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NC Dominates J&K Rajya Sabha Polls, Secures Three Seats

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SRINAGAR: In a closely watched political contest, the ruling National Conference (NC) secured three out of four Rajya Sabha seats from Jammu and Kashmir, while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) pulled off a surprise victory by clinching the fourth seat.

According to results declared by the authorities, NC's Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan won the first seat by securing 58 votes, defeating BJP's Ali Muhammad Mir, who polled 28 votes. One vote was declared invalid, officials said.

The second seat was claimed by NC's Sajad Kichloo, who garnered 57 votes against 29 polled by BJP's Rakesh Kumar. Two votes were declared invalid in this round, according to election officials.

In a dramatic twist, BJP's Sat Sharma and NC-backed Gurinder Singh Oberoi were declared winners on the

third and fourth seats, respectively. Sharma secured 32 votes, while Oberoi received 31. NC's Imran Nabi Dar, who was expected to win the fourth seat, managed to secure only 21 votes—fall-

MLAs.

In an outcome that has brought seven party-affiliated MLAs and independents in Jammu & Kashmir under scrutiny, the Bharatiya Janata Party

ma secured 32 votes—four more than the official strength of the BJP indicating that four MLAs from the ruling alliance or its supporters voted in his

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ing short despite the ruling alliance's numerical advantage.

In total, the ruling alliance had support of 58 after backing of Congress, PDP and independent's. On the other hand, the BJP had support of only 28

(BJP) managed to win the fourth Rajya Sabha seat due to cross-voting by four MLAs and the "deliberate" cancellation of votes by three others.

In a result keenly watched across Kashmir, BJP candidate Sat Pal Shar-

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NC's two **candidate** had support of **58** MLAs— **41** NC, six Congress, seven independents, three **PDP MLAs** and one CPI (M)— enough to win both **3rd and 4th** seats but they managed to get only **51** votes.

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Rajya Sabha Elections ...

Winners vow to serve people, become their voice in Parliament

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SRINAGAR: The victorious Rajya Sabha members on Friday vowed to become the voice of Jammu and Kashmir people in the Parliament.

Speaking to the media persons, senior National Conference leader,

Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan, who won the seat said, “It is a great victory today as the MLAs from NC, Congress, PDP and independents voted in the favour of NC candidates.”

Terming it as a win of NC President Dr Farooq Abdullah and

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favour. The second winner on the seat, Shammi Oberoi, polled 31 votes.

National Conference (NC) candidate Imran Nabi Dar, who had the assured support of 28 to 29 MLAs, managed to secure only 21 votes—seven to eight fewer than expected.

The NC's two candidates had the backing of 58 MLAs: 41 from

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Hope Replaces Unrest In J&K Post-Article 370: Rajnath Singh

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SRINAGAR: Stating that post abrogation of Article 370 the streets of Jammu and Kashmir are filled with hope instead of unrest, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday lauded the army for playing a pivotal role in establishing peace in the Union Territory.

Speaking at the ongoing Army Commanders' Conference in Jaisalmer, Rajnath Singh said, “PM Modi's historical move to abrogate Article 370 integrated J&K with the rest of the country. Post-abrogation, the streets of the region are now filled with hope instead of unrest.”

He said that people of J&K are confident about their future being secure. “They have become the masters of their own destiny as the decision-making lies in their own hands,” Singh said.

The Defence Minister said that Army has been a pillar of peace in Jammu and Kashmir and has played a crucial role in

establishing peace in the region.

Describing Operation Sindoor as an embodiment of India's military prowess and national character, Singh said that it was a demonstration by the soldiers

that their strength lies not only in weapons, but also in their ethical discipline and strategic clarity. “Operation Sindoor will go down in history as not just a military operation, but also a symbol of the nation's courage and restraint.

Working To Empower Youth: PM Modi At Rozgar Mela

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the BJP-led NDA government was working to empower the youth and even the country's foreign policy was being shaped keeping the interest of the youngsters in mind.

In a recorded message at the 17th Rozgar

Mela, he said India was the youngest nation in the world and the strength of its youth is one of the greatest assets.

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Vande Bharat Express to halt at Reasi railway station from Oct 29

Railways says move to benefit pilgrims, tourists

JAMMU: The Northern Railway has decided to introduce a new halt for the Srinagar-Katra Vande Bharat Express at Reasi railway station from October 29, 2025, in a move aimed at improving passenger convenience and responding to local demand.

Officials said, that the train, numbered 26401-26402, will stop for two minutes at Reasi in both directions.

Until now, the semi-high-speed train only had a single stop between Katra and Srinagar — at Banihal.

The Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express, flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, 2025, became the

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Art-370 Abrogation Changed J&K's Fate Under PM Modi: Rijiju

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KATRA: Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday said the development witnessed in

Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 was unprecedented and marked a turning point in the region's governance and infrastructure.

Speaking at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University during an event where Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed newly recruited candidates under the Rozgar

Mela, Rijiju said, that Jammu and Kashmir's “fate turned around” after the Modi government came to power and Article 370 was removed.

“I have been coming to Kashmir since my childhood. I came here in the 70s, 80s, 90s, and even after 2000. The development that has taken place in J&K after 2014 has never been seen before,” Rijiju said.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir now has sports facilities, auditoriums, and training centres in every district. “When I was the Law Minister, court buildings and the foundation of the High Court complex were built. I have worked in different departments and seen this transformation closely,” he said.

The Union Minister added that after the removal of Article 370, the region's “destiny has opened up”. He said the government's focus is now on sustaining peace and ensuring growth across all sectors. “J&K has to move forward with peace, and the

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Our Mission To Empower Every J&K Student To Reach Their Potential: LG

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Addresses Inaugural Session of NEP Conclave 2025

implementation of National Education Policy. He said, it is a matter of pride that Jammu Kashmir is among the first in the country to

catalyst for innovation and ground breaking research.

“We are building a future-ready academic ecosystem - one that is inclusive, innovative and impact-

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, delivered the inaugural address at the NEP Conclave-2025, organised by the Higher Education Department. While speaking at the event, the Lieutenant Governor applauded the efforts of all the stakeholders for speedy

implement the National Education Policy across all Higher Educational Institutions in the Union Territory.

The Lieutenant Governor also stated that Universities and Colleges in Jammu Kashmir are building an ecosystem that will be a

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“Our higher **educational institutions** have embraced interdisciplinary and **project-based** learning and we are moving away from **traditional**, siloed subjects to break the barriers between the **real-world** and academic world.

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ful. Our aim is to empower every student of Jammu Kashmir to realise their potential, uphold the spirit of Viksit Bharat @2047 and emerge as a proud contributor

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LG Urges Citizens To ‘Buy Local’ To Boost J&K Handicraft Market

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Felicitates J&K's Crafts person at **Pashmina Artisan Awards** Ceremony

SRINAGAR: “Buy local and empower our great artisans”, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha urged the people while addressing the Pashmina Artisan Awards Ceremony organised by “Pashmeena Entrepreneurs Makers & Artisans Foundation” today at Srinagar. The Lieutenant Governor said every household in the country must buy a creative product made of master artisans of the UT.

“I am confident the nation's growing middle class, which could make up over half the population by 2030, will create a strong domestic market for J&K's hand-made products,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

Highlighting the craftsmanship and

skills of the artisans, the Lieutenant Governor said, Jammu Kashmir is a repository of rich creative tradition, which manifests in its unique and ingenious handmade products. He also observed

through every intricate design and subtle shades,” the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor highlighted various initiatives taken by the government to strengthen the handicraft and

He said, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, new schemes and policy interventions, coupled with the development of strong infrastructure, have ensured comprehensive support to young and master artisans and revived the UT's unique cultural and artistic heritage.

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CM Omar Abdullah Reviews Arrangements For Darbar Move

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Directs smooth, well-coordinated transition of offices to Jammu & adequate facilities for Darbar-Move staff

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review the arrangements for the upcoming Darbar Move Session 2025-26, emphasizing on ensuring smooth, secure and well-coordinated shifting of offices from Srinagar to Jammu.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo,

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Estates Shaleen Kabra, ACS to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, ACS Power Development Department Shailendra Kumar, Director General Fire & Emergency Services,

several Administrative Secretaries, Inspector General of Police Kashmir, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir/Jammu and other senior officers and Heads of Departments connected with Darbar Move.

At the outset, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD) M. Raju made a detailed presentation on the

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Victims and perpetrators of terrorism cannot be equated: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI: India on Friday cited Pakistan's attempts to protect at the UN Security Council the terror group that claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack to point out that the global body's work has been “gridlocked” in absence of urgent reforms.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also criticised those equating victims and perpetrators of terrorism in the name of global strategy, in an apparent reference to hyphenation of India and Pakistan in the context of the dastardly terror strike.

Jaishankar was speaking at an event that celebrated the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN).

In his remarks, the external affairs minister said “all is not well” with the UN as its debates have become “increasingly polarised” and its working “visibly gridlocked”.

“Any meaningful reform is obstructed using the reform process itself,” he said, adding sustaining the UN even while seeking its re-invention

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DC inaugurates 3-day Mobile Passport Van Service Camp at Ramban

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RAMBAN: As part of the Public Outreach Programme aimed at improving citizen services, the Regional Passport Office (RPO), Jammu, under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government



of India, launched a three-day Mobile Passport Van Service Camp in the premises of the District Administrative Complex, Ramban.

Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan formally inaugurated the camp in the presence of Tehsildar Deep Kumar and Section Officer Sunil Kher and other officers.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that residents of Ramban district can avail of this facility by booking an appointment.

The Deputy Commissioner advised the residents of the district to take full advantage of this unique opportunity to apply for their passports at their doorsteps. He said that such initiatives bring government services closer to the people especially those living in hilly and remote areas.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed gratitude to the Regional Passport Office Jammu and the Ministry of External Affairs for organizing the Mobile Passport Van Service Camp in Ramban and appreciated their efforts in promoting citizen-friendly governance and doorstep service delivery.

The DC said that the District Administration will extend full cooperation to ensure smooth conduct of the camp and facilitate maximum public participation. He said that such events are making public services more accessible, transparent and citizen-centric particularly benefiting people residing in far-flung and mountainous regions.

The Mobile Passport Van is fully equipped for biometric enrolment and on-site document verification, ensuring convenience and efficiency for applicants.

This citizen-friendly initiative is expected to enhance accessibility, save time and make passport services more efficient for residents of remote areas.

Law enforcement wing inspects Agri-input Centres across Jammu, Samba Districts

JAMMU: The Law Enforcement Wing of the Department of Agriculture, Jammu & Kashmir, carried out rigorous inspections and checking at the Agri-input distribution centres across Jammu and Samba districts.



The inspection was conducted under the direction and supervision of Assistant Director Law Enforcement (ADLE) Jammu Kuldeep Singh.

Enforcement Inspector Jammu Nazish Altaf led detailed inspections in different areas of Jammu district, particularly in R.S.

Pura and Marh blocks, while Enforcement Inspector Samba, Yog Raj Sharma conducted inspections in the Ramgarh area of Samba district.

In addition, inspections were also carried out in the Ramgarh area of Samba district.

The primary objective of the exercise was to enforce adherence to the Seed Act, 1966, Insecticides (Pesticides) Act, 1968 and Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 (FCO 1985) aimed to maintain quality standards of agricultural inputs, prevent malpractices and safeguard the interests of the farming community.

