00:30	Chhapra Jn.	09:15	Wednesday	Upto 25.11.2026

For any kind of information such as arrival/departure timings and stoppages enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that the name of my daughter has been incorrectly mentioned in her Aadhaar Card bearing No. XXXX XXXX 4525 as SOBIYA JAN, whereas her correct name, as per her Domicile Certificate, is SOBIYA FEROZ. Now, I am applying for correction of her name in the Aadhaar Card. In this regard, if anybody has any objection, he/she may file the same before the office of the concerned Aadhaar Authority within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Feroz Ahmad Dagga
F/o Sobiya Feroz
R/o Barthana, Parimpora, Srinagar
8279

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS (MUNSIFF), BARAMULLA

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In the Matter of:- Application for issuance of Date of Birth Certificate in favour of Uzair Mushtaq Malik Minor through his mother Mehjabeen Begum W/o Mushtaq Ahmad Malik R/o Nowpora Jageer District Baramulla.

Whereas, an application has been filed before this Hon'ble Court by the applicant, namely Uzair Mushtaq Malik Minor through his mother Mehjabeen Begum W/o Mushtaq Ahmad Malik R/o Nowpora Jageer District Baramulla, seeking issuance of Birth Certificate in favour of minor child.

Whereas, the applicant has stated that the date of birth of the minor child namely Uzair Mushtaq Malik Minor S/o Mushtaq Ahmad Malik R/o Nowpora Jageer District Baramulla is 24-12-2022, and that till date, no Date of Birth Certificate has been obtained or issued by any competent authority till date.

Now, therefore, through the medium of this publication notice, the general public is hereby informed that any person having any objection with regard to the issuance of Date of Birth Certificate in respect of the aforesaid applicant may file or submit their objections before this Hon'ble Court within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the matter shall be considered and proceeded with in accordance with law.

Sd/-
Judicial Magistrate 1st Class,
Baramulla
(R.B)

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS (MUNSIFF), BARAMULLA

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In the Matter of:- Application for issuance of Date of Birth Certificate in favour of Aisha Bint Ishtiyaq D/o Ishtiyaq Ahmad Dar R/o Wangam Payeen Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla through her mother Asifa Bano W/o Ishtiyaq Ahmad Dar R/o Wangam Payeen Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla. Whereas, an application has been filed before this Hon'ble Court by the applicant, namely Aisfa Bano W/o Ishtiyaq Ahmad Dar R/o Wangam Payeen Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla, seeking issuance of Birth Certificate in favour of her minor child. Whereas, the applicant has stated that the date of birth of minor child namely Aisha Bint Ishtiyaq R/o Wangam Payeen Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla is 28-11-2022, and that till date, no Date of Birth Certificate has been obtained or issued by any competent authority till date. Now, therefore, through the medium of this publication notice, the general public is hereby informed that any person having any objection with regard to the issuance of Date of Birth Certificate in respect of the aforesaid applicant may file or submit their objections before this Hon'ble Court within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the matter shall be considered and proceeded with in accordance with law.

Sd/-
Judicial Magistrate 1st Class,
Baramulla
(R.B)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that my name has been incorrectly recorded in my J&K Bank Account bearing No. 0006040100053831 as ASIYA MIR, whereas my correct name, as per my Aadhaar Card and PAN Card, is ASIYA JAN. I also intend to get my name corrected in my Fixed Deposit Account maintained with the bank. Any person having any objection to the proposed correction may submit the same in writing to the Office of the Branch Manager, J&K Bank, Safa Kadal, within 07 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.

Asiya Jan
D/o Ghulam Mohammad Mir
R/o Chandihar Wanganpora, Eidgah, Srinagar
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The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited

Zonal Impaired Asset Recovery Centre
Zonal Office Baramulla,
Amargarh, Sopore

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Notice for sale of Movable Properties

Owing to non-payment of outstanding loan by the below named borrower, the Bank has seized the hypothecated vehicle in terms of Hypothecation agreement, which is parked in/at J&K Bank, Zonal Office Baramulla, Amargarh Sopore.

The description and details of the vehicle is given hereunder:

S.No	NAME OF BORROWER	NAME OF BRANCH	RC NO.	VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	PARKED AT
1.	Mr. Tariq Ahmad Dar S/o. Mr. Mohammad Abdullah Dar R/o. Shitloo, Rohama Rafiabad, Baramulla	T.P.Baramulla/ ZIARC Baramulla	JK05F-8658	Tata Tigor (XT-1.2 RTN BS4 Chassis No:MAT629251HKG51054 Engine No:REVTRN05GSYK40250 Model--2017	J&K Bank, Zonal Office Baramulla, Amargarh Sopore.

The Bank has decided to put the said vehicle at auction on "as is where is & whatever there is" basis. The vehicle is available for inspection on any working day between 13.11.2026 to 20.11.2026 at J&K Bank, Zonal Office Baramulla, Amargarh Sopore. Sealed Tenders affixed with two-rupee revenue stamp are invited from the interested parties for the purchase of said vehicle to be accompanied by Call Deposit Receipt for Rs. 15,900.00 (being 10% Reserve Price of Rs.1,59,000.00) pledged to The Authorized Officer, The J&K Bank Ltd. ZIARC Baramulla which is to be deposited with Branch Office Amargarh Sopore by or before 20.11.2026 during working hours. The tenders will be opened on 21.11.2026 at 11:30 AM at Zonal Impaired Asset Recovery Center, Zonal Office Baramulla Amargarh Sopore in presence of the bidders who choose to remain present on the given date and time. The successful bidder shall have to deposit an amount equal to 25% (including the EMD amount) of sale price on the same day but not later than next day of auction. The balance amount shall be paid on or before 15th day from the confirmation of sale. The Bank reserves the right to withdraw/cancel the bid/auction of the vehicle at any time/stage without assigning any reason thereof and shall not entertain any claim/liability of any other person/s of whatsoever nature. All attendant charges/dues/taxes including transfer of ownership/permits etc. shall have to be borne and be the responsibility of the purchaser exclusively of his own. GST at the applicable rate on the taxable value derived under GST law will be charged in addition to the bidding price/sale price. For other Terms & conditions, kindly contact our Branch Office ZIARC Zonal Office Baramulla Amargarh Sopore.

Date: 13.11.2026
Place: Amargarh Sopore

Sd/-
Authorized Officer

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No: 223-2026-27-Sr.DEN-C-FZR **Date: 13.11.2026**

Sr.DEN-C/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tenders against the below-mentioned works and available on **www.ireps.gov.in** with closing date 04.12.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids only Up to the closing date and time. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make Payments towards the tender document cost and Earnest Money only through the payment modes available on **www.ireps.gov.in** portal, like Net Banking, Debit Card, Credit Card, etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's Cheque, Deposit Receipt, FDR, etc. are not allowed. For more information, log on to **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Two Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
12.11.2026	20.11.2026	04.12.2026/15:00 Hrs

SN	Tender Number	Details of Tender			
1	223-2026-27-Sr.DEN-C-FZR	Flash butt welding of various loop lines and yard lines over Firozpur Division.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion	
	134015905.92	2680300.00	90 Days	12 Months	
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Diljit Dosanjh makes Latin Grammy debut, performs with Daddy Yankee

New Delhi, Nov 13 (PTI) Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh became the first Indian artist to perform live at the Latin Grammy Awards, taking the stage alongside Puerto Rican singer Daddy Yankee at the 27th edition of the ceremony in Las Vegas.

The awards were held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on November 12, where the two artistes performed their recently released collaboration "Pokito", bringing Punjabi and Latin music together.

Diljit shared a video of the performance on his official media handles.

"Panjabi aa gaye @latingrammys OYE. Dunia Di Har Stage Te PANJABI Boli Jau Gi.. Baba Sukh Rakhe. Shoutout to Big Brother @daddyyankee. Thank you for Bringing Two Cultures Together On One Stage. Shoutout to @latingrammys For Having Us," he wrote.

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From Rangoli to the Skyline: Aashirvaad puts festive creativity in spotlight

7 winners see their festive creativity celebrated on billboards while 1000 participants win gold, silver coins Amazon vouchers

Kashmir Age News

SRINAGAR: This Diwali, seven rangoli creations are moving beyond the homes where they took shape and onto a larger public canvas, billboards, across India. As part of the second edition of Aashirvaad's 'Ghar Laayein Aashirvaad', the winning creations will be featured across Jammu and Kashmir on billboards for a week, giving the participating creators an opportunity to see their festive creativity celebrated in their own cities.

Building on its successful first edition, Ghar Laayein Aashirvaad – 2 offered families an engaging WhatsApp experience to share their original rangoli creations or generate AI-powered designs and receive personalized festive greetings from popular actress Rupali Ganguly. The campaign received an enthusiastic response, drawing over 50,000 entries from across the country, as families used this initiative as a platform to showcase their creativity and celebrate the cherished tradition of rangoli in their own unique ways. By taking this celebration beyond homes and select creations making their way onto billboards, Aashirvaad transformed personal expressions of festivity into larger-than-life displays for communities to see and celebrate.

Speaking about the initiative, Mr. Anuj Rustagi, Business Unit Chief Executive – Staples, Foods Division, ITC Ltd, said, "Diwali is India's biggest Festival and decorating the house by doing Rangoli in front of the house is an integral part of the celebrations. Through the second edition of 'Ghar Laayein Aashirvaad', we celebrate this cherished tradition and the creativity of the homemakers by showcasing the seven winning designs onto billboards. The enthusiastic response reflects the joy this tradition inspires. We congratulate the winners and thank every participant for making this celebration memorable."

AIP demands OTS relief beyond ₹5 crore

Urges SBI, other public, private banks to follow J&K Bank's initiative

Kashmir Press Service

SRINAGAR: Awami Itihaad Party (AIP) Chief Spokesperson Inam Un Nabi has urged the State Bank of India (SBI), other public sector banks and private lenders to introduce comprehensive One-Time Settlement (OTS) schemes, with provisions for borrowers whose outstanding liabilities exceed 5 crore.

Welcoming J&K Bank's RAHAT Special OTS Scheme, Inam Un Nabi said the initiative offers a much-needed opportunity to eligible borrowers with outstanding dues of up to 5 crore. However, he stressed that similar relief must also be made available to larger borrowers who remain outside the scheme's prescribed ceiling.

Inam Un Nabi said many established businesses, industrial units, hotels and other commercial ventures are facing financial distress despite having contributed to employment generation and economic activity. Their difficulties deserve consideration through a structured settlement mechanism rather than leaving them trapped in mounting liabilities and prolonged recovery proceedings.

"Why should a genuine borrower with an outstanding liability of 10 crore, 20 crore or even 50 crore be denied an opportunity to settle merely because of the size of the account? Financial distress cannot be defined by an arbitrary monetary ceiling. Banks must create mechanisms to consider larger accounts on their individual merits," he said.

Inam Un Nabi specifically appealed to SBI, Punjab National



Bank, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank and private sector lenders to introduce dedicated OTS windows with substantially higher settlement limits, including provisions for accounts exceeding 50 crore wherever justified.

He emphasised that large borrowers should not automatically be categorised as wilful defaulters, pointing out that genuine business failures and deliberate loan defaults are fundamentally different. Settlement decisions should take into account the borrower's financial circumstances, recovery prospects and the commercial viability of negotiated settlements.

He further observed that prolonged litigation, accumulating interest and declining asset values can ultimately undermine the recovery interests of banks themselves. A transparent and time-bound OTS framework would provide an opportunity to recover stressed funds while enabling viable businesses to resolve old liabilities and resume economic activity.

The AIP Chief Spokesperson Inam Un Nabi also urged the Union Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India to encourage banks to adopt more inclusive compromise settlement policies, particularly for larger accounts that require case-specific consideration.

"OTS should be seen as a practical financial recovery instrument, not merely a concession to borrowers. J&K Bank has taken a welcome initiative; it is time for SBI and other banks to extend similar opportunities to larger borrowers. Genuine entrepreneurs should have a fair chance to settle their liabilities, protect employment and rebuild their businesses," Inam Un Nabi said.

Avny Lavasa reviews preparations for Jammu Marathon 2027

Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 13: Secretary Tourism, Avny Lavasa, today reviewed the preparations for the second edition of Jammu Marathon 2027, besides assessing publicity and promotional initiatives and the calendar of upcoming tourism events across the Jammu region.

During the meeting, Director Tourism, Jammu, Vikas Gupta, presented a detailed overview of the Directorate's ongoing promotional activities, tourism festivals and proposed roadmap for Jammu Marathon 2027.

The meeting undertook a comprehensive review of key aspects of the marathon,

including event planning, mobilisation of participants, sponsorship, media outreach, promotional partnerships and race-day arrangements.

Emphasising the need to build upon the success and experience of the inaugural edition,

Avny Lavasa called for developing Jammu Marathon into a major annual sporting event with national appeal, positioning Jammu as an emerging destination for sports tourism.

