

# PM Modi-led govt stands firmly with flood-hit J&K people: Amit Shah

- Carries out aerial survey
- Interacts with people
- Hails J&K govt's successful rescue op
- Asks MeT, NDMA to identify causes
- Assistance under SDRF for damaged houses soon

Yogesh

Jammu, Sept 01: Reiterating that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi stands firmly with the flood hit people of Jammu and Kashmir, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday assured that Centre would provide prompt relief, financial assistance, and technical support to facilitate recovery and reconstruction, and will ensure the safety and well-being of the sufferers.

The Union Home Minister arrived in Jammu on late Sunday evening to assess the damage caused by the floods in the region.

After conducting a whirlwind tour of the flood affected areas the Union Home Minister, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) chaired a high level meeting on relief measures at Raj Bhavan here.

"Chaired a meeting to review the recent flood situation in Jammu. Instructed the water



supply and health departments to exert full might in fulfilling the healthcare needs that may emerge after the floods. The Modi government will continue to provide swift relief and financial and technological support," Shah wrote on X.

The meeting was attended by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Leader of Opposition in Assembly Sunil Sharma and senior civil, police, paramilitary and army officers, among others, officials said.

They said Home Minister Shah accompanied by LG Sinha, CM Omar Abdullah and Sharma visited the Tawi Bridge near the Bikram Chowk and Manguchak near the Jammu Airport and took a first-hand account of the damage caused by the floods.

In the morning the Home Minister, according to the officials, conducted an aerial survey

of the flood-hit areas across the Jammu region.

The survey covered severely affected areas, including Katra, the base camp for the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and Kishtwar, where a catastrophic cloudburst on August 14 triggered flash floods in Chashoti village, claiming 65 lives, mostly pilgrims, and injuring over 100 others.

The aerial assessment provided the Home Minister with a firsthand view of the widespread destruction caused by record rainfall, landslides, and flash floods, particularly in Kishtwar, Kathua, Reasi, and Ramban districts, the officials said.

During the meeting the Union Home Minister expressed grief over the loss of lives in the recent incidents. "In this hour of crisis, from the very first day, PM Modi has spoken to the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Minister of | [More on P6](#)



Locals collecting water chestnuts from a lake in Srinagar to be sold in the market. Pic: Jahangir Shah (KNO/KT)

## Double standards on terror unacceptable: PM Modi at SCO, decries Pahalgam attack 'Terrorism threatens humanity, must be opposed collectively'

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Sept 01: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday once again condemned the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 people, mostly tourists, dead, saying every country should adopt a clear and collective position against terrorism.

The Prime Minister, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said nations must reject double standards on terrorism and speak with one voice against it. He added that terrorism, in every form, must be opposed, calling it a responsibility towards humanity.

Addressing the 25th Heads of State Council meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), Modi said terrorism was not just a challenge for India but for all countries that value human life.



He said India had faced decades of terror violence, leaving deep social and human costs. "This attack was an open challenge to every country and every person who believes in humanity," Modi said, adding that support for terrorism in any form must not be tolerated.

The joint declaration released after the meeting carried a condemnation of the Pahalgam attack, as well as two

separate incidents in Pakistan. It reiterated the need to hold the perpetrators accountable and called for collective efforts to combat terrorism.

The PM said there should be no ambiguity in defining terrorism and no scope for double standards. "We must oppose terrorism in every form and manifestation. This is our responsibility towards humanity," he told | [More on P6](#)

## Infiltration bid foiled along LoC in Poonch: Army



Yogesh

Jammu, Sept 01: The Indian Army on Monday foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Mendhar Sector of Poonch district, officials said.

An official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that troops guarding by recent noticed a group of terrorists trying to sneak into this side near Dabbi village of Balakote in the early hours today.

He said the challenged the movement and heavy gunfire was exchanged between the two sides.

"The area | [More on P6](#)

## PM, HM will ensure all help to affected families: LG Sinha

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Jammu, Sept 01: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha accompanied Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday to survey the rain and flood affected areas of Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor in a statement said: "My heart goes out to the families of those who have lost their loved ones and those who have suffered loss of property in this massive natural calamity. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah have assured that every possible effort will be made to provide immediate relief to the families, restoration of buildings, roads and other infrastructure and all the help will be extended to affected families to reconstruct their lives.

Army, Air Force, NDRF, NHAI, CAPFs, SDRF, J&K Police and UT Administration have deployed all possible resources for rescue and relief efforts and providing aid and assistance to those who have been evacuated to safe locations. Due to unusual climatic occurrences, | [More on P6](#)

## HM praises security forces for successful Amarnath Yatra

Chairs security review meeting, calls for eliminating terror from J&K



Yogesh

Jammu, Sept 01: Praising security agencies for the smooth conduct of the annual Amarnath Yatra, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday called for eliminating terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Chairing a high-level security review meeting at Raj Bhavan here, Shah, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), appreciated the efforts of the UT administration and security agencies for the smooth conduct of the annual

Amarnath Yatra. More than 4,00,000 pilgrims participated in the pilgrimage and paid obeisance at the holy cave shrine, nestled in Himalayas.

During the meeting the Home Minister reiterated Centre's zero-tolerance policy against terrorism.

"All security agencies should remain alert and operate in a coordinated manner to eliminate terrorism in the Union Territory," Shah said.

The meeting was attended by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary, | [More on P6](#)

## MHA forms inter-ministerial teams to assess flood losses in Northern States, J&K

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Sept 01: The Ministry of Home Affairs has set up Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) to evaluate the extent of damage caused by heavy rainfall, flash floods, landslides and cloudbursts in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab.

Officials told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that each team will be headed by an officer of Joint Secretary rank from the Ministry of

Home Affairs or the National Disaster Management Authority. The groups will also include members drawn from the departments of Expenditure, Agriculture And Farmers' Welfare, Jal Shakti, Power, Road Transport And Highways, as well as Rural Development.

The teams are expected to carry out field visits to the affected districts and examine relief measures already in place by the state and Union Territory administrations. The findings will form the basis for further | [More on P6](#)

## LoP Sharma seeks comprehensive relief, rehabilitation package

Briefs HM Shah on devastation in Jammu region



KNO

Jammu, Sept 01: Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the J&K Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma, on Monday, briefed Union Home Minister Amit

Shah at Raj Bhawan Jammu about the extensive damage and distress caused by recent cloudbursts, incessant rainfall and flash floods in various parts of the Jammu region.

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### CHAOS FROM THE CLOUDS

## J&K faces deadliest August: 100 dead, 30+ extreme weather events

### 6th wettest Aug in 125 years at 73% excess rainfall

Owais Gul

Srinagar, Sept 01: Jammu and Kashmir has endured the deadliest month, August, as the back-to-back natural calamities have led to the loss of over 100 lives across the region, experiencing over 30 extreme weather events during the last 31 days.

According to the details available with the news agency—Kashmir news Observer (KNO), the region has experienced its

sixth wettest August since 1901, with the region recording 319.3 mm of rainfall against the normal of 184.9 mm, marking an excess of 73% precipitation.

The month of August witnessed an alarming surge in extreme weather events across Jammu and Kashmir, resulting in over 100 deaths and damage to several properties.

Director Meteorological department (meT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, confirmed to KNO that more than 30 incidents of flash floods, cloudbursts, landslides, gusty winds, heavy rains and thunderstorms were recorded in the month of August, with at least 14 events leading to



fatalities.

Among the deadliest events were Kishtwar cloudburst, claiming 65 lives and several

others are still missing and Reasi landslide along the Vaishno Devi route, claiming 35 lives. Both incidents have claimed 100 lives.

Several other people lost their lives in different events, including in Katra, Ramban and other places, taking the toll up to over 100 in August.

The first major incident occurred on August 14, when a cloudburst struck Chesoti village in Kishtwar district. The bodies of 65 victims were recovered, while several others are still missing.

On August 17, a cloudburst hit Jodh Ghati and Janglote villages in Kathua district, killing seven people and injuring many.

On August 26, a massive landslide at Adhkwari cave temple, on the route to the Vaishno Devi shrine, claimed 35 lives and over

20 were injured.

Seven members of a family were among 12 people killed in Ramban and Reasi districts during the early hours of last Saturday due to a landslide and cloudburst on August 30.

The spate of extreme weather events has raised serious concerns over disaster preparedness and the impact of changing weather patterns in the region.

Experts attribute the surge in flash floods, cloudbursts, and landslides to increasingly erratic rainfall patterns linked to climate change.

Furthermore, J&K has experienced its sixth wettest August since 1901, with the region

recording 319.3 mm of rainfall against the normal of 184.9 mm, marking an excess of 73% precipitation.

The highest-ever August rainfall was recorded in 1996 at 481.3 mm, followed by 345.8 mm in 1908, 343.0 mm in 2013, 336.5 mm in 1994, and 331.0 mm in 1955, an Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng, told KNO.

This year, several districts in the Jammu region witnessed extreme rainfall departures. Doda topped the chart with 290% excess rainfall, receiving 488.2 mm against the normal 125.1 mm. It was followed by Udhampur (159% surplus), | [More on P6](#)

# BGSBU carries special responsibility in shaping future of youth: Sakeena

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 01: Minister for Education, Sakeena Itoo Monday conducted a comprehensive review of the academic and administrative functioning of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), Rajouri, in a high-level meeting held at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chancellor, BGSBU, Prof. Jawaid Iqbal; Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education department (HED), Shantamanu; Deputy Commissioner Rajouri/Registrar BGSBU, Abhishek Sharma; Director RUSA, Special Secretaries of HED, Director Finance and Director Planning HED and other senior officers of University administration and HED, either in person or through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the Minister took detailed assessment of the university's progress across multiple fronts, like teaching and research output, infrastructure



development, student welfare measures, and other initiatives of the university.

During the meeting, Minister Sakeena underlined that BGSBU, being a key higher education hub in the Pir Panjal region, carries a special responsibility in shaping the future of youth through quality education, skill development, and character building. She called upon the university authorities to adopt student-centric initiatives, strengthen placement cells, and enhance digital learning infrastructure to keep pace with national and global standards.

While reviewing the progress of ongoing infrastructure

projects in the University, the Minister directed the administration to ensure timely completion of these projects. She further stressed on the officers to initiate only those new infrastructure projects in the University which deem necessary for its smooth functioning. She also instructed the university administration to complete the renovation works on hostels in a time bound manner so that the students can stay there comfortably and with ease.

While reviewing the Human Resource position of the university, the Minister directed the officers to engage teaching staff on academic arrangement basis

in courses having maximum roll of students till the vacant positions are filled on regular basis. She also called upon the University administration that students from remote and marginalized communities should be facilitated at the university and adequate support through scholarships, remedial coaching, and mentorship programs should be provided to them on a regular basis. The Minister also lauded the University administration for the record number of admissions in the current session and assured them of government's full support in addressing its requirements. She reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening higher education in Jammu and Kashmir and lauded the efforts of BGSBU in fostering academic excellence across the region.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri/Registrar BGSBU presented a detailed presentation on the functioning of the University.

# Div Com reviews status of Srinagar Smart City projects

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 01: Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg reviewed the physical & financial status of Srinagar Smart City projects in a meeting held here on Monday. Besides, Commissioner SMC Fazlul Haseeb, the meeting was attended by Chief Engineers of I&FC, KPDC, PWD R&B, SSCL, Joint Commissioner SMC, General Manager Finance, SSCL, General Manager P&UD, SSCL, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineer Srinagar Smart City Limited and other officers.

At the outset, Commissioner SMC gave a detailed powerpoint presentation of the developmental and beautification projects executed by SSCL across City including Jhelum Waterfront Development & Water Transport, Urban Rejuvenation & Lakefront Development, Heritage



Conservation & Downtown Renewal, Central Business District Upgradation, Urban Mobility, Street & Intersection Development, Information Technology, City Beautification & Urban Art, Green & Resilient Srinagar. It was stated that out of 161 sanctioned projects, 153 projects have been completed while the work on the

remaining 8 projects is currently in progress. Addressing the officers, Div Com stated that the aim of Smart City Projects is to improve the public services and emphasized to ensure that all the planned services are delivered on time.

He highlighted that as the time is progressing gradually the deadline for the Smart City projects is also approaching and stressed on the executing agencies to expedite the works to meet stipulated timelines.

To achieve the established targets on time, Div Com urged officers to project impending issues of inter-agencies for early resolution and smooth execution of projects. Regarding development of bus stops for e-buses, Anshul Garg directed SSCL to consider winter weather conditions for development of closed bus stops.

He also directed for full operationalisation of ITMS cameras and IT related services of ICCCL.

## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION PULWAMA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS  
e- NIT No. 74/ 2025-26 Dated 30-08-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works: - Call 1\*

S. No.	Name of the Work	Block	Estim ated /Adv. Cost (In lacs)	Cost of tender documents (In Rupees)	EMD (In %)	Class of Contractor	Time of completion	Major head
1.	RDDDC2526100000-(IMP.OF LINK ROAD WITH RWALL NEAR HO AB RASHID LONE AT ANDRUSA PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
2.	RDDDC2526100001-(CONS OF TILED PATH WITH SMALL GATE AT GOVT.PRIMARY SCHOOL MUNPORA WITH PENDING FENCING PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.300	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
3.	RDDDC2526100003-(CONST DRAIN FROM HOUSE OF SHAKEEL AHMAD RATHER TO ONWARDS AT MUNPORA PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
4.	RDDDC2526100004-(TILES ON GOVT UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL YARD AND DEV OF PUBLIC PARK BWO FENCING WITH GATE PH 2 PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
5.	RDDDC2526100005-(CONST OF LANES AT DIFFERENT SPOTS AT VILLAGE MUNPORA PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
6.	RDDDC2526100006-(CONST OF TILED PATH FROM MASJID SHARIEF TO MAIN ROAD MUNPORA AT ANDRUSA PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.700	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
7.	RDDDC2526100010-(CONST OF TILED LANE WITH IRON FOOT CULVERT AND DRAIN BACKSIDE OF GOVT. HIGH SCHOOL CHANDNARA PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.250	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
8.	RDDDC2526100014-(CONST OF DRAIN FROM AHLEHADEES MASJID ROAD TOWARDS KAREWA AND RWALL WITH FENCING NEAR PANCHAYAT GHAR AT ALOCHIBAGH PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.300	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
9.	RDDDC2526100015-(CONST OF CONCRETE DRAIN FROM HOUSE OF GH NABI BHAT TOWARDS CHERBAGH AT ALOCHIBAGH PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
10.	RDDDC2526100016-(CONST OF MAIN GATE OF EIDGAH AND RWALL WITH FENCING ON BACK SIDE OF PANCHAYT GHAR AT ALOCHIBAGH PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.400	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
11.	RDDDC2526100017-(CONST OF CONCRETE DRAIN FROM LAND OF MOHD ISMAIL SHEIKH TO ONWARDS AT HATWARA PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.800	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
12.	RDDDC2526100018-(CONST OF DRAIN BEHIND GRAVEYARD AT ASTAN MOHALLA FROM HOUSE OF MOHD ISMAIL DAR TO ONWARDS AT HATWARA PHASE 2 PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.500	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
13.	RDDDC2526100021-(CONSTRUCTION OF TILED PATH FROM HOUSE OF MOHAMMAD KAIF TO MASJID SHAREEF AT OLD IQBAL COLONY AT KADLABAL PULPAR PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
14.	RDDDC2526100023-(CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GATE OF LAND OF PANCHAYAT GHAR AT KADLABAL PULPAR PAMPORE)	Pampore	0.900	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
15.	RDDDC2526100038-(DIVERSION FOR PADDY LAND AT BATYARBAL LADHOO A PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.300	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
16.	RDDDC2526100039-(CONSTIT. OF TWO NO LANES FROM MAIN ROAD TO AANGNAWADI CENTRE AND MAIN ROAD TO HOUSE OF AB AZIZ WANI AND OTHERS AT LADHOO A PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.974	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
17.	RDDDC2526100040-(CONST OF DRAIN FROM LAND OF BASHIR KHANDAY TO ONWARDS AT HARDKULL AT LADHOO A PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.990	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
18.	RDDDC2526100041-(CONST OF TILE PATH FOR GOVT MIDDLE SCHOOL AT GOSSSENAR LADHOO A PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.250	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
19.	RDDDC2526100042-(CONST OF DRAIN FROM HOUSE OF MUSHTAQ AHMAD TO ONWARDS VIA HOUSE OF GULLA SOFI AT HERPORA LADHOO A PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.470	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
20.	RDDDC2526100043-(CONST OF PROTECTION BUND NEAR MASJID USMAN GANI AT GOSSENNAR LADHOO A PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.800	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
21.	RDDDC2526100047-(FENCING DEVELOPMENT OF NAJAR GRAVEYARD AT NAMI SAHAB MANDAKPAL PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.800	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
22.	RDDDC2526100048-(BALANCE WORK OF PYT GHAR MANDAKPAL AND F GRILL FOR CSC MANDAKPAL PAMPORE)	Pampore	1.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
23.	RDDDC2526100049-(CONST OF CULVERT WITH ROAD FROM SHAR ROAD TO BONIDAJI AT MANDAKPAL PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.500	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
24.	RDDDC2526100050-(CONST OF LANE FROM MAIN ROAD TO DARESGAH AT MANDAKPAL PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.400	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
25.	RDDDC2526100051-(CONST OF BATHROOM TOILET AT MASJID SHAREEF AT BABSEER BOKDA MOHALLA BABSEER PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.900	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
26.	RDDDC2526100083-(CONST OF EIDGAH ARCH GATE NEAR JAMIA MASJID AT WUYAN BALLA PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.875	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
27.	RDDDC2526100084-(DEV OF SPRING NEAR JAMIA MASJID WUYAN BALLA PAMPORE)	Pampore	1.700	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
28.	RDDDC2526100085-(REPAIR RENOVATION AND ALLIED WORKS OF PANCHAYAT GHAR WUYAN BALLA PAMPORE.)	Pampore	0.620	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
29.	RDDDC2526100090-(RENOVATION OF PANCHAYAT GHAR BWO ELECTRIFICATION SANITATION AND OTHER ALLIED WORKS AT WUYAN PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
30.	RDDDC2526100097-(IMPROVEMENT OF LANE FROM MASJID SHARIEF TO L R ALONG WITH ONE NO BRANCH AT CHANAPORA BELOW (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	0.865	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
31.	RDDDC2526100095-(CONSTRUCTION OF L R FROM MAIN ROAD OPPOSITE TO CRPF CAMP TO ONWARDS AT BELLOW (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	0.965	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
32.	RDDDC2526100913-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE WITH DRAIN FROM MR TO HO MOHD YOUSUF MIR AND CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM MR TO HO BASHIR AHMAD DAR AND OTHERS AT AVENGUND (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.280	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
33.	RDDDC2526100967-(CONSTRUCTION OF TILES LANE FROM HOUSE OF IRSHAD AHMAD BHAT MOHD AFZAL AND OTHERS AT QASBAYAR A (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.499	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI

34.	RDDDC2526100975-(CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM HOUSE OF BASHIR TELI TO ONWARDS AT CHAKI PHASE I (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	0.982	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
35.	RDDDC2526101586-(IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD FROM HO AB GANI WANI TO HO GH QADIR AND OTHERS WANIPORA RAHMOO B (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	2.683	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
36.	RDDDC2526100914-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM MR TO BASHIR AHMAD SHAKEEL AHMAD GANAE AND OTHERS AT CHANDPORA (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	0.990	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
37.	RDDDC2526100915-(CONSTRUCTION OF L R FROM HILAL AHMAD MIR TO FAROOQ AH DRIVER AT CHANDPORA (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	0.995	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
38.	RDDDC2526100917-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM HO AB AZIZ NENGROO TO NAZIR AHMAD NENGROO TO ONWARDS AT HANJAN BALLA (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
39.	RDDDC2526100918-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM LR TO GH MOHD WANI AND OTHERS AT CHANDPORA (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	0.950	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
40.	RDDDC2526100921-(CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION CHANNEL NEAR THE HOUSE OF ISHTIAQ AHMAD BHAT AND OTHERS NEAR DARUL ULOOM AT CHUNDPORA (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	0.985	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
41.	RDDDC2526100925-(CONSTRUCTION OF L R FROM GRAVEYARD NEAR JAMIA MASJID TO HOUSE OF FERDZ AHMAD HAJAM AT DRABAGAM (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.469	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
42.	RDDDC2526100926-(DEVELOPMENT OF GRAVEYARD NEAR HOUSE OF GH HASSAN NENGROO AT DRABAGAM A (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.870	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
43.	RDDDC2526100932-(DEVELOPMENT OF PARK WITH STEPS AT MASJID BILALIYA SEHPORA (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.472	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
44.	RDDDC2526100943-(CONSTRUCTION OF R WALL AT GAM KULL NEAR HOUSE OF GH QADIR TO HOUSE OF GH NABI SHEIKH AND OTHERS AT HAWAL (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.461	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
45.	RDDDC2526100944-(CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD TO HOUSE OF FAROOQ AHMAD AND OTHERS AT KUNJOO (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.474	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
46.	RDDDC2526100946-(FENCING OF PUBLIC PARK AT KUNJOO (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.485	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
47.	RDDDC2526100947-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM MAIN ROAD TO HOUSE OF GH MOHD BHAT AT GABERPORA (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.076	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
48.	RDDDC2526100949-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE DRAIN FROM LAND OF SAIF DAR TO GM BHAT AT GABERPORA PHASE III (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.060	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
49.	RDDDC2526100964-(IMPROVEMENT OF LANE FROM MAIN ROAD TO BAGHAT MOHALLA VIA LINK TO MASJID SHARIF AT THOKERPORA (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.683	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
50.	RDDDC2526100972-(BEAUTIFICATION OF ZIYARAT SHAREEF RESHIPORA AT QASBAYAR A (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.006	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
51.	RDDDC2526100979-(CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD CHANNEL FROM HO MOHD MAQBOOL MIR TO MOHD IBRAHEEM MIR AND MOHD AKBAR TAK AND OTHERS AT NENGERPORA PH II (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.463	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
52.	FINDC2526100835-(CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM LO GH HASSAN BHAT AND OTHERS AT QASBAYAR B (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.997	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
53.	FINDC2526100840-(CONSTRUCTION OF P BUND FROM LO MUSHTAQ AHMAD DAR AND OTHERS AT QASBAYAR B (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	0.998	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC

54.	FINDC2526100843-(CONSTRUCTION OF R WALL NEAR HO GH QADIR LONE AND OTHERS AT QASBAYAR B (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
55.	FINDC2526100861-(CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION CHANNEL FROM LO MOHD AFZAL MIR TO LO AB REHMAN MIR AT QASBAYAR B (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.795	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
56.	FINDC2526100847-(CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM LO SHABIR AHMAD PARRAY AND OTHERS AT QASBAYAR B (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.993	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
57.	RDDDC2526100896-(CONSTRUCTION OF CULVERT NHO ALI MOHD DAR AT MUKDAM KULL BELLOW (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.78	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
58.	RDDDC2526100911-(CONSTRUCTION WATER CHANNEL FROM SHOP OF MOHD ISHAQ MIR TO LO MOHD YOUSUF NENGROO AT HANJAN PAYEEN (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.268	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
59.	RDDDC2526100919-(CONSTRUCTION OF PATH IN THE PREMISES OF GPS HANAJAN PAYEEN (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	1.268	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
60.	RDDDC2526100937-(C O DRAIN FROM L O NISAR AHMAD WANI TO ONWARDS AT R LAJOORA)	Kakapora	0.925	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
61.	RDDDC2526100101-(IMP OF LANE FROM MR TO ONWARDS NHO ALI MOHD RESHI AT CHENANVARI)	Kakapora	0.995	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
62.	RDDDC2526100106-(C O RWALL ON HAMEN KUL NHO IRSHAD AH DAR AT TRICH)	Kakapora	0.674	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
63.	RDDDC2526100109-(RAISING OF RWALL NEAR MASJIDI GOUSIA ALONG WITH CO P BUND ON KULL NLO AB RASHID GANIE AT TRICH)	Kakapora	0.983	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
64.	RDDDC2526100115-(C O PARALLEL R WALL ON BASNARD ROAD KUL NLO MOHD ABDULLAH BHAT AT TRICH)	Kakapora	0.983	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
65.	RDDDC2526100118-(DEVELOPMENT OF GRAVEYARD WITH GRILLING AND RWALL AT GULBUGH)	Kakapora	4.274	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	PRI
66.	RDDDC2526100119-(DEV OF SUNEN WATER CHANNEL FROM LR TO ONWARDS NHO AB RAHMAN SHEIKH AT LONEPORA TRICH)	Kakapora	1.300	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
67.	RDDDC2526100124-(C O PARALLEL RWALL AT BASNARD KUL ROAD NLO BASHIR AHMAD NAIK AT TRICH)	Kakapora	0.983	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
68.	RDDDC2526100127-(C O R.WALL ON DUBJI KUL NHO SANAULLAH DAR AT MANDIPORA)	Kakapora	0.650	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
69.	RDDDC2526100130-(IMP OF LANE FHO MANZOOR AHMAD BHAT TO ONWARDS AT R LAJOORA)	Kakapora	0.990	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
70.	RDDDC2526100149-(DEV OF EIDGAH AT BUNGAM PINGLENA)	Kakapora	2.500	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
71.	RDDDC2526100154-(C O DRAIN FHO NAZIR AH MIR TO HO MUKHTAR NAJAR AT NAJAR MUHALLA)	Kakapora	1.996	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
72.	RDDDC2526100159-(DEV OF SPORTS FIELD AT MAKAL WARD RATHERPORA BWO R WALL AT PINGLENA)	Kakapora	2.989	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
73.	RDDDC2526100305-(DEV OF KHUL ON BOTH SIDES FROM GH MOHD WANI TO LO MOHD MAQBOOL KHAN AT MARWA)	Kakapora	1.967	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
74.	RDDDC2526100307-(C O TAGWAN KHAN ON GRATE KHUL)	Kakapora	0.952	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
75.	RDDDC2526100309-(DEV CONST. OF INTERIOR LANES AT DIFFERENT SPOTS (NARWA))	Kakapora	3.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
76.	RDDDC2526100313-(DEV OF BOUNDARY WALL OF GMS NARWA)	Kakapora	1.030	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
77.	RDDDC2526100314-(CONST OF IRRIGATION)	Kakapora	2.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
78.	YAN FROM LAND OF BASHIR AH SHAH TO LAND OF NASEER AH RATHER AT BEGUMBAGH)	Kakapora	2.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
79.	RDDDC2526100320-(C O KASH KHUL ON BOTH SIDES FROM HO GH MOHIUDDIN DAR ONWARDS AT BAGITRICH NARWA)	Kakapora	1.993	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
80.	RDDDC2526100327-(C O DRAIN NEAR HO MOHD YOUSF RATHER PHII AT KHANCHIPORA LAJOORA)	Kakapora	0.400	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
81.	RDDDC2526100399-(CONSTIT RAISING OF R WALL NHO MOHD MAQBOOL DOBHI AT RATNIPORA A)	Kakapora	0.496	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
82.	RDDDC2526100400-(TILING OF MASJID HAMDAN GROUND AT RATNIPORA A)	Kakapora	0.485	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
83.	RDDDC2526100406-(C O P BUND AT BACK SIDE OF GANIE MOHLLA GRAVEYARD AT KAKAPORA)	Kakapora	2.671	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
84.	FINDC2526100822-(CONSTIT OF LANE FROM GH QADIR MAGRAY TO FLOOD BUND AT HAJIBAL)	Kakapora	0.99	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
85.	FINDC2526105324-(DEV OF JINAZGAH PH II NEAR HO OF ABDUL SALAM BHAT AT SHEIKHPORA LAJOORA)	Kakapora	1.791	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
86.	RDDDC2526105349-(CONST OF RWALL ON GRATE KULL NHO BILAL AHMAD MIR AND OTHERS AT RPORA)	Kakapora	1.393	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
87.	RDDDC2526105442-(DEV OF ROAD FROM LINK ROAD TO ONWARDS NHO NAZIR AHMAD MIR AND OTHERS HERPORA)	Kakapora	1	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
88.	PLINDC2526100067-(CONST OF R WALL AT DIFFERENT SPOTS ON LINK ROAD FROM NEW MASJID SHARIEF TO HO AB RASHID AND OTHERS AT HANIPORA)	Kakapora	1.99	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	APDP

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## Fruit crop worth 'Rs 200 Cr' on NH edges

WARIS FAYAZ

Srinagar, Sep 01: With the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway blocked for nearly a week, Kashmir's fruit industry is staring at massive financial losses, with growers warning of losses running into hundreds of crores as truckloads of Bagogoshapears and Gala apples rot on the road.

