



Amit Shah credits PM Modi's will for striking terror networks inside Pakistan

» Congress spoilt Pak's habits, Modi restored security

» Article 370 abrogation united Kashmir with India

Sajid Raina

Patna, Sept 18: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday asserted that India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has dealt a decisive blow to terrorism and its sponsors.

Shah, while addressing a gathering here, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "Through surgical strikes, air strikes, and Operation Sindoor, the armed forces demolished terrorist networks within their own homes inside Pakistan. It was possible only because of Prime Minister Modi's strong resolve and political will to teach



terrorists a lesson."

He said, "By removing Article 370, PM Modi permanently united Kashmir with India. The Congress party had

spoiled Pakistan's habits. They would attack every day. PM Modi has worked to secure the country."

The Union Home Minister

said, "PM Modi has made India's economy the fourth-ranked economy. In 2027, we will become the world's third-ranked economy."

In a veiled reference to Rahul Gandhi, Shah contrasted Prime Minister Modi with other leaders: "Our leader is someone who works for the people without ever going on a holiday. In sharp contrast with others who tend to grow restless unless they enjoy a trip abroad every six months. And you know who I am talking about," he said.

Referring to Rahul Gandhi's "Voter Adhikar Yatra", which concluded last month, Shah said the tour's aim was to protect | [More on P6](#)

17th AGM of TAAK at Gulmarg Convention Centre

Will discuss reopening closed tourist spots in Kashmir with Home Minister: CM Omar

'Need to come on one page with Centre, otherwise tourism won't succeed'

Waris Fayaz

Gulmarg, Sept 18: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Thursday assured tourism stakeholders and players that he will take up their concerns with the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and request for opening up of several closed tourist destinations in Kashmir.

Addressing the 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK) at the Gulmarg Convention Centre, CM Omar, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "On one hand we promote tourism, but



on the other, many destinations remain closed. This is one of the biggest challenges in our difficult circumstances. When half of Kashmir is shut for tourism, promotion becomes meaningless. What do we tell the tourists— that you can ride the Gondola but the ATV grounds are closed? That you can go to Tangmarg but not to

Drung, or that you can come to Pahalgam but not visit Aru and Betab Valley? Even in the worst times we had not kept these areas closed. So I assure you I will speak to the Home Minister and request him to open these destinations. This will build confidence and help us attract more tourists."

The Chief | [More on P6](#)

CM envisions Gulmarg as 'Asia's Davos'

KT News Desk

Gulmarg, Sept 18: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday inaugurated the Gulmarg Convention Centre, expressing hope that the

world-class facility would help position Gulmarg as a premier destination for international events and conventions, "on the scale of an Asian or Indian Davos." Constructed at a cost of Rs 21 crore by the NBCC, the Centre | [More on P6](#)

J&K govt begins process to appoint new State Election Commissioner

KNO Special Correspondent

Srinagar, Sept 18: The Jammu & Kashmir government has initiated the process for appointing the State Election Commissioner (SEC), the authority responsible for overseeing Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies in the Union Territory.

To begin with, the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj has taken up the matter with the Chief Minister's Office.

As per the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, the State Election Commissioner is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor on the recommendation of a committee headed by the Chief Minister. Other members of the panel include

a senior minister nominated by the Chief Minister, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Minister in charge of Panchayats, and the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly.

The post of SEC has been vacant since April 27, 2025, when B.R. Sharma completed his tenure upon reaching the statutory retirement age of 65.

According to the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, the SEC is appointed for a term of five years or until the age of 65, whichever comes earlier.

As previously reported by KNO, Jammu & Kashmir currently lacks both Panchayats and Block Development Councils—the | [More on P6](#)

Respite for Kashmir's fruit growers

» 4873 fruit-laden trucks evacuated in two days

» Traffic on NH to be streamlined: Div Com Garg

KNO

Srinagar, Sept 18: In a major relief for fruit growers, the divisional administration of Kashmir has successfully evacuated 4873 stranded fruit-laden trucks over the past two days.

According to an official handout issued to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the evacuation included 2239 trucks via the Srinagar–Jammu National Highway and 2634 via the Mughal Road.

The clearance operation was supervised by IG Traffic, M. Suleman Choudhary.

The divisional administration stated that the final batch



Pic: Umaikar Gull Ganai (KNO/KT)

of 500 trucks is scheduled to be dispatched from Qazigund by the Traffic Police later tonight. This will clear the entire backlog of stranded vehicles

and help streamline traffic flow on the national highway.

"The divisional administration, under the continuous guidance of | [More on P6](#)

Special Budgam-Katra train to operate for 15 days



KNO

Srinagar, Sept 18: In view of heavy pressure due to single-lane traffic in Udhampur on the Jammu–Srinagar National Highway and restrictions on traffic movement, the railway authorities have decided to

operate a special train between Budgam and Katra.

Officials told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the service, Vastodom Special, will remain functional for 15 days, starting from September 19 till October 3.

They said the | [More on P6](#)

Wife dies, husband injured in Srinagar accident

'Driver arrested, vehicle seized'

KNO

Srinagar, Sept 18: A woman died while her husband was critically injured after being hit by a vehicle at Umerabad HMT near Noora Hospital in Srinagar on Thursday evening, officials said.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that a husband-wife duo, residents of Umerabad HMT, was hit by a speeding vehicle while they were crossing the road.

He said both the injured were immediately rushed to the hospital for treatment, where the woman succumbed to her injuries.



The duo was identified as Fahmeeda (50), wife of Bashir Ahmad, and Bashir Ahmad (55).

Moreover, police have taken cognisance of the incident. | [More on P6](#)

CM Omar promises clean drinking water in every village

Inaugurates Rs 35.67 cr water supply schemes in Tangmarg

KT News Desk

Tangmarg, Sept 18: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday inaugurated and dedicated to the public five major water supply schemes of the Jal Shakti Department in Tangmarg, promising that these schemes mark only the beginning of a broad transformation of the Gulmarg-Tangmarg Assembly constituency.

Constructed at a cost of Rs 35.67 crore, the schemes will provide clean drinking water through modern Rapid Sand Filtration Plants to 40 habitations, covering 5,473 households and over 10,000 families with a population of 32,838. The projects inaugurated today include Lalpora,



Chichilora, Kralpora, Ferozpora Shrai and Kashipora water supply schemes, executed under the Jal Jeevan Mission by the PHE (Kashmir FBI Division Tangmarg).

Addressing a large gathering after the inauguration, the Chief Minister said ensuring access

to safe drinking water was not a favour but the government's responsibility.

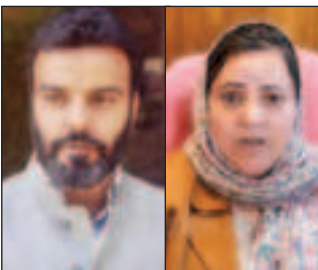
"We are only repaying the trust you have placed in us. These schemes will ensure that families no longer have to depend on unfiltered water from rivers and wells. | [More on P6](#)

Itoo, Ruhullah enter into verbal brawl

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Sept 18: The ruling National Conference (NC) leaders including Minister Sakine Itoo and Member of Parliament (MP) from Srinagar Lok Sabha Constituency, Aga Ruhullah Mehdi, entered into a verbal brawl on Thursday by castigating and reminding each other about their duties.

Minister Sakina Itoo took a jibe at Member of Parliament and her party leader Aga Ruhullah Mehdi for criticizing the government over the prolonged closure of the National Highway, stating that instead of criticising the government, he should speak about the core issues of Jammu and Kashmir in



the Parliament.

Speaking to reporters, Minister Itoo, per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that Aga Ruhullah himself contested from the NC ticket and has been elected by the people to speak for them in the Parliament.

"Now he is pointing fingers at us. He should instead

raise people's issues in the Parliament that he deems are crucial and merit concern," she said.

She added that Aga Ruhullah should fulfil his duties as a parliamentarian and not criticise the NC-led government here.

Pertinently, the NC patron, Dr Farooq Abdullah had also reacted to Aga Ruhullah's statement yesterday, stating that the ongoing crisis facing fruit growers due to repeated highway closures is the outcome of the situation that is not man-made but the result of natural calamities.

Moreover, the Member of Parliament later took to X, formerly twitter and shared his work in the Parliament.

He said that | [More on P6](#)

CS calls for strengthening food security measures

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Sept 18: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Thursday chaired a detailed review meeting of the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) and Legal Metrology Departments, where Commissioner Secretary, Saurabh Bhagat, presented a comprehensive overview of the functioning, achievements, and upcoming deliverables of the department.

Others who were present in the meeting includes Director, FCS&CA, Kashmir/Jammu; Controller, Legal Metrology



along with other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary commended the department for its achievements in digitization, Aadhaar integration, and ensuring transparency in food distribution. He stressed on



the need to remove undeserving beneficiaries, strengthen consumer protection mechanisms, and ensure timely completion of deliverables to enhance efficiency in service delivery.

The Chief Secretary was

apprised that the National Food Security Act (NFSA) is benefitting over 102.54 lakh individuals across 25.61 lakh families in J&K, ensuring food security to the vulnerable sections. The distribution includes 3.70 lakh quintals under NFSA, 1.59 lakh quintals under non-NFSA, 1.24 lakh quintals under PMCKAY, and 0.20 lakh quintals under State Ayushman Ann Yojana (SAAY) on a monthly basis.

It was further informed that J&K has achieved 100% Aadhaar seeding of ration cards and beneficiaries, with 96.55% authenticated transactions. | [More on P6](#)

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Subject:- Provisional Selection List for the posts of Mechanic, Fitter, Weld/Electrician, under Item No(s). 81, 82, 84, 85, Transport Department UT Cadre Advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated 16-12-2020, Machine Man under Item No. 165, Division Cadre Jammu, Machine Man under Item No. 172 Division Cadre Kashmir, Eicher Artisan under Item No. 173 Division Cadre Kashmir, ARI & Trainings Department Advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 05 of 2020 dated 24.12.2020, Workshop Instructor under Item No. 196 Division Cadre Kashmir, Carpenter-II under Item No. 197 Division Cadre Kashmir, Maintenance Assistant under Item No. 200 Division Cadre Kashmir, Workshop Assistant under Item No. 201 Division Cadre Kashmir, Higher Education Department, Upholsterer under Item No. 204 Division Cadre Kashmir Hospitality and Protocol Department, Advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 06 of 2020 dated 29-12-2020, Carpenter under Item No. 239 Division Cadre Jammu, Plumber under Item No. 305 Division Cadre Kashmir Agriculture Production Department, Motor Driver Mechanic under Item No. 313 Division Cadre Kashmir, Electrician under Item No. 321 Division Cadre Jammu, Plumber under Item No. 323 Division Cadre Jammu, Skill Development Department Advertised vide Advertisement Notification 07 of 2020 Dated. 31.12.2020, Mechanic under Item No. 11 District Cadre Jammu, Mechanic under Item No. 12 District Cadre Kathua, Electrician under Item No. 13 District Cadre Jammu, Electrician under Item No. 14 District Cadre Samba, Electrician under Item No. 15 District Cadre Kathua, Electrician under Item No. 16 District Cadre Poonch Jal Shakti Department, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2021 dated 03.02.2021, Electrician under Item No. 625 Division Cadre Kashmir, Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department, advertised vide Advertisement Notification 04 of 2021 dated 17.07.2021, Electrician under Item No. 153 Division Cadre Kashmir, Electrician under Item No. 154 Division Cadre Jammu Department of Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2022 Dated. 27.07.2022, Plumber under Item No. 132 UT Cadre, Estates Department advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2022 Dated. 27.07.2022.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, vide different Indent Nos: TR-OR/SMG/2015 Dated 29-09-2020 followed by TR-OR/SMG/2015 Dated 03-12-2020, No. AR/SP/14/2014 Dated 29-09-2020 followed by AR/SP/14/2014 Dated 15-12-2020, No. HE/Coll/Sel/GP/SP/52/2018-II Dated 29-09-2020 followed by HE/Coll/Sel-Spr/52/2018-II Dated 22-12-2020, No. HP/Estr/13/2020 Dated 30-09-2020 followed by HP/Estr/13/2020 Dated 22-12-2020, No. Agri/Coord/25/2020/355 Dated 01-10-2020 read with Agri/Coord/25/2020/355 Dated 09-12-2020, No. Edu/Tech/Sen/6/19 Dated 23-12-2020, No. SD/NG/41/2020 Dated 05-10-2020 read with JSD/NG/41/2020 Dated 30-12-2020, No. (I) Ash/Coord/24/2014 Dated 29-09-2020 (II) Ash/SH/65/2015-1 Dated 19-10-2020, No. (I)ASHF-CORD/92/2021-03 Dated 04-04-2022 (II)ASHF-SHOGAZ/105/2021-03 Dated 04-04-2022, No. ES/79/2021-04-(86979)/900 Dated 11.04.2022 among others, received 53 Posts of Matric Level from various departments, which were advertised vide Advertisement Notification No(s)., 04 of 2020 dated 16-12-2020, 05 of 2020 Dated 24.12.2020, 06 of 2020 Dated 29-12-2020, 07 of 2020 Dated 31.12.2020, 01 of 2021 Dated 03.02.2021, 04 of 2021 dated 17.07.2021 & 04 of 2021 Dated 27.07.2022 as per the following category-wise break up and the requisite qualification for selection against these posts, as per the Indent/Advertisement is as under:

s.No.	Indentin g Deptt.	Adv. No. & Date	Cadre of Post	Item No(s.)	Name of the Post	O	M	Sc	sT	0sc	A Lc/IB	R B A	p s p	Ew s	Total	Qualification of the Posts
1	Transport	04 of 2020dated 16.12.2020	UT	81	Mecha nic	6	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	12	Matric pass and ITI trained in respective Trade (Mechanic Motor Vehicle)
				82	Fitter	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	Matric pass and ITI trained in Motor Mechanism Trade (Mechanic Motor Vehicle)	
				84	Welder	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	Matric pass and ITI trained in respective Trade , Welder	
				85	Electric ian	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	Matric Pass and ITI trained in Auto Electric Trade (Mechanic Auto Electrical & Electronics)	
2	ARI & Trainings	05 of 2020 dated 4.12.2020	Division Jammu	165	Machin e Man	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric with Diploma in Printing Technology from recognized Institute
			Division Kashmir	172	Machine Man	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	Matric with Diploma in Printing Technology from recognized Institute
			Division Kashmir	173	Etcher Artist	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric with Diploma in Printing Technology from recognized Institute
3	Higher Education	06 of 2020 dated 29.12.2020	Division Kashmir	196	Workshop Instructor	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	Matriculate with ThreeYears Diploma in concerned trade from recognized Institute
			Division Kashmir	197	Carpenter-II	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matriculation with National Trade Test / ITI trained in the Particular Trade
			Division Kashmir	200	Mainte nance Assista nt	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matriculate having national trade certificate in Electrical or Plumber Trade
			Division Kashmir	201	Workshop Assistant	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	Matriculate with National trade certificate from recognized Technical Institute with Three years' experience in: 1. Foundry Smithery 2. Sheet Metal 3. Machine Shop 4.Carpentry/WoodWorking 5.Fitting & Welding
4	Hospitality & Protocol		Division Kashmir	204	Upholester	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric with m Diploma in Identical Trade
5	Agricultur eProductio n	07 of 2020 dated 31.12.2020	Division Jammu	239	Carpenter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	m trained in the Relevant Trade
			Division Kashmir	305	Plumber	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	ITI trained in the Relevant Trade
6	Skill Development		Division Kashmir	313	Motor Driver Mechanic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric with ITI / NTC in appropriate Trade
			Division Jammu	321	Electrician	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric with ITI / NTC in appropriate Trade
			Division Jammu	323	Electrician	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric with NTC in appropriate Trade
7	Jal Shakti	01 of 2021dated 03.02.2021	District Jammu	11	Mechanic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matriculation or equivalent with ITI certificate in Mechanical Trade
			District Kathua	12	Mecha nic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matriculation or equivalent with ITI certificate in Mechanical Trade
			District Jammu	13	Electrician	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matriculation or equivalent with ITI certificate in Electrician Trade
			District Samba	14	Electrician	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matriculation or equivalent with ITI certificate in Electrician Trade
			District Kathua	15	Electrician	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matriculation or equivalent with m certificate in Electrician Trade
			District Poonch	16	Electrician	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matriculation or equivalent with m certificate in Electrician Trade
8	Animal/Sheep Husbandary & Fisheries	04 of 2021 dated 17.07.2021	Division Kashmir	625	Electrician	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	m trained in Electrician Trade possessing the prescribed license
9	Estates	04 of 2022 dated 27.07.2022	UT	132	Plumber	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric with Diploma from m in the relevant Trade from the Govt. Recognized Institute
10	Animal/Sheep Husbandary & Fisheries		Division Kashmir	153	Electric ian	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	Matric with m trained in Electrical Trade
			Division Jammu	154	Electric ian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric with ITI trained in Electrical Trade

Whereas, the JKS5B vide Notification No. JKSSB-COEEXAM/10/2022-04 (CC-7055504) dated 05.04.2024 issued Advanced Notice for conduct of OMR based written examination for various posts which was conducted on 23.05.2024; and

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), vide Notification No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/16/2024-06 (7471425) dated 10.06.2024, issued the Result/Score-sheet of the candidates who appeared in the OMR based written examination held on 23.05.2024; and Whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB), vide Notice No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/16/2024-06 (7471425) dated 18.07.2024, issued Clubbing Notice, for the candidate who had appeared in the above said examination and had applied for multiple advertisements, with some items not being reflected on their admit cards or issued multiple admit cards; and

Whereas, the Schedule of the Documents Verification (DV) of the candidates falling under the consideration zone was notified vide Notification No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/14/2024-03 (7461700) dated:

Whereas, the JKSSB vide Office Order No. 337-SSB of 2024 dated 24.09.2024, constituted a Selection Committee for preparing the Selection List for the various Matric Level Posts which was later on modified vide Order No. 88-SSB of 2025 dated 20.03.2025 followed by Order No. 151-SSB of 2025 dated 16.05.2025 and Order No.185-SSB of 2025 dated 17.06.2025; and

The Selection Committee so constituted has prepared the Provisional Selection List in accordance with the Merit/Eligibility of the candidates and on the basis of principle of merit-cum-preference and the same was placed before the Board in its 312th Board Meeting held on 05.08.2025, which after deliberations, approved its notification; and

Now, after taking into consideration all the aforementioned factors, the Provisional Selection List of the candidates for Matric Level posts, under different departments and different items, is hereby notified as per "Annexure-A" to this notification. It is further notified that:

- i. The Provisional Selection List shall also be subject to the outcome of OAs/Writ petition(s), if any, pending in the competent court of law.
- ii. The Provisional List shall also be subject to the outcome of pending inquiry, if any, involving candidate(s), figuring in this Provisional Selection List.
- iii. This is a Provisional List and shall be subject to the change(s) as warranted necessary as per the objections which may be received against it and mere figuring in it shall not confer any right to selection, which shall be finalized after examination of the objections based on merit.
- iv. In case any candidate/s is/are aggrieved with this Provisional Selection List, or intends to furnish any document/clarification regarding his/her withheld candidature, he/she may represent through the e-mail address Usselection-jksbs@ik.gov.in only within Ten (10) days from the date of its Notification, beyond which no representations shall be entertained. The representations in this regard shall necessarily include complete details of the candidate including Name, Address, Roll Number and Contact Number.

Annexure - "A"												
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Workshop Instructor, Higher Education Department, Divisional Cadre Kashmir, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No.06 of 2020, Dated. 29.12.2020 under Item No. 196												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
1	1-KMR	2030076	MIR NASEER AHMAD	HAMID ULLAH MIR	24-01-1995	OM	87.25	10 ACHAN PULWAMA Shahoora Pulwama kashmir 192305	10th	JK BOSE	2009	
1	3-KMR	2020386	MUSHTAQ GULZAR	GULZAR AHMAD NAIK	03-03-1996	RBA	81.00	73 CHATRIPOORA CHATRIPOORA Pahloo Kulgam kashmir 192221	10th	JK BOSE	2011	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Etcher Artist, ARI & Trainings Department, Divisional Cadre Kashmir, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 05 of 2020, Dated. 24.12.2020 under Item No. 173												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
1	2-KMR	2040264	Ishtiyaq Ahmad Wani	Abdul Aziz wani	06-11-1995	OM	86.75	249 Wani mohalla Yangoora Lar Ganderbal kashmir 191131	10th	JK BOSE	2011	
Provisional Selection List of candidates for the post of Plumber, Estates Department, UT Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2022, Dated. 27.07.2022 under Item No. 132												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
1	1-JMU	1030378	ANTISH SHARMA	RAJINDER KUMAR SHARMA	10-06-1994	OM	82.25	WARD NO. 7 WARD NO. 7 VILLAGE SUKETAR DANSAL JAMMU JAMMU 181224	10th	CBSE	2010	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Machine Man, ARI & Trainings Department, Divisional Cadre Kashmir, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 05 of 2020, Dated. 24.12.2020 under Item No. 172												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
1	4-KMR	2050037	Zahid Ahmad Ganai	Mohd Iqbal Ganai	05-04-1990	OM	79.25	11 Meemander Meemander Shopian 192303	10th	JK BOSE	2005	RWH subject to production of valid Three years Diploma in Printing Technology from recognized Institute.
Selection List under SC Category												
Post remain unfilled for want of suitable candidate												
Selection List under RBA Category												
1	32-KMR	2040028	RAFI AHMAD SHAH	GH AHMAD SHAH	27-02-1993	OM/ RBA	56.50	53 Zlyarat Mohallah CHIMMER D H Pora Kulgam kashmir 192233	10th	JK BOSE	2009	RWH subject to production of valid Three years Diploma in Printing Technology from recognized Institute.
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Mechanic, Jai Shakti Department, District Cadre Jammu, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2021, Dated. 03.02.2021 under Item No. 11												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks

Selection List under Open Merit													
1	8-JMU	1030133	ARUN KUMAR	MOHAN LAL	07-03-1988	OM	57.00	VPO GURHA BRAHMANA GURHA BRAHMANA GURHA BRAHMANA Akhnoor Jammu Jammu 181201	10th	JK BOSE	2003		
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Mechanic, Jal Shakti Department, District Cadre Kathua, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2021, Dated. 03.02.2021 under Item No. 12													
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks	
1	50-KMR	2020229	AMIR BASHIR	BASHIR AHMAD DAR	01-03-1993	OM	52.50	0 MARHAMA HALMULLA MARHAMA HALMULLA Bijbehara Anantnag kashmir 192124	10th	JK BOSE	2010	RWH subject to production of valid within date Domicile Certificate.	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Electrician, Jal Shakti Department, District Cadre Jammu, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2021, Dated. 03.02.2021 under Item No. 13													
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks	
Selection List under Open Merit													
1	5-KMR	2040424	TALIB AHMAD BHAT	KHURSHED AHMAD BHAT	10.12.1991	OM	74.00	9 ZONGAL PORA ZONGAL PORA Pahloo Kulgam kashmir 192231	10th	JK BOSE	2006		
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Electrician, Jal Shakti Department, District Cadre Samba, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2021, Dated. 03.02.2021 under Item No. 14													
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks	
Selection List under Open Merit													
1	6-JMU	1030041	ANIL KUMAR	SUBASH CHANDER	05-03-1992	OM	59.00	0 0 Shah Samba Samba Jammu 184121	10th	JK BOSE	2007		
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Electrician, Jal Shakti Department, District Cadre Kathua, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2021, Dated. 03.02.2021 under Item No. 15													
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks	
Selection List under Open Merit													
1	45-KMR	2050207	Hawmeem Ull Ali	Ali Mohd Dar	20.03.1992	OM	53.50	591 7 Mallipora Devsar Kulgam kashmir 192231	10th	JK BOSE	2007	RWH, Subject to Production of valid ITI certificate in Electrician Trade.	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Electrician, Jal Shakti Department, District Cadre Poonch, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2021, Dated. 03.02.2021 under Item No. 16													
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks	
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1	38-KMR	2030250	MANZOOR AHMED KUMAR	ALI MOHAMAD KUMAR	04-10-1993	OM	56.00	NA HERGUNDA KATHSU Sallar Anantnag kashmir 192401	10th	JK BOSE	2009	RWH, Subject to Production of valid ITI certificate in Electrician Trade.	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Plumber, Agriculture Production Department, Divisional Cadre Kashmir, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 07 of 2020, Dated. 31.12.2020 under Item No. 305													
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks	
Selection List under Open Merit													

1	2-JMU	1040310	MUSHAHID HUSSAIN	MOHAMMAD MANGTULLAH ZOHD	19-01-1997	OM/RBA	73.00	0 GOOL GOOL Gool Ramban jammu 182144	10th	JK BOSE	2013	
Provisional Selection List of candidates for the post of Electrician, Animal/ Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department, Division Cadre Jammu, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2022, Dated. 27.07.2022 under Item No. 154												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	3-JMU	1040044	AMIT KUMAR SHARMA	KULDEEP RAJ SHARMA	08-03-1998	OM/ALC/IB	70.75	13 3 RATHANA RANBIR SINGH PURA JAMMU 181111	10th	JK BOSE	2013	
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S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under RBA Category												

NH Closure Fallout...

Trucks move but fear looms

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Sep 18: President of the Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers and Dealers Association, Bashir Ahmad Basheer, on Thursday said the movement of fruit-laden trucks, which had been stranded due to the prolonged closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, has now resumed.

He said fruit-laden trucks, stuck for more than 15 days, have now been allowed to move, but concerns remain over possible damage and soaring freight rates.

Basheer said trucks that had remained stuck on the highway for more than 15 days have finally started moving towards their destinations. However, he cautioned that the actual condition of the fruit will only be known once the consignments reach various mandis outside the valley.



"The movement of fruit trucks has resumed, but these trucks were stranded for more than 15 days. We can only assess the damage and quality of the fruit once they reach their destinations," he said.

Expressing concern over rising transportation costs, Basheer pointed out that freight rates have sharply increased compared to last year. "The fare, which was

around Rs 73-75 per box last year, has now crossed Rs 200. Besides, there are not enough trucks available to lift the produce," he said, adding that the truck shortage is adding to the crisis for growers and traders who are already facing huge losses due to the delays. Meanwhile, several fruit growers from Sopore, Shopian and Pulwama told KNO that they fear their produce may have suffered

extensive damage due to the prolonged halt in transit, which could affect prices and market demand.

They appealed to the government to facilitate the swift clearance of the remaining backlog and to ensure proper cold storage support in case of delays.

"We work the entire year to grow these apples. Watching them rot on the way is heartbreaking. The government must step in to control freight charges and make more trucks available," said Ghulam Rasool, an apple grower from Sopore.