She stressed the need for a comprehensive publicity and outreach strategy encompassing print and electronic media, social media

campaigns, outdoor advertising, influencer collaborations, running clubs, educational institutions and corporate organisations to maximise participation and visibility.

Sakeena Itoo reviews NHM functioning in J&K

Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 13: Minister for Health and Medical Education and Social Welfare, Sakeena Itoo, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting at the Civil Secretariat here, to assess the functioning, progress and implementation of various components of the National Health Mission (NHM) in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Saugat Biswas; Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K, Athar Aamir Ul Shafi Khan; Director Finance, H&ME; Director Planning, H&ME; Director Family Welfare and Immunization, J&K; Director Health Services, Jammu; Director Health Services, Kashmir and other senior officers of Health and Medical Education department.

During the meeting, the Minister undertook a detailed assessment of the performance of NHM across various sectors, with particular focus on public health planning, financial management, human resource availability, healthcare infrastructure, supply of medicines and essential logistics, diagnostic facilities, patient transport services and



punctuality of healthcare personnel, besides other critical aspects of public healthcare delivery.

Taking stock of the progress achieved under different NHM interventions, Sakeena Itoo emphasised on the need for strengthening implementation mechanisms and ensuring that the resources being provided under the mission translate into tangible improvements in healthcare services at the grassroots level.

She stressed on optimal utilisation of financial resources, manpower and available infrastructure and directed the officers to identify existing gaps and take time-bound corrective measures to address them.

"NHM is an important instrument for strengthening the public healthcare system. Our focus must be on ensuring that every resource allocated under the mission is utilised efficiently and delivers measurable benefits to the people.

Senior Trade Union leader Pir Nisar visits bereaved family of Farooq Ahmad Khan



Kashmir Age News

SRINAGAR: Senior J&K Trade Union Leader Pir Nisar Ahmad today visited the residence of Veteran Trade Union Leader Farooq Ahmad Khan at Nowhatta, Srinagar, to offer his heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of Gh. Mohammad Khan, elder brother of Farooq Ahmad Khan.

Pir Nisar Ahmad expressed his deepest sympathies to Farooq Ahmad Khan and all members of the bereaved family. He assured them that the entire employee fraternity of Jammu and Kashmir stands firmly with them during this difficult time of grief. Pir Nisar Ahmad also prayed for the eternal peace and Maghfirat of the departed soul and for strength, patience and courage for Farooq Ahmad Khan and the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Health Department Shopian launches 60-day tobacco-free youth campaign 4.0

Kashmir Age News

SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 13: In a push toward building a healthier, addiction-free society, Office of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Shopian, under the banner of the District Health Society Shopian and the National Tobacco Control Programme, organized an awareness programme, rally and pledge ceremony today as part of the 60-Day Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign (TFYC) 4.0.

During the programme, District Health Officer, Dr. shafkat Ahmed Khan highlighted the importance of creating awareness among people and urged all stakeholders, particularly

educational institutions, health workers and community representatives to play an active role in discouraging tobacco use. He also administered pledge to the participants on the occasion.

Carrying banners emblazoned with the campaign slogan "Say No to Tobacco, Yes to Life," participants marched to sensitize the public particularly the youth about the severe health hazards of tobacco consumption.

The awareness rally commenced from the Mini-Secretariat, Arhama, Shopian and proceeded up to the Old Fruit Mandi, Shopian, drawing attention to the urgent need for collective action against tobacco use.

Alongside the rally, an awareness programme and a formal pledge ceremony were held where participants committed to abstaining from tobacco and actively contributing to the promotion of a tobacco-free community.

Director PM VIKAS reviews education, non-traditional skilling initiatives

Kashmir Age News

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 13: Director, Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, Neha Giri, undertook field visits to PM VIKAS training centres in Bijbehara, Anantnag and Karan Nagar, Srinagar, on 11–12 November 2026, to review implementation of the various components of the Scheme.



Director, PM VIKAS visited the Education Component Centre at Darul Aloom Noori Irfam, Guree, Bijbehara, District Anantnag, being run by the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).

During the visit, she interacted with trainees, trainers and centre staff and reviewed the learning activities being undertaken under the Education Component. She emphasised the importance of open-school learning in enabling school dropouts to resume and complete their education and encouraged the trainees to make effective use of the opportunity available under PM VIKAS Scheme.

The trainees also shared their learning experiences and aspirations for continuing their education. Under the Education Component of PM VIKAS Scheme, eligible school dropouts are provided an education bridge programme to facilitate open schooling at the Class VIII, X and XII levels, with assessment and certification through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) or other institutions approved by the Ministry.

The visit was attended by officials of the Social Welfare Department, including Mushtaq Ahmad Maqdoomi, Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Kashmir, and Aadil Iqbal Lone, District Social Welfare Officer, Anantnag. NIESBUD was represented by Aabid Nisar Shah, State Head, J&K, along with the Centre Coordinator, trainers and other officials.

The Director also visited the PM VIKAS Training Centre at Karan Nagar, Srinagar, being run by ITI Limited under the Non-Traditional Skilling Component.

She inspected the training facilities and interacted with trainees undergoing training in the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF)-aligned job role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technocrat. The Director emphasised the growing importance of industry-relevant technical and practical skills in emerging sectors such as Artificial Intelligence and encouraged the trainees to make optimum use of the training opportunity to enhance their employability and career prospects.

The Non-Traditional Skilling Component of PM VIKAS focuses on NSQF-aligned, placement-linked training in non-traditional and emerging sectors, with emphasis on industry exposure, assessment, certification.

Director Agriculture stresses systematic promotion of Makhana Cultivation in J&K

Kashmir Age News

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 13: The two-day seminar on Makhana Cultivation concluded today here at Kisan Kendra, Talab Tillo. Director Agriculture Anil Gupta and Nodal Officer for Makhana Cultivation in Jammu and Kashmir attended the valedictory session.

Addressing the participants, Anil Gupta described the seminar as a significant initiative towards introducing Makhana as a high-value crop in Jammu and Kashmir. He appreciated the resource persons and experts for sharing their valuable technical expertise on scientific cultivation practices, production technologies, processing and value addition. He expressed confidence that based on the technical knowledge and experience gained during the seminar, Makhana cultivation would soon be initiated in suitable areas of Jammu Division.

He informed that the Government of India has approved a Central Sector Scheme for the Development of Makhana, reflecting the growing national focus on promoting this high-value crop. He observed that Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the Jammu Division, holds considerable potential for Makhana cultivation and expressed hope that farmers would adopt it as a profitable crop diversification option. He urged the participating officers to effectively utilise the knowledge gained during the seminar to develop successful Makhana production clusters and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers. Emphasising the need for practical exposure, Anil Gupta stated that organising seminars alone would not be sufficient for the promotion of Makhana cultivation. "The Department will soon organise exposure visits for farmers and departmental officers to established Makhana-growing regions to gain first-hand knowledge of scientific cultivation practices, processing technologies and modern production techniques, which could subsequently be replicated in Jammu Division," he announced.

Eminent cardiac surgeon Dr M Akbar Bhat's demise widely mourned

Kashmir Press Service



SRINAGAR: Eminent cardiac surgeon Dr M. Akbar Bhat passed away on November 11, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of professional excellence, compassion and dedicated service to humanity.

His demise has been widely mourned by his family and well-wishers, who remembered him as a distinguished medical professional and a source of wisdom, strength and inspiration.

In a condolence message, the bereaved family said Dr Bhat's life was marked by selfless service, dedication and commitment to saving lives and alleviating human suffering. His contributions to the medical profession and society would always be remembered with respect and gratitude.

The family described his demise as an irreparable loss, saying his absence had left a void in their lives.

The mourning period will continue for three days. Congregational prayers for the departed soul will be held on November 14, 2026, at 11 am at Maqbara Muslimeen, Kant Bagh, Mouchwa.

The bereaved family members include Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bhat, Dr G M Bhat, Dr M Ashraf Bhat and other relatives.

They prayed to Almighty Allah to grant the departed soul the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous and give strength and patience to the bereaved family to bear the loss..

Editorial

Winter preparedness

The onset of winter in Kashmir brings with it a familiar set of challenges that test the preparedness, efficiency and coordination of the administration. Snowfall, freezing temperatures, road closures, electricity disruptions and difficulties in accessing essential services sometimes turn the winter months into a difficult period for people, particularly those living in remote, snowbound and far-flung areas. In this backdrop, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir's review of winter preparedness assumes considerable significance.

The emphasis on coordinated efforts, timely response and uninterrupted essential services is both necessary and timely. However, the real test of preparedness lies not in the number of review meetings held or assurances given by departments, but in the ability of the administration to translate plans into effective action on the ground.

Snow clearance remains one of the most critical aspects of winter management. Roads connecting remote areas, hospital routes and major highways must receive priority, with clearly defined responsibilities among different agencies to prevent jurisdictional disputes and delays. Adequate deployment of machinery, manpower and fuel, along with completion of pending stage contracts, is essential. Snow clearance should begin immediately after snowfall rather than waiting for repeated instructions from higher authorities.

Electricity supply is another major concern. With winter demand averaging around 1,700 MW against an average supply of 1,300 MW and peak demand touching 2,400 MW, the gap highlights the need for realistic power management. While scheduled curtailments may be unavoidable, consumers are entitled to transparent schedules and their strict implementation. Adequate transformer stocks, timely repairs and completion of branch cutting must remain priorities. Prolonged unscheduled power cuts during severe cold can have serious consequences for households, hospitals and businesses.

Equally important is advance stocking of essential commodities in areas such as Gurez, Karnah, Machil and Keran. Road connectivity in these regions can be disrupted for extended periods, making advance stocking of food grains, LPG and petroleum products indispensable. The December 1 deadline for operationalising winter air sorties in Bandipora and Kupwara must also be met to ensure emergency transportation and medical evacuation when road access becomes impossible.

Healthcare preparedness deserves particular attention. Hospitals must have adequate heating facilities, essential medicines, medical personnel and emergency transportation. Identifying expectant mothers and critically ill patients in vulnerable areas and shifting them to safer locations before heavy snowfall can prevent avoidable tragedies.

The administration's decision to strengthen control rooms, appoint nodal officers and improve weather-related advisories is welcome. However, these mechanisms must remain functional round the clock, with officials accessible and responsive to public grievances. Accountability must be ensured at every level.

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Highway Emergencies



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While travelling on a highway, situations such as vehicle breakdowns, flat tyres or sudden medical emergencies can happen to anyone. These incidents often occur on isolated stretches or amid fast-moving traffic, making timely assistance extremely important.

In such situations, having a well-maintained road is not enough. Active patrolling, ambulance and vehicle recovery services are equally important to ensure the safety and convenience of highway commuters.

Imagine a family travelling from Bhopal to Dewas when their car suddenly breaks down midway. Standing on the road side amid fast-moving highway traffic can put the family at risk.

In such a situation, the highway patrolling team plays an important role. The team can reach the location, assess the situation, help move the vehicle to a safer place and arrange recovery assistance, if required.

Similarly, if a passenger is injured or experiences a sudden medical emergency, ambulance services can help provide timely medical assistance and transport the person to the nearest hospital, if needed.

Three Important Services in Highway Operations

1. Patrolling Service: Keeping a Continuous Watch on the Road

Highway patrolling teams regularly monitor road conditions and keep an eye on accident-prone situations, stranded vehicles and other issues. Their objective is to identify problems at the earliest and provide assistance whenever required.

2. Ambulance Service: Medical Assistance During Emergencies

Ambulance services play a crucial role during road accidents and medical emergencies involving highway commuters. They help provide timely medical assistance and, when required, transport patients to the nearest hospital for further treatment.

3. Recovery Service: Safely Removing Broken-Down Vehicles

A vehicle breakdown on a highway can cause inconvenience not only to its occupants but also to other road users by affecting traffic movement. Recovery vehicles help remove such vehicles safely and support the smooth flow of traffic.

Along the Dewas–Bhopal Highway, alongside road operations, passenger safety and emergency assistance arrangements are also important aspects of highway management. Better coordination among patrolling, ambulance and recovery services can make the response to emergency situations more organised and effective.

Safe highway travel does not depend only on the alertness of drivers. The operational teams and support services working behind the scenes also play an important role in ensuring a safer travel experience.

A better highway is not just one that helps travellers reach their destinations. It is also one where they can rely on timely assistance and support when faced with unexpected difficulties along the way.

Your Brain Is Listening: Why Negative Self-Talk Can Quietly Destroy Your Confidence



DR. REYAZ AHMAD

There is a dangerous habit many people practice every day without realizing its cost. It looks harmless, sounds casual, and is often delivered with laughter. A student says, "I am terrible at mathematics." A young professional jokes, "I always mess things up." A parent says, "My memory is finished." Someone trying a new skill laughs and says, "I can never learn this." The room may smile, the speaker may not mean it seriously, but the brain is listening. And the brain does not always know the difference between a joke and an instruction repeated often enough.

