



Terror ecosystem crushed, now time to present J&K's true narrative: LG Sinha

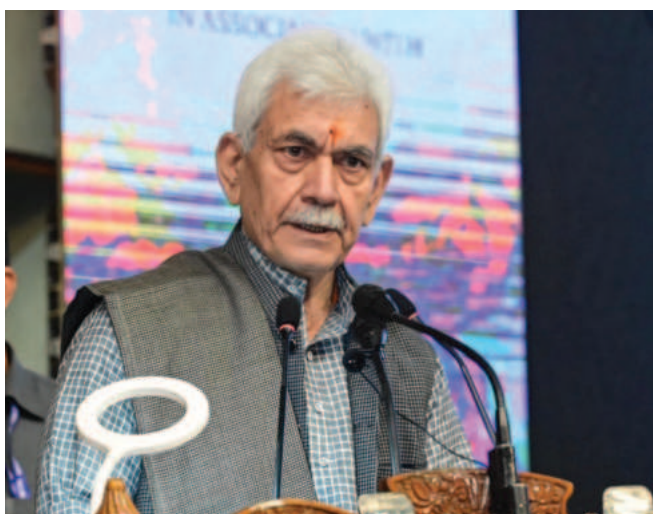
» Calls on thinkers, writers to rectify factually incorrect accounts

» Says writers, media admit being forced to promote cross-border narrative

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Oct 11: Asserting that the terror ecosystem has been crushed and now is the time to present the true narrative of Jammu Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called on thinkers and writers to rectify the distorted narratives about Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking at the inaugural function of Kashmir Literature Festival organised by Srikula Foundation here, LG Sinha, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "Today the young historians must provide accurate and factually correct accounts challenging lies that were propagated in the region. In the last few years, new writers have tried to do justice to the injustice done to the history of India, which is an excellent initiative. Efforts are also being made to take



Indian literature to the world, which is highly commendable."

He said, "For decades, a manipulated narrative was propagated here in Jammu Kashmir. Writers and media figures grudgingly admit that, out of

fear of terrorists and their ecosystem, they were forced to promote the narrative being pushed from across the border in the Valley. The terror ecosystem has been dismantled and now is the time to present

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"The terror ecosystem has been dismantled and now is the time to present the true narrative of Jammu Kashmir, free from all bias and fear of gun, to strengthen the trust and accelerate socio-economic growth," the Lieutenant Governor said.

"There were people connected with the terror ecosystem and even today, a few still try to control the narrative. The narrative propagated by those sitting across the LoC was deliberately promoted for years," LG Sinha remarked.

He also called for correcting the narrative regarding Jammu Kashmir by identifying the misinformation and countering it with verified facts.

The LG asserted that the administration has acted tough

against elements trying to perpetuate this false narrative. However, he acknowledged that a few individuals continue to propagate the ideology of terror outfits and attempt to instigate the public.

"There are some who still have a problem with the progress and peace of Jammu and Kashmir, but the people now fully understand their motives," he said.

Referring to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, LG Sinha praised the overwhelming public condemnation of terrorism across towns and villages. "People across J&K strongly opposed Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. Terrorists and their supporters have no place in our society," he asserted, adding that the administration remains firm in its resolve to root out all remnants of the terror ecosystem.

Expressing | More on P6

Safe vs risky: Seat-sharing standoff continues between NC & Congress

No clarity yet on slots, talks underway: GA Mir

KNO Special Correspondent

Srinagar, Oct 11: The 'stand-off' within the ruling alliance continues over the seat-sharing arrangement for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections. While the National Conference is offering the 'risky' seat to the Congress, the latter is pushing for one of the 'safer' seats.

Sources told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO)—that during negotiations with the Congress high command, the National Conference offered the competitive seat to its alliance partner. However, the Congress is insisting on one of the three safer seats for its candidate.

Sources further told KNO that the Congress may choose not to contest the 'risky' seat if NC remains adamant about its offer, given that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) holds a clear advantage on it.

"Talks between the



leadership of both parties are still underway. The Congress may opt to stay away from the contest if they don't concede a safer seat," sources said.

Speaking to KNO, senior Congress leader GA Mir said there is no clarity yet on the slot on which the party will contest.

"We had requested that the Congress nominee file nomination papers against the first or second notification (safe seats), but there is no clarity yet on the issue," he said, adding that talks are underway.

"We are expecting that there will be clarity on the issue by | More on P6

LG lays wreath to Army Bravehearts



KT News Desk

Srinagar, Oct 11: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laid a wreath and paid homage to Army Bravehearts Lance Havildar Palash Ghosh and Lance Naik Sujay Ghosh, who laid down their lives for the nation.

Lance Havildar Palash Ghosh and Lance Naik Sujay Ghosh made supreme sacrifice while

conducting counter terror operations in the Kishtwar Range of Kokernag battling extreme weather conditions.

"I salute the supreme sacrifice of our Army Bravehearts Lance Havildar Palash Ghosh and Lance Naik Sujay Ghosh. The nation shall remain forever grateful to exemplary valour and selfless service of our soldiers. We stand | More on P6

Omar-led govt lacks political will: MP Aga Ruhullah

Says decision to support party's candidate for Budgam by-polls soon

Raja Syed Rather

Srinagar, Oct 11: National Conference (NC) senior leader and Member Parliament (MP) from Srinagar, Aga Ruhullah Mehdi on Saturday criticised the Omar Abdullah-led government in Jammu & Kashmir for "failing to show the intent as needed" on the political front.

Talking to reporters here, Ruhullah, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said, "As a year has come to an end since the elected government took over, I believe whatever was needed on the political front has not been done so far and the intent that was mandatory



has not been shown yet."

He said the government's job is not to please him, but to please the people. "If people are happy, then I am happy. But if they have been raising the queries, then the government needs to listen to them with seriousness and should be

concerned over it," he added.

Asked about supporting the party's candidate in the upcoming by-elections in Budgam, the MP didn't reveal his move, but said he has already mentioned what the people of Budgam need this time. Mehdi said he will come up with a decision in this regard in the coming days.

Regarding the detention of MLA Doda, Mehraj Malik, Ruhullah said the government, as well as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, should make efforts in this regard and ensure that the latter participates in the Assembly session.

"In the first instance, the MLA should | More on P6

BSF recruits showed readiness during 'Op Sindoor': Comandant Agarwal

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Oct 11: Commandant CI STC Kashmir, BSF, Yoginder Agarwal on Saturday praised the dedication and readiness of the young 'Seema Praharis,' saying they demonstrated full preparedness even before their formal attestation during 'Operation Sindoor'.

"In May this year, the Government of India launched Operation Sindoor, and at that time, these law protectors had just completed 22 weeks of basic training," Agarwal said, as per the news agency—Kashmir

News Observer (KNO).

He added, "After two weeks of specialised training, they stood ready without hesitation for the operation and performed their duties with full dedication. This reflects their wartime preparedness, defensive capability, and firm determination."

The Subsidiary Training Centre (STC) Humhama witnessed a grand passing out parade and attestation ceremony for 167 recruit constables (Trademen) of Batch No. 44, marking their first step into national service. | More on P6

RSN
FRAUD
CASE

Massive crackdown launched; 4,500 accounts under scanner in Ganderbal

Many youth misled by promises of policies, returns: SSP Poswal

Raja Syed Rather

Ganderbal, Oct 11: In a first criminal case linked to the controversial Robust Secure Network (RSN) platform registered with the Crime Branch, authorities in Ganderbal on Saturday said to have launched a massive crackdown with approximately 4,500 accounts under investigation for suspected financial irregularities.

A series of raids were conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) over the past few days, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ganderbal, Khalil Poswal told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

Each of these account holders will receive formal notices at their residences, requiring them to respond to allegations,



he said, adding that the Income Tax Department is also expected to initiate parallel inquiries, with high-value transactions from these accounts being closely monitored.

Authorities here have urged the public to exercise extreme caution and not to share

personal or financial information with anyone.

"Many young individuals are approaching elderly family members under false pretenses, collecting documents and claiming to be opening insurance policies. These are fraudulent activities—no such policies exist," the

senior police official stated.

Meanwhile, in a significant development, another FIR was registered just three days ago.

"Investigations have revealed the involvement of a key suspect who had earlier organized the marriage of a person named Kangan and was allegedly recruiting young people into the gang," he said, adding that strict action will be taken against him.

The families have been appealed to monitor their children's activities more closely.

"Parents must stay vigilant. Many youths are being misled into handing over money at home under the guise of 'investing.' These under-the-table or hidden investments are not just illegal, they | More on P6

Major evacuee land scam uncovered in Sgr

ACB initiates criminal probe

KNO

Srinagar, Oct 11: Jammu & Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau has initiated a major criminal investigation after uncovering a large-scale scam involving the illegal exchange and manipulation of valuable evacuee land in Srinagar.

A spokesman in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that the investigation has brought to light serious irregularities and fraudulent acts allegedly committed by officials of the Revenue Department and the Custodian Evacuee Property Department, in active collusion with private individuals, for unlawful enrichment.

"Reliable information was received by the Bureau indicating



that certain officers had facilitated the exchange of prime evacuee property measuring approximately 17 marlas and located on the highly valuable Gupkar Road, Srinagar with land of comparatively lesser worth at another site," the statement reads.

It added that the exchange was executed without obtaining the mandatory No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Defence Estates Office and in blatant violation of the directions of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir as well

as established government procedures regulating such transactions.

"Enquiry conducted by the ACB revealed that the involved public servants had deliberately ignored legal requirements, manipulated land records, and colluded with private parties to facilitate the unlawful swap. These actions were aimed at extending undue benefits to select beneficiaries while causing wrongful loss to the state exchequer," the statement added.

The probe has revealed that official records were tampered and falsified, particularly revenue extracts and tenancy columns, to conceal the true nature of ownership and tenancy rights. "Certain officials attested and verified false revenue entries and enabled the registration of evacuee property in private names. The value of the exchanged properties was grossly | More on P6

Sorry State of Education

146 schools, 61 teachers in J&K function with zero enrollments

Riyaz Bhat

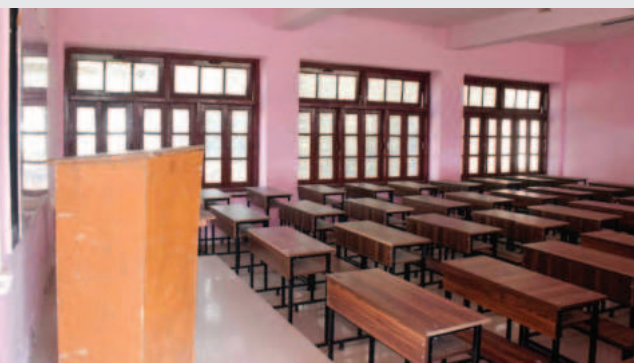
Srinagar, Oct 11: In Jammu and Kashmir, at least 61 teachers in are posted or deployed in those schools having zero enrollments—thus raising a question on managing the human resources and quality of education.

Besides, the official data reveals that Jammu and Kashmir has at least 146 such schools wherein no student is

enrolled.

According to the official figures mentioned in Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE Plus) 2024-25, Jammu and Kashmir as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) has 61 teachers in those schools having zero enrollments and 146 schools with zero enrollments.

In September, KNO reported that Jammu and Kashmir has



at least 1371 schools wherein single teachers have been posted or deployed.

The figures reveal that there is an enrolment of 32,303 students enrolled in those schools where only single teachers are posted or deployed.

Pertinently, in a previous report, the official figures have revealed that in Jammu and Kashmir more than 31,054 students were enrolled in those schools that

were functioning with a single teacher.

In the previous report, there were only 1330 schools that were functioning with only a single teacher. However, the recent report suggests that the numbers have increased by at least 41 schools.

Last year, KNO first broke the news of closure of over 4400 government run schools owing to 'zero or extremely low' enrolment of students.

In July-2024, the news agency reported that there were a total of 23,117 government run schools in Jammu and Kashmir out of which 4394 have been deleted from the UDISE data.

Despite repeated calls, Secretary, School Education Department and Jammu and Kashmir Samagra Shiksha Project Director were not available to comment on the matter. (KNO)

CS reviews measures to boost handicrafts sector in J&K

Stresses on swift implementation of QR-Code traceability, global branding of crafts

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 10: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Saturday chaired a high-level meeting to review the measures being taken by the Industries & Commerce Department for promotion and development of the Handicrafts and Handloom sectors in J&K.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Director, Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir/Jammu; Director, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT); and other senior officers of the department.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary took stock of the initiatives undertaken to support local artisans and weavers, strengthen testing facilities, and

promote genuine hand-made products across the UT.

He underscored the importance of enhancing the testing capacity of existing laboratories and directed for establishment of a robust mechanism for traceability and QR-code based tracking of all Geographical Indication (GI) tagged items. He asked the department to ensure implementation of this digital traceability system by the end of the year without fail.

The Chief Secretary also stressed upon timely grounding of key projects including Ekta Malls in Srinagar and Jammu, besides taking forward other branding and promotion initiatives aimed at giving global recognition to J&K's traditional crafts.

While reviewing the progress on



creation of Wool and Silk Villages, Common Facility Centre for Yarn Dyeing, establishment of the Indian Institute of Textiles at Basohli, Sericulture Park, and Craft-based Resource Centre, the Chief Secretary directed the concerned officers to expedite completion of these projects. He also

advised the department to explore possibilities of NSQF accreditation for its training centres, courses, and trainers to enhance employability and credibility of skilled trainees.

Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, presented a detailed overview of the

sector, highlighting that J&K presently has 18 registered GI products in the handicrafts segment, while 10 more are in the pipeline. He informed that the capacity of GI product testing has been significantly upgraded from 50 to 100 tests per day and will soon be enhanced to 250 tests daily upon induction of two additional digital microscopes.

Director, Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir, Masarat-ul-Islam, in his presentation, informed that the department has substantially enhanced its operational capacity and reduced the GI certification waiting period to just two days, providing major relief to artisans. He further informed that around 6,000 GI users are currently registered across the UT. He revealed that the

department is contemplating to make Craft Development Institute (CDI), Srinagar, a 'Pre-Export Testing Facility Centre' to facilitate direct export of certified products. To further augment testing infrastructure, the department is also working on signing an MoU with SKUAST-Kashmir for product testing and bulk production of woollen carpets.

The meeting was apprised that the QR code traceability project, being developed in collaboration with NIELIT, is set to be rolled out soon. Moreover, with the active involvement of NIFT Srinagar, 36 prototype designs in five different crafts have been developed, and nearly 1,000 artists trained under ten design and skill enhancement programmes.

Div Com reviews status of building permissions in ESZs

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 11: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg Saturday directed the committee members for 'Implementation of Eco Sensitive Zone Notification', in respect of Dachigam National Park, Thajwas (Baltal) Wildlife Sanctuary and Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary, to take swift decisions for construction permissions to dispose off the cases without consuming time of applicants. He said that lingering issues for an undue period is causing inconvenience to the public.

He made these remarks while chairing a meeting of officers in his office chamber, today.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners Anantnag, Pulwama, Ganderbal; Regional Wildlife Warden, officers from Tourism Department, Forest Department, SDA, Town planning, Pollution Control Board, Assistant Commissioner Central, OSD to Div Com, Tehsildar Hqd Srinagar besides President National Society



for protection of Water Resources Wetlands & Forests. At the outset, the Wildlife Department presented details and data of Wildlife Sanctuaries, National Parks and the fauna found in the protected areas besides the circumference of the Eco Sensitive Zone.

The meeting held threadbare discussion on individual cases submitted for grant of permission and the decisions given by stakeholder departments to issue or decline permission.

During the meeting, Div Com directed action in one case in which the applicant has already constructed a structure without proper permission.

He also directed the concerned department to prepare a map of the green corridor of the Eco Sensitive Zone within two months. Besides, he asked the Wildlife Department to prepare an action plan to increase the number of Kashmir Stag (Hangul) to bring it out of the present list of critically endangered animals.

DC Shopian chairs grievance redressal camp

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SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 11: As part of the Government's ongoing Public Outreach and Grievance Redressal Programme, the district administration Shopian Saturday conducted a Grievance Redressal Camp at Panchayat Halqa Zampathri Keller, presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta.

The event aimed to bring the administration closer to the people and ensure that public grievances are addressed promptly at their doorsteps.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation of senior citizens, women, youth and locals from Zampathri and adjoining villages who raised a wide range of issues pertaining to road connectivity especially Zampathri to Tragpathri road, Shukroo road, Gandow road, Keller/Zrakan/Mashwara road, playground at Zampathri, healthcare facilities, dearth of staff in Keller Hospital, irrigation, drinking water & power supplies, development of Tourism infrastructure in the area, installation of Transformers, upliftment of education, livestock development and horticulture support.

While interacting with the public, The

DC listened to all grievances patiently and issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for early redressal and appropriate action. He stressed on responsive, transparent and accountable governance, urging departments to act promptly on the issues projected by the people.

The DC assured that the administration is fully committed to resolving public issues in a time-bound manner and emphasized that such grievance redressal camps are an integral part of participatory governance while directing officers to make regular field visits to assess ground-level issues and to ensure the saturation of government schemes, particularly those aimed at youth empowerment, livelihood generation, rural infrastructure and welfare of weaker sections.

Officers from departments including Rural Development, KPDC, Jal Shakti, Health, Education, Agriculture, Horticulture, Social Welfare and Revenue departments were present and responded to the grievances raised by the locals. Many issues of public importance were resolved on the spot, while others were taken up for early action at the district level.

SAD DEMISE

This is to inform about the sad demise of Raja Begum, wife of Abdul Khaliq Wani R/o Chattabal, Razdan Bagh Srinagar on Friday 10-10-25.

May the Almighty ALLAH take the departed Soul to his Heavenly Abode and give the entire family strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss.

The Fateh Khawani will be held Sunday (12.10.25) at 10am at ancestral graveyard Waniyar Noorbagh Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RIGHT RIVER WORKS DIVISION REGAL LANE LAL CHOWK SRINAGAR

FRESH SHORT TERM
NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER No.28 of 2025-2026

Dated:- 06.10.2025

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited on a percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned works.

S.no	Name of the Work	Adv. cost in Lacs	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of tender documents	Class of contractor	Time of Completion	Head of Account	AA Order No.	T.S No.
1	Construction of lane from Zari Arts to Ration Ghat at Kokar Bazar	0.36	720	200	DEE	2 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.135 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	123 20.07.25
2	Development of lane from H/o Gh Ahmad Mir to H/o Late Mohammad Shafi Geer Khawani, Narwara Sgr	10.24	20480	600	BEE/CEE/DEE	6 weeks	CDF	Order No.132 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	209 28.07.25
3	Reconstruction of drain from H/o Late Mohammad Shafi Ganale & Bilal Ahmad Baba via H/o Bashir Ahmad Baba Gamender, Pantha Chowk	3.59	7180	239	DEE	4 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.132 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	230 28.07.25
4	Development of lane/drain from H/o Mohammad Younis Shida to Nassarud Din Shah at Daulatabad Nowpora	5.03	10060	300	CEE/DEE	5 weeks	CDF	Order No.133 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	381 25.08.25
5	Upgradation of various graveyards near Pandith House & others Kaw Mohalla & Kolipora at Khanyar	0.89	1780	204	DEE	2 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	400 25.08.25
6	Upgradation of lane near Masjid Syed & others at Lone Mohalla at Nowpora	1.86	3720	214	DEE	2 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	401 25.08.25
7	Fencing and block work for graveyard at Mum mohalla Menzgam	4.27	8540	245	DEE	4 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	415 27.08.25
8	Construction of Concrete Lane from the House of Gh. Mohi Ud Din to Gh. Qadirat Pehloo Brane	3.05	6100	226	DEE	4 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	418 27.08.25
9	Construction of Lane from the House of Mohd Shafi via Water tank to Ali mohd Reshi at Astanpora Brein	2.56	5120	225	DEE	4 WEEKS	Additional Financial Assistance City Grants	ORDER NO. 121 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	419 27.08.25
10	Reconstruction of Lane from Jan Fur House to Late Ghulam Hassan Najar by way of concrete slab and Tiles etc. as per requirement at Baramulla Dalgate.	3.63	7260	240	DEE	4 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	429 27.08.25
11	Repairing of Drain from the house of Syed Abdul Majeed Bukhari to Mohammad Hussain Khan Shampora	1.39	2780	209	DEE	2 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.135 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	433 27.08.25
12	Construction of lane from house of Mehrajuddin Sheikh upto house of Abdul Ahad Bhat at Lone Mohalla	2.49	4980	223	DEE	4 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.132 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	440 27.08.25
13	Tilling of Lane from Masjid Sharief Shahi Waliyat to the House of Mohammed Rafiq Darzi at Zafraon Colony in Lal Chowk Constituency	0.87	1740	203	DEE	2 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.132 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	446 29.08.25
14	Development of lane from Meebagh road opposite Diary Farm of Ali Mohd Bhat upto H/o late Manzoor Ahmad via H/o Younis Mushtaq Wani R/o Danpora Brein	0.80	1600	202	DEE	2 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.133 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	449 29.08.25
15	Construction of one number of additional quarter at Leper colony Behar	22.00	44000	800	BEE/CEE	15 weeks	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	450 29.08.25
16	Construction of pipe drain & tile path from H/o Mohammad Saleem Pampori upto H/o Ali Muhammad Reshi near Masjid Shareef Hanfiya Ahle Sunnat	1.05	2100	207	DEE	2 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	455 29.08.25
17	Surface drain at NowsheeraChandihar	1.82	3640	213	DEE	2 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	462 29.08.25
18	Const. of drain from the house of Abdul hamid lone to the house of abdulhalilq at darMohallaBachpora	0.75	1500	201	DEE	2 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	467 29.08.25
19	Development of graveyard of Syed Baba Rehman Khaki (RA) at Taploo Mohalla Anchar Soura	1.90	3800	215	DEE	2 WEEKS	Additional Financial Assistance City Grants	ORDER NO. 121 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	473 29.08.25
20	Repairing of tiles from the house of Bilal Ah Piye To Mohammed Ashraf Sofi Gari Masjid	2.00	4000	216	DEE	4 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	475 29.08.25
21	Repairing of Drain from the house of Fayed Ahmed Bhat To Ghulam Nabi Kawa Anzimer	2.06	4120	219	DEE	4 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.135 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	480 09.09.25
22	Construction of Lane Drain from Tariq Ahmad Punjra to Mohammad Amin Punjra at Tuljari Mohalla Nowhatta	1.46	2920	210	DEE	2 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.132 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	486 09.09.25
23	Repairing of Drain From Interior Wooden House to Fayaz Ahmad Bhat Anzimer	2.02	4040	218	DEE	4 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.132 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	492 09.09.25
24	Development of road from link road to MoMuzafar Zaman WaniGuizar Ahmad & Others near Health Centre Eko Colony Tailbal	2.09	4180	221	DEE	4 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.133 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	495 09.09.25
25	PROVIDING AND LAYING OF PVC PIPE FROM HOUSE OF MOHAMMAD SHAFI UPTO RIVER JHELUM OPP DIV COM OFFICE AT BASANT BAGH	1.06	2120	208	DEE	2 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	498 09.09.25
26	Concrete of lane at Shalla Bagh Zadihal from House of Ali Mohammad Budgami via Manzoor Ahmad Belgh	1.03	2060	206	DEE	2 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	504 09.09.25
27	Soling and Metalling opposite DarulUloomQasima from House of Rayees Ahmad to Tariq Ahmad Reshi	2.42	4840	222	DEE	4 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	507 09.09.25
28	Construction of Cement Concrete lane and RWall from the house of Manzoor Ahmad Sofi to Farooq Ah Pampori via Ali Mohd Makroo at Makerpora Kawadara.	3.16	6320	234	DEE	4 WEEKS	City Grants	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	510 09.09.25
29	Construction of lane/ drain from H/o Tasleem Arif Sofi via Tariq Ahmad upto H/o Irshad Ahmad Dar New Colony Palpora	3.53	7060	238	DEE	4 WEEKS	Additional Financial Assistance City Grants	ORDER NO. 121 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	513 09.09.25
30	Reconstruction of lane/drain from H/o Guizar Ahmad Khan to H/o Muhammad Sultan Malik near Islamic Study Circle J&K Zadi Masjid Safakadal	0.99	1980	205	DEE	2 WEEKS	CDF	ORDER NO. 123 OF 2025 DATED:- 25.07.2025	515 09.09.25
31	Reconstruction of lane from H/o Nazir Ahmad Sofi to H/o Riyaz Ahmad Shah via H/o Muhammad Shafi Nagesh near Malik Sahib Safakadal	1.70	3400	212	DEE	2 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.135 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	516 09.09.25
32	Upgradation of lane/ drain from H/o Nazir Ahmad Sheikh, Mushtaq Ahmad upto Nazir Ahmad Wani at Chal Dob Safakadal	3.08	6160	233	DEE	4 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.132 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	517 09.09.25
33	Upgradation of lane/ drain from H/o Muhammad Yaseen Bhat to H/o Ghulam Hassan Wani via H/o Ghulam Nabi Najar at Hamza Lane Malik Sahib Safakadal	2.51	5020	224	DEE	4 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.132 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	518 09.09.25
34	Development of lane by way of soling & metalling from Iram Ready made Garments via Shabir Ahmad Magray upto Muhammad Ashraf Magray near Abu Hanifa Braiwar Saidpora Achan Sangam road	1.47	2940	211	DEE	2 WEEKS	CDF	Order No.133 DDCS of 2025 dated. 03.09.2025	525 09.09.25

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The NIET consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the date schedule given below:- 1

S. No.	Particulars	Date from to
1.	Date of publication of e-portal	06.10.2025
2.	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said NIE	07.10.2025 from 06:00 PM
3.	Date of uploading of bid document/bid submission starts	07.10.2025 from 06:00PM
4.	Date of uploading of bid document/bid submission Ends	16.10.2025 at 06:00 PM
5.	Date of Bid opening	17.10.2025 at 11:00 PM
6.	Date of Submission of Uploaded documents (Hard Copies) by Successful Bidder including Bid Security (CDR/ FDR), Tender document fee.	17.10.2025 up to 04:00 PM
7.	Date of Submission of Performance Security by L1 Bidder after Publication of the Tender Result. In case of allu reaction shall be taken	18.10.2025 Upto 04:00PM

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TERMS AND CONDITION
Special conditions. For intending bidders to note.
1. As Per the Government Circular No. 01 (ADM) FD of 2025 Dated:- 08.07.2025 Endorsement No. FD-ST/75/2025-03 Dated:-08.07.2025 Issued by the J&KUT Finance Department. "Every participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose/Upload the bank account number which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payments shall be released by the Government Department/Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder."
2. The bidder shaving backlogs in terms of non-execution of any allotted work in the RRWD need not to apply, their bids shall not be considered.
3. In order to Ensure timely completion of works programmer 2025-26, Bidders interested participating in multiple works in single or multiple tender notices issued by RRWD, Can be allotted only 08 (08) works at maximum against prescribed value of performance security as per clause/ point 05 . But beyond four works, all such bidders have to submit an additional deposit of 10% of contract value which shall get increased by additional 2% forever for every additional work successful, ie For Ninth work the value of additional deposit shall be 10%, For 10 work value of additional deposit shall be 12%, For 11 work additional deposit shall be 14%, so on and so forth, This additional deposit shall be release immediately after timely completion of work on the recommendation of Concerned AEE. In case of failure the action under rules shall be taken.
4. Geo tagged photographs have to be maintained for all works before, during and after execution by the bidders, including proper photographic evidence for all underground items, cost for photos is already included in the advertised cost of the work. Concerned AEE/JE shall ensure such photographic evidence for justification of payments for all such items.
5. The Lowest successful bidder shall have to submit performance security guarantee in shape of CDR/FDR provided to executive engineer RRWD (SMC) within 07 days after opening of tenders. The value of performance security shall be as follows.