During the inspections, samples of pesticides, seeds, and fertilizers were lifted for laboratory analysis. In addition, all relevant documents including licenses, sale and purchase bills, stock registers and fertilizer sale records through POS machines were thoroughly scrutinized to verify compliance with the statutory provisions. Certain irregularities were detected during the inspection process, following which necessary actions were initiated against the erring dealers. The defaulters were cautioned and warned of stringent measures in case of any further violations of the laid-down norms.

DDC Poonch Reviews Progress Of Restoration Works

Directs for completion before start of winters

POONCH: District Development Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma chaired a meeting to review the permanent restoration of PWD, JPDCL, Jal Shakti and Education sector assets damaged due to incessant rains and floods in the month of August. The DDC emphasized the need for prompt restoration of all affected infrastructure to ensure uninterrupted delivery of public services. He instructed the concerned departments to expedite the restoration works and ensure their completion at the earliest in view of the limited working season and the approaching winter months.

The District Development Commissioner asked departments to adhere to quality standards and timelines, adding that delay in execution would not be tolerated. He also directed officers to maintain inter-department coordination for efficient utilization of the approved funds and timely completion of all projects.

Agriculture Department gears up for Jhiri Mela-2025

Director reviews arrangements, activity plan

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JAMMU: The Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu has started preparations for Jhiri Mela 2025-an annual event held to commemorate



the sacrifice of the 16th-century farmer saint, Baba Jitto who laid down his life fighting against injustice and feudalism.

In this regard, Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta today chaired a meeting to review the preparedness of the department for the upcoming fair.

The Director said that the Agriculture Department's participation in the mela should be centered on farmers' welfare and awareness, in keeping with the spirit of the event, which commemorates the sacrifice of Baba Jitto, a symbol of farmers' rights and dignity.

The Director Agriculture instructed all sectoral heads to ensure that departmental stalls are set up with the high standards of presentation, cleanliness and innovation.

He stressed that the department, which has consistently secured top honours in previous exhibitions, should strive to achieve the top ranking this year as well.

It was informed that the departmental exhibition will feature display of modern agricultural techniques, machinery, tools and equipment from both the Government Agriculture Workshop and private firms, besides live demonstrations of mushroom cultivation, soil sampling, Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) operations and apiculture listing diverse honey varieties. The stalls will also highlight flagship

schemes such as HADP, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and state-run programs, supported by high-quality literature in farmer-friendly language.

Displays of improved seed varieties, cereals, vegetables, niche crops, medicinal and aromatic plants (MAP) from the Jammu region will form another major attraction.

In addition, LED screens would be installed to disseminate information about flagship programs, innovations and success stories aimed at promoting advanced practices in agriculture and allied activities.

Director Anil Gupta constituted several committees to manage the department's activities during the mela, including

Registration, Stall Setup, Reception, Refreshment, Stage Management, Transport, Media and Reserve Committees. These will function under the overall supervision of Joint Director Agriculture (Extension) Jammu, Sanjay Anand, who will coordinate all departmental arrangements. The Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Jammu will lead the organizing Committee along with his district team and will closely coordinate with Joint Director (Extension) for smooth execution of departmental activities.

Joint Director Sanjay Anand stressed that the overall display and presentation of the departmental exhibits should reflect innovation and uniformity with standardized display banners and identification plates. Joint Director Agriculture (SLUB/Farms) Aman Jyoti Sharma emphasized the importance of a well-planned layout and a smooth registration process to ensure an impactful presentation.

The Jhiri Mela 2025, scheduled from November 4 to 13, 2025, with Kartik Purnima on November 5 as the main day is expected to witness participation from a large number of farmers from Jammu & Kashmir and other states. The Agriculture Department's participation will serve as a vital platform to enhance farmers' knowledge, exposure and engagement with new technologies and government schemes, while paying tribute to Baba Jitto's enduring legacy.

Polio remains a threat despite India being declared free of disease, say health experts

Urge continued vigilance, sustained immunisation, hygiene to prevent re-emergence

SRINAGAR: Poliomyelitis, commonly known as polio, remains one of the most feared infectious diseases in human history. Doctors say that although India was declared polio-free in 2014, the threat of its re-emergence continues to loom large due to cases still being reported in neighbouring countries.

They have called for maintaining high immunisation coverage to ensure the virus never returns.

According to doctors, polio is a highly contagious viral disease caused by the poliovirus. They said the virus primarily affects young children and invades the nervous system, potentially causing irreversible paralysis within hours. The disease spreads mainly through the faecal-oral route — that is, when a person comes into contact with water or food contaminated by the faeces of an infected person.

Dr Zahoor Ahmad Mir, a doctor at the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK) said, that even a single confirmed case of polio is considered a public health emergency because the virus can spread rapidly in communities with poor sanitation and low vaccination coverage.

“The primary cause of polio is infection

with the poliovirus, which has three strains — Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3. Type 1 is the most common and still circulates in some parts of the world. The virus multiplies in the intestine and is excreted in faeces, contaminating the environment,” he said.

“Poor hygiene, unsafe drinking water, and lack of sanitation facilities make it easier for the virus to spread. Children under the age of five are most vulnerable because of their developing immune systems and frequent exposure to unhygienic conditions,” he added.

Doctors said that polio infection can range from mild illness to severe paralysis or even death. In most cases, infected individuals show no symptoms, but they can still spread the virus to others.

When symptoms occur, they may include fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, stiffness in the neck, and limb pain. In severe cases, the virus attacks the nervous system, leading to acute flaccid paralysis — a condition that causes permanent disability. If the respiratory muscles are affected, the disease can be fatal.

Even after recovery, many survivors experience lifelong challenges, including muscle weakness, limb deformities, and difficulty in mobility, leading to emotional and social hardships, said Dr Sheikh Javid.

“The only effective way to prevent polio is through vaccination. Two types of vaccines are used worldwide: the Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV).”

OPV administered as drops is easy to give and provides community-level protection by preventing virus transmission, while IPV given as an injection is safe and strengthens the immune system by inducing antibodies in the blood.

Public health authorities stress that every child should receive multiple doses of the vaccine to ensure full protection, and missing even one dose can leave children vulnerable.

Experts warn that complacency can reverse these gains. With the virus still circulating in some countries, there is always a risk of importation, they said, adding that regular immunisation drives, surveillance, and hygiene education are crucial to maintaining India's polio-free status.

Doctors have called upon parents to ensure their children receive all scheduled doses, including during national and local immunisation rounds. Health workers, teachers, and local leaders also play an important role in spreading awareness about the benefits of vaccination, they added.



DC Udhampur Reviews Progress Of Developmental Works Taken Up Under District Capex Budget, SASCI, RDD Sector

UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai chaired a meeting here in the Conference Hall of DC

Reviewing the progress under the District Capex budget, SASCI and RDD, the DC directed the concerned departments



Office Complex to review the physical and financial progress achieved under the District Capex Budget 2025-26, including the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment and RDD in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Jugal Kishore; Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh; Assistant Commissioner Development Om Parkash and officers from across the line departments.

to expedite the pace of work and ensure completion of all projects as per the given timeline.

The DC reviewed the status of ongoing work on the Government Medical College campus taken up at a project cost of Rs. 3.25 crore. She directed the XEN PWD to seek necessary approval for the construction of a multi-storey parking facility near Gole Market in the town.

She further instructed the concerned

officers to undertake drilling of borewells near the Old Age Home and Devika along with other allied works for augmentation of the water supply system.

The DC also reviewed the progress of procurement of auxiliary components for the installation of smart meters and the construction of a new 3.15 MVA, 33/11 KV receiving station at Damnote in the Pancheri area and Nallah Godian in Block Ghordi.

The DC further reviewed the progress achieved under DDC/BDC/PRI Grants, ADP, Untied grants and ABDP as well as labour budget performance under MGN-REGA.

The Department-wise performance of sectors such as Irrigation, PHE, PWD, RDD, Health, Education and JPDCL was also assessed.

Emphasizing timely execution and judicious fund utilization, the DC instructed all departments to achieve 100% allotment of works at the earliest and accelerate the utilization of released funds. She also directed the Block Development Officers to prioritize the completion of pending projects in mission mode and to initiate billing of completed works without delay.

DC Ramban inspects ongoing works on NH-44

RAMBAN: To assess the ground situation, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan conducted an extensive inspection of National Highway-44 (NH-44) from Nashri



to Banihal. He reviewed traffic regulation and ongoing construction works along the Nashri-Ramban and Ramban-Banihal sections, with special focus on restoring hassle-free double-lane carriageways.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SSP Traffic NHW; Project Director NHAI and other concerned officers.

During the visit, the DC issued on-spot directions to the NHAI to complete Dense Bituminous Macadam (DBM) patchwork and ensure clearance of unnecessary debris and boulders lying along the hillside from Marog to Kishtwari Pather, which would significantly improve traffic flow and road condition.

The DC also conducted a detailed review of the progress of work on Tunnels, Viaducts, and other works, instructing the NHAI and construction agencies to restore double-lane traffic to ensure smooth vehicular movement and passenger safety.

The DC emphasized the need for regular debris clearance, slope maintenance and surface repair to minimize inconvenience to commuters.

Highlighting public concerns over congestion and frequent blockages, the Deputy Commissioner directed the NHAI to take immediate corrective measures in coordination with Traffic Police and local administration. He also stressed timely maintenance at vulnerable spots affected by rains and landslides.

The DC stated that the district administration is closely monitoring the ongoing NH-44 works to ensure safe, smooth and uninterrupted connectivity across the Ramban sector.

DDC inaugurates Donli-Punyala Village Road in Doda

Highlights importance of rural connectivity, development

DODA: District Development Commissioner (DDC), Harvinder Singh inaugurated the newly constructed Donli to Punyala Village Road in Tehsil Mohalla of Doda District.

The inauguration ceremony marked a significant milestone in improving rural



connectivity and infrastructure development in the region.

The event was attended by DDC Member Gundana Asim Hashmi; Tehsildar Mohalla; functionaries from PWD (R&B), PMGSY and other officials from the district administration.

DDC Harvinder Singh emphasized that the construction of the Donli-Punyala Road will greatly enhance connectivity, accessibility and overall development of the adjoining villages. He informed that the road project was proposed under NABARD and the DDC grant, ensuring adequate funding and efficient implementation.

During his interaction with locals, several delegations from nearby villages put forth demands for the construction and improvement of the link roads in their respective areas.

The DDC gave a patient hearing and assured that the public demand for roads would be duly considered and prioritized under the relevant schemes to ensure balanced development across all villages.

Nagrota's public will reaffirm its growth story: Devyani Rana

AMB GHAROTA: Bharatiya Janata Party candidate for bye-election to Nagrota Assembly Constituency Devyani Rana today called upon the people to come forward in large numbers to exercise their franchise, saying their vote for BJP would be reaffirmation of their faith in progress and development.

“Nagrota's growth story has to be carried forward. Together, we can continue the journey of transforming our constituency into a vibrant centre of economic activity keeping in view its potential as an educational and pilgrim tourism hub”, Rana said while addressing Nukad meetings at Kangrail, Barn, Seri Panditan, Ghaink in Amb Gharota Mandal.

CS for grassroots outreach and counselling to strengthen 'Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan'

Over 3.5 lakh people engaged in 7,000 awareness events by DIPR under this programme

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, chaired a meeting to review the progress and impact of the 'Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan', an intensive anti-drug awareness campaign spearheaded by the Information Department across the districts of the UT.