Words are not just sounds. They are mental signals. When we repeatedly speak negatively about ourselves, we slowly train our mind to accept those statements as truth. A sentence spoken once may disappear, but a sentence repeated again and again begins to build an inner identity. "I am weak." "I am unlucky." "I am not intelligent." "I cannot change." These are not innocent remarks; they can become psychological walls. Many people are not defeated first by failure, poverty, competition, or criticism. They are defeated first by the language they use about themselves.

Modern life has made self-mockery fashionable. People insult themselves before others can insult them. They joke about their weaknesses to appear humble, funny, or realistic. But there is a difference between humility and self-destruction. Humility says, "I still have much to learn." Self-destruction says, "I am useless." Humility keeps the door open for growth. Negative self-talk locks the door from inside.

Consider the example of a student who repeatedly says, "I am bad at mathematics." The student may have struggled in one test, misunderstood one chapter, or faced one poor teaching experience. But when that experience becomes an identity, the real damage begins. The next time the student sees a mathematics problem, the brain does not say, "Let us try." It says, "This is not for us." Fear rises before effort begins. The student avoids practice, avoids asking questions, and avoids challenges. Eventually, the poor result confirms the false belief. The problem was not lack of ability alone; it was the mental command repeated for months or years.

This happens beyond classrooms as well. A person who says, "I always fail in interviews," enters the next interview already carrying defeat. A worker who says, "I am not a leader," may never take initiative even when opportunity appears. A person who says, "I cannot control my anger," gives anger permission to control him. A society that keeps telling its youth, "You are careless, weak, and irresponsible," should not be surprised when many young people stop believing in their own capacity.

The brain is shaped by repetition. What we repeat becomes familiar, and what becomes familiar often feels true. That is why irresponsible self-talk is not a small matter. It affects confidence, attention, courage, discipline, and performance. The words we speak create emotional climates inside us. Some words create fear. Some create hope. Some create helplessness. Some create movement.



This does not mean we should lie to ourselves or pretend that everything is perfect. Positive thinking is not the denial of reality. It is the responsible interpretation of reality. There is a great difference between saying, "I failed, therefore I am a failure," and saying, "I failed, therefore I need a better method." The first statement attacks identity. The second improves strategy. The first weakens the person. The second strengthens the process.

A healthier language of self-talk does not require exaggeration. We do not need to say, "I am the best," when we are still learning. But we can say, "I am improving." We do not need to say, "This is easy," when it is difficult. But we can say, "This is difficult, and I can approach it step by step." We do not need to deny weakness. But we must not convert weakness into permanent destiny.

Parents, teachers, and leaders have a special responsibility in this matter. Children often borrow their inner voice from the adults around them. A child who repeatedly hears, "You are careless," may begin to act careless. A student who constantly hears, "You will never understand," may stop trying to understand. A young employee who is always told, "You are not capable," may lose the courage to show capability. Words spoken by authority figures can become internal scripts for life.

Therefore, correction must be firm but constructive. Instead of saying, "You are lazy," say, "Your effort today was not enough." Instead of saying, "You are weak," say, "This skill needs practice." Instead of saying, "You always fail," say, "Let us find where the method went wrong." Such language does not hide mistakes; it separates the mistake from the person. That separation is essential for growth.

The same principle applies to our private conversations with ourselves. Every person has an inner teacher. For some, that teacher is encouraging and disciplined. For others, it is cruel, hopeless, and insulting. We must ask ourselves: what kind of teacher lives inside my mind? Does it guide me or shame me? Does it correct me or crush me? Does it remind me of possibility or imprison me in the past?

The most powerful change begins with awareness. Listen carefully to the words you use about yourself. Notice how often you say, "I cannot," "I always," "I never," or "This is impossible for me." These absolute words are dangerous because they close the future. Replace them with words that leave room for effort. Say, "I cannot do this yet." Say, "I have struggled before, but I can improve." Say, "I need practice." Say, "I made a mistake, but I am not a mistake."

This shift may look small, but it is not. Language is the architecture of thought. Thought shapes attitude. Attitude shapes action. Action shapes destiny. A person who changes his inner language begins to change his relationship with difficulty. Problems no longer appear as final judgments; they become challenges to be studied. Failure no longer becomes proof of worthlessness; it becomes information. Criticism no longer becomes a wound; it becomes a mirror.

In a world full of external noise, one of the most important voices is still the one we carry within ourselves. We may not control every event, every person, or every outcome. But we can learn to control the words we repeatedly speak over our own lives. That control is not a luxury; it is mental discipline.

So stop joking about your own defeat. Stop calling yourself incapable in the name of humor. Stop planting seeds of weakness in your own mind and then wondering why confidence does not grow. Speak to yourself with honesty, but also with respect. Challenge yourself, but do not curse yourself. Correct yourself, but do not condemn yourself.

Your brain is listening. Make sure it hears a voice that teaches courage, not surrender; growth, not helplessness; responsibility, not defeat. Sometimes the first step toward changing a life is not changing the world outside, but changing the sentence we keep repeating inside.

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The Air We Breathe, The Future We Risk

India's Pollution Crisis and Jammu & Kashmir's Environmental Challenges: A Collective Responsibility to Protect Our Future





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Air is the most fundamental necessity of human life. Every individual, irrespective of wealth, education, social status or geographical location, depends on clean air to survive. Yet, at a time when India is progressing towards economic growth, technological advancement and modern infrastructure, one of its greatest challenges is becoming increasingly difficult to ignore: environmental pollution.

The question we must ask ourselves is simple but serious: What is the value of development if the air we breathe, the water we drink and the environment we depend upon are becoming increasingly unsafe?

From the heavily polluted metropolitan cities of India to the environmentally sensitive mountains and valleys of Jammu and Kashmir, the signs of environmental degradation demand our attention. Pollution is no longer an issue confined to a particular city or region; it is a national concern that requires collective responsibility, effective governance and a change in public attitudes.

India's Growing Pollution Crisis

Air pollution has emerged as one of India's major environmental and public health challenges. Vehicle emissions, industrial activities, construction dust, waste burning, power generation and other human activities contribute to deteriorating air quality.

The situation in metropolitan cities, particularly Delhi, frequently attracts national attention. During periods of severe pollution, the atmosphere becomes filled with hazardous pollutants, affecting everyday life, transportation, education and public health.

However, pollution should not be viewed merely through the lens of metropolitan cities. Smaller towns, rural settlements and environmentally sensitive regions are also facing different forms of environmental pressure.

Economic development is essential for a growing nation, but it must not come at the expense of public health and environmental sustainability. Development should improve the quality of human life rather than create conditions that threaten it.

Jammu and Kashmir: A Natural Treasure Under Pressure

Jammu and Kashmir is blessed with extraordinary natural beauty. Its snow-covered mountains, forests, rivers, streams, lakes and green landscapes represent an invaluable natural heritage.

However, this natural wealth also carries a responsibility: protecting it from increasing environmental pressure.

Rapid urbanisation, unplanned construction, traffic congestion, deforestation, forest fires, plastic waste and inadequate waste management are among the concerns that require serious attention.

In cities such as Srinagar and Jammu, growing traffic and construction activities contribute to dust and air-quality concerns. In towns and rural areas, improper disposal of household waste, plastic pollution and pressure on natural resources create additional challenges.

The mountainous areas of Ramban, Banihal, Gool and adjoining regions also deserve particular attention. Road construction, infrastructure development, changing land use and pressure on fragile mountain ecosystems must be managed through environmentally responsible planning.

Development is necessary in these regions, but it should never mean compromising the ecological balance that makes them special.

Our Rivers, Forests and Mountains Need Protection

The rivers and streams of Jammu and Kashmir are valuable natural resources. The Chenab River, flowing through the Ramban region, is not merely a watercourse; it is an important part of the region's ecological, geographical and social identity.

Similarly, forests provide essential ecological services, support biodiversity, protect soil and contribute to environmental balance.

Unfortunately, dumping waste near water bodies, plastic pollution, irresponsible construction and the destruction of green spaces can threaten these resources.

We must understand that a river cannot remain clean if its surroundings are treated as dumping grounds. Forests cannot survive if trees are continuously destroyed without adequate conservation measures.

Protecting rivers and forests should not be treated as the responsibility of government departments alone. Local communities, educational institutions, civil society organisations and individual citizens must participate actively.

Our natural resources are not unlimited. Their protection is an investment in the well-being of future generations.

Development Must Not Destroy Nature

Roads, tunnels, buildings, industries and other infrastructure are essential for improving connectivity and economic opportunities, particularly in remote and mountainous areas.

Jammu and Kashmir needs development, better transportation, employment opportunities and improved public facilities. However, development must be guided by scientific planning, environmental assessments and strict compliance with ecological safeguards.

Construction activities should follow appropriate dust-control measures. Waste must be managed responsibly, and trees should not be removed unnecessarily. Environmentally sensitive areas require special attention before major development activities are undertaken.

The objective should not be to stop development but to make it sustainable.

True progress is achieved when infrastructure grows alongside environmental protection. A road that improves connectivity should not become a reason for unnecessary ecological destruction.

Children Are Paying the Price

Air pollution and environmental degradation affect everyone, but children are particularly vulnerable.

A healthy environment is essential for their physical development, education and overall well-being. Children deserve safe playgrounds, clean surroundings, fresh air and access to nature.

As a teacher, I believe environmental education must become an essential part of everyday learning.

Schools across Jammu and Kashmir can play a meaningful role through Eco Clubs, plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns, waste segregation, water conservation and awareness programmes.

Students should not merely read about environmental protection in textbooks; they should practise it in their schools, homes and communities.

Teachers can encourage children to understand the importance of protecting trees, avoiding plastic waste, saving water and maintaining cleanliness. Parents should reinforce these habits at home.

A child who learns to protect a tree, conserve water and avoid littering today may become a responsible environmental citizen tomorrow.

The Responsibility of Government and Society

Environmental protection cannot be achieved through temporary campaigns or occasional announcements. It requires continuous action, effective implementation and accountability.

Government authorities must strengthen pollution monitoring, improve waste-management systems, protect forests and water bodies, regulate construction activities and enforce environmental laws.

Urban local bodies should ensure proper waste collection and disposal. Industries must follow environmental standards, while transport authorities should promote cleaner and more accessible public transportation.

Citizens also have an equally important role. We must avoid burning waste, reduce plastic consumption, protect trees, use resources carefully and keep our surroundings clean.

Farmers, businesses, students, teachers and community organisations should be included in environmental awareness and conservation efforts.

Blaming one another will not solve the problem. Collective action will.

Let Jammu and Kashmir Become an Example

Jammu and Kashmir has the natural resources and community spirit needed to become a model of environmental responsibility.

Local administrations, schools, Panchayati Raj Institutions, NGOs and civil society groups can work together to protect forests, rivers, mountain ecosystems and public spaces.

Plantation programmes should focus not only on planting saplings but also on ensuring their survival. Waste-management facilities should reach rural areas, and environmental awareness should become a continuous community activity.

Special attention must be given to ecologically sensitive areas where unplanned development can have long-term consequences.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir must understand that protecting nature is not simply about preserving scenic beauty for tourists; it is about protecting our own health, livelihoods and future.

Tourism itself depends on a clean and healthy environment. Polluted water bodies, unmanaged garbage and damaged landscapes can affect both local communities and the region's tourism potential.

From Awareness to Action

India does not lack environmental campaigns, public messages or awareness programmes. What is often missing is continuity between awareness and action.

We celebrate World Environment Day, organise plantation drives and discuss climate change, but environmental responsibility must extend beyond special occasions.

Every household can contribute by reducing waste, avoiding the burning of garbage, conserving water and using plastic responsibly. Every school can promote environmental awareness. Every local administration can strengthen cleanliness and waste-management systems.

Similarly, every citizen must understand that throwing a plastic bottle into a stream, cutting a tree unnecessarily or burning household waste is not a small individual mistake; repeated actions of this nature create larger environmental problems.

Small efforts, when adopted collectively, can produce meaningful change.

Conclusion: Clean Air Is Not a Luxury

A nation's progress should not be measured only by economic growth, modern buildings, highways and technological achievements. It should also be measured by the quality of life its people enjoy and the condition of its natural environment.

India and Jammu and Kashmir both stand at an important moment. We must choose development that respects nature rather than development that gradually destroys it.

Our children deserve a future in which they can breathe clean air, drink safe water, walk through green surroundings and enjoy the natural beauty that previous generations inherited.

We may construct new roads, buildings and infrastructure, but restoring destroyed forests, polluted rivers and damaged ecosystems can take decades.

Let us move beyond discussions and translate environmental awareness into everyday action. Let governments fulfil their responsibilities, institutions educate future generations and citizens become active participants in environmental protection.

The air we breathe, the rivers we depend upon and the forests that surround us are not merely natural resources; they are our collective inheritance.

