



Ensure Indian consumers don't bear brunt of West Asia oil crisis: PM Modi to ministers

Jaishankar, Puri, Sitharaman, Goyal meet PM as petroleum prices rise sharply

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 10: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday met some top ministers and asked them to work together to ensure Indian consumers do not suffer from the impact of the West Asia conflict on the supply and price of petroleum products, sources said.

Amid rising tensions in West Asia ever since the United States and Israel attacked Iran, oil prices have risen substantially and there have been apprehensions about a possible shortage of petroleum products, including LPG, in India.

The sources said that Prime Minister Modi has been proactive in ensuring that Indian consumers do not face the brunt of higher petroleum prices, as India is a net importer of crude



oil and natural gas.

They said that the prime minister told the ministers to work in coordination and ensure that there is no shortage of petroleum products and LPG.

PM Modi met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and

discussed the energy situation in the country.

The sources said India, which sources a lot of its energy products from West Asia, has now diversified its procurement from other countries as well and is sourcing them from the US, Russia, Venezuela, Australia and other Oceanic countries.

Amid the West Asia crisis, India has said that LPG production, CNG and piped cooking gas will take precedence over all other sectors using natural gas, as the government rejigged allocation to ensure uninterrupted supply for households and transport sectors.

As the widening conflict disrupted 30 per cent of India's gas supply, the oil ministry, in a gazette notification, ordered available gas to be diverted from non-priority | [More on P6](#)

President, PM greet CM Omar on birthday



Narendra Modi @narendramodi · 2h Greetings to Jammu and Kashmir CM Shri Omar Abdullah Ji on his birthday. May he be blessed with a long life and wonderful health. @OmarAbdullah

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 10: President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on his birthday on Tuesday and wished him a long life and wonderful health.

Former union minister Abdullah, the two-time

chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, turned 56 on Tuesday.

According to officials, the President spoke to Abdullah over the phone and conveyed her best wishes.

The prime minister took to X to greet the chief minister on his birthday.

"Greetings to Jammu and Kashmir CM Shri Omar Abdullah Ji | [More on P6](#)

Time for UCC, says SC

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 10: The Supreme Court on Tuesday observed that the time has come for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) as it termed a plea seeking striking down of provisions of the Shariat law of 1937 for being discriminatory to Muslim women as a "very good case" which advisably only the legislature should look into.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and R Mahadevan said if the court struck down the Shariat inheritance law, it would create a legal vacuum, as there is no statutory law governing Muslim inheritance.

CJI Kant told advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for petitioners, "In our over-anxiety for reforms, we may end up depriving them, and they might end up getting less than what they are already getting. If the Shariat Act of 1937 goes away, then what is the question? Will it not create an unnecessary void?"

Justice Bagchi said, "You have a very good case on discrimination, but would it not be appropriate for the court to defer it to the wisdom | [More on P6](#)

Army foils infiltration bid, terrorist killed

Searches launched in Samba after suspected drone activity near IB

Sajid Raina

Jammu, Mar 10: Army on Tuesday said that it foiled an infiltration bid by killing a terrorist along the Line of Control in the Nowshera sector of Rajouri district.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that alert troops detected the movement of two suspected terrorists in the Jhangar area of Nowshera around 3 pm. "Troops engaged the infiltrators, resulting in an encounter in which one terrorist was killed," he added. "The operation was launched

by Army's White Knight Corps, which is responsible for operations in the region," he said, adding, "After the attempt was foiled the area was cordoned off to track the second terrorist believed to have fled towards the nearby forests."

Search operations were continuing in the area when this report was filed.

Meanwhile, security forces launched a search operation in Samba district after suspected drone activity was detected near the International Border late Monday night. Officials said | [More on P6](#)

Rains, snow end prolonged dry spell in Kashmir

- Gurez road closed for traffic
- MeT predicts light rain, snowfall till March 11
- Avalanche warning issued for higher reaches

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Mar 10: Rains lashed several parts of Kashmir while higher reaches received fresh snowfall, ending a prolonged dry spell that had persisted for months and bringing relief to residents and farmers across the Valley.

Officials told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that light rainfall was



recorded in parts of central Kashmir, including Srinagar and Budgam, while moderate to heavy showers were witnessed in several areas of north

and south Kashmir. The higher reaches, including the Sonamarg-Zojila axis, Sinthan Top, Sadhna Top, Peer Ki Gali | [More on P6](#)

J&K Govt disengages 3 Jal Shakti Dept workers over alleged terror links

KNO Correspondent

Srinagar, Mar 10: The Jammu and Kashmir Jal Shakti Department has ordered the immediate disengagement of three workers over their alleged involvement in anti-national and subversive activities.

According to separate orders, copies of which are in possession of the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Kousar Hussain Bhagwan (NBCL) and Liyaqat Ali Bhagwan (NBCL), involved in FIR No. 230/2019 under UAPA Sections 13, 18, 19, 38, 39, and Showkat Ahmad Zargar (DRW), involved in FIR No. 53/2019 under

Sections 307 RPC, 7/27 Arms Act and UAPA Sections 16, 18 have been removed from their services.

The orders stated that they have been disengaged after investigations revealed their alleged links to terrorism, terrorist acts, conspiracy to commit terrorist acts, harbouring terrorists, and membership/support of a terrorist organization, and

The government stated that these actions were taken "in the interest of administration."

Kousar is a need based casual labourer and posted at Huller, PHE Sub-Division Kishtwara, Liyaqat is also | [More on P6](#)

No official evacuation plan

Stranded Indian students in Iran prepare for complex Armenia route

Many booked tickets on own | Embassy to facilitate entry | First batch likely to reach Delhi on Mar 15

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar, Mar 10: Indian medical students stranded in Iran, including dozens from Jammu and Kashmir, are preparing to return home through a complicated Armenia route after the Indian Embassy in Tehran declined to announce a formal evacuation plan, leaving students to book their own tickets and bear most of the travel expenses themselves.