S.No.	Rate Percentage quoted by Bidder LI	Value of Performance Security deposit for LI	Performance Security Deposit Retention Period (DLP)
1.	Upto including 10% below	3% of Contract Value	Performance Security shall be released after 06 Months from the date of completion of work.
2.	From > 10% to 25% below	5% of Contract Value	Performance Security shall be released after One year from the date of completion of work.
3.	>25% below	As per circular issued by the finance department vide circular No:- FD-code/4421/2021-02-158 Dated:- 08.08.2025.	Performance Security shall be released after Two years from the date of completion of work.

6. That Pre/Post Geo-Tagged Photographs of the instant work(s) shall be maintained.
7. That the work or part of the work is not reflected in State/District Sector Plan/ CDF/ MPLADS/AMRUT or any other programme nor have the works or part of the works earlier executed by the SMC or through any other Agency.

No: SMC/ EERRWD/2834-2840
Dated:- 06.10.2025

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Srinagar Municipal Corporation

BSF prepared to tackle mammoth challenges: IG Solomon

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Oct 11: Highlighting the dedication and readi-ness of Border Security Force (BSF) recruits, IG STC Kashmir, Solomon Yash Kumar Minz, IPS, on Saturday shared BSF, being the first line of defence, has not only been guarding the borders effectively since its inception but has also made significant contributions in fighting for-aign-sponsored terrorism and internal militancy with un-paralleled valour and steely determination.

He added that close cooperation and coordination among different security agencies is necessary to eliminate ter-rorism and narco-teror threats that emanate across the borders.

"The BSF, with an efficient mechanism and response sys-tem, is fully prepared to meet these mammoth challenges," IG STC Kashmir, Solomon Yash said.

IG Minz also appreciated the recruits' "excellent display of self-confidence and picture-perfect coordination," call-ing it the high point of the parade.

He congratulated them for choosing the BSF as a career and urged them to serve the nation with courage and en-thusiasm.

He further lauded STC Kashmir and its instructional staff for their efforts in transforming raw youths into disci-plined and confident Seema



Praharis, saying,

"The training provided here has instilled self-confidence and professionalism in every recruit. I bless them with a bright future in life and service ahead."

He was speaking during the passing out parade and attes-tation ceremony of 167 recruit constables (Tradesmen) of Batch No. 44 at the Subsidiary Training Centre (STC) Humhama, where the young recruits from across India took their first step into national service as Seema

Pra-haris.

The ceremony also saw medals and trophies awarded to the best-performing recruits, including Parade Com-mander Amit Chandel, who was adjudged best in drill.

Over 44 weeks of rigorous training, the recruits honed their skills in weapon handling, firing, law, drill and bor-der management, while also enhancing their physical and mental capabilities, preparing them to serve the nation in both peace and war—(KNO)

'No funds for PM-ABHIM in J&K for 2025-26'

JAHANGEER GANAIE

Srinagar, Oct 11: Despite the significant role played by the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) in strengthening healthcare deliv-ery and enabling access to quality medical services for underprivileged sections of society, no central release has been made for the financial year 2025-26, raising serious concerns among health experts and beneficiaries.

This information was disclosed through a Right to Infor-mation (RTI) file obtained by RTI activist MM Shuja.

According to the data, there was Rs 16.11 crore central re-lease for J&K for the year 2021-22 for PM Ayushman Bha-rat Health Infrastructure Mission,



followed by Rs 1 crore in 2022-23, Rs 44.01 crore for 2023-24 and Rs 60.44 crore for 2024-25.

However, as per data, there is zero central release for J&K under this mission for the year 2025-26.

According to officials, thousands of poor and rural pa-tients across Jammu and Kashmir — and the country at large — have received free or subsidised

treatment under the mission.

"This scheme has been a lifeline for thousands of poor pa-tients who could not afford specialised treatments. It must continue to get priority at all levels of government so that the momentum in healthcare development is not lost," said a senior health official, wishing not to be named. Dr Shabir Ahmad, a public health expert, said health is not an expenditure but an investment in human capital. Stopping or delaying funds for a scheme like Ayushman Bharat will directly impact the poor, he said.

Officials in the health department expressed hope that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare would soon ad-dress the funding gap and ensure smooth continuation of the mission in the upcoming quarters—(KNO)

KNO Impact

Authorities clear garbage from Sopore-Kupwara HW

WARIS FAYAZ

Sopore, Oct 11: Authori-ties on Saturday swung into action and cleared the accumulated waste along the Sopore-Kupwara high-way at Shangergund Model Town, pressing men and machinery into service from early morning hours.

The action comes a day after KNO highlighted the garbage menace along the stretch. Officials said that over 10 dumpers of waste were lifted from the site after a prompt sanitation drive was

launched by the Municipal Council Sopore, even though the stretch lies beyond its jurisdiction.

"We couldn't afford to let the highway remain in such a condition. Despite being outside MC limits, we took responsibility and cleared the waste to restore cleanliness," a senior administrative official said.

The official further said that strict action will now follow against those involved in illegal dumping of waste along the highway. "We will take up the installation of

CCTV cameras at key locations to identify and penalize habitual dumpers. Action will be taken under rules and we will ensure no one turns the stretch into a dump again," the official added.

A senior administrative official also confirmed that the stay on the proposed dumping site has been disposed of, and the matter has already been taken up with the Divisional Commissioner's office for final approval. "The process of establishing a permanent waste disposal site for

Sopore is underway. Once finalized, it will provide a lasting solution to the town's long-pending sanitation problem," he said.

Locals, meanwhile, welcomed the cleanup effort following media coverage, but urged the authorities to focus on sustainable waste management. "Cleaning after media reports helps temporarily. What Sopore needs is a proper waste site and accountability against those who dump garbage irresponsibly," said a local resident—(KNO)

Rana reviews functioning of Forest departments

KT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, Oct 11: Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment, Javed Ahmed Rana Saturday chaired a review meeting at Civil Secretariat, here to assess the functioning and progress of the Forest department in Anantnag, Kulgam and Pulwama districts.

The meeting focused on evaluating ongoing initiatives of afforestation, eco-tourism development, soil and water conservation, protection of forest assets and role of community engagement in sustainable management of natural resources. The Minister took stock of the achievements made so far and deliberated on key areas requiring further attention and improvement.

In light of the growing environmental challenges, especially those posed by climate change, the Minister underscored the urgent need to enhance the green cover in South Kashmir.

He directed the concerned Divisional Forest Officers to accord top priority to plantation drives, formulate detailed and area-specific plantation plans.

Emphasizing that the sustainability and survival of plantations are just as important as plantation itself, he instructed the department to integrate post-plantation care and monitoring mechanisms to ensure long-term impact and



ecological restoration.

Reaffirming Omar Abdullah-led Government's commitment to forest-based sustainability and improving livelihoods, Rana called for intensified afforestation and rejuvenation efforts across districts.

He emphasized the need for robust Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns to raise environmental awareness, urging the active participation of local communities, educational institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in such initiatives. The Minister also reviewed the status of pending forest

clearances for developmental projects and stressed the importance of streamlining the approval process and vigorous follow-up to ensure timely clearances for critical infrastructure projects like water supply, road connectivity and community development, while ensuring that environmental safeguards are not compromised in the process.

Rana placed special emphasis on soil conservation and social forestry activities, noting their crucial role in preventing soil erosion, improving groundwater recharge and generating sustainable livelihoods for forest-dependent

communities.

He highlighted the importance of integrating these activities into broader climate resilience and rural development frameworks.

The Minister further reviewed the district-wise implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), with particular focus on the recognition and documentation of both individual and community forest rights.

He directed the Forest department to maintain close coordination with the Revenue and Tribal Affairs Departments to facilitate timely processing of claims, effective grievance redressal and proper documentation of pending cases.

In a bid to boost eco-tourism in South Kashmir, Rana called for the identification and development of new potential eco-tourism sites.

He underlined the role of local youth in managing and promoting eco-tourism initiatives, stressing that such ventures not only create sustainable employment opportunities but also foster greater awareness and responsibility towards the conservation of forests and natural ecosystems.

The Minister reiterated the government's resolve to strengthen forest governance and conservation efforts across Jammu & Kashmir, ensuring a balanced approach between development needs and environmental sustainability.

Kashmir grapples with one PET-CT machine

JAHANGEER GANAIE

Srinagar, Oct 11: Amid an alarming rise in cancer cases across Kashmir, the valley continues to rely on just one PET-CT scan machine — located at Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura — for staging, diagnosis, and monitoring of the disease.

The absence of this vital diagnostic facility at other major hospitals, including the Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, has led to long waiting periods, delayed diagnoses, and increased suffering for patients battling cancer.

According to official data, GMC Srinagar alone has registered around 8,000 new cancer cases since 2017, yet it lacks a PET-CT machine — an essential tool for detecting cancer, evaluating treatment response, and identifying recurrence.

Oncologists told KNO that PET-CT technology has become indispensable in modern oncology but remains severely limited in Kashmir.

"The entire valley depends on a single PET-CT machine at SKIMS, which caters to thousands of patients," said Dr Manzoor, an oncologist. "This leads to long waiting lists, something that cancer patients simply can't afford. We urgently need more such facilities."

Another oncologist, Dr Aijaz, said PET-CT scans play a major role in the initial diagnosis, treatment planning, prognosis, and follow-up of cancer patients. "It's a breakthrough technology that combines functional and



anatomical imaging. Having more of these machines would significantly improve outcomes for patients," he added. Data from the Union Health Ministry reveals that 51,577 new cancer cases were reported in Jammu & Kashmir between 2019 and 2022. In the same period, 35,623 people lost their lives to the disease.

Since 2013, SKIMS Soura has recorded around 50,000 new cancer cases, while GMC Srinagar has registered around 8,000 since 2017.

Experts attribute the growing cancer burden to multiple factors, including dietary habits, lifestyle changes, genetic predispositions, and delayed diagnoses caused by limited diagnostic infrastructure.

A 2012 SKIMS study identified "dietary practices and high salt consumption" as key contributors to the rising incidence of cancers, especially stomach and oesophageal types, in Kashmir.

The shortage of PET-CT machines has forced many patients to seek diagnostics outside Kashmir, often at

enormous financial and emotional costs.

"I had to wait over a month for my PET scan at SKIMS," said Ghulam Nabi, a cancer patient from Pulwama. "Such delays can be devastating for patients like us. The news about a PET scan being installed at GMC Srinagar brings real hope."

Officials said the process for installing a PET-CT machine at SMHS Hospital, Srinagar, has been initiated. "We have taken up the installation and expect the facility to be available soon," an official told KNO.

Health Minister Sakeena Itoo recently announced that Rs 124.83 crore has been allocated for major upgrades in J&K's healthcare infrastructure. The plan includes a PET-CT at GMC Srinagar, MRI machines at GMC Baramulla, Kathua, and Rajouri, a Cath Lab at GMC Doda, and enhanced telemedicine facilities across 80 units.

A PET-CT facility has already become functional at GMC Jammu, providing much-needed relief to cancer patients in the region—(KNO)

ACB probes J&K police officer's illegal wealth

KNO

Srinagar, Oct 11: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Srinagar on Saturday said to have registered a case against Police Officer for amassing disproportionate assets and conducted searches in Budgam.

A spokesman in a statement said that ACB Police Station Srinagar has registered a case under FIR number 20/2025 against a public servant, Peer Zada Mushkoor Ahmad Shah, son of Peer Zada Mohammad Akber Shah, resident of Jawalapora, Budgam, Inspector (M), who was serving as Cashier at District Police Office (DPO), Bandipora, for possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

The case was registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar following a secret verification into allegations that the said officer had accumulated assets—both movable and immovable far beyond his legitimate income, in his own name as well as in the names of his family members during his service period.

"During the discrete probe, it was found that the accused and his family members possessed several assets that could not be justified by their known sources of income," the statement added.

The details of assets identified so far include:

Land holdings measuring approximately 32 Kanals and 6 Marlas situated in District Budgam, including 17 Kanal and 14 Marlas at Shahpora Wathora, Budgam; A double-storey palatial residential house with an attic, constructed on a plot purchased at Ompora Colony, Budgam; Bank balances amounting to approximately Rs 48,26,036 in various accounts; Multiple vehicles of different types registered in the names of the accused and his family members; Expenditure of around Rs 40 lakh incurred on the education of his children in reputed institutions and substantial expenses on foreign travel and payment of insurance premiums.

"Scrutiny of bank records revealed several suspicious transactions and unexplained cash inflows. It was also observed that the accused and his family were operating multiple bank accounts in different banks through which large sums of money had been routed. Several high-value immovable properties were also found acquired in the names of his wife and children," it reads.