Though the highway was partially opened on Monday to clear stranded vehicles, the damage to the valley's perishable fruit consignments, according to the association, is already extensive, leaving growers and traders deeply worried.

Asia's second-largest Fruit Mandi at Sopore wore a gloomy look on Monday, as growers and traders expressed deep concern over the crisis. Although the mandi remained open, trade has come to a virtual standstill, with only a few six-tyre vehicles being loaded compared to the usual 100-plus trucks.

"We are in a situation where the industry may face losses of around Rs 200 crore if the movement of trucks does not go smoothly,"



president of Sopore Fruit Mandi, Fayaz Ahmed Malik @ Kaka Ji, said. He added that the situation mirrors the crisis of 2022, when prolonged highway disruptions had devastated the sector. Meanwhile, growers lamented the steep decline in rates, citing the example of the American apple variety, which earlier fetched Rs 600 per box but is now being sold for only Rs 400-450. "If a truck worth Rs 15 lakh reaches the market, we would barely recover a lakh or two because of the damage," a group of anxious growers

told KNO.

It is noteworthy that the authorities, however, allowed partial movement of traffic on Monday, clearing stranded vehicles from Qazigund towards Jammu in a phased manner.

Chairman of the Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers and Dealers Union, Bashir Ahmad Basheer, confirmed the development but admitted that, by the time clearance was given, significant damage had already occurred. "The Bagogosha and Gala apples have suffered extensive losses,"

he said, though refraining from giving an exact figure.

While the government recently permitted six-tyre fruit trucks to ply via the Mughal Road, merchants said this is insufficient. "The scale of transportation needed cannot be met with limited movement. Priority should be given to all fruit trucks so that losses can be minimised," the mandi affiliates demanded.

It is pertinent to mention that the Sopore mandi president has urged growers not to rush harvesting, advising them to wait until the highway is fully restored or to store produce in Controlled Atmosphere (CA) stores.

"We are continuously in touch with the authorities. Our appeal to growers is not to panic. Once the route reopens, markets will stabilise gradually," the association stated. Meanwhile, growers reiterated their call for urgent intervention from the government to safeguard Kashmir's vital fruit economy, warning that continued inaction could devastate thousands of families dependent on the sector—(KNO)

## Mutton supply hit in Kashmir

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Sep 01: The Kashmir Mutton Dealers Association on Monday expressed concern over the disrupted supply of mutton in the Valley following frequent closures of the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway, warning of a severe shortage in the coming days.

Mehraj-ud-din Ganaie, General Secretary of the Association said that the highway had remained shut for nearly a week and was only partially restored for traffic, badly affecting livestock movement.

"These months, late August, September

and October, are the peak marriage season in Kashmir. Many vehicles failed to reach on time and the Valley may face an acute shortage of mutton if the situation continues," Mehraj said.

He said dealers have been managing supplies "partially" but the disruption means people could face sudden problems at any time. "Authorities allow livestock vehicles for one hour, and then change it to two hours. There is total mismanagement and sometimes trucks are stopped at Poonch, Nowshera and other places," he alleged.

Mehraj also urged the government to

allow unhindered passage of fruit-laden and livestock trucks, terming them essential supplies. "On normal days in September, nearly 50-70 livestock vehicles enter the Valley daily. With Eid-e-Milad (Mehraj-un-Nabi SAW) also approaching, authorities must consider using the Mughal Road as an alternative route," he added.

Meanwhile, the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway, the Valley's only road link, was partially reopened yesterday evening after remaining closed for six consecutive days. Authorities said stranded vehicles were being cleared in a phased manner—(KNO)

## Cloudburst injures minor in Kupwara

### Rains damp Kashmir parts

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Sept 01: Amid the forecast of inclement weather conditions for the next 30 hours, parts of Kashmir experienced heavy rainfall on Monday evening, while a minor boy was injured and several livestock perished in a cloudburst incident in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

The districts falling in central and northern Kashmir witnessed heavy rainfall this evening, inundating lanes and bi-lanes.

The heavy rainfall was observed amidst the forecast of inclement weather conditions until September 02.

While parts of Kashmir experienced rainfall, a cloudburst incident in Jumbagund area of Kupwara district left a 15-year-old boy, identified as Shahid Ahmad Raina from Banwali Jumbagund, injured. The injured boy was stable and undergoing treatment in the hospital.

The incident also claimed the lives of several livestock, including a horse, exacerbating the suffering of the affected families. Director Meteorological Department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, said that a brief spell of light rain and intense showers towards late afternoon at a few places were expected today, while a fresh spell of heavy rain is anticipated over some districts of Jammu division towards late night or early morning tomorrow.

He added that for the next two days, it will be generally cloudy with one or two spells of light to moderate rain and thunder at many places, with the possibility of heavy to very heavy rain over Kathua, Jammu, Udhampur, and Reasi, and moderate to heavy rainfall over Doda, Samba, Rajouri, Poonch, Ramban, Kishtwar, Anantnag, and Kulgam, mainly towards late night of September 2 or early morning of September 3, lasting till late afternoon. Ahmad further said that from September 04 to 07, a brief spell of rain and

thunder is expected at a few places.

Meanwhile, the MeT has issued an advisory, stating there is a possibility of heavy to very heavy rain in some districts, along with the potential for cloudbursts, flash floods, landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones at many vulnerable locations.

It said that rising water levels in rivers are expected, and people should stay away from water bodies, nallas, river embankments, and loose structures.

In a separate advisory, the MeT late evening said that a system is approaching Srinagar, with heavy or intense showers, accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds expected over many parts of Srinagar, Ganderbal, and Budgam.

People were advised to stay away from electric poles, cables, old trees, and loose structures. The MeT recommended suspending shikara riding and boating in all water bodies, including Dal Lake.

Moreover, the district administration issued an advisory in light of the forecast of inclement weather, advising people to refrain from venturing into slopes and water bodies.

The advisory states that, due to heavy/intense showers and gusty winds forecasted over parts of Kashmir from August 31 to September 1, according to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) Srinagar Station, residents of the district, especially those in Fakir Gujri, adjacent areas, and Khonmouh, should avoid slopes and water bodies until the weather improves.

Tourists and local shikara operators are advised to suspend activities at Dal and Nigeen lakes. Sand miners at the River Jhelum and other water bodies should verify conditions before crossing.

The general public can contact the District Emergency Operation Centre Srinagar, Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) Srinagar, and Police Control Room Srinagar for any information—(KNO)

### Unavailable telemetry data

## Power grids face data gaps, cyber threat risks

RIYAZ BHAT

Srinagar, Sep 01: In Jammu and Kashmir, real-time telemetry data continues to remain unavailable at both J&K-SLDC and Northern Regional Load Despatch Centre (NRLDC), raising concerns about increased risks of data breaches and other cyber threats.

According to official documents, the NRLDC representative highlighted that "real-time telemetry data from Jammu and Kashmir remains unavailable at both J&K-SLDC and NRLDC."

The documents state that a POWERGRID representative informed that, previously, there were some fund issues at the state level, but recently an amount of Rs 25 crore (approx.) out of Rs 34 crore (approx.) has been received by POWERGRID through a central scheme fund. They mention that the pending work of OPGW (35 out of 76) is scheduled to commence in August 2025, with TCIL and other associated vendors engaged by POWERGRID. "RTU deliveries have also started under the ULDC Phase-III project, with the first lot dispatched and the second under inspection."

According to the documents, MS-NRPC called for real-time telemetry from the J&K region



and suggested that POWERGRID hold a bilateral meeting with J&K to ensure better coordination, plan and expedite fund utilisation, synchronise OPGW and RTU integration activities, and resolve pending issues in a time-bound manner. "No representative from J&K was present at the meeting."

The forum's decision states that POWERGRID shall coordinate with J&K to expedite the installation of OPGW.

Regarding redundant RTU communication for the Main and Backup RLDC, the documents mention that during the meeting, a POWERGRID representative informed the

forum that several RTUs and SAS installed at substations lack sufficient free ports to accommodate additional communication channels, necessitating the upgradation of these RTUs and SAS.

It was also discussed that interoperability issues, such as SDH, MPLS, etc., need to be addressed gradually and will require time to achieve stability. IndiGrid expressed concerns about the compatibility of legacy equipment with Next Generation Firewalls (NGFWs) and the potential need for hardware upgrades, as well as the necessity to define a cost recovery mechanism for TBCB substations—(KNO)

## Gulmarg to host international mountain sports series

WARIS FAYAZ

Srinagar, Sep 01: Kashmir's premier tourist destination, Gulmarg, is set to host its first-ever international mountain sports Zabarvan Legends series, as it prepares to welcome top riders from countries such as Indonesia, Lebanon, Australia and Iran. Sehan Shetty, founder of Zabarvan, said the event is an "exclusive" first-of-its-kind initiative in Kashmir.

"There are 50 confirmed registrations, and among them, around 25 are international mountain bikers who are champions in their fields," he said.

The Gulmarg event will mark the beginning of the series in India, he said, adding that it is going to be a grand anniversary calendar event, as Zabarvan is completing its two years.

The three-day event will see top riders race through challenging alpine trails, cutting across meadows, forests and steep descents, testing stamina, skill



and endurance. Organisers said the course is designed not only to push athletes but also to highlight Gulmarg's untapped potential as a year-round outdoor sports hub, beyond its globally famed winter slopes.

Shetty said Zabarvan, founded two years ago, has emerged as a premier adventure sports organisation in India. "We have provided world-class alpine experiences in the Himalayan landscapes and trained several international-level athletes, including Adil Teli and Zubair Lone, a gold

medalist," he added.

Supported by the Jammu & Kashmir government and leading partners, the Gulmarg leg will kick off a multi-leg series that will later move to Shillong and Guwahati, linking some of India's most scenic mountain regions under one sporting banner.

According to organisers, the Zabarvan Legends Series is envisioned not merely as a sporting event but as a movement to promote adventure sports, sustainable tourism and community engagement in India's highland regions—(KNO)

## Jhelum flows below normal point: I&FC

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Sep 01: While fresh rainfall was experienced in Kashmir parts, the Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) department on Monday said that the department has been put on high alert for the next 15 days.

At present the situation was under control as the water level in river Jhelum has remained low and 'fully normal'.

Chief Engineer, I&FC Kashmir, Er Showkat Hussain, said that at Sangam, the water level is 5.29 ft and at Ram Munshi Bagh 8.84 ft, both far below warning and danger marks. He said, "Our embankments are strong, and all 14 Flood Zonal Committees (FZCs) are closely monitoring the situation. The department will remain on alert for over fifteen days."

He added, "There is no

need for panic. Our teams are fully alert and ready to respond if required."

Meanwhile, Er Hussain shared that the department is maintaining strict vigilance to ensure public safety. The Meteorological Department has forecast spells of rain and thundershowers across north, central, and south Kashmir, along with parts of Jammu, during the next few hours.

"People are advised to stay away from streams, nallas, and vulnerable spots prone to flash floods and landslides," officials said, adding that generally cloudy skies with intermittent rain and thundershowers are expected in several parts of J&K, with isolated moderate to heavy rain in Kupwara, Baramulla, Anantnag, Banihal-Ramban, Rajouri, Reasi, and Udhampur districts—(KNO)

## JSD to restore water supply soon

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Sept 01 (KNO): Water supply in several parts of Srinagar, and other areas of the Valley affected over the past few days by cloudbursts and heavy rains will be fully restored by today, officials from the Jal Shakti Department (JSD), Kashmir, said on Monday.

They said the upper catchment areas received multiple cloudbursts in recent days, leading to excessive silt and muddy water that burdened the system.

"Due to the heavy load, water was earlier being provided in shifts. With conditions improving, normal supply will be resumed today," officials said.

The announcement coincided with a key administrative change in the department. Er. Rakesh Kumar Gupta formally took charge as the

new Chief Engineer (CE) of Jal Shakti Kashmir, holding introductory meetings with staff and reviewing immediate challenges, including the city's disrupted water supply.

Officials said Gupta's first focus will be on stabilizing Srinagar's supply system and addressing the recurring issues caused by sudden weather events, which have become frequent in Kashmir's fragile ecosystem.

Notably, Srinagar's water supply has faced repeated disruptions in recent weeks, with cloudbursts in various parts choking supply channels and leaving several areas dry, while planned maintenance shutdowns at the Sindh Power Canal HEP also curtailed availability. Although authorities deployed tankers and supplied water in shifts to ease hardship, residents struggled with muddy and rationed supply—(KNO)

## Parents allege violation of FFRC orders

KNO

Srinagar, Sep 01: Ahead of the new academic session, several parents Monday alleged that 'Ingenious School of Education Mallabagh' Srinagar was violating the FFRC orders and the school management was asking them to pay extra tuition and annual charges.

