

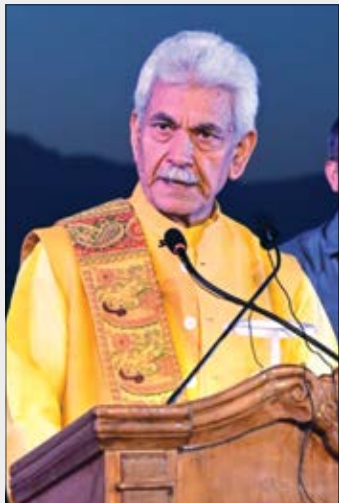


Youth Voices Now Heard in Stadiums, Not Streets: LG Sinha

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Inaugurates Khelo India Water Sports Festival at Dal Lake

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the opening



ceremony of "Khelo India Water Sports Festival-2025" at the iconic Dal Lake in Srinagar.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended a warm welcome and best wishes to all participating athletes and team officials. He congratulated the Union Sports Ministry, Sports Authority of India, J&K Sports Council, sports enthusiasts, water sports veterans and people of Jammu Kashmir on the momentous occasion.

He also expressed his gratitude to

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for giving the historic city of Srinagar the opportunity to host the country's first 'Khelo India Water Sports Festival'.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the participation of 800 athletes

will provide a unique opportunity for sportspersons from all over the country to stay together, live and compete in the same environment and showcase the sporting excellence," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his ad-

sports events organised in Jammu Kashmir for the last 5-6 years is impressive and unprecedented.

The Lieutenant Governor also thanked the Government of India for developing a vibrant 'Sports Culture' in J&K UT which has encouraged the children



from 28 States/UTs in this mega national sports event will project J&K UT as the Water Sports Capital of the Country.

"Hosting of national-level sporting event with participants from across the country sends a strong message of peace, normalcy and progress in J&K. While winter sports attract visitors during snow season, water sports will promote summer tourism benefiting the local economy.

Next two days the competitive Games

dress, shared the extraordinary journey of J&K towards becoming a sporting powerhouse.

"I am proud to say that Sports in J&K UT have got its due under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Modern sports infrastructure has been developed under his guidance across Jammu Kashmir and sporting facilities have been made available to youngsters in rural areas," the Lieutenant Governor said.

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Water Sports Games help in building the national character by inculcating in us **team spirit**. They are also an occasion for **promoting** national integration. Your unity in your diversity is a symbol of the **spirit of India**

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and youth of Jammu Kashmir to play and realise their dreams.

Our goal is to nurture and advance the skills of talented youth of J&K. It is also preventing them from falling prey to anti-social activities and drugs. From 3-4 lakh per year before

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Rotten Meat Scam

J&K Orders Strict Food Safety Compliance

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir

government on Thursday issued orders for strict compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) rules with regard to handling, storage, packaging and sale of frozen meat, chicken and other meat products, warning of serious consequences in cases of violations.

A scandal recently rocked Kashmir when hundreds of kilos of rotten meat were recovered by the officials from unauthorised and inadequate storage facilities.

What shocked society was the disclosure that this trade had most probably been going on for many years before it was exposed in the Valley.

J&K Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) has issued a public notice making it mandatory for all food business operators to strictly adhere to the guidelines

of the FSSAI with regard to the handling, storage, packaging and sale of frozen raw meat, chicken and meat products.



The FDA Commissioner, in the notification, said that the directions apply to all manufacturers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, cold storage operators, transporters, as well as e-commerce platforms engaged in the sale or distribution of meat products.

The notice clearly warns that the sale of packaged frozen meat

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Khelo India Identifies New Talent At KU: Union Minister

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SRINAGAR : A grassroots talent assessment camp organized at the University of Kashmir witnessed the first-ever identification of sports talent under the 'Khelo India' program at the university level.

At University of Kashmir, the Union



Minister Raksha Khadse expressed enthusiasm over the initiative, highlighting the excitement and poten

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...Kishtwar Cloudburst

Multi-agency search operation intensifies to trace 33 missing

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CHISOTI (JK): The multi-agency search operation to trace 33 missing persons in



cloudburst-hit Kishtwar district in Jammu and Kashmir entered the eighth day on Thursday, officials said.

The death toll in the natural calamity that struck the last motorable village en route to the Machail Mata temple on August 14

during the yatra stands at 65, including three CISF personnel and one Special Police Officer (SPO) of J-K Police. Over 100 people were injured.

"The search operation by multiple agencies has been intensified to trace 33 missing persons. Operations are underway at the most affected sites by separate teams," a senior official told PTI.

The focus of the operation has been laid at three locations - the major impact site near a langar (community kitchen), the area where houses were washed away, and the Bhuat nallah in Gulabgarh-Paddar areas.

Joint teams of police, Army, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), CISF, Border Roads Organisation (BRO), civil administration, and local volunteers are engaged in the rescue efforts at these

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CM Omar Orders Swift Relief, Rehab Package in Kishtwar, Kathua

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chaired a meeting to re-



view the ongoing relief and rehabilitation measures for people affected by the recent cloudbursts and flash floods in Kishtwar and Kathua districts.

The Chief Minister, while addressing officers, stressed the need for speedy relief assistance, restoration of essential services, and long-term strategies to safeguard vulnerable

areas from recurring natural calamities.

"Whether it was a cloudburst or a glacial lake outburst, the fact

of adopting clear SOPs and guidelines for highly vulnerable regions," the Chief Minister observed.

He said that short-term priorities must remain on relief and reha-

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He Directed The Concerned **Departments** To Work Out Temporary Arrangements, Including **Deployment** Of Generators, To Ensure **Electricity Supply** In Affected Areas Until Road Connectivity Is Fully Restored.

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bilitation, while medium- and long-term measures must include a holistic assessment of vulnerable areas by experts, protection of agricultural lands,

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'J&K power sector owes over Rs 143 Cr to GoI'

SRINAGAR : Power sector of Jammu and Kashmir owes a whopping amount of over Rs 143 Crores to the Government of India



(GoI) on account of pool deficit recovery. Northern Regional Power Committee (NRPC) representative informed the forum that the total outstanding of Rs 221.54 Cr and

Rs 45.37 Cr of UP and J&K, respectively against pool deficit recovery (Legacy dues).

"UP and J&K are requested to expedite the pending payments to ensure a healthy cash flow in the pool account and to avoid any interest penalties," NRPC said.

"Representatives from Uttar Pradesh informed the forum that they have already filed a petition at UPSERC for the payment of legacy dues and based on the direction from UPERC they will settle the payment of legacy dues," reads the official document.

The Chairperson, NRPC, ■ See On P/6

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Khelo India Water Sports another historic event for J&K: CM Omar

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah attended the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival held at Dal Lake, describing the event as a "historic



moment that blends the spirit of sports with the natural beauty of Kashmir."

The festival, which draws over 800 participants was attended by Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Shri Manoj Sinha, Minister

for Youth Services and Sports Satish Sharma, Advisor to the CM Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq, besides dignitaries from the Central Government and senior officials of the J&K administration.

But today, it is a matter of immense pride that Dal Lake is hosting the first-ever Water Sports Festival under Khelo India," he said.

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J&K Receives Over Rs 1,000 Crore CRIF Funds In Five Years: GoI

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SRINAGAR: The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has provided a comprehensive account of road development under the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) over the last five years, highlighting both progress and constraints in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Responding to a question by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said, the Ministry has adopted a structured mechanism for identifying road infrastructure projects under CRIF, aligned with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

He said projects are selected based on proposals submitted by the States and Union Territories, which are then prioritised and sanctioned by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).

For Jammu and Kashmir, the data shows a steady increase in CRIF accruals and fund utilisation over the

past five years. In 2020-21, J&K accrued Rs 94.51 crore under CRIF, of which Rs 79.40 crore was released.

This grew significantly in 2021-22, when Rs 96.91 crore was accrued and



Rs 321.18 crore was released — indicating a substantial central push to infrastructure in the region post the reorganisation of the erstwhile state.

The upward trend continued in 2022-23, with Rs 113.61 crore accrued and Rs 343.61 crore released, according to the reply.

In the financial years 2023-24

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Centre Deploys 3 CRPF Battalions for Counter-Terror Ops in Jammu

NEW DELHI: The Centre has ordered the deployment of three Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) battalions in the Jammu region as part of a rejig to strengthen the counter-terrorist security grid, official sources said on Thursday.

These units will take over from the Rashtriya Rifles (Army) units deployed in Udhampur and Kathua districts. The Army units will be re-assigned new tasks, the sources said.

The deployment of the CRPF units in Jammu region is part of a new security strategy, where locations in the hinterland are proposed to be handed over to the forces under the Union home ministry, while the Army units will be utilised to bolster security along the Line of Control (LoC) and the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, the sources told PTI.

Three CRPF battalions are being sent for the task, each having an operational strength of about 800 personnel, they said.

Once the CRPF deployment in the two chosen districts is completed,

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Principal Secretary R&B reviews ongoing rescue, relief operations in Chashoti

KISHTWAR: In accordance with the roster issued and under the directions of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, Principal Secretary, Roads & Buildings (R&B) and Mining Department, Anil Kumar Singh, conducted an on-ground review of the ongoing rescue and relief operations in Chashoti village, Kishtwar, which was recently struck by a severe cloudburst.

The Principal Secretary was accompanied by the Inspector General of Police Traffic, J&K, M. Suleman Choudhary; Deputy Inspector General, DKR Range, Shridhar Patil; Chief Engineer PMGSY Rajesh Gupta along with other senior officers from various departments.

During the visit, Anil Kumar Singh carried out a detailed assessment of the

situation on the ground. He interacted with the affected residents and took stock of the

Pallali and from Pallali to Machail and issued necessary directions to the PMGSY



response being carried out by the rescue teams and the district administration.

Principal Secretary also reviewed the status of the PMGSY road from Atholi to

authorities. Further, he discussed the status of the Chashoti Bridge, which was under construction and nearing completion before it was washed away during the

recent cloudburst that triggered flash floods. He also discussed the provision of a Bailey bridge at Chashoti.

He reviewed the proposal to be submitted for the Jasnie Nallah and Hako Nallah bridges, which will be taken up following the completion of ongoing rescue and relief operations. He also assessed the pressing needs of the displaced and affected families to facilitate prompt relief distribution and ensure seamless coordination for rehabilitation efforts.

Emphasizing the importance of timely intervention, the Principal Secretary called for an integrated and proactive approach from all stakeholder agencies to ensure effective rescue operations and expedited relief delivery.

DDC Poonch reviews progress of developmental activities

Emphasises timely completion of projects, strict adherence to quality standards

POONCH: District Development Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma chaired a meeting in the Conference Hall of the DC Office to assess the progress of the developmental works across the district.

The meeting deliberated upon key developmental sectors including District Capex, PRI and DDC grants, Education, Health, PHE, NFB, Youth Services & Sports, SSY, ABDO, APDP, and the overall status of developmental initiatives.

During the review, the District Development Commissioner

examined the status of tendering under District Capex Budget and directed the concerned officers to expedite the process at the earliest. He also reviewed the progress on roads and bridges along with completed, ongoing, and pending works across the district.

The DDC instructed the Executive Engineer JPDCI to enhance public awareness about the PM Surya Muft Bijli Yojana and ensure increased installation of solar panels.

