



CM Omar Chairs Key Meet, Focuses on Expanding Worker Welfare Schemes

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Friday chaired the 22nd meeting of the Jammu & Kashmir



Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOWWB) here at the Civil Secretariat.

The aim of the meeting was to comprehensively review the implementation of various welfare measures and approve key initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for construction workers and their families across Jammu and Kashmir.

Appreciating the strides made by the Board, the Chief Minister lauded its efforts in expanding welfare coverage to over 2.85 lakh active construction workers.

He underscored the importance of transparent, timely and targeted de-

livery of benefits and directed officials to widen the outreach mechanisms, streamline application procedures, and ensure that no eligible worker is excluded from availing the Board's

Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Finance, Principal Secretary PWD (R&B), Principal Secretary PDD, Commissioner Secretaries of Housing & Urban Development, Social Welfare,

the BOCW (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. Under this mandate, the Board has been providing a wide range of benefits including ex-gratia relief in cases of accidental deaths, financial support

He urged the **Board** to explore policy **mechanisms** that would maximize coverage and enhance **financial security** for workers, in alignment with national best practices and **labour welfare** standards.

benefits.

The Chief Minister also called for a broader and more inclusive definition of 'construction worker' to bring within the fold all vulnerable and un-organized sector labourers.

He urged the Board to explore policy mechanisms that would maximize coverage and enhance financial security for workers, in alignment with national best practices and labour welfare standards.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister

and Cooperatives, Secretary Labour & Employment, Secretary Law, Director General Budget, and representatives of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh and Bhartiya Dastkar Union.

Senior officers from the Planning Department and other concerned departments also participated in the meeting.

Secretary Labour & Employment Kumar Rajiv Ranjan gave a detailed presentation highlighting the Board's key achievements, policy reforms and financial progress.

He informed the members that the Board continues to operate in accordance with the legislative mandate of

'Op Sindoor' Continues, Preparedness Has To Be Very High: CDS Chauhan

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Forces on high alert, drones and radars deployed for surveillance round-the-clock

NEW DELHI: Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Friday said that 'Operation Sindoor' is still underway and the armed forces are maintaining a tight vigil and high level of preparedness.

Speaking at a defence seminar here, General Chauhan, according to said, "The military response against terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is an ongoing process. Forces are maintaining a high level of preparedness at all times to counter any potential action from across the border."

Terming 'Operation Sindoor' as an example of India's military strength, he said, "There are no runners-up in war."

"Since Operation Sindoor was carried out, our security forces have remained on high alert. A high-level alert remains



in place across forward posts, with drones and radars deployed for round-the-clock surveillance," the CDS said.

Pertinently, the Indian Armed Forces launched 'Operation Sindoor' on May 6, 2025, in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians dead.

The armed forces destroyed

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Amarnath Yatra... Over 8,000 perform Darshan Friday, tally crosses 3.60 mark

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Amarnath Yatra: Over 8,000 perform Darshan, tally crosses 3.60 lakh

Srinagar: Amid tight security and spiritual fervour, 8,181 pilgrims performed darshan at the revered Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas



on Friday, taking the cumulative tally to 3,60,320 since the commencement of the yatra on July 3.

An official informed that

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NIA Court Declares Pak-based Hizb Chief Proclaimed Offender Under UAPA

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SRINAGAR: An NIA court here on Friday declared Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahideen chief Mohammad Yousuf Shah alias Syed Salahuddin a proclaimed offender under the UAP Act.

The special designated court under NIA Act, Srinagar, issued a proclamation requiring the appearance of Shah, a resident of Soibugh, Badgam, in connection with serious charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Ranbir Penal Code.

According to court records, a challan was filed alleging that the accused has committed offences punishable under Sections 13 and 18 of the UA(P) Act and Section 505 of the RPC in Zakura police station.

Despite a warrant being issued for his arrest, law enforcement authorities have reported that Salahuddin could not be found and is believed to have absconded or is deliberately concealing his whereabouts to evade arrest.

In light of these circumstances, the court declared Salahuddin as absconding and issued a proclamation requiring his appearance before the court on or before August 30, to answer the charges framed against him.

Failure to appear may lead to further legal action, including proceedings under Section 82/83 of the Code of Criminal Procedure pertaining to the attachment of property of an absconder.

aSrinagar Police has appealed to

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CS Dulloo Reviews BISAG-N Powered IT Initiatives In J&K

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Calls for developing data-rich dashboards, AI-based citizen services to enhance ease of living



SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress on ongoing Information Technology (IT) initiatives undertaken across J&K to enhance the governance and citizen-centric services.

The meeting besides Special DG, BISAG-N, Vinay Thakur was attended by Secretary, IT Department and concerned Administrative Secretaries; DG, Planning; SIO, NIC and other senior officers.

The Chief Secretary took detailed appraisal of the digital interventions being implemented to promote ease of living for the people.

Emphasizing the need to make IT platforms more impactful, he called for significant improvements

in the design and functionality of dashboards related to various government schemes. He suggested that they be made more vibrant,

Chief Secretary also proposed creation of a unified search engine dedicated to indexing **websites** hosted by the J&K and **Central Government**, to help the citizens and employees easily access **official data** and resources.

informative and outcome-driven through integration with other relevant platforms.

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LG Sinha Pays Homage To Fallen Heroes On Eve Of Kargil Vijay Diwas



SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday paid homage to the fallen heroes on the eve of the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas.

In his message, the lieutenant governor recalled the heroism and spirit of sacrifice of the valiant jawans and officers of the armed forces in India's victory over Pakistan in 'Operation Vijay' in 1999, also known as the Kargil War.

"On Kargil Vijay Diwas, I bow to our martyrs and salute their bravery, courage and sacrifice. Our heroes fought in the most inhospitable terrain in the world and conquered the enemy."

"The gallantry, valour and supreme

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Kashmir Craft Dealers Asked To Remove Machine-Made Items Within 7 Days

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Vioators Will Face Blacklisting, Deregistration

SRINAGAR: The Department of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir Friday issued a Notice giving Kashmir handicraft dealers a seven-day ultimatum to remove all machine-made products, largely imports from Turkey and Iran, from their Showrooms, failing which, the department warned, they will be blacklisted and deregistered for unfair trade practice under the relevant sections of law.

Addressing the dealers, the Notice, issued vide No.H&HD/DDQC/TTA/95/2025, dated 25.07.2025, reads that, "you have been granted registration under the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Tourist Trade Act, 1978, for the sale of Kashmir handicraft products at your respective showrooms/outlets." As part of the registration process, the Notice reads that craft dealers have submitted a duly-sworn affidavit, wherein they undertook to exclusively display and sell genuine Kash-

mir handicraft products at your business establishment.

The Notice further states that under 'Violation of Rules' section that during recent inspections conducted by this office, it was found that several dealers



have breached the extant rules by displaying and selling machine-made products, misrepresented as genuine Kashmir

handicrafts. Such malpractices undermine the authenticity and reputation of Kashmir handicrafts, the Notice reads.

An official spokesman of the Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, in a press release, stated that in response to

"Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Director IIC and the Inspection Squad of Quality Control Division, visited various showrooms in City Centres in areas like Nishat, Nehru Park and Munawarabad, warning the Showrooms to immediately remove the machine-made products, failing which such showrooms shall be blacklisted and de-registered," he added.

these violations, this office has imposed penalties on defaulting dealers in accordance with the provisions of the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978.

"Director Handicrafts and

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No One Can Deny Medical Care To Patients: Health Minister

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Those who were behind stopping healthcare facilities' will face punishment

SRINAGAR: Taking strong note of the ongoing doctors' strike at SMHS Hospital, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakinaltoo, on Friday said that doctors responsible for denying patients access to medical care will face the harshest punishment under the law.

It was while referring to the incident that led to the hospital closure said, "The truth is that yes, what happened there—the incident—was wrong, and everyone has condemned it. But to close the hospital, the emergency, the OPD, the OT, and to deny treatment to patients as a reaction—if, God forbid, someone had died in that situation, who would have been responsible for that tragedy? Who would have been accountable?"

The Minister announced that new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will be implemented im-

diately.

"First of all, doctors will have to be on duty. At night, there are a lot of complaints that senior doctors are not present; only junior doctors



are present. This will not be tolerated. I have made this absolutely clear to them," she said.

She expressed deep concern for the patients affected by the closure. "You saw how many patients came—how many were wandering outside helplessly. Most of those who could manage went to JVC, but those who were seriously ill were left suffering."