Let us protect India, preserve Jammu and Kashmir and safeguard the future before it is too late. Because the environment we destroy today is the legacy we leave for tomorrow.

> The question we must ask ourselves is simple but serious: What is the value of development if the air we breathe, the water we drink and the environment we depend upon are becoming increasingly unsafe? From the heavily polluted metropolitan cities of India to the environmentally sensitive mountains and valleys of Jammu and Kashmir, the signs of environmental degradation demand our attention. Pollution is no longer an issue confined to a particular city or region; it is a national concern that requires collective responsibility, effective governance and a change in public attitudes.

> The situation in metropolitan cities, particularly Delhi, frequently attracts national attention. During periods of severe pollution, the atmosphere becomes filled with hazardous pollutants, affecting everyday life, transportation, education and public health.

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Desire within US, India to concludetrade deal by G20: ex-US diplomat

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WASHINGTON, Nov 13: There is a desire within the US and India to try to conclude phase one of the bilateral trade agreement, perhaps by the G20 Summit in Florida next month, a former senior US diplomat said.

India and the US finalised a framework for the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement in February following a phone call between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump. However, changes in the American tariff landscape have led to renewed negotiations, which are yet to conclude.

"By all expectations, I think that there's a desire to try to conclude the phase one deal, perhaps by the G20," Nisha Biswal, former Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, told PTI in an interview here.

The G20 brings together major industrialised and developing economies to discuss global issues. Under a rotating presidency, it holds ministerial meetings throughout the year, culminating in an annual Leaders' Summit, which Trump will chair on December 14-15 in Florida, US.

Biswal termed the ongoing trade talks as "complicated" and said that the negotiators have to work through certain areas, including the demand for comparative advantage made by



New Delhi over its rivals in sectors such as textiles.

"For the administration, trying to figure out how to address that and still stay within the strictures of the tools that it is using is also going to be an issue that they have to navigate," she said.

Biswal said she was hopeful that Washington and New Delhi were aware of both the importance of the US-India corridor and the ability of the trade negotiators to actually reach an outcome.

"They are two extraordinarily complex economies. So I understand that this is not quite as easy as a back-of-the-envelope type of agreement; we're actually trying to get through a lot of tricky issues," she said.

Biswal said the India-US relationship has been a mixed bag during President Trump's second tenure, which started in 2025.

She said the bilateral relationship stabilised after Modi and Trump announced the framework of the first phase of the trade deal in February this year and negotiations began in earnest.

"2026, I think, saw a kind of stabilisation in the relationship as the trade negotiations kind of took off in earnest, particularly after India made some very smart moves," Biswal said.

The former diplomat said the US took note when Prime Minister Modi met with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting in Tianjin last year.

"When India and the EU signed their trade agreement, again, Washington took notice. You saw from US Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, comments to that effect in terms of India-EU," Biswal said.

"Not soon thereafter, you saw some agreement in principle on a phase one, you know, deal between the US and India," Biswal said.

On October 20, Trump said Washington and New Delhi were "pretty close" to reaching a trade deal, adding that the proposed pact would differ from earlier agreements.

Speaking to reporters at the Oval Office, he said India wanted to make a deal and expressed confidence that an agreement would be reached.

India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said New Delhi will have one of the "best" trade deals with Washington in every respect.

He said that India has negotiated a very good set of outcomes with the US in the pact. "And in every respect, India will have one of the best deals with the US," he told reporters in Visakhapatnam. (PTI)

Not just airlines, wider aviation ecosystem must play its part in sustainability transition: AAPA

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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 13: Highlighting the challenges being faced by the industry, Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) on Friday said carriers are frustrated with supply chain disruptions and they also cannot be expected to carry the entire burden of sustainability transition.

Airlines are also grappling with operational and financial headwinds due to the West Asia crisis that has resulted in high fuel prices as well as airspace curbs.

"Conflicts, oil flow disruptions, global trade tensions, and the fast changing policies are reshaping airspace access, traffic flows, fuel markets

and even the economics of entire airline networks," AAPA Director General Wong Hong said.

Addressing the grouping's 70th Assembly of Presidents in the city, he said "the supply



chain disruptions continue to frustrate our recovery and growth ambitions.

"Aircraft deliveries remain constrained. Engine availability and maintenance bottlenecks are affecting fleet utilisation and prolonged delivery delays are making capacity planning increasingly difficult," Wong said.

The aircraft order backlog is estimated at over 16,000 and longer delivery timelines due to the supply chain woes are also delaying efforts of airlines to induct more fuel-efficient planes.

In the first nine months of 2026, passenger demand for Asia Pacific airlines grew 1.9 per cent and the average airline load factor stood at 83 per cent.

Arihant Capital Markets gets Sebi nod to launch mutual fund biz

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NEW DELHI, NOV 13: Arihant Capital Markets Ltd on Friday said it has received in-principle approval from the markets regulator Sebi to act as a sponsor and set up its own mutual fund.

The proposed entry into asset management is a natural progression of this journey, the Madhya Pradesh-based company said in a statement.

Through its mutual fund business, Arihant said it aims to offer investment solutions that make participation in financial markets more accessible and help investors benefit from India's long-term growth story.

"Our vision when we started Arihant was to make every Indian financially independent, and that belief continues to guide us. We see mutual funds as an important vehicle to take this vision forward.

They offer a simple and accessible way for people to participate in financial markets and pursue their long-term wealth creation goals, without necessarily having to navigate the complexities of investing directly," Ashok Kumar Jain, Chairman, Arihant Capital Markets.

Incorporated in 1992, Arihant is a diversified financial services company with expertise across stockbroking, wealth management,



depository, portfolio management, merchant banking, research and

other financial services. It has a presence across more than 300 cities and a network of over 800 investment centres.

At present, there are 57 mutual fund houses in the country, which together manage assets worth over Rs 87 lakh crore as of September 2026. (PTI)

Investor Manuja Gautam Shroff buys 15.4 lakh shares of M K Sons Fine Jewels for Rs 26 cr



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NEW DELHI, NOV 13: Investor Manuja Gautam Shroff has bought 15.44 lakh shares of newly listed M K Sons Fine Jewels for Rs 26 crore through two open-market transactions since the company's stock market debut earlier this month, according to NSE bulk deal data.

Shroff purchased 4,33,333 equity shares on November 4, the day of the listing, at a weighted average price of Rs 169.04 apiece, in a transaction valued at around Rs 7.32 crore.

She followed it up with a larger purchase of 11,11,113 shares on November 12 at an average price of Rs 166.69 per share, taking the value of the latest acquisition to Rs 18.52 crore, as per the data.

Together, the two transactions account for 15.44 lakh shares worth Rs 25.85 crore.

M K Sons Fine Jewels is engaged in the marketing and sale of gold, diamond and cubic zirconia (CZ) jewellery. The company has been in the retail jewellery business since 2012 and operates five showrooms, including three in Mumbai and two in Ahmedabad.

Its product portfolio includes contemporary and bridal jewellery collections. For FY26, the company reported revenue from operations of Rs 538.74 crore and profit after tax of Rs 51.80 crore, according to its restated financial statements in the prospectus.

Voltas expects home appliances JV Voltbek to reach EBITDA break-even by FY28

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NEW DELHI, NOV 13: Leading cooling products maker Voltas expects its home appliances joint venture Voltbek, which recorded its highest Q2 sales in both value and volume in the September quarter, to achieve EBITDA break-even in FY28.

Voltbek Home Appliances, a JV between Voltas and Turkish firm Arcelik, is "emerging as an important growth pillar" for the Tata group firm as it continued to outperform the broader home appliances market during the quarter, driven by portfolio expansion, improving consumer acceptance and deeper distribution reach.

However, like other makers, it has also faced cost pressures from rising commodity prices, particularly plastics, metals and insulation materials, which have impacted its recovery trajectory, said Voltas Managing Director Mukundan Menon.

"Our idea is to get an EBITDA break-even sometime by next financial year, and I think directionally we are going towards that," said Menon during the company's Q2 earnings conference call.

Menon said the business was expected to begin its recovery journey during the first half of the current fiscal year, but the sharp increase



in commodity prices over the last six months had pushed back the progress.

The company is now focusing on expanding its product portfolio, strengthening distribution and improving manufacturing and sourcing efficiencies to enhance competitiveness and profitability.

"As of YTD September 2026, Voltbek achieved a market share of approximately 8.8 per cent in washing machines and 7 per cent in refrigerators. The business also maintained its number two position in the semi-automatic washing machine category, with a market share of approximately 14.9 per cent," said Voltas CFO K V Sridhar.

The company is strengthening its presence in higher-value segments through refreshed product lines, improved product architecture and higher-capacity models.

It is also planning to expand its portfolio with new lines of frost-free refrigerators and fully automatic washing machines, alongside investments in retail visibility, distribution expansion and brand building.

"In parallel, sourcing efficiencies and manufacturing productivity initiatives are expected to support improved cost competitiveness and profitability as the business continues to scale," said Sridhar.

With its expanding market presence, increasing product relevance, and sustained investments in brand building, Voltbek is emerging as an important growth pillar for Voltas, he added.

Delhivery partners with Tata Motors, Euler Motors, Montra Electric to deploy up to 2,000 eCVs

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MUMBAI, NOV 13: Logistics firm Delhivery Ltd has partnered with Tata Motors, Euler Motors and Montra Electric to deploy 1,500-2,000 four-wheeler electric commercial vehicles across its intra-city logistics network over the next 12-18 months, the company said on Friday.

The pacts are part of the company's plan to put close to 5,000 eCVs into operation within three years, it said.

The tie-up with Tata Motors will include the Tata Intra EV. Euler Motors' Turbo City Plus will be the first vehicle to be deployed, serving smaller commercial applications.



Larger electric vehicles will join the fleet later for heavier-payload operations, the company said, adding, the collaboration with Montra Electric aims to expand EVIATOR deployment nationwide.

Crystal Crop Protection to raise up to Rs 456 cr via IPO; issue opens on Nov 18

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NEW DELHI, NOV 13: Crop solutions firm Crystal Crop Protection Ltd will raise up to Rs 456 crore through its initial public offering (IPO), which will open for subscription on November 18.

The price band for the issue has been fixed at Rs 259-272 per equity share, valuing the company at Rs 4,438 crore at the top end.

The three-day public issue will close on November 20, while bidding for anchor investors will take place on November 17, according to a public announcement on Friday.

The IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs 355 crore and an Offer for Sale (OFS) of shares worth up to Rs 101 crore.

Proceeds from the fresh issue will be utilised towards repayment of debt availed by the company and its subsidiary, Saffire Crop Science, funding inorganic growth through unidentified acquisitions and strategic initiatives, and meeting general corporate purposes.

Founded in 1994, Crystal Crop Protection is a crop solutions company with agrochemicals and seeds at the core of its offerings.

Its diversified portfolio includes crop protection products such as herbicides, fungicides and insecticides, along with natural crop solutions, including bio-stimulants, bio-protectants, plant growth regulators, liquid fertilisers and micronutrients. Its seeds portfolio caters to field crops, vegetable crops and flowers.

DAM Capital Advisors, IIFL Capital Services and Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors are the book-running lead managers to the issue, while MUFG Intime India is the registrar.

The equity shares are proposed to be listed on the BSE and the National Stock Exchange (NSE). (PTI)

Markets fall in early trade after 3-day rally; Sensex tumbles 460 points

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MUMBAI, NOV 13: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty slumped in early trade on Friday amid profit-taking after a three-day rally and anticipation of a policy rate hike by the RBI next month after retail inflation surged to 6.09 per cent in October.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 460 points to 81,441.17 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty fell 179.05 points to 25,119.50.

In the 30 Sensex firms, Mahindra & Mahindra, HDFC Bank, InterGlobe Aviation, Trent, Bharat Electronics and Bajaj Finserv were among the major laggards.

Tech Mahindra, Sun Pharma, HCL Tech and Hindustan Unilever were among the winners.

Retail inflation surged to 6.09 per cent in October, breaching the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance limit for the first time in two years



and prompting economists to anticipate a policy rate hike by the central bank next month.

The consumer price index (CPI) based retail inflation rose to 5.54 per cent in September, as a sustained uptick in food & beverages (F&B), restaurant services and transport inflation played a key role in pushing up the October headline number.

Data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation showed that food inflation spiked to 8.94 per cent in October from 7.74 per cent in the previous month.

"India's retail inflation rose to 6.09 per cent in October from 5.54 per cent in September, its highest level in two years and above the RBI's 6 per cent upper tolerance limit, with food inflation climbing to 8.94 per cent. The data keeps the rate outlook hawkish ahead of the RBI's December 4 policy meeting and leaves the market vulnerable to consolidation after its sharp recovery," Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth-tech firm, said.

Meanwhile, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 7,830.60 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 0.44 per cent lower at USD 95.40 per barrel.