He further stressed upon accelerating the pace of household tap water connections

under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to achieve set targets in a time-bound manner.

While emphasising the importance of adhering to quality standards, the DDC directed officers to remove bottlenecks and ensure the timely completion of all projects for the benefit of the public.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Mohd Iqbal Zargar, SE PWD (R&B) K.K. Atri, SE Hydraulic Rajiv Kumar, XENs of PWD, PMGSY, JPDCI, REW, Jal Shakti, EO Municipality, DYSSO, DHO, besides other concerned officers.

Deputy Commissioner visits AIIMS, District Hospital to inquire about injured tourists

Meets Kishtwar flash flood victim's family at Sangwal



SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan paid a visit to District Hospital Samba and AIIMS Vijaypur to enquire about the well-being of the tourists injured in a road accident that took place late last night in District Samba.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the injured patients as well as their attendants, patiently listening to their concerns. She impressed upon the medical staff to provide best possible treatment, and all necessary support facilities to the victims.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Sangwal village in Vijaypur, where she met with the family of Ashok Kumar, who lost his life in the recent cloudburst incident in District Kishtwar.

The DC expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, conveying deep sympathy on behalf of the District Administration. She assured the family of all possible help from the Administration, as admissible under norms.

She was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Jagdish Singh, concerned Tehsildar and other senior officials of the district administration.

JMC hosts mega donation drive to encourage cleanliness, recycling, social responsibility

JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) organized a mega donation drive, demonstrating its commitment towards promoting environmental sustainability, recycling, and social welfare in the city. The program witnessed active participation from all officers and officials of the Corporation, who brought household items including clothes, shoes, blankets, books, toys and other essentials to contribute to the noble cause.

The event aimed to instill a sense of responsibility among citizens towards reducing waste and reusing usable materials, instead of discarding them irresponsibly in drains and rivers, which leads to pollution and environmental degradation. The initiative also emphasized the importance of recycling to build a cleaner and greener Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav said that such

donation drives reflect the collective responsibility of citizens and civic authorities



to ensure that usable items do not go to waste.

Through RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Centers established at ward levels, local residents can now donate items easily, ensuring that they reach those who truly need them."

He further announced that in the coming days, JMC, in collaboration with the District Administration, will organize similar donation campaigns across various departments to encourage wider participation from government employees

and the public alike. These initiatives will also help in spreading awareness about

Sanitation) Abdul Sattar, Joint Commissioner (Administration) Rajiv Khajuria, Chief accounts Officer, Sandeep Singh, Secretary JMC Chand Singh, Health Officer JMC Dr. Vinod Sharma, AFO, Dr. Rabia Khan, VAS, JMC, I/CIEC, Dr. Divya Sharma along with other senior officers, were present during the drive and actively participated in the donation process.

The Commissioner appealed to the citizens of Jammu to come forward and contribute generously through the RRR Centers set up in their respective wards. "Together, with the active participation of every resident, we can transform Jammu into a city that is not only clean and green but also compassionate and socially responsible," Dr. Yadav added. Jammu Municipal Corporation continues to focus on innovative initiatives that combine environmental conservation with community welfare, thereby laying the foundation for a sustainable future.

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GMC Rajouri, NHM J&K organise Professional Development Programme for healthcare staff

RAJOURI: Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri, in collaboration with the National Health Mission (NHM), Jammu & Kashmir, organized a One Day Professional Development Programme (PDM) for the medical staff here in the Lecture Hall, Mehra Campus.

The programme was specifically designed for healthcare professionals of the Pir Panjal region, covering the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch, and aimed at enhancing skills, knowledge, and preparedness of medical professionals to strengthen healthcare delivery systems in this challenging terrain, which is prone to natural calamities.

The event was held as part of the Health and Medical Education Department's deliverables and reflects the continuing commitment of GMC Rajouri and NHM J&K towards fostering continuous professional development and strengthening primary healthcare services.

The programme was graced by Mission Director, NHM J&K, Baseer Ul Haq Chaudhary as the Chief Guest.

In his address, he emphasized the role of professional capacity building in improving healthcare outcomes and lauded the efforts of health professionals working in the Pir Panjal region under difficult circumstances.

Highlighting the Ayushman Bharat - Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) initiative,

he said the primary healthcare is being transformed by integrating services for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), maternal and child health, adolescent health, mental health, palliative care and emergency services under the scheme. He added that the goal is not just to treat

workers, research-driven solutions and training programs," he added.

In his address, Executive Director Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence Kakryal Dr. Yashpal Sharma termed the JK SEHAT App a revolutionary step in making healthcare accessible,



illnesses but to keep communities healthier, empowered, and better prepared for the health crisis, especially in geographically challenging locations such as Rajouri and Poonch.

He further spoke about the vital role of Medical Colleges in strengthening rural health coverage.

"The GMCs, including GMC Rajouri, are not just institutions of medical education but are also becoming hubs of healthcare support for the region, offering specialized care, capacity building for frontline

transparent and patient-friendly.

"In a region like Jammu & Kashmir, where mountainous terrains and border areas often limit physical access to healthcare facilities, the SEHAT App ensures that healthcare reaches the people, rather than people reach healthcare," he maintained.

The participants were oriented on key areas crucial for effective healthcare delivery, including JK SEHAT App - Ensuring health coverage and accessibility; Disaster Management & Experience Sharing;

Role of Indian Army in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR); Implementation of Comprehensive Primary Health Care under NHM; Orientation on of NHM programs in J&K; Violence against Healthcare Professionals & Preventive Measures.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal GMC Rajouri Prof. (Dr.) A.S. Bhatia highlighted the importance of regular professional development for equipping doctors and health staff with the tools required to address the unique health challenges of the Pir Panjal region including natural calamities and disasters.

The sessions provided valuable insights into the functioning and scope of NHM, emphasising strengthened healthcare service delivery at the grassroots level.

Among others present were Dr Chander Sheikhar, HoD, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, GMC Rajouri; Col. Ashok Kumar, Col Med HQ 25 Infantry Division; Dr. Harjeet Rai, State Nodal Officer, NHM J&K; Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Dar, Divisional Nodal Officer, NHM Kashmir; Dr. Jitender Mehta, Programme Manager, NHM J&K; Dr. Shamin Ahmed, Medical Superintendent, Associated Hospital GMC Rajouri and medical students.

The event concluded with an expression of gratitude to all dignitaries, speakers and participants for their valuable contributions.

Historic Three-day Sankri Devta mela concludes successfully at Panchari

UDHAMPUR: The three-day historic Sankri Devta Mela, which commenced on August 19, 2025, at Block Panchari in District Udhampur, successfully concluded, witnessing overwhelming participation of more than 30,000 devotees and visitors. Pilgrims from across the Union Territory thronged the mela site to pay obeisance at the Sankri Devta Temple and seek the divine blessings of the deity.

The concluding ceremony was attended by DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, Sarah Rizvi, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, SSP Udhampur, Amod Ashok Nagpure, DDC Member Jasvir Singh, DDC Narsoo, Subash Chander, IAS Probationer, Seerat Baji, Mela Officer, Tehsildar Panchari, Vipam Kumar, along with other officers, prominent civil society members and local residents. They paid their respects at the holy shrine of Sankri Devta.

While addressing the gathering, the DC congratulated the people on the successful organization of the event. She emphasized that such melas play

a vital role in preserving cultural heritage, fostering brotherhood and spreading the message of

successful conduct of the mela. Adding to the festive spirit, renowned artists, local



peace and prosperity. She further underlined the importance of safeguarding the rich traditions of the region, calling these fairs an indispensable part of local culture.

The district administration had made elaborate arrangements for security, drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, Medicare facilities, traffic regulation and other essential services to ensure the smooth and

performers, students of various educational institutions and folk artists from adjoining areas presented traditional performances and theme-based skits, which received immense appreciation from the audience.

Various departmental stalls, sweet shops, toy stalls and food outlets, set up by local as well as outside vendors were a major attraction for the visiting devotees and tourists.

SSM College of Engineering, NLCO Organize "Revive Kashmir - Youth for Conservation" Programme

Suhail Maqbool

Srinagar: College of Engineering in collaboration with Nigeen Lake Conservation Organization (NLCO) on Tuesday organized a special programme titled "Revive Kashmir - Youth for Conservation" at the college campus. The initiative aimed at creating awareness among the younger generation about the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable living in the Valley.

The programme was graced by senior CPI(M) leader and MLA,

Mr. M.Y. Tarigami, who attended the event as the Chief Guest. In his



address, Mr. Tarigami highlighted the urgent need to protect Kashmir's fragile ecosystem and stressed the pivotal role of

youth in ensuring environmental balance for future generations.

Noted environmentalist and Chairman NLCO, Mr. Manzoor Wangnoo, along with Dr. Rida Rashid and Dr. Muzamil Rafiqi,

attended the function as Guests of Honour. They lauded the efforts of the organizers and underscored the significance of youth-led initiatives in safeguarding natural resources. The event was successfully coordinated and organized by Ms. Haya Qazi, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, faculty members, and students for their active participation. The programme witnessed engaging discussions, interactive sessions, and presentations on conservation challenges in Kashmir, receiving enthusiastic response from students and participants.

Registrar BGSBU reviews academic activities, progress of developmental projects

RAJOURI: Registrar Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Abhishek Sharma chaired a comprehensive review meeting with Heads of the Teaching Departments and Administrative Officers to assess the academic activities, admissions, examinations, hostel facilities, and implementation of developmental projects in the University.

The Registrar reviewed the NEP-2020 implementation and directed the concerned officers to make provision of classrooms, furniture and other essential amenities for newly established departments to ensure the smooth conduct of classes.

Taking stock of hostel facilities, he instructed officials to provide the best

possible amenities to resident students. He also reviewed the ongoing repair and renovation works and issued directions for the fast-track completion of revamping of the hostel in a time-bound manner.

Emphasizing the importance of efficiency and student support, the Registrar directed the concerned department to issue identity cards to all students, faculty, and staff within a week. He also reviewed the ongoing admission process and urged teaching departments to conclude the process strictly within the notified timelines.

Highlighting the need for modern academic infrastructure, the Registrar directed the creation of a centralized computing

facility to cater to the needs of students across various departments. He also stressed the importance of digitization of records and asked the concerned departments to complete the task within the stipulated timeframe.

In line with the Government of India's vision of community engagement, the Registrar urged teaching departments to adopt nearby villages for outreach activities, thereby strengthening the University's role in inclusive and sustainable development.

Abhishek Sharma reaffirmed the University's commitment to provide quality education, improving infrastructure, and fostering holistic growth of students while aligning with the vision of NEP-2020

Advisor to CM meets public delegations, assures timely redress of issues

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SRINAGAR: Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, held a series of meetings with various public delegations at the Rabita Office, Gupkar and listened to their issues and demands.

A delegation of employees of the Cooperative Department highlighted the issue of pay disparity with the executive staff.

The Advisor assured the delegation that their concerns will be examined sympathetically.

The JKAS aspirants called for permanent restoration of the open merit upper age limit to 37 years in line with other States and UTs. The Advisor assured that the matter will be taken up with the concerned authorities for due consideration.