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India Announces Rs 4,850 Cr LoC For Maldives

Modi Says Ties Between Two Neighbours As Deep As Ocean

MALE: India on Friday announced a Rs 4,850 crore line of credit for the Maldives and agreed to finalise a free trade deal soon, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasising that New Delhi is proud to be the "most trusted" friend of the Indian Ocean archipelago.

New Delhi also decided to reduce the Maldives' annual debt repayment obligations by 40 per cent (from USD 51 million to 29 million), seen as a significant move to help the country deal with its economic woes.

These measures were announced after PM Modi held extensive talks with Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu that focused on deepening bilateral cooperation in a range of areas, including trade, defence and maritime security.

The two sides sealed six pacts in the fields of fisheries and aquaculture, meteorology, digital public infrastructure, UPI, Indian pharmacopoeia, and for India's concessional line

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...Budha Amarnath Yatra

DC Rajouri inspects arrangements at Yatri Ground, chairs review meeting

RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma conducted an extensive inspection of the arrangements being put in place here at Yatri Ground for the Budha Amarnath Yatra pilgrims. He also chaired a review meeting at the venue to ensure seamless coordination among departments and timely completion of all preparations.

The Deputy Commissioner took stock of key facilities including water supply, uninterrupted power supply, sanitation and the installation of bio-toilets.

He directed for separate signages for male and female facilities to ensure convenience and orderliness for the yatri.

Special emphasis was laid on the fire safety audit of the venue.

The concerned officers were instructed to ensure all precautionary measures are taken and necessary equipment is placed at strategic locations.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed pruning of trees in and around

the venue area to avoid any safety hazards. The availability of ambulances, deployment of medical teams, preparation

operational during the daytime, which is vital for smooth transportation.

To maintain traffic flow, the Traffic

Tourism was directed to install informative and welcome boardings at prominent locations.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed upon all departments to work in close coordination and complete all assigned tasks well before the scheduled date of the Yatra to ensure a safe, comfortable and spiritually fulfilling experience for the pilgrims.

Among others present during the inspection and review meeting were ADC Chander Prakash; ACR Mohammad Jahangir Khan; ACD Auqil Naveed; Executive Engineer PWD Aftab Anwar; Dy. SP Satish Sharma; Deputy SP Traffic Shiv Kumar; ARTO Rajesh Gupta; CMO Dr Manohar Lal Rana; AD FCS&CA Rohit Kumar and Executive Officer Municipality Yusaf ul Umar, along with other district and sectoral officers.

Besides these, prominent citizens and representatives from civil society were also present at the venue.



of duty rosters, and deployment of AYUSH instructors were also reviewed to ensure robust health and wellness support to the pilgrims.

The BRO has been assigned the responsibility to maintain roads and ensure the Nowshera tunnel remains

Police will regulate vehicular movement and oversee parking arrangements.

The SDRF teams will be deployed at designated locations to respond swiftly in case of any emergency situations.

Furthermore, the Department of

Rajouri Admin, ALIMCO organise Special Camp for Left-Out PwDs and Senior Citizens

RAJOURI: The District Administration Rajouri in collaboration with Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation

and the district administration for reaching out to the most vulnerable sections of society. The District Social Welfare



of India (ALIMCO) organised a special registration camp for left-out Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and Senior Citizens at Dak Bungalow Rajouri.

The camp was inaugurated by Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Rajouri, Advocate Naseem Liaqat. He lauded the efforts of the Social Welfare Department

Officer (DSWO) Abdul Raheem briefed the Chairperson and attendees about the objective of the camp. He informed that the initiative aims to identify and register left-out eligible beneficiaries under the government-sponsored social security and welfare schemes, such as pension schemes, UDID cards, and assistive aids support.

A number of beneficiaries from different parts of the district participated in the camp and were registered on the spot. The officials also facilitated on-site documentation, provided information about available welfare schemes, and extended assistance in application processing.

The Chairperson interacted with the attendees and assured them of the administration's commitment to inclusive development and ensuring that no eligible citizen is left out of government support mechanisms.

The camp witnessed participation from field functionaries of the Social Welfare Department and representatives from allied departments who facilitated the smooth conduct of the event. The District Administration reiterated its commitment to hold more such camps in other parts of the district through the Social Welfare Department along with ALIMCO to cover all left-out beneficiaries and ensure equitable access to welfare entitlements.

Trishul Yatra held at Nav Grah Mandir Poonch

DC joins devotees during religious procession



POONCH: In a spiritually vibrant atmosphere, the Trishul Yatra was held from Nav Grah Mandir, Ajote, drawing hundreds of devotees, cultural performers and dignitaries, highlighting the region's rich heritage and deep-rooted devotion.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal along with Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, Tehsildar Haveli Azhar Majid, and officers from the Indian Army, actively participated in the yatra and performed the sacred Trishul Pujan. Devotees gathered in large numbers during the early morning hours to offer prayers and seek the blessings of Lord Shiva.

Amidst the chanting of hymns and traditional rituals, the religious procession passed through culturally significant areas including Ajote, Purani Poonch, Kha Khanawan, Jernally Mohalla, and Qila Bazar. Flower-adorned tridents and religious flags carried by devotees added to the spiritual fervor, with devotional songs echoing through the streets. The Trishul Yatra concluded at the College Ground in Poonch, designated as the base camp for Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra. The venue witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of participants and devotees, turning the event into a vibrant celebration of faith and unity.

RD&PR Department organises one-day workshop on Geotagging, Geofencing

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: To ensure greater transparency and accountability in the execution of MGNREGA works, the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Jammu & Kashmir, organized a one-day Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop on Geo-MGNREGA and Geofencing.

Separate sessions were conducted in Kashmir and Jammu divisions, targeting Master Trainers and members of the District Resource Teams, including District GIS Coordinators, Technical Assistants and other field-level officials.

The workshop focused on the updated Geo-MGNREGA Mobile App (v3.5), which now features advanced tools such as point, line, and polygon mapping, real-time GIS tracking, and photo capture from system-defined locations. These enhancements aim to ensure greater transparency and accountability in the execution of MGNREGA works.

The training covered geotagging of assets using the upgraded mobile app, which now allows data capture across all

stages of asset development – before, during, and after. Participants were trained to walk across the linear or area-based features to create accurate geospatial data and buffer zones

and “after” stages for validation of geotagged work.

Additional Secretary RD&PR, Waseem Raja, presided over the sessions and emphasized the critical role that technology-



for photographic evidence.

Three resource persons from each district participated in the workshop.

During the sessions, they explained the step-by-step use of the mobile app from device registration and asset synchronization to map-based navigation, GPS tracking, and photo uploads.

The sessions also included hands-on practice for participants on geofencing, which enables the identification and restriction of similar work types within the same financial year and area.

Trainers emphasized the importance of meeting the 80% overlap threshold in “during”

driven governance plays in ensuring accountability and real-time monitoring of rural development works.

He said that the integration of Geo-MGNREGA and Geofencing is a transformative move towards evidence-based implementation of MGNREGA.

“It not only minimizes the chances of duplication and ghost works but also enhances transparency and citizen trust in public works,” he said.

He urged all district and block-level officers to ensure that this knowledge is cascaded effectively to Panchayat Secretaries, GRSS, and Technical Assistants, ensuring 100% adoption of the new system.

...Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra

MLA Jammu East, JMC Commissioner inaugurate open shed at Sri Ram Mandir Purani Mandi for pilgrims

JAMMU: Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi and Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr. Devansh Yadav today inaugurated a newly constructed open shed on the rooftop of the historic Sri Ram Mandir located at Purani Mandi.

The open shed constructed at a cost of Rs. 44.51 lakh is a significant move to enhance facilities for devotees and yatri. The facility has been developed as part of a comprehensive infrastructure initiative titled “Construction of Bathing cum Toilet Blocks including Construction of Open Shed at Roof Top”, funded under the SANJY (Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra) Project. The facility has been designed to provide shelter and basic amenities to Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims.

Appreciating the JMC's commitment to create enhanced civic infrastructure around religious and heritage locations, Yudhvir Sethi said

that such facilities are crucial to support Jammu's role as a key base station for the Yatra and reaffirmed the government's dedication to pilgrims' welfare.

Emphasizing the importance of such infrastructure in order to meet out the needs of yatri



arriving from different parts of the country, the JMC Commissioner Dr. Yadav said the open shed will offer a dignified, clean, and sheltered resting space for devotees staying at Sri Ram Mandir en-route to the holy Amarnath Cave Shrine.