Basheer urged the authorities to intervene immediately, regulate freight rates and ensure the smooth and timely movement of perishable fruit produce to prevent further financial losses to Kashmir's horticulture sector, which is considered the backbone of the region's rural economy—(KNO)

CM Omar likely to skip Paris Tourism Fair



KNO

Srinagar, Sep 17: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his advisor Nasir Aslam Sogami will not participate in the tourism fair scheduled to be held in Paris later this month, sources said here on Wednesday. Sources said that a couple of officers from Jammu and Kashmir will represent the Union Territory in the fair. The

International French Travel Market (IFTM) Top Resa Tourism Fair to promote the sector is scheduled to be held from September 23 to 25.

The officers, they said, will showcase the region's tourism potential to attract more foreign tourists.

Earlier, reports suggested that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will lead a 3-member delegation to Paris to attend the fair—(KNO)

PSA against MLA unjustified: Dy CM



NAVEED UL HAQ GANAIE

Srinagar, Sep 18: Calling the language used by Doda legislator, Mehraj Malik as unacceptable, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary on Thursday said that the slapping of the Public Safety Act (PSA) against him was 'unjustified.'

Talking to reporters here, the Deputy Chief Minister said that society doesn't allow the use of such a language against anyone.

However, he said that the slapping PSA against Mehraj Malik could have been avoided and the issue would have been acted upon by filing a simple FIR.

"I have repeatedly made statements in this regard. The officials should work as per the situation and conditions. In case they won't, it becomes difficult for them to even perform their duties," the Deputy Chief Minister said.

Pertinently, MLA Doda was detained under Public Safety Act over a week ago. He is presently lodged in Kathua jail—(KNO)

Border tourism boosts in peak summers post Pahalgam terror attack

SAJID RAINA

Gurez, Sep 18: The April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed the lives of 26 civilians, mostly tourists, led to a sharp decline in tourist inflow to Kashmir's frontier areas, including Gurez, Karnah, and Uri. However, arrivals picked up in July and August, bringing much-needed relief to the local population.

Official figures are yet to be released as the season is nearing its end, but locals said tourist arrivals in the areas near Line of Control (LoC) remained low until the summer months brought a boost.

Notably, Gurez, Karnah, and Uri in recent years have been promoted as destinations for offbeat tourism, with May to September considered the peak season. "In May and June this year, there were fewer visitors compared to the same period in previous years. However, the numbers improved in July and August," said a local.

"In May we hardly saw any visitors. Hotels and homestays remained mostly empty. It was only after June that groups began arriving," said Bashir Ahmad, who runs a homestay.

Local traders in Karnah gave a similar account. "The season



started late. By July, we began to see more families and trekkers. Before that, the area was quiet," said Abdul Rashid, who owns a shop in Tangdhar.

Tour operators said border tension increased after the Pahalgam terror attack, which led tourists. "When people hear of such incidents, they avoid travel for a while. Once things settle, they come. That is what we saw this year," said a Srinagar-based operator who organizes trips to border areas.

Despite the late start, residents said that July and August witnessed steady arrivals. "This was the time when tents were booked and local guides were in demand," said Ghulam Nabi. "It helped many of us recover losses from the early

season," he added.

Officials from the Tourism Department said the flow of visitors to border areas is increasing overall, even if arrivals fluctuate due to security operations or weather. "The department has been promoting destinations like Gurez and Karnah, and we are seeing consistent growth in tourist interest. Border tourism is part of the larger plan to diversify destinations in Kashmir," an official said.

For locals, the late but eventual arrival of tourists brought some relief. "We depend on these few months," said Fayaz Ahmad from Gurez. "Even if the season started late, it ended better than we had expected in the beginning."—(KNO)

SMVD Yatra resumes after temporary suspension

YOGESH

Jammu, Sep 18: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra (SMVD) resumed on Thursday in Reasi district after being temporarily halted on Wednesday due to inclement weather. The pilgrimage had restarted on September 17 after a 22-day suspension, but was briefly halted again as bad weather returned to the area.

Officials of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) said that the yatra is going on smoothly, with all facilities now fully operational, allowing pilgrims to move from the base camp in Katra towards the shrine. Helicopter services, which had been momentarily suspended due to fog, have also resumed as weather conditions improved.

The yatra was originally suspended on August 26 following heavy rains. On the same day, a tragic landslide struck a shelter along the pilgrimage route, resulting in human casualties. There was visible jubilation among pilgrims and local traders at the Katra base camp as life slowly returned to normal on Thursday.

Over 3,500 devotees paid obeisance at the shrine, and a steady flow of pilgrims has continued since morning. Authorities have ensured smooth arrangements for registration, security, accommodation,



and other facilities.

The Shrine Board has urged pilgrims to strictly follow safety guidelines and weather advisories to ensure a safe and hassle-free pilgrimage. "The resumption of the yatra marks a reaffirmation of our collective faith and resilience. The Board remains committed to upholding the sanctity, safety, and dignity of this pilgrimage," an SMVDSB official said at the registration counter, where pilgrims receive RFID cards.

The Board said it expects a significant increase in footfall in the coming days as the Navratri festival, beginning on September 22 and continuing until October 1, traditionally draws large numbers of devotees—(KNO)

Verification of EVMs for Chenani AC concludes

YOGESH

Jammu, Sep 18: The verification of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the Chenani Assembly Constituency in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir was conducted on Thursday under tight security, officials said.

This initiative follows a request from Harsh Dev Singh, the state president of the Jammu Kashmir National Panthers Party (India), who unsuccessfully contested last year's polls from this seat in Udhampur, they said.

Harsh Dev Singh lost the election with the difference of 15611 votes to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Balwant Singh Mankotia. Mankotia got 47990 votes in assembly polls and Harsh got 32379 votes.

The verification was held at the Government Degree College for Boys in Udhampur. This initiative was initiated following a directive from Udhampur District Election Officer (DEO) Saloni Rai on September 10. The process involves a thorough examination of EVMs used in the recent assembly elections to verify their functionality and rule out any potential irregularities.

Officials said that the process is being carried out under the supervision of election officials to ensure transparency and accuracy of results.

Seems fuming over the entire exercise, Harsh Dev Singh told media that three out of six EVMs shown up for the verification remained non functional, while the fourth machine had some timing error. He, however, welcomed the re-verification and said that this is his first step towards the larger fight against alleged electoral discrepancies.

Meanwhile, the winning candidate from BJP and sitting MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia expressed full faith in the Election Commission and maintained that there was not an error of a single vote. He said the number of votes counted earlier and number of votes counted today stamped the transparency and credibility of the election commission.

Morever, Deputy DEO, Udhampur who supervised the entire exercise said that the EVM checking & verification (C&V) process concluded peacefully with no discrepancy, except timing error noted in any machine.

Chenani Assembly Constituency, one of the 90 constituencies in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, falls under the Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency—(KNO)

F&ES hosts health events

KNO

Srinagar, Sep 18: As part of the ongoing nationwide campaign 'Swasth Nari Sashakt Pariwar Abhiyan' being observed from September 17 to October 2, the J&K Fire & Emergency Services on Thursday organized a free medical camp, drug de-addiction awareness programme and blood donation camp at its headquarters in Batamalloo, Srinagar.

The initiative was held under the leadership of Director Fire & Emergency Services J&K, Alok Kumar (IPS, ADGP), highlighting his commitment towards the health, fitness and welfare of the department's frontline personnel.

As per the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), officials said the medical camp featured screenings for non-communicable

diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and fatty liver using advanced diagnostic tools like glucometers, fibroscan and ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM).

They say specialists from the Directorate of Ayush conducted the medical evaluations, while ENT and audiology services were provided by Paras Hospital.

Meanwhile, a blood donation camp was also

held in collaboration with LD Hospital and NGO Red Drop, during which over 30 personnel from the department voluntarily donated blood.

Additionally, a drug de-addiction awareness session was conducted by the Director of a rehabilitation centre and a social activist, focusing on smoking cessation, harmful effects of addiction and available medical support for quitting.

Moreover, the event

was attended by the Deputy Director Command Srinagar, the Medical Officer of F&ES, the Director of Ujalla Cygnus Hospital and other medical experts and social activists. Officials said the programme received wide appreciation, underlining the importance of preventive healthcare, lifestyle awareness and community service as core values of the Fire & Emergency Services—(KNO)

IHPL to debut inaugural T20 cricket league

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Sep 18: The Indian Heaven Premier League (IHPL) on Thursday announced the launch of its maiden T20 cricket season, scheduled to kick off on October 23 at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar.

The tournament, as per the organisers will run till November 7 and feature eight teams, blending local talent with players from national and international circuits.

The announcement was made during a press conference held at the Radisson Collection, Srinagar, where the league's format and strategic vision were unveiled.

Addressing the media, Surinder Khanna, former Indian cricketer and league mentor, said the IHPL aims to nurture emerging cricket talent in J&K by offering young players mentorship from seasoned domestic and international cricketers.

Meanwhile in a statement issued by the organisers said the Kashmir is set to mark a major sporting milestone as the inaugural Indian Heaven Premier League (IHPL), a two-week T20 tournament featuring international stars, ex-Ranji players, and local talent, is set to kicks off from next month.

Surinder Khanna, Ex Indian Cricketer &



IHPL Mentor, said: "I first came to play cricket in Kashmir in 1972, and today, I am proud to return with a vision. From October 23 to November 7, this league will be a golden opportunity for the youth of J&K. With 50% of players selected through a fair and meticulous trial process, we aim to discover the next Umran Malik or Parvez Rasool, and give them a platform to shine."

Ashu Dani, IHPL President, remarked: "We came to Kashmir for three things — sports, youth, and tourism. With eight teams playing six matches each, this league is designed to showcase new rising talent from Jammu &

Kashmir while also putting the Valley on the cricketing map."

The league President and former cricketer Ashudani detailed the structure of the tournament, stating that each team will play five league matches, with the top teams advancing to the semi-finals and a grand final.

Parminder Singh, Chairman of Yuva Society, the organising body of IHPL, highlighted the broader impact of the league, saying it would not only promote youth empowerment but also enhance the sporting landscape of the region while drawing tourists to Jammu and Kashmir.

Political leaders decry 'house arrests'

WARIS FAYAZ

Srinagar, Sep 18: Political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday alleged they were put under house arrest and barred from attending the condolence meet of former Hurriyat chairman Prof Abdul Gani Bhat in Sopore. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also criticised the move as "not good for J&K".

CM Abdullah, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), called it unnecessary and damaging for the region. "What should have happened if Mehbooba Mufti or Sajad Lone had been allowed to visit Sopore? Nothing adverse could have happened. They would have offered condolences and returned. Are the security agencies so frightened that they won't even allow people to share grief? This is not good for Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Several political leaders, including People's Democratic Party's president Mehbooba Mufti, People's Conference's chief Sajad Gani Lone and others earlier claimed that they were confined to their homes and barred from visiting Sopore after the death of Prof Bhat.

Lone, taking to X, said he was put under house arrest to stop him from visiting Botingoo, Prof Bhat's ancestral village. "I have been put under house arrest in order to prevent me from visiting Botingoo, the ancestral village of Professor Ghani sahib. I fail to understand what is the need for this. Professor sahib was a pacifist and literally long retired. A final good bye is something which we all deserved", Lone posted.

Mufti too expressed anguish, saying she was locked inside her home. In a post on X, Mehbooba said the decision to place political leaders under house arrest to prevent them from visiting Sopore "lays bare the harsh and undemocratic reality in Jammu and Kashmir". She said what unfolded at Hazratbal Dargah was "a loud, unmistakable message from a people pushed to the edge" and alleged that the BJP remained "willfully blind" to the anguish and suppressed emotions of Kashmiris.

"It is becoming increasingly clear that the BJP has no interest in peace or healing in Kashmir. Instead, they seem determined to keep the region in a constant state of turmoil, weaponising pain and unrest for political mileage across the rest of the country. This cynical approach is not just irresponsible; it is dangerous and utterly reprehensible," she wrote.

Earlier, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq paid tributes and shared his condolences, describing Bhat as a seasoned voice who contributed to Kashmir's political and social landscape. "It is extremely unfortunate that when Prof Bhat's final journey came, he, his colleagues and the thousands who wished to attend his funeral, offer condolences to the bereaved family and share in the collective grief were denied this basic right. Being locked inside their homes, prevented from paying their last respects, was a cruelty that has only deepened the sorrow of his passing," the Mirwaiz Manzil said in a statement.

Prof Bhat passed away on Wednesday evening after a brief illness. He was laid to rest late evening, with leaders across the spectrum paying tributes to his "pacifist approach" and "decades-long contribution" to public life—(KNO)

EDITORIAL

Friday Brief | Obedience To Parents Holds Paramount Importance

In Islam, the respect and obedience of parents hold a position of unparalleled importance, rooted in the Quran and Hadith as a fundamental aspect of faith and righteousness. The Quran repeatedly emphasises this duty, placing it second only to the worship of Allah. In Surah Al-Isra, Allah commands: “Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them reach old age in your lifetime, do not

say to them a word of disrespect, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honour” (17:23). This verse underscores not merely superficial compliance but a profound attitude of reverence, patience, and compassion. The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) reinforced this divine instruction through his teachings and example. He declared, “Paradise lies at the feet of mothers”, highlighting the elevated status of parents, particularly mothers, who endure immense hardship for their

children. In another hadith, the Prophet (SAW) identified disobedience to parents as one of the major sins, warning against the spiritual consequences of neglecting this obligation. Islamic teachings clarify that obedience to parents is obligatory unless they command something that contradicts the principles of Islam. Even then, respect and kindness remain non-negotiable. The Quran reminds believers to show gratitude first to Allah and then to parents: “Give thanks to

Me and to your parents; to Me is the final destination” (31:14). This emphasis arises from the recognition of parental sacrifices: the mother's endurance during pregnancy and childbirth, and the father's unwavering efforts to provide and protect. Islam frames gratitude to parents as a lifelong duty, extending beyond their death through prayers, charity, and fulfilling their unmet commitments. In today's fast-paced world, where individualism often overshadows familial

bonds, these teachings serve as a timeless reminder. Respect for parents is not a cultural preference but a divine mandate – an act of worship that cultivates empathy, social cohesion, and spiritual purity. By honouring our parents, we not only secure Allah's pleasure but also build a foundation of compassion and justice in society. Let us strive to embody these values and ensure that our actions reflect the gratitude and reverence our parents rightly deserve.