It added that the assessment of income vis-à-vis expenditure revealed that the actual income of the accused from known sources during the period 01.01.2012 to 30.06.2025 was grossly

insufficient to justify the assets accumulated and expenditure incurred.

"The findings indicate that the accused has illicitly enriched himself by resorting to corrupt and dishonest means, thereby committing offences punishable under the relevant provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018)," it reads.

Accordingly, the spokesman said that a case under FIR number 20/2025 under Section 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) has been registered in Police Station ACB Srinagar against the said public servant for criminal misconduct and possession of disproportionate assets.

"Immediately after registration of the FIR, and in compliance with the Court Order dated 10.10.2025, searches were conducted at two residential houses of the accused in District Budgam," the statement reads.

The accused Public Servant has been taken into Police custody for questioning in in connection with the ongoing investigation of the case, the spokesman said, adding that further investigation is under progress to ascertain the full extent of the illegal wealth accumulated by the accused and his associates—(KNO)

AMO holds awareness camp at Parimpora

KNO

Srinagar, Oct 11: The Area Marketing Office Srinagar actively participated in the launch event of the Prime Minister Digital Development Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) held at the Agri Market Parimpora on Saturday.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from farmers, traders, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and various stakeholders from across the Valley.

The occasion was graced by All Valley President Fruit Association Kashmir, Bashir Ahmad Bashir, who attended the event along with several prominent figures from the horticulture and trade sectors.

On the sidelines of the main event, the Area Marketing Office Srinagar organized

a special awareness camp to disseminate information about various Central and UT-sponsored schemes related to Horticulture and allied sectors.

The program aimed at spreading awareness among the unemployed youth, farmers, and traders about initiatives such as the HADP (Holistic Agriculture Development Program) and JK-SIP (Startup Initiative Program).

The awareness camp received widespread appreciation from participants, who lauded the department's efforts for bringing key information directly to the grassroots level.

The initiative successfully fulfilled its objective of educating the public about government schemes and empowering stakeholders to benefit from these opportunities—(KNO)

Shaping India's Next Frontiers In Science Through Biomedical Research Careers

Press Information Bureau

India stands at the cusp of a biotechnology-driven revolution, where biomedical research is emerging as a cornerstone for national growth and global leadership. Over the past decade, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has spearheaded innovation, entrepreneurship, and capacity-building in alignment with flagship national missions such as Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swasth Bharat, Startup India and Make in India. These sustained efforts have propelled India to become one of the fastest-growing bioeconomies in the world.

Building on this momentum, the Union Cabinet has approved Phase III of the Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP), to be implemented during 2025-26 to 2030-31, with an extended service phase up to 2037-38. BRCP aims to build a world-class research ecosystem in biomedical sciences, clinical, and public health research. The programme supports scientists at different stages of their careers through fellowships and collaborative grants, encouraging high-quality, ethical research to tackle key public health challenges in India. It also promotes diversity, inclusion, and international competitiveness, while helping translate research into action, innovation, and policy change.

The Department of Biotechnology in partnership with the Wellcome Trust (WT), UK, launched the "Biomedical Research Career Programme" (BRCP) in 2008-2009 through the DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance (India Alliance), a dedicated Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), with the approval of the Cabinet, offering research fellowships, based in India, for biomedical research at the world class standards. Subsequently, Phase II was implemented in 2018/19 with an expanded portfolio, and now Phase III of the programme has been approved by the Cabinet.

Importance of the Biomedical Research Career Programme

The biomedical ecosystem spans research, clinical innovation, technology, and public health, delivering benefits including affordable healthcare, better disease preparedness, improved nutrition, and personalized medicine. A pictorial representation provided below highlights the diverse benefits of the multi-dimensional biomedical ecosystem.

From Labs to Lives: Key Aims of India's Biomedical Research Programme

BRCP supports world-class biomedical research fellowships in India. It aims to nurture top-tier scientific talent, foster interdisciplinary and translational research, and strengthen research management and systems to reduce regional disparities in scientific capacity. The main objective behind this programme are as follows:

Attract world-class researchers in biomedical and clinical sciences to establish research programmes in Indian institutions and universities, while fostering fulfilling and sustainable research careers.

Fund cutting-edge research of international standards through initiatives that promote independence and career advancement of exceptional early-career researchers in India.

Promote open and ethical research ecosystems by supporting programmes that build awareness and provide training in allied fields such as research management, science administration, and regulatory affairs.

Broaden the reach of India Alliance by expanding activities to new regions and under-served research communities across the country.

BCRP Phase II: 700+ Grants and International Recognition

BRCP Phase-II was designed to attract globally competitive researchers in biomedical and clinical sciences to India. The programme had achieved significant success in its first two phases. A total investment of 2,388 crore was made under the scheme, resulting in the award of 721 research grants.

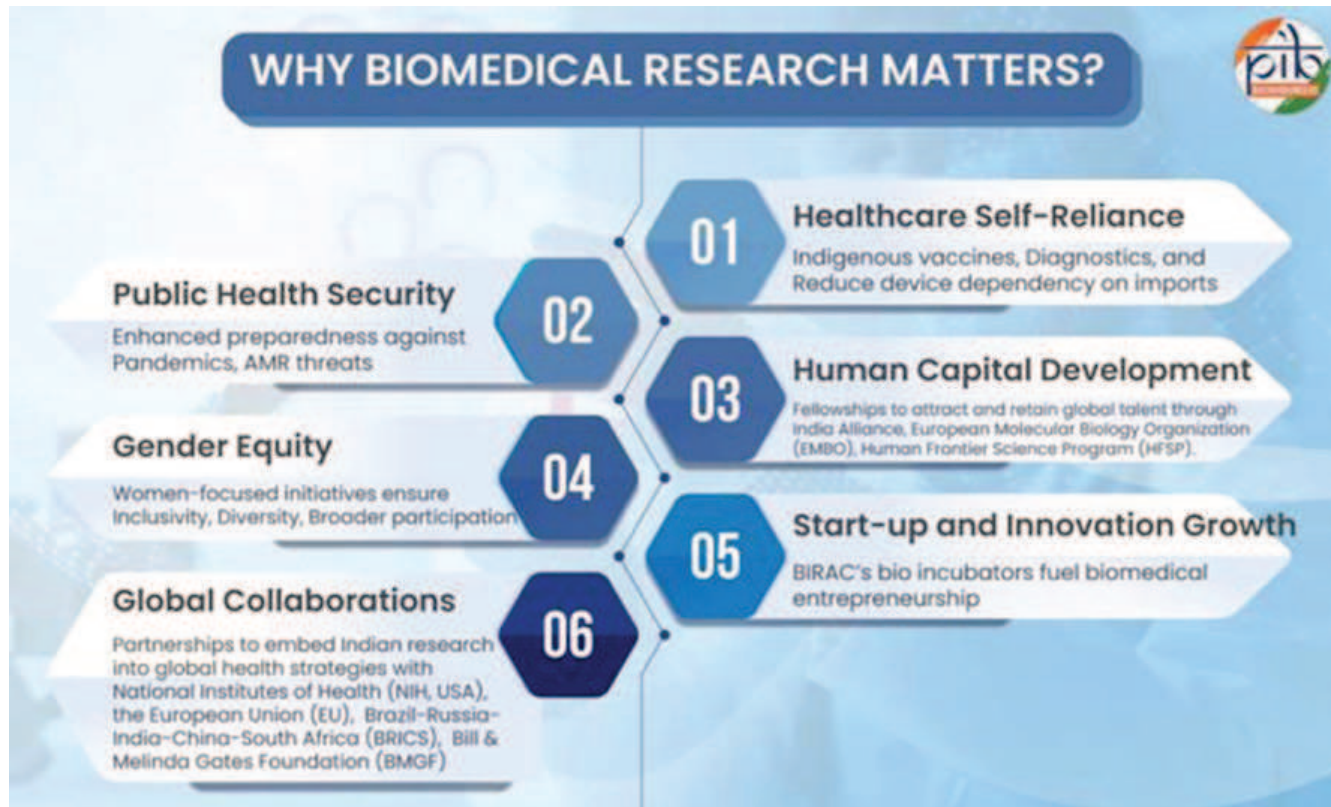
The objective of the mission for the second phase was to "enable biomedical research in India through funding and engagement."

The objectives under Phase II includes:

Empowering researchers to achieve international competitiveness and emerge as future leaders in India.

Bridging gaps in research management and fostering stronger connections between science and society.

Promoting excellence in science by ensuring diversity, inclusivity, and transparency.



Scaling India's Biomedical Capacity: BRCP Phase-III Roadmap

The Biomedical Research Career Programme Phase-III marks a major expansion in India's commitment to building biomedical research capacity of global standards. Key features include:

Financial Outlay & Partnership

The Programme will be implemented with a total outlay of 1,500 crore. Of this, the Department of Biotechnology under the Ministry of Science & Technology, will contribute 1,000 crore, while the Wellcome Trust (UK) will contribute 500 crore. This unique model of co-investment reinforces India's commitment to fostering international collaborations in science and technology while ensuring sustained support for domestic research talent.

Timeframe & Structure

2025-26 to 2030-31: Active implementation period during which new research fellowships, collaborative grants, and capacity-building initiatives will be rolled out. 2031-32 to 2037-38: Servicing period for continuing support of fellowships and grants already awarded ensuring long-term continuity and completion of projects.

Attract Talent and Career Support

Phase-III of the BRCP aims to further strengthen India's research ecosystem through targeted support across career stages and research domains:

Early Career and Intermediate Research Fellowships: Offered in basic, clinical, and public health research, these fellowships are internationally recognized and designed to nurture scientists at the formative stages of their research careers.

Collaborative Grants Programme: Comprising Career Development Grants and Catalytic Collaborative Grants, this programme supports 2-3 investigator teams, targeting early to mid-senior career researchers with a proven research track record in India. Research Management Programme: Focused on reinforcing core research capacities, this initiative strengthens the infrastructure, administration, and management of scientific projects.

In addition, Phase-III emphasizes mentorship, networking, public engagement, and the establishment of innovative national and international partnerships to enhance the overall impact and sustainability of biomedical research in India.

Expected Outcomes

By training over 2,000 students and post-doctoral fellows, enabling high-impact publications, generating patentable discoveries, and pushing 25-30% of collaborative programmes to Technology Readiness Level (TRL-4) and above, Phase-III is expected to set new benchmarks for biomedical excellence in India. The programme will also provide a 10-15% increase in support to women scientists, encouraging greater inclusivity in India's research ecosystem.

The initiative is directly aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, positioning India as a global hub for biomedical innovation and translational research.

From Innovation to Transformation: Lasting Impacts of the Programme

Over the last two decades, India's biomedical research initiatives have achieved significant milestones:

70+ COVID-19 projects funded

The Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP) supports multi-disciplinary research to develop affordable and innovative healthcare solutions in diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines, and assistive technologies. It provided the strategic framework for India's COVID-19 research response, which included 10 vaccine candidates, 34 diagnostic tools, and 10 therapeutic interventions—aligning the urgent pandemic response with BRCP's long-term goal of strengthening India's biomedical innovation ecosystem.

World's first oral cancer genomic variant database

The DBT-National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBMG) has developed dbGEN-VOC, the world's first publicly accessible oral cancer genomic variant database. It hosts over 24 million variants from Indian patients, alongside global data, and includes powerful tools for searching and analysis. Updated annually with data from across India and Southeast Asia, dbGEN-VOC supports research into oral cancer pathways—especially important for India, where the disease is the most common cancer among men due to tobacco chewing. By identifying population-specific genetic mutations, dbGEN-VOC is a vital step toward better prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

National AMR Mission

The Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) mission was launched in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) for pathogen surveillance. It adopts a One Health approach to combat antimicrobial resistance by supporting R&D on new antibiotics, alternatives, and diagnostics, establishing a national bio-repository of resistant microbes, creating India's AMR pathogen priority list with WHO, and partnering globally through the AMR R&D Hub to strengthen innovation against drug-resistant infections.

Biorepositories and clinical trial networks

Biorepositories and clinical trial networks have been established across India to strengthen the ecosystem for translational research. These platforms enable systematic collection, storage, and sharing of high-quality biological samples and data. Together, they accelerate the movement of innovations from laboratory discoveries to clinical applications for patient benefit.

Women in Biomedical Research

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is committed to advancing women's participation in biomedical research. The BioCARE programme offers first independent research grants to women scientists, while the Janaki Ammal Award honors excellence in biomedical research by senior and young women researchers. BIRAC's WinER Award and women-focused bioincubators support

women-led biotech startups. DBT also co-hosts the Women Leaders in Global Health Conference to promote leadership and collaboration. These efforts drive inclusivity, innovation, and excellence in India's biomedical research ecosystem.

Mapping the Future of Medicine: Focus Fields in Research

India's biomedical research spans multiple critical areas, aiming to deliver affordable, innovative, and inclusive healthcare solutions. Key focus fields include:

Human Genetics & Genomics

Programmes like GenomeIndia and UMMID are mapping India's unique genetic landscape to improve early diagnosis and treatment of inherited diseases. GenomeIndia has sequenced 10,000 genomes, enabled precision medicine and reduced dependence on international databases. UMMID focuses on rare disorders in children and newborns. These initiatives are laying the foundation for predictive, preventive, and personalized healthcare in India.

Infectious Disease Biology (IDB)

The IDB programme targets major diseases like HIV, TB, malaria, hepatitis, and emerging infections like COVID-19 and dengue. It supports large-scale cohort studies, national biobanks, and translational research to develop timely, affordable solutions. Breakthroughs include the Dengue Day 1 test and HIV Tri-Dot+Ag test. These efforts enhance India's preparedness for future epidemics.