To mark the occasion, Prasad was distributed among the devotees staying at the temple premises by the dignitaries, symbolizing communal harmony, service and hospitality extended to the visiting yatri. Mahant Shri

Rameshwar Dass Ji Maharaj, the spiritual head of Sri Ram Mandir, extended his heartfelt gratitude to both dignitaries for their presence and support. He remarked that the open shed was a much-needed addition, especially beneficial during high footfall periods such as Ram Navami, Diwali, and the Amarnath Yatra.

The inauguration ceremony saw enthusiastic participation from temple Committee members, JMC officials and citizens from surrounding areas. The new structure is expected to significantly improve accommodation and convenience for visiting pilgrims.

This initiative is yet another step by the Jammu Municipal Corporation toward inclusive urban development, focusing on cultural, spiritual, and public welfare infrastructure that directly benefits the people.

Among others, Executive Engineer Div-I Rajesh Kumar, large number of locals and yatries were present on the occasion.

AYUSH organises VHND Camp at Gandoh to promote preventive healthcare



DODA: A Village Health and Nutrition Day (VHND) camp was organized at Anganwadi Centre Gurekhra (A), Block Bhalesha, Gandoh.

The primary objective of the camp was to create awareness among the local population about the prevention and early management of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), which are becoming increasingly common due to sedentary lifestyle and poor dietary habits.

Through interactive sessions, participants were educated about lifestyle modifications, stress management, and the importance of routine health monitoring to prevent ailments like hypertension, diabetes, and obesity.

Later, a general health check-up was conducted for the beneficiaries, with special emphasis on promoting a balanced diet, personal hygiene, and immunity-building practices. The AYUSH team also provided health counselling and highlighted the significance of traditional Indian systems of medicine for preventive care and overall well-being.

A total of 28 beneficiaries availed the services of the camp. The initiative was appreciated by the local community for its focus on health education and accessible care at the grassroots level.

The camp was held in line with the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh and Director AYUSH J&K UT, Dr. Nuzhat Bashir Shah and under the supervision of District AYUSH Officer (DAO) Dr. Ajay Kumar Tikoo. The staff of AAM (Ayush) Gurekhra provided the services.

Tariff Protection on Apple Imports in India-UK FTA

JKPICCA's advocacy secures pro-farmer policy in international trade deal

Srinagar: In a move widely celebrated by farmers and industry stakeholders alike, the Government of India has decided to retain tariff protection on apple imports under the upcoming India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This crucial policy decision comes as a major relief to millions of apple growers across the Himalayan states, and is being credited largely to the Jammu & Kashmir Fruits and Vegetables Processing and Integrated Cold Chain Association (JKPICCA) for its strategic and persistent advocacy.

JKPICCA, under the dynamic

leadership of Chairman Bashir Ahmad Naik, played a pivotal role in bringing the concerns of domestic apple growers to the national stage. The association made a compelling case during a high-level interaction with Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, held recently in Srinagar, where it highlighted the challenges faced by Indian apple farmers – including shrinking land holdings, rising input costs, traditional farming limitations, and the threat posed by low-cost foreign imports.

Labelled by many in the horticulture community as a

“historic victory”, the decision is seen as more than a trade regulation – it is being hailed as



a defense of the Indian farmer's dignity, rural economy, and traditional knowledge systems. In a significant move, the

FTA also recognizes “traditional farming knowledge” as a form of patent protection, a step JKPICCA

growers but also paves the way for their preservation and respect on global platforms.

Farmers across Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand welcomed the announcement with enthusiasm.

Many credited JKPICCA

for acting as a powerful and pragmatic voice for growers, ensuring their interests were safeguarded at a crucial stage of international trade negotiations.

In a statement, JKPICCA reaffirmed its commitment to serve as a vital bridge between government, industry, and the farming community. The association vowed to continue

its efforts to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian apples, drive innovation in cold-chain infrastructure, and promote sustainable growth in India's horticulture sector.

JKPICCA has also urged the Government of India to sustain this farmer-first approach in future FTAs, especially in sectors such as horticulture, which are integral to employment, food security, and rural livelihood.

“This is not just a trade safeguard.

It's a recognition of the hard work, resilience, and heritage of the Indian apple grower,” said Chairman Bashir Ahmad Naik.

DC Doda chairs BOCA Meeting; Approves 21 Building Permission cases

DODA: A meeting of the Building Operation Controlling Authority (BOCA) was held at DC Office Complex Doda. Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, who is also the chairman of the Authority, presided over the meeting.

A total of 57 cases of building permissions, both residential and commercial, were discussed. After detailed deliberations and scrutiny, 21 cases were approved and the rest were rejected and deferred with directions to the concerned officers to make good the deficiencies and submit the requisite No Objection Certificate at the earliest.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Executive Officer Bhaderwah Development Authority, Chief Town Planner (attended virtually), Divisional Forest Officer Bhaderwah, Tehsildars Bhalla and Bhaderwah, Executive Engineers (XENs), and other concerned



officers. The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of regulated urban expansion, eco-sensitive construction and promotion of sustainable tourism infrastructure in line with the district's unique ecological and cultural character.

He directed the officials to maintain transparency in BOCA functioning and ensure timely disposal of pending cases while adhering strictly to development norms.

DDC Reasi approves 143 Entrepreneurship cases under Mission YUVA

REASI: The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) for Mission YUVA was convened today in Reasi.

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Nidhi Malik chaired the meeting to review and approve cases verified by the Small Business Development Units (SBDUs).

A total of 143 cases, verified by the SBDUs were presented before the Committee and subsequently approved for financial assistance and handholding support under Mission YUVA.

The Committee, headed by DDC carried out a detailed scrutiny of each application based on eligibility, business viability, and the socio-economic background of the applicants.

She emphasized the critical need to promote self-employment opportunities for local youth, particularly those from underprivileged and

marginalized communities.

The DDC also reviewed the district's overall performance under Mission YUVA and directed all relevant departments to ensure the prompt release of financial assistance, regular monitoring and comprehensive mentoring to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of the approved projects.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to fostering youth-driven entrepreneurship and promoting sustainable livelihoods through the coordinated and effective implementation of Mission YUVA across the district.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Reasi, Sukhdev Singh Samyal; AD Employment Reasi (Member Secretary), Annie Vaid; representatives from J&K Bank, DDM NABARD, JKEDI and other concerned officers.

CS Dulloo Holds Strategic Discussion With Secretary MSME To Boost Industrial Growth

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, held an extensive meeting with Union Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), S.C.L. Das, to deliberate on the prevailing industrial scenario in Jammu and Kashmir and explore long-term strategies for promotion and sustainability of the MSME sector across the Union Territory.

The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, and Secretary, Labour & Employment, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan.

During the interaction, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for a robust and inclusive roadmap to ensure the long-term sustainability of both existing and newly established industrial units across the UT. He underscored that the industrial landscape in J&K has historically been impacted by its unique geopolitical context, being a peripheral region of the country, thereby facing distinct logistical and connectivity challenges.

Highlighting the immense potential of the MSME sector as a vehicle for employment and economic empowerment, Dulloo urged the Ministry to extend necessary technical and financial



support to foster a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in the UT.

He observed that J&K is now poised to bridge the historic gaps in industrial development, and the youth of the region must be equipped with opportunities and tools to become self-reliant job creators.

He further sought the Ministry's intervention in initiating targeted programmes to nurture a culture of entrepreneurship among the youth, who, he said, have remained deprived of such opportunities due to the past circumstances. He called for enhanced handholding support in skilling the local workforce in tune with

emerging, technology-driven industries to enable them to secure gainful employment.

The Chief Secretary also emphasized the need for establishing comprehensive platforms that can facilitate better market access, credit linkage, and business mentorship for aspiring entrepreneurs. He suggested exploring avenues for expanding digital infrastructure and support systems to aid MSME growth in both rural and urban pockets of the UT.

Additionally, Dulloo sought the Ministry's assistance in designing effective revival strategies for stressed and sick industrial units in the region. He stressed the importance of tailored interventions to rejuvenate these units, which form the backbone of local economic activity and employment.

The Union Secretary appreciated the UT administration's renewed focus on industrial development and assured full support of the Ministry in strengthening the MSME ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the Ministry would work closely with the UT administration to develop need-based schemes, skill development modules, and infrastructural support to unleash the true potential of the region's industrial sector.