The meeting was attended by Director General of Police; Principal Secretary, Home; Commissioner Secretary, Information Department; Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare; Divisional Commissioner Jammu/Kashmir; Inspector General, Crime; Secretary, Health; Secretary, Rural Development Department; Director, Information & PR; Director, School Education, Jammu/Kashmir; and other senior officers.

Deputy Commissioners of all districts participated through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for a sustained and community-driven awareness campaign involving Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and schools across J&K.

He underscored the importance of capacity building at the grassroots level and directed that resource persons be trained through IMHANS, drawing participants from paramedical staff, school teachers, and members of Self Help Groups (SHGs). These trained individuals, he said, would serve as counsellors in Primary Health Centres, schools, and rural communities to effectively combat substance abuse.

The Chief Secretary further instructed the Deputy

Commissioners to identify suitable local resources in coordination with the concerned departments and asked the Health Department to design training modules for these counsellors. He further suggested that assistance from NITI Aayog could be sought to ensure quality



training for the trainers and to strengthen the overall implementation framework.

The Chief Secretary also directed the concerned departments to carry out an audit of calls received on the anti-drug helpline numbers to assess the nature of assistance being provided to victims and their families.

He reviewed district-wise implementation of the Abhiyan, taking feedback from Deputy Commissioners on public response and progress of planned activities. Stressing the importance of rehabilitation, he asked the districts to ensure continuous guidance and dignified reintegration of individuals recovering from substance abuse offering self employment opportunities and other guidance to such youth.

On this occasion the Commissioner Secretary, Information Department, M. Raju, gave a detailed presentation on the outreach and impact of the 'Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan', which aims to make Jammu and Kashmir a truly drug-free region. He informed that since the programme's launch on April 5 this year, the department has conducted a series of sustained IEC (Information, Education and Communication) campaigns involving social icons, influencers, and

youth role models.

These initiatives included SMS campaigns, debates, competitions, podcasts, and infographics to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse, he added.

He divulged that out of 7,847 planned activities, 6,985 events have already been completed across the UT, engaging nearly 3.5 lakh participants and sending 1.1 lakh direct messages to the public. The campaign included 4,569 events in Panchayats, 556 in ULBs, and 1,860 in educational institutions.

Notably, 93 individuals in Kashmir Division and 24 in Jammu Division have been successfully rehabilitated either through self-employment opportunities or by re-enrolling them in higher education, he elaborated.

Moreover the Inspector General of Police (Crime), Sujit Singh, briefed the meeting about the complementary efforts undertaken by the Police Department in collaboration with other agencies. He informed that the department operates a dedicated toll-free helpline of 1933 (MANAS) to extend counselling and assistance to drug victims.

He added that awareness drives and capacity-building programmes organized during the year have engaged approximately 3.5 lakh participants. The department is also mobilizing youth volunteers as "Drug Yodhas" to promote peer-led awareness, recognizing and rewarding 100 such youth champions for their proactive contributions.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary released the "Jammu & Kashmir Nasha Mukht Abhiyan" compendium, which documents the campaign's activities, milestones, and success stories. He appreciated the sincere efforts of the Information Department and all stakeholders in steering this vital social movement aimed at protecting the youth and securing a drug-free future for Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary reiterated that collective and sustained efforts at every level, right from schools and local institutions to law enforcement and health systems are crucial to eradicating the menace of drug abuse and ensuring the well-being of future generations

DC Kupwara chairs DRAC meeting, approves 18 cases

KUPWARA: In order to finalize various Rent Assessment Cases of the buildings under

of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Shrikant Suse here. As many as 21 rent cases



utilization of different Government Departments, a meeting of the District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC) was held under the chairmanship

of buildings presently used by various Government Departments in the district were put forth before the Committee for fixing of monthly rent. The

Committee deliberated on all the rent assessment cases in detail and each case was examined thoroughly keeping in view various administrative and other requirements and approved 18 cases. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner impressed upon the Officers to ensure that vacant government buildings are occupied for official purposes and rented accommodation remains the last option.

The meeting was attended by CPO Kupwara, CEO, Principal GPC, AD Food, CAHO, Executive Engineers of PWD and other concerned officers.

Court in Shopian Convicts Two in Minor Girl Kidnapping and Sexual Assault Case

SHOPIAN: In a landmark judgment reinforcing the protection of children from sexual and gender-based violence, the Court of the Principal Sessions Judge Shopian, Mehmood Ahmad Chowdhary, convicted two individuals in a sensitive case involving the kidnapping and sexual assault of a minor girl.

After a full trial, the Court found Yawar Ahmad Sheikh, son of Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh, resident of Khawajapora, guilty of offences under Section 363 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, sentencing him to ten years of rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 30,000.

The co-accused, Mehraj Ahmad Dar, son of Abdul Ghafar Dar, also of Khawajapora, was convicted under Section 363 IPC and Section 17 of the POCSO Act for abetment and sentenced to five years of rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Rs 15,000.

The case, registered in December 2022 at Police Station Zainapora, pertained to the abduction of a 17-year-old girl.

Following a thorough investigation and prosecution of evidence, the Court held that both accused had forcibly taken the minor from her

lawful guardianship, and the main accused had subjected her to sexual assault.

Delivering the verdict, the Court observed that the prosecution had proved the offences beyond



reasonable doubt, underscoring that crimes against minors warrant the strictest possible response under law.

This judgment stands as a strong reaffirmation of the judiciary's unwavering commitment to safeguarding children's rights and ensuring that perpetrators of sexual offences face swift and decisive justice.

Kulgam holds "Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0" Rally to Promote Healthy Living



KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Amir Khan flagged off "Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0" rally, organized by Chief Medical Office, Kulgam, under the National Tobacco Control Programme from mini secretariat Kulgam.

CMO Kulgam, Dr Showkat Ahmad and other officers were also present.

A large number of ASHA workers, paramedical staff, and doctors from various blocks of the district participated in the rally, carrying placards raising slogans to spread awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and urged the youth to adopt a healthy and tobacco-free lifestyle.

The rally passed through several markets in Kulgam town before culminating back at the Mini Secretariat, where participants reaffirmed their commitment to making the district tobacco-free.

Officials on the occasion emphasized the crucial role of community participation in curbing tobacco use and protecting future generations from its harmful impacts.

Police arrest 3 long-time absconders in Ang, Bla

SRINAGAR: In a major success against absconding offenders, Police on Friday said to have arrested three long time absconders in Anantnag and Baramulla districts.

Police Station Aishmuqam have apprehended two individuals who had been evading arrest for more than ten years.

The arrests mark the culmination of sustained efforts, reliable intelligence gathering, and dedicated follow-up by the J&K Police team, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

The arrested individuals have been identified as Arif Ahmad Sheikh son of Suleiman Sheikh resident of Tagdi Nazirpora, Calcutta; wanted in FIR No. 39/2013 under sections 454, 380 RPC and Mohammad Shameem Sheikh, son of Minto Sheikh, resident of Kala Chowk, Tagdi Nazirpora, Calcutta; wanted in FIR No. 47/2013 under sections 454, 380 RPC, police said.

"Both accused were involved in separate burglary and theft cases registered in the year 2013 and had been absconding since 2014 to evade arrest. Acting on credible information and after meticulous technical and human surveillance, the police team successfully traced and arrested both absconders," police said.

In Baramulla, Police said to have apprehended Mohd Ashraf Wani son of Jalal-ud-Din Wani resident of Singhpora Pattan, who was wanted in connection with FIR No. 177/2016 under Sections 147, 148, 149, 336, 307, and 427 RPC registered at Police Station Pattan.

The accused had been evading arrest since 2016. After sustained efforts and meticulous tracking, he was apprehended and produced before the Court of JMFC Pattan, for further legal proceedings, police said.

Meanwhile, J&K Police reiterated their commitment to bringing absconders and offenders to justice to uphold the rule of law in the district—(KNO)

Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education to start distributing free textbooks by November end

Committee looking for feasibility of abolishing 11th class board exams: Secy BOSE

Srinagar: Ahead of new academic session, Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) Friday said that it will start distributing free textbooks upto 8th standard by the end of November.

The board also assured that all the deserving students will get their free textbooks by the first week of December.

Addressing a Press Conference here at Srinagar headquarters, Secretary BOSE, Ghulam Hassan Sheikh, per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) acknowledged the delay in distributing free textbooks last year.

"It is a fact that the free textbooks couldn't be delivered to the students on time last year. There were several reasons for that like shifting of academic session and certain other things that were beyond the control of BOSE," Sheikh said.

He said, "This year I assure that by the end of November, we will distribute the free textbooks to every nook and corner of Kashmir valley and by the first week of December, every student upto 8th standard will get their free textbooks."

About doing away with board exams for 11th standard, BOSE said that it has

constituted a committee to see the pros and cons of the decision. "If it suits their academic interests, we will do that but if the committee is not satisfied with this decision, we may not change it."

"BOSE has to work hard in executing the decision of the government to shift back the academic session to November-



December," he said.

The BOSE secretary further said that the academic calendar of the ensuing academic year got affected due to the bad weather conditions.

"In this regard BOSE got many representations from almost all concerned stakeholders regarding the syllabi relaxation and the board committee accordingly announced syllabi relaxation of 15 percent for all annual regular board exams. The relaxation session is primarily for Kashmir division and winter zones of Jammu division,"

Sheikh said.

Stating the breakup of 15 percent relaxation, the BOSE secretary said that there are some papers with external exams and some are some without the external exams.

"In those subjects having 100 marks, the student will have to attempt only 85 percent of the questions that will be considered an attempt of 100 marks. Of those subject papers having only 80 percent marks, the students will have to attempt only 68 percent of questions. Similarly, for those question papers having only 70 marks, the student will have to attempt only 60 percent of marks and for those papers having only 50 percent of marks, the students will have to attempt 43 percent of marks," he said.

The BOSE secretary also said that nearly 95,000 students are enrolled to appear for 10th class exams and the board has made 994 exam centers for them, 760 centers for 82,000 students of 11th standard and 682 centers for 70,000 students of 12th class respectively.

"We have already notified the date sheet before the time. The exams of 10th standard will commence from November-03 followed by 11th standard from November-19 and for 12th standard, the exams will commence from November-08," he said—(KNO)

J&K's medal tally rising as youth turn sports into career paths

Khelo India Winter Games 6th edition set for Gulmarg, says Div Officer JKSC

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's medal tally at both national and international events has improved in recent years, with the sports scene witnessing a steady growth as more youth take up sports as a serious career option.

Divisional Sports Officer, J&K Sports Council, Javid-Ur-Rehman, speaking to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said the change is the result of continuous efforts to identify and nurture young athletes across all districts.

"The J&K Sports Council has remained focused on nurturing the talent of students along with their academic needs. The results are evident.

Our medal tally continues to rise at national and international

levels", he said.

He said that the 6th edition of the Khelo India Winter Games will be held in Gulmarg, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently described as the winter sports capital of India in his Mann Ki Baat program. The event will bring together athletes from across the



country to compete in various snow and ice sports. Javid said the dates will be announced soon.

Rehman said that earlier, sports activities in Jammu and Kashmir were largely limited to urban areas, but the government has extended its reach to rural and border regions. "The only gap was the lack of a platform.

Over the past few years, sports infrastructure has been built in rural belts as well so that young talent can emerge from every corner," he added.

At present, 55 sports associations are recognised by the J&K Sports Council, each working to promote a specific discipline and scout for new talent.

"Sport is not just leisure; it is a career-building path. What matters most is finding the right platform," the officer said.