In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index traded lower, while Japan's Nikkei 225 index and Shanghai's SSE Composite index quoted in positive territory. The US equity markets ended lower on Thursday. On Thursday, the Sensex advanced 31.61 points, or 0.04 per cent, to settle at 81,911.01. The Nifty was up 44.30 points, or 0.18 per cent, to end at 25,299.35. (PTI)

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Kerala HC directs police to ensure Antioch Patriarch does not violate visa conditions, SC orders

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KOCHI (KERALAM), NOV 13 : The Kerala High Court on Friday directed the State Police Chief to ensure that the visiting Patriarch of Antioch, Moran Mor Ignatius Aphrem III, does not violate visa conditions or the Supreme Court directions in the dispute between the Malankara Orthodox and Jacobite Syrian churches.

Justice P V Kunhikrishnan issued the interim direction while considering a petition filed by V V Mathew of the Orthodox faction, seeking to restrain the Patriarch from conducting religious activities at St Mary's Church (Cathedral) in Manarcad, Kottayam district.

The Patriarch, the supreme head of the Universal Syriac Orthodox Church based in Lebanon, is visiting Keralam from November 11 to 16.

The Jacobite Syrian Christian Church in India is an integral part of the Universal Syriac Orthodox Church headed by him. The Malankara Orthodox and Jacobite Syrian churches have been locked in a prolonged dispute over the ownership and administration of several churches, leading to clashes and legal battles. St Mary's Church at Manarcad is managed by the Jacobite faction, while the Orthodox faction claims rights over it, citing Supreme Court judgments in the dispute.

According to the petition, the Patriarch is scheduled to visit the church on November 15 to celebrate Holy Qurbana and conduct other religious ceremonies.

The petitioner contended that such activities would violate earlier civil court decrees and Supreme Court judgments in the Malankara Church dispute. He also relied on the 1934 Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, arguing that the Patriarch could not interfere in the administration of parish churches. The petition further raised concerns over the visa issued to the Syrian national, stating that he had been granted an X-Miscellaneous entry visa, which, according to the petitioner, did not permit foreign nationals to engage in preaching.

Three of family die after suspected poisoning over land dispute in Bihar



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VAISHALI, NOV 13 : A woman, her 12-year-old son and mother-in-law died after allegedly consuming poison following a dispute over the sale of ancestral land in Bihar's Vaishali district, police said on Friday.

The woman's 15-year-old daughter, who also allegedly

consumed poison, is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Hajipur, they said.

The incident took place at Premraj village in Goraul police station area on Thursday night, they added.

Goraul SHO Sunil Kumar said police rushed to the spot after receiving information and took the girl to hospital.

According to eyewitnesses, Seema's husband Rahul, the only son of the family's patriarch, Shyamnandan Singh, had secretly sold a portion of their ancestral land.

After learning about the sale, Seema obtained a copy of the land registration documents and confronted him, opposing the transaction.

Rahul allegedly assaulted his mother and wife before

leaving the house on Thursday. The two women are suspected to have subsequently consumed poison and administered it to the children, police said.

Locals said Seema and her mother-in-law had been opposing Rahul's repeated sale of ancestral land for a long time.

Police are investigating the case from all angles to establish the circumstances leading to the deaths, officials said.

Man arrested for putting bomb threat, communal messages on train in Lucknow

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LUCKNOW, NOV 13 : The Government Railway Police (GRP) on Friday arrested a 28-year-old man for allegedly putting up handwritten messages containing communal remarks and threats to blow up a train at Lucknow's Charbagh railway station, officials said.

The accused, identified as Mohammad Shariq, a resident of Ansar Nagar in Ayodhya district, was arrested near platform 8/9 of the railway station, the GRP's Lucknow media cell said. According to the police, handwritten notes carrying objectionable content aimed at spreading religious and communal hatred, along with threats of an explosion, were found pasted behind the toilet windows and mirrors in two general coaches of the Varanasi-Lucknow Intercity (train number 14225/26) on November 11. A case was registered at the Charbagh GRP police station under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), it added. Three teams, comprising personnel from the surveillance unit and GRP police stations in Charbagh, Shahjahanpur, Ayodhya and Akbarpur, were formed to investigate the incident, according to the statement.

Arms supply network busted in Delhi's Rohini, two arrested; six firearms, 11 lakh in cash seized



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NEW DELHI, NOV 13 : Delhi Police on Friday said it has busted an arms supply racket operating in the capital and arrested two men -- recovering six firearms, 24 live cartridges and Rs 11 lakh in cash.

Police have also impounded a Mahindra Thar allegedly used in arms trafficking.

The arrests were made following a tip-off about the movement of an alleged arms supplier on November 12.

A police team laid a trap and apprehended Jogender alias Jock (40) from northwest Delhi's Begumpur when he arrived in his Mahindra Thar to allegedly deliver weapons. Two pistols and a country-made firearm, 14 live cartridges and Rs 11 lakh in cash were recovered from his possession.

"During interrogation, police identified Johny alias Akshay (25), as the source of the weapons and subsequently arrested him.

ED arrests Delhi man over Rs 180-cr bank loan 'fraud' in Odisha

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BHUBANESWAR, NOV 13 : The ED has arrested a man from New Delhi in connection with a bank loan fraud case in Odisha "worth over Rs 180 crore", an official said on Friday.

He was apprehended on Thursday under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

"The Directorate of Enforcement, Bhubaneswar Zonal Office, has arrested Balbir Singh Malhotra, a resident of Delhi... ED's investigation found that he worked with an Odisha-based person to divert the loan funds," the official said.

Keralam: 18 gm MDMA seized from lodge, house; seven taken into custody, including minor girl

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KANNUR (KERALAM), NOV 13 (PTI) Seven people, a woman and a minor girl among them, were taken into custody after police seized 17.96 grams of MDMA during searches at a lodge and a house in different parts of the district, police said on Friday.

The seizures were made during a joint operation by the Edakkad and Chakkarakkal police and the District Anti-Narcotics Special Action Force (DANSAF) squad.

According to police, 15.965 grams of MDMA was seized during a search at a lodge in Chala on Thursday.

The six adults were identified as K K Saheed (38), a native of Panerichal in Iriveri; A K Shameel (38), from Kottoor in Kadachira; T P Shifad (30), from Ezhara; K P Sanjeet (22), from Munduparambain Malappuram; A K Shuhul (24), from Muzhappilangad; and M Aishwarya (19), from Vyttila in Ernakulam.

A minor girl was also taken into custody.

Police seized a digital weighing scale and glass pipes from their possession as well.

Following the arrests, Chakkarakkal police and the DANSAF squad

searched the house of Saheed, the first accused, at Iriveri and recovered another 1.995 grams of MDMA, officials said.

Police said they were probing the possible involvement of more persons in the alleged drug-peddling network and investigating the sources from which the drugs were procured. The six adults were identified as K K Saheed (38), a native of Panerichal in Iriveri; A K Shameel (38), from Kottoor in Kadachira; T P Shifad (30), from Ezhara; K P Sanjeet (22), from Munduparambain Malappuram; A K Shuhul (24), from Muzhappilangad; and M Aishwarya (19), from Vyttila in Ernakulam.

A minor girl was also taken into custody.

Stepfather arrested for brutally assaulting 13-year-old boy in Keralam

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KOLLAM (KERALAM), NOV 13 : A 13-year-old boy was allegedly brutally assaulted by his stepfather in this south Keralam district, prompting the chief minister and the State Child Rights Commission to intervene after a video of the incident surfaced, following which the accused was arrested on Friday.

The assault allegedly took place at Kuriyode in Chadayamangalam on Thursday night.

This came to light after visuals purportedly showing the incident, recorded by the child's mother on her mobile phone, were aired by television channels.

In the visuals, it could be seen that the accused, identified as Rajesh, returned home in an inebriated condition, dragged the boy from his room and brought him to the hall, where he stripped the child and brutally beat him with a stick.

Family sources said the alleged assault stemmed from the accused's dislike towards the boy, who was born out of his mother's first marriage. They also told police that Rajesh had allegedly been physically abusing the child regularly.

Meanwhile, CM V D Satheesan spoke to the Kollam Rural

Superintendent of Police about the incident and directed him to ensure the immediate arrest of the accused and take stringent legal action, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said in a statement.

The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has also registered a case on its own based on media reports about the incident.

The Commission said reports indicated that Rajesh had allegedly assaulted the boy under the influence of alcohol.

The panel has sought explanations from the Kollam Rural SP, Chadayamangalam Station House Officer and the District Child Protection Officer, an official statement said.

Later in the day, Chadayamangalam police arrested the accused from his house in the district.

Man arrested for raping minor niece

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BIJNOR (UP), NOV 13 : A 24-year-old man was arrested for allegedly raping his 14-year-old niece here, police have said.

Circle Officer Najibabad Sunil Singh said a complaint was received at Najibabad police station on Wednesday regarding the incident.

According to the complaint, the girl had gone to a shop to buy some items on the night of November 8 when the accused, Sultan, allegedly forced her to accompany him to his house and raped her. Police registered a case based on the complaint and initiated their investigation. The accused, who had been absconding since the incident, was arrested on Thursday after multiple police teams were pressed to apprehend him. Circle Officer Najibabad Sunil Singh said a complaint was received at Najibabad police station on Wednesday regarding the incident. According to the complaint, the girl had gone to a shop to buy some items on the night of November 8 when the accused, Sultan, allegedly forced her to accompany him to his house and raped her.

Jharkhand: Congress MLA booked after minor domestic help accuses him of rape

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RANCHI, NOV 13 : Jharkhand Congress MLA Bhushan Bara was booked on Friday after a 15-year-old girl, who worked as a domestic help at his official residence, accused him of rape, police said.

The girl, a resident of Simdega district, lodged an FIR at the Dhurwa police station, alleging that Bara had raped her at his residence on August 5, following which she became pregnant.

She later learnt during a medical examination that she suffered a miscarriage, it was alleged.

The girl told reporters that she was brought to Ranchi in May on the promise of being enrolled in a school, but was



instead made to do domestic work at the MLA's official residence.

Hatia DSP Neeraj Kumar said, "We have registered a case against the MLA from the Simdega assembly seat under the POCSO Act and the Juvenile Justice Act. The victim has been sent to Sadar Hospital for her medical examination. Police will also record her statement."

Bara, a two-term MLA, denied the allegations, calling them "completely false and misleading".

He claimed the case was fabricated by people expelled from the Congress.

"Everything will be clear after investigation," he said, questioning why the girl had not filed a complaint immediately after the alleged incident.

BJP state president Aditya Sahu demanded the MLA's immediate arrest, alleging that women and

girls were unsafe under the JMM-Congress coalition government in the state.

He said the allegations detailed in the FIR were disturbing and announced that BJP workers would gherao Dhurwa police station to press for the MLA's arrest.

Male body found in parking lot of east Delhi's Preet Vihar; no identity yet

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NEW DELHI, NOV 13 : An unidentified man, aged around 45, was found dead in the parking area of a commercial building in east Delhi's Preet Vihar on Friday, police said.

A PCR call was received at around 1.13 pm reporting that a man was lying unconscious in the parking area of a commercial building in Swasthya Vihar, following which a police team rushed to the spot, they said.

The caller, Aamir Alam, 26, who works as a parking attendant at the building, told police that he spotted the man lying on the ground and called an ambulance.

The ambulance staff examined the man and declared him dead, the police said. No visible injury marks were found on the body. The body was taken to Hedgewar Hospital, where it has been preserved for identification.

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Rains

Meteorological Centre Srinagar, the summer capital recorded a maximum temperature of 15.2 degrees Celsius, 0.7 degrees below normal, while the minimum settled at 6.2 degrees Celsius, 4.9 degrees above the seasonal average.

Gulmarg recorded a maximum temperature of 6.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of minus 0.5 degrees Celsius. The maximum was three degrees below normal, while the minimum remained close to the seasonal average.

In Pahalgam, the maximum temperature settled at 14.1 degrees Celsius, 1.1 degrees above normal, while the minimum was recorded at 4 degrees Celsius, 5.2 degrees above the seasonal average.

Kupwara recorded a maximum of 10.3 degrees Celsius, 5.7 degrees below normal, and a minimum of 4 degrees Celsius, 3.7 degrees above normal.

Qazigund registered a maximum temperature of 13.4 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 6.4 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag recorded 14 degrees and 5.2 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 28 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 16.3 degrees Celsius. Banihal registered a maximum of 25.5 degrees Celsius, while Bhaderwah recorded 15.3 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, the Meteorological Centre Srinagar has forecast a brief spell of light rain in the plains and light snowfall over higher reaches at scattered places towards late afternoon on November 13 and 14.

Weather conditions are expected to remain generally dry from November 15 to 21, although partly cloudy conditions may develop towards November 20 and 21. Generally dry weather is also likely to prevail from November 22 to 24.

The MeT department has advised farmers to resume their agricultural activities from November 15 onwards.