Representatives from New Colony Summerbugh raised the issue of rehabilitation of 51 families and lack of basic facilities.

The Advisor assured that necessary steps will be initiated to address the genuine concerns of the residents.

A delegation of employees of JKERA sought strengthening of the agency as a nodal body for implementing externally aided projects in J&K.

The Advisor assured them that the government will examine measures to further empower the institutions involved

in developmental activities.

The Advisor also met a deputation of Dragon boat athletes led by Shafqat Watali. The delegation projected several issues related to water sports.

Later, a delegation of All Kashmir Wholesale Mutton Dealers Union led by its General Secretary, sought urgent intervention to stop extortion of livestock transit trucks in Punjab, which has been affecting the Kashmiri businessmen.

The Advisor assured that the issue will be taken up with the concerned authorities for immediate redressal.

While interacting with the deputations, the Advisor reiterated that the Government is committed to timely redressal of issues being faced by the people. He assured that every effort is being made to ensure responsive and accountable governance in the Union Territory.

DC Shopian inspects ongoing Rural Development works

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SHOPIAN: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta conducted an extensive inspection of various under construction Rural Development department (RDD) works being executed in Keller block.

During the inspection at Chowan, DC took stock of ongoing works including drainage systems, road networks and other soil protection and slope stability works being carried out under different schemes in the panchayat.

Gupta emphasised upon ACD Shopian to ensure that all works are expedited and completed within the stipulated timelines without compromising the quality and durability of works across the district.

He highlighted the significance of infrastructure development in rural areas and called upon all to submit to the highest standards of work ethics.

DC emphasized that the developmental works being executed are directly linked with public welfare and empowerment and hence require



strict monitoring and timely execution across 98 Panchayats of the district.

He also asked the concerned officers to ensure proper utilization of funds, maintain transparency at all levels and remove any bottlenecks hampering the progress of works.

DC was accompanied by ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; GM DIC, Shurjil Naikoo; ACD, Mushtaq Ahmad, DSEO, Tehsildar and BDO during the visit.

DC Srinagar reviews progress in implementation of PMAY-Urban 2.0

Emphasises officers to expedite verification process swiftly in line with scheme guidelines



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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Thursday chaired a meeting of Revenue and SMC officers here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office to review the progress and achievements made in implementation of Pradhan

Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-U.2.0) in the district.

At the outset, DC called the officers to ensure swift and transparent processing of cases for selection of beneficiaries under the scheme. He emphasized the need for maintaining transparency and accuracy in beneficiary selection to ensure all genuine applicants

are benefited under PMAY-U.2.0 in the district.

DC instructed the Revenue and SMC officers to expedite the verification process at their respective levels swiftly in line with scheme guidelines to meet the scheme objectives.

Earlier, the meeting was apprised that about 3000 applications have been received on Unified Web Portal of PMAY-U.2.0 in the district and are at different stages of processing.

The meeting was among others attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Rifat Aftab Qureshi; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Joint Commissioner SMC, Nuzhat Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, DSEO, LDM (Banks), all Tehsildars, SMC Ward officers, and officers from J&K Housing Board.

Dy CM, Advisor to CM present appointment letters to 8 youth under RAS



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SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards strengthening the public services and providing employment opportunities to the youth, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, along with Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani handed over eight appointment letters under Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (RAS- 2022) at Civil Secretariat

Srinagar here.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister congratulated the appointees and urged them to work with dedication and honesty. These appointment letters are not just job orders, but a responsibility towards the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "I am confident that the youth who have been appointed today will serve with sincerity and uphold

the values of accountability and public service," he said.

Advisor to Chief Minister echoed similar sentiments, highlighting the government's commitment towards expanding the employment avenues and ensuring fair recruitment. The administration under the leadership of the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is continuously working to empower the youth, he added.

The appointees, who received their letters from the dignitaries, expressed gratitude to the government for providing them an opportunity to contribute to society and assured that they would perform their duties diligently.

The ceremony concluded with words of encouragement from both dignitaries, who reiterated that the government is committed to accelerate the pace of recruitment drives in the Union Territory.

Youm-e-Souch Kral celebrated at Inder Pulwama

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PULWAMA: Souch Kral Trust Inder Pulwama, in joint collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and the District Information Office Pulwama, organised Youm-e-Souch Kral at Inder Pulwama to pay tribute to the life and contributions of the renowned and visionary Kashmiri poet and sufi saint Souch Kral. The event witnessed huge participation of devotees from different parts of the Valley, who gathered at Inder to pay obeisance to the revered saint and honour his enduring legacy. The event was also attended by the MLA Pulwama and other prominent citizens. The commemoration was marked by a Mehfil-e-Sama, where prominent artists melodiously recited the poetic verses of Souch Kral, highlighting his timeless message of peace, universal brotherhood and social harmony while also captivating the audience with their soulful renditions. Various speakers on the occasion highlighted the enduring relevance of Souch Kral's philosophy and poetry in contemporary society, stressing that his vision continues to inspire generations towards compassion, mutual respect, and collective well-being.

DLTFC approves 61 cases for financial help under JK-REGP in Kulgam

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KULGAM: A District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) meeting was held at mini-secretariat Kulgam under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, who is also the Chairman DLTFC.

A total of 93 cases were placed before the committee and 61 cases were approved by the committee for Project cost of Rs 4.50 crore involving margin money of 1.57 crore and providing employment opportunities to 366 educated unemployed youth.

JKREGP scheme is being implemented by Jammu & Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (J&K KVIB) to harness and divert the potential and enthusiasm of youth for establishment of productive enterprise



in the micro industrial sector and to create employment opportunities for others.

The bank representatives were directed by the chair to take the credit decision within 28 days from the receipt of DLTFC recommended applications from the KVIB Kulgam, also no security will be insisted upon by the bank up to Rs 10 lacs except in agriculture & allied, security will be insisted by the bank beyond the project cost of Rs. 5 lacs.

Secretary RDD reviews MGNREGA, calls for strict compliance with MoRD advisories



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SRINAGAR: Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (RDD&PR), Mohammad Aijaz Asad, chaired a meeting to review implementation of MGNREGA in the region.

He emphasised the need for strict adherence to the advisories issued by the Union Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and firming up of the reply to Audit paras.

The meeting was attended by DG Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra; Directors RDD Kashmir and Jammu, Shabir Hussain Bhat and Shehnaz Akhtar; Director Finance, Umar Khan; Additional Secretary RD&PR, Waseem Raja; Superintending Engineers REW; Assistant Commissioners Development (ACDs); Assistant Commissioners Panchayat (ACPs); Executive Engineers REW and Director, Social Audit Unit MGNREGA among others.

The Secretary underscored the need to streamline the financial processes, strengthen record-keeping and make rural employment delivery more transparent and

efficient. He described the Audit observations as opportunities to plug gaps and improve systems under MGNREGA.

He directed the officers to ensure meticulous maintenance of muster rolls, measurement books and other essential records at the Panchayat level, making accountability and transparency a central focus. He asked the districts to revamp monitoring and grievance redressal mechanisms so that monitoring becomes "active and meaningful rather than a mere formality."

Regarding land development works, the Secretary said that most districts had submitted NIL reports without credible field verification. He stressed evidence-based verification in line with MoRD advisories and assured that the national checklist for field committees would be circulated for guidance.

Reviewing the use of NMMS (National Mobile Monitoring Software), the Secretary praised its role in ensuring transparency and accountability.

Taking up Amrit Sarovar sites, he described the mission as critical for sustainable water conservation in J&K. He directed the field verification with geo-tagged photographs and assured revival of water bodies to their intended use.

About financial discipline, the Secretary reviewed the outstanding audit paras and pending AC/DC bills since 2020-21, calling for coordinated efforts with the Finance Department to clear backlogs within fixed timelines.

Regarding sanitation, the meeting reviewed district-wise SBM (Swachh Bharat Mission) 2025-26 targets, including construction of 30,000 IHHL units, compost pits, and soak pits.

The Secretary termed these "vital for building a healthier and cleaner rural ecosystem" and sought accelerated implementation.

Additional Secretary Waseem Raja gave a presentation on urgent MGNREGA indicators and the roadmap for PAN-India roll-out of Yuktdhara, a planning and monitoring platform. He also briefed about the Geofencing and Geotagging Application, which will enable accurate mapping, real-time monitoring and transparency in asset creation.

DC Baramulla stresses strict enforcement of COTPA-2003 & NTCP

Calls for tobacco-free educational institutions



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BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla Minga Sherpa chaired a meeting of the District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) regarding the implementation of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA-2003) and National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) at DC Office Baramulla.

At the outset, DC highlighted the growing public health concerns associated with tobacco consumption and reiterated the government's resolve to strictly enforce COTPA-2003 and NTCP guidelines in the district. He underscored that collective efforts and inter-departmental coordination are essential to curb tobacco use and protect people, particularly the younger generation, from its harmful effects.

During deliberations, DC directed all concerned departments to intensify challan drives against violators of tobacco control laws in a sustained and coordinated manner.

He also emphasized the need to launch a mega Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign across Baramulla to raise awareness among the masses about the health hazards

of tobacco use and to encourage behavioral change in society.

Stressing the importance of safeguarding students from exposure to tobacco, DC issued specific instructions to the Chief Education Officer to ensure that all educational institutions in the district are declared 100 percent Tobacco-Free Zones in line with national guidelines. He directed school authorities to undertake awareness programmes, display mandatory signage, and strengthen vigilance to prevent the sale or use of tobacco products in and around campuses.

In his concluding remarks, DC urged all departments and stakeholders to work in close coordination and take proactive steps to eliminate tobacco use from public spaces. He said that sustained enforcement coupled with community awareness would pave the way for a healthier future and make Baramulla a role model district in tobacco control.

The meeting witnessed the participation of senior officers from Police, Health, Education, Municipal Council, Sales Tax, Food Safety, and representatives from non-governmental organizations.

DC Ganderbal reviews functioning of Social Welfare department, ICDS

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GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the District Social Welfare department and ICDS at the VC Room of the DC office, Ganderbal.

During the meeting, DC took a detailed assessment of various welfare schemes being implemented in the district. He sought feedback on the progress,

coverage, and effectiveness of these schemes to ensure that their benefits are delivered to

the intended beneficiaries.

He laid special emphasis on the effective implementation of all social welfare initiatives, with particular focus on achieving saturation in pension coverage across all eligible categories including old-age, widow, and disability pensions.

DC also reviewed the functioning of the Old Age Home in the district and stressed the need to provide improved facilities and proper care to the elderly residents.

In addition, DC also took a detailed appraisal of various services being provided under

ICDS, including Supplementary Nutrition Programme, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Immunization, and pre-school education to children in the age group of 0 to 6-years.

DC directed the Program Officer ICDS to ensure quality services under the programme focusing on targeted beneficiaries.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Programme Officer ICDS, District Social Welfare Officer and other concerned officials.



Editorial

From Streets to Stadiums

There is deep and rich symbolism in the sound of cheers rising from a stadium. It is the sound of hope, of competition, and of a shared passion that transcends differences. This is the sound that LG Manoj Sinha is wagering on, a sound that he hopes is now defining a new generation in Jammu and Kashmir UT. Addressing the inauguration of the Khelo India Water Sports Festival on the scenic banks of Dal Lake, the LG made an emotional appeal to the sportsmen and sports-women present from all over the country. He called upon them to become "brand ambassadors" not for a product, but for a transformative change. His message was straightforward, the narrative around Jammu and Kashmir is being rewritten, and its youth are leading the charge.