Healing The Skies: Celebrating Success And Urging Action On Ozone And Climate

India's leadership in phasing out ozone-depleting substances ahead of schedule, pioneering policies, and advancing global efforts exemplify its commitment to environmental protection and climate action

Press Information Bureau

World Ozone Day is observed every year on 16 September to remind us about the ozone layer, which protects life on Earth from harmful ultraviolet rays.

The United Nations started this day in 1994 to celebrate the success of the Montreal Protocol of 1987. This agreement came after the Vienna Convention of 1985, when scientists warned about the dangers of chemicals called chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). These steps turned scientific warnings into global action, and today the ozone layer has started slowly healing.

The theme for 2025 World Ozone Day is “From science to global action.” It highlights how science alerted the world about the threat of ozone depletion, and how unity among nations led to real progress.

Every fraction of a degree matters, and every action counts. -Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General

UN Secretary-General António Guterres said the healing of the ozone layer shows that countries can achieve real progress when they work together and follow science. But he warned that the same urgency is now needed to fight climate change, as the world is close to crossing the 1.5°C warming limit. He urged governments to cut down harmful cooling gases under the Kigali Amendment, which could help prevent up to 0.5°C of warming by the end of the century.

Kigali Amendment
The Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer reached agreement at their 28th Meeting of the Parties on 15 October 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda to phase-down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

The Vienna Convention (1985) is an international agreement where countries agreed to cooperate and share information to protect the ozone layer from human activities causing its depletion

Montreal Protocol
The Montreal Protocol, adopted in 1987, is a global treaty to phase out chemicals that harm the ozone layer, such as CFCs, halons, carbon tetrachloride, HCFCs, and methyl bromide. It has been ratified by all countries and is considered the most successful

international environmental treaty, leading to the global phase-out of major ozone-depleting substances by 2010 and protecting both the ozone layer and the climate system.

Role of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) was created to help developing countries tackle ozone depletion, climate change, biodiversity loss, and international water issues. It also supports projects to phase out ozone-depleting substances in countries with economies in transition, which are often not eligible for Multilateral Fund assistance. Between 1996 and 2000, GEF approved over \$160 million to assist 17 countries including Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Additionally, \$60 million has been earmarked to help these countries phase out HCFCs and Methyl Bromide.

India's Key Achievements under the Montreal Protocol

India has demonstrated strong commitment to the Montreal Protocol by phasing out key ozone-depleting substances ahead of schedule, establishing robust policies, and taking on a leadership role in global negotiations

Early ODS Phase-Out: Phased out Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), Carbon Tetrachloride (CTC), and halons for controlled use by 2010, ahead of Montreal Protocol schedules.

Policy Framework: Enacted Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) (Regulation and Control) Rules in 2000, banning CFCs and halons in new equipment by 2003.

Global Leadership: Advocated for developing nations since 1989, securing the Multilateral Fund (MLF) in 1990 for technical and financial support.

HCFC Phase-Out: Met 2013 Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) freeze and 2015 10% reduction targets under HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) Stage-I, phasing out 341.77 Ozone Depleting Potential (ODP) tonnes.

RAC Servicing: Trained over 20,000 technicians in the Refrigeration and Air

Conditioning (RAC) sector under the National CFC Consumption Phase-out Plan (NCCoPP) to shift to non-ODS technologies.

India – Ahead of Schedule

India proactively ceased the production and consumption of CFCs from 1st August 2008, 17 months ahead of the Montreal Protocol schedule, while ensuring the supply of pharmaceutical-grade CFCs for asthma and COPD patients during the transition period. By 2010, India was approved for 343.6 MT of pharmaceutical CFCs for manufacturing MDIs, and by 2011, no CFCs were requested as CFC-free formulations were successfully developed and placed in the market. Recognizing India's progress, the 19th Meeting of the Parties (2007) decided to advance the phase-out of HCFCs by 10 years. The HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) was prepared in close collaboration with industry, research institutions, and other stakeholders, with a Roadmap launched in 2009 to guide the accelerated phase-out schedule.

OZONE LAYER

The ozone layer is a part of the stratosphere, found about 15–50 km above the Earth's surface, where most atmospheric ozone is concentrated. Ozone is a molecule made of three oxygen atoms, and its special property allows the ozone layer to act like Earth's sunscreen. It absorbs most of the Sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays, especially UV-B, which can cause skin cancer, cataracts, damage to crops, materials, and marine life. Without the ozone layer, life on Earth could not have developed as it has.

Causes of Ozone Depletion

Ozone depletion is mainly caused by human-made chemicals such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), halons, carbon tetrachloride, methyl chloroform, and methyl bromide. These substances are very stable and do not dissolve in rain, so they reach the stratosphere, where strong UV radiation breaks them down and releases chlorine or bromine. A single chlorine atom can destroy over 100,000 ozone molecules, reducing ozone faster than it can be naturally replaced. About 85% of the chlorine in the stratosphere comes from these man-made chemicals, while natural sources contribute only a small part. Volcanic eruptions can also worsen ozone loss by releasing aerosols, which make chlorine from CFCs

more effective at destroying ozone.

Environmental Effects of Ozone Depletion
Ozone layer depletion intensifies harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation, triggering a cascade of environmental effects across human health, agriculture, ecosystems, animals, and materials.

Human Health Risks: Ozone depletion increases UV radiation, raising risks of skin cancer, sunburn, premature skin aging, cataracts, blindness, and weakened immune systems. A 1% ozone decrease boosts harmful UV by ~2%, potentially causing 2 million new cataract cases yearly.

Agricultural Impacts: Higher UV levels harm crops like rice, wheat, corn, and soybeans, reducing growth, photosynthesis, and flowering. A 1% UV-B increase could cut food production by 1%, significantly affecting India's agriculture.

Marine Life Damage: Increased UV threatens plankton, disrupting aquatic food chains. Young fish, shrimp, and crab larvae face risks, potentially reducing fish yields and ocean biodiversity.

Animal Health: UV overexposure may cause eye and skin cancers in domestic and marine animals, especially under the Antarctic ozone hole.

Material Degradation: UV radiation damages wood, plastic, rubber, fabrics, and construction materials, leading to costly replacements or protection measures.

OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES AND THEIR INDUSTRY USES

India's Initiatives in Addressing Ozone Depletion

India has undertaken proactive initiatives to combat ozone depletion, focusing on sustainable cooling, phasing down harmful refrigerants, strengthening infrastructure, and raising public awareness.

India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP): It was launched in 2019 and is world's first cooling action plan, targeting a 20-25% reduction in cooling demand, 25-40% in energy use, and 25-30% in refrigerant demand by 2037-38. It promotes energy efficiency and low GWP technologies in the RAC sector.

HFC Phase-Down Strategy: India's National Strategy for HFC phase-down, finalized in 2023, prioritizes sectors based on HFC use and low GWP alternatives, aligning with

Kigali Amendment goals.

Thematic Working Groups: Six groups focus on space cooling, cold chain, RAC servicing, refrigerant demand, and R&D to implement ICAP, enhancing cooling efficiency and infrastructure.

Awareness Efforts: Ozone Cell's campaigns use multilingual videos and social media (YouTube, Facebook, X) to educate on ozone depletion and ODS phase-out.

Individual Actions to Protect the Ozone Layer

Individuals can play a vital role in protecting the ozone layer by adopting ozone-friendly practices at home, in agriculture, in technical services, and as informed consumers and citizens.

Ozone-Friendly Consumer: Buy “CFC-free” or “ozone-friendly” products like refrigerators, air conditioners, and aerosols, and verify with sellers.

Ozone-Friendly Homeowner: Dispose of old appliances responsibly, ensuring Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)/Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) are removed, and recycle halon fire extinguishers.

Ozone-Friendly Farmer: Switch from methyl bromide to safe alternatives like integrated pest management for soil fumigation.

Ozone-Friendly Technician: Recover refrigerants from Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) units without venting, check for leaks, and promote recycling programs. Ozone-Friendly Citizen: Learn about ozone depletion effects and national Montreal Protocol strategies, and engage with your National Ozone Unit (NOU).

Conclusion

World Ozone Day reminds us that global cooperation and science-led action can achieve remarkable results. The recovery of the ozone layer shows that when nations unite, progress is possible, as demonstrated by the Montreal Protocol. India's proactive measures, early phase-outs, and sustained commitment reflect how countries can contribute to both environmental protection and climate action. As we face new challenges like climate change, every action matters—by continuing to reduce ozone-depleting and greenhouse gases, we can protect our planet and ensure a healthier, safer future for generations to come.

Why Friends Don't Always Text Back
And why you might struggle to respond to texts, too

Mariana Bockarova

Texting back can sometimes feel like a task too big to tackle, even when it comes to friends we value and conversations we genuinely want to have. As it turns out, not texting back is a relatively commonplace phenomenon: According to the World Economic Forum, 31 percent of people experience daily stress related to texting. Nearly 1 in 5 struggle to keep up with replies, and almost 1 in 6 admit to ignoring all messages because they receive so many.

So, why is it so hard to text back?

1. Cognitive and Emotional Overload
We live in a busy world: Juggling work, family, and life means our cognitive and emotional capacity is constantly stretched. Especially for those working in professions such as teaching, social work, clinical care, or even people management, emotional labor—the act of managing both our own and others' feelings and expressions as part of a professional role—requires significant psychological energy. Compounding this is decision fatigue, a concept described by Baumeister et al. (1998), which refers to the mental exhaustion that accumulates after making decisions all day.

At the end of a long day, receiving even a welcome text from a good friend or family member requires both emotional care and

decisions to be made: What tone should I use? How much should I say? Am I ready to engage in a way that's sincere? Can I emotionally be there for my friend?

As a result, we may delay responding not out of neglect but because we lack the mental and emotional resources to engage: When our mental and emotional resources are depleted, by the time we get around to responding to a personal message, we may simply have nothing left to give.

2. Texting Feels Like a Task
Unlike in-person or telephone chats, texting is asynchronous: There's no immediate back-and-forth required, which makes replying right away feel like it's optional. So, there's often a socially accepted delay between receiving a message and replying to it. This disrupts natural reciprocity, making the act of replying feel optional rather than expected (Turkle, 2011).

Because of this, texting can start to feel like a task we can do later, when we have more time or energy. But this delay activates the Zeigarnik Effect, a psychological phenomenon in which we remember unfinished tasks more acutely than completed ones. We might read a message, mentally respond, and intend to write back, yet once the moment of emotional urgency passes, the message slips into the background, buried among a long to-do list, especially at the end of the day.

3. Social Burnout and Resulting Avoidance
Constant communication demands, like receiving too many texts or messages throughout the day, can lead to social burnout. Social burnout is a condition where emotional energy becomes depleted from trying to maintain too many interactions, which can cause a familiar loop: You meant to reply but didn't, and now it feels like too much time has passed, and it's awkward. That awkwardness turns into guilt, and that guilt leads to further avoidance of responding.

Over time, this pattern can become a cycle of procrastination (Tangney et al., 2007).

“Texting fatigue” is a real phenomenon, even for people trying to conserve their limited capacity for meaningful connection (Barley et al., 2011).

4. Individual Factors

Brown (2005) explains that the mental processes involved in initiating, organizing, prioritizing, and completing tasks can be difficult for some people.

Even when someone may want to reply, the multiple micro-steps required (like opening the text, remembering the context, formulating a response, deciding when and how to send it) can feel overwhelming. This disconnect between intention and action isn't a sign of indifference but rather a reflection of how neurodivergent brains process tasks differently. Texting back may get

unintentionally deprioritized, even if the relationship behind it deeply matters.

What You Can Do

If you've ever left a message unanswered for hours, days, or even weeks, you're far from alone. The act of not replying doesn't always signal a lack of care—sometimes it means you may be overwhelmed, overthinking, or simply trying to make space.

If you're on the receiving end of a friend who doesn't regularly text back right away, consider what else might be going on beneath the surface, and offer to have a conversation about it if it is beginning to affect your friendship. And if you're the one who hasn't replied yet or have difficulty texting back, tell your friend what they mean to you and why you might take a while to reply. A simple message, like “Even though I'm slow to respond and not great at texting, please know that I care about you,” can help fill the silence.

Remember, a text delayed doesn't have to mean a connection lost.

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Babila Rakwal reviews functioning of FPOs



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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 18: Commissioner Secretary Cooperative department, Babila Rakwal Thursday chaired a meeting to review the functioning and performance of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) across Jammu and Kashmir and identify areas for their improvement.

The meeting was attended by Registrar Cooperative Societies, Mohammad Shafiq Chak; Special Secretary Cooperative Department, Additional Registrar Cooperative Societies Jammu, Director Finance Cooperative Department, Deputy Registrar from Jammu And Kashmir besides, Representative of NCDC, GM Anantnag Central Cooperative Bank, GM Jammu Central Cooperative Bank, MD KAMCO Bank, Chairman JKDCF and other concerned officers.