It has also cautioned travellers and transporters to remain updated about weather and road conditions, particularly while travelling along mountain passes and hilly routes, as fresh snowfall and precipitation may affect road connectivity.

Cabinet

public welfare, accelerating equitable development and promoting transparent, responsive and effective governance across Jammu and Kashmir.

Among the major proposals on the agenda was the Jammu and Kashmir Hydro Power Policy, 2026, which is aimed at promoting sustainable energy development and attracting private investment in hydropower projects of up to 100 MW under the Independent Power Producer (IPP) and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) modes. The policy is expected to receive Cabinet approval.

The proposed notification of the Jammu and Kashmir Urban Asset Mapping and Monetisation Policy, 2026, was also listed for consideration.

Another significant agenda item concerned e-auctioning through the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, for grant of an exploration licence in respect of copper, nickel and associated mineralisation in the Sumcham Padder block of Kishtwar district.

The block has been identified by the Geological Survey of India under Sub-section (4) of Section 10BA of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. If approved by the Cabinet, the exploration licence will be issued by the UT Government.

The Cabinet may have considered the promotion of several officers of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) to different scales.

Among the land-related proposals were the transfer of four kanals of land at Devalgam in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district to the Home Department for establishment of a Special Operations Group (SOG) camp, and 32 kanals of Shamilat land at Nadikhai and Poshwari in Hajin area of Bandipora district to the Power Development Department for construction of a grid station.

The Council of Ministers may also have considered the transfer of three kanals of land at Reshipora in Budgam district to the Revenue Department for construction of the Sub-Registrar Office, Budgam.

Another proposal involved the transfer of 15 marlas of land to the Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department for construction of a veterinary hospital in Anantnag.

All decisions of the Council of Ministers are subject to the approval of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

CRPF

with field officers of the CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police at Sadura in Anantnag, and discussed the way ahead for intensified counter-insurgency operations in the Valley, the paramilitary force said on X.

Terrorists opened fire at a CRPF post in the South Kashmir district on Wednesday, injuring three personnel, one of them critically.

Later, the CRPF chief visited the Army's 92 base hospital at Badami Bagh cantonment in Srinagar to meet the injured CRPF jawan, who is being treated there.

"DG CRPF @gpsinghips visited 92 Base Hospital, Srinagar today & met with #CRPF jawan injured in the terrorist attack at #Kulgam & enquired about his health & treatment & wished him a speedy recovery," the CRPF said.

The force said Singh also assured all possible assistance to the injured jawan and his family.

Investigators suspect LeT terrorist Lateef Bhat was among the attackers, after the injured personnel reportedly recognised his photograph. A massive manhunt is underway, with several operations underway across Kulgam and police questioning a number of suspects picked up in the district.

Bhat is also suspected in earlier attacks in south Kashmir, including the July assault on two migrant labourers in the Kelam area near Akhran village and the killing of a police head constable in Anantnag the same month. He is believed to be the last surviving local terrorist active in the Valley, and police have said he is being supported by a few foreign terrorists.

Suspects

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

The search operation continued on the third day on Friday. 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, they added.

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

They said several suspects have been picked up for questioning by the police.

Senior officers of the police and other security agencies have visited the spot of the attack and reviewed security measures, the officials said.

Security has also been beefed up elsewhere in the valley as police and paramilitary forces conducted random searches of vehicles in Srinagar city and other districts of Kashmir.

Property

said. The property of Mohd Arshad, a resident of Khablan village, was a local terrorist who had illegally crossed the Line of Control into Pakistan-occupied Kashmir over 15 years ago, the official said.

The official said Arshad's 2.14 kanal land in his village, with a market value of Rs 81 lakh, was attached under relevant sections of the Egress and Internal Movement (Control) Ordinance in connection with a case registered at the local police station in 2011.

Earlier, police in Thanamandi attached properties worth crores of rupees belonging to 10 PoK-based terror handlers as part of sustained efforts to dismantle the support network of terrorism and take stringent action against individuals involved in anti-national activities.

Accused

Pradesh and Piyar Chand from Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district were arrested from the Vijaypur and Ramgarh areas, a police official said.

He said a police team succeeded in arresting Ahirwar, who was booked in a case registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act last year.

The case involves allegations of kidnapping and penetrative sexual assault on a minor, the official said.

Chand, who was also wanted for the kidnapping and rape of a minor, was arrested by another police party from Ramgarh, he added.

The official said proceedings for trial in absentia were already initiated against both accused, who were produced before a local court that sent them to the Kathua District Jail.

Vigilance

Bhawan. During the review, the DIG undertook a detailed foot patrol along the route from Katra to Bhawan and inspected each security point to assess the existing security arrangements and operational preparedness. The review focused on security arrangements at the main entry points, Ardhkuwari and Bhawan, besides assessing area domination and security deployment in the upper reaches and surrounding areas of the Shrine.

Following the field inspection, a detailed coordination meeting was convened with the officers. During the meeting, DIG emphasized the importance of maintaining close coordination, effective communication and operational synergy among all stakeholders to ensure robust security arrangements along the entire pilgrimage route and at the Shrine.

The officers were briefed to discharge their respective duties with utmost alertness, professionalism and dedication, while ensuring a well-coordinated and proactive security mechanism.

The review reaffirmed the commitment of Jammu and Kashmir Police and all concerned security agencies towards ensuring a safe, secure and peaceful pilgrimage for the devotees visiting the Holy Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.

The security review was attended by Mukand Tiberwal SSP Reasi and other senior officers from Army, CRPF, Police and representatives of SMVD Shrine Board, Katra.

LG Pays

selfless service to the nation will always be remembered. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families in this hour of immense grief. We stand shoulder to shoulder with them in solidarity," the Lt Governor said.

The preliminary investigation ruled out abduction of the two SPOs before their killing, the officials said.

The incident occurred at an altitude of 8,858 feet between Deharna and Kiyar villages, while the two SPOs were heading to a post at Basnand, the officials said.

They said a massive operation is underway to identify, track and neutralise the assailants.

Posted with the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the local police at Kiyar village in Dachhan, they went missing on Wednesday while travelling from their camp to an Army post for patrolling duty at Deharna-Marwah.

The two SPOs were locals and were aware of the topography of the area, the official said.

Kiyar is located in the high-altitude Dachhan valley at an average regional elevation of roughly 2,880 metres (9,460 feet). Deharna, situated at an elevation of 6,560 to 7,220 feet, lies about 14 km from the Marwah tehsil headquarters and 30 to 50 km from Kishtwar town. It lacks direct all-weather road connectivity.

While Kishtwar is located 210 km from winter capital of Jammu, the area where the incident took place is further located 50 km in mountainous region.

Director General Police Nalin Prabhat visited Kishtwar district headquarters on Thursday evening to review the situation, while Inspector General of police, Jammu range, Tejinder Singh is likely to visit the area later in the day, the officials said.

Security forces continued the search operation for third day to identify and apprehend the attackers involved in the incident.

CM Omar

together 24 teams representing universities from different parts of the country, including six teams from Jammu and Kashmir and 18 from other states.

"I am often asked about my views on those who contest elections against me, criticise me on social media or express their disagreement through media interviews. My answer has always been the same: they may be my political opponents, but they are certainly not my enemies," the chief minister said, drawing thunderous applause from the audience.

He said if given an opportunity, he would happily sit down with them over a cup of tea, ask about their families, and have a cordial conversation with them.

"The same should apply to all of you. On this cricket field, you should leave no stone unturned in your pursuit of victory. Give it your absolute best, compete with all your might, but once the match is over, let friendship and mutual respect prevail," he said.

"Compete fiercely, give your best and fight for victory, but let the rivalry end with the final ball. Once the match is over, embrace one another and walk away as friends. Because this is a contest, not a conflict. You may be my opponent, but you are not my enemy," he added.

Emphasising that the spirit of the tournament should go beyond competition, the chief minister said that while teams would compete against each other on the field, the real achievement would be the friendships and bonds they establish during their stay in Jammu.

He observed that victory and defeat were integral to sports and urged participants to treat both with equanimity.

Quoting renowned writer Rudyard Kipling, he said, "If you can meet with triumph and disaster, and treat both those imposters just the same," adding that success and failure were temporary, while the friendships and memories created through such events endured.

Referring to Jammu and Kashmir's recent sporting achievements, the chief minister said that if the same team continued to win every time, Jammu and Kashmir might not have had the opportunity to bring home the Ranji Trophy last year, underlining that competition and changing fortunes were part of the sporting journey.

Abdullah said the tournament was a welcome initiative that provided an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the contribution of university employees who work behind the scenes in strengthening academic institutions.

"Universities are not just about students. They are also built by the people who work behind the scenes to make these institutions shine. Often, these employees do not get the opportunity to come to the forefront. This tournament gives them a platform to showcase their talent and come together through sports," he said.

Welcoming the participating teams to Jammu, he described the city as the City of Temples and invited the players to visit Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and explore the region's cultural and historical attractions, including the Border Tourism facilities along the International Border.

The chief minister also encouraged the visitors to experience the hospitality and culinary traditions of Jammu, particularly the rich Dogra cuisine, which he said deserved as much appreciation as the well-known delicacies of Kashmir.

Director

meeting was attended by Joint Director Information (Headquarters), Joint Director Information Jammu, Deputy Director PR Jammu, District Information Officers of Jammu Division, besides the Culture Officer Jammu, Field Publicity Officer Jammu and Accounts Officer.

During the meeting, the Director took a detailed review of the staff strength, availability of equipment and logistical infrastructure at the DICs, besides assessing their preparedness to undertake publicity and awareness activities for effective dissemination of information regarding various government initiatives, schemes and programmes.

Emphasising the pivotal role of District Information Centres in strengthening the outreach of the government at the grassroots level, she stressed upon the DIOs to discharge their assigned responsibilities with utmost dedication, diligence and professionalism. She directed them to ensure timely and effective dissemination of daily government press releases, important public information and advisories issued by various departments.

The Director also interacted with the DIOs and took note of the issues and challenges affecting the functioning of the District Information Centres. She assured that genuine requirements and concerns would be addressed on priority and in a time-bound manner to further strengthen the district-level information dissemination mechanism.

Amit Shah

to the security of the country with potential to disturb peace and communal harmony. The earlier five-year ban on the organisation was set to expire on November 14.

"Led by fugitive terror preacher Dr Zakir Naik, the organisation has been involved in sinister anti-India designs, including inciting communal hatred and promoting terrorism," Shah said in a post on X.

"In steadfast adherence to PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's vision of zero tolerance towards terrorism and anti-national activities, MHA extends the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation as an unlawful association under the UAPA," he added.

The Home Minister further said that the group had been instigating violent unrest, encouraging the regrouping of absconding terrorists, and fomenting communal discord.

According to the MHA notification, the government invoked powers under Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), to declare the IRF an unlawful association, a decision previously upheld by the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal.

"The Central Government is of the opinion that the IRF and its members, particularly the founder and President of the IRF, Dr Zakir Abdul Karim Naik alias Dr Zakir Naik, has been encouraging and aiding its followers to promote or attempt to promote, on grounds of religion, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious communities and groups which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country," the notification read.

The ministry said that Naik's speeches and statements were "objectionable and subversive", accusing him of inspiring youth in India and abroad to commit terrorist acts. It pointed out that Naik had broadcast radical content to millions worldwide via international satellite television networks, the internet, print, and social media.

Warning of the consequences of inaction, the MHA said that if the IRF's unlawful activities were not curbed immediately, the outfit would reorganise its absconding activists, disrupt the country's secular fabric, propagate anti-national sentiments, and escalate secessionism by supporting militancy.

"The Central Government, for the above-mentioned reasons, is of the opinion that having regard to the activities of the IRF, it is necessary to declare the IRF as an unlawful association with immediate effect," the notification added.

Naik, a resident of Maharashtra, was on a trip abroad when his organisation was banned by the government in 2016. Since then, he has been staying in Malaysia. In 2017, his passport was also revoked at the request of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which had registered a case against him.

India has been pursuing legal and diplomatic measures against Naik since November 17, 2016, when the central government declared his organisation an unlawful association under the UAPA, citing allegations of promoting enmity and hatred between religious communities.

In May 2017, India approached INTERPOL for a Red Corner Notice (RCN) against Naik, providing subsequent clarifications in August and October.

However, during its 102nd session in late December 2017, the INTERPOL Commission deemed the request premature because a charge sheet had not been filed at the time of the initial application.

Following a fresh court warrant issued on November 24, 2017, Indian agencies submitted a renewed RCN request to INTERPOL on January 3, 2018, to which a response remains awaited.

India had also formally transmitted a provisional arrest and extradition request to Malaysia's ministry of foreign affairs on January 19, 2018 after it was confirmed that Naik had been granted permanent residency status.

Pulwama

case. Following sustained investigation and examination of evidence, the SIT arrested the main accused, identified as Imran Ahmad Mir, also a resident of Parigam Jagir, police said.