According to the latest update shared with students by



the Embassy, those willing to leave Iran may travel via the

Armenia border, but only after fulfilling a set of conditions.

Students must first book their own flight tickets from Armenia to New Delhi and submit a confirmed ticket with the PNR number to the Embassy, states the advisory, accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

"Only after verification will the Embassy inform them when they may travel from their current location to the Armenian border. No student will be permitted to | [More on P6](#)

Tulip garden to open March 16 with 1.8 million blooms across 70 varieties

Flower bed count raised from 35 to 42 per patch for more vibrant floral display

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Mar 10: The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, also recognised as Asia's largest tulip garden, will open for visitors on March 16, officials from the Floriculture Department said on Tuesday.

The garden, located on the foothills of the beautiful Zabarwan Range and the beautiful Dal Lake, has been fully prepared to welcome tourists



and locals for the much-awaited tulip season.

Director Floriculture Kashmir Mathoora Masoom told

news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the decision to open the garden has been taken as tulips have | [More on P6](#)

Spinal disc problems rising among Kashmiri youth, doctors blame sedentary lifestyle

Patients relying on painkillers instead of seeking early treatment, warn specialists

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar, Mar 10: Spinal disc problems, once largely a complaint of old age, are increasingly being diagnosed among young and middle-aged people in Kashmir. Doctors say sedentary lifestyles, excessive screen time and poor posture are driving the surge.

Medical experts say the human spine is made up of small bones called vertebrae, with soft cushion-like structures called intervertebral discs

between them. These discs act as shock absorbers and help the spine move smoothly. When a disc becomes damaged, slips out of place, or bulges, it can press against nearby nerves, causing severe pain and other complications—commonly referred to as a slipped disc, disc bulge, or herniated disc.

Speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Dr Tufail Ahmad, an orthopaedic specialist, said the shift in patient profile had been striking. "Earlier we

mostly saw disc-related issues in elderly patients, but now people in their twenties and thirties are coming with severe back pain caused by disc bulges or herniation," he said.

Dr Arshid Ahmad, a physiotherapist, said prolonged sitting is a primary culprit. "Many people spend long hours sitting in offices, driving vehicles or using smartphones and laptops. When the spine remains in one position for a long time without proper posture, the pressure on spinal discs



increases," he said.

He added that declining physical fitness had compounded the problem. "People are becoming less physically active. Weak back and abdominal muscles fail to support the spine properly, which increases the chances of disc damage," he said.

Doctors further said that sudden heavy lifting, poor sleeping posture, obesity and vitamin deficiencies contribute to disc problems. "In Kashmir, we also see patients

who develop back issues due to improper lifting of heavy loads or sudden twisting movements, especially among labourers and farmers," they said.

Common symptoms include persistent lower back pain, pain radiating to the legs or arms, numbness or tingling, muscle weakness and difficulty standing or walking for extended periods. In severe cases, untreated disc problems can lead to chronic pain and nerve damage.

"If a disc | [More on P6](#)

Javid Dar meets public delegations in Jammu

Assures priority redress of border area issues



KT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, MARCH 10: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, on Tuesday met several public delegations at the Civil Secretariat here and listened to

their issues and demands concerning development and community welfare.

During the interaction, a delegation, as per an official statement, led by former Sarpanch Naresh Kumar Bittu, apprised the Minister of various pressing concerns related to

development works in the border areas of Suchetgarh, Arnia and R.S. Pura. The delegation highlighted the urgent need for improvement of road infrastructure, augmentation of animal husbandry facilities, Agriculture and strengthening of other essential public services in these areas.

The members of the delegation also stressed that border villages require focused attention in terms of infrastructure development and better access to government services, given their strategic importance and unique challenges.

The Minister gave a patient hearing to the issues raised by the delegation and appreciated their proactive role in highlighting the concerns of the local population. He assured them that all genuine demands would be examined and addressed in a phased and time-bound manner, with priority being accorded to issues affecting basic infrastructure and livelihood.

Japanese Sericulture scientists visit CSB-CSR&TI Pampore, P4-BSF Manasbal



KT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, March 10: A high-level delegation of sericulture experts from Japan and India visited the Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute (CS-R&TI), Pampore, yesterday, to review the progress of the ongoing Indo-Japan collaborative research project in sericulture.

The delegation, as per PIB statement, was led by Dr. Shuichiro Tomita of the National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO), Japan, and Dr. S. Manthira Moorthy, Director (Technical), Central Silk Board, Government of India and was received by Dr. N. Sakthivel, Director, CSR&TI, Pampore.

During the visit, the delegation

reviewed various research and developmental activities being undertaken under the Indo-Japan collaboration. The visiting scientists also toured the Seri Museum at the institute, which showcases the history, culture and technological advancements in temperate sericulture. The delegation appreciated the institute's efforts in promoting scientific research and knowledge dissemination in the sericulture sector.

The delegation visited the P4-Basic Seed Farm (BSF) at Manasbal where they examined the mulberry germplasm resources maintained at the farm. The scientists showed keen interest in the conservation and scientific management of mulberry genetic resources and reviewed the ongoing sericulture activities at the farm.

The visit concluded on a positive note, with both sides emphasizing that such scientific exchanges strengthen cooperation between India and Japan and facilitate the sharing of advanced technologies, research findings and innovative practices for the advancement of the sericulture sector.