"The youth of Jammu and Kashmir have immense talent, and it is our responsibility to provide them with opportunities," Javid said, encouraging young athletes to pursue sports with dedication.

The Khelo India Winter Games have already completed five successful editions, with Gulmarg becoming a consistent host for the event—(KNO)

JKLCMA signs MoU with NabFID for Dal Lake development projects

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Lake Conservation and Management Authority (JKLCMA) on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NabFID) for providing technical consultancy services for key projects aimed at developing Dal Lake.

According to details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the MoU envisages technical assistance from NabFID for the installation of a Ferris Wheel, High Jet Fountain, Musical fountain in Dal Lake, besides the development of a theme and amusement park at Shalimar in Srinagar.

Officials said the Government

has already accorded approval to the MoU to facilitate the execution of these projects and any other initiatives envisioned by the J&K administration for the development of Dal Lake.

They added that the collaboration is expected to further enhance the lake's aesthetic appeal and promote tourism in the region—(KNO)

BJP lawmakers express grief over colleague's wife demise

Srinagar: The Legislative Group of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu and Kashmir expressed deep sorrow over the demise of Sushma Sharma, wife of legislator Chander Prakash Ganga, on Friday.

In a condolence message, the party said her passing is a loss of a noble soul, remembered for her simplicity, kindness, and dedication

to family and community.

The BJP Legislative family extended its support and solidarity to Ganga and his family during this difficult time.

The message also included prayers for eternal peace for the departed soul and strength for the bereaved family to cope with the loss—(KNO)

Editorial

Cross Voting and Cracks

The Rajya Sabha elections in Jammu & Kashmir have produced an outcome that is revealing, and that is especially true regarding the result for the fourth seat, where the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has managed the extraordinary feat of winning. For politicians this has exposed a disturbing culture of political opportunism and betrayal that goes to the very core of politics. What should have been a straightforward exercise in legislative preference has turned into a sordid story of cross-voting, and an extraordinary failure of political management on the part of the ruling alliance.

The numbers tell a damning story. The BJP has a strength of 28 MLAs, and they managed to have their candidate receive 32 votes. The simple arithmetic of that means there was cross-voting within the ranks of the ruling National Conference-led alliance. Meanwhile, the NC's candidate, Imran Nabi Dar, who could count on support from a certain base of 28-29 MLAs, was able to receive a total of only 21 votes. The total number of votes received by the NC's two candidates was 7 votes less than their combined strength of 58.

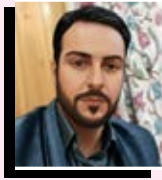
This episode brings forward several questions that are uncomfortable for politicians like Dar. The first one is all about the trust and discipline of the ruling coalition. The coalition included the NC, Congress, PDP, CPI(M), and independents - all of which could have easily achieved both the third and fourth seats. This clearly demonstrates that there was a colossal failure in trust within the coalition or some of its constituents deliberately acted against it.

Secondly, the role of official party polling agents has been called into question. An official party polling agent is supposed to be the final checkpoint to ensure that an MLA votes according to their party whip. The fact that all parties except PDP appointed polling agents, but that there was cross-voting of such high magnitude, demonstrates a complete failure of polling agents as a safeguard to ensure no MLA voted outside of their party's instructions.

Although the BJP has established itself as the political victor here, it did so by instrumentalizing the democratic mode to prevail. There can be no doubt that the BJP benefitted from the disunity of the ruling alliances and this will present an opportunity for the BJP to turn this into political capital in the future. However, the major blame must rest with the ruling alliance and their inability to manage their pack together. A coalition is formed under the premise of shared intent and underlined discipline; the RS election shows that in J&K this premise is tenuous at best.

Ultimately, this is larger than a narrative about one lost Rajya Sabha seat, when MLAs disregard their party's mandate so publicly, it is armchair voters' trust that has been the most violated. The weeks ahead necessitate serious reflection by all political practitioners. The ruling coalition have leaks, which will erode public trust in the very institutions meant to represent them.

The Dual Reality Of Healthcare In Jammu And Kashmir



■ MOHAMMAD HANIEF

Jammu and Kashmir, a region renowned for its natural beauty and cultural richness, has been making significant strides in healthcare reform. From the snow-clad peaks



of the Valley to the bustling plains of Jammu, healthcare infrastructure is being reshaped to meet the growing demands of a diverse and often remote population. However, alongside noteworthy achievements lie persistent challenges that continue to test the resilience of the region's health system.

One of the most transformative interventions in recent years has been the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). Launched in JAMMU AND KASHMIR as part of the broader national health mission, the scheme offers health insurance coverage of up to 5 lakh per family per year, benefiting both Below Poverty Line (BPL) and non-BPL families. The initiative has significantly reduced out-of-pocket healthcare expenses and has helped make critical treatments accessible to underserved populations.

In line with this, hundreds of health and wellness centres have been upgraded to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, equipped to offer comprehensive primary care. These centres have improved outreach in remote areas, particularly where access to doctors and specialists was previously scarce.

Technology has played a crucial role in overcoming Jammu and Kashmir's unique

geographic challenges. The e-Sanjeevani Telemedicine Service, part of a nationwide digital health platform, has emerged as a lifeline for patients in mountainous and rural regions. Through virtual consultations with doctors across India, thousands of residents have received timely advice without the need to travel long distances.

Additionally, the Jan Aushadhi Scheme—with its growing network of pharmacies providing generic medicines at affordable prices—has alleviated the financial burden of drug costs for thousands of families.

At the heart of Jammu and Kashmir's

unemployment, and social isolation. Mental health helplines have recorded thousands of distress calls, while professionals struggle to keep pace with demand amid a shortage of psychiatrists and clinical psychologists.

Perhaps most alarming is the rising tide of drug abuse, particularly among the youth. Recent surveys estimate that over 1.35 million people in Jammu and Kashmir are affected by substance use disorders, with more than half a million addicted to opioids. The spread of intravenous drug use has also raised fears of associated health risks such as hepatitis and HIV.

While the construction of new medical colleges and hospitals has expanded the physical footprint of healthcare services, glaring gaps in diagnostics and human resources remain. Key medical equipment, such as MRI and CT scanners, are often concentrated in a few tertiary hospitals, with many district and sub-district hospitals lacking radiology or oncology services altogether.

The region has only two PET scan facilities—one each at SKIMS and GMC Jammu—far below the requirement for a population of over 13 million. Many cancer patients still travel out of the union territory for advanced diagnostics or treatment, incurring significant financial and emotional costs.

Staffing also poses a critical challenge. Nearly 60% of sanctioned posts at leading hospitals like SKIMS are vacant, and thousands of paramedical and technical posts remain unfilled in rural health centres. In many hospitals, essential diagnostic equipment lies unused due to a lack of trained technicians or biomedical engineers.

To address these issues, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has announced a slew of reforms and expansion plans such as a dedicated medical university is being proposed at SKIMS, which will bring all medical colleges under a unified regulatory and academic framework. This could streamline administration and enhance academic standards across institutions.

Also construction is underway on new hospital wings, including at Lal Ded Maternity Hospital and Bone and Joint Hospital Srinagar, which are expected to ease patient loads and modernize critical departments.

The health department has initiated large-scale recruitment drives for doctors, nurses, and paramedics. While bureaucratic delays persist, the increased attention to staffing is a welcome shift.

Experts emphasize that public health awareness and preventive medicine must be prioritized alongside infrastructure development. Immunization drives, maternal and child health programs, and nutrition

campaigns have had measurable success, but there is a growing need to incorporate health education, screenings, and early interventions into every layer of the system.

The government has also launched initiatives focused on maternal health, adolescent hygiene, and non-communicable disease screening, with health workers conducting outreach in both schools and rural communities.

Healthcare in Jammu and Kashmir stands at a pivotal juncture. The region has witnessed meaningful reforms that have improved access, especially through digital platforms and insurance coverage. Major investments

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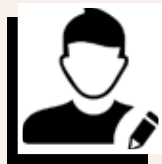
in hospital infrastructure, medical education, and drug availability have laid a solid foundation.

However, addressing chronic staffing shortages, expanding diagnostics, and confronting the mental health and drug crises are challenges that require urgent and sustained action. Equally vital is the empowerment of primary care systems and public health outreach, which form the first line of defense for millions of residents.

As Jammu and Kashmir continues on its journey of healing and growth, a resilient and inclusive healthcare system will be one of its most important pillars. The path forward lies not only in bricks and mortar but in policy, compassion, and the commitment to leave no one behind.

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Making of Indian Constitution: Reassessing the Roles of Ambedkar



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One of the most significant events in India's history was November 26, 1949, when the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution of India. This document is not merely a legal framework, but a living philosophy—a symbol of liberty, equality, and justice. But over time, questions have arisen as to who was the true architect of this Constitution? Was it solely the work of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, or did a silent but decisive figure like B.N. Rao play a greater role in it?

The story of Constitution-making doesn't begin with 1947. Its roots go much deeper—from the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms of 1919 to the Government of India Act of 1935. These reforms first gave birth to the concept of federal government in India. It was during this period that a name emerges—Sir Binod Behari Narayan Rao, later known as B.N. Rao. Serving in high judicial and constitutional positions in the British administration, he developed a profound understanding of the Indian administrative structure.

By the time the Second Round Table Conference was held in the 1930s, the direction of self-government in India had become clear. After 1932, B.N. Rao was formally involved in the preliminary preparations for the Constitution. The Constitution Drafting Office was established under his leadership in Delhi. In 1944, he was appointed “Constitutional Adviser” and in 1946, “Principal Constitutional Adviser.” His task was to compile all the constitutional drafts, British laws, reports of provincial legislatures, and suggestions from Indian leaders and prepare a basic draft.

By the time the Constituent Assembly was formally announced on July 14, 1946, Rao had already collected numerous drafts and legal suggestions for the Constitution in his office.

Consequently, he prepared the “First Draft” of the Constitution and submitted it to the Constituent Assembly on October 30, 1947. This draft later became the basis of the Indian Constitution.

Meanwhile, political events were rapidly

Rao. Rao remained associated with the committee as an official advisor. This is where Ambedkar's role becomes crucial.

Dr. Ambedkar's greatest contribution was that he did not allow Rao's draft to remain a

Constitution is called a “living document.”

The roles of B.N. Rao and Ambedkar were complementary. Rao's approach was legal and structural, while Ambedkar's was social and reformist. Rao laid the foundation for the



changing. In 1946, elections were held for the Constituent Assembly. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, by then known as a renowned jurist and champion of Dalit rights, lost the election from Maharashtra. However, at the urging of Lord Wavell and later Mountbatten, Nehru and the Congress leadership recognized the need for a scholar like Ambedkar to be in the Constituent Assembly. Consequently, the Muslim League of Bengal allocated him a seat from its quota, enabling him to enter the Constituent Assembly in July 1947.

On August 29, 1947, the Constituent Assembly formed a “Drafting Committee,” with Ambedkar as its chairman. This committee's task was to review and finalize the draft prepared by B.N.

mere legal document—he imbued it with the spirit of social justice and human rights. The fundamental rights of the Constitution, from Articles 12 to 35, are a result of that vision. Provisions such as equality, liberty, the right against exploitation, religious freedom, and constitutional remedies are rooted in Ambedkar's social vision.