Speaking during the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary directed CBBOs to put up issues and difficulties being faced by them to the department for taking up the matter with appropriate authorities. She stressed on them to maintain transparency and accountability in financial transactions and urged for strengthening governance, management structures, enhance capacity building and training for FPO members.

F&ES organizes activities under Swasth Nari Sashakt Pariwar Abhiyan

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 18: As part of the nationwide campaign Swasth Nari Sashakt Pariwar Abhiyan, J&K Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) Thursday organized a free medical camp cum drug de-addiction awareness programme cum blood donation camp at F&ES Headquarters, Batamaloo.

The initiative was held under the leadership of Director, Fire & Emergency Services, Alok Kumar, (ADGP), reflecting his strong commitment towards the fitness, health, and welfare of the jawans. The programme was aimed at promoting health, fitness, and overall well being among firefighters, who serve as frontline responders in emergencies.

Screening for non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and fatty liver was conducted during the medical camp with the help of advanced diagnostic tools. Specialists from the Directorate

of Ayush carried out medical evaluations, while ENT and audiometry services were extended by Paras Hospital.

A blood donation camp was conducted in collaboration with LD Hospital and NGO Red Drop, wherein more than 30 personnel from J&K Fire & Emergency Services came forward to donate blood, demonstrating their dedication to saving lives beyond their line of duty.

Drug de-addiction awareness session featured expert guidance from the Director, Rehabilitation Centre, and a motivational address by a Social Activist. The sessions focused on smoking cessation, harmful effects of addiction, and the availability of medicines to aid quitting.

Deputy Director Command Srinagar, Medical Officer F&ES, eminent medical experts including the Director, Ujala Cygnus Hospital, and other distinguished specialists and social activists attended the event.

Dy CM satisfied with overall progress of NIFT Budgam

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BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 18: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary Thursday conducted an extensive visit to the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Campus in Budgam, undertaking a first-hand review of the institution's academic functioning, infrastructure, and ongoing developmental works.

During the visit, the Deputy CM held a brief review meeting to assess the institute's academic progress, pedagogical methodologies, and student welfare initiatives aimed at holistic development.

Afterwards, the Deputy Chief Minister held detailed tour of state-of-the-art laboratories and workshops, which form the core of NIFT's practical learning ecosystem.

He meticulously inspected the Garment Construction Lab, the Weaving Lab, the Jewellery cum Leather Lab, and the Photography Lab. He observed that students engaged in creative processes and interacted with faculty to understand the technical nuances and industry relevance of the training being imparted.

Demonstrating a deep affection and personal connect with the students, the Deputy CM engaged in candid interactions with students from various disciplines. He encouraged them to leverage their world-class education to become cultural ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir, showcasing the region's rich heritage and new-age potential across India.

Keeping in view the interest of students in the various sports activities, he assured them that government will try to develop a patch of land



nearby to campus as a sports field.

Highlighting the government's focus on inclusive growth and skill upgradation, the Deputy Chief Minister urged the NIFT administration to initiate specialized workshops and training programs for local ITI students and craft persons.

He emphasized the importance of handholding these artisans by providing them advanced techniques in craft technology, thereby enhancing the quality, marketability, and global demand of indigenous products.

Later, the Deputy Chief Minister also conducted a thorough inspection of the ongoing infrastructural upgradation and developmental works across the campus.

He issued strict directives to the executing agencies to ensure the highest quality standards are maintained and to adopt a zero-tolerance approach towards the use of sub-standard construction materials. He further instructed them to immediately identify and carry out all necessary repair works within the institution's premises to provide a safe and conducive environment for

learning and innovation.

The Deputy CM expressed satisfaction with the overall progress of the institute and reaffirmed the government's steadfast support for NIFT to emerge as a premier center of design excellence.

During the visit, Director NIFT, Prof. Dr. Monika Gupta informed the Deputy CM that community engagement is already an integral part of the institute's academic curriculum.

She elaborated that NIFT students regularly undertake visits to various districts to interact with and provide advanced technical guidance to local artisans, effectively bridging the gap between traditional craftsmanship and modern design sensibilities.

Pertinently, this visit underscores the government's commitment to fostering excellence in education and skill development, particularly in the vibrant sectors of fashion, design, and traditional crafts for which Jammu and Kashmir is renowned.

Among others, the Deputy CM was accompanied by Managing Director SIDCO, Superintending Engineer of R&B Budgam and other concerned officers.

JKBOSE, JKACS organise UT level quiz competition

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 18: In a significant endeavour to deepen awareness and foster empathy around HIV/AIDS afflicted persons, the Academic Division of the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE), in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir AIDS Control Society (JKACS), organized a UT and Divisional Level Red Ribbon Quiz Competitions simultaneously at Jammu & Srinagar.

The 19 participating teams of the final competitions were drawn from school-level and District level rounds engaging about 700 across the UT, a testament to the event's wide-reaching impact.

One team each from 19 districts of the UT participated in divisional-level competitions.

The final result at UT-level declared the team of Aalam Shah Convent School (ASCS), Banihal, Ramban at first place winning the cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-, followed by Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Arihal, Pulwama at second place with cash prize of Rs. 8,000/- and D.S Education Institution, Rajouri in third place with cash prize of Rs. 6,000/-.

The winner team will participate in the regional level event at Haryana on 22nd of this month.

Secretary, JKBOSE, Ghulam Hassan Sheikh, who



inaugurated these competitions, urged the students for showing compassion towards those living with the AIDS virus.

"The society must exhibit genuine concern towards AIDS victims. Those unfortunate people need our empathy not mere sympathy. They are integral members of society, worthy of equal respect and acceptance. Awareness is the best preventive means to save the society from this menace," he said. He also expressed his satisfaction over the collaborative effort of JKBOSE and JKACS to work for this important cause.

Dr. Monika Wali, Special Guest of Honor and in-charge IEC, JKACS, in her address emphasized on the transformative role of knowledge in eradicating prejudice. "Knowledge is the antidote to stigma, and initiatives like these are invaluable channels for spreading awareness," she observed.

Dr. Sudhir Singh, Director Academics underscored the value of such programs. "Each

team displayed remarkable preparation and dedication to understand AIDS-related issues. The purpose of the programme is to educate the students to save society from this fatal disease. Students shall act as beacon of light in spreading awareness in society," he added.

Joint Secretaries of JKBOSE, other senior officers of JKACS and JKBOSE, organizers of the competitions and the students of participating institutions were also present on the occasion.

Pertinently, the Red Ribbon Quiz Competition stands as a beacon of JKBOSE and JKACS's commitment to cultivate a well-informed, empathetic society. Through education and open dialogue, this initiative encourages young individuals to embrace empathy and reject prejudice. With continued efforts in this direction, JKBOSE and JKACS are paving the way for a future where understanding and compassion thrive, laying the foundation for a united community.

Budgam observes Sewa Parv with enthusiasm



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BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 18: District administration Budgam organized a number of activities under Seva Parv Thursday on day two with great zeal and public participation across all 17 blocks and municipal committees of the district.

Sewa Parv activities are being carried out with the vision of promoting community service, awareness, and saturation of Government welfare schemes.

On the occasion, programs were organized at schools, ICDS centres, Panchayats, and health institutions to ensure active involvement of students, youth, and the general public.

Series of awareness and outreach activities were held, which included Swachhta drives & pledge ceremonies. Schools across Budgam, including HSS Hardapanzoo, HSS BK Pora, Boys HSS Khansahib, GPS Magraypora BK Pora, and various others, held Swachhta pledge ceremonies and cleanliness drives, instilling the spirit of hygiene and responsibility among students.

Mobile vehicles also moved across towns and villages spreading the message of Swachhata Hi Seva; awareness on Nasha Mukta Bharat: Special drives and awareness sessions on drug de-addiction were held under NCORD initiatives, urging communities to play an active role in eradicating substance abuse; Poshan Mah activities in ICDS centres of BK Pora and other blocks highlighted the importance of nutrition,

hazards of junk food, and healthy dietary practices, particularly focusing on children and mothers.

Besides, eco-awareness campaigns were held in Raithan Forest Range which falls under Pir Panjal Forest division on forest conservation, biodiversity protection, and the role of community in safeguarding the environment.

Similarly, door-to-door campaigns were conducted in all Municipal Committees of Budgam including Chadoor. Also in other urban areas house-to-house awareness campaigns under PMAY-Urban and other welfare schemes were held to ensure maximum enrollment.

Sewa Parv also witnessed enthusiastic participation from women and youth, with cleanliness drives, plantation drives, and awareness rallies being organized at village levels.

District administration Budgam stressed that the essence of Sewa Parv lies in community participation, collective responsibility, and extending the benefits of welfare schemes to every household.

District administration has called upon all sections of society to actively contribute in spreading awareness about Government schemes on health, education, nutrition, sanitation, social welfare, and livelihood.

The Sewa Parv activities will continue till 2nd October 2025, culminating with special events to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Training on IRS held for Kathua



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KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 18: A virtual training programme on Incident Response System (IRS) was Thursday conducted for District Kathua by the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DMRR&R) through Brig. Kuldip Singh (Retd) as the resource person.

The training aimed at sensitizing officers about the structured framework of IRS for effective disaster management, ensuring a coordinated approach by all line departments during emergencies.

Brig. Kuldip Singh (Retd) shared detailed insights on the concept, objectives and functioning of the Incident Response System, highlighting the importance of establishing a clear chain of command, role clarity and efficient resource mobilization during crisis situations. He also explained how the system provides uniformity in response,

reduces duplication of efforts and ensures optimum use of resources.

The participants were apprised about the responsibilities of Incident Commanders and other designated officers, the need for inter-departmental coordination and the use of IRS in handling both natural and man-made disasters.

The Deputy Commissioner, while speaking on the occasion, said that such training is vital for strengthening district-level preparedness and building the capacity of officers to act swiftly and effectively during disaster situations. He urged all participants to implement the learning in real-time scenarios to safeguard lives and property.

The session was attended by CEO DDMA (ADC) Vishavjeet Singh; ACR Vishav Partap Singh; CPO Ranjit Thakur, officers from NDRF, SDRF, Revenue, Police, Health, Fire & Emergency Services, PWD, Jal Shakti, PDD, Information and other stakeholder departments.

100 farmers flagged-off from Bla for training program

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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 18: Horticulture department, district Baramulla Thursday organized a one-day awareness-cum-training program under the CAPEX Budget 2025-26 with a focus on information, publication and dissemination.

As part of the program, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Horticulture Officer Baramulla and senior officers of the department were present at the flag-off ceremony.

On the occasion, 100 farmers were flagged-off from across the district in three buses from Dak Bungalow to the Fruit Plant Nursery (FPN) Raipora, Ganderbal, where the



main training sessions were scheduled.

Speaking at the event, ACR highlighted the importance of

such capacity-building programs in empowering fruit growers with updated knowledge, modern techniques, and best practices in orchard management.

He emphasized that such initiatives play a vital role in strengthening the horticulture sector, which is the backbone of the district's economy.

The training program will cover multiple aspects including scientific orchard management, plant protection measures, soil health, and awareness about various departmental schemes.

Experts from the horticulture department will interact with farmers, disseminate information, and provide hands-on guidance to ensure better productivity and profitability.

Sewa Parv : Udyam Jagriti 4.0 awareness camps held

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REASI, SEPTEMBER 18: As part of the ongoing Udyam Jagriti 4.0 campaign, two awareness camps on Mission YUVA were Thursday organized here at Government ITI and Government Polytechnic College under the aegis of Sewa Parv-2025.

Students drawn from different Educational Institutions were sensitized about the wide range of skill development courses available under Mission YUVA. They were guided on the process of downloading and registering on the Mission YUVA App.

The Resource Persons motivated the participants to actively pursue skill-based learning and highlighted the opportunities in entrepreneurship,



self-employment, and industry-relevant trades.

Addressing the students, Assistant Director Employment Annie Vaid advised the youth to develop entrepreneurial mindset alongside technical skills. She highlighted that Mission YUVA is not only about acquiring skills but also about building confidence to create opportunities for oneself and others. She

encouraged the youth to strive for becoming job providers rather than job seekers and entrepreneurship is the only path to achieve self-reliance.

A special focus was laid on encouraging the students to complete at least one skill course by 2nd October with the aim of fostering a culture of skill development and self-employment among the youth of the district.

Delegations call on LG Sinha, discuss issues



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Srinagar, Sept 18: Darshan Kumar, Member of Legislative Assembly from Basohli called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday. He apprised the Lieutenant Governor of the issues of restoration of road infrastructure damaged due to recent floods and heavy rain and welfare of affected families.

Women's rights activist Ms Irfana Zargar, popular known as Padwoman of Kashmir, briefed the Lieutenant Governor on her ongoing initiatives for the empowerment of women in the valley.

Ms Saima Jan and Anayat Ullah Rather, Members District Development Council from BK Pora, Budgam and Frisal, Kulgam also called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Subsequently, a delegation of Nationalist Congress Party - Sharadchandra Pawar led by its National General Secretary K.K Sharma, and members of Magam Civil Society called on LG Sinha.

A delegation of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Jammu Kashmir unit called on LG Sinha and put forth the issue of rescheduling of the J&K Public Service Commission (JKPSC) examinations, in wake of the recent natural calamities in the UT.

Atul Bhai Kothari, National Secretary, Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas called on Lieutenant Governor. He was accompanied by the officer bearers of Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas and faculty members of different Universities of Jammu Kashmir.