One of the parents said, "Ingenious School of Education Mallabagh' Srinagar asked me that the school is charging Rs 2600 tuition fee for the nursery class. However, the FFRC has recommended to charge only Rs 2140 for the nursery class for the academic year 2025-26." The parents further alleged that the FFRC has recommended charging Rs 6805 annual charges. "The school in violation of government orders is asking parents

to pay Rs 8,900 as annual charges for the nursery class for the upcoming academic year." Besides, the parents further alleged that the school management is asking them to pay advance fee for the full session. "We were even charged Rs 1,000 for taking admission form."

The school management however denied the allegations and said that the management was charging only the FFRC recommended amount. "We are charging only that much of the fee that has been ordered by the FFRC," the school management said.

The management of the school also said, "The parents can enrol their wards in our school and pay only what FFRC has ordered. There is no violation and there will be no violation of the government orders."—(KNO)

## Mutton dealers anxious over livestock trade issue with Punjab

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Sep 01: Over a month after the Punjab Government appointed Nodal Officers across districts to facilitate livestock trade, the Kashmir Mutton Dealers Association on Monday expressed skepticism, saying no visible measures have been implemented on the ground so far.

Mehraj-ud-din Ganaie, General Secretary of the Kashmir Mutton Dealers Association said that although the government



announced steps on August 01, traders are yet to see any real progress.

"Nothing has been done on the ground yet. No committee has been formed and no practical measures have come into force," Mehraj said.

Earlier, on August 01,

the Punjab Government awarded Rs 92.56 crore contract to Al Baber Marketing Private Limited for organizing cattle fairs for 2025-26 and announced the appointment of Nodal Officers at district levels, particularly in border areas, to oversee livestock

movement and resolve disputes.

The officers were tasked with verifying transport documents, ensuring compliance and acting on complaints.

While the association at that time thanked both the Punjab and J&K Governments for engaging with traders, Ganaie maintained that implementation remains the real challenge. "Unless measures are enforced on the ground, the problems faced by livestock dealers will continue," he said—(KNO)

EDITORIAL

## Time To Act To Prevent GLOF Catastrophe

The risk assessment revealing that major hydroelectric projects in the Chenab Valley, including Pakal Dul, Kiru, Kwar, and Dangduru, are highly vulnerable to Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) should serve as a dire warning to policymakers. Climate change is no longer a distant threat; it is actively destabilising Jammu and Kashmir's fragile Himalayan ecology, endangering lives, infrastructure, and regional energy security. The expansion of glacial lakes like Mundiksar due to accelerated glacial melt has created ticking time

bombs in the Kishtwar Himalayas. These lakes, held by unstable moraine dams, can breach catastrophically due to seismic activity, landslides, or extreme rainfall, triggering devastating floods downstream. People in remote tehsils like Padder, Marwah, and Warwan, already grappling with limited connectivity and resources, face existential risks. Critical infrastructure, which includes roads, hospitals, schools and vital power projects, is equally threatened. The government must act decisively to prevent this avoidable disaster. First, it should implement

advanced monitoring systems by deploying real-time satellite surveillance and sensor-based early warning mechanisms to track glacial lake dynamics and provide timely alerts to vulnerable communities. Second, engineering interventions are essential, including prioritising the controlled drainage of high-risk lakes and reinforcing unstable moraine dams through technical expertise and geotechnical studies. Third, the government must focus on developing climate-resilient infrastructure by redesigning hydroelectric projects and roads to withstand

glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs), incorporating flood-resistant construction techniques. Fourth, community preparedness programmes are vital; these should include regular drills, awareness campaigns, and evacuation training for residents in high-risk zones to ensure they can respond effectively during emergencies. Finally, ecological conservation efforts should be accelerated through afforestation and watershed management programmes aimed at mitigating soil erosion and stabilising slopes. The Kishtwar disaster management plan

provides a framework, but without urgent funding, interdisciplinary coordination, and political will, it remains mere text. The government must integrate climate risk assessments into all developmental planning, especially in ecologically sensitive regions like the Chenab Basin. Delaying action will not only cost lives but also cripple Jammu and Kashmir's economic stability and energy future. The government must prioritise people over projects and safety over shortcuts. The mountains are sending a distress signal; we must heed it before it's too late.

# India's GDP Surge: Driving The Growth Story

Today the country is moving at a fast pace towards becoming the third largest economy: PM Narendra Modi

### Press Information Bureau

India's strong services activity has helped GDP growth comfortably beat expectations for the second quarter in a row, rising to an impressive high of 7.8% for April-June 2025. The swift growth in the first quarter of the current financial year further consolidates India's position as the world's fastest growing major economy.

Currently the world's fourth-largest economy, India is on track to become the third-largest by 2030 with a projected \$7.3 trillion GDP. This momentum is powered by decisive governance, visionary reforms, and active global engagement. Notably, growth is accelerating, with real GDP expected to rise by 7.8% in Q1 FY 2025-26, up from 6.5% a year earlier.

The ascent is powered by strong domestic demand and transformative policy reforms, making India a prime destination for global capital. With easing inflation, higher employment, and buoyant consumer sentiment, private consumption is expected to further drive GDP growth in the coming months.

### Growing Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) reflects the size and health of an economy by capturing the total value of goods and services produced within a country. Real GDP, which measures the economy's output after removing the effects of inflation, grew by 6.5% in Q1 of 2024-25. In Q1 of FY 2025-26, real GDP is estimated at Rs 47.89 lakh crore, against Rs 44.42 lakh crore in Q1 of FY 2024-25, depicting an impressive growth of 7.8%.

In Q1 of FY 2025-26, allied sector, comprising agriculture, livestock, forestry & fishing and mining & quarrying grew by 3.7% in, up from 1.5% in the prior corresponding period.

Secondary sector, comprising manufacturing, electricity, gas, water supply & other utility services and construction posted strong gains, with manufacturing (7.7%) and construction (7.6%) both crossing the 7.5% growth mark.

Tertiary sector recorded a robust 9.3% growth at constant prices, higher than 6.8% in Q1 FY 2024-25.

In our view, Q1 numbers reflect the basic resilience of our economy. It reflects strengthening of the momentum in the economy and it is anchored in strong macroeconomic fundamentals. On the supply side, we have seen an all-round growth. On the manufacturing, construction and service side activity, as well as the fact that agriculture side has shown a robust growth. The rabi harvest as well as kharif sowing have been much in excess of the last quarters. We have a good buffer stock. We have had a good rainfall..On the demand side the primary drivers have been domestic and in our economy, net exports don't contribute so much on the demand side. - Anuradha Thakur, Economic Affairs Secretary, Ministry of Finance

The sharp pick-up in growth in April-June 2025 has been catalysed by the services sector growth hitting a high of 9.3%. All components of the services sector, such as trade, hotels, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting, financial, real estate & professional services and public administration, defence & other services have been on an upward trajectory. GVA growth, which is seen as a more meaningful measure of activity levels, registered a high of 7.6% in April-June 2025. GVA is arrived at by subtracting net indirect taxes, indirect taxes after adjusting for subsidies - from the GDP.

Notably, India is projected to reach a GDP of Rs. 4,26,45,000 crore (US\$ 5 trillion) by 2027 and is on course to surpass Germany by 2028. By 2030, India is set to become the world's third-largest economy with a projected GDP of \$7.3 trillion.

### Industrial Production (IIP)

Index of Industrial Production (IIP) measures the change in the physical volume of output in the industrial sector over a specific period, usually monthly, compared to a chosen base year. It tracks the production of a "basket" of industrial products from sectors like mining, manufacturing, and electricity, providing insights into the health and trends of an economy's industrial performance. It is integral for economic planning and estimating a sector's contribution to GDP.

Notably, the IIP growth rate for the month of July 2025 was 3.5%, an impressive uptick against 1.5% in the month of June 2025, driven

by 5.4% growth in manufacturing sector.

Within the manufacturing sector, 14 out of 23 industry groups recorded a positive growth in July 2025 over July 2024. The top three positive contributors for the month of July 2025 were manufacture of basic metals (12.7%), manufacture of electrical equipment" (15.9%) and manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (9.5%).

### Increasing GST Subscriber Base

On 1 July 2025, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) completed eight years. Introduced in 2017, GST replaced a web of indirect taxes with a unified system, simplifying compliance, reducing costs, and enabling seamless movement of goods across states.

India follows a four-slab structure of 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%, decided by the GST Council. Today, there are over 1.52 crore active GST registrations, with Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka together accounting for nearly half. Encouragingly, 20% of taxpayers include at least one woman member, and 14% are entirely women-owned, reflecting rising formalisation and inclusivity.

GST has also promoted price convergence across states, strengthening its role as a national equaliser. Looking ahead, next-generation reforms will be launched in October 2025, aimed at reducing taxes on essentials, easing MSME compliance, and creating a more transparent, citizen-friendly tax system.

### Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)

Capital expenditure (CAPEX) plays a crucial role in contributing to national investment and enhancing the stock of physical assets within the economy. It leads to the creation of long-term assets, which not only generate revenue for many years but also improve the overall operational efficiency of economic activities. CAPEX is fundamental to expanding production capacity, thereby serving as a catalyst for accelerated economic growth. This growth, in turn, supports job creation and enhances labour productivity. In 2024-25, CAPEX was Rs 10.52 trillion, surpassing revised estimates.

Notably, the quality of expenditure, measured as the ratio of capital expenditure to revenue expenditure, has remained higher than 0.27 for the past three years, almost double the pre-COVID average. Union government CAPEX was up 8.2% in July-November 2024 and is expected to pick up further pace.

From the angle of aggregate demand in the economy, Real Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) numbers have been impressive. PFCE is the total value of goods and services purchased by resident households and non-profit institutions serving households, adjusted for inflation to show the actual volume of consumption rather than just price changes. On the same lines, Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GFCE), which depicts the government's spending on goods and services used to directly satisfy the collective needs of its population has bounced back.

PFCE has reported 7.0% growth rate during Q1 of FY 2025-26 as compared to the 8.3% growth rate in the prior corresponding period, driven by a rebound in rural demand.

GFCE registering 9.7% growth rate in nominal terms during Q1 of FY 2025-26, over the growth rate of 4.0% in Q1 of FY 2024-25.

Rebounding rural demand augurs well for consumption. Investment activity is expected to pick up, supported by higher public capex and improving business expectations.

### Easing Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Inflation is an increase in the average price of goods and services in terms of money and is measured on the basis of two indicators in India, Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI). WPI measures the average change in prices of goods before reaching the consumer and is calculated on the basis of wholesale price of Primary articles, fuel & power and manufactured products. On the other hand, CPI measures change in price of goods that people buy for daily use such as food and beverages, clothing and footwear, housing, fuel and light and others.

In India, the situation of inflation has shown consistent improvement. In July 2025, India's inflation depicted a clear decline which

suggests an increase in the purchasing power providing relief to households and indicating stability in the economy.

### INFLATION

YoY Growth (%) The year-over-year (YoY) growth for inflation in Q1 FY25 was 4.9%. It decreased to 3.7% in Q4 FY25 and further declined to 2.7% in Q1 FY26. In July 2025, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation was recorded at 1.55%. Food inflation was notably higher at 8.9% in Q1 FY25, then decreased to 4.1% in Q4 FY25, and further declined to 0.6% in Q1 FY26, before turning negative at -1.76% in July 2025. Conversely, core inflation was 3.1% in Q1 FY25, increased to 3.9% in Q4 FY25, and further rose to 4.3% in Q1 FY26, maintaining a steady rate of 3.9% in July 2025.

The inflation outlook for 2025-26 has become more benign than expected. Large favourable base effects, healthy kharif sowing, adequate reservoir levels, and comfortable buffer stocks of foodgrains have contributed to this moderation: RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra

Year-on-year inflation rate based on CPI for the month of July, 2025 over July, 2024 is 1.55%. There is decline of 55 basis points in headline inflation of July, 2025 in comparison to June, 2025. It is the lowest year-on-year inflation rate after June, 2017.

In July 2025, food prices were 1.76% lower compared to July 2024, called negative inflation or deflation in food prices. Rural areas saw a 1.74% drop and urban areas saw a 1.90% drop. Compared to June 2025, food inflation dropped by 75 basis points, meaning prices fell faster in July.

This -1.76% is the lowest food inflation rate since January 2019, indicating that food prices haven't been this low in over six years.

Notably, the RBI follows a policy of flexible inflation targeting as its primary monetary policy framework, whereby RBI targets CPI inflation to be maintained at 4% with a tolerance band of ±2 percentage points (i.e., the target range is 2% to 6%). Over the past three quarters, the CPI inflation rate has been within the RBI's tolerance band of 4% ±2%.

### Employment

India's job market has undergone a profound transformation, mirroring the country's economic evolution from a largely agrarian economy in the pre-independence era to a globally integrated, technology-driven one today. Over the decades, employment patterns have shifted in tandem with structural changes in the economy, with the workforce gradually moving from agriculture to industry and, more recently, to services and knowledge-based sectors.

India's employment has surged, with 17 crore jobs created in the past decade, reflecting the government's focus on youth-centric policies and its Viksit Bharat vision.

The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for individuals aged 15 years and above has increased from 49.8% in 2017-18 to 60.1% in 2023-24. Notably, female LFPR increased from 23.3% in 2017-18 to 41.7% in 2023-24. This shows enhanced participation of women in economic activities across various categories, including rural and urban. Rural India shows 96% rise in female employment whereas urban areas reflect 43% growth.

More recently, in quarter April-June 2025, LFPR for persons aged 15 years and above was 55.0%, with 57.1% in rural areas and 50.6% in urban areas. In July 2025, LFPR among persons of age 15 years and above was 54.9% as compared to 54.2% during June 2025.