DC Budgam chairs DLSCC meeting to review SRO 43 cases

Stresses on proactive approach for the early disposal



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BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat chaired the District Level Screening-cum-Coordination Committee (DLSCC) meeting to review, discuss and finalize the cases related to compassionate appointment under SRO-43 for the NOKs of civilians and armed forces personnel killed in militancy related incidents.

At the outset, ADC gave a

detailed briefing on the current status of each case. After thorough deliberation and evaluation, the Committee approved several eligible cases under the provisions of the SRO-43.

Dr Bilal after assessing each case, reaffirmed that all deserving NOKs shall receive timely benefits. He emphasized that compassionate appointments under SRO-43 are not merely administrative obligations but a moral commitment to the families who have suffered

irreparable losses. DC directed all concerned departments to maintain close coordination and expedite the verification process without unnecessary delays. He stressed on the need to ensure transparency, sensitivity, and efficiency in handling these cases, reiterating that no eligible family should be made to wait due to procedural bottlenecks. He said all deserving NOKs shall receive timely benefits. DC urged all departments to adopt a proactive approach and ensure that all required formalities and verifications are completed within stipulated timelines.

Among others, the meeting was attended by SSP Budgam, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, all SDMs, Commanding Officer

53 RR, all Tehsildars, representatives of the CID and other security agencies.

Satish Sharma Meets Google India Leadership

Discusses youth empowerment, job creation, digital innovation in J&K

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SRINAGAR: In a significant move aimed at boosting the digital development and youth engagement in Jammu and Kashmir, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, today met with Ashish Watal, Country Director of Google India, and Sanjay Dewan, Head, North States, Public Sector, Google.

During the meeting, the Minister emphasized the need to explore collaborative avenues with Google to promote the digital inclusion, entrepreneurship and employment generation for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

"J&K's youth have immense potential and it is our priority to channelize their energy into productive and innovative sectors. Strategic partnerships with global



technology leaders like Google will help us

unlock new opportunities in skilling, digital education and job creation," said the Minister.

He called upon Google to support the government in launching tailored skill development programs, digital literacy campaigns and technology-driven entrepreneurship models, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Google team reiterated Google's commitment to digital transformation in India and

expressed keen interest in working with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. They also extended support for designing the region-specific training programs, workshops and certification courses for the students, professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs.

The Minister directed the officers of the IT department to formulate a concrete action plan for initiating collaborative projects with Google, including potential pilots in IT education, cloud training, AI applications and youth innovation labs.

112 cases under Mission YUVA approved in Jammu

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JAMMU: A meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC), Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) and Business Help Desk (BHD) Heads was held today at DC Office in Jammu. Chaired by Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya, the

committee approved 112 cases under the Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan) scheme with the cumulative figure of approved cases reaching 302.

The meeting's main objective was to review and approve applications submitted by young, aspiring entrepreneurs.

After careful scrutiny and discussion, the committee approved 112 eligible cases for financial support and guidance. The Deputy Commissioner assigned specific targets to the Business Help Desk Heads for the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for applications received under Mission YUVA.



The chair highlighted the importance of Mission YUVA in empowering local youth and helping them build sustainable livelihoods. He emphasised the need for holding awareness camps to attract more young people toward self-employment so they can earn their livelihood.

Besides Additional District Development Commissioner Jammu Sher Singh, Deputy Director Employment Sunaina Saini, the meeting was also attended by DLIC and SBDU members and BHD Heads, BHD

Awareness, Counseling & Felicitation programme held at GDC Boys Pulwama

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PULWAMA: A comprehensive awareness, counseling cum felicitation programme under flagship initiative 'The Right Path' was today held at Degree College Boys Pulwama.



The event, organised by Musuada Foundation in collaboration with MF Productions witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, social leaders, civil society members and local stakeholders.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Pulwama, Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf, attended the function as the chief guest.

Over 300 students and participants attended the programme, which aimed to raise awareness around critical social issues such as drug abuse, radicalisation and youth mental health, while also promoting a positive and responsible community mindset. Addressing the gathering, ADC Pulwama emphasized the crucial role of parents in safeguarding the future of the youth, especially in tackling the growing threat of drug addiction. He urged families to remain vigilant and involved in their children's lives to ensure they remain on the right path. A number of reputed social and psychological experts addressed the gathering, delivering impactful sessions focused on mental well-being, role of youth in nation-building, and the importance of community vigilance.

District magistrate orders probe; 2 cops suspended

CM Omar Abdullah calls for transparent probe

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir government has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the killing of a Gujar youth in Jammu on Thursday.

According to an official handout, the district magistrate Jammu has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the incident that occurred on July 24, 2025, at Surya Chak, Phallian Mandal, Jammu.

As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), "taking serious note of the incident, as reported by Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, the District Magistrate has initiated a magisterial inquiry to ensure a fair and impartial examination of the facts and circumstances leading to the incident," reads the statement.

The inquiry will be conducted by the sub-divisional magistrate,



Jammu South.

The inquiry officer has been directed to complete the investigation within two weeks from the date of the order and submit a detailed report to the district magistrate for further necessary action.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Police have suspended two police officials of the district special Branch. Besides, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by a DySP ranked officer has also

been constituted to probe into the allegations of the family members of the deceased youth.

The deceased, identified as Parvez Ahmad was killed on Thursday evening. The police claimed Parvez was a suspected drug peddler and was killed in crossfire during a chase, with another individual escaping.

However, the family of the deceased disputed the police version, saying that he was killed in a staged encounter.

Killing of youth in Jammu...

DC Srinagar chairs DLSCC meeting

30 cases recommended for compassionate appointment of terror victims under SRO-43

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo Friday chaired a meeting of District Level Screening cum Coordination Committee (DLSCC) here at meeting hall of the DC office complex to review the cases/claims submitted under SRO-43 by NOKs of those killed in terror related incidents in Srinagar district.

At the outset, the Committee held a comprehensive deliberation on cases/claims submitted under SRO-43 by NOKs of those killed in terror related incidents in Srinagar district. After a detailed examination, the Committee recommended 30 cases to the government for consideration for compassionate appointment under the SRO-43 in the first go.

Speaking on the occasion, DC stressed the concerned officers to ensure speedy disposal of all such cases for timely clearance of the cases. He emphasized that in a streamlined & coordinated manner, the effort should be to bring down the pendency of such cases to nil.

DC also underlined the importance of a proactive and coordinated approach among all stakeholders to ensure speedy disposal of cases.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Adil Fareed; SP headquarter, Umer Shah; Additional SP CID, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Medical Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, all Tehsildars, senior officers from BSF, Army, and other security agencies, besides officials from the concerned departments.

Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations begin in Drass

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DRASS: The Indian Army on Friday started the Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations in Drass, Ladakh, paying tribute to the soldiers, who lost their lives in the 1999 Kargil War. The main event will be held on July 26.

Senior Army officials and Union Ministers including the Minister of State for Defence, laid wreaths at the Kargil War Memorial to honour the fallen heroes of battles fought at Tololing, Tiger Hill, and Batalik.

This year's celebrations will continue for two days and include a mix of traditional and modern events.

On Friday evening, people witnessed cultural performances like the traditional Yak dance and patriotic songs. A special drone show lit up the night sky, showing India's progress in modern defence.

The Army also showcased new equipment like robotic dogs and logistics drones that can help soldiers carry supplies and patrol in high-altitude areas.

Army officials told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that these tools would help

to reduce the physical burden on troops working in tough terrains.

On Saturday, the Army will launch three new digital projects, a website where people can pay tribute to martyrs online, QR-code based audio guides at the memorial, sharing stories from the war and the opening of "Indus Viewpoint" in Batalik, offering a rare public view of the Line of Control.

The Kargil War Memorial in Drass has become a major place of remembrance, drawing tourists, students, and citizens from across India who come to honour the bravery of Indian soldiers.

The Army showcased its latest high-altitude logistic drones and robotic dogs, developed to transport supplies and conduct patrols across challenging border terrains. These cutting-edge machines are built to operate in extreme environments where human mobility is often limited.