"Through sustained investigative efforts and meticulous examination of the available evidence, the SIT succeeded in arresting the main accused, identified as Imran Ahmad Mir resident of Parigam Jagir," police said.

During questioning, the arrested accused allegedly disclosed the involvement of another individual in the crime, prompting police to widen the investigation to establish the role of other suspects and ascertain whether a larger criminal conspiracy was involved.

Further investigation is underway, police said.

Housing

Supervisor for a period of two years. He alleges that his promotion was issued under SRO-159 instead of SRO-149, without any explanation for the deviation. He claims that his troubles within the department began after he questioned this and other alleged administrative irregularities.

With effect from May 31, 2006, he was assigned the responsibility of Violation Inspector. However, despite what he describes as sincere discharge of duties, he was placed under suspension in 2007. He alleges that no valid reason was communicated for the action and attributes it to his objections to the functioning of the Board authorities.

Ganai claims that the pattern continued, with another suspension imposed in 2010, again without any reason being disclosed to him. He says he was repeatedly forced to approach the courts, which intervened on several occasions and ordered his reinstatement.

Eventually, the Managing Director of the Housing Board issued an order terminating his services, prompting him to approach the High Court once again. The court subsequently quashed the dismissal order on March 5, 2026.

Ganai rejoined the department on April 2, 2026, but alleges that the authorities have since failed to address his posting, despite the court's intervention.

Apart from his individual grievance, the employee has sought a comprehensive probe into the functioning of the Housing Board, alleging irregularities in promotions and other administrative decisions. He has urged the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister to order an independent, high-level inquiry to establish accountability.

Concerns over the Board's administrative functioning had also surfaced earlier. On January 15, 2025, a report highlighted reservations expressed by technical professionals over the appointment of new consultants and disparities in remuneration.

The latest allegations have once again brought the issues of transparency, adherence to service rules and accountability within the Housing Board into focus.

A detailed account of the alleged irregularities is expected to be published in subsequent editions.

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Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy: Players gear up for IPL mini-auction audition

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NEW DELHI, NOV 13 :With the IPL retention deadline just days away, the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy will offer India's domestic T20 players a timely opportunity to make an impression on franchise owners ahead of the mini-auction next month.

The 38-team competition, which begins on Saturday, will also see several established India internationals take the field as they look to strengthen their cases for national selection and future IPL contracts.

With franchises required to finalise their retention lists by November 17, only the opening two rounds of the tournament will be completed before the deadline. That leaves little room for players hoping to catch the attention of team managements, making strong starts particularly important.

The spotlight will be on a mix of experienced campaigners and emerging talent, including Suryakumar Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohammed Shami and 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.

Their objectives may differ, but the tournament offers each of them a platform to make a statement in the shortest format.

Suryakumar, who will captain Mumbai, will be keen to rediscover his batting form. Despite leading India to the 2026 T20 World Cup title, he was left out of the national side and will be looking to put together a strong run of scores. His IPL credentials remain intact, but consistent performances in the domestic competition would help reinforce his standing.

Bhuvneshwar, meanwhile, will be hoping to make a stronger case for a longer stint with the Indian team after an underwhelming return to international cricket in New Zealand, where he managed just one wicket across four innings. With India's T20I series against Sri Lanka beginning on December 22, the tournament offers him an opportunity to regain momentum.

Shami will also be among the players to watch following his recent retirement from Test cricket. The fast bowler remains keen on returning to India's white-ball set-up and could use the competition to build his case for a place in the plans for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

At the other end of the spectrum is Sooryavanshi, who has already attracted attention with his performances in the IPL and for India. The teenager has been named Bihar captain for their first two matches before joining the India A squad for the Men's Rising Stars Asia Cup, a 50-over tournament beginning November 19.

The competition will also feature several other familiar names, including Sanju Samson, Varun Chakravarthy, Rajat Patidar, Prithvi Shaw, Deepak Chahar, Shardul Thakur and Yash Dayal.

India's mixed trap teams finish outside top 20 at Worlds



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NEW DELHI, NOV 13 :India's campaign in the mixed trap event ended without a medal at the ISSF World Championships on Friday, with both teams finishing outside the top 20 in the qualification round of the Olympic quota competition for the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

Vivaan Kapoor and Manisha Keer were the better-placed Indian pair, finishing 21st with a combined score of 134 across three rounds. The other combination of Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Neeru Dhanda managed 132 points to end 32nd among 48 competing teams.

Vivaan, who had secured silver and an Olympic quota in the men's trap event on Thursday, shot 71 out of a possible 75. However, his effort was not enough to lift the team as Manisha struggled to find consistency, finishing with 63.

The second Indian pair also had a difficult outing. Neeru, a double Asian Games gold medallist at the recent edition in Japan, returned a score of 64, while experienced shooter Zoravar managed 68. The two were competing together as a pair at the international level for the first time.

Only the top four teams from the qualification round progressed to the final, where they will compete for the medals. With neither Indian combination managing to make the cut, the country's campaign at the championships came to an end on Friday.

India signed off with 13 medals -- two gold, seven silver and four bronze.

Matt Henry turns focus to India Tests after match-winning ODI return

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NEW DELHI, NOV 13 :Matt Henry is now looking ahead to the two-Test series against India after making an impressive return to New Zealand's ODI side with a career-best 6/27 in the fourth ODI in Mount Maunganui on Friday.



The fast bowler, who missed the earlier matches due to a concussion, helped New Zealand secure a 244-run win and keep the series alive at 1-2. He will now join the Test squad for preparations ahead of the Test series starting November 19.

Henry made an immediate impact at Bay Oval, removing Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Shreyas Iyer in a wicket-maiden opening over. India never recovered from the early blows and were eventually bowled out for a paltry 89, giving New Zealand a chance to level the series in Sunday's decider.

"Yeah, join in with the Test squad. We've got a bit of a training camp, just get the red ball in hand and then just get ready for next week," he said.

The pacer was pleased to be back in action after his recovery from a concussion sustained in a collision with Devon Conway ahead of the series. The incident had ruled both players out of the earlier matches.

"Great to be back. Obviously it's been a funny odd year. So, good to be back here with some one-day cricket."

"It wasn't ideal, colliding heads with Dev (Devon Conway). I think I take a bit of responsibility on that one too. So, not ideal, but it just pushed things back a little bit. But thankfully we're doing alright now," he said. Henry said the team had taken a cautious approach to his recovery, keeping in mind the busy home season ahead.

Important to forget about this one: Iyer after batting disaster in fourth ODI



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NEW DELHI, NOV 13 :India's stand-in captain Shreyas Iyer believes the team must quickly regroup from the morale-crushing 244-run defeat to New Zealand in the fourth ODI and draw confidence from the two wins that put them ahead 2-1 in the series.

With the decider scheduled at the same venue in Mount Maunganui on Sunday, Iyer wants the team to put Friday's batting collapse behind them and approach the final game with a fresh mindset.

"It's important to forget about this one, obviously, analyze what went wrong in terms of bowling and batting. But at the back of the mind it's important that we have also won two games. So a lot of inspiration from that one and see to it that we come with a fresh set of mind," Iyer said after the match.

India were bowled out for just 89 while chasing 334 at Bay Oval, suffering their second-heaviest defeat in ODIs. The loss reduced their series lead to 2-1 after Matt Henry ripped through the top order with a career-best 6-27.

Iyer acknowledged that Henry's accuracy with the new ball made the difference, particularly after the New Zealand pacer removed Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli before trapping him lbw in the opening over. India had not scored a run when they lost their three most experienced batters.

"We saw it; there was a huge difference in the first innings and the second innings in terms of wicket, but also credit where it's due, the way Henry bowled in the right areas right from ball one. I think that was sensational," said Iyer at the post-match presentation ceremony.

New Zealand had put up 333 after batting first, with their batters finding it easier to score against the Indian attack. That led the visitors to believe they had a reasonable chance of chasing the target, but the movement generated by Henry and the other New Zealand pacers quickly changed the picture.

President Murmu confers Arjuna Awards; no Khel Ratna selected this year

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NEW DELHI, NOV 13 :President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Sports Awards at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Friday, with decathlete Tejaswin Shankar and chess Grandmasters Divya Deshmukh and Vidit Gujrathi among the prominent Arjuna Award recipients.

For the first time since 2014, no sportsperson was selected for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna. A total of 17 sportspersons received the Arjuna Award following an unprecedented re-evaluation of recommendations made by a selection committee headed by former Supreme Court judge Arun Kumar Mishra. The ceremony, which lasted a little over 36 minutes, was attended by union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Sports Secretary Hari Ranjan Rao, among others.

The awards were announced after a prolonged delay caused by the Sports Ministry's review process, which was initiated to ensure that only deserving candidates were recognised and to "preserve the integrity of the awards". The last time the country did not have a Khel Ratna recipient was in 2014.

Among those present at the ceremony was 20-year-old Divya, the first Indian woman to win the Chess World Cup. Gujrathi was part of India's gold-medal-winning team at the 2024 Chess Olympiad. Tejaswin, who won silver in the decathlon at the 2023 Asian Games and finished second at the Asian Championships last year, was another prominent recipient. He recently secured a historic bronze at the Commonwealth Games despite battling a knee problem and also won a bronze at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya. The athlete had earlier criticised the delay in announcing the awards, describing it as disrespectful towards sportspersons. Badminton players Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly, Glasgow Commonwealth Games silver-medallist boxer Narender Berwal and deaf rifle shooter Dhanush Srikanth were among the other Arjuna .

Australia fast bowler Mahli Beardman breaks 38-year record with England haul

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Perth, Nov 13 :Australia youngster Mahli Beardman has broken a 38-year record by claiming a six-wicket haul on debut against England here on Friday.

Beardman tore through the England batting line-up to collect figures of 6/24, becoming just the second Australian male to pick up five wickets or better on debut in an ODI as the visitors were skittled for just 131 in the first ODI of the series.

Beardman's six-wicket haul was the best ever by an Australian male and the fourth best of all-time behind Charlie Cassell (Scotland), Kagiso Rabada (South Africa) and Fidel Edwards (West Indies). It was a debut to remember for Beardman, who first claimed the prized wicket of England skipper Harry Brook and then followed it up by dismissing former captain Joe Root as England slumped to 55/4 after 14 overs on the pacy Perth Stadium wicket.

Badminton: Kidambi Srikanth bows out of Kumamoto Masters Japan in quarter-finals

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KUMAMOTO (JAPAN), NOV 13 :Former world No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth bowed out of the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 badminton tournament after losing to Japan's Koki Watanabe in the men's singles quarter-finals on Friday.

Srikanth, the 2021 BWF World Championships silver medallist, went down 24-22, 21-15 to world No. 15 Watanabe in 41 minutes, according to olympics.com.

Having repeatedly fought back from difficult positions over the previous two days at the BWF Super 500 tournament, Srikanth was on course for another recovery in a tightly contested opening game at the Kumamoto Prefectural Gymnasium.

Watanabe held a 17-14 advantage before Srikanth drew level at 17-all. The Indian badminton player then saved two game points and later had a game point of his own at 22-21, but could not convert it. Watanabe took the next three points to pocket the opener 24-22.

Srikanth made a bright start to the second game, racing to a 4-1 lead before extending his advantage to six points at the interval

. The Indian shuttler still held a healthy 14-9 cushion before Watanabe completely turned the contest around, reeling off 10 consecutive points to move 19-14 ahead.

South Africa coach Shukri Conrad gives Nortje update ahead of Bangladesh Tests

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JOHANNESBURG, NOV 13 :South Africa coach Shukri Conrad has provided an update on injured fast bowler Anrich Nortje ahead of the upcoming ICC World Test Championship series against Bangladesh. Nortje injured his groin during the second Test of the recently completed three-game series at home against Australia, with the right-armer recently returning to training ahead of the opening match of the Bangladesh series that commences in Johannesburg on Sunday.

While Conrad admitted that first Test probably comes too soon for Nortje to feature in, the South Africa coach expects to have the tall 32-year-old available for the second contest with Bangladesh at Centurion from November 23.

"He went for the scan at St George's during the Test match, and it revealed nothing sinister. It wasn't as bad as initially anticipated and didn't require anything out of the ordinary either, just a little bit of rest and then some rehab," Conrad said.

"He'll definitely be in the frame for one of the Test matches here, possibly the second one. From a medical point of view, there was nothing wrong, and he's recovered well. He's started training early enough. He's building up his loads as we speak and he should be good to go by the second Test."South



Africa have a strong pace attack to consider with Kagiso Rabada, Marco Jansen, Dane Paterson, Wiaan Mulder and Corbin Bosch all in the 15-player squad for the Bangladesh series.

Gambhir concerned over India's batting collapse ahead of World Cup

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NEW DELHI, NOV 13 :India's batting collapse for 89 against New Zealand has raised concerns for head coach Gautam Gambhir, particularly with the team set to encounter similar conditions at next year's ODI World Cup in South Africa.