CS pushes for fast-track recruitment to fill vacancies across departments

Takes note of bottlenecks affecting certain recruitments in JKPCS and JKSSB

KT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, MARCH 10: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the status of vacancies and the progress of recruitments being undertaken through the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) and the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) across various departments of the Union Territory.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by the concerned Administrative Secretaries; Chairperson, JKSSB; Secretary, JKPCS and other concerned representatives from different departments.

While reviewing the progress, the Chief Secretary stressed the need for expeditious filling of all critical vacancies to strengthen governance and improve public service delivery. He called upon all Administrative Secretaries to hold regular follow-up meetings with their departments and recruitment agencies to ensure that pending issues are resolved and vacancies are filled at the earliest. He emphasized that timelines



fixed for ongoing recruitment drives must be strictly adhered to, and directed that all posts received by the recruiting agencies should be advertised without delay.

The Chief Secretary further advised the recruiting agencies to prepare and publish examination calendars simultaneously, enabling aspirants to have clarity regarding the schedule of examinations and adequate time to prepare.

During the review, the Chief Secretary also took note of several bottlenecks affecting certain recruitments in JKPCS and JKSSB. He examined each issue in detail and directed the concerned departments to issue necessary clarifications and resolve procedural hurdles immediately so that the recruitment process is not delayed. Observing that

prolonged recruitment cycles often create uncertainty for job aspirants, the Chief Secretary underscored the importance of conducting recruitment within a defined time-frame. He noted that a predictable recruitment cycle would allow applicants to plan their careers better and reduce anxiety among candidates.

During the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), M.Raju presented a comprehensive overview of vacant posts across government departments. The data revealed that a total of 40,661 posts are currently vacant in different departments, including 3,808 Gazetted, 24,507 Non-Gazetted, and 12,351 Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) posts.

Among major

departments, Health & Medical Education accounts for a significant share of vacancies with 2,497 Gazetted, 8,088 Non-Gazetted and 2,712 MTS posts, while other departments with substantial vacancies include Agriculture Production, Power Development, Finance, Revenue, Forest, Public Works (R&B) and Youth Services & Sports.

While reviewing the recruitment being undertaken by the JKSSB for Non-Gazetted and MTS posts the Chairperson SSB, Vikas Kundal revealed that since 2019 the Board has received 46,744 posts, out of which 9,260 were withdrawn, leaving 37,484 posts for recruitment. The Board has already completed selections for 32,956 posts, including 27,449 selections pertaining to this period.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR MINING DEPARTMENT Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Issuance of Tentative Seniority List in respect of Drillers, Geology and Mining Department as it stood on 01.01.2026.

NOTIFICATION

No: GM- MNG/204/2025-04

Dated: 09.03.2026

Whereas, vide Government Order No. 35- IND of 2016 dated 26.02.2016, the final seniority list of Driller was issued, as it stood on 01.07.2015; and Whereas, the seniority list is required to be updated by excluding the names of the officers, who have either been promoted to next higher posts or have retired on superannuation and by including those who have been appointed on the posts by way of direct recruitment or promotion; and Whereas, in terms of Geology and Mining Gazetted Service Recruitment Rules notified vide SRO 142 of 1992 dated: 19.06.1992, the method of recruitment to the post of Driller is 20% by Direct Recruitment and 80% by promotion, the promotion from Drillers Grade-II Gazetted, if no eligible candidate is available, then from the category of Drilling Assistant with a minimum of 05 years service as such; and Whereas, sanction/cadre strength of the posts of Driller are 23, out of which 20 are filled and 03 are vacant; and Whereas, Mr. Rahul Sethi has been appointed as Driller vide Government Order No. 30- JK(MNG) of 2025 dated 30.04.2025 under direct recruitment quota (20%) as envisaged under rules by the J&K Public Service Commission; and Whereas, on the basis of the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee/Public Service Commission, following Officers were promoted to the post of Driller in the Geology and Mining Department vide Government Order No. 13- MNG of 2021 dated 22.04.2021, Government Order No. 39- JK(MNG) of 2023 dated: 30.08.2023 and Government Order No. 05- JK(MNG) of 2026 dated 07.01.2026:-

1. Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Malla.
2. Mr. Abdul Majid Wani.
3. Mr. Mohd. Yousuf Parra.
4. Mr. Faisal Masood Wani.
5. Mr. Zulfikar M. Shafi (RBA).
6. Mr. Rakesh Kumar (SC).
7. Mr. Varinder Singh.
8. Mr. Naseer Ahmad Bhat.
9. Ms. Kousar Nissa.
10. Ms. Shiney Suriya.
11. Mr. Irfan Rasool Mir.
12. Mr. Sajad-ul-Qayoom Ganai.
13. Mr. Naveen Kumar.
14. Mr. Ranjeet Singh.
15. Mr. Mohd Imtiaz.

Whereas, Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Malla, Driller, has died in harness, Mr. Abdul Majid Wani, Mr. Mohd Yousuf Parra, Mr. Naseer Ahmad Bhat, Driller(s) and Mr. Rakesh Koul, I/c Drilling Engineer, have retired on superannuation pension after attaining the age of 60 years. Therefore, their names cannot be included in the instant seniority list of Drillers as it stood on 01.01.2026.