Although many fundamental ideas and institutional structures, such as the Supreme Court, High Courts, the federal structure, and the Directive Principles of State Policy, had already been discussed in the Constituent Assembly, Ambedkar adapted them to the practical and Indian social structure. This is why the

Constitution, while Ambedkar gave it its soul. This balance is what makes the Indian Constitution unique.

It is also true that the Objectives Resolution of the Constitution (later known as the Preamble) had already been passed by the Constituent Assembly in January 1947. It already contained the spirit of declaring India a “sovereign, democratic republic.” Similarly, discussions on fundamental rights had begun in June 1947. But the credit for giving practical shape to these principles goes to the Drafting Committee, headed by Ambedkar.

When the Constitution came into effect after independence, the world saw how a diverse,

multilingual, and multi-religious nation could remain united within a constitutional framework. This achievement wasn't the work of a single individual—it was the work of all 299 members who deliberated in the Constituent Assembly for 2 years, 11 months, and 18 days. But it's also true that without B.N. Rao, that basic structure would not have existed, and without Ambedkar, that structure would have been soulless.

It often happens in history that political symbols overshadow intellectual contributions. Ambedkar was a people's leader, so naturally his name became more famous. Rao's contribution was silent, but deeply decisive. It's like an architect planning a building and someone else bringing it to life and decorating it. If either one is removed, the work remains incomplete.

The time has come for Indian society to view the story of the creation of its Constitution not merely through the lens of personality cult, but as an institutional and intellectual process. The Constitution is not the product of any one individual, but of India's collective consciousness—the consciousness that, after slavery, dreamed of democracy and transformed it into reality.

If we are citizens of independent India today, enjoying the rights of equality and freedom, we must pay tribute to all those who made this journey possible. B.N. Rao's profound legal knowledge, Dr. Ambedkar's social vision, Jawaharlal Nehru's political foresight, Sardar Patel's organizational ability—these are the roots of the mighty tree we call the Indian Constitution.

Therefore, the debate about “who is the real architect” is a narrow perspective. The correct question should be, “Who contributed what to our constitutional process?” History does justice when it looks at the whole truth, not just famous figures. Both B.N. Rao and Dr. Ambedkar are indispensable chapters in that history—one drafted the Constitution, the other gave it soul.

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NIT Srinagar hosts Capacity Building Workshop on “Earthquake Risk Reduction in J&K”

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SRINAGAR: The Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, in collaboration with Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR) J&K, and Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) Srinagar Chapter, organized a day-long Capacity Building Workshop on “Earthquake Risk Reduction in J&K” on Friday.

The event was held under the patronage of Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, Director NIT Srinagar. The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Roohi Naaz, Dean Research and Consultancy and In-Charge Director, NIT Srinagar, Prof. J.A. Bhat, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Prof. B.A. Mir, Secretary, IGS Srinagar Chapter, and Prof. M.Y. Shah. Ms. Snober Jameel (Deputy Secretary), Government of J&K and Arvind Raina (Assistant Programmer), DMRRR were the guests of honor.

Dr. Falak Zahoor and Dr. Majid Hussain from the Civil Engineering Department served as the coordinators.

Experts discussed the importance of earthquake-resistant design in masonry and RCC structures and the crucial role of engineers, policymakers, and

community leaders in reducing seismic risk.

In her presidential address, Prof. Roohi Naaz emphasized the importance of preparedness and the need to explore technological innovations that can help



mitigate the impact of earthquakes.

She said that sensor-based systems capable of automatically unlocking doors during tremors could greatly ease evacuation processes during emergencies.

Prof. Roohie said that the 2005 earthquake was a major lesson for all of us. We must continue to work on preparedness, structural resilience, and public awareness to reduce the loss of lives,” she said.

“It is my wishful thinking that one day the pressure building up inside the earth before an earthquake can be accurately predicted, allowing us to prepare in advance,” she added.

Prof. J.A. Bhat, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, called for strict enforcement of earthquake-resistant building codes and construction regulations.

He said that awareness among the general public and the construction sector is crucial to ensuring that future infrastructure is resilient.

“Every building plan should be evaluated for disaster resilience before construction. I thank the DMRRR for sponsoring this workshop, which allows professionals and institutions to collaborate on making J&K

safer,” Prof. Bhat said.

Addressing the gathering, the Guest of Honor, Ms. Snober Jameel, Deputy Secretary, DMRRR, said that Jammu and Kashmir is among the most disaster-prone regions of the country.

She said the frequency and intensity of natural disasters are increasing each year due to climate change and environmental degradation.

“Earthquakes are far more devastating than many other disasters because they can undo decades of development in a matter of seconds,” she said.

Ms Snober said that as of now, India

does not have any reliable prediction system for earthquakes. It is not the tremors that kill people, it is unsafe buildings. We must focus on resilience, enforce safety codes, and enhance public education to mitigate future losses,” she added.

In his remarks, Prof. B.A. Mir, Secretary, IGS Srinagar Chapter, highlighted that while earthquakes are unpredictable, the impact can be significantly reduced through resilient engineering.

“Soil behavior is uncertain, and earthquakes remain the only natural disaster that cannot be forecasted. However, we can reduce losses through proper design and adherence to building regulations. The foundation of any structure is critical, and when engineering rules are followed, much of the destruction can be prevented,” he said.

In her remarks, Dr. Falak Zahoor, Coordinator of the Workshop, said that capacity building and community awareness are the foundations of disaster resilience.

“Our region lies in one of the most sensitive seismic zones of the country, and it is our collective responsibility to integrate earthquake-resistant design and preparedness in every stage of planning and construction,” she added.

₹16.65 crores Post-Matric Scholarship for Tribal students sanctioned for FY 2025–26

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No tribal student will be deprived of education due to financial constraints: Javed Rana

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Government has approved and released ₹16.65 crore under the Post Matric Scholarship (Tribal) scheme for the financial year 2025–26.

The allocation includes ₹14.99 crore as the central share and ₹1.66 crore as the Union Territory (UT) share, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

The funds have been released through BEAMS via the SNA SPARSH platform, ensuring transparent, efficient, and timely transfer to beneficiaries.

This initiative reflects Omar Abdullah Government’s strong commitment to empowering tribal youth through education and reducing financial barriers to higher learning.

Announcing the release, Minister for Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana said that the enhanced allocation reinforces Government’s resolve to mainstream tribal youth by facilitating their access to higher education,

professional training and skill development opportunities.

“The Omar Abdullah-led government remains steadfast in

accountability and efficiency, Rana said: “Our focus is not merely on fund allocation but on ensuring that every eligible student receives the scholarship



ensuring that no deserving tribal student is deprived of education due to financial hardship,” the Minister said.

“This initiative embodies our unwavering commitment to equity, opportunity and social justice. With this allocation, we are strengthening the foundation for inclusive growth and empowerment.”

He added that Tribal Affairs Department is working to bridge educational disparities and provide comprehensive support for tribal students aspiring to excel academically and professionally.

Highlighting the importance of

amount on time, without procedural delays. We have issued clear directions to all concerned officers to expedite verification, processing, and direct benefit transfers through SPARSH.”

The Minister expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, for its continued support and collaboration in implementing welfare schemes for the tribal population in Jammu and Kashmir

He reaffirmed that education is the cornerstone of empowerment and empowering tribal youth remains a central pillar of the government’s inclusive development agenda.

World Statistics Day 2025 Celebrated at SKUAST-Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: The Division of Agricultural Statistics, Faculty of Horticulture, Sher-e-Kashmir University



of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), organized a special event to commemorate the 4th World Statistics Day 2025, observed globally under the theme “Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone.”

The event was graced by Director Education, SKUAST-Kashmir, Prof. Muhammad Altaf Bhat as the Chief Guest. In his address, Prof. Altaf Bhat emphasized the growing importance of statistics in evidence-based decision-making, research, and agricultural innovation.

He highlighted that modern agricultural sciences increasingly rely on robust statistical methodologies to interpret complex data, generate reliable insights, and design sustainable development strategies.

Speaking on the occasion, Head, Division of Agricultural Statistics, Prof. Imran Khan, underscored the global relevance of statistics in advancing scientific knowledge and promoting data-driven agricultural development.

Distinguished speakers including Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, former Director General, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Controller of Examinations, Cluster University Srinagar; and Assistant Director, National Statistical Office (NSO), Government of India, shared insightful perspectives on the evolution and significance of statistics. They reflected on the discipline’s vital role in transforming governance, economics, and research across diverse sectors.

The celebration served as a vibrant platform to acknowledge the indispensable role of statistics in shaping informed policies, supporting scientific research, and fostering sustainable agricultural and societal development.

GOC 15 Corps calls on Chief Secy to discuss Civil–Military Coordination issues

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SRINAGAR: The General Officer Commanding (GOC) 15 Corps, Lt. Gen. Prashant Srivastava, who oversees military operations in the Kashmir Valley, today called on Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo in his office chambers at the Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting focused on strengthening civil–military coordination to ensure seamless execution of various developmental and administrative initiatives aimed at enhancing public welfare and security in the region.

During the interaction, both sides held a comprehensive discussion on key issues requiring joint efforts between the civil administration and the security forces.

The deliberations covered aspects related to the smooth implementation of several decisions, and measures to further



facilitate cooperation for the larger good of the public. The Chief Secretary appreciated the Army’s continued support in maintaining

peace, stability thereby facilitating development across the UT. He emphasized the importance of synergized efforts between

developmental and public welfare measures proceed smoothly in tandem with security imperatives across the UT.

civil agencies and the armed forces to address emerging challenges effectively and to ensure timely redressal of issues.

Lt. Gen. Prashant Srivastava reaffirmed the Army’s commitment to working in close coordination with the Union Territory Administration to ensure that all initiatives are implemented in a time-bound and people-centric manner.

Both the Chief Secretary and the GOC reiterated their resolve to strengthen institutional mechanisms for coordination, ensuring that

Govt. notifies instructions to curb rash, negligent driving of school buses

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SRINAGAR: For safe and smooth operations of school buses and to allay concerns of incidents of road accidents involving school buses, the School Education department has issued necessary instructions to ensure safety of students.

A circular issued by School Education department in this regard reads, “all Heads of Institutions, both Government and Private, shall ensure that every school bus engaged for transportation of students is fully compliant with the rules prescribed by the Transport Department”.

The circular further reads that it shall be ensured that one attendant is deployed in each school bus, in addition to the driver, to take proper care of students during boarding, travel, and de-boarding, and to handle any emergency situation that may arise. “Every school bus shall be equipped with a first aid box, fire extinguisher, and emergency contact details. The drivers shall strictly adhere to the prescribed speed limits and operate the buses only on approved routes. Any instance of rash or negligent driving shall invite strict disciplinary and legal action. Heads of Institutions shall personally verify compliance and maintain records relating to drivers, attendants, vehicle fitness, and insurance particulars”, the circular adds.

It further reads that the Chief Education Officers shall ensure proper monitoring of these instructions and in case of any default, strict legal action shall be initiated against the violators.



RDD&PR Conducts One-Day Training Workshop On Model Women-Friendly Panchayats Across J&K

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SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Director Panchayati Raj, J&K, Sham Lal, and Director Rural Development Department (RDD) Kashmir, Shabir Hussain on Friday jointly inaugurated one-day training programme on Women-Friendly Panchayats (Model Women-Friendly Panchayats).

The workshop was held simultaneously in Srinagar and Jammu for which the department has finalized 20 Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWF-GPs) across both the Kashmir and Jammu Divisions.

The initiative aims to encourage Panchayats to adopt women-centric planning, infrastructure, and governance practices, ensuring that women’s participation, safety, and empowerment remain central to local decision-making and development.