In this quarter, the agriculture sector engaged the majority of rural workers (44.6% of men and 70.9% of women), while the tertiary sector was the largest source of employment in urban areas (60.6% of men and 64.9% of women). On average, 56.4 crore persons (aged 15 years and above) were employed in the country during this quarter, of which 39.7 crore were men and 16.7 crore were women.

Besides, self-employment dominated in rural areas (55.3% of men and 71.6% of women), while regular wage/salaried employment was predominant in urban areas (47.5% of men and 55.1% of women).

Additionally, there has been an impressive decline in the Unemployment Rate (UR), that dipped sharply from 6.0% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24. This indicates stronger workforce absorption into productive employment. In the same time frame, youth unemployment rate

declined from 17.8% to 10.2%, placing it below the global average of 13.3%, as reported in the ILO's World Employment and Social Outlook 2024.

More recently, unemployment rate among persons of age 15 years and above declined to 5.2% in July 2025 from 5.6% in June 2025. In the April - June 2025 quarter, the overall rural unemployment rate dipped at 4.8% compared to the 6.8% observed for the urban areas.

Job creation in the agricultural sector and services sector has increased to 19% and 36%, respectively in the last decade. In the manufacturing sector, job creation stood at 6% between 2004 and 2014, while it rose to 15% in the last decade.

### Investments & Capital Flows

India has rapidly emerged as a top global destination for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), powered by a decade of structural reforms, investor-friendly policies, and rising competitiveness. Backed by improvements in global rankings and strategic initiatives, investor confidence has strengthened. India witnessed a historic \$81 billion worth of foreign investments in FY24-25 alone.

The Government now targets annual FDI inflows of US\$ 100 billion, up from the five-year average of over US\$ 70 billion, as India positions itself as a global investment hub amid shifting supply chains.

Cumulative FDI inflows touched Rs 89.85 lakh crore (US\$ 1.05 trillion) between April 2000 and December 2024- nearly 20 times higher than FY01. Notably, FDI equity inflows surged 27% YoY to Rs 3.40 lakh crore (US\$ 40.67 billion) in April-December 2024, reflecting robust investor confidence. Reforms like FDI liberalisation in key sectors, GST, and Make in India have been key drivers of this growth.

Besides, India's financial markets have demonstrated notable resilience, primarily driven by strong domestic investor participation.

DOMESTIC INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS (DII) DIIs remained large net buyers, purchasing equity worth Rs 44,269 crores between June 16, 2025 to July 15, 2025.

FOREIGN INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS (FII) FIIs undertook comparable net purchases of equities worth Rs 33,336.8 between June 16, 2025 to July 15, 2025.

Additionally, India's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 695.5 billion as of July 18, 2025, having briefly crossed the USD 700 billion mark in the week ending June 27, 2025.

India's Growth Story on the World Stage Backed by strong macroeconomic fundamentals, India's growth journey remains in the global spotlight. While the RBI expects growth pace to continue into 2025-26, other projections echo this optimism. For instance, The United Nations (UN) has forecasted growth of 6.3% in 2025 and 6.4% in 2026, while The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) places its estimate slightly higher at 6.40 to 6.70%.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) also followed suit, and revised its forecast for India's economic growth to 6.4% for both 2025 and 2026. Earlier in its April 2025 World Economic Outlook, IMF had projected India's GDP growth at 6.2% for 2025 and 6.3% for 2026.

S&P Global raised India's long-term sovereign credit rating to 'BBB' from 'BBB-', with the short-term rating upgraded to 'A-2' from 'A-3'. The transfer and convertibility assessment has also been improved to 'A-' from 'BBB+', recognising India's growing financial resilience. S&P had last upgraded India in January 2007 to 'BBB-', hence, this rating upgrade comes after an 18-year gap.

As per S&P Global, real GDP growth averaged 8.8% between FY22 and FY24, the highest in the Asia-Pacific region. S&P further projects GDP growth of 6.5 per cent in FY26 and 6.8% over the next three years.

Most recently, Fitch Ratings affirmed India's Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating (IDR) at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook, owing to India's strengthening record of delivering growth with macro stability and improving fiscal credibility.

India's steady growth momentum is powered by resilient domestic demand. Rural consumption is strengthening, urban spending is rising, and private investment is gaining pace. Many businesses are operating close to full capacity and expanding further. Meanwhile, public investment-particularly in

infrastructure- remains elevated, and stable borrowing conditions are supporting both firms and households in making future-oriented decisions.

### Schemes and Initiatives Shaping India's Economic Rise

Over the past decade, flagship schemes have reshaped India's economic landscape, strengthening resilience, boosting productivity, and empowering citizens.

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, launched in 2020, has become a game-changer for domestic manufacturing. Covering 14 sectors from electronics to textiles, and backed by a Rs 1.97 lakh crore outlay, it has attracted over Rs 1.76 lakh crore in investments, enhanced exports, and created jobs- making India a stronger player in global value chains.

The Digital India programme has accelerated connectivity and digital inclusion, expanding internet penetration from 25 crore in 2014 to nearly 97 crore in 2024. With 5G rollout and Bharat 6G vision, India is now the world's third-most digitalised economy, driving growth through technology-led transformation.

In financial inclusion, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has opened over 56 crore accounts, with 55% held by women. It provides access to banking, credit, insurance, and pensions, forming the backbone for Direct Benefit Transfers and inclusive growth.

The Make in India initiative, launched in 2014, has positioned India as a manufacturing hub with notable successes in railways, defence, toys, and electronics. India is now the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer, with over 300 factories compared to just two in 2014.

Job creation is at the heart of growth, and the PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana targets 3.5 crore youth by incentivising new employment between 2025 and 2027. Similarly, Skill India Mission has trained over 6 crore citizens through PMKVY, JSS, and apprenticeship schemes, ensuring India's workforce is future-ready.

Global competitiveness has been enhanced through the Foreign Trade Policy 2023-28, which promotes exports, ease of doing business, and e-commerce, alongside the Export Promotion Mission and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) that have generated investment and employment. Supporting this, the Government e Marketplace (GeM) has made public procurement more transparent and efficient, with over Rs 15 lakh crore in orders.

Infrastructure-led growth has been powered by PM GatiShakti and the National Logistics Policy, improving India's logistics ranking and enabling seamless connectivity. Alongside, tax reforms like GST and corporate tax rationalisation have simplified compliance and reduced costs, fostering a more business-friendly environment.

Together, these initiatives- spanning manufacturing, digitalisation, financial inclusion, employment, trade, and infrastructure- are driving India's transformation into a more resilient, self-reliant, and globally competitive economy. They reflect the nation's clear vision of achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047.

### Conclusion

Fueled by a young demographic and sustained structural reforms, India is redefining its role in global trade, investment, and innovation. Over the past decade, it has transformed from a dependent economy into a self-reliant, globally competitive powerhouse. At the core of this change is Aatmanirbhar Bharat, driving innovation, entrepreneurship, and technological sovereignty. Initiatives like the PLI schemes, MSME revitalisation, and digital infrastructure expansion are creating a high-growth, high-opportunity economy.

India's economy grew at a faster than-expected annual rate of 7.8% in the quarter to the end of June, boosted by the manufacturing, construction and service sectors. And looking ahead to FY26, India's growth outlook is promising. A pickup in private investment, rising consumer confidence, wage growth, and resilient rural demand supported by strong agricultural output are key drivers. Combined with easing food inflation and macroeconomic stability, these factors reinforce India's medium-term growth potential and global competitiveness.

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## Delegations from Sidhra, Nagrota meet Rana



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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 01: Several delegations from the Sidhra and Nagrota areas of Jammu Monday met with Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana to highlight the extensive damage caused by recent floods.

The delegations raised pressing concerns regarding the restoration of civic

amenities and demanded immediate compensation for the losses suffered by residents. In response, the Minister assured the delegations that the Omar Abdullah-led government is closely monitoring the situation and is committed to taking swift, people-centric measures. He emphasized that restoring essential services remains a top priority for the administration.

## Dental Clinic closed in Bandipora



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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 01: Authorities in Bandipora has ordered closure of a dental clinic behind Khadim Market in the town, after it was found flouting prescribed rules, regulations, and guidelines.

The orders for its closure were issued during an inspection. The said clinic was observed to be operating without requisite infrastructure and qualified staff as mandated under health norms.

Owners of the clinic were directed to first complete all necessary formalities and obtain required clearances, following which the establishment may be considered for reopening.Until then, the clinic shall remain closed.

Authorities further stated that such inspections shall be carried out in all clinical establishments in the times to come to ensure compliance with health regulations and safeguard public safety.

## IEC campaigns against drug abuse organised at Bandipora



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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 01: As part of Nasha Mukti Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, district administration Bandipora on Monday held a series of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) programmes across different panchayats of the district.

Awareness events were organised at Turkpora, Pazalpora-A and Putushay panchayats, drawing enthusiastic participation from community members. Resource persons highlighted the ill effects of drug abuse on physical and mental health and its

social consequences, while also stressing prevention, rehabilitation and enforcement measures. Speakers urged the youth to remain vigilant, spread awareness within their peer groups, and contribute towards creating a drug-free society. Participants were also informed about helplines, support services and rehabilitation facilities available for those in need.

District administration affirmed that similar campaigns will continue to be organized in coming days to strengthen community-level awareness and collective action against drug menace in Bandipora.

# Admin keeping close watch on situation: Satish

## Visits flood-affected areas of Chowki Choura



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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 01: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Transport, Satish Sharma Monday visited the flood-affected areas of Block Chowki Choura, including Panchayat Rah (village Rah) and Hardu Mallara, to take stock of the situation caused by heavy rains and flash floods.

The Minister was accompanied by senior officers of district Administration, PHE, RDD, PWD, Irrigation and Flood control and other allied departments.

During his visit, the Minister interacted with the affected families and personally assessed the damages to

property, infrastructure, and agricultural fields. He was informed that several families have been shifted to safer places, including Government High School and Panchayat Ghar Rah Salyote, as a precautionary measure to ensure their safety. Satish Sharma directed the district administration and concerned officials to provide immediate relief and rehabilitation support to all affected households. He stressed that essential supplies like ration, clean drinking water, LPG and medical aid must reach the displaced families without delay. The Minister also instructed officials to ensure the restoration of electricity, road connectivity, and water supply at the earliest.

The Minister reiterated that the safety and well-being of citizens remains the topmost priority of the Government and assured the people that adequate funds and resources will be mobilized for their relief and rehabilitation. He further directed the authorities to conduct a comprehensive assessment of damages to property, livestock, and crops so that affected families can be compensated in a timely manner.

Appealing to the people to remain vigilant in vulnerable areas, Satish Sharma said the administration is keeping a close watch on the situation and necessary measures are being taken to minimize further hardship.

## Govt improving academic atmosphere in rural schools: Sakeena

### Lays e-foundation stone of Teachers Quarters at GHSS Khull

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 01: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo Monday laid the e-foundation stone for the construction of Teachers Quarters at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Khull in DH Pora area of district Kulgam.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said the initiative will go a long way in improving the academic atmosphere by ensuring proper accommodation facilities for teachers. She added that the move will help enhance the overall educational standards in the area, while also boosting morale of the teaching staff posted in far-flung regions.

"By providing proper accommodation for teachers, Government is ensuring their presence, stability, and motivation to serve in far-flung areas. This step will directly contribute to raising the standard of education in Khull and nearby regions", the Minister stated.

The Education Minister further emphasized that improving the academic atmosphere in



rural schools is a top priority of the Government, highlighting that adequate infrastructure, ranging from school buildings, laboratories and digital learning facilities, to residential quarters for staff, is essential to strengthen the education system. "Education is the cornerstone of progress and social transformation. Omar Abdullah led Government is committed to extending quality education to every child, regardless of geography. Initiatives like these will not only improve teaching standards but also encourage talented teachers to willingly serve in rural and far-flung areas," she said.

On the occasion, several locals also interacted with the Education Minister virtually. They expressed gratitude for the project, terming it a long-awaited demand that will ease

hardships faced by teachers posted in the area. The locals highlighted that this move of Government will significantly help in ensuring regularity of classes and strengthen teacher-student engagement. While interacting with the locals, Minister Sakeena reiterated that Omar Abdullah led Government is committed towards strengthening educational infrastructure in rural and remote areas, emphasizing that quality education is the foundation of socio-economic development.

Director School Education Kashmir, Director Health Services Kashmir, CEO Kulgam, senior officers of district administration, sectoral officers of various line departments and large number of locals participated in the programme.

## DC Poonch interacts with Civil Society at Surankote

### Reviews status of road connectivity, Jal Shakti projects



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POONCH, SEPTEMBER 01: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma visited Surankote and convened an interaction meeting with prominent members of the civil society to listen to their concerns and review developmental requirements of the area. The meeting discussed at length the damages caused due to recent adverse weather conditions, particularly its impact on infrastructure and essential services. The Deputy Commissioner laid strong emphasis on strengthening road connectivity in the sub-division and directed the concerned engineers to ensure timely execution of all ongoing works. He stressed that improving road links, especially to far-flung habitations, is vital for economic growth and smooth public mobility.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the progress of Jal Shakti projects and issued strict instructions to the

officers of the department to expedite execution and ensure timely completion. He underlined that uninterrupted water supply is a basic necessity and warned that accountability will be fixed in case of delays or lapses. While concluding, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the growing challenge of drug abuse and urged civil society, parents and educational institutions to work in close coordination with the administration to safeguard the youth from this menace. The meeting was attended by local SDM, SDPO, SEs, XENs, Tehsildar, BDOs, officers/officials of line departments and prominent members of civil society who actively participated and shared their concerns with the District Administration. The Deputy Commissioner assured that more such interactive meetings will be held regularly to monitor progress on development works and address public grievances.