Following Friday's 244-run defeat in the penultimate game of the five-match ODI series, Gambhir said the manner in which India lost their wickets was a bigger worry than the modest total itself.

The visitors were bowled out in just 26.4 overs while chasing New Zealand's 334-run target, with Matt Henry claiming six wickets after the hosts had posted 333 in their 50 overs.

"You're always concerned when you get bundled out for 90-odd. Why won't I be concerned? These are conditions which are going to be closest to what we might get during the World Cup," Gambhir said at the post-match press conference.

"The bigger concern is not the runs. It's how quickly we got bundled out, around 26 or 27 overs. That is something which is always a concern," he added.

The defeat also highlighted a recurring problem for India, who had struggled in the previous match as well. They slipped to 111 for seven while chasing 135 in a rain-reduced game, raising questions about their ability to cope with movement and bounce.

Gambhir stressed that the team needed to improve both technically and mentally when facing the new ball



in such conditions.

He pointed out that the opening 10 overs in New Zealand present a particularly difficult challenge for batters, unlike in India, where the initial phase is generally considered more favourable for scoring.

"If you get 35 or 40 in the first 10 overs without losing a wicket, that is also good enough. Here, it's probably the most difficult time," he said.

The former India opener also felt that the batters needed to make clearer decisions when facing the lengths delivered by New Zealand pacers Matt Henry and Kyle Jamieson. Their ability to hit challenging areas and generate movement often left the Indian batters uncertain about whether to play on the front foot or go back.

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MP Ramzan thanks CM Omar-led regime for people centric initiatives

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Handwara: Member Parliament and Additional General Secretary of National Conference, Chowdary Mohammad Ramzan, during his three-day visit to different areas of Handwara Constituency, expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, and his government for the installation of an MRI machine at Government Medical College (GMC), Handwara.

He stated that the installation of MRI fulfils a commitment made some time ago to strengthen healthcare facilities in the area. He informed that he had earlier taken up the matter with the Union Health Minister and the State govt, highlighting the need for this important diagnostic facility. He said its installation would provide considerable relief to patients by ensuring access to advanced diagnostic services closer to home.

Chowdry Ramzan also expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister and the government for the augmentation of three major water supply schemes worth 9 crore for the Rajwar and Ramhall areas.

The projects include:

1. Nagradi–Krumhoora–Kahipora Water Supply Scheme – 3 crore.

2. Kenyal Water Supply Scheme (Lilam–Hurdoona) – 3 crore.

3. Sarmarg–Check Sarmarg Water Supply Scheme – 3 crore.

He stated that these schemes are particularly important for water-scarce areas, where people have been facing persistent difficulties in accessing adequate drinking water. Their augmentation will significantly improve water availability and ensure a more reliable supply to households. He further informed that he had earlier taken up the matter with the Minister for Jal Shakti, seeking the augmentation of these schemes. He expressed satisfaction that the government has addressed this important public demand.

During his visit, he also informed the people that funds under his MPLADS had already been released for various developmental works, including solar street lights, borewells, road connectivity, improvement of pathways, electricity infrastructure, hospital equipment, block-level development works, protection walls, culverts and assistance under the disability fund.

Northern Railway adds additional coaches to trains

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Jammu: In view of the increasing rush of passengers and growing demand for reserved accommodation, the Jammu Division of Northern Railway has decided to temporarily attach additional coaches to Train Nos. 19224 and 19416 to facilitate passengers and provide them with more reservation opportunities.

According to a press release issued by the Jammu Division, the additional coaches will be attached for a limited period as part of a special arrangement aimed at addressing the increased demand for travel.

Under the arrangement, Train No. 19224 will have one additional Third AC coach and one additional Sleeper Class coach attached from November 17 to November 19, 2026.

Similarly, Train No. 19416 will have one additional Third AC coach and one additional Sleeper Class coach attached on November 17, 2026.

The Railway authorities said the temporary augmentation of coaches is intended to provide relief to passengers facing difficulty in securing confirmed accommodation due to the increased rush.

The addition of extra coaches will increase the availability of reserved berths and seats, thereby enabling more passengers to undertake their journeys with greater convenience and comfort.

The Jammu Division said the measure is part of its efforts to ensure smooth and passenger-friendly railway services, particularly during periods of heightened travel demand. The temporary augmentation is expected to provide additional capacity on the concerned trains and help passengers plan their journeys more conveniently.

SKUAST-K organises awareness programme on Kashmiri Pran at Wadura

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Srinagar: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K) organised a one-day awareness-cum-input distribution programme on shallot (Kashmiri Pran) at the Faculty of Agriculture (FoA), Wadura, to promote niche crops and enhance farmers' income.

The programme was organised by the Division of Agronomy, FoA Wadura, in collaboration with the Division of Extension and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Bandipora and Budgam districts under HADP Project No. 2, titled "Promotion of Niche Crops in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir".

The event was attended by nominated MLA Dr Farida Khan, Director Extension SKUAST-K, Prof. (Dr.) Raihana Habib Kanth, and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura, Prof. (Dr.) Najeeb-Ur-Rehman Sofi.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Farida Khan highlighted the importance of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in transforming the agricultural sector of Jammu and Kashmir. She urged farmers to actively participate in developmental initiatives and adopt innovative agricultural technologies developed by SKUAST-K.

She also appreciated the university's efforts in improving agricultural productivity, promoting crop diversification and strengthening the economic condition of the farming community.

Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth encouraged farmers to take maximum advantage of government schemes and various developmental interventions being implemented by the university. She emphasised crop diversification and highlighted SKUAST-K's Khet Bachav Abhiyan, urging farmers to adopt sustainable farming practices for better resource utilisation, higher productivity and improved livelihoods.

Dean, FoA Wadura, Prof. Najeeb-Ur-Rehman Sofi, stressed the need to explore economically viable crops suited to different agro-climatic conditions. He called for the adoption of improved production practices and appropriate crop selection to enhance farm profitability and ensure sustainable agricultural development.

Prof. Bashir Ahmad Alie, Head, Division of Agronomy and Principal Investigator of HADP Project No. 2, delivered a detailed technical lecture on the scientific cultivation and production technologies of shallot (Kashmiri Pran). He also highlighted the latest technologies developed by SKUAST-K for promoting niche crops across the Union Territory.

'Veshow Festival' 2026 concludes in Kulgam

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Kulgam: The three-day Veshow Festival 2026 concluded successfully on Friday at Government Degree College, Kulgam, with a series of literary sessions, intellectual discussions, book releases, cultural exhibitions and an All India Multilingual Mushaira, bringing together eminent writers, poets, academicians and intellectuals from across the country.

The festival was inaugurated on November 11 by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, who described the event as a symbol of the region's intellectual, literary and cultural awakening. He emphasised that Kashmir's rich cultural heritage is an integral part of its collective identity and historical legacy, and called for collective efforts to preserve and promote it for future generations.

Highlighting the importance of reconnecting the younger generation with Kashmir's centuries-old literary, spiritual and intellectual traditions, the Lieutenant Governor referred to Kulgam's rich Rishi and Sufi heritage, recalling the contributions of great spiritual personalities, including Lal Ded, Sheikh-ul-Alam Hazrat Noor-ud-Din Noorani and Hazrat Syed Hussain Simnani.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also outlined a five-point roadmap for preserving and promoting Kashmir's literary and cultural heritage. The proposed initiatives included establishing a Veshow Archive, promoting multilingual translations through modern technology, strengthening mobile library services and setting up a Veshow Writers' Residency. He also stressed the need to connect tourism, handicrafts and homestay activities with the region's cultural heritage to showcase local traditions at national and international levels.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by former MLA Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami, DDC Chairman Mohammad Afzal Parray, Anshul Garg, IGP Sujit Kumar (IPS), DIG South Kashmir Javid Iqbal Mattoo (IPS), Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Shahzad Alam (IAS), SSP Kulgam Anayat Ali Chowdhary (IPS), Additional Deputy Commissioner Viqar Ahmad Giri (JKAS), SDM Noorabad Bashir-ul-Hasan (JKAS), Assistant Commissioner Development Bilal Ahmad Kamgar (JKAS), DIO Showkat Hussain (JKAS), besides other distinguished personalities.

Throughout the three-day festival, a series of literary discussions, academic sessions, book releases and cultural activities were organised. Exhibitions of traditional handicrafts, displays highlighting Kashmir's cultural heritage and a replica of a traditional village remained among the major attractions, offering visitors an insight into the region's history, customs and traditions.

MED to conduct mock drill in Srinagar to check snow-clearance readiness

Srinagar, Nov 13 (KNO): Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo on Friday said that the Mechanical Engineering Department (MED) will conduct a citywide midnight mock drill in the district to assess the preparedness of snow-clearance machinery.

Talking to reporters here, DC Labroo said, "Today itself, MED will conduct a mock drill across the city during night hours so that traffic movement is not disturbed. All machines will be taken out of the workshops and deployed on different routes to check whether they are fully ready for snow-clearance operations."

The DC said the exercise would help officials identify mechanical issues, maintenance requirements and coordination gaps that could affect snow-clearance operations during actual snowfall.

"When the machines move along their designated routes, we will be able to assess whether any additional coordination or maintenance is required. All these aspects will be examined during the mock drill," he said.

Div Com Kundal reviews development scenario in Doda District

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DODA, NOVEMBER 13: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Vikas Kundal today chaired a comprehensive review meeting here in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex Doda to assess the progress of developmental projects and ground impact of government schemes in this mountainous District.

The Div Com inquired about the ongoing and completed infrastructure projects and other government initiatives being implemented in the district.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Krishan Lal, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anil Kumar Thakur; ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Butyal; Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar Manhas; ASP Headquarters Mohammad Aslam; DPO Akhtar Hussain Qazi; ACR Ashraf Pervez; ACD Din Mohammad Afaqi; CEO BDA Sanjeev Verma; SE Jal Shakti; SE PWD (R&B); GM NHIDCL; DFOs; district heads of line departments and representatives from the executing agencies.

Snowfall leads to closure of Kishtwar-Sinthan, SSG Roads; Mughal Road to open today

Movement 'very slow' on Jammu-Srinagar Highway, Traffic Police advise commuters to avoid night travel



Jammu, Nov 13 (KNO): Fresh snowfall led to the closure of Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag and the Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri (SSG) Road on Friday.

An official said that vehicular traffic was suspended on the Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road (NH-244) due to snow accumulation, while the SSG road was shut following fresh snowfall along the Zojila axis.

An advisory issued by the Traffic Police said the Mughal Road (NH-701A), connecting Poonch and Shopian districts, will be open for traffic from both sides on Saturday, subject to favourable weather conditions, good road conditions and clearance from the road maintenance agency, GREF, the advisory said. "Light motor vehicles (LMVs), followed by heavy motor vehicles (HMVs) of up to 10 tyres, will be allowed to ply on the road up to 6 pm. No vehicle will be permitted beyond the prescribed cut-off time," it added.

Meanwhile, traffic movement on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) remained "very slow" during the past 24 hours due to single-lane stretches, uneven road surfaces at Dawal in Udhampur and between Marog and Kishtwari Pather, besides a vehicle breakdown at Nachlana, an official said, adding that traffic was regulated at Dawal, where a stretch of around 30-40 metres is single-lane.

For Saturday, subject to favourable weather and improved road conditions, passenger LMVs, private cars and goods-carrying vehicles, including HMVs and other permitted vehicles, will be allowed to ply on NH-44 from both Jammu towards Srinagar and vice versa, he said, adding, security forces convoys will also be permitted to move in both directions after confirming the highway's status with the Traffic Control Unit (TCU) Ramban.

Cabinet gives nod to Urban Asset Mapping & Monetisation Policy



Srinagar, Nov 13 (KNO): The Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet on Friday approved the Urban Asset Mapping and Monetization Policy, 2026 and the J&K Hydropower Policy, 2026, besides clearing several land allotment proposals, including those for setting up fruit mandis at Pattan, Tral and Kulgam.

Sources said that Cabinet meeting was held in Jammu under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

They said the cabinet approved the Urban Asset Mapping and Monetization Policy, 2026, prepared by the Housing and Urban Development Department. The policy aims at systematic identification, mapping and optimal utilisation of urban assets owned by Urban Local Bodies to generate revenue for civic development.

The Cabinet also cleared the J&K Hydropower Policy-2026, which seeks to promote sustainable energy development and attract private investment for hydropower projects up to 100 MW in IPP/PPP mode.

In another decision, the Cabinet gave its nod for e-auctioning through the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, for grant of an exploration licence for copper and nickel and associated mineralisation in the Sumcham Padder block in Kishtwar district.

The Cabinet also approved the transfer of 32 kanals of Shamilat land at Nadikhai and Poshwari in Hajin area of Bandipora district to the Power Development Department for construction of a Grid Station.