The training was designed to sensitize and build the capacity of grassroots stakeholders, including Block Development Officers (BDOs), Panchayat Secretaries, Anganwadi Workers, ASHA Workers, Block Coordinators, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and Block Programme Managers (BPMs) on developing Panchayats that are responsive to the needs of women and children.

While addressing the participants in Srinagar, Director Panchayati Raj, Sham Lal, underscored the importance of the initiative, stating that the selected panchayats must serve as models for women- and child-friendly governance.

He urged the participants to align upcoming Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs) with key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to health, education, social welfare, and women’s empowerment.

“Your panchayat has been selected as a model, and we must ensure it truly reflects that. The focus should be on making it women- and child-friendly, aligning the GPD with SDGs such as quality education, health, and social welfare,” Sham Lal said.

He emphasized that panchayats should deliver both tangible and intangible outcomes—from improved infrastructure to inclusive community spaces. “We must see visible changes in facilities such as schools, Anganwadi centres, and healthcare institutions. Ensuring separate washrooms for girls, promoting the pink toilet concept, institutional deliveries, and universal school enrollment for girls should be part of the agenda,” he added.

Director RDD Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat, in his

address, said that creating Women-Friendly Panchayats is not limited to schemes or infrastructure but involves transforming social attitudes and empowering women through education and opportunity.



He highlighted that women-friendly panchayats integrate several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to build communities that are inclusive, equitable, and responsive to the needs of women and children.

“Education is the foundation of empowerment. When a woman learns, she gains the strength to progress and contribute meaningfully to her community,” Bhat said.

During the sessions, Thematic Experts from the State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRC) and District Panchayat Resource Centre (DPRC) led detailed discussions on the concept of Model Women-Friendly Panchayats and the localization of SDGs at the grassroots level. They explained how the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development offers a practical framework to link women’s empowerment with key SDGs such as Gender Equality (SDG 5), Quality Education (SDG 4), Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3), and No Poverty (SDG 1).

The experts emphasized the importance of conducting Mahila Sabhas, implementing gender-responsive budgeting, and appointing Gender Nodal Officers at the panchayat level to institutionalize gender equity in governance.

They also outlined features of a Model Women-Friendly Panchayat, including safe public infrastructure, skill development initiatives for women, effective grievance redressal mechanisms, and community awareness programs aimed at challenging gender stereotypes.

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NC Dominates

NC, six from Congress, seven independents, three PDP MLAs, and one from CPI(M)—a tally sufficient to win both the third and fourth seats. The cross-voting has put the spotlight on the role of authorized polling agents appointed by political parties to verify the votes of their MLAs. As per rules, an elector (MLA) who is a member of a political party is required to show the marked ballot paper to the authorized agent of that party for verification before placing it in the ballot box.

Sources said that all political parties, except the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), had appointed authorized polling agents to verify the marked votes of their MLAs.

They also revealed that Congress MLA Nizamuddin Bhat, who was the party’s authorised polling agent, cast his vote without a substitute agent present.

When contacted, Bhat said, “I was the chief polling agent, and I had to show my vote to myself.”

The cross-voting in the Rajya Sabha polls is expected to trigger a war of words between political parties and could become a major issue in Jammu and Kashmir’s political landscape in the coming days.

Sources within the NC claimed that PDP MLAs were instructed to vote for Imran Nabi Dar instead of Shammil Oberoi. “They had agreed to it,” a senior NC leader disclosed.

Unlike independents, MLAs belonging to political parties are required to display their marked votes to authorized polling agents before depositing them in the ballot box. (KNO)

Rajanth Singh

The action taken by our forces against terrorists was in keeping with both policy precision and human dignity. The operation isn’t over. Our mission for peace will continue as long as even a single terrorist mindset remains alive,” he said.

The Minister also noted that the action taken by the Indian Armed Forces against terrorists during Operation Sindoor reflected both policy precision and respect for human dignity.

He stated that the action has given rise to a new strategic thinking that India responds to any terrorist activity on its own terms. “This is New India’s Defence Doctrine, which embodies both resolve and courage,” he said.

Referring to the recent de-escalation process in the eastern Ladakh areas of Demchok and Depsang following a series of talks between India and China on October 24, the Defence Minister said that the ongoing dialogue and de-escalation steps have demonstrated India’s balanced and firm foreign policy. “Our policy is clear that there will be dialogue and our readiness on the border will remain intact,” he said—(KNO)

Rijiju

world wants to see it. It is a beautiful place, and if there is peace and development, it will progress even more,” he added.

Responding to a question about Bihar, Rijiju said that PM Modi’s visit to the state marks the beginning of a significant campaign. “The Prime Minister is starting his campaign from the birthplace of Karpoori Thakur, which will send a big message. The people of Bihar know that only under Modi ji’s leadership can Bihar move to new heights,” he said.

Regarding Tejaswini Yadav’s political prospects, Rijiju said that democracy depends on public choice. “What will happen by making a face? The public has to accept it. This is democracy,” he said.

He said the “mood of Bihar is visible across India” and that people across the country see the future under Modi’s leadership. “India is a union, and we are all part of it,” he added—(KNO)

LG Sinha

to the nation’s growth story,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that under the Leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Jammu Kashmir is building the movement around the vision of reforming and strengthening the higher education landscape for an uncertain world. He said the ‘Artificial Intelligence Age’ and traditional Indian ideals will make developed India’s dream come true. “Amalgamation of technological advancement and Indian ethos in higher educational institutions will address the future challenges and spur strong economic growth,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also mentioned that the National Education Policy aims to reduce inequality and expand opportunity in the higher educational institutions with the focus on a future-focused approach to equip youth with the capability of critical thinking and lifelong learning.

“Our higher educational institutions have embraced interdisciplinary and project-based learning and we are moving away from traditional, siloed subjects to break the barriers between the real-world and academic world. This will empower our youth, enhance skills and knowledge to ensure their professional growth,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted the need to establish a monitoring mechanism to ensure that research projects are future-oriented, generating new ideas, and introducing new perspectives into society’s knowledge flow.

He observed that all higher education institutions should implement innovative programs

like Design Your Own Degree in a time-bound manner. He further called for providing effective resolutions to the challenges and sharing of resources by the educational institutions to bring about a holistic transformation in the higher education sector in Jammu Kashmir.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman Higher Education Council J&K; Shantmanu, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department; Vice Chancellors of various universities, senior officials, heads of educational institutions, faculty and students attended the inaugural ceremony. (DIPR)

Vande Bharat

first rail service to directly connect the Jammu region with the Kashmir Valley.

Since its launch, it has been widely appreciated for its comfort, speed, and reliability.

Uchit Singhal, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of Northern Railway, said the decision was taken to cater to the growing number of passengers from Reasi district, which attracts thousands of devotees visiting the Vaishno Devi shrine and tourists coming to see the Chenab Bridge, the world’s highest railway bridge.

He said the new halt will boost connectivity and promote tourism in the region. Passengers have been advised to check the latest train schedule on the official railway website, 139, or through the NTES app before travelling—(KNO)

Working

“With this belief and confidence, we are moving forward in every field. Even our foreign policy is being shaped with the interests of India’s youth in mind. Our diplomatic engagements and global agreements are increasingly focused on youth training and employment generation,” Modi said.

At the Rozgar Mela, more than 51,000 appointment letters for government jobs were handed over.

Modi said more than 11 lakh recruitment letters have been issued so far through the Rozgar Melas across the country.

“Empowering the youth is a priority of the BJP-led NDA government,” the prime minister said.

Modi said India has entered into investment partnerships with several European countries, creating thousands of new job opportunities.

“We have also signed multiple agreements with nations like Brazil, Singapore, South Korea, and Canada to boost investment and support start-ups and MSMEs. These collaborations will strengthen exports and open up new avenues of growth and opportunity for India’s youth,” he said.

Modi said the recent reduction in GST rates has marked a major reform in the country and its impact went far beyond just increasing people’s savings.

“The next generation GST reforms are also expanding opportunities for employment and growth,” the prime minister said. (PTI)

CM Omar

transport arrangements and logistical aspects of the Darbar move convoy.

The Chief Minister directed the Managing Director JKRTC and Traffic Department to arrange additional buses and arrange down convoys for two consecutive days—November 1 and 2, 2025—to ensure safe and efficient movement of employees and equipments.

He emphasized meticulous coordination between departments for hassle-free transportation during the move.

Reviewing the security and traffic management plan along the National Highway and residential accommodation for move employees, the Chief Minister impressed upon the Police Department and other concerned agencies to ensure comprehensive security measures, especially in all residential areas where employees would be located.

The meeting was also informed that medical assistance will remain available along the movement route, with 19 doctors, 40 paramedics, and 10 ambulances each deployed in both Kashmir and Jammu divisions, besides seven ambulances kept on standby mode.

The Chief Minister directed the formation of a committee headed by ACS Estates, with members from GAD, ART & Trainings, and Housing & Urban Development Department, to resolve accommodation-related issues and ensure readiness of residential quarters. He also instructed the Estates Department to establish a control room in Jammu to address any office accommodation concerns during the move period.

The meeting also reviewed arrangements of essential services, food, hospitality, and other key facilities. Divisional Commissioner Jammu was asked to examine traffic management within Jammu city and around major residential areas, and to identify locations along the convoy route for food and public convenience facilities, including washrooms, to cater to employees and officials during the move.

Further, the Chief Minister instructed the Estates Department to establish a dedicated control room for addressing accommodation and logistical issues, while the General Administration Department (GAD) shall set up the Winter Secretariat at Srinagar with minimal staff presence.

The Chief Minister directed the issuance of monthly rosters for Ministers and administrative secretaries to be stationed at the Winter Secretariat in Srinagar, beginning with the November roster.

The Chief Minister stressed that the Darbar Move, being a unique administrative tradition, demands flawless coordination, security, preparedness and public ease.

He directed all departments to work in synergy to ensure that the 2025–26 session begins seamlessly in Jammu. (DIPR)

Winners vow

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Choudhary said that it is a rejection of the August 5, 2019 decision.

Another victorious NC candidate, Shami Oberoi said that he is happy that three seats were won by the NC. “It is unfortunate that we have lost the fourth seat. We will become the voice of J&K people in the Parliament,” he said.

Another winner and senior NC leader Sajad Kichloo thanked Almighty Allah, the leadership of the party including Party President, Dr Farooq Abdullah, Vice-President Omar Abdullah and all the 56 MLAs, who cast their votes in his favour.

“I would like to thank the people of Chenab, who stood behind me. The people have come from different parts of the Chenab and Jammu here to celebrate the win. It is a gift for the party and the people of Chenab,” he said, adding that after 1982, Chenab has got a voice in the parliament.

“I want to assure the people that I will serve the cause for which I have been sent to Rajya Sabha. We will strive hard to fight for the Statehood and special status restoration. We will work hard on these issues and expect that we will come up to the expectations of the party and the people,” he said.

BJP leader, Sat Sharma, who won the fourth seat unexpectedly, thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP national President J P O Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for choosing him as the candidate.

“I would like to thank the voters for voting in my favour. I will serve the people, nation and the party,” he said, adding that he had talked to all the political parties and had sought votes from them. “I want to thank the four voters, who voted from me today,” he said—(KNO)

Victims

is clearly a major challenge before the world. “Few examples are more telling about the challenges facing the UN than its response to terrorism. When a sitting Security Council member openly protects the very organisation that claims responsibility for the barbaric terror attack such as at Pahalgal, what does it do to the credibility of multilateralism,” Jaishankar asked.