## Revenue teams start flood damage assessment in Paddar area



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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 01: Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Paddar Dr. Amit Kumar leading a revenue team on Monday visited remote villages of Kohal and Chadas (Matti) to assess the damage caused by recent flash floods and landslides. The local Lambardar also accompanied the team during the inspection. To speed up the process, the revenue team has been divided into smaller groups. Tehsildar Vijay Gupta visited Laie and adjoining villages, while Naib Tehsildar covered the Sohal and Tiwari areas. A team led by local Girdawar has been tasked with the assessment of damages in Karthie and Sazar villages. The administration has already initiated relief measures for the affected families and

assured a fair and transparent evaluation of losses. Earlier, SDM Paddar had also visited Affani, Jar and Tatapani areas with revenue officials to review the situation. Meanwhile, electricity has been restored in four feeders of the sub-division, while water supply has also been temporarily restored in the majority of the areas. The Paddar-Kishtwar road, which was blocked at Kadhail and Trinallah has been reopened for traffic this afternoon. In an official statement, SDM Paddar urged residents living in vulnerable locations to remain cautious and, if required, shift to safer places as a precaution against further landslides and flash floods. He assured that timely relief distribution will be carried out as per government guidelines.

## DC Kathua reviews progress of RDD sector works

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KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 01: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma Monday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of Rural Development Department sector works being executed under the Capex Budget 2025-26. The meeting was held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the meeting discussed in detail the tendering process, pace of according approvals and field-level issues hindering the smooth execution of works. It was informed that out of the 1551 proposed works in the RDD sector for the current fiscal, approval has been accorded to 1430 works, while 61 works remain pending due to procedural and technical

reasons. The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned field functionaries to expedite the removal of bottlenecks in the tendering process to avoid delay in the execution. He emphasized to take up feasible works to ensure optimal utilization of funds and timely completion of projects. He further directed the field staff to promptly resolve nomenclature-related issues, in consultation with the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) without any further delay. Highlighting the importance of close monitoring at the grass-roots level, the DC instructed the Block Development Officers (BDOs) to ensure regular supervision of the field staff for efficient implementation and quality of works. He asked the officers to focus on achieving 100% physical

and financial progress within the stipulated timelines to maximize developmental outcomes for the rural population. During the meeting, the Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) apprised the DC that BDOs have been directed to prepare and submit supplementary MGNREGA plans for repair of damages caused to infrastructure due to the recent incessant rains, ensuring timely redressal of public grievances. The meeting also discussed the importance of synergy among different wings of the department and the PRIs for better planning and execution of projects. The DC called for enhanced coordination and timely reporting to ensure that development initiatives reach the targeted beneficiaries without delay.

## DC Reasi reviews pace of restoration works post heavy rainfall

### Sets 2-day deadline for reopening of PMGSY roads

KT News Desk

REASI, SEPTEMBER 01: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik Monday chaired a meeting to review the rain triggered damages and pace of restoration works in the district. The Deputy Commissioner assessed the restoration status in key sectors including PHE, JPDCL, PWD and PMGSY. She directed the PMGSY Executive Engineer to deploy adequate men, machinery and material for road clearance. She set a 2-day deadline for restoration of all motorable roads. "There is a need for enforcing accountability among contractors and round-the-clock monitoring of



restoration works," she added. Reviewing the PHE sector, the DC was informed that 60% of the water supply has been restored. She instructed the department to submit a detailed report on the

number of damaged schemes. The Executive Engineer PHE, Dharmari briefed that 14 schemes have been damaged and that repair works are currently underway. Regarding the Power sector,

the DC directed immediate restoration of electricity across the district. It was informed that power supply has been restored in most areas, with only 2% of transformers pending repair. The DC instructed officers to relocate transformers from sinking zones and complete the restoration work on priority. DC Nidhi Malik also directed the District Mineral Officer (DMO) to conduct a joint inspection with Executive Engineer PWD and PMGSY to check bridges and culverts. She stressed on immediate clearance of drainage channels to prevent obstruction of river flow for the safety and stability of bridges and culverts.

# India-Russia ties key for global stability; both sides stood side-by-side in most difficult times: PM Modi

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TIANJIN, SEPT 01: India and Russia on Monday vowed to strengthen their strategic ties against the backdrop of New Delhi's frictions with the US, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi telling Russian President Vladimir Putin that the two countries stood "shoulder-to-shoulder" even in most difficult times.

Modi and Putin met on the sidelines of the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), days after the US doubled tariffs on Indian goods to a whopping 50 per cent, including a 25 per cent additional duties for India's purchase of Russian crude oil.

The talks between the two leaders focused on bilateral cooperation in the economic, financial, and energy sectors, according to an Indian readout.

In his televised opening remarks at the meeting, Modi told the Russian president that 140 crore Indians are eagerly waiting to welcome him in India in December.

"This is a reflection of the depth and scope of our Special and Privileged Strategic

Partnership. India and Russia have always stood shoulder-to-shoulder even in the most difficult situations," he said.

The prime minister said close cooperation between the two countries is important not only for the people of both countries, but also for global peace, stability, and prosperity.

Before the official talks, the two leaders held an informal conversation as they travelled to the venue of their bilateral meeting in the same car after concluding engagements at the SCO summit.

The Russian president waited for about 10 minutes for PM Modi to join him before boarding the car.

Modi and Putin spent another 45 minutes in the car even after reaching the venue, people familiar with the matter said.

In his remarks, Modi also said India welcomes all the recent efforts towards establishing peace in Ukraine, adding it is humanity's call to find a way to end hostilities as soon as possible.

"We've been having regular discussions on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. We welcome all the recent efforts towards establishing peace," Modi said.



"We hope that all parties shall proceed ahead constructively. A way must be found to end this conflict and establish lasting peace. This is the aspiration of the entire humanity," he added.

It is understood that the Indian side briefed Putin about Modi's phone conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Saturday.

After dialling Modi, Zelenskyy said India is ready to make the necessary efforts and to deliver the appropriate signal to Russia.

The Indian readout said PM Modi reiterated his support for the recent initiatives that have been taken to address the conflict in Ukraine, and emphasised the need to expedite a cessation of the conflict, and find a "durable peace" settlement.

In his remarks, Putin said Russia and India have maintained "special friendly and trust-based" relations for decades and it is the foundation for the future development of the ties.

"These relations are entirely above party politics and enjoy the support of the overwhelming majority of our peoples," he said, according to the Kremlin.

Bolstering bilateral cooperation in critical areas such as energy, fertiliser and trade also figured prominently in the talks between the prime minister and the Russian president.

Though there is no official word on the implications of the US tariff on India, it is believed that the two leaders discussed it

during their informal conversation in the vehicle.

The relations between New Delhi and Washington are on a downturn after Trump slapped a 50 per cent tariff on India.

The strain in the relations has been exacerbated by constant criticism of New Delhi by officials in Trump's administration.

In a post on 'X', Modi described his talks with Putin as "excellent" and that they discussed ways to deepen bilateral cooperation in all sectors, including trade, fertilisers, space, security and culture.

"We exchanged views on regional and global developments, including the peaceful resolution of the conflict in Ukraine. Our Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership remains a vital pillar of regional and global stability," he said.

The Indian prime minister also posted on social media a photo of himself and Putin travelling together in the car.

"After the proceedings at the SCO Summit venue, President Putin and I travelled together to the venue of our bilateral meeting. Conversations with him are always insightful," he said.

New Delhi turned to purchasing

Russian oil sold at a discount after Western countries imposed sanctions on Moscow and shunned its supplies over its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

The Indian readout said Modi and Putin discussed bilateral cooperation, including in the economic, financial, and energy sectors and expressed satisfaction with the sustained growth in bilateral ties in these areas.

"The two leaders reaffirmed their support for further strengthening of the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries," it said.

In his remarks, Putin also referred to 15 years of elevation of India-Russia relations to the level of a special privileged strategic partnership.

"It can be stated with confidence that our multifaceted Russian-Indian ties continue to develop actively on these principles," he said.

"We have established multi-level cooperation. Trade and economic ties as a whole are showing positive dynamics. Tourist exchanges are growing. We are working in close coordination on the international stage – at the UN, BRICS, the G20, and, of course, the SCO."

## UK, Japan, South Korea endure hottest summer on record

AFP

LONDON, SEPT 01: The UK, Japan and South Korea sweltered this year through the hottest summers since each country began keeping records, their weather agencies said Monday.

Temperatures the world over have soared in recent years as human-induced climate change creates ever more erratic weather patterns.

The UK's provisional mean June-August temperature was 16.1C, which was 1.51C above the long-term average and surpassed all years since 1884, including the previous record, set in 2018, the Met Office said.

The British summer saw four heatwaves, below-average rainfall and sustained sunshine, and followed the nation's warmest spring in more than a century.

Japan's average temperature spike was even starker over the same three summer months, at

2.36C above "the standard value," making it the hottest since records began in 1898, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said.

It was the third consecutive summer of record high temperatures, the agency noted.

This year's scorching heat left some 84,521 people hospitalized nationwide from May 1 to August 24, according to Japan's Fire and Disaster Management Agency.

In South Korea, the average June-August temperature was 25.7C, "the highest since data collection began in 1973," the Korea Meteorological Administration said in a press release.

The previous record over the same period was 25.6C, set just last year. Britain – known for its damp and grey climate – struggled through the record hot summer, which poses a host of challenges for a country ill-equipped for such conditions.

Homes in the UK are designed to keep the heat in during the

winter, and air conditioners are rare in homes and public places, such as much of London's sprawling underground "Tube" metro system.

"It's hard to spend a hot day (here)," Ruidi Luan, a 26-year-old student from China, told AFP in London during the August heatwave.

"There's no air conditioner in our dorm. It is sometimes very hot, and especially in public transport."

Drought was declared in five out of 14 regions in England, while the Environment Agency classed the water shortfall as "nationally significant," as farmers struggle with stunted harvests.

In Tokyo, Miyu Fujita, a 22-year-old businesswoman, said she had mostly socialized indoors this summer to escape the oppressive temperatures.

"When I was a child, summer was the time to go outside and play," she told AFP. "Can kids play outside now? I think it's

impossible."

Japan's beloved cherry trees are blooming earlier due to the warmer climate, or sometimes not fully blossoming because autumns and winters are not cold enough to trigger flowering, experts say.

The famous snow cap of Mount Fuji was absent for the longest recorded period last year, not appearing until early November, compared with the average of early October.

South Korea is meanwhile grappling with a prolonged drought that has hit the eastern coastal city of Gangneung.

A state of national disaster has been declared in the city of 200,000 people, with water levels at the Obong reservoir, the city's main source of piped water, falling below 15 percent.

The dry spell has forced authorities to implement water restrictions, including shutting off 75 percent of household meters.

## Congress contested Delhi polls to ensure BJP's win, poured in crores of rupees: AAP

PTI

NEW DELHI, SEPT 01: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Monday alleged that Congress colluded with BJP in the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections and poured in crores of rupees without running any ground campaign and worked to ensure AAP's defeat.

There was no immediate response available from Congress over the accusations.

Addressing a press conference, AAP's Delhi unit president Saurabh Bharadwaj said the disclosure by the state Congress leadership confirmed what his party had long suspected – that Congress contested the polls not to win, but to make BJP victorious.

He alleged that the Congress targeted every senior AAP leader, spent about Rs 46 crore, including Rs 44 crore in cash, and

yet failed to open its account.

"Normally, people guess one party is supporting another. But this time, it has been admitted that Congress deliberately worked to ensure BJP's win in Delhi. Even intellectual Congress supporters should question what their party is doing," he said.

Bharadwaj further claimed that the Congress high command, including Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, approved the decision during its central election committee meetings.

"Congress was already at zero in Delhi, and even after spending crores, it remained at zero," he remarked.

On the funding issue, he said AAP contested the election with Rs 14 crore, BJP with Rs 57 crore, while Congress spent over Rs 46 crore, most of it in cash.

"When AAP received Rs 1

crore by cheque, the prime minister made it a big issue. But when Congress collected Rs 44 crore in cash, there was complete silence," he alleged and demanded a probe.

Just as the BJP captured power riding on regional parties, similarly, Congress thinks it can crush regional parties and capture power, Bharadwaj alleged.

"In Bihar, the voters, cadre, and flag-bearers belong to Tejashwi Yadav, but free marketing is being done for Rahul Gandhi. On the ground, Congress has no cadre, no polling agents, yet the slogan raised is 'Zindabad Rahul Gandhi,'" he added.

AAP leaders Manish Sisodia and Atishi also accused Congress of helping the BJP, saying the two parties maintained "friendship behind the scenes" while pretending to fight in public.

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### PM Modi-led govt

the UT and the Government of India has put in all its strength in the rescue efforts," he said, adding, "The Union Territory and all agencies together have significantly reduced potential damage, and through coordinated efforts, we have successfully saved many lives. In this hour of crisis, the Government of India is standing by the side of J&K people."

APPRECIATES J&K GOVT FOR SUCCESSFUL RESCUE OPERATION

The Union Home Minister appreciated the efforts of all the agencies and said that the UT Government carried out the successful rescue operation very quickly and efficiently. More than 5000 people have been evacuated to safer places as a precaution. "Seventeen teams of the NDRF and 23 Army columns, helicopters from Indian Air Force, UTDREF, J&K Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel are still engaged in the entire operation and helping people. Health facilities and food arrangements have been made in relief camps by the UT government and the situation will return to normal very soon," he added.

MET AND NDMA SHOULD JOINTLY IDENTIFY CAUSES, ESTABLISH AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

Shah said that a critical analysis of all Early Warning Apps (EWAs), their accuracy, and their reach to the grassroots level is necessary.

He emphasized that improving our systems through critical analysis is the only way to move toward a zero-casualty approach. He highlighted the need for a critical review of the GLOF Early Warning System.

The Union Home Minister said that the Meteorological Department and NDMA should jointly study the relationship between the tendencies leading to cloudbursts and moisture content in clouds, identify causes, and establish an early warning system.