For decades, the public discourse was dominated by reports of unrest. The lexicon included terms like 'bandh' and 'hartal' words that spoke of shutdowns and strife. The calendar of the average Kashmiri youth was once dictated by these cycles of disruption. Today, that calendar has been replaced by the Khelo India schedule, a timetable of tournaments, training, and triumph. This is more than just a shift in terminology, it is a shift in reality. The sight of Dal Lake, once solely a tourist marvel, now bustling with the vibrant energy of young kayakers, rowers, and swimmers, is a testament to this change. The recent successful hosting of international events like the Legends League cricket in Srinagar further cements this new identity as a land of sporting potential and hospitality.

New infrastructure, a dedicated focus on niche sports like water and winter sports, and a channeling of youthful energy into constructive outlets have begun to create a new ecosystem. Of course, it is crucial to view this with a balanced perspective. However, to dismiss this sporting revolution as mere symbolism would be a mistake. It represents something fundamental, hope. It provides a platform, a purpose, and a dream for thousands of young boys and girls. When a young person picks up a oar or a football, they are not just training for a game, they are investing in a future filled with possibility. They are choosing the roar of the stadium over the noise of the streets.

The true brand ambassadors of this new Jammu and Kashmir will indeed be its youth. Their achievements, their discipline, and their passion will tell a story more compelling than any political speech ever could. It is the story of resilience, of a community playing its way back to normalcy, one goal, one race, one victory at a time. As the waters of Dal Lake ripple with the energy of competition this week, they carry a new reflection of Kashmir, one of youthful ambition and a peaceful, powerful spirit. That is a story worth telling.

Breaking Joint Families And Disintegrating Society



PROF. MAHESH CHAND GUPTA

The soul of our society resides in the family. The biggest strength of the society has been the joint family system. Living together of three generations, taking care of the elderly, inculcating values in children

the care of elders. If someone was weak in studies, uncles would help him, if someone fell ill, aunts would immediately come forward to serve him. This cooperation was not limited to the family only but also got embedded in the thinking of children. They would learn to take everyone along and these values would strengthen the society.

The big question is why did our joint families gradually disintegrate? There are many reasons behind this. The biggest reason is consumerist culture. The market wants every family to be divided into small

them and patience would be developed among brothers and sisters through cooperation and sacrifice. Elders were given respect and protection. Children used to learn values not only from their parents but from the entire family. Responsibility towards the environment, respect for elders, the feeling of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' were the gifts of the joint family.

Can anyone deny that India's great life values like service, sacrifice, tolerance were born in joint families. This is the reason why we survived for thousands of years

We ourselves have to decide what kind of India we want to hand over to the next generation? The big question is also how do we move forward? First of all, we have to consider joint family as our cultural property and not a burden. We have to understand that modernity does not mean breaking away from tradition. Real modernity is that in which there is a balance between tradition and progress. Uniting families, giving respect to elders and giving values to children, this is the path by which we can make our society strong again. We have to think



and acceptance among the family was the axis on which our culture and society rested but unfortunately today this strong foundation is crumbling. Joint families are breaking down rapidly and are being replaced by small, nuclear families. As a result, relationships are getting weaker, the elderly are forced to struggle with loneliness and the new generation is getting away from values.

We have always said with pride that our biggest asset is our family. And the family did not only consist of parents and children but also of grandparents, uncles, aunts, and the entire clan of brothers and sisters, which was called a joint family. This system kept us going even in the most difficult times. Today all this is changing.

People of my generation who have seen seventy springs of life have seen and lived the golden era of joint families. That was the time when we used to listen to stories while sitting on grandmother's lap. Stories of Ramayana and Mahabharata, stories of Panchtantra became our sanskaar in childhood. But now they have been replaced by mobile screens. Children are growing up in the virtual world of cartoons and games, away from the experiences of real life.

In joint families, children grew up under

pieces so that a separate TV, separate fridge, separate car can be sold for every house. When a family is divided into four parts, consumption increases four times. This is the strategy of the market.

The second reason is blind imitation of western culture. Media and films have created the image that joint families are the root of quarrels and small families are the symbol of modernity. The youth started feeling that there is no freedom in joint families, but a burden. Slowly, this notion has taken root in the society.

The third reason is the changing lifestyle. In cities, the pressure of jobs, the race for career and the thought of so-called freedom have also pushed the family backwards. Now the young generation has become limited to 'me and my family'. The fourth reason is the unnecessary interference of many people in the in-laws' house of their daughters. Due to this, the peace there is disturbed. Sons and daughters-in-law get separated. This is also becoming a big reason for the disintegration of joint families.

But think, how much have we lost in the meantime? Joint family was not just a structure to live in but it was a school of living. Grandparents would teach values to children through stories, parents would discipline

despite attacks, crises and changes.

On the contrary, the picture of today's small family is different. Children struggle with loneliness. When parents are busy in jobs, mobile and internet become the support of children. Elders are either neglected or are being pushed into old age homes. Closeness in relationships has decreased and selfishness is increasing. Institutions like marriage are weakening. Options like live-in relationships are increasing. Instability is replacing stability in relationships. The result is that mental stress, depression and insecurity are increasing rapidly in the society.

How sad it is that we talk about the unity of the nation but are unable to save the unity of our own family. The fabric of society has become loose due to the disintegration of joint families. There is no warmth in relationships, there are no values in children and there is no respect for elders. When families break, society also breaks and when society breaks, the unity of the nation also comes under threat.

It is a matter of happiness that organizations like Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh are trying to unite families through Kutumb Prabodhan Abhiyan, but this is not the work of any organization but of the entire society.

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that if families break, society will also disintegrate and if families are strong, the country will also be strong.

The breakdown of joint families is not just a social change but the erosion of Indianness. It would be the biggest crime to leave the coming generations to loneliness and consumerism. The disintegration of the family is the first step towards the disintegration of society and the nation. The need is to revive the feeling of belongingness and collectivism that made India the oldest and strongest stream of civilization. Remember - if the family is united, the country will also be united.

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Pani Puri Mania

A Street Food That's Gone Viral Among Women



Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Pani puri is one of the most popular street foods available all over India. In north India, Pani Puri is called gol gappe, gup chup, pani ke pataashe or phulkis. The signature element of this recipe is a spicy stuffing made out of a potato-chickpea mash and really tangy water, liberally infused with mint leaves. Pani Puri is not just any other street food for Indians; it's a cultural identity for many different states.

In Mumbai, it is predominantly the hot ragda (thick white peas curry) variety that you get with the tangy green and sweet tamarind chutney. What vada pav is to Maharashtra, gol gappe is probably to North India. Every street and corner is lined with gol gappe vendors in different parts of North India. It is basically a Puri that is broken in the center and then dipped into a mixture of ragda, potato, spicy and sweet water. It is enjoyed with sev, and the sweet chutney is mostly left out while onions are incorporated. The flavored water is usually heavy on mint and green chillies. One of the major reasons to love pani puri is its tangy, spicy and at the same time sweet taste.

Pani puri in many ways is nearly almost the favorite street food across the country. The taste it produces arouses every taste bud in the mouth. In India, one can find a stall at a stone's throw distance and so the problem of supremely hungry people like us is solved by walking just few steps to the stall.

We have all seen groups of women gathered around a Pani Puri seller enjoying the sweet and spicy treat. Paani Puri not only serves hunger issues but also helps you balance your emotions. Pani puri continues to bring a smile on millions of faces. And it acts as a perfect appetizer before a meal.

Most of the time, the pani puri wala is very sweet that they make alterations to your dish as you want (like bhaiyya thoda zyada teekha

Eating Pani Puri is healthy if it is made at home or eaten at a healthy place. Eating pani puries on the roadside is as horrible as their

do all sorts of unhygienic things and serve Pani Puri with bare hands. He would always wipe his hands on the same cloth after everything that



daalna, bhaiyya without pyaaz...etc). Another reason for loving pani puri is the pani puri wala himself. In this busy world, he listens to you and makes you those breathtaking pani puris as well. This is one of the signs that you love pani puri.

Firstly, street foods lack hygienic preparation. Also, if there are open drains around the food stalls, it could be dangerous. An innocent dish as it may sound, this is also considered one of the most unhygienic things to eat. Forget about the calorie and the saturated fat involved in the cooking and eating process, our concern is even deeper.

roadside counterparts is a really bad idea. We are always fond of road side foods, no matter what it is. We never know that the water that's being used is hygienic or not and if the hands are as clean as expected to be or not. It is often seen that street vendors often add unclean water due to non availability of clean water and are not aware of how to prepare food hygienically. Most of the Pani Puri vendors do not have a permanent set up for serving dishes. They use whatever is available at that particular point of time. Pani Puri is not exactly a restaurant dish. It is mostly sold by street vendors, and people have never seen them washing their hands. They

he did. It is also reported that they sell in unhygienic environment, also they make the puri in bulk in ground in a congested room on a floor where 20 guys stay together in shared rooms. Pani puri is not healthy because puries are deep fried, contains potato and tamarind chutney, but if eaten in limit, it does not cause any harm and its yummy to taste. The hygienic lies in which place you are eating. If you eat this in a hygienic condition, then there is no problem.

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Sakeena Itoo reviews developmental scenario of Hazratbal Constituency

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Calls for effective, optimal utilisation of Public infrastructure

SRINAGAR: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and

During the meeting, the Minister stressed upon the officers for effective and optimal utilisation of public infrastructure to address the genuine needs and issues of the general public. She directed the concerned departments to adopt a result-oriented approach, prioritising timely completion of projects and optimum service delivery.

in all schools of the constituency from Primary level upto the Higher secondary level. She also directed the officers for timely renovation of dilapidated buildings so as to make them fit for class work and other required objectives.

Taking stock of health sector in the Constituency, the Minister called upon the officers to ensure that existing facilities

ing the construction of additional block of SDH Habbak.

Reviewing the functioning of other health institutions in the Constituency like UPHC Tailbal, PHC Burzahama, Fakir Gujri Hospital, UPHC Nishat, PHC Brien, UPHC Harwan, NTPHC Theed and others, the Minister directed the officers to establish necessary facilities like digital X-Ray, advanced diagnostic equipments and other advanced medical care facilities at these health institutions for the public good.

She also asked the concerned officers of health department to submit necessary requirements for upgradation in health facilities of Hazratbal Constituency on timely basis so that required funds can be made available.

Reaffirming the commitment of Omar Abdullah led government towards inclusive growth, the Minister called upon officers and stakeholders to work in synergy so that the constituency emerges as a model of balanced development.

"Our focus must remain people's welfare. Development should not only be about creating assets but ensuring that these assets truly serve the community," she stated.

The Minister further instructed the officers to identify gaps in infrastructure use, remove bottlenecks and create awareness so that the community reaps maximum benefits from government investments.



Education, Sakeena Itoo chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the developmental scenario of Hazratbal constituency.

The meeting was attended by MLA Hazratbal, Salman Ali Sagar; Secretary School Education, Ram Niwas Sharma; Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; Director School Education Kashmir, Director Health Services Kashmir, CMO Srinagar, CEO Srinagar and other concerned officers.