Vaccines

The Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme (VAP), established in 1987, supports vaccine development for diseases like TB, dengue, malaria, and COVID-19. Landmark successes include ROTAVAC®, India's first indigenous rotavirus vaccine, and Covaxin, developed with DBT support. The programme also strengthens clinical trial pipelines and international collaborations, advancing India's vaccine self-sufficiency and global leadership.

Diagnostics & Devices

Innovations like CRISPR-based diagnostics, indigenous RT-PCR kits, and affordable medical devices are making healthcare more accessible. These tools support early, accurate diagnosis while reducing costs and import dependency. Rapid tests for dengue, COVID-19, and other diseases have been deployed widely. The focus is on self-reliant, scalable technologies for public health impact.

Therapeutics & Drug Repurposing

This area accelerates the development of new medicines and repurposes existing drugs for faster deployment. Drug repurposing reduces costs and shortens timelines for treatment approval. The goal is to deliver effective, affordable therapies tailored to India's needs.

Biomedical Engineering & Biodesign (BME)

Develops affordable implants, assistive devices, and medical instruments through

Key takeaways

- The total expenditure for Biomedical Research Career Programme Phase-III amounts to 1500 crore
- The initiative targets training 2,000+ researchers, high-impact publications, patentable discoveries, and peer recognition.
- Aims for 10-15% more support for women scientists, pushing 25-30% projects reaching Technology Readiness Level (TRL-4) and above, and wider Tier-2/3 outreach.
- Phase II programme had 90 international and national recognition

engineering-clinical collaboration, reducing import dependency and enhancing access to advanced care.

Stem Cells & Regenerative Medicine (SCRM)

The programme supports work on cell-based therapies, tissue regeneration, and drug delivery models to improve treatment options for patients. These approaches open new possibilities for treating chronic and hard-to-cure diseases in a safer and more efficient way.

Maternal & Child Health (MCH)

The GARBH-ini programme focuses on understanding preterm birth—a leading cause of infant mortality—and developmental diseases. It studies biological and environmental risk factors through large-scale cohort studies. The findings aim to improve clinical guidelines and public health policies. This work supports better maternal care and healthier childhood outcomes.

Marine & Aquaculture Biotechnology (MAB)

The Marine & Aquaculture Biotechnology (MAB) programme harnesses aquatic resources to improve health and sustainability. It develops fish vaccines to protect aquaculture, explores bioactive compounds from marine organisms for new drugs and therapies, and promotes nutraceuticals like omega-3 from marine sources to enhance human health.

Public Health & Nutrition (PHN)

The programme aims to improve public health by addressing key challenges like antimicrobial resistance (AMR), lifestyle diseases (diabetes, hypertension, obesity), and malnutrition. It supports research to develop affordable, science-based solutions that strengthen health systems and promote healthier communities.

Conclusion

The Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP) is a strategic investment in India's health and innovation landscape, supported by a 1,500 crore Indo-UK partnership that aligns global expertise with national priorities. By nurturing top scientific talent, advancing interdisciplinary and translational research, and strengthening research ecosystems, BRCP Phase-III aims to bridge regional disparities and promote inclusivity—especially for women scientists.

Beyond capacity-building, BRCP's tangible outcomes—training over 2,000 scientists, generating patentable innovations, and advancing technologies to TRL-4 and beyond—will directly contribute to India's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision. In tandem with the BioE3 initiative, BRCP is helping to transform India's biomedical ecosystem into a globally competitive, innovation-driven engine for health security and economic growth.

Biomedical research in India is already delivering results: low-cost diagnostics like CRISPR-based kits and dengue rapid tests, indigenous vaccines for pneumonia, measles-rubella, and COVID-19, and personalized treatments powered by the GenomeIndia project. Affordable implants, ventilators, and PPE are reducing import dependency, while national AMR tracking, disease databases, and biorepositories are strengthening public health systems. In parallel, research on nutraceuticals and bioactive compounds is enhancing nutrition and preventive care.

Together, these efforts are making healthcare more accessible, equitable, and self-reliant, and positioning India as a global leader in biomedical innovation.

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Launch of PMDDKY

Govt firm to deliver on promises made to people: Sakeena

Addresses farming community at KVK Pombay

KT News Desk

KULGAM, OCTOBER 11: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo Saturday remarked that institutions like SKUAST-K have a pivotal role in promoting research and innovation in the agricultural sector.

The Minister stated this while addressing a function held on the sidelines of live telecast of launch of PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) of SKUAST-K at Pombay.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister emphasized on the need for greater collaboration between scientific institutions and the farming community to ensure sustainable agricultural growth.

The Minister said that much more needs to be done in the agriculture and allied sectors to improve productivity and profitability. She urged concerned departments to provide continuous handholding to farmers and equip them with the latest technologies and scientific know-how for crop improvement.



Highlighting the recent challenges faced by farmers, the Minister noted that adverse weather conditions and closure of the National Highway have caused substantial losses to the farming community. She stressed that agricultural scientists need to come on front and play a proactive role in guiding farmers towards high-yield and climate-resilient crops.

Lauding the role of Sher-i-Kashmir, Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah on upliftment of

the farming community, the Minister said that the Sher-i-Kashmir's land reforms are known across the globe for improving the conditions of the farming community.

Speaking on various initiatives of the government on development of the agriculture sector, Minister Sakeena said that most services are now available online, making it essential to ensure proper facilitation and awareness among farmers so they can avail themselves of government

schemes and programmes. She highlighted various welfare measures undertaken for the poor and underprivileged, including the revival of stalled projects, enhancement of marriage aid schemes.

The Minister reiterated that the government, under the leadership of Omar Abdullah, is committed to ensuring farmers' prosperity and economic independence.

She said that the government remains steadfast in its mission to work for the welfare of all sections of society and to deliver on the promises made to the people.

The Minister also distributed farm Kits among the ST community members.

MLA Devsar, Peerzada Feroz Ahmad, and DDC Chairperson, Mohammad Afzal, also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts between departments and institutions to strengthen the agriculture sector in the district.

Director Extension SKUAST-K, Dr. Rihana Habib; Head KVK Pombay, Prof. Manzoor Ahmad; other concerned officers, a large number of farmers and locals were also present on the occasion.

Govt to support in achieving goal of making J&K water-secure region: Rana

Reviews progress of water supply projects in 3 South Kashmir districts

KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 11: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana Saturday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress and performance of various on-going water supply projects in districts of Anantnag, Kulgam and Pulwama.

The meeting, held with the objective of evaluating on-ground implementation and identifying potential bottlenecks, was attended by Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Department, senior departmental officers and district-level officers from these South Kashmir districts.

The review also focused on accelerating the delivery of clean and reliable drinking water to every household in line with the vision of equitable and sustainable water access under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

During the meeting, the Minister reaffirmed the commitment of Omar Abdullah led government to ensure access to safe and clean drinking water for all its citizens.

He underscored the importance of robust monitoring systems and effective execution strategies to meet mission objectives within stipulated timelines.

Stressing on the principles of transparency, accountability and quality assurance, the Minister directed officials to enhance service delivery mechanisms, swiftly address public grievances and



continuously work to improve citizen satisfaction.

Highlighting the critical importance of sustainable water management, Rana advocated for the adoption of scientific methods and technology-driven approaches to conserve water, minimize wastage and ensure the long-term viability of natural water sources.

Emphasizing the role of citizens in the success of government initiatives, he appealed for greater community involvement in water conservation efforts.

"It is our moral responsibility to make judicious use of available water resources. We must adopt an eco-friendly lifestyle to mitigate the impacts of climate change and ensure a sustainable future for the generations to come," the Minister stated.

He issued directives for the rejuvenation and protection of traditional water bodies such as ponds, springs, streams and wetlands. The Minister emphasized that such efforts not only

enhance water availability but also contribute to strengthening local ecosystems and resilience against water scarcity.

Rana also called for the convergence of schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission, Jal Shakti Abhiyan and other related programs to maximize resource utilization and project outcomes.

He stressed on the timely and efficient execution of projects, with strict adherence to quality norms and transparency at all levels of implementation.

Acknowledging the efforts of the district administrations of Anantnag, Kulgam and Pulwama, he appreciated the progress made so far and encouraged the officials to maintain momentum while overcoming challenges on the ground.

He reiterated the Government's full support in achieving the shared goal of making Jammu and Kashmir a water-secure region, with universal access to safe and sustainable drinking water.

Strengthen initiatives for profitable agriculture: Javid Dar

KT News Desk

BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 11: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development, and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative, and Election Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar visited the Medicinal and Aromatic Plantation Farm in Hadipora, Sub-Division Rohama of Baramulla.

During the visit, the Minister reviewed the ongoing activities under the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants initiative focusing on high-value crop diversification and enhancing farmers income.

Minister Dar interacted with farmers, gathering feedback on departmental scheme implementation at grassroots level and emphasizing the need for farmer-oriented initiatives.

The Minister appreciated the

Agriculture Department's efforts in promoting medicinal and aromatic cultivation, directing further strengthening of initiatives for sustainable and profitable agriculture.

Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer Rohama briefed the Minister about various interventions, achievements, and future strategies aimed at promoting high-value crop diversification and enhancing farmers' income under the HADP initiative. The HADP initiative aims to promote high-value crop diversification, enhancing farmers' income and contributing to the region's economic growth.

The visit underscores the government's commitment to supporting agriculture and rural development in Jammu and Kashmir.

Riverside Rendezvous with Heritage 'Know Your Artisan' spotlights Kashmir's unsung Masters

KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 11: In a vibrant celebration of Kashmir's timeless artisanal legacy, the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom today launched the groundbreaking "Know Your Artisan" initiative at the picturesque Jhelum River Front.

This one-of-a-kind event, inaugurated by Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Vikramjit Singh, marks the beginning of a series of immersive cultural programs scheduled over the next two months.

Mussarat Islam, Director, Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir, alongside other senior officials from the department were also present on the occasion.

Underscoring the Government's commitment to preserving and promoting the region's rich craft traditions, an official spokesman of the Department stated that Kashmir's craft legacy

is more than mere products, as these embody centuries-old traditions that define the cultural identity and economic fabric of the Valley.

"In today's fast-paced market, skilled artisans often fade into the background, overshadowed by intermediaries," he added.

To address this, the Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir, under the flagship Soulful Kashmir campaign, has introduced "Know Your Artisan" as a transformative platform under the brand "Soulful Kashmir". By bringing artisans and consumers together in lively public spaces across Srinagar, the initiative spotlights the human stories,



masterful techniques, and deep heritage behind each craft, while forging direct market linkages to empower creators and captivate locals and tourists alike.

The event's core objectives include providing artisans a direct stage to demonstrate their skills and engage with the public; elevating Brand Soulful Kashmir by showcasing authentic crafts and the talented hands that craft them; strengthening market connections to secure direct orders; raising awareness among youth and visitors about the rich diversity of Kashmir's craft heritage; and bolstering artisan livelihoods through targeted promotional and sales avenues.

The spokesman said today's launch featured captivating live demonstrations, intimate artisan interactions, and bustling display-cum-sale counters, complemented by branding exercises and cultural performances that infused the riverside venue with an air of festivity and authenticity. "At the heart of the program were seven eminent artisans, each a custodian of Kashmir's prestigious GI-registered crafts who included

Mushtaq Ahmad, Master of Pashmina Weaving; Maqbool

Ahmad Jan, Virtuoso in Papier-Mâché; Farooq Ahmad Mir (Padma Shri Awardee), an icon of Kani Shawl Weaving; Mehboob Ali Beigh, National awardee in Sozni Embroidery; Shah Nawaz Sofi, specialist in Kashmir Hand-Knotted Carpets; Mohammad Yousuf Muran, awardee artisan of Walnut Wood Carving and Ali Mohammad Giru, guardian of Khatamandh craftsmanship

Vikramjit Singh, while inaugurating the event, emphasized its role in sustainable development: "This initiative is a beacon for our artisans, ensuring their voices and visions reach the world directly. By celebrating Soulful Kashmir, we not only preserve our heritage but also weave it into the future of economic empowerment, he stated.

The "Know Your Artisan" series is poised to yield tangible impacts, including heightened engagement from the public and tourists with local crafts; greater recognition and marketing avenues for artisans; a surge in sales and orders both during and after events; amplified visibility for Brand Soulful Kashmir via social and print media; and the creation of valuable documented content for ongoing promotions.

Launch of PMDDY celebrated with enthusiasm

KT News Desk

DODA, OCTOBER 11: The launch of the Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhaanya Yojana, a new integrated scheme designed to accelerate the economic progress of farmers, was celebrated with great enthusiasm across Doda.

The event was held in sync with the national launch by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose address was streamed live for farmers and officials at multiple venues across the district. The main programme was hosted at the Agriculture Complex, where Additional District Development Commissioner, Roshan Lal, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while Chief Agriculture Officer Amjad Hussain Malik was the Guest of Honour. A large number of farmers from Doda and nearby areas participated in the event, expressing gratitude to the government for continuous efforts towards agricultural development and rural empowerment.

Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries highlighted the objectives of the PM Dhan Dhaanya Yojana, which aims to integrate various agricultural support initiatives under one umbrella—focusing on improved crop productivity, financial assistance, irrigation facilities, modern farming techniques and market linkages. The scheme is expected to significantly boost the income of farmers, promote self-reliance and ensure food security through sustainable agricultural practices.