A senior official noted that the introduction of these technologies will significantly reduce the physical strain on troops deployed in harsh conditions. He added that their use will enhance operational efficiency, particularly in remote and hard-to-reach areas—(KNO)

Editorial

New Era of India's Defence Strategy

The remarks by CDS General Anil Chauhan reaffirm India's unwavering commitment to national security and its readiness to counter cross-border terrorism with decisive military action. Operation Sindoor, launched in response to the horrific Pahalgam terror attack of April 22, 2025, was not just a retaliatory strike but a clear message, India will no longer tolerate acts of terror emanating from Pakistani soil. The operation's success, which neutralized over 100 terrorists and dismantled multiple terror camps in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), underscores the precision and strength of our armed forces. As General Chauhan aptly stated, "There are no runners-up in war." The Pahalgam attack, which claimed 26 innocent lives, was a grim reminder of the persistent threat posed by Pakistan-based terror outfits like JeM and LeT. India's swift and surgical response through 'Op Sindoor' demonstrated both strategic resolve and military capability. Pakistan's subsequent missile and drone attacks were met with robust counter-strikes, forcing them to seek a ceasefire. This firm stance has set a precedent, India will retaliate with overwhelming force if provoked.

General Chauhan's observations on modern warfare are particularly significant. Today's battles are no longer confined to traditional combat; they span multiple domains, cyber, space, drones, and information warfare. The CDS termed this evolving paradigm "convergence warfare," where kinetic and non-kinetic tactics merge to create a seamless, multi-dimensional strategy. For India, this means investing not only in advanced weaponry but also in cutting-edge surveillance, artificial intelligence, and cyber capabilities. The armed forces' heightened vigilance along the border, aided by drones and radars, reflects this adaptive approach.

The CDS emphasized that the armed forces must remain in a perpetual state of readiness. With Pakistan's history of asymmetric warfare, India cannot afford complacency. The high-alert posture post-Operation Sindoor is a testament to this vigilance. Moreover, the military's ability to integrate traditional combat experience with new-age technological prowess will determine its success in future conflicts. As General Chauhan noted, "The ability to respond quickly and across domains will shape the outcome of future conflicts." 'Op Sindoor' was more than a military strike, it was a declaration of India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. The government and armed forces deserve commendation for their decisive action and continued preparedness. However, the evolving nature of warfare demands constant innovation and adaptability. As a nation, we must stand united in supporting our armed forces while pushing for technological and strategic advancements. The message to adversaries is clear, India will defend its sovereignty with unmatched strength and sophistication. The era of strategic restraint is over; the era of swift and resolute retaliation has begun.

Trade Triumph: India-UK Pact Heralds New Global



By Piyush Goyal

The landmark India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will make Indian farmers, fishermen, artisans and small businesses shine globally, create numerous jobs and help the common man get high-quality goods at competitive

lakhs crore. Game-changing reforms, ease of doing business and the PM's global stature helped India emerge as a compelling opportunity. Today, the world wants to participate in the irresistible India story – and sign FTAs.

Market Access, competitive edge- CETA will ensure comprehensive market access for Indian goods in the UK market across all sectors. It eliminates tariffs on about 99% of the tariff lines covering almost 100% of the trade value. This creates huge opportunities for the \$56 billion bilateral trade, which is estimated to double by 2030

enjoyed by Germany, Netherlands, and other EU nations.

Turmeric, pepper, cardamom, and processed goods like mango pulp, pickles, and pulses will also get duty-free access. Higher exports will boost farm income and give greater incentives for quality, packaging and certification. It will create numerous jobs across the agricultural value chain.

Protecting the vulnerable – CETA excludes India's most sensitive agri sectors to protect domestic farmers. India has given no tariff concessions on dairy products, apples, oats and cooking oils.

direct jobs in India. With the Australian FTA, India resolved the double-taxation issue that was troubling IT companies.

One of the most significant aspects of the agreement with UK is the Double Contribution Convention. This exempts employers and temporary Indian workers in UK from social security contributions for three years. This will significantly enhance the competitiveness of Indian service providers.

Quality Goods for Consumer – Trade agreements increase competition, which helps Indian consumers get high-quality goods at competitive prices. The Modi government has provided policy support, issued



rates in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

This follows similar agreements with other developed countries including Australia, European Free Trade Association countries and UAE. It is a part of the Modi government's strategy to maximize economic growth and job creation to achieve the dream of Viksit Bharat 2047.

PM's Strategy – In 2014, the Modi government adopted a determined strategy to rebuild global confidence in the Indian economy and make it attractive for Indian and foreign investors. Signing FTAs with developed countries is a part of this wider strategy. FTAs also increase investor confidence by removing uncertainty about trade policies.

FTAs with developed countries, which do not have competing trade interests with India, is a win-win situation, unlike the previous regime's approach of endangering Indian businesses by recklessly opening India's doors to competitors.

During UPA's regime, developed countries had abandoned trade talks with India, which was then regarded as one of the "Fragile Five" economies of the world. Under PM Modi's leadership, India's GDP has almost tripled since 2014 to about Rs 331

with the help CETA.

Small businesses will prosper as Indian products will have a clear competitive edge over rivals. Companies that make soccer balls, cricket gear, rugby balls and toys, among other products, are poised to significantly expand business in the UK.

Numerous Jobs – India's competitive will boost exports substantially and trigger a wave of investment and job creation. India is well-positioned to become one of the top three suppliers to the UK in textiles, leather, and footwear, which will help small businesses, artisans including women, and craftsmen emerge as key players in global value chains.

Gems & Jewellery, engineering goods, chemicals and electronic products such as phones are also expected to see exports jump.

Farmers First – Over 95% of agricultural and processed food tariff lines will attract zero duty, paving the way for rapid rise in agri-exports and rural prosperity.

Duty-free market access is estimated to increase agri exports by over 20% in three years, contributing to India's goal of \$100 billion agri-exports by 2030 as the CETA unlocks the premium UK market for Indian farmers, matching or exceeding the benefits

These exclusions reflect the Modi government's strategy of prioritizing food security, domestic price stability, and vulnerable farming communities.

Fishermen to flourish – Indian fishermen, particularly those in Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, will see dramatic expansion through access to UK's marine import market.

UK's import duty on shrimp and other marine products will fall to zero from the current level of up to 20%.

The potential is phenomenal as India has only a 2.25% of UK's \$5.4 billion marine imports.

Services & Professionals – The agreement will catalyze services including IT/ITeS, financial services and education, creating new avenues for Indians. India has secured favourable mobility provisions for skilled professionals, including contractual service providers, business travelers, investors, yoga instructors, musicians and chefs.

Innovative FTAs – Under the leadership of PM Modi, India's FTAs go far beyond goods and services. They set new benchmarks. With EFTA countries, India had secured a binding commitment of \$100 billion investment that will create 1 million

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Quality Control Orders and negotiated FTAs to encourage and incentivize quality.

The government has held extensive stakeholder consultation with industry and other stakeholders before signing any FTA. It is heartening to note that industry bodies have overwhelmingly supported and welcomed every FTA signed by the Modi government.

CETA is a benchmark for equitable and ambitious trade deals between large economies. It opens up attractive global opportunities for the underprivileged, without compromising our core interests. It is a shining example of how New India does business.

(The Author is a Union Minister - PIB)

Victory, Sacrifice, Honour: The Legacy Of Kargil On Vijay Diwas



Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

26 July is "Kargil victory day". July 26 was declared as Vijay Diwas, and the way in which the Indian Armed Forces fought the war and tried to ensure that it did not escalate into a nuclear conflict, has been acclaimed the world over. The Kargil War was started on 3 May 1999 and ended on 26 July 1999 in which Indian army got the victory. This day marks the successful conclusion of Operation Vijay, which was launched to reclaim Indian territory occupied by Pakistani infiltrators in the Kargil district of Ladakh. Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrates the bravery, sacrifice, and determination of the Indian military and this day reinforces national pride and patriotism, serving as a reminder of India's military capabilities and strengths.

The Nation, hopefully remembers the 400 plus martyrs for laying down their lives in the service of their Nation, in the true spirit of "laying down their today for our tomorrows. Kargil Vijay Diwas is a special occasion for the people of Ladakh. Kargil war took place in the Kargil-Drass sector Ladakh of Jammu and Kashmir. It has been 17 years since the Kargil war, but the memory of the bloodshed remains fresh in the minds of the brave soldiers, who responded to the call of duty and defended the country's borders, and their families. Kargil Vijay Diwas has been named after the success of Operation Vijay. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on this day to pave the honour of the martyred soldiers in Kargil war. As India celebrates Kargil Divas and pays homage to martyrs of the war, it is time to recall the significant role of air power that actually tilted the balance in Operation Vijay. The Kargil War will always be remembered for its strategic and tactical surprises, the self-imposed national strategy of restraint in keeping the war limited to Kargil-Siachen sectors, and the swift-

ly executed tri-services military strategy and plans.