"Public infrastructure is created to ease the lives of people, but unless it is maintained and used effectively, it fails to serve its purpose," she asserted. The Minister urged upon the officers to streamline service delivery and ensure that projects already completed or under progress yield tangible benefits for the common citizen.

While reviewing educational scenario of the constituency, the Minister directed the school education department to ensure that basic amenities are established

and newly created infrastructure are effectively utilised for the benefit of the people. She also underscored the significance of Hazratbal constituency as a seat of learning and spirituality, noting that sustained developmental efforts must complement its cultural and educational legacy.

The Minister further directed the officers of health department for effective utilisation of Mini Maternity Hospital Zakura. She also stressed upon the health department to address the issues hinder-

Khelo India Water Sports Festival kicks off at Dal Lake with cultural celebrations

SRINAGAR: The first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF)

Damabel dance, Kashmiri Pandit community dance, as well as Gojri and

feels great to see culture and young talent showcased together. "The lake,



began at Dal Lake, Srinagar, with over 800 athletes and officials from across India participating in kayaking, rowing, canoeing, dragon boat racing, and other water sports. Before the formal proceedings, the festival opened with a colourful dance procession showcasing Kashmir's rich cultural heritage.

According to details obtained by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), performances included Kashmiri Rouf, Baand Pather,

Dogri dances, captivating the audience and officials with vibrant costumes and rhythmic moves.

"This is amazing! The combination of sports and our traditional dances is a treat to watch," said Ayesha Malik, a visitor from Srinagar.

She added that the energy of the dancers and the athletes is inspiring. "It is a great way to experience the spirit of Kashmir."

Nazir Ahmad from Nishat said it

the dances, and the sports—it is all so lively. The youth here are making us proud," he said.

As the festival moved into competitions, athletes from Delhi, Odisha, Chandigarh, Andaman, and other regions took to Dal Lake's calm waters.

Alongside kayaking and rowing, events like water skiing and shikara racing added extra thrill to the festival, highlighting Kashmir's potential as a hub for water sports—(KNO)

DC reviews developmental works & beautification of Kupwara town

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KUPWARA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Shrikant Balasahab Suse convened a meeting of concerned officers at the meeting hall of D.C Office here to review the developmental works and beautification initiatives in Kupwara town.

The meeting aimed to take stock of the progress on key infrastructure and civic projects, with a special focus on improving urban aesthetics, enhancing public facilities, and ensuring time-bound completion of various works under execution.

During the meeting, DC emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination to achieve tangible outcomes on the ground. He directed all departments to adhere to timelines and maintain quality standards in all developmental activities.

Suse highlighted the significance of maintaining cleanliness and implementing sustainable beautification measures to uplift the overall image of Kupwara town.

He directed the MC to conduct special cleanliness drives in collaboration with all stakeholders including district administration, Education department, traders, transporters and street vendors to spread awareness about



keeping the town clean and green, besides, imposing fines on the offenders for littering the town.

On the occasion, DC took a detailed review of all the ongoing developmental works of Kupwara town and impressed upon the officers to gear up the pace of work and ensure completion of all the projects within the stipulated time frame.

The works reviewed pertained to construction of footpaths, development of town hall building, construction of footbridges at Darzipora and Malik Mohallah, fencing of shelter home and marriage hall, illumination works and beautification measures for the town.

CPO Kupwara, Executive Officer MC Kupwara, Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara, AE R&B and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

DC Srinagar convenes district NCORD meeting

Calls for intensifying enforcement measures, sustained IEC activities & effective rehabilitation of victims

SRINAGAR: In order to review and strengthen ongoing measures to combat drug abuse, its trafficking and ensure effective rehabilitation of drug victims in the district, a meeting of District Level Committee on Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) was today held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo here at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Sandeep Chakravarty was also present in the meeting.

At the outset, the meeting deliberated on key issues, including strengthening enforcement measures against drug peddlers and its trafficking, crackdown on identified hotspots of drug addiction, intensified anti-drug awareness campaigns,

and enhanced treatment and rehabilitation facilities for people affected by substance abuse.

DC took a firsthand appraisal from officers of all line departments and other stakeholders regarding the progress achieved in ongoing fight against the drug menace in order to curb it and tighten the noose against drug peddlers.

On the occasion, DC emphasized for intensifying sustained IEC campaigns across the district to sensitize masses particularly youth about detrimental and harmful effects of drug abuse. He also laid stress on strengthening Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs) at SMHS, SKIMS Bemina and other rehabilitation centres to ensure better treatment facilities and proper rehabilitation of drug victims.

He stressed on intensifying deterrence measures and effective rehabilitation of victims of substance abuse.



He also laid emphasis on strengthening surveillance and intelligence-sharing mechanisms to crack down on drug supply networks. The other stakeholders were also instructed to intensify the anti-drug campaign to make Srinagar a drug free district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed; Superintendent of Police, Umar Shah; SDM East, SDM West, District Social Welfare Officer and officers of Excise, Drug Control Organization, Heads of ATFs at SMHS, SKIMS Bemina and other concerned.

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DC Baramulla chairs meeting on revenue related matters

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BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of revenue officers to review key revenue-related matters including land acquisition, completion of digitization of land records, redressal of public grievances, market regulation, and measures against illegal mining.

DC stressed on the early completion of digitization of land records to ensure accuracy, transparency, and easy accessibility of services to the public. He said that completion of this exercise will help in minimizing disputes, streamlining revenue services, and enhancing efficiency in grievance redressal.

On land acquisition, DC directed officers to speed up the process for ongoing developmental projects and ensure fair compensation to affected families without delays.

He also asked revenue officers, in their capacity as Executive Magistrates, to conduct frequent market checking drives, with special focus on food items, to prevent profiteering, overpricing, and adulteration.

With regard to illegal mining, DC directed for intensified inspections and stern action against violators to safeguard natural resources and public interest.

Reiterating the administration's commitment, DC said that completion of digitization of land records, timely disposal of grievances, strict enforcement on markets and mining, and transparent land management remain top priorities for ensuring accountable and people-centric governance in the district.



JKEDI boot camp campaign reaches GPC Baramulla, GDC Kulgam; 20 innovative ideas shortlisted

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute's (JKEDI) Boot Camp campaign under J&K Startup Idea Challenge on Thursday reached the Government Polytechnic College (GPC), Baramulla and Government Degree College (GDC) Kulgam.



At Baramulla, the boot camp under the J&K Startup Idea Challenge was held at Centre for Innovation, Innovation, Incubation & Training (CIIT) of GPC Baramulla, and was conducted by a three-member team from JKEDI. The boot camp witnessed participation of around 100 students and aspiring entrepreneurs, showcasing their enthusiasm for exploring entrepreneurship as a viable career choice. Out of these students, 37 participants pitched their startup ideas before the panel of experts designated from the college, executives from J&K Bank and officers/officials of JKEDI.

After a rigorous evaluation process, 13 innovative ideas were shortlisted for the next round. The panel appreciated their creativity and provided constructive feedback.

The session concluded with an interactive exchange of ideas, where students received encouragement and insights from the panel.

At Kulgam, the boot camp under the J&K Startup Idea Challenge was held at Government

Degree College, Kulgam, and conducted by a three-member team.

The boot camp saw participation of 120 students and aspiring entrepreneurs. Out of these, 15 participants pitched their ideas before the designated panel of experts from the college, Lead District Manager (LDM), J&K Bank and officers/officials of JKEDI. Out of these, seven ideas made it to the next round. The students and faculty members

expressed their desire to be a part of more such programmes to take advantage of the mentorship and handholding.

The shortlisted participants will undergo intensive mentoring and pitch training at JKEDI's Pampore and Bari Brahmana campuses before competing in a Grand Finale, where the best 20 ideas will be presented before a jury of industry experts, investors, and policymakers. The winners will receive prizes, incentives, and incubation support at JKEDI and partner incubators across J&K.

A total of 46 boot camps shall be held across the colleges and universities of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir under the J&K Startup Idea Challenge. In addition, two major workshops and two intensive boot camps will be organized at JKEDI's Pampore and Bari Brahmana campuses. These sessions will offer focused mentoring, pitch training, and business model refinement for the shortlisted participants.

Youth Voices

2019 the number of youngsters getting opportunity to play has gone up to 30-40 lakh per year, he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also urged the children and youth to take keen interest in water sports.

“We must set our sights on International Water Sports Games. Unless we aim high, we will never be able to reach the top. We can do much better in these games,” the Lieutenant Governor further said.

He observed that Water Sports Games help in building the national character by inculcating in us team spirit. They are also an occasion for promoting national integration. Your unity in your diversity is a symbol of the spirit of India. It is participation and sportsmanship, more than winning or losing, which will strengthen the bond between Sportspersons, he added.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the players and officials to become the ambassadors of new Jammu Kashmir.

“When you return home, tell your friends and family that the youth of Jammu Kashmir are now actively engaged in sports, participating in a wide range of activities just like their counterparts across India.

The schools and colleges here are now open year-round, and the playgrounds are alive with the energy of the youth. Now calendars are published in J&K for Khelo India and other national-international games and not for strikes and shutdowns. The voices of the youth are now heard in stadiums, not in the streets,” he said.

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports declared the Khelo India Water Sports Festival open through video message.

The three-day event features competitive sports events in rowing, canoeing, and kayaking. The festival is also showcasing demonstration events such as water skiing, dragon boat racing, and a shikara race.

Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Ms Raksha Nikhil Khadse; Chief Minister, Shri Omar Abdullah; Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, IT, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Trainings, Shri Satish Sharma; Commissioner Secretary, Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Sarmad Hafeez; IGP Kashmir, Shri VK Birdi; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Shri Akshay Labroo; Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Ms Nuzhat Gul; senior officials of Police & civil administration, Sports Authority of India, J&K Sports Council, prominent sports personalities, sports lovers, and people from different walks of life attended the opening ceremony. (DIPR)

J&K Orders

or chicken without proper and complete labelling is prohibited, and strict legal action will follow against violators.

According to the FDA, there are clear definitions of fresh, chilled and frozen meat. Fresh meat refers to meat that has not been treated in any way for preservation and is sold soon after slaughter.

Chilled meat means fresh meat kept at a temperature between zero degrees Celsius and 4 degrees Celsius to extend short-term shelf life, permissible only for two to four days before consumption.

Frozen meat, on the other hand, must be stored and transported at minus18 degrees Celsius or lower, and such products should be consumed within 12 months from the date of freezing.

Establishments have also been directed to install calibrated temperature monitoring devices and maintain accurate records, both physical and digital, for inspection.

The FDA has further clarified that under the Packaging and Labeling Regulations, 2020, every packet of frozen meat and chicken must carry the name of the product, a complete list of ingredients, declaration of non-vegetarian status with symbol, net quantity, batch or lot number, date of manufacture or packing, expiry or use-by date, storage conditions, the name and address of the manufacturer/packer or importer, along with the FSSAI license number and logo.

For products sold through e-commerce platforms, the regulations make it mandatory that at the time of delivery, at least 30 per cent of the total shelf life should be available or a minimum of 45 days before expiry, whichever is earlier.