Now, therefore, following tentative seniority list in respect of Driller of Geology and Mining Department, as it stood on 01.01.2026, is hereby notified for inviting objections, if any, from the concerned within a period of 21 days and no objections shall be entertained, after the expiry date of tentative seniority list:-

TENTATIVE SENIORITY LIST OF DRILLERS (As on 01.01.2026)

S. No.	Name of the Officer (S/Shri)	Designation	Qualification	Date of Birth	Date of Entry into Government Service	Date of Appointment to the Present Post/Grade as Driller
01.	Jatinder Singh Kapoor	I/c Drilling Engineer	B.E. (Mining)	20-12-1973	04-10-2000	14-06-2007
02.	Mukhtar Ahmad	Driller	B.E. (Mechanical)	08-09-1976	06-09-2010	06-09-2010
03.	Ankur Sachdev	Driller	B. Tech. (Mechanical)	14-01-1987	27-12-2012	27-12-2012
04.	Altaf-ul Rasool	Driller	B. Tech. (Mechanical)	05-07-1986	27-12-2012	27-12-2012
05.	Vishal Dogra	Driller	B. Tech. (Mechanical)	18-11-1987	27-12-2012	27-12-2012
06.	Sartaj Ahmad	Driller	B.E. (Mechanical)	10-03-1973	14-12-2007	05-03-2014
07.	Shafiq Ahmad Choudhary	Driller	B.E. (Mechanical)	05-04-1980	14-12-2007	05-03-2014
08.	Bodh Raj	Driller	B.E. (Mechanical)	01-06-1973	14-12-2007	05-03-2014
09.	Faisal Masood Wani	Driller	B.E. Agricultural Engineering, M. Tech.	11-08-1986	13-06-2011	02-01-2018
10.	Zulfikar Mohd. Shafi	Driller	B.E. (Mechanical)	22-10-1977	13-06-2011	02-02-2018
11.	Rakesh Kumar	Driller	Diploma in Mechanical	29-05-1977	26-04-2007	10-09-2018
12.	Varinder Singh	Driller	B.A., ITI Diesel Mechanical	24-04-1972	24-05-2000	10-09-2018
13.	Kousar Nissa	Driller	Diploma in Agri. Engg.	21-12-1979	29-09-2008	22-04-2021
14.	Shiney Suriya	Driller	Diploma in Agri. Engg.	29-12-1978	17-10-2008	22-04-2021
15.	Irfan Rasool Mir	Driller	B.E. Mechanical	01-04-1976	17-10-2008	24-06-2022
16.	Sajad Ul Qayoom Ganai	Driller	Diploma in Agri. Engg.	25-03-1977	17-10-2008	24-06-2022
17.	Naveen Kumar (SC)	Driller	B.Tech. Mechanical	22-04-1971	31-10-2008	11-06-2024
18.	Ranjit Singh (RBA)	Driller	10+2 with ITI Motor Mechanical	08-07-1974	16-10-2003	11-06-2024
19.	Mohd. Imtiaz (ALC)	Driller	B.E Mechanical	01-08-1984	03-01-2018	24-07-2024
20.	Rahul Sethi	Driller	M. Tech (Manufacturing and Automobile)	31-03-1991	30-04-2025	30-04-2025

Note: The date of birth mentioned in the notification shall not be taken as final and shall be subject to further verification of Service Book/record and Date of Birth certificate.

Dated: 09.03.2026

DIPK-11754/25
DATED: 10-03-2026

Sd/-
(Ashwani Kumar)
IAS
Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary)

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CS reviews migrant rehabilitation measures Stresses improved grievance redressal mechanism

KT NEWS DESK

Jammu, Mar 10: Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Tuesday in a high-level review meeting assessed the progress achieved in implementation of key welfare measures for the rehabilitation and resettlement of migrant populations of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting, convened by the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRR&R), reviewed multiple initiatives aimed at strengthening relief, housing and social security support for various categories of displaced persons in the Union Territory.

The meeting besides Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti; ACS, Power Development, ACS, Finance and ACS, Public Works and Principal Secretary, DMRR&R was also attended by Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration, Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services & Sports; Commissioner Secretary, Law Department; Secretary IT; Secretary Revenue; Development Commissioner (Works); Relief Commissioner; Director FCS&CA, Jammu; and other senior officers. The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and concerned Deputy Commissioners participated through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took a comprehensive review of the range of measures undertaken by the government from time to time for the rehabilitation of



different migrant categories including Kashmiri Pandits, West Pakistani Refugees and displaced persons who migrated from PoJK.

A detailed assessment was also made regarding the implementation of the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP-2015) and the steps being taken to improve delivery of services to Kashmiri migrants, Jammu migrants and other displaced persons residing in the Union Territory.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the status of construction of transit accommodation being developed across various districts of the Kashmir Valley for migrant employees recruited under the relief package. Taking a location-wise appraisal from the executing agencies, he directed them to ensure

completion of these projects within the stipulated timelines and with all required facilities in place.

He also reviewed the status of Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) in respect of employees appointed under the relief package. He observed that necessary clarifications and directions have already been issued to address procedural bottlenecks faced by departments and stressed that there should be no further delay in granting employees their rightful benefits as per the rules in force.

The meeting also assessed the progress achieved in implementing key welfare decisions including inclusion of migrant families in the National Food Security Act database,

extension of Ayushman Bharat Golden Card benefits to eligible beneficiaries and the provision of funds for repair and maintenance of dwelling units allotted to migrants at different locations in Jammu.

Issues relating to allotment of accommodation to migrant employees posted in different districts of the Kashmir Valley, delegation of powers to officers in the Relief Organisation for issuance of required certificates and the need for construction of additional flats for migrant families in Jammu were also deliberated upon.

Emphasizing the importance of responsive grievance redressal, the Chief Secretary directed the Deputy Commissioners to ensure quality disposal of complaints registered by migrants on the dedicated portal regarding their immovable properties and assets left behind in the Valley. He instructed the Relief Commissioner to depute officers to districts to monitor the grievance disposal process and stressed that affected individuals should be taken into confidence while resolving such issues on merit.