It is both a pride inducing moment and a prick in the hearts of the soldiers who valiantly fought for our nation. As India prepares to hold a memorial service for the martyrs, there are

planned for more robust scenario's to face inevitable, future threats. Kashmiri Pandits all over the world are grateful to these warriors and brave sons of the land for defending the Kashmiri Pandit homeland "MAEJ KASHEER" (MOTHER KASHMIR). There is an old saying

The Kargil War will always be remembered for the determination and daring junior leadership and the raw courage of our jawans. Youth and students should draw inspiration from soldiers of the Indian Army who laid down their lives in the Kargil war in 1999 while safeguard-



certain facts that we must all know about the historic day. With its significant war footage, Kargil was the first Indo-Pak War that impacted public opinion through mass media coverage. Every patriotic Indian's heart swells with pride at the bravery of our jawans in evicting Pakistani Northern Light Infantry and a few terrorists from the inhospitable Kargil heights. One hopes India's strategic planners have built in & have

in Punjabi's Army "Jine jeet nahi vekhi usay jeetna kaun sikhayega." Loosely translated it means that if one has not seen victory, how can you teach 'em to win a war. Its pride and pain for the soldiers as the nation celebrates the anniversary of the war victory against Pakistan. India continuously stepped up attack against Pakistan and ended up recapturing two key positions in Batalic sector.

ing the country. Let us remember this significant occasion to remember the sacrifices of India's heroes and celebrate the country's military triumph.

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Smart Public Distribution System To Go Live By Mid August 2025: Satish Sharma

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Information Technology, Transport, and

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Saurabh Bhagat, along with other senior officers and technical teams involved in the migration process.

"Smart PDS is a transformative reform in food distribution that ensures transparency, efficiency and portability of services. With this shift, over 25 lakh ration card holders and approximately 1.02 crore ration

versa.

Similarly, it was also informed that all the feeding of the Smart PDS is under testing phase and optimization for unique needs of Jammu and Kashmir and would also include various categories like SAAY, NFSA and PMSES. The automatization shall democratize the entire PDS system and beneficiaries can use applications like Mera Ration and Annapurna to get real time information about his ration quota.

It was also given out that all the ration distribution shall be based on Aadhar enabled POS machines of L1 configuration which are 4G enabled. This shall help the department in improving the storage efficiency, economize transportation and provide effective services to the Consumer. It was also clarified that all the other allied services like ration distribution, Ayushman card will not be effected by this transition.

The Minister directed the concerned officers to expedite testing, ensure training of FPS (Fair Price Shop) dealers and launch public awareness campaigns ahead of the rollout. He emphasized that the success of Smart PDS depends on its accessibility to even the remotest parts of the Union Territory.



Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, said that the much-anticipated Smart Public Distribution System (Smart PDS) will be made functional across Jammu and Kashmir by mid August 2025.

The Minister was reviewing the progress on Smart PDS implementation in the Union Territory.

The Minister stated that Jammu and Kashmir is on track to become the first Union Territory in the country to fully migrate to the Smart PDS under the national RCMS (Ration Card Management System) framework, as directed by the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

beneficiaries in J&K will experience a seamless and more accountable system," the Minister said.

The meeting was told that under the Smart PDS system and under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) the beneficiaries from Jammu and Kashmir can now avail their entitled ration PAN India and vice-

DC Budgam chairs DLTFC meeting on Climate Change & Health

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Directs preparing 05 year 'Vision Plan' for Budgam to ensure futuristic & sustainable development

BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also chairman of the District level Multi-Sectoral Task Force Committee (DLTFC) under the National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH), today chaired a high-level review meeting to discuss the district's action plan for addressing health impacts arising from climate change.

The meeting, held at the DC office complex, featured a detailed presentation by Prof. (Dr.) Ashfaq Ahmad, Head, Dept. of Community Medicine, SKIMS Bemina, highlighting the vision of a climate-resilient health system and Budgam's vulnerability to air pollution, water contamination, heat waves, floods, and vector-borne diseases.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said, "Climate-related health risks originate outside the health sector but impact it directly. There is a need for an integrated, coordinated strategy across all departments to protect public health in the face of rising climate threats."

Dr Bilal emphasised the need for institutional coordination and synchro-

nized response mechanisms, citing examples of how inadequate infrastructure or delayed communication during snowstorms or floods can lead to avoidable health crises.

He highlighted key issues including Air Quality Monitoring & Emission

IEC coverage, and IHIP reports under NPCCHH.

"We must act not only to treat illness but to prevent it. That means cleaner air, safer water, better infrastructure, and informed citizens. Climate resilience begins with coordinated



Regulation (Pollution Control Board, Transport Dept.), Resilient Infrastructure for PHCs/ Schools (PWD, Health, DDMA), Water Quality & WASH Co-Initiatives (Jal Shakti, Health, Education), Waste Management and Vector Source Control (Municipality, PRI, Health), Heat-Health Awareness and Early Warning Systems (IMD, Education, Health), Joint Campaigns & Emergency Readiness via wall art, FM radio, IEC drives, and fogging operations.

DC directed that monthly progress reviews be conducted; supported by an integrated monitoring dashboard tracking solar installations, air quality,

action," DC remarked.

DC directed to make an eco-friendly five years futuristic plan for the district.

He further directed stakeholders for department-wise implementation of the Action plan both five year as well as District Action Plan, including preparedness drills, stockpiling of medicines and fuels in remote areas, and community-based awareness drives.

DC said, full administrative support will be ensured for strengthening the climate-health resilience framework in Budgam, under the larger goal of sustainable and inclusive development.

Zakat Foundation of India Launches FREE Online Prep Course for Job Exams

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NEW DELHI: Zakat Foundation of India (ZFI) has launched an important initiative titled "PrepAhead",



The program offers completely free classes in General Studies, Mathematical Aptitude and Reasoning and IT- essential components of most government and competitive exams in India. The initiative is designed to build strong foundational skills and improve the chances of success for students, particularly those from underserved backgrounds.

Students who have completed Matriculation (Class 10) or above are eligible and encouraged to enroll.

This initiative aligns with ZFI's longstanding commitment to empowering youth through education, guidance, and capacity building, ensuring equitable access to job exams, public sector careers and leadership roles.

a free online preparatory course aimed at students of Jammu and Kashmir aspiring for future competitive and job examinations, including the Civil Services.

For registration visit <https://zakatindia.org/JKSSB.html> or email zfikashmir@gmail.com or What's App @ 8082788312

Mission YUVA: DC Kulgam distributes sanction letters among 47 beneficiaries

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Urges unemployed youth to avail benefits of various govt schemes to build sustainable livelihoods

KULGAM: As part of the ongoing efforts to promote youth empowerment and entrepreneurship, 'Roz-e-YUVA' program under Mission YUVA initiative of the government was today held at the Conference Hall of Mini-secretariat Kulgam.

The event organised by the District Employment Office, Kulgam in collaboration with J&K Bank was presided over by the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan and attended by the ADDC Kulgam, Altaf Ahmad Khan; ADC, Viqar Ahmed Giri; ACD, LDM Kulgam, Cluster Head JK Bank, Assistant Director Employment, other

senior administration and Bank officers.

During the event, DDC, in the presence of the other officers, distributed loan sanc-

establish new ventures.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC highlighted the transformative impact of Mis-



tion letters under Mission YUVA among 47 young potential entrepreneurs identified from the Kulgam district to help them

sion YUVA, stating that the government, through this flagship initiative, is proactively creating sustainable revenue-

generating avenues for the unemployed youth of the region through subsidized credit support and training.

DDC added that over 172 cases under Mission YUVA have been approved for further disbursement, and urged unemployed youth to take advantage of schemes like HADP, and other financial inclusion initiatives to build sustainable livelihoods.

Meanwhile, Khan urged the beneficiaries to utilize the financial support responsibly and effectively and channel these funds towards building sustainable and dignified livelihoods, not just for themselves, but for others around them.

Zonal head J&K Bank, Khurshid Muzaffar expressed his pleasure at the enthusiasm shown by the youth and reiterated that J&K Bank remains steadfast in supporting the government's vision of empowering youth through these opportunities.