Though Jaishankar didn’t directly name Pakistan, it was abundantly clear from his remarks that he was referring to that country.

“Similarly, if victims and perpetrators of terrorism are equated in the name of global strategy, how much

more cynical can the world get. When self-proclaimed terrorists are shielded from the sanctioning process, what does it say for the sincerity of those involved,” he said.

Pakistan is currently a member of the UN Security Council. It was the chair of the top global body in the month of July.

The Council is composed of 15 members including five permanent members which are China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Ten non-permanent member nations are elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly. The presidency of the UNSC is held by each of the members in turn for one month.

The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror group, had claimed responsibility for the Pahalgal terror attack.

TRF found mention in a UNSC report in July for its role in the Pahalgal attack.

Pakistan had attempted to remove references to TRF in the UNSC press statement condemning the Pahalgal attack, according to officials.

Jaishankar’s remarks on shielding terrorists from the sanctioning process came against the backdrop of instances of China blocking many initiatives at the UN Security Council to designate Pakistan-based terrorists.

In his remarks, Jaishankar suggested that the UN has failed to address pressing issues.

“If the maintenance of international peace and security has become lip service, the predicament of development and socio-economic progress is even more serious,” he said.

“The slowing down of the SDG Agenda 2030 is a significant metric to measure the distress of the Global South. There are many more, whether it is trade measures, supply chain dependence or political domination,” he said.

“Yet, on such a notable anniversary, we cannot abandon hope. However difficult, the commitment to multilateralism must remain strong. However flawed, the United Nations must be supported in this time of crisis,” Jaishankar added.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of goals set to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Jaishankar also reiterated India’s commitment to the “ideals of peace and security”, as well as development and progress.

“India has always been and will continue to be a strong votary of the United Nations, and indeed, of multilateralism. Our commitment to global peace and security is reflected, amongst others, in our staunch support for peacekeeping,” he said.

Jaishankar also released a commemorative postage stamp to celebrate 80 years of the UN. (PTI)

LG Urges

infrastructure, have ensured comprehensive support to young and master artisans and revived the UT’s unique cultural and artistic heritage.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon all the stakeholder departments to ensure that artisans directly benefit from new GST reforms. He emphasised on increasing the visibility of Jammu Kashmir’s beautiful art at major airports, shop-

ping malls, and e-commerce sites in India and abroad, and to provide a recognition to the skilled hands behind the product.

“We must also promote cities and villages renowned for their artisans on the global craft map so that artisans and craftspeople who have been practicing these arts for decades can receive the due respect and recognition they deserve, the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The Pashmina Artisan Awards honored excellence across several categories of traditional craft with core focus on the Pashmina Sector.

Shri Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce Department; Dr Hina Shafi Bhat, former Chairperson KVIB; Shri Mussarat Zia, Director Handicraft and Handloom Kashmir; Shri Tariq Dar, President, Pashmeena Entrepreneurs Makers and Artisans (PEMA) Foundation, and office bearers of PEMA Foundation, senior officials, members of business and trade associations artisans and craftspeople attended the felicitation ceremony.

Body of missing youth recovered in Bijbehara orchards

SRINAGAR: The dead body of a missing youth has been recovered in orchards of Chinigund



Srigufwara area of south Kashmir’s Anantnag district on Friday, officials said.

They said that a youth who had gone missing since 20th October was found dead in Orchards of Srigufwara.

The deceased has been identified as Adil Ahmad Najar (28) son of Manzoor Ahmad Najar resident of Manjan Kenelwan Bijbehara. He was a carpenter by profession.

His body was shifted to GMC Anantnag for medico-legal formalities.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case in this regard and investigation has been taken up. (GNS)

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Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir,
Office of the Executive Engineer
R&B Division Kralpora
S⁵Fresh E tenderingNIT No.47/RNB/Kralpora of 2025-26**Dated: 23-10-2025**

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor Jammu & Kashmir(UT), e-tenders are being invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K UT Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. N o	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of T/Do c. (In Rupees)	EMD (In Rupees)	Time of completi on	Class of Contractor	Major Head
1.	All inner links of Halqa Shalloora	9.29 (incl C/o Bitumen and GST)	600/-	18590	3 Days	Cee/Dee Civil having MOU with registered HMPO	Potholes 2025-26
2.	Upgradation of Road Zadoo Mohalla Kralpora Kupwara	18.38 (incl C/o Bitumen and GST)	800/-	36770	5 Days	Bee/Cee Civil having MOU with registered HMPO	Potholes 2025-26
3.	Upgradation of Road Phirkayan Main Road to Khan Mohalla	14.50 (incl C/o Bitumen and GST)	600/-	29000	4 Days	Bee/Cee/Dee Civil having MOU with registered HMPO	Potholes 2025-26
4.	Upgradation of Tangwari Waserkutu Loan Hari Road	14.07 (incl C/o Bitumen and GST)	600/-	28150	4 Days	Bee/Cee/Dee Civil having MOU with registered HMPO	Potholes 2025-26
5	Macadamisation of Road Islampora ND Saraibal Road at Gazrial	14.08 (incl C/o Bitumen and GST)	600/-	28160	4 Days	Bee/Cee/Dee Civil having MOU with registered HMPO	Potholes 2025-26
6.	Macadamization of Balance portion of Magray Mohalla Haradoona Linkroad	9.70 (incl C/o Bitumen and GST)	600/-	19410	5 Days	Cee/Dee Civil having MOU with registered HMPO	Capex Budget District Sector

Position of AAA/ TS: Accorded
Position of funds: Available
No:Div-KRLP/3034-48
Date: 23-10-2025

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23.10.2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	23.10.2025(3:00PM) to 28.10.2025 (6:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	23.10.2025 (3:00PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	28.10.2025 (6:00PM)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	29.10.2025 (12:00Noon) In the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora.

Upload/Discluse the bank account number which is linked with the GSTIN along with proof. No payments shall be released by the department to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder.

6. For drawing of agreement of the contract and memorandum of an agreement relating to sake of bill of exchange one rupee for Rs.10,000/- or part thereof shall have to be realized/deposited by the Contractor at his own to revenue Head of Accts.0030/ Stamps of Deputy Commissioner Stamps J&K UT.

7. Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer

DIPK-7454/25 Dt:24-10-2025

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag
Mechanical and Hospital Engineering Department, Kashmir
GIST ofshort-term e-NIT No. MHDA/TS/53 of 2025-26

Dated:23-10-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT short term e-tenders on percentage basis are invited from registered and experienced contractors/ firms having mandatorily an office establishment in Kashmir for the below mentioned work(s):

NameoftheWork	Cost ofTenderD oc.(InRup ees)	Earnest Money (InRs)	Estimated Cost (InRs)	Contract period	Position offunds
1	2	3	4	5	7
Hiring of Manpower (Operators & Helpers)for operation of Snow Clearance Machinery of Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnagfor the Year 2025-26.	1000	62600	3132000	3Months.	Under MH-3054-449

- Position of Administrative Approval: Works programme approved vide No:MHD/K/Acctt/132of 2025-26 Dated:19-09-2025.**
- Position of Technical Sanction: Accorded under No MHED/K/TS/31 Dated 22-10-2025 by Chief Engineer Mechanical and Hospital Engineering Department, Kashmir.**

1. Downloading of Bids: The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from23-10-2025(16:00Hrs.)

2. Submission of Bids: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website

from 23-10-2025(17:00Hrs.)to04-11-2025(14:00Hrs.) in two covers.

3. Opening of Bids: The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on **05-11-2025(14:00Hrs.)in Office of the undersigned.**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag

No: MHDA/ TS-351/2676
Dated:23-10-2025
DIPK-7476/25 Dt:24-10-2025

Dr Jitendra Singh Calls for Reduced Dependence on Government Funding in Healthcare Research

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Minister of State for the Prime Minister's Office, Dr Jitendra Singh, on Friday called upon the healthcare sector to move away from overdependence on government funding and encourage greater private-sector participation for synergised healthcare, innovation, and philanthropy.

Inaugurating the “TREAT-DM 2025 – Translational Research, Adiposopathy, Technology for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases” conference virtually from Delhi, Dr Singh emphasised that the age of working in silos was over and that the integration of academia, industry, and research institutions were crucial to achieving global standards in healthcare innovation.

“The boundary between the public and private sectors has gradually faded. Thanks to Prime Minister Modi's reforms, India has opened its space, nuclear, and biotechnology sectors for wider participation, leading to historic outcomes,” the Minister said, adding that similar transformations are now visible in biotechnology and biomedical research.

Highlighting key achievements, Dr Singh cited India's first indigenous gene-therapy trial for Hemophilia, conducted under the Department of Biotechnology and Christian Medical College, Vellore, which achieved a 60-70% correction rate with no post-therapy bleeding incidents. He also noted the development of Nafthromycin, the country's first indigenously discovered antibiotic effective against resistant respiratory infections, particularly in diabetic and immunocompromised

patients — a major step toward Atmanirbhar Bharat in pharmaceutical innovation.

The Minister also underscored India's growing leadership in vaccine research and exports, stating that indigenously



developed DNA and other vaccines have been supplied to nearly 200 countries, reflecting India's commitment to both self-reliance and global welfare.

Dr Singh further noted that the Anusandhan National

Research Foundation (ANRF) has been structured to promote a sustainable research funding model, with 50,000 crore earmarked over five years, of which 36,000 crore will come from non-governmental sources. “This marks a shift toward a self-sustainable, globally aligned research ecosystem,” he said.

In the biomanufacturing sector, Dr Singh highlighted that India now ranks third in the Indo-Pacific region and twelfth globally, with medical devices developed at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, being exported — a testament to the success of indigenous R&D.

The Minister also referred to Indian life-science experiments conducted aboard the International Space Station, including studies on muscle regeneration and cellular effects of electronic environments, which he said had “global implications.”

Concluding his address, Dr Singh urged researchers to align their efforts with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, stating that “India's scientific growth will be driven by innovation, self-reliance, and international collaboration.”

The inaugural session was also addressed by Dr C. N. Manjunath, MP (Bengaluru Rural), Prof. Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc, Prof. Navakanta Bhat, Dean, IISc, and Dr Rohit N. Kulkarni of Harvard Medical School, among other eminent scientists and clinicians. (PIB)

Xi to visit South Korea for APEC Summit; to meet Trump amid renewed trade tensions

BEIJING: China on Friday confirmed that President Xi Jinping will visit South Korea to attend the APEC Summit, during which he is

earth exports, while Washington threatened additional tariffs and new curbs on key technologies.



expected to hold crucial talks with his US counterpart Donald Trump to ease escalating trade tensions between the two countries.

Earlier, the White House had announced that Trump and Xi would meet on October 30 in South Korea.

At the invitation of South Korean President Lee Jae-myung, Xi will attend the 32nd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Gyeongju and pay a state visit from Oct 30 to Nov 1, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun told reporters here.

Replying to a question, Guo said China and the US are maintaining close communication on a potential meeting between the two heads of state.

While Trump was open about his plans to meet Xi, Beijing was guarded in confirming the meeting.

On Thursday, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told a media briefing in Washington that Trump will “participate in a bilateral meeting with President Xi” on October 30 in South Korea.

The meeting will take place at the end of a three-nation Asia trip to Malaysia, Japan and South Korea by the US president.