Similar programmes were also organised at the Sub-Divisional and Tehsil headquarters across the district, where officers from the Agriculture Department and allied sectors, including Haroon Hussain, Agriculture Development Officer (Veg), Doda, participated. The event reflected the government's strong commitment to transforming the agricultural landscape by empowering farmers through innovation, technology and inclusive growth.

Dr. Farooq, Omar greet people on Urs of Syed Yaqoob Sahib (RA)

MLA Ahsan Pardesi felicitate people

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Oct 11: National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have extended their heartfelt greetings to the people of Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of the Urs of Syed Yaqoob Sahib (RA) at Sonwar.

In their message, the leaders paid tribute to the revered saint's timeless teachings of peace, compassion, and spiritual upliftment, which continue to inspire generations across the

region. They urged the people, especially the younger generation, to embrace these values to promote unity and foster progress in Kashmir.

Dr. Farooq and Omar Abdullah also prayed for the well-being and prosperity of the people and expressed hope that the spiritual significance of the Urs would strengthen bonds of brotherhood and contribute to lasting social harmony.

Meanwhile, Provincial Vice President and MLA Lal Chowk Ahsan Pardesi also felicitated people on the auspicious occasion.

Empowered Girls, Empowered Nation Poonch celebrates Int'l Girl Child Day



Education, awareness key to empowerment: DC

KT News Desk

POONCH, OCTOBER 11: The District Social Welfare Department Poonch celebrated International Girl Child Day here at Government Girls Higher Secondary School with great enthusiasm and participation from students and officials.

Deputy Commissioner Ashok Sharma was the Chief Guest. Chief Education Officer Mukhtar Manhas and numerous functionaries from the Police and Health departments also attended the event.

In his address, Deputy Commissioner Ashok Sharma encouraged girls to stay confident, aware and career oriented. He emphasized that education, self reliance and vigilance are key to empowerment, urging students to make the best use of government schemes and opportunities available to them. He lauded the efforts of the Social

Welfare Department for organizing the meaningful celebration.

Earlier, the programme began with a welcome address by District Social Welfare Officer Khalil A. Bandy, who extended greetings to the guests and listed the government initiatives for promoting girls' education, safety and empowerment.

Speakers from the Health and Police Departments delivered informative lectures on girls' health, safety and legal rights. Students presented engaging cultural items, including skits and songs, focusing on the theme of the day.

The School Principal Anjuman Shaheen presented the vote of thanks, appreciating the presence of government functionaries and participants. Students were felicitated with tokens of appreciation, while mementos were presented to the guests.

The event concluded on an inspiring note, reaffirming the collective commitment to empower and uplift the girl child in every sphere of life.

Khadi and Village Industries Board organizes awareness camp

KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 11: Jammu & Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), District Office Srinagar, Saturday organized an Awareness Camp-cum-Interaction Programme at Waripora Balhama, Srinagar.

The event was attended by Deputy Chief Executive Officer KVIB Kashmir, Director JKRSETI, Development Officer Beekeeping KVIB, officers from Lead District Manager Srinagar, Cluster Head J&K Bank Srinagar, various rural Bank Branch Heads & officers from other line departments.

The programme was aimed at creating awareness among rural unemployed educated youth, aspiring entrepreneurs, artisans with a special focus on beekeepers from the rural areas of Balhama, Khonmoh, Lasjan and adjoining regions.

The event featured informative sessions and discussions on self-employment opportunities and various schemes viz. PMEGP & JKREGP implemented by the Board. Speaking on the event, Deputy CEO KVIB highlighted the Self-employment opportunities in khadi and village industries sector, financial assistance schemes (PMEGP/

JKREGP) and employment generation programs offered by J&K KVIB, Technical training and skill development initiatives particularly in Bee Keeping sector, marketing support and linkages for rural entrepreneurs and specific guidance on beekeeping as a sustainable livelihood option.

He further added that the J&K KVIB is committed to generating employment opportunities in rural and urban areas through promotion of Khadi and village industries especially the Beekeeping sector.

The interactive session enabled direct dialogue between KVIB officials and local participants, addressing queries related to loan applications, project formulation, and accessing government support schemes. Beekeepers received specialized information on modern apiculture techniques, equipment subsidies, and market opportunities.

On-spot applications from the participants under JKREGP scheme were received and it was assured to them that the same shall be processed as early as possible after prior approval from the DTFC.

It was informed that the during the year 2024-25 under PMEGP scheme 322 cases were disbursed involving Margin

Money of Rs 507.90 lakh generating employment to 1932 persons and under JKREGP scheme rural cases stand disbursed involving Margin Money of Rs 28.00 lakh thereby creating employment to 96 rural persons.

The initiative received an enthusiastic response from participants, who actively engaged in discussions about entrepreneurship opportunities and government support mechanisms. Beekeepers from the region showed keen interest in exploring avenues for expanding their traditional vocations through modern techniques and institutional support.

RS polls, by-elections
BJP, Congress to hold key meetings in Srinagar today



KNO Special Correspondent

Srinagar, Oct 11: Ahead of the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections and by-elections, both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress are scheduled to hold crucial meetings in Srinagar tomorrow.

Sources told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that the BJP will hold its meeting at 1:00 PM in connection with the Rajya Sabha polls. The meeting is expected to be attended by all BJP MLAs and is being convened to finalize the filing of nomination papers for the party's candidates on Monday.

Despite repeated attempts, KNO was unable to reach Leader of Opposition Sunil Kumar

Sharma for comment.

Meanwhile, the Congress is also expected to hold internal deliberations to discuss seat-sharing negotiations with its alliance partner, the National Conference, regarding the Rajya Sabha polls and by-elections.

The meeting is expected to be chaired by Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Tariq Hamid Karra and will be attended by all MLAs of the party.

"The party is holding a meeting tomorrow," MLA Wagoora-Kreeri Irfan Hafiz Lone confirmed.

As exclusively reported by KNO, the NC is offering the risky seat to Congress. However, Congress is insisting on the allocation of a safe seat. (KNO)

PM Modi meets Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei



PTI

New Delhi, Oct 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday met Dario Amodei, the CEO of Anthropic, a company dealing in safe AI systems. The company also plans to open an office in Bengaluru next year.

"Glad to meet you. India's vibrant tech ecosystem and talented youth are driving AI innovation that is human-centric and responsible," PM Modi said in a post on X in a response to Amodei.

"We welcome Anthropic's expansion and look forward to working together to harness AI for growth across key sectors," the prime minister said.

Earlier, Amodei said he met Prime Minister Modi to discuss

Anthropic's expansion to India, where the use of its product 'Claude Code' has witnessed a five-fold increase since June.

"Today I met with PM @narendramodi to discuss Anthropic's expansion to India - where Claude Code use is up 5x since June. How India deploys AI across critical sectors like education, healthcare, and agriculture for over a billion people will be essential in shaping the future of AI," Amodei said.

Anthropic was set up by former OpenAI executives and focuses on building what it describes as "safe" AI systems and counts Google among its backers.

On October 8, Anthropic announced plans to open its first India office in Bengaluru.

Lawyers, judges must ensure legal system is accessible to every citizen: CJI Gavai

PTI

New Delhi, Oct 11: Chief Justice of India B R Gavai on Saturday said lawyers and judges have a responsibility of strengthening the justice system and they must ensure that the legal discourse does not remain confined to metropolises, but is accessible to even those living in the country's remotest corners.

Speaking at the LAWASIA Conference at Hanoi in Vietnam on the topic of "Role of Lawyers and Courts in Promoting Diversity and Inclusion", the CJI said it is crucial that the principles judges articulate in their judgments are reflected in the administrative policies of the court.

"I can share that when I assumed office as the chief justice of India in May, one of my top priorities was to ensure that affirmative action in the recruitment of administrative positions within the court was implemented not just in letter, but in spirit. I directed that marginalised communities receive their due share in all administrative appointments and that these policies be applied consistently and transparently," Justice Gavai said.



and promotes equality, rather than perpetuating historical disadvantages.

"I also believe that lawyers and judges share additional common goals in strengthening the justice system. We must ensure that the legal system and legal discourse do not remain confined to metropolitan cities, but are accessible to every citizen, even those living in the remotest corners of the country.

"Inclusion is achieved only when the common person can understand, relate to and feel connected with the legal processes, the exchanges between a lawyer and a judge, the judgments delivered and the mechanisms of justice itself," he said.

The CJI said in his role as the executive chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), which is mandated to ensure that no one is left without legal aid, he made it a priority to direct his team to reach the farthest and most underserved regions of the country.

"The goal was clear -- no individual should be deprived of their legal rights and every person must have access to necessary legal representation, guidance and support," he said at the conference of LAWASIA, which is headed by senior advocate Shyam Divan.

Justice Gavai said lawyers often have a more direct access to the public than judges, as the latter are expected to maintain a degree of aloofness, and this proximity gives lawyers a unique opportunity and responsibility to engage with the society.

"Their role is not confined to only the courtroom. It extends to the broader community,

where they can raise awareness about rights, legal processes and the principles of justice. By doing so, lawyers serve as vital bridges between the law and the people, ensuring that justice is not only delivered but also understood, accessible and meaningful to all members of the society," he said.

The CJI noted that it is essential to mentor the next generation, particularly professionals from marginalised communities, and said efforts must be made to identify and support talented individuals who, in the future, may lead the profession.

"Mentorship should not be limited to recruitment alone. It must extend to providing guidance, empathy and sustained support. Many of these professionals enter the workplace carrying the weight of historical exclusion and it is our responsibility, as those with experience and privilege, to ensure that they are given the environment, encouragement and patience necessary to thrive," he said.

Underlining that promoting diversity and inclusion is not just about opening doors, the CJI said it is about walking alongside those who enter through those, nurturing their growth and creating a truly equitable professional space where everyone can succeed.

"Recruiting a person without offering support, guidance or a nurturing environment undermines the very purpose of inclusion," he said, adding that true inclusion requires active effort, commitment and accountability from everyone who benefits from existing privileges.

US values ties with India, says Ambassador-designate Sergio Gor after meeting PM Modi

PTI

New Delhi, Oct 11: The US "values" its relationship with India, US Ambassador-designate Sergio Gor said on Saturday after holding talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi that focused on cooperation in areas of defence, trade and critical minerals.

Gor landed in New Delhi this morning on a six-day visit that came amid continuing strains in the bilateral relations over Washington's imposition of 50 per cent tariffs on Indian exports and a host of other measures taken by the Trump administration that hit Indian interests.

The Ambassador-designate held talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri before meeting PM Modi.



In a post on "X", Modi said he was "glad" to receive Gor.

"I'm confident that his tenure will further strengthen the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership," the prime minister said.

Gor said his meeting with Modi focused on defence, trade, technology and critical minerals, adding President Donald Trump considers Modi as a great leader and personal friend.

"We had a great series of meetings including with Foreign Secretary Misri, with external affairs minister Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Doval," Got told PTI and two other media outlets.

"We just finished an incredible meeting with Prime Minister Modi where we discussed bilateral issues including defence, trade and technology," he said "We also discussed the importance of critical minerals and the importance of that to both our nations," Gor added.

The discussion between the two sides on critical minerals assumes significance as it comes against the backdrop of China putting export restrictions on them.

"The US values its relationship with India and under the strong leadership of President Donald J Trump and Prime Minister Modi, I am optimistic about the days ahead for both of our nations," Gor said.

"President Trump considers Modi a great and personal friend. In fact, just before I left for New Delhi, they had an incredible phone call. That is something that will continue over the weeks and months ahead," Gor said.

The US ambassador-designate said he was confident that the India-US relationship would continue to grow.

"It's an honour to serve as President Donald Trump's ambassador to India and I look forward to this very important relationship. And (it will) continue to grow and deepen," he said.

Gor, accompanied by Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources Michael J Rigas, is visiting New Delhi, days after his appointment as the US envoy to India was confirmed by the Senate.

Following his meeting with Gor, Jaishankar said the discussions focused on the India-US relationship and its global significance.

"Pleased to meet Ambassador-designate Sergio Gor of the US today in New Delhi. Discussed the India-US relationship and its global significance," Jaishankar said on social media.

"Wish him the best for his new responsibility," he said.

On Foreign Secretary Misri's meeting with Gor, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said: "They had a productive exchange on the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and its shared priorities." The relations between New Delhi and Washington have been reeling under severe stress after Trump doubled tariffs on Indian goods to a whopping 50 per cent, including a 25 per cent additional duty for India's purchase of Russian crude oil.

India described the US action as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable".

India has also been upset over Trump's new policy on H1B visas.

However, the recent phone conversations between Prime Modi and US President Trump have raised hopes for a positive outcome from the ongoing negotiations for the trade deal.

The two countries recently resumed negotiations for the trade deal after a brief hiatus of a few weeks.

Gor, the White House personnel director and a loyal member of President Donald Trump's inner circle, was nominated as the next American envoy to India in August.

In his reaction, Gor had said he was "beyond grateful" to Trump for showing "incredible trust and confidence" in nominating him to be his next US ambassador to India and the special envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs.

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Terror ecosystem

optimism about the changing mindset of the youth, the LG said that art, culture, and music are playing a vital role in promoting positivity and unity.

"With the support of the youth and the creative community, the remnants of negativity will soon disappear. People have realized how they were misled for a long time. The day citizens join hands with the security forces, the last traces of the terror ecosystem will vanish," LG Sinha said.

Terming scholars as pride of the nation, he said, "The scholar earns respect across the country and acts as a torch bearer."

He recalled his student days when the aim of studying mathematics, science, or engineering was to create something meaningful for society.

He described a writer as an "engineer of existence" who learns and experiments in life's laboratory, guiding society and shaping thought through words.