Principal Secretary, DMRR&R, Chandraker Bharti informed the meeting that a final timeline has been fixed for completion of the remaining blocks of transit accommodation across the Valley. Out of a total of 6,000 flats planned under the project, 4,128 flats have already been completed, while the remaining 1,872 flats have been phased for completion in stages with 584 flats to be completed by the end of March, 832 by June and 456 by

September this year.

He further apprised that the two-storey Community Hall at Jagti is nearing completion with about 90 percent of the work already executed. Regarding the PoJK Bhawan project, he stated that the complex comprising an Administrative Block, Amphitheatre and Balidan Stambhis expected to be completed by January next year.

The meeting was also informed that land has been identified at Purkhoo for construction of additional flats for migrant families. It was added that around 25,000 applications from ration card holders have been received for inclusion in the NFSA database and the process is being expedited with additional manpower deployed by the concerned department to complete it before April this year.

Additionally, the meeting was told that special outreach camps have been organized in major cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Pune and Chandigarh to facilitate registration of migrant families for Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards, ensuring that no eligible beneficiary is left out of the scheme.

The meeting also discussed several other issues concerning the migrant community including issuance of migrant certificates to children of women married to non-migrant persons, augmentation of staff in the office of the Relief Commissioner, municipal services in migrant camps and other matters raised during the deliberations.

Dr Singla reviews MeghRaj Cloud Services rollout

KT NEWS DESK

Jammu, Mar 10: In a significant step towards modernizing Jammu and Kashmir's IT ecosystem, Secretary Information Technology Department (ITD) Dr. Piyush Singla on Tuesday chaired a high level meeting to review the hiring process and operationalization of MeghRaj Cloud Services.

This flagship initiative, part of the National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI)'s MeghRaj Cloud framework, is designed to provide scalable, secure and cost-effective cloud infrastructure, enabling seamless digital governance, data management and service delivery across government departments.

The meeting saw participation from key stakeholders including the CEO, Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA); Special Secretary, IT Department; Deputy Secretary, IT Department; representatives from NIC and NICSI and other officers.

Discussions focused on the project's current

status, timelines and challenges in implementation.

Secretary IT emphasized the importance of holding regular meetings of the cloud committee to maintain momentum. He stressed proper utilization of allocated resources, ensuring smooth onboarding of cloud services for all eligible departments and prioritizing cybersecurity and data security measures. "MeghRaj will be a game-changer for J&K, reducing dependency on legacy systems and fostering innovation in public service delivery," Dr. Singla stated.

The successful execution of the MoU represents a pivotal milestone, paving the way for departments to migrate workloads to the cloud, enhancing data security, disaster recovery and real-time analytics. Future phases will prioritize capacity building and robust cybersecurity protocols.

The IT Department remains committed to drive J&K's digital transformation, aligning with national goals under the Digital India initiative.

KCCI expresses concern over commercial LPG cylinders shortage

KNO

Srinagar, Mar 10: The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has sought urgent intervention of the Central Government to ensure the immediate restoration of adequate supplies of commercial LPG cylinders to hotels, restaurants and catering establishments across the Valley.

In a statement, a KCCI spokesman expressed serious concern over the shortage of commercial LPG cylinders being reported by stakeholders in the hospitality sector following the March 9 order issued by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas prioritising LPG supply for domestic consumers.

The Chamber said that while the Government's objective of ensuring uninterrupted LPG supply to households across the country is understandable and appreciated, the

implementation of the directive appears to have resulted in an unintended shortage of commercial LPG cylinders used by hotels and restaurants.

The KCCI said several hotel and restaurant associations have informed the Chamber that they are facing serious difficulties in procuring commercial LPG cylinders from suppliers. Many establishments have indicated that if the situation persists, they may be forced to temporarily suspend their operations.

The Chamber pointed out that hotels and restaurants largely depend on LPG as their primary source of fuel and do not have any conventional alternative methods of cooking at the scale required for commercial operations. Any disruption in LPG supply, therefore, directly affects their ability to continue services.

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From The Parliament

Over 90% land records in J&K digitally mapped: GoI



RAJA SYED RATHER

Srinagar, Mar 10: The Government of India on Tuesday informed the Lok Sabha that over 90 percent land parcels in Jammu & Kashmir have been geo-referenced under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP).

According to the details shared by Union Minister for Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan, a total of 68,36,683 land parcels have been identified in Jammu & Kashmir, out of which 62,00,609 parcels (90.70

percent) have already been geo-referenced.

The Minister said the geo-referencing of cadastral maps is being carried out under DILRMP to ensure precise land boundaries and minimise disputes related to land ownership.

He said the Centre has been implementing the programme with 100 percent financial assistance since 2016-17 to modernise and digitise land records and the registration process across States and Union Territories, including Jammu & Kashmir.

The government further

informed that Record of Rights (RoR) and other land records have been digitised and made accessible online through respective State and UT portals to provide real-time land information to citizens.

According to the reply, digitised land records are maintained by respective States and UTs with secure servers and prescribed data protection measures, while the Centre is also supporting awareness programmes and training initiatives to improve access and usage of digital land records—(KNO)

'PMGSY connects 99% eligible rural habitations'



REHAN QAYOOM MIR

Srinagar, Mar 10: The Government of India on Tuesday said that more than 99 percent of eligible rural habitations in Jammu & Kashmir have been connected with all-weather roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Replying to an unstarred question in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Rural Development Kamlesh Paswan said that out of 2,140 eligible habitations in Jammu & Kashmir, as many as 2,132 have been provided road connectivity so far.

The government said that the PMGSY programme, launched in 2000, has connected 1,62,802 out of 1,63,288 eligible habitations across the country, achieving around 99.7

percent connectivity.