DC Bandipora distributes sanction letters of Rs.5.5 lakh relief to Road Accident victims

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BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Friday handed over sanction letters amount-



ing to Rs 5.5 lakh to the next of kin (NoKs) of recent road accident victims during a brief ceremony held at the Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

The financial assistance had been sanctioned during a Road Safety Committee meeting held earlier this week, during which six cases were approved for compensation. On the occasion, DC urged citizens to strictly follow traffic rules to prevent road mishaps.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Bandipora, Mudassir Ahmad Wani, briefed the attendees besides the general public about the provisions of the J&K Road Accident Victim Fund, under which the financial assistance was provided.

He informed that under the scheme, Rs 1 lakh is provided in case of death to the dependents, legal heirs, or close family members of the deceased; Rs 75,000 is given in case of permanent disability; Rs 50,000 for grievous injuries; and Rs 10,000 for minor injuries.

The ARTO also clarified that all victims of road accidents involving private vehicles, passenger-cum-goods vehicles, and even vehicles owned by government departments, corporations, and public sector undertakings are eligible under the scheme.

DC Srinagar Hands Over 200 Sanction Letters Under Mission YUVA

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SRINAGAR: In a significant move towards youth empowerment and promoting self-reliance, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labro, handed over Sanction Letters to the beneficiaries of Mission YUVA initiative aimed to support entrepreneurs in establishing self-employment generating units in the district.

In this regard, an event was organized at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex which was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Srinagar, Rifat Aftab Qureshi, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Divisional Head J&K Bank, Shabir Ahmad Bhat, Zonal Head J&K Bank, Raja Zaffar Khan, Deputy Director Employment, Dr Sheeba Inayat, DSWO, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, LDM (Banks), Nilofer Jan, Heads of various J&K Bank Business Units and other concerned, alongside a large number of Mission YUVA beneficiaries from different parts of the Srinagar District.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner handed over the 201 sanction letters to aspiring entrepreneurs under Mission YUVA initiative whose proposals had been approved after thorough evaluation by the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) marking a significant moment in the district administration's efforts to empower youth through sustainable self-employment ventures and foster economic growth by enabling youth to earn their livelihood in a dignified manner.

Speaking on the occasion, DC underlined that the Administration is working hard to create a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in Srinagar District. He urged upon expeditious disposal of all Mission YUVA cases so that maximum benefits reach the aspiring entrepreneurs swiftly.

He emphasized that the scheme is designed in a clear cut manner for easy access, enabling beneficiaries to receive benefits in a hassle free mode directly without unnecessary visits to different Government Offices.

The DC also commended the inter-departmental cooperation involving DIC, Employment, JKEDI, NRLM, and Banks to facilitate quick processing of cases & sanctioning and credit disbursement. He stated that

the progress achieved in Srinagar is a promising sign for promoting self-employment and boosting the local economy by generating jobs.

The senior Officers of Jammu & Kashmir Bank while speaking on the occasion, described the "Mission YUVA" a unique flagship programme launched by the Government that has witnessed support of entire government machinery right from the conception to implementation to ensure that youth can avail maximum benefits



without hassles. They assured that the Bank will make every possible effort to make the Mission YUVA a success initiative to empower youth through sustainable livelihood opportunities.

8Pertinent to mention that, the Jammu & Kashmir Bank today organized multiple Login Day events titled as 'Roz-e-YUVA' in Kashmir and 'Udyami YUVA Day' across Jammu & Kashmir. These events were aimed at handing over loan sanction letters to Mission YUVA beneficiaries to help them establish their own ventures. Such Login Day events will be conducted on a weekly basis throughout the Mission YUVA period.

Earlier, Deputy Director Employment noted the enthusiastic response from the district's youth to Mission YUVA, which aims to empower them through self-employment opportunities.

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Over 7.23 Cr Bihar Electors Covered Under SIR, Names to Feature in Draft Electoral Roll

PATNA: The State of Bihar has witnessed overwhelming public participation in the Summary Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, with 99.8% of electors already covered under the process. A total of 7.23 crore electors have submitted their forms, which have been digitised and will be included in the Draft Electoral Roll set to be published on August 1, 2025.

According to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Bihar, the digitisation of the remaining forms and reports submitted by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) is expected to be completed by August 1. This marks a significant milestone in ensuring an inclusive and accurate electoral list ahead of upcoming elections.

As part of the SIR process that commenced on June 24, BLOs and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) reported that nearly 22 lakh electors have been identified as deceased, around 7 lakh electors were found registered in multiple locations, about 35 lakh voters have either permanently migrated or remain untraceable while enumeration forms of approximately 1.2 lakh electors are still awaited.

Spokesperson said to maintain transparency, the list of electors who are deceased, have permanently migrated, or haven't filled out the forms was shared on July 20 with all 12 recognised political parties in the state. These include the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Indian National Congress (INC), Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Janata Dal (United), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party, Lok Janshakti



Party (Ram Vilas), Rashtriya Lok Samta Party, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation, National People's Party, and Aam Aadmi Party. Parties have been asked to verify the data and file objections or corrections, if any, before the final roll is released.

The massive exercise was made possible through coordinated efforts of the CEO Bihar, 38 District Election Officers (DEOs), 243 Electoral

Registration Officers (EROs), 2,976 Assistant EROs, nearly 78,000 BLOs deployed across polling booths, and volunteers. A total of 1.60 lakh BLAs nominated by political parties played a

crucial role on the ground. A comparative data of BLA appointments shows an overall 16% increase in party engagement since the beginning of SIR. Notably, the CPI(M) saw a 1083% increase in BLA nominations, followed by CPI(ML) Liberation (542%) and INC (105%). Major parties like BJP and RJD also increased their agent strength modestly. From August 1 to September 1, 2025, electors and political parties will be allowed to submit

claims and objections. New eligible voters who may have been left out can file the prescribed forms with their EROs, and any objections regarding ineligible names may also be raised during this period.

The massive exercise was made possible through coordinated efforts of the CEO Bihar, 38 District Election Officers (DEOs), 243 Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), 2,976 Assistant EROs, nearly 78,000 BLOs deployed across polling booths, and volunteers. A total of 1.60 lakh BLAs nominated by political parties played a crucial role on the ground.

The ongoing exercise is part of the Election Commission's continued efforts to maintain a clean and inclusive electoral roll, ensuring fair and transparent democratic participation across Bihar. (PIB)

Ukraine's Zelenskyy says defences are holding firm against Russia's summer push

KYIV: Ukrainian forces are holding back Russia's concerted summer push to break through defences along parts of the front line, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says.

"They are not advancing. It's very tough for our guys out there. And it's tough everywhere," Zelenskyy told reporters on Thursday, in comments embargoed till Friday. "It's also very hard for the Russians - and that's good for us."

With the war now in its fourth year after

northeastern Sumy border region as "much better" than in recent months, noting progress by Ukrainian forces over the past six weeks.

Ukraine wants 10 Patriot missile systems Russia has also intensified its bombardment of Ukrainian cities, with the second-largest city Kharkiv struck with a powerful glide bomb for a second straight day Friday. Seven people were injured, officials said.

On Thursday, 42 were injured.

Zelenskyy said Ukraine is working with international partners to secure 10 US-made Patriot air defence systems, which can shoot down missiles, with three already confirmed from Germany and Norway.

The Trump administration will sell the systems, he said, but Ukraine's task is to find funding for all 10. Each system costs more than USD 1 billion.

Ukraine is also seeking to obtain a license to manufacture the Patriot systems itself.

Kremlin says no summit meeting in sight

The Ukrainian leader expressed little hope for progress in direct talks between delegations from Russia and Ukraine, though he said the Kremlin envoys have begun discussing the possibility of a leaders' summit with Ukraine. "We need an end to the war, which probably begins with a meeting of leaders. It won't work any other way with (the Russians)," Zelenskyy said.

The Kremlin, however, remained set against top-level talks before a potential comprehensive peace agreement is fleshed out. "A high-level meeting can and must put a final point in the settlement and seal the modalities and agreements that are yet to be worked out by experts," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Friday. "It's impossible to act otherwise."

Zelenskyy says anti-graft street protests were 'legitimate' In domestic politics, Zelenskyy said public protests against changes earlier this week to Ukraine's anti-corruption law were "legitimate." The changes threatened the independence of anti-graft watchdogs and also drew rebukes from European Union officials and international rights groups, prompting Zelenskyy to propose new legislation to restore the independence of the anti-graft agencies.

"It's very important that society speaks. I respect the opinion of society," Zelenskyy said. "People asked for changes. We responded." Demonstrators gathered for the third day on Thursday evening, but drew a smaller crowd. He said those agencies must be "truly independent," adding that "the most important thing in this war is the unity of our state. It is critical not to lose unity." (PTI)



Russia's February 2022 invasion of its neighbour, the effort is draining resources on both sides, although Russia has more resources and people to sustain its fight. Ukraine is seeking further support from Western partners.