MP Main Altaf inaugurates Mega Kissan Mela at KVK Kulgam

Felicitates farmers, distributes sanction letters

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Kulgam, Sept 18: As part of the ongoing Seva Parv celebrations, a grand Kissan Mela was organised on Thursday at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Pombay, Kulgam, by the Agriculture Department and Farmers Welfare, under the centrally sponsored scheme Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA).

Member of Parliament (MP) Main Altaf Ahmad Larvi inaugurated the mela in the presence of DDC Chairperson M. Afzal Parrey; MLA Kulgam M. Y. Tarigami; DC Kulgam Athar Aamir Khan; Director Extension SKUAST-K Dr Rehana Habib; DDC members M. Abas, Jameela Choudhary, M. Ibrahim, and other officers.

The mela witnessed enthusiastic participation from farmers.

Addressing the gathering, the MP praised the farmers of Kulgam for their awareness, ability to stay updated, and adoption of modern agricultural techniques for better production. He appreciated the strong coordination between farmers and the district administration,



terming it a model worth emulation.

Main Altaf said that awareness and proper implementation of government schemes are key to empowering farmers and urged intensified efforts to spread information about the wide range of schemes and programmes available for their benefit.

He added that agriculture and allied sectors are priority sectors, and there are several

schemes in place. Awareness is essential so that people can avail themselves of their full benefits.

DDC Chairperson, in his address, said that such melas provide an effective platform for showcasing and demonstrating modern farm technologies. He urged farmers to adopt modern practices and machinery to enhance productivity and income.

Speaking on the occasion,

MLA Kulgam said that although modern farm technology is available, much more needs to be done to make the agriculture sector more profitable. He emphasised that farmers' experiences and experiments must be valued.

He further stressed that SKUAST should focus its research on controlling leaf miner and other diseases that have adversely affected apple orchards.

Speaking on the occasion,

the Deputy Commissioner highlighted that farmers in the district are increasingly adopting modern agricultural practices. He added that agriculture and allied sectors form the backbone of the region's economy, which is a top-priority sector. He highlighted various achievements in agriculture and allied sectors.

The Director Extension and other officers also spoke on the occasion.

The mela witnessed enthusiastic participation from farmers, who actively engaged with experts, exhibitions, and demonstrations showcasing modern agricultural innovations.

Stalls and exhibitions were installed during the Kissan Mela, showcasing various schemes, agricultural machinery, innovative practices, and technologies aimed at benefiting farmers. The event provided a platform for awareness, knowledge sharing, and interaction between farmers, experts, and different departments.

Later, progressive farmers were felicitated, and sanction letters were distributed among the beneficiaries to extend the benefits of various schemes.

Sebi clears Adani of Hindenburg allegations | Says those behind 'fraudulent' report owe apology

PTI

New Delhi, Sept 18: In a big boost to tycoon Gautam Adani, markets regulator Sebi on Thursday cleared the billionaire and his group of stock manipulation allegations made by US short-seller Hindenburg Research, saying fund transfer between group companies did not fall foul of any regulation.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) in two separate detailed orders said the allegations of insider trading, market manipulation, and violations of public shareholding

norms were found to be unsubstantiated after a detailed investigation.

Hindenburg, which has since shut down, in January 2023 published a damning report against the Adani Group, alleging Adicorp Enterprises Pvt Ltd, Milestone Tradelinks Pvt Ltd, and Rehvar Infrastructure Pvt Ltd were used as a conduit to route funds from various Adani Group companies to fund publicly listed Adani Power Ltd and Adani Enterprises Ltd.

Sebi said fund transfer between the stated companies was loan which was repaid with

interest in various tranches before the start of its investigation.

These transactions cannot be classified as related party transactions which require disclosure, as was alleged by Hindenburg.

There was no violation of Sebi's disclosure norms as the transactions between Adicorp, Milestone Tradelinks, and Rehvar Infrastructure with the conglomerate's firms did not meet the definition of a related party, Sebi board member Kamlesh C Varshney said in the two orders.

It also found no violations involving substantial acquisition of securities or control that

could mislead investors.

As a result, Sebi concluded that there was no basis for assigning liability or imposing penalties on the Adani entities or executives.

Adani reacted to the clean chit by calling for an apology by those who spread false narratives using Hindenburg Research's "fraudulent and motivated" report.

In a post on X accompanied by the national tricolour, Adani said the Sebi clean chit has reaffirmed what his group has always maintained -- "that the Hindenburg claims were baseless".

"Transparency and integrity have always defined the Adani Group," the Adani Group Chairman said. "We deeply feel the pain of the investors who lost money because of this fraudulent and motivated report. Those who spread false narratives owe the nation an apology," he said.

He signed off the post with, "Satyamev Jayate! JAI HIND!"

The regulatory clean chit follows months of scrutiny and speculation triggered by Hindenburg's damning report of January 2023, which triggered a stock rout of the listed Adani

Group companies, eroding more than USD 150 billion in value at its lowest point.

Adani Group has repeatedly denied all allegations made in the Hindenburg report and its stocks recovered most of the losses before the a broader index meltdown set in.

A Supreme Court-appointed expert panel had previously echoed similar findings, noting no prima facie evidence of wrongdoing. The apex court in January 2024 had said that no further probes into this were needed after Sebi closed its investigation.

While the Sebi clean chit is a

big boost for the Adani Group, the ports-to-energy conglomerate is not yet clear of all charges. The group chairman and key aides have been charged by the US Department of Justice last year in a USD 265-million bribery scheme.

Sebi in its findings said Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd transferred funds as loan to Adicorp Enterprises, which in turn transferred funds as loans to Adani Power Ltd. Subsequently, the Adani Power repaid the loans to Adicorp along with interest, which in turn repaid the loans to APSEZ with interest.

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Amit Shah credits PM

infiltrators from Bangladesh. "Should the infiltrators have the right to vote in our country? Should they have access to all the benefits that the citizens enjoy?" he asked

Shah said Rahul Gandhi and his allies wanted the infiltrators, "who are their vote bank", in his words, to be given jobs meant for our youths, pucca houses and the free medical treatment we provide our citizens with.

He described Gandhi's allegation of vote theft as a "false narrative", saying opposition parties had previously used similar tactics by alleging the BJP intended to scrap reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs. "Have the quotas for SCs, STs and OBCs been tinkered with? I can assure you that as long as there is even one BJP member in Parliament, reservations cannot be scrapped," he said. (KNO)

Will discuss reopening

Minister said that when tourists are told certain destinations are closed, it creates a negative perception about the overall situation in Kashmir. "We must come on one page with the Central Government, otherwise our efforts at promotion will not succeed," he added.

Talking to the media on the sidelines of the function, CM Omar, as per KNO said, "Whatever happened at Pahalgam shouldn't have happened, but measures were taken later, and the destinations should have been reopened. Tourism has suffered, and the government must compensate the affected stakeholders."

The Chief Minister expressed hope that autumn and winter seasons would bring some revival, while preparations should begin in earnest for the spring season.

Congratulating newly elected TAAK President Farooq A. Kuthoo, CM Omar assured the association of full support of the government. "Mr. Kuthoo has a strong foundation to take the association forward. In these circumstances, promoting tourism is not easy, but I want to assure you that just as we worked closely with outgoing President Rauf Tramboo, we will work with TAAK under your leadership as well," he said. (KNO)

CM envisions Gulmarg

aims to promote tourism, culture, business convergence and international conferencing in Jammu and Kashmir. Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Gulmarg Pirzada Farooq A Shah, Additional Chief Secretary Tourism Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Minga Sherpa, Director Tourism Kashmir Raja Farooq Yaqoob, CEO GDA Tariq Hussain and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Ski Hire Shop, to be developed by the J&K Cable Car Corporation, further strengthening Gulmarg's tourism infrastructure.

Addressing the gathering, Omar Abdullah said while constructing physical infrastructure was important, its meaningful use and upkeep was even more critical.

"It is the easiest thing to build four walls. The real responsibility begins with their use and

maintenance," he said, pointing out that while NBCC completed the project within time and budget, the furnishing component was missing from the original DPR. "Tourism Department, my Advisor and I are working to finalise the furnishing so that the Centre can be put to immediate use," he added.

The Chief Minister underlined the importance of positioning the Centre as a hub for MICE tourism, wedding destinations and high-profile events.

"We are considering linking it with SKICC's marketing network so that Gulmarg Convention Centre can be promoted as part of a broader package," he said. "Maintenance will also be done. And I want that one day, when we hear about Davos again and again, then people recognize it as Asian Davos, Indian Davos. I want it to develop on that scale, if not, at least on a good scale, two or three annual events will come here, in which people from all over the world will participate."

Omar Abdullah also emphasised the need to create recreational opportunities for tourists during evenings in Gulmarg, especially in winters.

"Tourists go skiing, sledging and sightseeing, but in the evening they are left with little to do. This facility can change that. By setting up a coffee shop, restaurant and a digital cinema projection system, we can ensure that tourists have vibrant evening experiences, while generating revenue and keeping the asset active," he said.

The Chief Minister urged government departments to utilise the facility for meetings, training programmes and official events until private sector interest increases.

"Education, health, social welfare and other departments can hold programmes here, ensuring the Centre's optimum use while giving participants a refreshing change of location," he said.

Congratulating the NBCC and the Gulmarg Development Authority, Omar Abdullah said the project was a landmark addition to Gulmarg's tourism profile.

"With proper management, Gulmarg Convention Centre will not only serve as a hub for conferences and international gatherings but also become a vibrant space for recreational and cultural tourism," he added.

All exams on

minister had said, "Whatever will be possible and feasible, government will do it for the betterment of the students." (KNO)

Respite for Kashmir's

Chief Secretary Atal Dullo, has mobilized all available resources to expedite the transportation of horticultural produce," the handout reads.

It further states that the Chief Secretary has been closely monitoring the situation, conducting daily reviews with all stakeholder departments to ensure the swift restoration of the highway, smooth traffic flow, and resolution of concerns raised by fruit growers and traders.

It further said the administration has taken necessary measures to facilitate the movement

of Valley-bound trucks carrying essential commodities such as LPG, petrol, diesel, fresh fruits and vegetables, and lifesaving drugs to replenish stocks and meet local demand.

The highway closure had led to the stranding of hundreds of fruit-laden trucks along the Srinagar-Jammu route, triggering widespread resentment among growers. All fruit markets across the Kashmir Valley remained shut on Monday in protest against the government's failure to ensure uninterrupted transportation of fruit-laden trucks to markets across the country.

The clearance of stranded trucks is expected to stabilize apple prices, which had plummeted due to prolonged highway closure.

J&K govt begins

first two tiers of the Panchayati Raj system—as well as Urban Local Bodies.

The term of the elected District Development Councils (DDCs) will end on February 24, 2026, as their five-year tenure began on February 25, 2021, when they were constituted by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

CM Omar promises

but will now get clean, filtered water right at their doorstep. But with this facility comes a responsibility—to use water judiciously and conserve it for the future," the Chief Minister said.

Highlighting the hardships caused by erratic weather patterns, Omar Abdullah said Kashmir had witnessed both drought-like situations and devastating floods within a year. He underlined the need for rainwater harvesting and better water management to safeguard resources for coming generations.

Referring to the massive damage caused by recent floods, including the loss of 330 bridges, 1,500 km of roads, homes, agricultural land and public infrastructure, the Chief Minister praised the engineers and staff of the Jal Shakti Department for completing the schemes despite such difficult challenges. He felicitated the officials for their dedication.

The Chief Minister also assured the people that his government would not stop at water supply projects but was committed to improving roads, healthcare, education, and employment opportunities in the region.

"This investment of Rs 35 crore is just the beginning. In the next four years, we will change the map of the Gulmarg-Tangmarg constituency. There will be no village where development does not reach, no household where progress does not knock at the door," Omar Abdullah said, reaffirming his promise of inclusive development.

Expressing his deep personal connect with the area, Omar Abdullah recalled his family's roots in Tangmarg and Gulmarg. He said it was his grandmother's family that first put Gulmarg on the global tourism map, and vowed to ensure that the region's tourism potential was revived after setbacks caused by floods and restrictions.

Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana,

Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani and MLA Gulmarg Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah also addressed the gathering. Senior officers including Mission Director Jal Jeevan Mission, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Kashmir, Superintending Engineer, AEE Tangmarg, engineers, staff and a large number of locals were present on the occasion.

Special Budgam-Katra

service is temporary till the road gets fully restored, with stoppages en route. The decision has been taken to provide relief to local passengers, who are facing inconvenience due to the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar highway.

"The special train has been scheduled keeping in view the difficulties being faced by people. Our priority is to ensure smooth and comfortable travel for passengers during the highway restrictions," an official said.

CS calls for

thereby ensuring transparency in public distribution. The network comprises 6611 sale outlets, of which 6362 operate online through e-PoS devices.

About the implementation of NFSA here it was given out that the AAY (Antyodaya Anna Yojana) consumers constitute 2.21 lakh families (8.76 lakh beneficiaries) receiving 35 kg food grains per ration card monthly, free of cost.

Moreover PHH (Priority Households) constitute 14.39 lakh families (58.63 lakh beneficiaries), receiving 5 kg of food grains per person per month and NPHH (Non-Priority Households) includes 8.11 lakh families (31.80 lakh beneficiaries), with food grains provided at subsidized rates along with 0.89 lakh families (3.34 lakh beneficiaries) not entitled under NFSA/Non-NFSA under exclusion category.

The Commissioner Secretary outlined key technology-driven reforms under SMART-PDS, which includes 100% FPS automation using e-PoS devices, Digitization of beneficiary databases and Aadhaar-based biometric authentication, Migration to the new RCMS portal, with integration of migrant ration cards under process.