All mandatory information about the product must be displayed online for consumers before purchase, while packaging material has to be of food-grade quality, safe and non-toxic to avoid contamination.

If a product is labelled as Halal certified, which is voluntary, it must still meet all FSSAI safety, hygiene and labelling requirements.

The administration has warned of strict enforcement action under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, against violators.

Penalties include seizure of non-compliant stock, fines up to Rs 5 lakh for sub-standard products, up to Rs 3 lakh for misbranded products or missing label declarations, up to Rs 2 lakh for operating without FSSAI registration and up to Rs 10 lakh for operating without a license.

Offences involving unsafe food carry imprisonment up to six years, along with a fine of up to Rs 5 lakh.

The Commissioner has directed all food business operators to immediately review and upgrade their operations, ensure all records are updated and remove or delist any non-compliant products from their outlets and online platforms.

The order cautioned that failure to comply with the guidelines would result in swift legal action without any further notice.

The J&K and Ladakh High Court, acting on a PIL, on Tuesday asked the government to file its response on the rotten meat scandal within four days. (PTI)

Khelo India

tial among young athletes.

“It felt very good because, for the first time, talent is being identified through ‘Khelo India’ at the university level. The children are also very excited and many talented individuals are emerging. So, I believe this is a positive initiative by Khelo India,” Khadse said .

She added that the upcoming Khelo India water sports event will provide a platform for children of J&K to excel in sports.

“This is a very important event. The Indian Government’s team and our Sports Ministry’s team are making full efforts to elevate the children to the national level through sports,” Khadse said.

Notably, the camp reflects the central government’s commitment to nurturing young talent in Jammu and Kashmir and providing them avenues to showcase their skills on larger platforms—(KNO)

CM Omar

discouraging habitation along flood-prone nallahs and creation of preventive mechanisms.

On the ongoing rescue operations, the Chief Minister noted: “Unfortunately, with 33 people still missing, it is safe to presume we may not find any of them alive. Our priority now is to retrieve

VC JDA Gets Addl Charge Of Director Information J&K

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has assigned to Vice-Chairman, Jammu Development Authority (JDA), Rupesh Kumar, the additional responsibility of the Director Information, Jammu and Kashmir.

“In the interest of administration, it is hereby ordered that Rupesh Kumar, the 2019 batch AGMUT Cadre IAS officer, currently Vice-Chairman, Jammu Development Authority, shall hold the charge of the post of Director Information, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till Nitish Rajora, the 2021 batch AGMUT Cadre

dead bodies to hand them over to their families. Equally important is to rehabilitate those whose homes and livelihoods have been devastated.”

He assured all possible government support in reconstruction of damaged homes, restoration of agricultural land, and provision of essential services.

He directed the concerned departments to work out temporary arrangements, including deployment of generators, to ensure electricity supply in affected areas until road connectivity is fully restored.

Earlier, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar briefed the CM on the relief & rehab activities detailed while DCs gave detailed presentation on the situation in both districts. Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar informed that 65 people have lost their lives so far, of which 62 bodies have been identified and handed over to families, while 33 persons remain missing. He said 66 persons were rescued alive, while temporary shelters, food, medicines and health facilities are being provided. He further reported that Army, Police, NDRF, SDRF, and civil administration are jointly engaged in rescue and relief operations with heavy machinery deployed on the ground.

Deputy Commissioner Kathua informed the meeting that seven persons lost their lives and 13 sustained injuries, with around five areas severely affected. Immediate relief was distributed to the victims, NGOs were roped in, and temporary shelters established. He said that road connectivity, which has been badly disrupted, may take about a week to restore, while efforts are underway to resume electricity, water supply, mobile services and other essentials. He added that both private and public infrastructure has suffered significant damage.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary PDD, Commissioner Secretary Food & Civil Supplies, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Deputy Commissioners of Kathua and Kishtwar, besides other senior officers who joined in person and virtually.

The Chief Minister directed all concerned to intensify relief efforts on war footing while simultaneously preparing a medium- and long-term disaster mitigation plan for Jammu and Kashmir’s vulnerable areas. (DIPR)

Multi-agency

sites, the officials said.

A team comprising NDRF, SDRF, and police personnel is conducting a search operation along the entire 22-km stretch of the stream from Chisoti to Gulabgarh, following the recovery of two bodies downstream over the past two days, the official said.

Specialised heavy-duty trucks have been deployed in the Chisoti to assist in rescue operations. Authorities are using such vehicles to ensure swift evacuation and provide relief in the affected areas, they said.

The rescue teams from the 13th Battalion of NDRF are actively carrying out search operations along the river-nallah bed, working tirelessly to locate and retrieve missing persons.

They are also removing large boulders and debris to ensure a thorough and safe search. Heavy machinery, including earthmovers and sniffer dogs, are being used to sift through the debris, they said.

The officials said while the death toll stands at 65, some body parts of the missing people have been recovered, and the DNA identification process has begun.

Senior IAS and IPS officials, deputed on the directions of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, are supervising the operation on the ground.

The flash floods triggered by the cloudburst left a trail of destruction, flattening a makeshift market and a langar site for the annual Machail Mata yatra, damaging 16 houses and government buildings, three temples, four water mills, a 30-metre-long bridge, besides over a dozen vehicles.

Army engineers on Sunday built a Bailey bridge over the Chisoti nullah, restoring much-needed connectivity to the village and the Machail Mata shrine.

The Army has also inducted a couple of all-terrain vehicles as part of efforts to intensify the rescue and relief operation.

The rescuers also carried out over half a dozen controlled explosions to blow up giant boulders hampering the search.

The annual Machail Mata yatra, which began on July 25 and was scheduled to conclude on September 5, remained suspended for the seventh consecutive day on Wednesday.

However, authorities will allow a group of



IAS officer resumes his duties,” read an order issued by the General Administration Department. Travel guides for Jammu

devotees carrying the “Charri” from Jammu, who are expected to reach the shrine on August 21 or 22. The 8.5-km trek to the 9,500-foot-high shrine starts from Chisoti, located about 90 km from Kishtwar town. (PTI)

J&K power

informed that the matter regarding the outstanding payment of Jammu and Kashmir has already been taken up at the highest level of the Government and is currently under process and the dues will be cleared shortly. “Forum requested UP and J&K to clear their pending dues at the earliest.”

The official documents further reveal that NRLDC representative apprised the forum that NRLDC is operating and maintaining the ‘Northern Region Pool Account’ for deviation charges, Reactive Energy Charges and Congestion Charges in accordance with provisions under various CERC Regulations.

“As per Regulations, the payment to the statutory pool account has high priority and the concerned utilities are required to pay the indicated amounts within 10 days of the issue of the weekly energy account by the NRPC secretariat,” it reads.

The document in this regard states that the payment of deviation charges and Reactive energy charges of J&K is long pending. “Last payment received from JKPCIL in the pool account was on 09.02.2024.”

Among the total outstanding dues of J&K includes DSM charges of Rs 94.56 crores, Reactive Energy Charges of Rs 0.45 crores, Pool Deficit Charges (Legacy Dues) of Rs 45.37 crores, and Pool Deficit Charges on NLDC statement as on 13.01.25 is Rs 2.92 crores—(KNO)

CM Omar

water sports.

Emphasizing the value of sportsmanship, he said, “Not everyone may win today, but each participant will carry home the joy of competing, of being part of history, and of celebrating the true spirit of sports.”

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the festival would open new avenues for the youth of J&K and mark the beginning of many such events in the Valley. (DIPR)

Centre Deploys

more such areas, including some in the Kashmir valley, will be handed over to the paramilitary force, the sources said.

The Central government has been working on this new security blueprint for about two years following the “improvement” in the situation post the abrogation of Article 370 from the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019, they said.

The three CRPF battalions earmarked for the task have been augmented with those officials and jawans who have undertaken counter-terrorist and counter-insurgency operations with “distinction”. These units are also being provided with modern weapons, communication tools and armoured vehicles, the sources said.

The units will utilise the infrastructure and assets of the existing Army units, they said.

Security in the Jammu region and its forested areas have gained prominence over the past few years after a number of terrorist attacks and movement were reported from there.

About 485 km out of the 2,289 km long India-Pakistan International Border (IB) falls in Jammu region, apart from a small portion of the LoC. (PTI)

J&K Receives

and 2024-25, although accruals increased to Rs 128.67 crore annually, the fund release showed a moderate drop — Rs 206.67 crore in 2023-24 and Rs 128.67 crore so far in 2024-25.

The consistent flow of funds underlines the government’s commitment to boosting connectivity and infrastructure in J&K, despite administrative and logistical challenges, the Ministry said.

Under CRIF, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways primarily focuses on the development and maintenance of State roads, with the State Government responsible for project execution and monitoring, Gadkari said.

He said the Ministry releases funds based on utilisation certificates submitted by the UT government for earlier disbursements.

Additionally, the Ministry of Railways, which also receives CRIF allocations, has prioritised safety-related infrastructure such as Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs). Though specific numbers for J&K were not mentioned in the latest data, the national focus on replacing level crossings with ROBs/RUBs indicates likely ongoing or proposed works in the Union Territory as well. (KNO)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
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REW DIVISION PULWAMA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
e- NIT No. 54/2025-26 Dated 20-08-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on **Percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works: -