He stressed that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) must take steps in this direction by leveraging data analytics and AI.

ADVANCED SURVEY TEAMS OF MHA WILL ASSESS DAMAGE

Shah also mentioned that the Food Corporation of India (FCI) should arrange for additional rations, and a decision on offline ration delivery could be made after assessing connectivity in 10 days.

He said that, advanced survey teams from the Ministry of Home Affairs would assess the damage, and further assistance would be provided.

He announced that a meeting of relevant

departments from the Central Government and the Union Territory administration, along with the Union Home Secretary, would be held within 1-2 days.

The Union Home Minister directed that teams from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Union Territory government should prioritize damage assessment. He emphasized that the Health and Water Departments must proactively focus on water supply and health services.

He stressed that medical units from the Army, Central Armed Police Forces, and Air Force should also provide support.

The Union Home Minister said that since Jammu & Kashmir is prone to natural calamities, therefore, an amount of Rs. 209 crores for State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) are allocated to the UT as Centre share, due to which relief work has started.

He said that timely warnings by the Central Government and Union Territory Disaster Management Authority (UTDMA) helped in minimizing the loss of lives. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Army, Union Territory Disaster Response Force (UTDRF), Other Response Teams, all were on alert and helicopters were also standby. "We had also informed everyone about the mobilization of the Army and the NDRF," the Home Minister said.

ASSISTANCE UNDER SDRF FOR DAMAGED HOUSES WILL BE DISBURSED SOON

Shah said that private property of people has been damaged and assistance under SDRF for damaged houses is being assessed and will be disbursed in shortest possible time.

He added that multiple roads have been damaged and repair & restoration work has started. Traffic movement has started on most of the roads and relief has also started arriving, wherever needed.

More than 80 percent electricity supply has been restored in affected areas, people have started receiving pure drinking water and health facilities are running smoothly.

Infrastructure of critical sectors has been affected and its temporary restoration is underway at war footing. The damages are being assessed by the UT government and all possible assistance will be provided.

It may be recalled that more than 130 people were killed and 33 have gone missing in cloudbursts, landslides and flash floods in Kishtwar, Kathua, Reasi and Ramban districts since August 14.

The dead include 34 pilgrims who were hit by a landslide en route to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine on August 26. Record rainfall on

August 26-27 caused flash floods in low-lying areas in Jammu and other plains, causing heavy damage to infrastructure. (KNO)

### Double standards

world leaders.

He said India was grateful to friendly nations for their support, adding that the attack was not only directed at the country but also posed a challenge to shared human values.

Calling for a unified global stance, Modi questioned whether it was acceptable for some nations to openly back terrorism. He stressed that there should be no double standards and that the fight must be against terrorism in every form.

"Confronting terror was not only a matter of security but also a responsibility towards humanity," the Prime Minister said.

On regional priorities, PM Modi said India views connectivity as more than trade links, describing it as a means to build trust and foster development.

He said the country has faced the impact of terrorism for nearly forty years, with countless families losing loved ones and mothers bearing the pain of children lost to violence. (KNO)

### Infiltration bid

has been cordoned off, and a massive search operation is underway," he said. (KNO)

### MHA forms inter-ministerial

financial support from the Centre.

The decision follows a mechanism introduced by Home Minister Amit Shah in 2019, which requires the constitution of these multi-ministerial teams immediately after a major disaster, rather than waiting for a detailed memorandum from the affected states.

An official release from the Home Ministry noted that the Centre has transferred significant amounts under various disaster relief and mitigation funds during the current financial year. Figures show that Rs 10,498.80 crore has been released under the State Disaster Response Fund to 24 states.

In addition, Rs 1,988.91 crore was sanctioned from the National Disaster Response Fund for 12 states.

Under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund, Rs 3,274.90 crore has been distributed among 20 states, while Rs 372.09 crore has been disbursed from the National Disaster Mitigation Fund to nine states.

The Home Ministry said these allocations are intended to strengthen state-level capacity in handling relief, rehabilitation and mitigation

work during the monsoon season, when extreme weather often leads to large-scale damage.

In Jammu and Kashmir, more than 150 people have lost their lives in rain-related incidents since early August, with a significant number of casualties reported among pilgrims in different parts of the Union Territory. Search and rescue operations are still under way in several districts.

Officials stated that the IMCTs would visit Jammu and Kashmir and other affected states early next week to prepare detailed assessments. Their reports will guide further central intervention and allocation of resources for recovery efforts. (KNO)

### LoP Sharma seeks

day of his visit to the Union Territory to personally assess the aftermath of the natural calamity, Home Minister Amit Shah was briefed in detail the loss of precious human lives, livestock, damage to movable and immovable properties, and the sufferings of the people.

As per a statement issued to the news agency–Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Sharma strongly urged the Home Minister to constitute special central teams to assess the damage across the affected districts.

He emphasized the need for these teams to conduct a detailed and transparent survey so that required relief and rehabilitation measures can be planned.

He also demanded an immediate relief package for the calamity-hit areas and affected population, highlighting the urgent need for financial support, temporary shelters, food supplies and restoration of basic services.

The scale of destruction is alarming. Roads have been washed away, power infrastructure is damaged, water supply systems are paralyzed, and several remote areas are cut off, he informed the HM.

Sharma further shared that the people of the affected areas are in distress and need the government's immediate intervention.

The LoP also called for a comprehensive relief and rehabilitation package aimed at rebuilding damaged infrastructure and restoring normal activities. He particularly highlighted the sectors of roads, electricity, and water supply, which have suffered the most due to the floods.

Sharma reiterated the importance of long-term mitigation measures and better disaster preparedness mechanisms to safeguard lives and livelihoods in the future.

The Union Home Minister assured that the

Centre stands with the people of Jammu and Kashmir in this hour of crisis and that all necessary steps will be taken for timely relief and restoration. (KNO)

### HM praises security

Director IB, Chief Secretary and DGP of Jammu and Kashmir, heads of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and other senior officers.

The Home Minister also appreciated the role played by the security forces in relief and rescue work following the recent flash floods in the UT and assured full support of the CAPFs in managing natural calamities.

Pertinently, Shah had reached Jammu on Sunday evening to assess the situation in the aftermath of the heavy rain and flash floods in Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides reviewing the damage caused by the floods in Jammu region, the Home Minister also chaired a security review meeting, an official said. (KNO)

### PM, HM will ensure

district-level officers to remain alert and must keep watch on the situation round the clock. I urge people to take all precautions and stay in a safe place".

### J&K faces deadliest

897.9 mm), Ramban (133% surplus, 286.2 mm), and Samba (126% surplus, 720.5 mm).

Other major gains, according to him, were reported in Reasi (64%), Jammu (53%), Kathua (45%), Rajouri (42%), Kishtwar (21%), and Poonch (17%).

In Kashmir, rainfall patterns remained mixed. "Anantnag (35%), Pulwama (18%), Kulgam (13%), and Srinagar (15%) recorded above-normal rainfall, while other districts like Kupwara (-23%), Bandipora (-20%), Budgam (-1%), Baramulla (-2%), Ganderbal (-17%), and Shopian (-69% - data probably incorrect) experienced deficits," he said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh recorded exceptional departures from normal. Kargil received 32.6 mm of rainfall against the normal 2 mm, a 1,530% surplus, while Leh registered 54.7 mm against the normal 5.6 mm, an 877% surplus. Overall, Ladakh UT recorded 49.5 mm of rainfall compared to the normal 4.8 mm, a massive 930% departure.

Pertinently, the Meteorological department (MeT) has issued a fresh weather advisory for Jammu and Kashmir, warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall in several districts till September 03, raising the risk of flash floods, cloudbursts and landslides in vulnerable areas. (KNO)

# India's Russian oil purchase did not violate rules, stabilized market: Puri Slams Navarros 'laundromat' jibe

PTI

NEW DELHI, SEPT 01: Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has dismissed White House trade adviser Peter Navarro's 'laundromat' remark, asserting that India has not violated any rules in purchasing Russian oil and its energy trade since the Ukraine war has helped stabilise global markets and keep prices in check.

In a signed article for The Hindu, Puri rejected claims of profiteering, saying India has long been the world's fourth-largest exporter of petroleum products, well before Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, and its export volumes and margins have remained broadly the same.

"Some critics allege that India has become a 'laundromat' for Russian oil. Nothing could be further from the truth," he wrote without directly naming Navarro.

India's imports of Russian oil soared from under 1 per cent to nearly 40 per cent of total crude intake after the Ukraine war, driven by steep discounts as Western nations cut purchases to penalise Moscow. While the move ensured cheaper energy for India, it drew criticism from the Donald Trump administration, which accused New Delhi of profiteering by refining and exporting Russian crude, including to Europe.

Last week, Navarro, in a series of posts on X, labelled the Russia-Ukraine war as "Modi's war" and accused New Delhi of funding Russian President Vladimir Putin's "war machine".

"India's big oil lobby has turned the world's largest democracy into a massive refining hub and oil money laundromat for the Kremlin," he had stated in the barrage of posts, which ended with a picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in saffron robes. Puri countered him, saying that, unlike Iranian or Venezuelan crude,



Russian oil purchase has never been sanctioned.

"It (Russian oil) is under a G-7/European Union price cap system deliberately designed to keep oil flowing while capping revenues," he said. "There have been 18 rounds of such packages, and India has complied with each one." He went on to assert that every transaction by India has been legal.

"Every transaction has used legal shipping and insurance, compliant traders and audited channels. India has not broken rules. India has stabilised markets and kept global prices from spiralling," he asserted.

Last week, brokerage CLSA, in a report, stated that if India halts Russian oil imports, crude prices could spike to USD 90-100 per barrel. With limited buyers for Russian crude, India's exit could leave up to 1 million barrels per day - about 1 per cent of global supply - stranded. While India could replace the supply, the disruption would likely push global prices and fuel inflation.

Puri said India has been the fourth-largest exporter of petroleum products for decades - long before the

Ukraine conflict - and its refiners process a basket of crudes from across the globe.

"Exports keep supply chains functioning. Indeed, Europe itself turned to Indian fuels after banning Russian crude," he said. "The volume of exports and refining margins - gross refining margins or GRMs - remain broadly the same. There is no question of profiteering."

The Minister stated that India acted to shield its citizens when global prices spiked after the Ukraine war. "Oil PSUs absorbed losses of up to Rs 10 per litre on diesel, the government cut central and state taxes, and export rules mandated that refiners selling petrol and diesel abroad must sell at least 50 per cent of petrol and 30 per cent of diesel in the domestic market." "These measures, at a considerable fiscal cost, ensured that not a single retail outlet ran dry and that Indian households saw stable prices," he said.

Puri said there is no substitute for the world's second-largest producer (Russia) supplying nearly 10 per cent of global oil. "Those who are pointing fingers ignore this fact. India's adherence to all international norms prevented a catastrophic USD 200-per-barrel shock."

## Domestic demand surge lifts GDP growth: Experts



PTI

KOLKATA, SEP01: A surge in domestic demand has lifted the growth in real GDP of the country to a five-quarter high at 7.8 per cent in the April-June period of the 2025-26 financial year, experts said on Monday.

Crisil economists said nominal GDP growth slowed to 8.8 per cent in the first quarter of the FY'26 from 10.8 per cent due to easing inflation.

According to the Crisil economists' team, domestic private consumption growth strengthened, boosting both manufacturing and services. Higher government spending in the first quarter contributed to a sharp rise in government consumption expenditure, the rating agency said. On the supply side, gross value added (GVA) rose to 7.6 per cent from 6.8 per cent.

ITC Ltd chairman and managing director Sanjiv Puri said, "It is commendable that despite global challenges, India's GDP growth in the first quarter was recorded at 7.8 per cent, one of the highest in the last five quarters. As the nation takes decisive strides towards becoming the world's third largest economy, it is today an inspiring icon of resilience, growth and transformative opportunities."

India is a consumption-led economy, and its robust trajectory of

GDP growth will fuel opportunities across all sectors of the economy, he said.

Given the promise of the Indian economy, the ITC Group remains committed to significantly investing in scaling up all its businesses and enhancing value addition in the economy through its large presence across agriculture, manufacturing and services, Puri said.

Crisil economists said that the private consumption expenditure has likely been fuelled by rural demand, which appears to be healthy with wages picking up.

The government support, on both consumption spending and investment, provided a cushion for growth.

Exports were also supportive of growth at 6.3 per cent in the first quarter, compared to 3.9 per cent in the corresponding previous quarter, the Crisil team said.

The services sector boosted the supply side, while the growth of the agricultural sector softened, which also holds true for the industry, according to the Crisil team.

India's economy grew by a stronger-than-expected 7.8 per cent in April-June, its fastest pace in five quarters, before US President Donald Trump imposed tariffs that now cloud the outlook, threatening key exports like textiles.

## Punjab floods: Shah speaks to Guv, CM



PTI

NEW DELHI, SEPT 01: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday (September 1, 2025) spoke to Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, and took stock of the flood situation in the State, officials said.

During the telephonic conversations, the Governor and the Chief Minister briefed the Home Minister about the prevailing situation and the steps taken by the administration for the rescue and relief of the people affected.

Shah assured both of all possible help to deal with the flood, officials said.

Several districts of Punjab have been hit by floods due to incessant rains.

The State government on Sunday extended the closure of schools till September 3.

According to officials, Punjab received 253.7 mm of rain in August, 74% in excess of normal and the state's highest in 25 years. In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Mann stated that Punjab was currently grappling with one of the worst flood disasters in decades, impacting about 1,000 villages and lakhs of people.

## Gold nearing record highs: Why its shine remains undimmed

PTI

KOLKATA, SEPT 01: Gold has once again captured headlines by nearing its all-time high, and to many, this may feel like a sudden surge. To me, it was always a question of when, not if. Given the current geopolitical scenario—marked by rising tensions across regions, global trade uncertainties, and monetary policies shifting across central banks—gold's ascent was expected sooner or later. In times when stability feels elusive, investors naturally gravitate towards assets that provide security, and gold has always stood at the forefront of that flight to safety.