The Minister further informed that under PMGSY-III, which was launched in 2019 to strengthen rural road networks and link villages to markets, schools and hospitals, a total of 1,752 kilometres of roads have been sanctioned in Jammu & Kashmir, of which 1,563 kilometres have been completed.

In Ladakh, 456 kilometres of roads were sanctioned under PMGSY-III, while 263 kilometres have been completed so far, the government said.

The ministry also said that for the financial year 2026-27, a budget estimate of Rs 19,000 crore has been earmarked for PMGSY to support ongoing works and further strengthen rural road infrastructure across states and Union Territories—(KNO)

72000 J&K rural youth trained under DDU-GKY: Centre

RAJA SYED RATHER

Srinagar, Mar 10: The Government of India on Tuesday said that more than 72,000 rural youth from Jammu & Kashmir have been trained under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), while over 45,000 of them have been placed in jobs since the inception of the scheme.

According to the information shared in Lok Sabha, the Ministry of Rural Development said that a total of 72,602 candidates from J&K have been trained and 45,618 placed under DDU-GKY till January 2026.

Replying to an unstarred question in the Parliament, Minister of State for Rural Development Kamlesh Paswan said that the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana—National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) is implementing skill development programmes for rural youth

through DDU-GKY and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI).

The DDU-GKY is a placement-linked skill development programme aimed at empowering rural poor youth aged between 15 and 35 years by equipping them with employable skills and linking them with regular wage employment.

The Minister said the programme ensures social inclusion with provisions for participation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women and persons with disabilities.

The government further said that under RSETI, a total of 1,22,400 candidates have been trained in Jammu & Kashmir since inception till January 2026, while 89,915 of them have been settled in self-employment or micro-enterprises.

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Athawale lists SC/ST fellowship schemes in Parliament

UMAISR GUL

Srinagar, Mar 10: The Government of India on Tuesday said that several fellowship schemes are being implemented to support Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) PhD scholars across the country, including those from Jammu & Kashmir.

Replying to an unstarred question in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale said that the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are implementing the National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC) and the National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Tribe Students (NFST).

The schemes aim to support SC and ST students pursuing M.Phil and PhD courses in universities and institutions recognised by the University Grants



Commission (UGC).

According to the government, eligibility under the schemes includes qualifying the UGC-NET or Joint UGC-CSIR NET examination and securing admission in recognised universities. For ST students, candidates must have at least 55 percent marks in post-graduation along with qualifying the required examinations.

The government said that under the NFSC scheme, 2,000

fellowship slots are available annually, including 1,500 for UGC-NET (Humanities stream) and 500 for Joint UGC-CSIR NET (Science stream) candidates.

It also informed that students from various states and Union Territories, including Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, have benefited from these schemes during the last three years.

The minister further said that the government has taken several steps to enhance access and timely disbursement of scholarships, including implementation through a dedicated Scholarship and Fellowship Management Portal (SFMP) and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts of beneficiaries.

Besides, awareness about the schemes is being spread through outreach activities and official portals to ensure wider participation of eligible SC and ST students in higher education and research programmes—(KNO)

EDITORIAL

Indian Students Trapped In Iran Need Evacuation, Not Just Advisories

The latest travel advisory from the Indian Embassy in Tehran, warning citizens not to go near land borders without proper coordination, highlights the danger facing Indians in Iran. For the estimated 1,200 students, many of them from Jammu and Kashmir, this is a lifeline in the midst of explosions, fear, and shrinking options. The situation is truly dire. Students in cities like Urmia and Qom report hearing blasts near where they live. They spend nights

hiding in basements and send desperate messages asking for help. While some have been moved to safer locations, many are still stuck - caught between a worsening conflict and the fear of losing an entire year of their medical studies. Earlier warnings to leave were ignored by some students precisely because of their exams scheduled for March 5. They were forced to choose between safety and their academic future. Now, with the conflict escalating, that impossible choice

has become a trap. The government has started taking action. Emergency helplines are now active, and a special control room is coordinating efforts. The warning against approaching land borders is a necessary step to stop students from making dangerous, unplanned journeys to other countries where they could end up stranded without any help. But coordination must quickly lead to real action on the ground. The reported option for students to travel to Armenia on

their own, with tickets costing as much as Rs 1.5 lakh, is simply not affordable for many families who are already struggling. This is a national emergency, and it requires a national response. When Indian citizens were evacuated from Ukraine, the government bore the cost. The same approach must be applied here. Bringing home around 1,200 students is a manageable task, both logistically and financially, especially when compared to the priceless value of their safety.

The Ministry of External Affairs must now move from issuing advisories to carrying out actual evacuations and securing safe routes that are still open, negotiating with Iranian authorities for a smooth exit, and arranging special flights from evacuation hubs. The parents in Jammu and Kashmir, sleepless with worry, deserve nothing less than a fully funded, government-led mission to bring their children home. Every hour counts, and every life is precious.

Women In Indian Armed Forces – Expanding Roles And Opportunities

Press Information Bureau

International Women's Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the expanding roles and rising leadership of women across diverse spheres of life. Among these, their growing presence in the Indian Armed Forces stands out as a significant milestone. From operational duties to leadership positions, women are increasingly shaping the country's defence landscape with professionalism and dedication. Over the past decades, their integration has emerged as one of the most significant institutional transformations in India's defence sector. From a historically limited presence largely confined to medical and nursing roles, women's participation has steadily expanded through progressive policy reforms, judicial support, and sustained institutional efforts aligned with national goals of gender equity and operational inclusivity.

Today, women officers are increasingly undertaking commanding, strategic, and decision-making responsibilities across the Army, Navy, and Air Force - marking a new era of inclusivity, professionalism, and strengthened operational capability in India's defence forces.