With respect to E-grievance redressal mechanisms via JK-Grams portal, toll-free numbers, and WhatsApp grievance numbers, the meeting was apprised that multiple modes are in place for the consumers to reach to the authorities for redressal of their complaints in a time-bound manner.

It was also revealed that the enforcement of strict penal provisions to curb misappropriation, black-marketing, and diversion of food grains, including fines up to Rs. 8,000/quintal of wheat/rice, Rs. 120/kg in case of sugar, along with additional penalties for supervisory officers in case of non-reporting of such malpractices had been implemented successfully in the Department.

The Department has set clear timelines for future deliverables, which includes 100% e-KYC saturation by December 2025, Full integration of migrant ration cards with PDS database by November 2025, Re-organization of the FCS&CA Department and Legal Metrology

Department by December 2025, CUF facility at Bajalta (1.13 lakh KL capacity) and land acquisition for 49,000 KL storage at Srinagar, Upgradation of PoS machines from L0 to L1 by March 2026.

As far as the working of the Legal Metrology Department is concerned it was given out that the mandate of the department is inspection and verification of all the Weights & Measures (Weighbridges, Tank Lorries, storage Tanks, Petrol Dispensing Nozzles etc) besides regulation of packaged and imported commodities; inspection/regulation of E-Commerce entities; Regulation of LPG and Petroleum Products, Lodging of consumer complaints before Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, awareness of consumers, handholding of traders under BRAP/ EQDB etc besides other functions.

For safeguarding the interests of the consumers the Department had conducted 20455 inspections of shops & establishments, held 242 awareness camps, with 100 complaints received from consumers, 1256 challans booked and Rs 182.51 lakhs revenue realized from composition and other measures.

Itoo, Ruhullah

those who have chosen servility cannot comprehend the role of those who continue to challenge oppression.

In a post on X, the MP wrote, "This Office understands that those who have bent their back in obedience can't look up to see the work of those fighting oppression. Since their servility may not allow them to follow Parliament or read official communications, we will gladly courier a compilation of speeches, interventions and updates to their desks."

He also listed several issues he has raised on the floor of Parliament, saying his record is publicly available. He said that the matters highlighted by him include the weakening of Kashmir's apple and horticulture sector, repeated illegal detentions, encroachments on Waqf properties and concerns over road, railway and health infrastructure.

He pointed out that he had secured CT scan facilities for district hospitals and disbursed more than five crore rupees under the MPLADS fund.

The MP also reminded that he had met Union Home Minister Amit Shah to press for the release of detainees and had separately taken up highway expansion and road development with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. He said his efforts ensured that the extension of the Expressway from its existing point to Sonmarg via Srinagar was agreed upon.

In addition, the MP mentioned facilitating hundreds of patients suffering from cancer and other life-threatening diseases by granting them relief from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF). "All of this is available for public viewing on Lok Sabha TV and through RTI," Ruhullah wrote.

"As for the unsolicited advice to 'talk', your obedience to oppressor may have earned you comfort, but it left us Kashmiris alone in the far harder task of challenging that very power," he wrote. (KNO)

1	26-KMR	2030262	Naser Hussain Sheikh	Nazir ahmad Sheikh	10-11-1989	OM	60.25	Gundmomin Tullamulla Khirbhawani Ganderbal kashmir 191131	10th	JK BOSE	2005	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Electrician, Skill Development Department, Divisional Cadre Jammu, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 07 of 2020, Dated. 31.12.2020 under Item No. 321												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	16-KMR	2030282	ZAHD ASHRAF MISGAR	MOHAMMAD ASHRAF MISGAR	17-10-1991	OM	65.75	151 Sarnal Payeen Anantnag ANANTNAG Anantnag kashmir 192101	10th	JK BOSE	2006	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Mechanic, Transport Department, UT Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020, Dated. 16.12.2020 under Item No. 81												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	23-KMR	2040436	SAJAD AHMAD GANIE	AB REHMAN GANIE	01-11-1991	OM/RBA	62.25	94 Ganie Mohalla near graveyard Okey Kulgam Kulgam Kashmir 192231	10th	JK BOSE	2009	
2	31-KMR	2040180	Tawheed Ahmad Taylee	MOHD MAQBOOL TAYLEE	02-03-1987	OM	58.00	14 PATHPORA PATI ARCHANDER HAMA Narbal Budgam Kashmir 193401	10th	JK BOSE	2003	
3	34-KMR	2040452	Nisar Ahmad Mir	Mohammad Sumandar Mir	26-12-1998	OM/RBA	56.50	3 Pahlipora Pahlipora Boniyar Baramulla Kashmir 193122	10th	JK BOSE	2015	
4	37-KMR	2040307	Arshad Ahmad Wani	AB SAMAD WANI	05-05-1989	OM	56.25	172 NAROO NAROO ICHIGAM Budgam Kashmir 191111	10th	JK BOSE	2005	
5	40-KMR	2040260	SHOWKET AHMAD BHAT	AB RASHID BHAT	25-01-1995	OM/RBA	55.75	157 CHADOORA GOPALI SAIF DEVBAGH Chadoora Budgam Kashmir 191113	10th	JK BOSE	2009	
6	44-KMR	2040113	ANNAYAT RASHID BHAT	AB RASHID BHAT	16-07-2000	OM/RBA	53.75	22 AADPORA KAMAD Anantnag Anantnag Kashmir 192210	10th	JK BOSE	2015	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
Selection List under SC Category												
1	14-JMU	1020237	ASHISH KUMAR	RAM PAUL	12-08-1996	SC	45.25	NEAR GOVT. HR. SEC. SCHOOL KOOTAH WARD NO. 6 KOOTAH Hiranagar Kathua Jammu 184141	10th	JK BOSE	2011	
Selection List under ST Category												
1	28-JMU	1030220	Khalid Mehmood	Abdul Ghani	02-06-1992	ST	35.75	216 ward No 8 Mohra bachhai Surankote Poonch Jammu 185121	10th	JK BOSE	2008	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
Selection List under ALC/IB Category												
1	50-JMU	1020647	Harish Kumar	Ashwani Kumar	05-05-1996	ALC/IB	26.75	10 3 Mangnar Haveli Poonch Jammu 185101	10th	JK BOSE	2013	
Selection List under RBA Category												
1	61-KMR	2030061	ARSHID ASHRAF MIR	MOHD ASHRAF MIR	01-03-1990	RBA	49.00	122 KAMAD PARREY PORA KAMAD Anantnag Anantnag Kashmir 192210	10th	JK BOSE	2005	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.

2	67-KMR	2040464	RWOOF AHMAD LONE	GH HASSAN LONE	10-03-1991	RBA	46.50	0 LALAN LALAN Anantnag Anantnag Kashmir 192101	10th	JK BOSE	2007	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
Selection List under EWS Category												
1	19-JMU	1020230	AQIB JAVED	MOHD AMIN	06-12-1994	EWS	43.00	SARNA SARNA SARNA Bhaderwah Doda Jammu 182221	10th	JK BOSE	2011	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Fitter, Transport Department, UT Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020, Dated. 16.12.2020 under Item No. 82												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	47-KMR	2040099	GH MOHD NENGROO	ALI MOHD NENGROO	30-10-1990	OM	53.50	GANGOO GANGOO PULWAMA Pulwama Pulwama Kashmir 192301	10th	JK BOSE	2006	
2	48-KMR	2020397	Suhail Ahmad Dar	GHULAM MOHMD DAR	07-01-1981	OM	52.75	1 6 QAZI MASJID KARFALLI MOHALLA HABBA KADAL Srinagar (North) Srinagar Kashmir 190001	10th	JK BOSE	1999	
Selection List under SC Category												
1	36-JMU	1020447	SURAM CHAND	UTTAM CHAND	09-03-1982	SC	32.50	-- Ward No. 01 Biaspur Suchetgarh Jammu Jammu 181131	10th	JK BOSE	1999	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
Selection List under RBA Category												
1	68-KMR	2040370	NAVEED AHMAD RAINA	BASHIR AHMAD RAINA	15-01-1991	RBA	46.50	92 Herpora Kanir Chadoora Budgam Kashmir 191113	10th	JK BOSE	2005	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Welder, Transport Department, UT Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020, Dated. 16.12.2020 under Item No. 84												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	17-KMR	2010352	Ab Hamid Tantray	Gula Tantray	01-03-1989	OM	65.00	0 1 Beehama Ganderbal Ganderbal Kashmir 191201	10th	JK BOSE	2005	
2	51-KMR	2030086	SAMEER AHMAD MALIK	AB HAMID MALIK	01-01-1983	OM	51.75	TAWHEED ABAD YARIPORA YARIPORA KULGAM Yaripora Kulgam Kashmir 192232	10th	JK BOSE	1999	
3	54-KMR	2010342	ADIL HUSSAIN BHAT	ABDUL REHMAN BHAT	05-03-1994	OM/RBA	50.75	0 BHAT MOHALLA CHANDRIGAM Pahalgam Anantnag Kashmir 192126	10th	JK BOSE	2011	
Selection List under SC Category												
1	32-JMU	1020678	RAKESH KUMAR	SANDHOOR CHAND	06-06-1993	SC	33.75	R/O SUGHLAR P/O HARTARYAN SUGHLAR Ramnagar Udhampur Jammu 182124	10th	JK BOSE	2010	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
Selection List under ST Category												
1	53-JMU	1020423	RAYAZ HUSSAIN	BARKAT HUSSAIN	14-02-1989	ST	26.00	43 3 DODASON BALLA Thana Mandi Rajouri Jammu 185212	10th	JK BOSE	2006	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
Selection List under RBA Category												

1	57-KMR	2020403	Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar	Nazir Ahmad dar	01-03-1991	RBA	50.25	88 Dangerpora Arhama Kangan Ganderbal Kashmir 191201	10th	JK BOSE	2006	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Electrician, Transport Department, UT Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020, Dated. 16.12.2020 under Item No. 85												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	13-KMR	2010299	ISHFAQ AHMAD SHEIKH	MOHMD YOUSUF SHEIKH	05-03-1993	OM/RBA	67.50	239 MOHALLA HARDPORA bugroo Khansahib Budgam Kashmir 191111	10th	JK BOSE	2007	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
2	22-KMR	2010336	SHAHID MUHAMMAD BHAT	GHULAM MUHAMMAD BHAT	15-10-1990	OM/RBA	62.50	YARMUQAM YARMUQAM MANIGAM Lar Ganderbal Kashmir 191201	10th	JK BOSE	2005	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
Selection List under SC Category												
1	60-JMU	1020116	Roshan Lal	Krishan Chand	12-04-1990	SC	21.75	House no 3 Ward no 5 Rehian Samba Samba Jammu 184121	10th	JK BOSE	2005	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
Selection List under RBA Category												
1	36-KMR	2020097	SAMEER AHMAD AHANGER	ALI MOHAMMAD AHANGER	16-05-1992	RBA	56.25	PANZAN CHADOORA PANZAN Chadoora Budgam Kashmir 191113	10th	JK BOSE	2007	RWH subject to Production of valid ITI Trade Certificate.
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Carpenter-II, Higher Education Department, Divisional Cadre Kashmir, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No.06 of 2020, Dated. 29.12.2020 under Item No. 197												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	55-KMR	2030147	GULZAR AHMAD NAIK	AB RAZAK NAIK	20-03-1980	OM	50.50	406 AWANEERA AWANEERA Zainapora Shopian kashmir 192232	10th	JK BOSE	1996	

Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Workshop Assistant, Higher Education Department, Divisional Cadre Kashmir , advertised vide Advertisement Notification No.06 of 2020, Dated. 29.12.2020 under Item No. 201												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	41-KMR	2030001	Irshad Ahmad Mir	Ab Rashid Mir	05-01-1984	OM	55.00	Bypass road/590 Mir mohalla Repora lar Ganderbal Lar Ganderbal kashmir 191131	10th	JK BOSE	2000	RWH subject to production of National trade certificate from recognized Technical Institute with Three years experience in: 1. Foundry Smithery 2. Sheet Metal 3. Machine Shop 4. Carpentry/Wood Working 5. Fitting & Welding Trade certificate.
Selection List under RBA Category												
1	43-KMR	2030153	GULZAR AHMAD PARRAY	MOHAMMAD YOUSUF PARRAY	07-03-1985	RBA	54.50	105 BONAPORA KAMAD Anantnag Anantnag kashmir 192210	10th	JK BOSE	2001	RWH subject to production of National trade certificate from recognized Technical Institute with Three years experience in: 1. Foundry Smithery 2. Sheet Metal 3. Machine Shop 4. Carpentry/Wood Working 5. Fitting & Welding Trade certificate.

1	43-KMR	2030153	GULZAR AHMAD PARRAY	MOHAMMAD YOUSUF PARRAY	07-03-1985	RBA	54.50	105 BONAPORA KAMAD Anantnag Anantnag kashmir 192210	10th	JK BOSE	2001	RWH subject to production of National trade certificate from recognized Technical Institute with Three years experience in: 1. Foundary Smithery 2. Sheet Metal 3. Machine Shop 4. Carpentry/Wood Working 5. Fitting & Welding Trade certificate.
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Upholester, Hospitality & Protocol Department, Divisional Cadre Kashmir, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No.06 of 2020, Dated. 29.12.2020 under Item No. 204												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	Post Reserved											
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Carpenter , Agriculture Production Department, Divisional Cadre Jammu, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 07 of 2020, Dated. 31.12.2020 under Item No. 239												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	7-JMU	1020351	Mohd Irfan	BASHIR AHMAD	12-06-1991	OM/RBA	58.50	4 3 Palmar Kishtwar Kishtwar jammu 182205	10th	JK BOSE	2008	
Provisional Selection List of candidate for the post of Machine Man, ARI & Trainings Department, Divisional Cadre Jammu, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 05 of 2020, Dated. 24.12.2020 under Item No. 165												
S.No.	D.V. S.No.	Roll Number	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Date of Birth	Selection Category	Total Marks	Permanent Address	Qualification	Name of the Institution	Year of Passing	Remarks
Selection List under Open Merit												
1	107-KMR	2040310	Zahoor Ahmad Khanday	Mohamad Ashraf Khanday	05-03-1993	OM/EWS	29.50	495 Khanmohalla Shallabugh Tullamulla Khirbhawani Ganderbal kashmir 191131	10th	JK BOSE	2011	RWH subject to production of valid Three years Diploma in Printing Technology from recognized Institute.