Reflecting on his early years, LG Sinha said he grew up reading great authors, including foreign writers who wrote in simple and accessible language and mentioned Mabel Collins, who wrote 'Light on the Path' at the age of 18 — a work that deeply influenced social consciousness.

LG Sinha stressed that writers are custodians of ideas — capable of preserving them, shaping the world, and promoting critical thinking.

Despite technological progress, he said, documenting history remains the timeless duty of writers.

Expressing concern over the distortion of India's history, the Lt Governor said efforts will be made to present Jammu and Kashmir's rich literary traditions before the world, describing the region as the "energy center of the nation."

He stressed reviving the spirit of creative thought and called upon Indian writers to

present the nation's true history confidently before global audiences.

Highlighting Kashmir's cultural and historical depth, LG Sinha said, "It is essential to weave the region's historic transformations into words and express what we truly feel."

He, however, noted that no modern historian can be compared to Kalhana, the great chronicler of ancient Kashmir.

The Lt Governor said expressions of poets like Habba Khatoon, Nund Rishi and Padma Sachdev emerged from the soil of Kashmir and contributed immensely to India's cultural identity. "India's Sanskrit heritage and Sanatan consciousness are deeply rooted in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

He also noted that India's history reflects a long-standing spirit of global dialogue. Referring to ancient texts like the 'Nemat Puran', he said they demonstrate India's intellectual engagement with the wider world even in early times.

Urging the youth to draw inspiration from the wisdom of the past, the Lt Governor said learning from ancient dialogues can help the younger generation move forward with stronger ideas and vision.

Reflecting on recent developments, he said that over the last four to five years, literary festivals and book events have flourished across India. He stressed the need to expand such initiatives and connect youth to libraries, Indian classical music, and cultural activities.

Sharing an inspiring anecdote about Tansen and Akbar, the Lt Governor recalled how Akbar once wished to meet Tansen's guru, Sant Haridas. "Tansen told him that true masters do not visit royal courts. When Akbar later listened to Sant Haridas sing by the Yamuna, he was moved to tears. When asked why he couldn't sing like his guru, Tansen replied, 'I sing to attain something, but my Guru sings because he has already attained everything.'"

LG Sinha said India has always been the land of great saints and artists, and it is the duty of writers and thinkers to carry this legacy forward.

He said, "Writers must do research and use critical proof to challenge and correct the misleading historical accounts."

The Lieutenant Governor said that during the colonial era and after independence a certain group of writers distorted our history to shape their ideological agenda.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, highlighted the need for offering new perspectives and vision to the readers in a rapidly evolving world to meet unprecedented challenges and opportunities, and understanding of nature, culture and people's well-being.

Lieutenant General (Retd.) D.P. Pandey; Yuvraj Srivastava, Founder Srikula foundation; senior officials, prominent literary personalities, members of Srikula foundation, people from different walks of life and youth in large number attended the inaugural ceremony. (KNO)

Safe vs risky

tonight or by tomorrow afternoon," Mir added.

The National Conference on Friday announced the candidature of Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan, Sajad Kichloo, and Shammi Oberoi.

While the alliance is expected to comfortably win three seats, the BJP holds an advantageous position on the fourth. The alliance has 24 votes, whereas the BJP commands 28 votes. (KNO)

Omar-led govt

not have been treated the way he has been treated, and now the efforts must be made to ensure his participation in the upcoming Legislative Assembly session," he said.

Replying to a query on a statement by a BJP leader, MP Mehdi said that it shows the party's ill intentions. "They want to further disempower the people of Jammu & Kashmir," he said. (KNO)

BSF recruits showed

The recruits, drawn from different parts of India, took their oath to serve the nation as brave 'Seema Praharis'.

Solomon Yash Kumar Minz, IPS, Inspector General, STC Kashmir, BSF, the chief guest, was welcomed by Commandant Agarwal. IG Minz inspected the ceremonial parade and praised the recruits for their discipline, dedication, and completion of rigorous training.

The ceremony concluded with the oath-taking, where the recruits pledged to uphold the highest values of integrity, courage, and service while protecting the nation's borders. (KNO)

LG lays wreath

in solidarity with the families of our martyrs in this hour of grief," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Massive crackdown

are dangerous," the SSP Ganderbal added. "Such cases often end in tragedy, including suicides, by which point it's often too late for law enforcement to intervene effectively."

The public has been advised to avoid using RSN or any similar gaming or investment platforms suspected of illegal activity.

Authorities have issued a stern warning in case the situation continues to spiral and said that preventive detention under the Public Safety Act (PSA) may be enforced.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ganderbal warned people about the RSN fraud case now under investigation.

He said over 4,500 bank accounts are being

checked by the Crime Branch and ED and notices will go to people's homes. "Don't share personal documents or fall for fake investment promises," he advised.

He added that many youths have been misled by people promising policies or returns. "Families should keep an eye on what their children are doing," he said. (KNO)

Major evacuee

disproportionate, with the evacuee land on Gupkar Road being of high commercial and strategic importance," it reads.

The statement added that mandatory scrutiny by competent authorities and NOC from the Defence Estates were deliberately bypassed, indicating a premeditated conspiracy among involved officials and private beneficiaries. "The acts amount to criminal misconduct, abuse of official position, forgery, and conspiracy to cause wrongful gain to private individuals and wrongful loss to the government. The illegal actions have not only resulted in substantial financial loss to the government but also compromised the integrity of official custodianship over evacuee properties/assets meant to remain under state protection," it added.

Based on the findings, a case under FIR number 19/2025 has been registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar under section 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) of J&K PC Act Svt. 2006 and Section 120-B of RPC.

"The investigation is ongoing to identify the complete chain of conspiracy, determine the extent of illegal financial transactions, and establish individual roles and responsibilities. Further arrests and departmental actions are expected as the case progresses," the spokesman said.

The Bureau has urged the public to remain vigilant and to report any instance of corruption or illegal activity involving public servants to its helpline or through official ACB communication channels. (KNO)

PM Modi launches Rs 35,440-crore 2 big agri schemes

Attacks Congress for 'neglecting' farm sector

PTI

New Delhi, Oct 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched two major agricultural schemes with a combined outlay of Rs 35,440 crore, including a mission for self-reliance in pulses, and called upon farmers to increase production to reduce the country's import dependency and meet global demand.

After inaugurating projects related to agriculture and allied sectors, he said farmers have a critical role to play in realising the vision of a developed India (Viksit Bharat) by 2047.

The event at the Pusa campus coincided with the birth anniversary of socialist reformers Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh.

During his 30-minute address, the Prime Minister compared his government's record with that of the Congress, saying the Opposition party's neglect had led to a weakening of the farming ecosystem, with different departments functioning "in multiple directions without coordination".

Modi launched the Rs 24,000-crore 'Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana' (PM-DDKY) and the Rs 11,440-crore 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses', saying the schemes would "change the fate of millions of farmers".

The two schemes, already approved by the Cabinet, will be implemented from the upcoming rabi (winter) season till 2030-31.

Modi also inaugurated projects valued at over Rs 5,450 crore in agriculture, animal husbandry,



fisheries, and food processing sectors, while laying the foundation stone for additional projects worth around Rs 815 crore.

"You (farmers) have made India self-reliant in foodgrains post-Independence. Now, you have a crucial role in making India a developed nation (Viksit Bharat). On one hand, we have to become self-reliant (in food), while on the other hand we should produce for the global market. Friends, we need to knock the doors of the international market," Modi said, urging farmers to focus on crops that have global demand.

"We have to reduce our imports and should not fall behind in increasing exports," he said, adding that the two new schemes will play a major role in achieving these twin objectives. Modi called on farmers to diversify beyond wheat and rice, focusing on pulses to ensure protein security. Despite being the world's largest pulses producer and consumer, India still depends on imports.

Under the pulses mission, Modi said there is a need to increase pulses acreage by 35 lakh hectares by 2030 to boost production and achieve self-reliance. The mission

targets raising pulses production from the current 252.38 lakh tonne to 350 lakh tonne by 2030-31, thereby reducing import dependency.

Modi said, the PM-DDKY, modelled on the government's Aspirational Districts Programme, will target 100 low-performing agricultural districts and integrate 36 schemes from different ministries.

The scheme will focus on enhancing productivity, promoting crop diversification, improving irrigation and storage facilities, and ensuring credit access. Taking aim at the previous Congress government, Modi accused it of "neglecting" the farm sector, saying the Opposition party lacked "vision" for the growth of this crucial sector.

The neglect led to weakening of the farming ecosystem as each department in the ministry was functioning in multi-directions without coordination, he said.

"The previous government lacked vision for the growth of this crucial sector," Modi said, outlining how his administration had initiated reforms from 'Beej to Bazaar' (Seed to Markets) since 2014, enhanced the farm budget, increased fertiliser

subsidies, and recently reduced GST rates on farm machinery and equipment.

The Prime Minister said these measures had resulted in doubling of farm exports, foodgrain production increasing by 900 lakh tonne, and fruits and vegetables production rising by 640 lakh tonne.

During the event, Modi distributed certificates to farmers certified under the National Mission for Natural Farming, MAITRI technicians, and Primary Agriculture Cooperative Credit Societies (PACS) converted to Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendras (PMKSKs) and Common Service Centres (CSCs).

The event marked important milestones achieved under government initiatives, including 50 lakh farmer memberships in 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), of which 1,100 FPOs recorded an annual turnover of over Rs 1 crore in 2024-25.

Other achievements include the certification of 50,000 farmers under the National Mission for Natural Farming, certification of 38,000 MAITRIs (Multi-Purpose AI Technicians in Rural India), sanction and operationalisation of over 10,000 multipurpose and e-PACS for computerisation, and the formation and strengthening of PACS, dairy, and fishery cooperative societies.

Modi also interacted with farmers engaged in pulses cultivation who have benefitted from various government schemes aimed at establishing a value chain-based approach in agriculture, animal husbandry, and fisheries.

Ban on firecrackers not a new debate, similar proposal was mooted in 1961

PTI

New Delhi, Oct 11: The ban on firecrackers in Delhi is not a new issue. As far back in 1961, concerns over pollution caused by crackers prompted a proposal for a ban, though the government of India did not approve it, according to official records preserved by the Delhi Archives Department.

The proposal, dating back to January 1961, originated from the Deputy Ganj Committee -- one of the industrial market associations in Sadar Bazar, Delhi -- which wrote to the chief commissioner of Delhi, complaining about "noise pollution" caused by large-scale use of fireworks during festivals and other celebrations.

The letter was later forwarded from the office of the chief commissioner, who was the executive head of the national capital functioning under the government of India, to the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply for its consideration, records accessed by PTI showed. More than six decades later, the debate over ban on firecrackers continues.

The Supreme Court on Friday said a

complete ban on bursting of firecrackers in Delhi-NCR is "neither practical nor ideal", as such restrictions are often violated, so a balancing of equities is needed.

The observation, which hinted at relaxation of the ban, was made by a bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran, which reserved its order on a batch of pleas seeking permission to manufacture and sell "green" firecrackers in Delhi-NCR.

In 1961, Delhi's population was just around 26 lakh -- a fraction of the over two crore residents the city has now. Yet, noise pollution caused by firecrackers was a matter of public concern even then.

The Deputy Ganj Committee, in its letter, said the deafening noise from some high-decibel crackers was causing distress to the residents, particularly those with heart ailments.

"During the course of fireworks display, it appears as if a complete warfare is going on outside," the association wrote, adding that the authorities seemed "immune to the situation".

Commemorative coins, stamps of RSS available online

IANs

New Delhi, Oct 11: The commemorative coins to mark the 100th anniversary of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), issued by the Kolkata Mint, are available for purchase online through the official website, <https://indiagovtmint.in/hi/product-category/kolkata-mint/>.

The government of India has launched special commemorative coins and stamps to mark the 100th anniversary of the RSS, a prominent socio-cultural organisation known for its contributions to national unity and service.

The announcement was made by the office of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman via a post on X, highlighting the significance of the



RSS' century-long journey of dedication and social impact.

These coins, designed to honour the RSS' legacy, are expected to become cherished collectibles for enthusiasts and supporters alike.

The special stamps, released alongside the coins, can be obtained at Philately Bureaus across the country, offering philatelists and the public a chance to own a

Indian exporters likely to gain from US-China trade war escalation: Experts

PTI

New Delhi, Oct 11: The escalating trade war between the US and China is expected to benefit Indian exporters in increasing their shipments to the American market, according to experts.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (PTI) President S C Ralhan said that imposition of higher tariffs by the US on China will shift demand towards India, which exported goods worth USD 86 billion to the US in 2024-25.

"We may gain from this escalation," Ralhan said.

The US has announced an additional 100 per cent tariff on Chinese goods starting November 1, 2025, raising the overall tariff rate on Chinese imports to about 130 per cent.

The move came in response to Beijing's October 9, 2025 decision to impose sweeping new controls on rare earth exports, which are indispensable for US defense, electric vehicles, and clean-energy industries.

At present, US tariffs on Indian goods are 50 per cent, more than that of China's 30 per cent.

piece of this historic milestone.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's office emphasised the importance of this milestone, stating on X, "To commemorate 100 years of the foundation of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the Government of India has released special commemorative coins and stamps, honouring a century of service, unity, and dedication."

The initiative has been widely appreciated, with many viewing it as a fitting tribute to an organisation that has shaped India's socio-cultural landscape for a century.

The RSS, founded in 1925 by Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, has grown into one of India's most influential organizations, promoting values of unity, discipline, and selfless service.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT HOSPITAL SHOPIAN (KMR)-192303.