Call 1*

S. No.	Name of the Work	Block	Estimated /Adv. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of tender documents (In Rupees)	EMD (in %)	Class of Contractor	Time of completion	Major head
1.	RDDOC2526100420 (FENCING AROUND THE GRAVEYARD BATAGUNJ ARIPAL)	Aripal	2.22	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
2.	RDDOC2526100430-(C O DRAIN FROM L O RAHIM MIR TO L O WALI MOHD AT GADPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.98	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
3.	RDDOC2526100431-(C O PBUND ON ROAD FROM H O SHAHEEL AHMAD TO H O RAUKUMAR AND OTHERS AT GADPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.98	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
4.	RDDOC2526100432-(C O LANE FROM H O MOHD SHAMEEM MIR TO H O LATE HAJIOR SINGH AT GADPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.49	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
5.	RDDOC2526100433-(C O CREMATION SHED AT GADPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	2.33	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
6.	RDDOC2526100434-(C O DRAIN FROM L O BASHIR AH MIR TO L O HASSAN MIR AND OTHERS AT GADPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.44	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
7.	RDDOC2526100435-(DEV OF LANE FROM H O GH MOHUDDIN MIR TO LARI AT ZAMBAL GADPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.24	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
8.	RDDOC2526100436-(C O PROTECTION BLIND WITH FENCING NEAR EIDGAH AT NAI BASTI CHECK SATOORA PHASE II AT GULISTAN ARIPAL)	Aripal	2.87	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
9.	RDDOC2526100437-(C O FOOT STEPS NEAR JAMIA MASJID SHARIEF AT WANI MOHALLA PHASE II AT GULISTAN ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.05	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
10.	RDDOC2526100443-(DEVELOPMENT OF CULVERT WITH FOOTPATH NEAR L O MOHD SHABAN DAR AND OTHERS AT GULISTAN BLOCK ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.19	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
11.	RDDOC2526100444-(IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD FROM HOUSE OF FAROOQ AHMAD BHAT TO HOUSE OF SHAMEEM BHAT VIA HOUSE OF ABDULLAH DOR AT FARROY MOHALLA GULSHANPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.98	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
12.	RDDOC2526100445-(DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD TO HOUSE OF AB AZIZ MIR AT GULSHANPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	2.00	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
13.	RDDOC2526100446-(IMPROVEMET OF LANE AT MIR MOHALLA PH. II AT GULSHANPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.98	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
14.	RDDOC2526100447-(DEVELOPMENT OF CULVERT NEAR GURDWARA AND KUMAR MASJID AT MIR MOHALLA GULSHANPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.49	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
15.	RDDOC2526100448-(FENCING AROUND GURDWARA BALA AT GULSHANPORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.00	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
16.	RDDOC2526100457-(FENCING AROUND GRAVEYARD WANI MOHALLA AT GUTROO ARIPAL)	Aripal	0.99	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
17.	RDDOC2526100462-(FENCING AROUND GRAVEYARD NEAR HOUSE OF AB GANI GOJER AT BNAQDAR BALLA GUTROO ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.24	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
18.	RDDOC2526100463-(FENCING AROUND DIFFERENT GRAVEYARDS AT BANGIDAR PAYEEN GUTROO ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.98	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
19.	RDDOC2526100484-(CONSTT. OF CONCRETE WALL WITH FENCING FROM MASJID GRAVEYARD NEAR JAMIA MASJID SHARIEF AT LURROW)	Aripal	2.28	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
20.	RDDOC2526100485-(DEVELOPMENT OF LANE FROM MAIN ROAD NEAR SHOP OF SHABIR AHMAD BHAT TO HO GULZAK AHMAD MUDGARI MOHALLA LURROW)	Aripal	1.07	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
21.	RDDOC2526100486-(CONSTT. OF 2 NO. LANES FROM MAIN ROAD TO HO GH MOHDIN BHAT I FROM MAIN ROAD TO HO AB RASHID KHAN AT LURROW)	Aripal	1.00	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
22.	RDDOC2526100487-(CONSTT. OF CONCRETE BLIND WITH FENCING FROM MASJID SHARIEF AROUND AKSTAN SHARIEF AT LURROW)	Aripal	0.99	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
23.	RDDOC2526100488-(DEVELOPMENT OF LANE FROM LINK ROAD TO HO GH QADIR WANI AD SO AB AHAD BHAT AT BON MOHALLA LURROW)	Aripal	0.99	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
24.	RDDOC2526100490-(CONSTT. OF 2 NO. LANES WITH DRAIN I FROM MAIN ROAD TO HO AB NAEED BHAT SO ALI MOHD I FROM MAIN ROAD TO HO GH HASSAN BHAT AT LURROW)	Aripal	0.99	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
25.	RDDOC2526100491-(CONSTT OF DRAIN FROM LINK ROAD TO GH. RASOOL NAJAR AT BON MOHALLA AT LURROW)	Aripal	0.99	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
26.	RDDOC2526100492-(CONSTT. OF EDGE WALL ON HANDOORA LINK ROAD NEAR LO ALI MOHD KHAN AND KAWKULL IN BETWEEN HO AKRAM BHAT AND HO AB GANI KHAN)	Aripal	1.68	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
27.	RDDOC2526100493-(DEVELOPMENT OF LANE FROM HO GH MOHD KHAN TO ONWARDS FROM HO YACQOB KHAN TO ONWARDS AND FROM HO AB AHAD KHAN TO ONWARDS AT HANDOORA)	Aripal	0.99	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
28.	RDDOC2526100494-(CONSTT. OF DRAIN FROM LO AFZAL KHAN TO HO SALEEM KHAN AND FROM LO MUSHTAQ AHMAD KHAN TO ONWARDS AT HANDOORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	0.99	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
29.	RDDOC2526100516-(CONSTT OF 2 NO. LANES WITH EDGE WALL FROM HO FAYAZ MALIK TO HO NAZIR AHMAD MALIK AND FROM SHOP OF GH MOHD MALIK TO GH NABI MALIK AT PANZOO ARIPAL)	Aripal	2.48	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
30.	RDDOC2526100517-(CONSTT OF PROTECTION BLIND NEAR SHAH HAMDAN MASJID AND NEAR MARGI MASJID AT SHOEN PANZOO ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.98	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
31.	RDDOC2526100519-(CONSTT OF LANE FROM MAIN ROAD NEAR HO NOOR U DIN TO ONWARDS AND EDGE WALL NEAR DARGAH TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AT NADAR PANZOO ARIPAL)	Aripal	2.28	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
32.	RDDOC2526100528-(CONSTT OF EDGE WALL OF PATH FROM JINAGHAN TO ONWARDS AT SYEDABAD ARIPAL)	Aripal	2.97	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
33.	RDDOC2526100529-(IMPROVEMENT OF LANE FROM HO MOHDIN KATHER TO ASTAN SHARIEF ROOF RESHI AT SYEDABAD ARIPAL)	Aripal	2.97	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
34.	RDDOC2526100530-(IMPROVEMENT OF PATH FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL SYEDABAD ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.49	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
35.	RDDOC2526100531-(CONSTT. OF EDGE WALL WITH PIPE CULVERTS ON TELWANI MOHALLA LINK AT SYEDABAD ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.49	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	PRI
36.	RDDOC2526100532-(IMPROVEMENT OF 2 NO. OF LANES AT MIR MOHALLA SYEDABAD ARIPAL)	Aripal	2.97	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	PRI
37.	RDDOC2526100533-(CONSTT OF PROTECTION BLIND ON ASTAN KUL FROM HO NASEER AH MIR TO HO MUJASIR AH MIR AT SYEDABAD ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.81	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	PRI
38.	RDDOC2526100542-(FENCING WALLING OF GRAVEYARD NEAR HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL SATOORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	1.98	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	PRI
39.	RDDOC2526100543-(FENCING WALLING OF GRAVEYARD NEAR ZIYARAT SHARIE SATOORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	0.99	300/=	2%	DEE/CEE	30 days	PRI
40.	RDDOC2526100544-(FENCING WALLING OF HAROBACHAN GRAVEYARD AT DRAGAD SATOORA ARIPAL)	Aripal	0.99	600/=	2%	DEE/CEE	30 days	PRI

Position of A/A: - Accorded

Position of T/S: - Accorded

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	20-08-2025
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	20-08-2025 from 06:55 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	28-08-2025 up to 06:55 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	29-08-2025 at 09:00 AM or any convenient day In the office of the Executive Engineer REW Pulwama
5.	NOTE: - Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bids opened. In case The original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bids Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated online, the Department shall take action as per Rules.	

Special Condition 01:

Only the eligible contractors of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in the tendering process for works under District Capex with Advertised Cost 3.0 Lacs or below for District Capex works only. Bidders must upload any document viz residential certificate/ Adhar Card/ Ration Card/Electricity Bill showing panchayat name, as residence proof that he/she is residing the respective Panchayat Halqa (Applicable for DEE Class contractors in call list only).

SC02:- Contractors Strictly not eligible

The Bidders who had participated in 2023-24/2024-25 and has not completed the works within stipulated time frame/who had left the work midway/ who had not started/taken up the works are strictly not eligible. Any such participation may lead to cancellation of their bid and No claim shall be entertained in this regard.

Conditions for Bidders:

Every Participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose the Bank Account No. which is linked with their GS-TIN at the time of bid submission. No Payment shall be released by Govt. Deptt./Agency to any other Bank Account except the one linked with GST Registered number of the Successful bidder. As per Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated 08/07/2025 issued by Govt. of J&K Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar.

1. As per Government Order No. 238-F of 2021 Dated 07-09-2021, in case of inadequate response to a tender, participation from adjoining Panchayats will be permitted (i.e in 2nd call of tendering preceding condition will be applied).

2. Contractors who failed to execute the allotted work/works during the previous financial year (2024-25) are not eligible for-tendering for the current financial year (2025-26).

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Parliament Session Fruitful For Govt And Country, Unsuccessful For Opposition: Rijiju

NEW DELHI: Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Thursday described the Monsoon Session, which was marred by the opposition's disrup-

transacted and the session had a "success rate of 100 per cent", insisting that the treasury benches were forced to pass their bills in din as the opposition

In a swipe at the opposition parties, especially the Congress, he said their floor leaders and whips at times came to an informal understanding with the government during the session, but could not implement it in the two Houses.

"They might be under pressure," he said, suggesting that their leadership was determined to obstruct Parliament's proceedings.

"How will the new MPs of the Congress learn? Their leader does not learn," he said, referring to the need for the members to participate in debates and discussions to grow as a parliamentarian.

A united opposition protesting the Special Intensive Review of electoral rolls in Bihar forced repeated adjournments in Parliament throughout the entire Session, which began from July 21, demanding a discussion on the issue.

The government ruled it out on the grounds that the administrative work of a constitutional body like the Election Commission cannot be discussed in

Parliament. The only agenda item that was conducted smoothly was a two-day discussion on Operation Sindoor in both Houses.

Protest and disagreement are democratic, but obstructing and preventing Parliament and the government from working is anti-democratic, Rijiju said.

As it became clear that the opposition was in no mood to relent, the government began pushing through its legislative agenda, introducing 14 bills in Lok Sabha and getting its nod to 12 bills. Rajya Sabha passed 15 bills.

Rijiju also slammed the Opposition over its noisy protests against the three bills, which stipulate compulsory removal of prime minister, chief ministers and ministers from office in case they are arrested for 30 consecutive days on serious criminal charges, introduced by Home Minister Amit Shah in Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

It is such a "revolutionary" proposal, he said, adding that some parties make laws to save themselves, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided to bring his own office under the proposed legislation. (PTI)



tions, as "fruitful and successful" for the country and the government but "unsuccessful and damaging" for the opposition.

After both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were adjourned sine die, Rijiju said the government got all its business

refused to pay heed to their request to allow discussion.

"The government has to discharge its duties to people in the national interest," he said. The opposition cannot prevent the government from working with its protests, he added.

Union Minister Chouhan Urges Staff to Work with Joy, as India Hosts Regional Health Research Dialogue

NEW DELHI: Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Thursday exhorted officers and staff of his ministries to dedicate every moment of their work lives towards nation building, while maintaining a balance between professional duties and personal wellbeing.

Speaking at the 'Karmchari Sankalp Sammelan' held in New Delhi, Chouhan called upon government employees to adopt a positive approach in their day-to-day responsibilities. "Use every day and every moment positively and contribute to nation building," the Minister said, urging staffers to embrace joy and enthusiasm in their official work.

According to Press Information Bureau (PIB), Minister further underlined the importance of teamwork, noting that "collective effort and team spirit can become the foundation of major transformation." Chouhan also emphasised that efficiency and productivity should go hand in hand with harmony at the workplace, adding: "Work joyfully, maintaining balance between professional and personal life."

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers and officials of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and the Ministry of Rural Development, with the Minister appreciating their role in implementing government programmes that directly impact rural livelihoods and farming communities.

In another significant development in the capital, the Department of Health Research (DHR) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) inaugurated a two-day regional meeting on "Health Research and Innovations in Public Health: Exchange of Good Practices across RESEARCH Platform" at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan.

The gathering brought together senior representatives from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and Timor-Leste, who joined Indian officials to deliberate on strengthening health research systems, fostering collaboration, and exchanging best practices across South and Southeast Asia.