Climate-driven health risks may cost USD 1.5 trn to global economy by 2050: WEF

PTI

New Delhi, Sept 18: Climate-related health risks can cost the global economy at least USD 1.5 trillion (over Rs 131 lakh crore) in lost productivity in the next 25 years due to rising illness and labour shortages across key sectors, a new study showed on Thursday.

The World Economic Forum report, developed in collaboration with Boston Consulting Group, assessed climate-driven health impacts in four of the most affected economic sectors: food and agriculture; the built environment; health and healthcare; and insurance. The USD 1.5 trillion estimate reflects losses in only the first three sectors, under a mid-range scenario, suggesting the burden on the global economy could be far higher, it said.

The study encourages companies to act now to protect workforce health, build operational resilience and safeguard productivity before the costs of climate adaptation become unmanageable. The findings highlighted that adapting to extreme heat, infectious diseases and other health risks accelerating due to climate change is now a strategic



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"We are entering an era in which protecting worker health is proving essential to business continuity and long-term resilience," said Eric White, Head of Climate Resilience, World Economic Forum.

"Every year we delay embedding resilience into business decisions, the risks to human health and productivity climb and the costs of adaptation rise," White added. Alongside shared disruptions, the analysis also outlined sector-specific vulnerabilities.

In food and agriculture, climate health impacts could lead to USD 740 billion in lost output, triggering serious consequences for global food security, according to the WEF, a Geneva-based international organisation for public-private partnership. In the built environment sector, climate health impacts are projected to result in productivity losses of USD 570 billion.

The health and healthcare sector stands to lose USD 200 billion in productivity due to workforce climate health issues,

while rising climate-driven disease rates among the wider population could compound demand pressures. The insurance industry, meanwhile, is projected to experience a sharp rise in climate health claims.

"As temperatures rise, millions of jobs become more dangerous – or disappear entirely – pushing families deeper into poverty and changing where and how people can live and thrive," said Naveen Rao, Vice-President for Health, Rockefeller Foundation, which supported this research.

However, the report also indicated that companies investing early in climate health adaptation can benefit beyond risk mitigation, unlocking new opportunities for innovation and growth while meeting emerging market needs.

Each sector is uniquely positioned to develop and scale solutions to emerging climate health challenges. From climate-resilient crops that protect food systems, heat-stable medications that expand medicine availability, cooling technologies that keep construction workers safe and new insurance

models protecting communities against climate health shocks, examples of innovation are already taking shape.

"Momentum on health adaptation is building, but financing and implementation are still far below what's needed," said Elia Tziambazis, Managing Director and Partner, BCG.

The report sourced health data from scientific literature and employment data, and economic cost from the International Labour Organisation and World Bank data.

The report pointed out that a global shift to health resilience must be underpinned by supportive policies, interoperable climate health data systems and innovative financing to mobilise capital.

The findings, published ahead of the World Economic Forum's Sustainable Development Impact Meetings 2025, come as preparations intensify for COP30 in Belem, Brazil.

This year's climate negotiations are set to bring health adaptation to the forefront of the global climate agenda, signalling a unique opportunity to align private sector innovation with policy action.

Trump declares 'Antifa' a 'major terrorist organisation'

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Washington, Sept 18: US President Donald Trump on Thursday (Indian time) officially designated Antifa as a "major terrorist organisation", days after the killing of his close aide and right-wing political activist Charlie Kirk.

"I am pleased to inform our many USA Patriots that I am designating Antifa, a sick, dangerous, radical left disaster, as a major terrorist organisation. I will also be strongly recommending that those funding Antifa be thoroughly investigated in accordance with the highest legal standards and practices. Thank you for your attention to this matter!" Trump wrote in a post on his social media platform, Truth Social.

Trump did not elaborate on what parameters his administration would use to make the characterisation and what actions he would take to target a left-leaning movement. Antifa does not seem to have a centralised structure or any defined leadership.

Last week, the US President repeatedly blamed the left for rising political violence in the country, including for the murder of conservative commentator Charlie Kirk.

"I'll tell you something that's going to get me in trouble, but I couldn't care



less. The radicals on the right oftentimes are radical because they don't want to see crime. The radicals on the left are the problem, and they're vicious and they're horrible and they're politically savvy," he said in an interview with Fox News.

On Tuesday, prosecutors in Utah charged Tyler Robinson, the main accused in Kirk's killing, with aggravated murder and six other charges and announced that they will seek the death penalty.

According to the prosecutors, Robinson's mother told investigators that "over the last year or so, Robinson had become more political and had started to lean more to the left – becoming more pro-gay and trans-rights oriented." The document also noted that the mother stated Robinson had begun dating his roommate, a biological

male transitioning to become a woman. Kirk, who was 31 years old, was delivering remarks during a campus event at Utah Valley University on September 10 when he was shot in the neck. He was rushed to the hospital but succumbed to his injuries shortly after.

Kirk was the founder of Turning Point USA (TPUSA), the country's most prominent conservative student organisation.

He launched the Arizona-based group in 2012 at the age of 18, building it into a political powerhouse with over 800 chapters across US colleges.

TPUSA became a central force in mobilising young conservative voters, particularly in the 2024 election, where it played a pivotal role in boosting Trump's re-election campaign.

Bangladesh EC bars deposed PM Hasina from voting

PTI

Dhaka, Sept 18: Bangladesh's Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday said it has "locked" the national identity cards of deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, effectively barring her from voting in the general elections scheduled for February next year. "Anyone whose national identity (NID) card has been locked cannot vote from abroad," EC Secretary Akhtar Ahmed told reporters at his office in Nirbachon Bhavan in Dhaka.

"Her (Hasina's) NID is locked," he added. Though Ahmed did not mention any other name, UNB news agency and the Dhaka Tribune newspaper, quoting unnamed EC officials, reported that NIDs of Hasina's younger sister Sheikh Rehana, son Sajeeb Wazed Joy and daughter Saima Wazed Putul have also been "locked" or "blocked".

Rehana's children Tulip Rizwana Siddiq, Azmina Siddiq and nephew Radwan Mujib Siddiq Bobby, her brother-in-law and Hasina's former security adviser retired major



general Tarique Ahmed Siddique, his wife Shahin Siddique and their daughter Bushra Siddique are also reportedly barred from voting.

Sheikh Hasina trial: Bangladesh protest victim gives evidence Ahmed, however, said those who "fled abroad to evade justice" or for other reasons could still vote provided their NID cards remain active.

Hasina's Awami League government was toppled on August 5, 2024, after a violent student-led movement forced her to escape to India.

Subsequently, Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus took charge as Chief Adviser of the interim

government and suspended Awami League activities pending trial of Hasina and other senior Awami leaders on charges, including crimes against humanity.

Hasina is currently being tried in absentia at Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal, where prosecutors have sought capital punishment for alleged atrocities during the July 2024 uprising.

Most senior Awami League leaders remain underground or in exile as mobs torched and vandalised their properties, including the 32 Dhanmondi residence of Bangladesh's founder and Hasina's father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

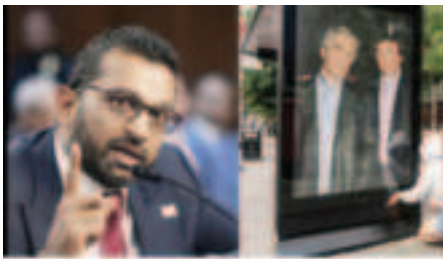
FBI Director Kash Patel agrees to probe Trump-Epstein birthday note

ANI

Washington, Sept 18: FBI Director Kash Patel has agreed to open an investigation into the birthday note that former President Donald Trump allegedly wrote to Jeffrey Epstein on his 50th birthday, The Hill reported.

Patel's statement came during questioning from Representative Jared Moskowitz during a House Oversight Committee hearing.

The White House has insisted the note, released by Epstein's estate, bears a forged Trump signature. The document shows the outline of a female figure with a message suggesting that Trump and Epstein "have certain things in common," The Hill



reported.

"You've seen the picture of the woman's body with the president's signature – he says it's not his. Will you open up an investigation into the Epstein estate for putting out a fake document?" Moskowitz asked. Patel initially questioned the grounds for such an inquiry, but after Moskowitz described it as forgery of a U.S. president's signature, Patel responded, "Sure, I'll do it."

Committee Chair James Comer last

20 years ago has any relevance whatsoever," Comer said at the time.

Trump has sued The Wall Street Journal for defamation over a July report detailing the alleged letter, while the White House continues to deny its authenticity. "It's very clear President Trump did not draw this picture, and he did not sign it," press secretary Karoline Leavitt said earlier this month, adding that Trump's legal team will "continue to aggressively pursue litigation."

Earlier, Donald Trump dismissed demands for transparency in the Jeffrey Epstein case, calling the push for more disclosures a "Democrat hoax," CNN reported.

Lionel Messi closing in on Inter Miami contract extension: Reports

REUTERS

London, Sept 18: Major League Soccer's biggest star might be sticking around, as Lionel Messi is closing in on a multiyear contract extension with Inter Miami, ESPN reported on Wednesday.

Per the report, the sides are in the late stages of talks, with merely minor matters to be finalized. Financial terms weren't reported.

Messi, 38, joined Inter Miami during the 2023 season, and his contract runs through the end of the 2025 campaign.

This season, he ranks second in MLS with 20 goals in 21 league games. Messi is also tied for sixth with 11 assists. Last season, he amassed 20 goals (tied for second in the league) and 16 assists (tied for third).

In 46 league games for the Herons overall, Messi has 41 goals and 27 assists. Across all competitions, Messi has 54 goals in 62 games.

An eight-time winner of the Ballon d'Or, Messi starred for Barcelona from 2004-21 and for Paris Saint-Germain from 2021-23. He was part of 10 league-title-winning teams in Spain and two in France, in addition to helping Barcelona capture the UEFA Champions League trophy four times.

In UAE team, there is no Indian or Pakistani, we are family: Skipper M Waseem

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Dubai, Sept 18: The India-Pakistan tensions have had no impact on the bonhomie within the UAE cricket team, which is a mix of expatriates from the two countries, insisted skipper Muhammad Waseem as he ducked queries on their rather dramatic and delayed Asia Cup clash against Pakistan here.

The UAE cricket team has an equal number of players of Indian and Pakistani origin with Simranjeet Singh, Rahul Chopra, Harshit Kaushik, Dhruv Parashar, and Alishan Sharafu on one side and Multan-born skipper Waseem, Haider Ali, Junaid Siddique, Muhammad Rohid, and Asif Khan making the other half. The team is like a family, said Waseem despite the tense relations between the two countries, who recently had a military showdown following the Pahalgaon terror attack that claimed 26 Indian lives.

Asked if the ongoing tensions has had any effect on the inter-personal relationships within the team or if there have been any conversations in the change room,



Waseem replied in the negative. "No, we are not talking about that (Indo-Pak tensions) as we play a lot of cricket together. We are like a family here. There is no Indian and no Pakistani. We play for UAE team. We play as a family and live as a family," he said. The frosty relations caused a stir at the ongoing tournament when India skipper Suryakumar Yadav did not shake hands with his Pakistan counterpart Salman Ali Agha at the toss of their match on Sunday. There were no pleasantries exchanged even after the game as the Indians took the decision to show solidarity with Pahalgaon attack victims.

An irate Pakistan threatened to pull out and blamed match referee Andy Pycroft for the fiasco, accusing him of prohibiting the traditional

exchanges. The team even delayed the start of the match against the UAE on Wednesday after the ICC rejected its demand to remove Pycroft.

The players eventually showed up after claiming to have got an apology from Pycroft even though the ICC insisted that the Zimbabwean veteran had done no wrong and that Pakistan had failed to back its allegations with any proof. UAE lost to Pakistan by 41 runs despite doing a good job with the ball, restricting the opposition to 146 for 9. Waseem's men could have appealed for a walkover after the delay caused by Pakistan as the hosts had reported to the stadium on time, which is two hours before scheduled start.

However, the Pakistan-born Waseem made it

clear that he never thought of asking for such a decision.

"First of all, this is not our responsibility or our work. We were focusing on our game. We came here to play the game, and we did that," he said.

He insisted that his team was not affected by the delay caused by the Pakistani team.

"Didn't matter if we were playing on time or we were playing late. Doesn't matter if we are playing at 6:30 or 7:30 pm. This is not our work. This is organiser's work. We came here to play the game and we played the game," he said.

Waseem's bid to steer clear from any controversy was palpable as he didn't want unnecessary attention.

When asked if their pre-match routine was disturbed, he asked a counter-question, "Watching our bowling performance, did you feel that?" Waseem played in the Pakistan Super League in 2021 as a replacement player for Multan Sultans while in 2024 he was picked by Islamabad United but couldn't take part due to international commitments.

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