LL: 01933-261845

TENDER NOTICE

Subject: Annual Contract for Supply of Lab Reagents and other Items for the Period of one year (2025-26-27)

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders on rate basis are invited under "TWO BID SYSTEM" from approved and eligible registered Agencies registered in India under relevant Act for Selection of a registered agency for the purpose of Lab Reagents and other Items for the Period of one year (2025-26-27)

Important Dates, EMD & Cost of Tender Fee:

S. No.	Event	Date
01.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-10-2025
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 10-10-2025 to 22-10-2025
03.	Bid Submission Start date	10-10-2025
04.	Bid Submission End date	24-10-2025
05.	Clarification date	10-10-2025 to 22-10-2025
06.	Date and Time of Opening of Bids (Online)	25-10-2025
07.	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 25000/= in the form of CDR
08.	Cost of Tender Document	Rs.1000/= (Rupees Two Thousand Only)

The cost of tender document shall be furnished in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of Medical Superintendent District Hospital Shopian

an Payable at Shopian and Earnest Money Deposit in the shape of CDR pledged to the Medical Superintendent District Hospital Shopian. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on the website www.jktenders.gov.in. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Shopian (tender receiving authority) The bids of the successful bidder shall remain valid for period of one year from the date of issuance of Award of Contract subject to the terms/ conditions/ content laid down in the tender.

Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) are exempted from submission of Bid Security (EMD). See GFR Rule 2017

The rates quoted should be strictly as per units mentioned in BOQ

Sd/-
Medical Superintendent
District Hospital Shopian

NIT No: MS/DH-SPN/Tenders/2025-26/498-501
Dated: - 10- 10-2025

DIPK-7075/25
DATED: 11-10-2025

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District Hospital Shopian

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Dated: - 10- 10-2025

DIPK-7074/25
DATED: 11-10-2025

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION DIVISION PAMPORE

Fresh e-NITNo.09of2025-26

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K e-tenders (Two cover System) are invited bye-tendering mode on item rate basis from established and accredited companies / suppliers / firms for the following work, which should be uploaded on the Procurement web portal<http://jktenders.gov.in>.

S.No.	Name of the work	Amount	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document	Class of Tender	Time of Completion	Head of Account	Tender Receiving Authority
1.	Restoration/Repair/ Replacement and testing of Damaged equipments of AWLR station of Romshi Nallah (Aglar) of P&D Sub-Division Kadiabab	2.70lacs	5400	200	D	30 Days	MH4702	Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore

Position of Funds:

Major Head of Account:

Position of AAA:

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The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz:

Cover 1st (Technical Cover) – Tender fee and Earnest Money details, fulfillment of pre-qualification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender.

Cover 2nd (Financial Cover) – Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities [B.O.Q.], set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given hereunder:

1. Publishing date of NIT	11-10-2025 (06:00 PM)
2. Bid Document Downloading Start Date	11-10-2025 (06:00 PM)
3. Bid Submission Start Date	11-10-2025 (06:00 PM)
4. Pre-bid meeting	18-10-2025
5. Last Date & Time for Uploading (Submission) of Bids	25-10-2025
6. Bid Validity Period	90 Days
7. Deadline for submission of hardcopies	31-10-2025
8. Submission of Additional Performance security.	The successful bidder has to provide 5% of advertised cost as performance security within 07 days after opening of financial bid which shall be released only after the completion of DLP period
8. Date of opening of 1st cover	27-10-2025

Bid documents can be downloaded from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in> from the date of document download start date.

1. The Bids shall be uploaded on the website <https://jktenders.gov.in> from the date of bid submission date to bid closing date.

2. The original copy of EMD, DD, and other documents as specified in tender document must reach the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore through registered / speed post / by hand prior to one day of opening of the 1st cover of the tender up to 1400 Hrs. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in delivery of the documents.

3. The complete bidding process will be online through <https://jktenders.gov.in>.

4. The Cover-I shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore (Tender Inviting Authority).

5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore, date of which shall be communicated separately.

6. Bids must be accompanied with proof of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury receipt / e-Challan under M.H. 0701-PWD Remittance in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore (Tender Inviting Authority). Bid security will have to be in the form of CDR / FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for five years or more after last date of receipt of Bid, to be pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore.

7. The tenderer shall keep his offer valid for acceptance for a minimum period of 90 days from the date of opening of Price bid. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid / tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

9. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process:

a. The interested bidder can download the NIT / bidding document from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

b. Bidders are advised to scan their documents at 100 DPI (Dots per Inch) resolutions with Black and White, JPEG scan properly, convert scanned images to PDF

c. The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Irrigation Construction Division
Pampore

No. PICD/2384-2401
Dated: - 11-10-2025

DIPK-7090/25
DATED: 11-10-2025

White House lays off thousands of US govt workers, blaming shutdown

REUTERS

Washington, Oct 11: President Donald Trump on Friday blamed Democrats for his decision to lay off thousands of workers across the US government as he followed through on his threat to cut the federal workforce during the government shutdown.

Job cuts were under way at the Treasury Department, the US health agency, the Internal Revenue Service and the departments of education, commerce, and Homeland Security's cybersecurity division, spokespeople said, but the total extent of the layoffs was not immediately clear. Roughly 300,000 federal civilian workers had already been set to leave their jobs this year due to a downsizing campaign initiated earlier this year by Trump.

"They started this thing," Trump told reporters during an event in the Oval Office, calling the job cuts "Democrat-oriented."

Trump's Republicans hold majorities in both chambers of Congress, but need Democratic votes in the US Senate to pass any measure that would fund the government.

Democrats are holding out for an extension of health-insurance subsidies, arguing health costs will increase dramatically for many of the



24 million Americans who get their coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to fire federal workers during the shutdown standoff, in its 10th day on Friday, and has suggested his administration will aim primarily at parts of the government championed by Democrats.

Trump has also ordered the freezing of at least \$28 billion in infrastructure funds for New York, California and Illinois — all home to sizable populations of Democratic voters and critics of the administration.

The Justice Department

said in a court filing more than 4,200 federal employees had gotten layoff notices at seven agencies, including more than 1,400 at the Treasury Department and at least 1,100 at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Democrats said they will not cave to Trump's pressure tactics.

"Until Republicans get serious, they own this — every job lost, every family hurt, every service gutted is because of their decisions," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said. Labor unions representing federal workers have sued to stop the layoffs, saying they would be illegal during

a shutdown.

The administration said in a Friday court filing that the unions' request should be denied because they lack the legal right to sue over federal personnel decisions.

A federal judge is due to hear the case on October 15.

The government is required by law to give workers 60 days' notice ahead of any layoffs, though that can be shortened to 30 days.

Some Republicans objected to the layoffs, including Senator Susan Collins, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"Regardless of whether federal employees have been

working without pay or have been furloughed, their work is incredibly important to serving the public," Collins said in a statement.

Earlier in the day, White House budget director Russell Vought wrote on social media that: "The RIFs had begun," referring to so-called reductions in force. A spokesperson for the budget office characterized the cuts as "substantial," without offering further details.

The announcement came on the same day that many federal workers were due to get reduced paychecks that do not include any pay for the days since the shutdown began. Hundreds of thousands have been ordered not to report to work, while others have been ordered to keep working without pay. The nation's 2 million active-duty troops will miss their October 15 paycheck entirely if the shutdown is not resolved before then.

Employees across multiple divisions of the Department of Health and Human Services have received layoff notices, communications director Andrew Nixon said. The 78,000 workers at the sprawling agency monitor disease outbreaks, fund medical research, and perform a wide range of other health-related duties.

Trump to visit Israel, Egypt as Gaza deal secures hostages, peace efforts

ANI



Washington, Oct 11: US President Donald Trump on Friday (local time) outlined his upcoming visits to Israel and Egypt, following the Israeli government's approval of phase one of the Gaza peace plan.

Describing the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas as a "great deal" for the world, Trump said that the deal would secure the release of hostages and the return of approximately 28 bodies.

"It is a great deal for Israel, but it's a great deal for everybody, for Arabs, for Muslims, everybody, for the world. On Monday, the hostages come back. They're in some pretty rough places under Earth. Only a few people know where they are... They're also getting approximately 28 bodies. Some of those bodies are being unearthed right now as we speak. It's a tragedy. I'll be going to Israel. I'll be speaking at the Knesset. Then I'm also going to Egypt. Everybody

wants this deal to happen," Trump told reporters at the White House.

Trump added that the agreement represents a broader step towards peace in the Middle East.

"I think Gaza is going to be rebuilt. There are some very wealthy countries there. It would take a small fraction of their wealth to do that. Gaza is very important, but this is beyond Gaza. This is peace in the Middle East. It is a beautiful thing," the US President said while noting that he will address the Knesset during his visit.

Earlier, the Israeli government voted in favour of a ceasefire and hostage release agreement under US President Donald Trump's 20-point Gaza Peace Plan, CNN reported. This came as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu initially convened Israel's security cabinet to discuss the decision, and subsequently, held a meeting with ministers.

US targets Iran's energy trade; 8 Indian nationals, several firms sanctioned

PTI

Washington, Oct 11: Eight Indian nationals and several India-based firms are among the over 50 entities and persons sanctioned by the US for allegedly facilitating Iranian energy trade, according to an official statement.

The State Department imposed sanctions on approximately 40 entities, individuals and vessels to "deny the Iranian regime funds it uses to conduct its malign activity," the department said in a press release on Thursday.

While the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) concurrently imposed sanctions on over 50 entities, persons and vessels involved in exporting Iranian petroleum and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to global markets.

The lists released by the two



departments included eight Indian nationals, who were added to Washington's list of "Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) and Blocked Persons". Those on the list are barred from doing business with Americans and face

restrictions on entry to the US.

Those sanctioned include Niti Unmesh Bhatt, whose India-based Indisol Marketing Private Limited was also sanctioned.

The petrochemical trading company imported

approximately USD 74 million worth of Iranian-origin petrochemical products from a US-designated firm between January and December 2024.

Also on the list was Piyush Maganlal Javiya, whose Chemovick Private Limited petrochemical trading company was also sanctioned. It imported more than USD 7 million worth of Iranian-origin petrochemical products from a US-designated firm between 2024 and 2025.

Kamla Kanayalal Kasat, Kunal Kanayalal Kasat and Poonam Kunal Kasat were also on the list. Their company, Hareesh Petrochem Private Limited imported approximately USD 10 million worth of Iranian-origin petrochemical products from multiple companies between January 2024 and February 2025. All three, as well as their company, were sanctioned.

Shubman ton, Jadeja's scalps take India towards another early finish

PTI

New Delhi, Oct 11: Shubman Gill the batter led the way with his 10th century and then the captain gave his strike-bowler Ravindra Jadeja enough time to tighten the noose on West Indies as India galloped towards another comprehensive victory in the second Test, here Saturday.

Gill (129 not out) cruised to his century in the post-lunch session but without caring for an easy double hundred which looked inevitable against a poor bowling attack.

He declared the Indian innings with hosts reaching 518 for five, one hour into post lunch session.

What stood out on the day was how 'Gill the batter' and 'Gill the skipper' were in perfect sync.

The skipper didn't let the 'batter' take over in pursuit of personal glory even though there was enough time at his disposal to beef up his personal statistics. Despite the pitch not having any significant wear and tear, it was still good enough for Ravindra Jadeja (3/37) to work his magic in tandem with Kuldeep Yadav (1/45), reducing West Indies to 140 for four in 43 overs.

For Viv Richards and Brian Lara, seated in the stands, watching the application from some of the



Caribbean batters certainly wouldn't have been amusing.

John Campbell would consider himself extremely unlucky for the way he got dismissed. His full-blooded sweep that should have gone for a boundary, rammed into Sai Sudharsan's knuckle and got stuck as he was trying an evasive action.

But Tagenarine Chanderpaul (34) and Alick Athanaze (41) added 66 runs before Jadeja and Kuldeep struck in quick succession.

Chanderpaul perished while trying to open the face of the bat as he dabbed one down to third man and was caught in slips by KL Rahul.

FIFA World Cup qualifiers Mbappe withdraws due to ankle injury



PARIS: France captain Kylian Mbappe has withdrawn from Monday's World Cup qualifier against Iceland due to a right ankle injury sustained during his side's 3-0 victory over Azerbaijan, the French Football Federation (FFF) said on Saturday.

The 26-year-old forward, in scintillating form this season with 14 goals in 10 appearances for Real Madrid, sustained the injury in the 83rd minute of the Azerbaijan game after scoring one goal and assisting in another.

"The national coach (Didier Deschamps) has confirmed his withdrawal. Kylian Mbappe has been made available to his club and will not be replaced," FFF said in a statement.

France, who leads Group D with a perfect record of nine points from three matches, will travel to Reykjavik to face third-placed Iceland.

Can never forget loss to NZ at home: Gambhir



PTI

New Delhi, Oct 11: The 0-3 loss to New Zealand at home last year still haunts India head coach Gautam Gambhir and he also doesn't want his players to forget that rare drubbing in Tests as they build for the future.

The loss to New Zealand was India's first series defeat in 12 years.

"If I am being honest, and speak from the heart, I don't think that in my coaching tenure, I can ever forget that, and I should not forget that. I have told this to the boys as well, it is important to look forward,

but sometimes it is also important to remember the past as well.

"Everyone thought that we would roll over New Zealand. In that dressing room, we need to keep reminding that New Zealand happened," Gambhir told JioHotstar.

The whitewash dented India's chances of playing in a third consecutive New Zealand Championship (WTC) final. On the subsequent away series to Australia too, India came up short. That series ended up being the last for greats Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and R Ashwin who said goodbye to the longest format.

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