Delivering the plenary address, Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, lauded the participating nations for their efforts in improving public health. "The progress we see across these countries is a testament to their commitment to health. There is tremendous scope for us to learn from each other, co-create research products, and translate science into action. By working together, we can accelerate progress towards

achieving Sustainable Development Goals across the region," he said.

Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, Department of Health Research and Director General of ICMR, highlighted the need for regional solidarity in shaping health narratives. "The issues we face are



common to all of us, and it is time for our region to move towards shaping its own narrative. Research is the way forward, and by learning from each other's research ecosystems, we can build stronger systems, generate knowledge that reflects our realities, and translate it into better health for our people," he stated.

Representatives from the participating countries flagged pressing health concerns such as anaemia, maternal and child health, tuberculosis, vector-borne diseases, and non-communicable diseases, while stressing the importance of government leadership in fostering public trust in science. They called for sustained investments in health research, capacity building, and infrastructure expansion.

On the sidelines, Dr. Paul launched an exhibition of medical innovations developed under ICMR's Medical Device and Diagnostics Mission Secretariat (MDMS), showcasing a range of indigenous products designed to meet India's public health challenges.

Over the next two days, the meeting will cover critical aspects of health research systems, including governance, financing, priority setting, transparency, and ethics. Participants will also deliberate on ways to foster medical technology innovation, translate research into policy, and deepen cross-sectoral collaboration.

This first-of-its-kind dialogue under the RESEARCH Platform marks a significant step in building regional solidarity, with countries signalling their intent to co-create solutions and jointly harness the power of science and innovation for universal health coverage. (PIB)

Ethanol Blending Boosts Farmers' Income and Rural Economy: Petroleum Minister Hardeep S. Puri

NEW DELHI: The Government has achieved remarkable progress in promoting biofuels as a sustainable alternative to petroleum products, stated Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, in a written reply to a starred question in Lok Sabha.

The promotion of use of biofuels has been undertaken through the National Policy on Biofuels. Government has been promoting the blending of ethanol in petrol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme with multiple objectives. As a green fuel, ethanol supports environmental sustainability efforts of the Government, reduces dependence on crude oil imports while saving foreign exchange, and promotes the domestic agriculture sector.

The EBP Programme has resulted in expeditious payment to farmers of more than Rs.1,25,000 crore from Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2014-15 up to July 2025, besides savings of more than Rs.1,44,000 crore of foreign exchange, net CO2 reduction of about 736 lakh metric tonnes and substitution of more than 244 lakh metric tonnes of crude oil.

Under the EBP Programme, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) achieved the target of 10% Ethanol blending in petrol in June 2022, i.e. five months ahead of the target during ESY 2021-22. The blending levels further increased to 12.06% in ESY 2022-23, 14.60% in ESY 2023-24, and 19.05% as on 31st July 2025 during the ongoing ESY 2024-25. During July 2025 alone, Ethanol blending of 19.93% was achieved.

To support ethanol production across the country, the Government has taken several steps including expansion of feedstock for ethanol production, administered price mechanism for ethanol procurement, lowered GST rate to 5% for ethanol used in the EBP Programme, introduction of various Ethanol Interest Subvention Schemes (EISS) during 2018-22, and a dedicated subvention scheme for Cooperative Sugar Mills to convert existing sugarcane-based distilleries into multi-feedstock plants for ethanol production from molasses as well as grains. Additionally, Long Term Offtake Agreements (LTOAs) between OMCs and Dedicated Ethanol Plants, multimodal transportation of ethanol to enhance availability, and increasing ethanol storage capacity along with allied infrastructure have been put in place. (PIB)



Xi Jinping Attends 60th Anniversary Celebrations Of Formation Of Tibet Autonomous Region

BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday attended the 60th founding anniversary celebrations of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) at the Potala Palace square in Tibet's provincial capital Lhasa.

Xi joined around 20,000 local officials and people from several ethnic groups and walks of life in the celebration, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Potala Palace was the traditional winter residence of the Dalai Lamas - Tibetan spiritual leaders - and served as the centre of political and spiritual authority in Tibet for centuries.

The Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) was officially established by China in 1965 after it annexed the region in 1950. China calls Tibet Xizang.

The Dalai Lama, along with a large group of Tibetans fled to India in 1959 and has lived in Himachal Pradesh's Dharamshala ever since.

The monk celebrated his 90th birthday last month during which he said his successor will be chosen by Gaden Phodrang Trust founded by him in 2015.

China has rejected the Dalai Lama's succession, insisting that any future heir must receive its seal of approval.

Xi arrived in Lhasa on Wednesday, his second visit to Tibet since he came to power in 2012. The visit makes him the only Chinese President to have visited Tibet twice.

In his address to local officials after his arrival, Xi stressed the importance of upholding the leadership of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) over work related to Tibet.

Without referring to the Dalai Lama, Xi emphasised the need to promote two-way exchanges between Tibet and other parts of China to guide Tibetan Buddhism in adapting itself to socialist society.

Since he came to power, Xi has advocated the sinicisation of all religions including Buddhism and Islam.

Last month, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning spoke to the media

about the sinicisation of religions being advocated by the CPC.

"Sinicisation of religion is not about restricting religious practice; rather, all religions must adapt to the social, cultural and historical context of the country. Tibetan Bud-



dism in China is a prime example of a religion that has integrated Chinese characteristics, exemplifying the process of sinicisation," she said.

China's governance of Tibet has historically raised concerns in the Himalayan region and the world, with human rights groups highlighting restrictions on Tibetan Buddhism and cultural practices, Tibetan language, limitations on religious activities, and stricter security measures which intensified after unrest in 2008.

China denies these accusations.

In his speech, Xi also made an oblique reference to the construction of a USD 167.8 billion dam, the largest in the world, being built over the Brahmaputra river in Tibet near the Indian border in Arunachal Pradesh.

He said Tibet should advance major projects such as the hydropower project in the lower reaches of the Yarlung Zangbo River - the Chinese name for the Brahmaputra.

China began construction of the mega dam last month amid concerns over its likely impact on the lower reaches in India and Bangladesh.

China is also set to build the most ambitious rail link connecting Xinjiang province with Tibet, part of which would run near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with India, according to an official media report here this month.

Speaking about the Sichuan-Xizang Railway project, Xi said these projects should be executed in a vigorous, orderly and effective manner. (PTI)

Very happy that India, China moving forward on discussing boundary question: Gen Naravane

NEW DELHI: Former Army chief Gen M M Naravane (ret'd) Thursday said it is "fortuitous" that India-China ties are "on the mend" with a number of initiatives announced at political, diplomatic and military levels for the improvement of "our engagements and relations" going forward.

In his address at an event here late in the evening, he also said, "We are hopeful that China too will reciprocate our goodwill as we move ahead."

His remarks come amid a major thaw in China-India ties. India and China on Tuesday unveiled a series of measures for a "stable, cooperative and forward-looking" relationship that included jointly maintaining peace along the frontier, reopening border trade, promoting investment flows, and resuming direct flight connectivity at the earliest.

The announcements aimed at realising the "full" development potential of the two Asian giants came amid growing estrangement in ties between India and the US over President Donald Trump's policies on trade and tariffs.

"It's not that the current momentum of change and interaction that is taking place between India and China is something that has been

forced upon us due to some events. We always wanted good relations with China," Gen Naravane (ret'd) said. He also expressed happiness that India and China are "moving forward" on discussing the boundary question.

"It is a boundary and not a border, and like in a boundary, it is open to negotiations... a certain amount of give and take is possible," the former Army chief said.

On Tuesday, India and China listed the measures in a joint document after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held wide-ranging talks earlier this week with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, besides meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"It is fortuitous that over the last couple of weeks, our relations with China are on the mend, a number of initiatives have been announced at political, diplomatic and military levels so that our engagements and relations improve as we go forward," Naravane said.

Wang paid a two-day visit to India, and his trip has largely been seen as part of ongoing efforts by the two neighbours to rebuild their relationship after it came under severe strain following the deadly Galwan Valley clashes in 2020. (IE)

"China Biggest Purchaser Of Russian Oil And EU of LNG... Perplexed At Logic": Jaishankar On Us Imposing Tariffs On India

NEW DELHI: Amid US decision to impose 25 per cent additional tariffs on Indian goods for purchase of Russian oil, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Friday that China, not India, is the biggest purchaser of Russian oil and EU is the biggest purchaser of LNG and that the logic of singling out the country for secondary tariffs is perplexing.

Answering queries during a joint press briefing with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow, Jaishankar said India also buys oil from the US, and that amount has increased.

"We are not the biggest purchasers of Russian oil, that is China. We are not the biggest purchasers of LNG, that is the European Union. We are not the country which has the biggest trade surge with Russia after 2022; I think there are some countries to the South. We are a country where the Americans have said for the last few years



that we should do everything to stabilise the world energy market, including buying oil from Russia.

cooperation with Russia through trade and investments is also important.

Incidentally, we also buy oil from the US, and that amount has increased. So honestly, we are very perplexed at the logic of the argument that you (the media) had referred to..." Jaishankar said, answering a query.

US President Donald Trump announced 25 per cent tariffs on Indian goods in July, even as there were hopes of an interim India-US trade deal that would have otherwise helped avoid elevated tariffs. A few days later, he imposed another 25 per cent tariff, taking the total to 50 per cent, citing India's continued imports of Russian oil.

Jaishankar said sustaining energy cooperation with Russia through trade and investments is also important.

He stressed the need to address trade imbalance. "We reaffirmed our shared ambition to expand bilateral trade in a balanced and sustainable manner, including by increasing India's exports to Russia. This requires swiftly addressing non-tariff barriers and regulatory impediments, enhancing India's exports to Russia in sectors like agriculture, pharma, and textiles will certainly help correct the imbalance," he said.

Jaishankar and Lavrov discussed developments in Ukraine and West Asia, with the External Affairs Minister laying thrust on dialogue and diplomacy in resolving conflicts.

"On regional issues, we discussed developments in Ukraine, West Asia, the Middle East and Afghanistan. India's approach continues to emphasise dialogue and diplomacy as essential to resolving differences."

Jaishankar said the defence and military coop-

eration is robust and Russia supports 'Make in India' goals.

"Our defence and military technical cooperation also remains robust. Russia supports India's 'Make in India' goals, including joint production and technology transfer."

External Affairs Minister said he took up the issue of Indians serving in the Russian Army.

"While many have been released, there are still some pending cases, with some missing persons. We hope that the Russian side will expeditiously resolve this," he said.

Jaishankar is on a three-day visit to Russia during which he co-chaired the 26th Session of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC) and addressed the India-Russia Business Forum meeting in Moscow. (ANI)

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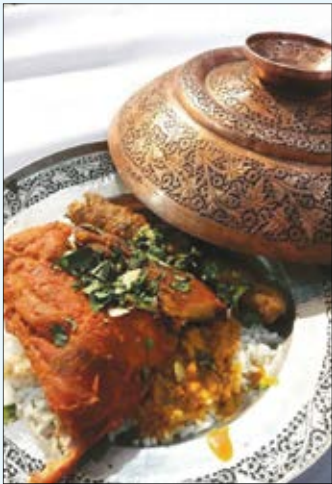
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