**Gold's Impressive Run**  
The numbers speak for themselves. Gold has risen 4.8% over the last three months, 17% in the past six months, and an impressive 37% over the past year. While many asset classes struggle with volatility, gold continues to shine as a consistent return generator. It may test patience—often moving slowly, sometimes



frustratingly so—but history shows that those who hold it long-term emerge stronger.

**Timing the Market: An Impossible Game**

In today's hyper-connected world, with unending news flow and market-moving events unfolding by the hour, volatility has become the norm rather than the exception. Trying to time the market under these conditions is not only difficult—it's next to impossible. For long-term investors, the wiser strategy is not to chase timing but to build resilience. That's where gold

plays its role.

**Gold as an Anchor, Not a Gamble**

Over centuries, gold has earned its reputation as a safe haven, and for me personally, it's more than that—it's the anchor of my portfolio. No matter how rough the seas of the global economy may get, that anchor holds steady. It doesn't promise thrills or speculative highs, but it promises stability when everything else feels uncertain.

The Question Everyone Asks: When Should I Buy?

As a jeweller and someone deeply connected with gold, I am often asked: "What is the best time to buy gold?" My answer is always the same, and it reflects my own practice—any time is a good time. What matters more is discipline and diversification. Gold should never be the fuel driving your portfolio; it should be the anchor grounding it. And as with any investment, one should never put all their eggs in one basket. A balanced, diversified approach is the key to long-term wealth preservation and growth.

**The Shine That Endures**

Gold's journey to near-record highs is not an isolated event—it's part of a longer story of resilience and trust. In uncertain times, it reassures. In prosperous times, it complements. And across generations, it remains not just a financial asset but an emotional one, tied to culture, legacy, and security. That, to me, is why its shine will never dim.

Author is Mr. Oushnik Chandra, CEO, P.C. Chandra Jewellers

## Maruti Suzuki sales dip marginally to 1 80 683 units in Aug

PTI

NEW DELHI, SEPT 01: Maruti Suzuki India on Monday reported a marginal dip in total sales to 1,80,683 units in August.

The auto major sold a total of 1,81,782 units in the same month of the last year. Its total domestic passenger vehicle dispatches to dealers declined 8 per cent to 1,31,278 units from 1,43,075 units in the year-ago month, Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said in a statement.

The sale of mini segment cars, comprising Alto and S-Presso, declined to 6,853 units against 10,648 units in August 2024.

Sales of compact cars, including Baleno, Dzire, Ignis and Swift, increased to 59,597 units from 58,051 units a year ago. Utility vehicles, consisting of Grand Vitara, Brezza, Ertiga and XL6, clocked sales of 54,043 units last month compared to 62,684 units in the year-ago period, a decline of 14 per cent.

Sales of van Ecco were 10,785 units last month against 10,985 units in the year-ago month, while those of light commercial vehicle Super Carry stood at 2,772 units against 2,495 units a year earlier.

MSI said its exports in August surged 40 per cent to 36,538 units compared to 26,003 units.



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## New data shows jump in older people dying from drug overdoses

PTI

MELBOURNE: SEPT 01: When we talk about drug overdose deaths, many of us imagine a problem that affects young people. But new data from Australia's Annual Overdose Report, published on Sunday, reveals a significant jump in the number of older adults dying from an overdose, compared to two decades ago.

Since 2001, unintentional overdose deaths have declined by about one-third among people under 30. But deaths in those aged 50-59 have increased three-fold. Among 60-69 year olds, deaths have nearly doubled.

So, why are more older Australians dying from drug overdoses? And what can we do about it?

What the data shows

The median age for unintentional drug-induced deaths has been rising over the past couple of decades for almost all drug types.

In Australia, opioids are still the leading drug involved in unintentional overdoses

deaths. Opioids can include illicit drugs such as heroin, as well as pain medications such as oxycodone and codeine.

So, why is this happening?

Drugs affect older people differently. Older people tend to have more health conditions and use more prescription medicines. Some of these can have harmful interactions with other substances.

Opioids are particularly risky as they can slow your heart rate and breathing. Combining these with alcohol or sleeping tablets, which do the same, can lead to unintentional overdose.

The at-risk cohort is ageing

Another factor is the "ageing cohort theory". This suggests drug-related deaths are happening in the same group of people who were at risk decades ago - those who began using drugs as young people in the 1980s or 1990s and are now middle-aged.

Australia's pattern of drug-related deaths is similar to the United Kingdom, where deaths are highest among 40-49 year-olds, while



rates fall in younger groups.

We also know that fewer young people are starting to inject drugs in Australia.

National estimates suggest the median age of people who inject drugs has risen from about 28 years old to over 43, and the average age of first injection has shifted from the late teens (18-20 years) to the late 20s or early 30s (30-34 years). This supports the theory deaths are affecting an ageing group, rather than a new generation starting to inject.

As they age, this group is also likely to have additional health conditions and medication use that further increase their risk of overdose.

We know what works

The good news is we have effective treatments for people who have developed problems with opioids.

These are sometimes called "opioid agonist treatments" (specifically methadone and buprenorphine) and are effective at helping people stop or reduce their opioid use and improve their health.

These treatments have been proven to halve the risk of overdose death.

Yet, despite their effectiveness, many people don't access treatments.

Barriers include cost, stigma and treatment regimes being too inflexible or not easily available. For example, needing to attend a community pharmacy every day for dosing can prevent people seeking care.

But new treatments, which can be given just once a month, may help make it more accessible.

However, demand for treatment still exceeds what is available. In Australia, around a third to half of the population who

want and need drug treatment currently cannot get it because we don't have enough treatment places.

For older adults who use opioids for pain, resources around opioid safety and naloxone have been specifically developed. These include assessing individual risk with current medications, and creating a personalised safety plan.

Addressing overdose in Australia requires us to broaden how we think about drug harms. It's not just a "youth issue" but one that increasingly affects people in midlife and beyond.

This means health systems must adapt to older people's needs. Stigma and limited treatment places should not prevent people from receiving help, and conversations about substance should be routine for all age groups.

Recognising and treating existing health conditions, while providing information about safe medication use, may also lower older people's risk of an overdose. (The Conversation)

# Afghan earthquake of magnitude 6 kills 622, injures over 1,500



REUTERS

KABUL, SEPT 01: More than 600 people were killed and over 1,500 injured in one of Afghanistan's worst earthquakes, authorities said on Monday, as helicopters ferried the wounded to hospital after they were plucked from rubble being combed for survivors.

The disaster will further stretch the resources of the South Asian nation already grappling with humanitarian crises, from a sharp drop in aid to a huge pushback of its citizens from neighboring countries.

The quake of magnitude 6 killed at least 622 people in the eastern provinces of Kunar and Nangarhar, the Taliban-run Afghan interior ministry said, with more than 1,500 injured and numerous houses destroyed.

"All our ... teams have been mobilized to accelerate assistance, so that comprehensive and full support can be provided," ministry spokesperson Abdul Maten Qanee told Reuters, citing efforts in areas from security to food and health. In Kabul, the capital, health



substantial damage in many others, authorities said. At least 610 people were killed in Kunar with 12 dead in Nangarhar, they added.

Rescuers were scrambling to find survivors in the area bordering Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region, where homes of mud and stone were levelled by the midnight quake that hit at a depth of 10 kilometers.

Military rescue teams fanned out across the two provinces, the defense ministry said in a statement, adding that 40 flights had carried out 420 wounded and dead.

"So far, no foreign governments have reached out to provide support for rescue or relief work," a foreign office spokesperson said.

Afghanistan is prone to deadly earthquakes, particularly in the Hindu Kush mountain range, where the Indian and Eurasian tectonic plates meet.

A series of earthquakes in its west killed more than 1,000 people last year, underscoring the vulnerability of one of the world's poorest countries to natural disasters.

## Gill, Bumrah clear fitness test ahead of Asia Cup; Rohit too aces



PTI

NEW DELHI, SEPT 01: India's Test skipper Shubman Gill and ODI captain Rohit Sharma were among several India internationals to have cleared the pre-season fitness test, which was conducted at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) here.

Gill will travel to Dubai soon for Asia Cup 2025, starting on September 9, with teammates Jasprit Bumrah and Jitesh Sharma, who have also passed the fitness parameters. Gill, 25, was named India's vice-captain for the T20 tournament.

A fitness test became mandatory for Gill as he had to pull out of the Duleep Trophy, where he was named the North Zone captain, because of a fever, and was resting at his home town for the last few days.

The Press Trust of India understands that other players who went through the test at the CoE without any alarm were Mohammed Siraj, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Washington Sundar and Shardul Thakur.

Apart from the now-standard Yo-Yo test, a DXA Scan, which is a simplified method to test bone density, was also done during the fitness test.

Both Jaiswal and Washington are in the standby list for the continental showpiece, while Thakur will remain in the city to lead the West Zone in the Duleep Trophy semifinal against Central Zone from September 4.

While Rohit does not have any immediate assignments after his retirement from Test and T20 formats, a three-match ODI series between India A and Australia A — in Kanpur on September 30, October 3 and 5 — followed by an ODI series in Australia in November could be among his potential assignments next.

## Working closely with BCCI, KSCA to design better crowd management protocols: RCB

PTI

BENGALURU, SEPT 01: Giving a detailed plan for 'RCB Cares', Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Monday said that the foundation will work closely with IPL and the Karnataka State Cricket Association to design better crowd management protocols after 11 people were crushed to death in a stampede during the team's trophy celebrations earlier this year.

Having already announced Rs 25 lakh



compensation for the families of those who lost their lives during the IPL celebrations, RCB Cares stated that it has been formed to "support, empower and elevate our 12th

Man Army through meaningful action." The foundation has proposed a six-point formula to achieve the goal but it can only be put to effect once it gets requisite clearance

from the government authorities.

The agenda includes: "Providing Provide Support That Goes Beyond Financial Aid."

Secondly, it wants to "work closely with stadium authorities, sporting bodies, and league partners to design better crowd management protocols." The franchise is also promising a "fan-safety audit framework" besides training on-ground partners annually on crowd management and emergency response.

## North Korean leader inspects new missile factory ahead of visit to China

AP

SEOUL, SEPT 01: North Korea said Monday leader Kim Jong Un inspected a new weapons factory that's key to his plan to accelerate mass production of missiles in a weekend visit before he departs for a major military parade in China.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency did not disclose the location of the factory Kim visited Sunday, but it may be in Jagang province, a hub of the country's munitions industry that borders China.

Both China and North Korea confirmed last week that Kim will make his first visit to China in six years to attend a military parade in Beijing on Wednesday, which marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II and China's resistance against Japanese wartime aggression.

The 26 foreign leaders invited by Chinese President Xi Jinping also include Russia's Vladimir Putin, who has received major wartime support from Kim in his invasion of Ukraine, making the Beijing event a show of three-way alignment against US efforts to strengthen security cooperation with South Korea and Japan. South Korean media speculated Kim could depart for China by train sometime Monday, pointing to



heightened security measures at the Chinese border town of Dandong, where rail traffic was reportedly halted and hotels stopped receiving foreign guests.

KCNA said the factory had assembly lines to speed missile production and reported that Kim praised scientists and workers and ratified plans for improvement. South Korean officials say Kim has pushed to accelerate munitions production as he supplies Russia with large quantities of military equipment, including artillery and ballistic missiles. Kim has also sent thousands of troops since last fall to fight alongside Russian forces against Ukraine, as he prioritizes Moscow as part of a foreign policy aimed at expanding ties with nations confronting the United States.

Since aligning with Russia, North Korea has become more vocal in international affairs beyond the Korean Peninsula, issuing diplomatic statements on conflicts in the Middle East and in the Taiwan Strait, while portraying itself as a part of a united front against Washington. Some experts say Kim's presence at the multilateral event in Beijing is part of efforts to develop partnerships with other nations close to China and Russia.

China remains North Korea's largest trade partner and economic lifeline, and Kim's attendance at the Beijing military parade is also seen as an attempt to showcase ties with a major ally and boost leverage ahead of a possible resumption of negotiations with Washington.

## The Hundred Men's Final Oval Invincibles beats Trent Rockets to win third successive title



AFP

LONDON, SEPT 01: Adam Zampa's marathon 34,000-kilometre round trip from Australia just to bowl 20 balls paid dividends as the Oval Invincibles won its third successive final in English cricket's Hundred with a 26-run victory over the Trent

Rockets at Lord's on Sunday. Zampa's near 30-hour journey came about after the 33-year-old, who's been on international duty with Australia, was summoned as a replacement for fellow leg-spinner Rashid Khan, called up to play for Afghanistan.

Zampa, who had starred

in the Invincibles' previous two title-winning campaigns, took a miserly 1-21 from his maximum 20 balls on Sunday, getting Rockets dangerman David Willey stumped for 14.


He was not the only Australian leg-spinner in the wickets for the Invincibles.

Penrith-born but England-qualified Nathan Sowter took 3-25 -- including the prize scalp of England great Joe Root for 10 -- as the Rockets set 169 to win, were held to 142-8.

It was something of an 'Australia Day' at Lord's, with all-rounder Marcus Stoinis returning figures of 2-40 for the Rockets before top-scoring for the Nottingham-based side with a quickfire 64, including four fours and five sixes, that ended when he was lbw to England quick Saqib Mahmood. England's Will Jacks laid the foundations for the Invincibles' win with a 41-ball 72 at the top of the order, although he was reprieved on 28 by a Stoinis no-ball after the Rockets lost New Zealand fast bowler Lockie Ferguson to injury in the warm-up.

*Sad Demise*

with profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father



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**The congressional Fateh Khawani will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Wednesday 10:30 AM) at their ancestral graveyard ziyarat Mansoor Sahab Zaladagar**

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