The meeting will take place in the South Korean city of Busan, ahead of the official start of the main Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit scheduled for October 31 to November 1, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

The meeting between the heads of the top two world economies comes amid heightened tensions as Beijing signalled tighter control over rare

Trump, who had earlier threatened to scrap the meeting amid the trade war flare-up, said on Wednesday he hoped for a deal “on everything”.

Speaking to reporters in Washington on Thursday, the president said during his talks with Xi, he will raise “some big issues” like the plight of US farmers, but the “first question” that he'll ask him will be aboutentanyl exports, referring to the US' accusation that China has failed to curb precursor shipments linked to America's opioid crisis.

Analysts in Washington have warned against expecting major breakthroughs in the meeting.

“Both sides are approaching the relationship with confidence. Both sides believe that the other needs them more than they do. And ultimately, both sides believe that they have the upper hand,” a former senior US government official told the Post.

“Both sides believe they have escalation dominance – [a] very, very dangerous place to be,” the official said.

According to the White House, Trump will leave Washington on Friday for the multi-nation Asia tour.

Trump will arrive in Malaysia on Sunday local time for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit, a meeting he skipped several times during his first term.

He will also hold bilateral meetings with the leaders of Japan, Malaysia and South Korea.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Chinese Vice-Premier He Lifeng are scheduled to meet in Malaysia later this week to lay the groundwork for the Trump-Xi meeting. (PTI)

ITBP sets glorious precedents in courage, commitment to nation: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday greeted the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel on the force's Raising Day, noting that “the Himveers of the ITBP have set glorious precedents in courage and commitment to the nation”.

Shah took to X to express his views and also paid homage to ITBP martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, saying their valour continues to inspire the nation.

“Greetings to ITBP personnel on their Raising Day. Securing the dignity of the nation in merciless terrains and unforgiving climates, the Himveers of the ITBP have set glorious precedents in courage and commitment to nation. Salutations to martyrs who gave lives for the country,” Shah posted on X.

The ITBP, known as the ‘Himveers’ (Himalayan Warriors), is deployed along 3,488 km long India's border with China, known as the Line of Actual Control (LAC), and is tasked with safeguarding the nation's frontiers in some of the most challenging high-altitude terrains in the world. The ITBP is mandated to guard the border that touches Jammu and Kashmir (1597 km), Himachal Pradesh (200 km), Uttarakhand (345 km), Sikkim (220 km), and Arunachal Pradesh (1126 km).

The ITBP was raised on October 24, 1962, in the aftermath of the India-China war, with the primary objective of guarding the country's border along the India-China frontier.

Initially starting with just four battalions, the ITBP was tasked with monitoring the 36,000 km-long Himalayan borders, detecting and preventing border violations, and promoting a sense of security among border populations.

Over the years, its role has expanded from purely border guarding to include disaster response, anti-Naxal operations, and internal security duties. The force is also frequently deployed for VIP security and election-related assignments across the country.

Celebrated every year on October 24, ITBP Raising Day honours the valour, dedication, and sacrifice of the “Himveers” who serve in some of the most inhospitable and high-altitude terrains in the world, including regions above 18,000 feet in Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Himachal Pradesh.

The day is marked by parades, cultural programmes, and tributes to martyrs at the ITBP headquarters in New Delhi and across its formations. (ANI)



Two Day Mega Outreach Programme of CBC Concludes at Tyakshi, Leh

The two-day Mega Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme cum Photo Exhibition, organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Field Office



Srinagar, concluded today at Army Goodwill School, Tyakshi, Turtuk, Leh.

The outreach programme was held under the themes of Viksit Bharat, Swachhata, Mission LiFE, New Criminal Laws, Vigilance Awareness and other flagship schemes of the Government of India. It aimed to raise awareness about India's developmental journey, promote environmental conservation, encourage sustainable lifestyle practices, and spread awareness about citizen-centric laws and vigilance. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of various educational institutions of the region.

The exhibition was inaugurated on October 23 by Ghulam Abbas, Director, CBC J&K & Ladakh Region, Col. Lakshay Baniyal, Commanding Officer, 3 Kumaon Rifles, Tyakshi, and Naseer Ahmad Rather, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Srinagar, in the presence of officers from the Army, Police, and Ladakh Administration.

During the two-day programme, resource persons from multiple departments including the District Administration, Education, Forest, Agriculture, Rural Development, Municipality, Army, and Police delivered lectures on sustainability, Swachhata, responsible citizenship, protection of flora and fauna, and various welfare schemes of the Government of India. They emphasised the importance of community participation

and responsible use of natural resources for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat.

The speakers discussed various developmental initiatives of the government for public welfare, importance of environmental protection, cleanliness and hygiene, protection of flora and fauna, various facets of New Criminal Laws, Sustainable Agricultural Practices and India's tremendous growth trajectory under the Viksit Bharat initiative.

Director CBC J&K & Ladakh Region, Shri Ghulam Abbas, said that CBC's outreach efforts are focused on taking government information and welfare initiatives to the remotest corners of the country. He reiterated CBC's

commitment to bridging information gaps and ensuring that citizens, especially youth, are aware of the government's development and welfare programmes.

Naseer Ahmad Rather, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Srinagar said that the CBC regularly conducts outreach programmes across Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh to promote awareness on national development, environmental protection, and good governance. He added that similar programmes are being planned in Kargil and Drass in the coming weeks to ensure extensive coverage of far-flung areas.

The two-day event also featured quiz, painting, drawing, and debate competitions, followed by Shramdaan drives and oath ceremonies reinforcing the message of cleanliness and sustainability. Participants were felicitated with mementoes and certificates for their contribution.

The participants and local population appreciated CBC for conducting such awareness programme in a remote border region of Ladakh, highlighting that such initiatives play a vital role in informing and educating people about various government initiatives.

The programme concluded with a pledge to uphold Swachhata, embrace sustainable living, and contribute to the peace and prosperity of the nation. (PIB)

Bihar will celebrate real Diwali on Nov 14 when RJD faces humiliating defeat in polls: Shah

SIWAN: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday asserted that Bihar will celebrate “real Diwali” on November 14, when the RJD and its alliance partners face a humiliating defeat in the assembly polls.

Shah, addressing a rally in Bihar's Siwan district, slammed the Lalu Prasad-led party for fielding Osama Shahab, the son of gangster-turned-politician Mohammad Shahabuddin. “People here must ensure that Shahabuddin's

son, contesting from the Raghunathpur seat, faces a humiliating defeat in the assembly polls. The ‘jungle raj’ of Lalu Prasad and Rabri Devi had been endured by the people of Siwan for at least 20 years.

“I am confident that people of Bihar will celebrate real Diwali on November 14, when the poll results will be announced. The RJD and its alliance partners will witness a humiliating defeat,” the home minister said.

Shah also claimed that the opposition INDIA bloc in Bihar was completely fragmented.

“The NDA will form government in Bihar once again. We are contesting the elections under the leadership of Nitish Kumar ji, who has done a lot to get the state back on track... And for the past 10 years, Narendra Modi ji has nurtured Bihar,” he said.

Playing the Congress for the recent ‘Voter Adhikar Yatra’ in the state, he said, “As per Rahul Gandhi, infiltrators should remain here.

But be assured that not a single infiltrator will be allowed to remain in Bihar. Bring the NDA back to power, and our government will throw out every single infiltrator.”

The senior BJP leader said “when Sonia Gandhi-Lalu Prasad's government (UPA) was at the Centre, terrorists were fed biryani”, but under the Narendra Modi-led government, “we conducted Operation Sindoor and wiped out terrorists, entering Pakistan”.

Addressing another rally in Buxar, Shah alleged that by giving a ticket to Shahabuddin's son, Lalu Prasad has “proven that he wants to bring back ‘jungle raj’ in Bihar”.

“The RJD nominated Shahabuddin's son, whereas we field candidates like former IPS officer Anand Mishra (Buxar seat). This shows the difference between the NDA and the ‘Mahagathabandhan’” he asserted.

Shah also alleged that Prasad was involved only in “scams and scandals”, and amassed disproportionate assets.

“Can a person involved in so many scams do any good for the people of Bihar? Nitish Kumar ji and Narendra Modi ji are concerned only for the betterment of the state,” the home minister said.

“I pray to ‘Chhathi Maiya’ that she continues to bless the people of Bihar so that the ‘jungle raj’ does not return,” Shah added. (PTI)

Ayush Ministry and ICMR to Host National Seminar on Hepatobiliary Wellness through Ayurveda

BHUBANESWAR: The Ministry of Ayush, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), will host a two-day National Seminar on “Hepatobiliary Wellness through Ayurveda: Bridging Traditional Wisdom with Contemporary Science” from October 25 to 26, 2025, in Bhubaneswar.

An official spokesperson of the ministry of Ayush said the event will be jointly organized by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and its Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), along with the ICMR's Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar.

The seminar, themed “Yakrut Suraksha, Jiveta Raksha” (Protect the Liver, Preserve Life), aims to bring together experts from Ayurveda and modern medicine to advance research-backed solutions for liver and biliary health. The initiative focuses on integrating traditional knowledge with contemporary biomedical research to create effective, evidence-



based healthcare models.

Highlighting the importance of the event, Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya, Director General of CCRAS, said that Ayurveda offers a holistic approach to hepatobiliary wellness through prevention and balance. “Collaborative research will help scientifically validate Ayurvedic principles and strengthen the global credibility of Ayurveda,” he said.

Dr. Sanghamitra Pati, Additional Director General of ICMR and Director of RMRC

Bhubaneswar, said that liver and biliary disorders require interdisciplinary innovation. “By combining Ayurveda's traditional insights with modern scientific rigor, we can develop preventive, personalized, and globally relevant healthcare models,” she noted.

The seminar will feature deliberations across five major themes, focusing on preventive and therapeutic approaches through Ayurvedic dietetics, Panchakarma, detoxification therapies, and

management of diseases like NAFLD, hepatitis, and liver cirrhosis. Sessions will also cover experimental research on the safety and efficacy of Ayurvedic formulations and explore integration protocols between Ayurveda and modern hospital systems.

A highlight of the event will be an exclusive session on “Ethnomedicine in Hepatobiliary Disorders,” featuring 20 tribal healers from Odisha, reflecting the Ministry's efforts to preserve and document indigenous healing traditions.

The two-day event will include 58 scientific presentations—22 oral and 36 posters—showcasing research outcomes and clinical studies. Among the key speakers will be Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Biswas, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS Bhubaneswar; Prof. Subrat Kumar Acharya, Pro-Chancellor of KIIMS Bhubaneswar and Executive Director of Fortis Escorts, New Delhi; and Dr. Sarada Ota, Assistant Director In-Charge, CARI Bhubaneswar. Eminent research-

ers such as Prof. Manas Ranjan Sahoo, Dr. N. Srikanth, Dr. Ashok B.K., and Dr. Rajesh Kumavat will also participate.

The Ministry of Ayush has been conducting extensive scientific research on Ayurvedic interventions for liver health. Studies on Picrothiza kurroa (Kutaki) and Ayush-PTK formulations have shown strong hepatoprotective potential, while collaborative trials with CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow, are evaluating Ayurvedic medicines against drug-induced liver toxicity.

Clinical trials on Arogyavardhini Vati and Pippalyasava have also shown promising results in managing Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD).

The upcoming seminar seeks to enhance collaboration between traditional and modern medical research, paving the way for new insights into liver care and positioning India as a global leader in integrative and evidence-based traditional medicine. (PIB)



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