Russia has claimed the capture of some villages and hamlets in recent weeks, but no defensively stronger urban areas have fallen to its troops.

Russian sabotage and reconnaissance groups have repeatedly attempted to stage minor incursions near Pokrovsk in the eastern Donetsk region to film symbolic footage, such as raising a Russian flag, but Ukrainian forces have repelled those efforts, Zelenskyy said.

"It happened five to seven times recently, sometimes with only two or six people. Once they tried to hold a position with 12 people - and all of them were eliminated by our defenders," Zelenskyy said.

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Keriwal's wife slams Delhi govt over delay in giving Rs 2,500 honorarium to women, BJP hits back

NEW DELHI: AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal's wife, Sunita Kejriwal, on Friday slammed the BJP-led Delhi government for delaying the promised Rs 2,500 monthly honorarium to women.

The BJP hit back, asserting that the amount would be disbursed soon.

At a Hariyali Teej celebration hosted by Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Women's Wing at Nizamuddin on Friday, Sunita Kejriwal inaugurated the event alongside Delhi State President Saurabh Bharadwaj and Women's Wing President Sarika Chaudhary by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Addressing the event, she extended festive greetings and slammed the BJP government for withholding the promised Rs 2,500 to women and now imposing conditions on free bus travel.

Highlighting the sense of belonging within the party, she emphasised, "We are fortunate that the AAP is like one big family. May this love and harmony always remain within our family, and may we continue working together for society. During the Delhi elections, every sister put in tremendous effort. We are all connected today because of a shared passion to serve the people."

She said the BJP government in Delhi has deeply wronged the women of the city.

"Despite making a clear promise, the BJP has failed to provide the Rs 2,500 monthly as-

sistance to Delhi's women. That money, too, has simply vanished. The BJP government has demolished many jhuggis of the poor, leaving

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several families homeless. Now, the government has also imposed conditions on the free bus service," Sunita Kejriwal charged. Launching a scathing attack on Sunita

Kejriwal, Delhi BJP spokesperson and MLA Shikha Roy stated that it was surprising to see AAP convener sent his wife, as the chief guest at the party's Teej celebration.



This act, Roy said, confirmed that the AAP is a family-centric party and that his wife is being positioned as his political successor.

Roy added that if Kejriwal had wished, he could have chosen senior women leaders such as former chief minister Atishi, former Deputy Speaker Rakhi Birla, or former Mayor Dr. Shelly Sheroi to be the chief guest. Instead, by selecting his wife, he disrespected the idea of independent women empowerment.

The BJP MLA said that it was unfortunate that, like her husband, Sunita Kejriwal chose to deliver her first political speech by "spreading lies and misinformation".

She asserted that Sunita Kejriwal's claim about conditions being imposed on free bus travel for women is entirely "false".

"Every state provides such facilities to its own residents, and all women residing in Delhi continue to receive free bus service — and will continue to do so," she said.

Roy also stated that the Delhi committee is formulating rules, and the women's honorarium scheme will be implemented soon.

She said that before questioning the BJP government's five-month tenure, Sunita Kejriwal should clarify when her party's government in Punjab will begin providing the promised Rs 1,000 monthly honorarium to women.

Sunita Kejriwal should explain why, even after three and a half years, women in Punjab have still not received this honorarium, Roy said. (PTI)

Dr. Jitendra Singh Felicitates Young Innovators at CSIR Jigyasa Event

NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Friday urged a paradigm shift in India's education ecosystem by promoting what he called the "3A formula" – Awareness, Aptitude, and Avenue – to align with the evolving aspirations of students, especially in the fields of science, innovation, and technology.

Speaking at the CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-



NPL) in New Delhi during the culmination ceremony of the CSIR Jigyasa "One Day as a Scientist" (ODAS) Week, Dr. Singh emphasized the need for scientific engagement from an early age and proposed several reforms to expand the scope and inclusivity of the programme.

Addressing a packed hall of young students, scientists, and educators, the Minister suggested that parents should be invited to CSIR labs along with students to help families better understand the significance of scientific inquiry. He also proposed that scientists take the initiative to visit rural and small-town schools under a "One Day as a Teacher" model, thereby encouraging community-wide awareness of science and innovation.

According to Press Information Bureau (PIB) Dr. Singh called on private industry to offer mentorship and CSR-based support to young innovators whose ideas show promise and entrepreneurial potential. He also directed programme coordinators to track the long-term progress of students participating in the Jigyasa initiative to ensure the outcomes align with the interests of the youth and the future demands of the country.

The event also witnessed the felicitation of winners of the CSIR Jigyasa EPIC Hackathon 2024, which had received over 960 entries from across India. Japteg Bamrah from Pathankot secured the top award for his innovation "SolarMech", a Stirling engine-based solar power device designed for clean energy generation in remote areas. Other notable projects included "Drishyamitram", a smart navigation and walkway system for the visually impaired developed by Uddhav Gupta and Udbhav Bandhani from Ghaziabad; an AC Heat Recovery Device that converts waste heat into electricity using thermoelectric materials, created by Shreya Vinod of Roorkee; and "I-Stetho", a wireless digital stethoscope with IoT-enabled remote diagnostics capabilities, designed by Soyral Parija from Bhubaneswar. Congratulating the winners, Dr. Singh said these innovations reflect the confidence and clarity of India's young minds and could become launchpads for sustainable entrepreneurship if given the right support.

The CSIR Jigyasa initiative, launched in 2017, has grown into one of India's largest scientific outreach programmes, having engaged over 13.5 lakh students and 80,000 teachers through more than 3,500 activities. These include lab visits, virtual labs, sign language content for inclusive learning, and innovation-based competitions, all aligned with the National Education Policy 2020. During the event, Dr. Singh also launched an enhanced version of the ODAS programme that will now involve teachers and parents in day-long scientific immersions to deepen grassroots engagement with science.

Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General of CSIR; Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam, Head of CSIR-HRDG; and Prof. Venu Gopal Achanta, Director of CSIR-NPL were also present on the occasion, along with several dignitaries, scientists, and student participants. Calling upon India's young population to lead the country's march toward its 2047 centenary, Dr. Singh concluded with an appeal to students to "stay curious, stay bold, and never stop asking questions." (PIB)

India, UK biz optimistic about FTA seeking to double bilateral trade by 2030: Goyal

LONDON: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said that businesses in Britain as well as India are optimistic about the free trade agreement which aims to double the bilateral trade to USD 112 billion by 2030.

The India-UK free trade agreement, also called Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), was signed by Goyal and his counterpart Jonathan Reynolds in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Thursday.

In a post-signing interaction with business leaders from across sectors, Goyal said, "Investors are looking to double down on their investments. People in industry and manufacturing are looking to expand markets. The services sector is excited about the growth potential. Everybody, whether from government or from the private sector, has a shared commitment to double the trade between the two countries by 2030." Anuj Chande, Partner at Grant Thornton UK and Head of its South Asia Business Group said, "It (the deal) certainly comes across as a win-win for both countries with a huge reduction in tariffs and...this is the beginning of the journey and not the end."

Kishore Jayaraman, India Chair of the UK India Business Council (UKIBC), which facilitates trade between both countries, said the tariffs have been brought down to acceptable levels for both nations, so that the trade and economy can grow without any bottlenecks.

"But beyond that, it is a recognition that there are so many sectors, digital, tech, defence, life sciences, agriculture, where there are products and services that both nations have that can be brought to the people of both these nations at a much faster pace," he added. (PTI)





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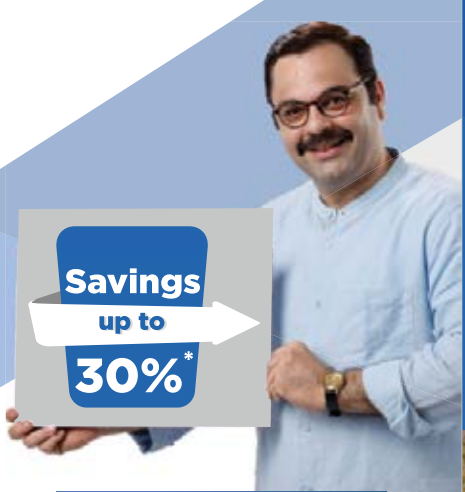
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