Historical Trajectory of Women in India's Defence Services

The role of women in India's defence services has evolved steadily from limited support functions to increasingly diverse operational and leadership positions. Beginning with their induction into the Armed Forces Medical Services, women gradually entered other branches through short service commissions and specialised roles. Over the years, progressive policy reforms and judicial interventions have expanded their opportunities across the Army, Navy, and Air Force. This historical progression sets the foundation for understanding the transformative changes underway today.

Post-independence, women's roles in the Indian Armed Forces evolved from medical support to broader officer-level inductions and operational contributions, aligning with India's commitment to gender equality and national security.

In 1958, for the first time, women doctors were granted Regular Commissions in the Army Medical Corps on same terms as men.

In 1992, the Indian Armed Forces opened officer-level entry to women. The Indian Army introduced the Women Special Entry Scheme (WSES), allowing women to be commissioned in non-combat branches, while also extending eligibility to widows of service personnel killed in action as a compassionate measure.

The same year witnessed parallel progress across the other services. The Indian Navy inducted women officers for the first time, while the Indian Air Force began commissioning women as Short Service Commission officers in Flying, Technical, and Non-Technical branches. Collectively, these initiatives in 1992 represented a decisive shift in India's defence policy, laying the foundation for the gradual expansion of women's roles across the Armed Forces.

Advancing Gender Inclusion in India's Defence Services

As part of sustained measures to enhance women's participation in the Armed Forces, significant reforms have been introduced to expand the career avenues and leadership roles among women. Women officers are now being considered for promotion to the rank of Colonel (Select Grade) and are being assigned command appointments. To prevent any adverse impact on career progression, specific waivers have been granted for officers who were unable to complete mandatory career courses during the transition phase.

Building on these broader reforms, each Armed Service has undertaken focused initiatives to integrate women more deeply into leadership roles.



Indian Army

To ensure long-term career stability, Women Officers are being granted Permanent Commission in 12 Arms and Services, in addition to the Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corps, and Military Nursing Service.

Indian Navy
Advancing operational integration at sea, Women Officers are now deployed on-board warships in afloat appointments and are also appointed as Pilots and Naval Air Operations (NAO) officers.

Expanding entry opportunities, the Navy has opened all branches and specialisations except submarines to women for induction as officers and Agniveers, becoming the first Service to leverage the Agnipath scheme for women's recruitment.

In the aviation domain, women officers are now eligible to join the Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) stream, with the first officer joining an RPA Squadron in 2021.

Furthermore, at the Indian Naval Academy, women cadets have been made eligible for induction through the 10+2 B.Tech entry scheme from January 2024.

Indian Air Force
While IAF was the first one to induct women as pilots in 1990s in combat support role. In a landmark reform, the induction of Women Officers into combat roles - initially introduced on an experimental basis in 2015 - was formalised as a permanent scheme in 2022, thereby opening fighter and other combat streams on equal footing.

Complementing this, vacancies have been provided under the NCC Special Entry scheme for Short Service Commission (Women) in the flying branch since 2017.

Moreover, the intake of women cadets through the NDA has been institutionalised, with six vacancies (2 for Flying, 2 for Ground Duty (Tech), and 2 for Ground Duty (Non-Tech)) per course allocated for the Air Force up to 2027.

Since 02 December 2023, Agniveer Vayu Women (AgV W) have proudly joined the ranks of the Indian Air Force, reflecting the force's steadfast commitment to empowering women and fostering an inclusive military environment.

Together, these service-specific measures demonstrate a coordinated and progressive expansion of women's participation across operational, technical, and leadership roles in India's Armed Forces. In 2025, 17 women cadets graduated from the National Defence Academy in May and 15 more in November, highlighting the continued expansion of opportunities for women since their induction into the NDA

in 2022. As of early 2026, a total of 158 women cadets have joined the Academy. Moreover, as of March 2025, Haryana accounts for the highest number of women cadets at the NDA with 35 cadets, followed by Uttar Pradesh with 28 and Rajasthan with 13. The Army has progressively enhanced annual intake of women cadets from 80 to 144 vacancies (80% increase) in 2024.

Women Officers Breaking New Ground in the Armed Forces

Women in the Indian Armed Forces have made significant strides in leadership, operational deployments, and global representation, reflecting a sustained push toward greater gender inclusion across all three Services.

In 2025, a tri-services all-women sailing expedition saw 11 officers from the Army (Lt Col Anuja, Maj Karamjeet, Maj Tanyah, Capt Omita, Capt Dauli and Capt Prajakta), Navy (Lt Cdr Priyanka), and Air Force (Sqn Ldr Vibha, Sqn Ldr Shradha, Sqn Ldr Aruvi and Sqn Ldr Vaishali) complete a 1,800-nautical-mile voyage to Seychelles aboard the indigenous vessel Triveni, showcasing operational competence and joint-service coordination. Their growing presence was further highlighted when the Indian Air Force inducted nine women Agniveervayu into its band for the 77th Republic Day Parade, and Flight Lieutenant Akshita Dhankar unfurled the national flag alongside the President - marking a powerful symbol of women's expanding leadership in India's defence forces.

Women at the Helm: Leadership Roles Undertaken by Women in Uniform

Lt Gen Sadhna Saxena Nair - The Indian Army has witnessed a steady rise in the number of women officers attaining senior leadership positions. In a significant milestone, Sadhna Saxena Nair was appointed as Director General Medical Services (Army), marking a historic achievement as she became the first woman to hold this top position in the Army's medical wing. Her appointment reflects the growing role of women in key decision-making and strategic leadership positions within the Armed Forces.

Colonel Ponung Doming - Colonel Ponung Doming from the Indian Army is the first woman officer to command the world's highest Border Task Force located above 15,000 feet in the Northern sector with multiple firsts to her credit in over 20 years of service.

Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth was the first day-time Indian woman fighter pilot to qualify to undertake combat missions. She was the first woman fighter pilot

to take part in the Republic Day Parade (2021). She also participated in the Republic Day 2024 Flypast becoming a part of the revered fighter pilot club in India.

Lieutenant Commander Annu Prakash of the Indian Navy brought her expertise in maritime security and operations to the forefront. Her participation underscored the crucial role women play in safeguarding India's vast coastline and ensuring regional stability.

Captain Hansja Sharma - Captain Hansja Sharma made history by becoming the first woman Rudra helicopter pilot in the Indian Army. She led the 251 Army Aviation Squadron on the Republic Day 2026.

Sub Lieutenant Aastha Poonia - Sub Lieutenant Aastha Poonia made history in 2025 becoming the First Woman Pilot to be streamed into the Fighter stream of Naval Aviation, breaking gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated field. She was awarded the prestigious Wings of Gold during the Second Basic Hawk Conversion Course graduation at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam.

Squadron Leader Avani Chaturvedi - Avani Chaturvedi became the first woman fighter pilot of the Indian Air Force (IAF) to take part in an aerial wargame abroad. Ms Chaturvedi, a Su-30MKI pilot, was part of the IAF contingent that participated in a 16-day mega air combat exercise with the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) at the Japanese airbase of Hyakuri.

Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh - Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh became India's first woman Rafale pilot - an achievement that highlights the growing expertise and operational excellence of women in the Indian Air Force.

Wg Cdr Anjali Singh - Wing Commander Anjali Singh of the Indian Air Force became the first Indian woman military diplomat to be posted to an overseas mission. Her appointment as Deputy Air Attaché at the Embassy of India in Russia marked a historic milestone, highlighting the growing leadership of women in the armed forces.

Lt Cdr Dilna K & Lt Cdr Roopa A - Lt Cdr Dilna K and Roopa A scripted history by completing a 25,600-nautical-mile global circumnavigation aboard the INSV Tarini under the Navika Sagar Parikrama II expedition. Their 238-day voyage stands as a powerful testament to Nari Shakti in the Indian Navy, showcasing courage, endurance, and the expanding leadership of women across the world's oceans.

Awards and Recognitions
UN Secretary-General's Gender Award - 2025 (Gender Category): Major Swathi Shanthakumar, from the Indian Army, was

Key Takeaways

- On International Women's Day (8th March), the expanding leadership and operational roles of women in the Indian Armed Forces highlight their growing contribution to national defence.
- The number of women officers in the armed forces has grown to around 11,000, supported by expanded training opportunities and greater institutional inclusion.
- Women's entry into the National Defence Academy (NDA) has progressed significantly, with 17 women cadets graduating in May 2025 and 15 in November 2025.
- Women officers now hold senior leadership and operational command roles, including Lieutenant General rank, fighter pilots, and commanders of key units.

honoured with the UN Secretary-General's Award 2025 in the Gender Category for her work on the "Equal Partners, Lasting Peace" initiative while serving with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). The recognition highlights her role in enhancing gender-responsive peacekeeping and grassroots engagement in conflict-affected regions.

Army Day Awards (January 2025): At the Army Day Awards in January 2025, the NCC Girls Contingent received an Army award for the first time for marching in the Army Day Parade reflecting growing institutional recognition of women's expanding role and participation.

UN Recognition (2023, Highlighted in Ongoing Legacy): Major Radhika Sen has been named the "Military Gender Advocate of the Year 2023" by the UN Headquarters, recognizing the significant contributions of Indian women to UN peacekeeping efforts. Major Radhika Sen has been selected to be awarded with "Military Gender Advocate of the Year 2023" by the UN Headquarters, which is a testament to the positive contribution of the Indian Women in the UN peacekeeping initiatives.

Global Contributions and Peacekeeping Achievements

India's commitment to advancing gender parity in global peacekeeping is reflected in its growing deployment of women personnel across United Nations missions. As of mid-2025, more than 154 Indian women are serving in six UN peacekeeping operations, underscoring the country's proactive role in promoting inclusive security frameworks. In alignment with the UN Gender Parity Strategy - which targets 15% women in military troop contingents and 25% women as staff officers or observers by 2028 - India has already achieved 22% representation in the staff officer and observer category, demonstrating meaningful progress toward global gender inclusion goals in peacekeeping operations.

Way Forward

With enhanced training and greater inclusivity, the number of women officers in the armed forces has grown to around 11,000. This growth, supported by expanded opportunities, highlights an increase in women's participation in national defence.

The future trajectory for women in the Indian Armed Forces points toward substantially larger participation, driven by ongoing reforms, Nari Shakti initiatives, and institutional commitments to gender equity. Progressive expansion in recruitment - through increased vacancies at the National Defence Academy, gradual induction of women into other ranks, and equal-opportunity policies - will enable women officers to shoulder greater responsibilities across services.

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Sakeena Itoo directs measures to strengthen support system for PWDs in J&K

KT News Desk

JAMMU, MARCH 10: Minister for Social Welfare, Education, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, Tuesday, held an extensive interaction with representatives of the Confederation of Physically Challenged Organisations and took stock of various issues and grievances of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) across Jammu and Kashmir.

The interaction, as per an official statement, was held with an aim to strengthen welfare measures, improve accessibility and ensure that development reaches every person, including those living with disabilities across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare department (SWD), Sarmad Hafeez; Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Mohammad Akbar Wani; Mission Director POSHAN/ICDS, Sajad Hussain Ganai; Director Social Welfare Jammu, Ranjeet Singh; Director Finance SWD, other senior officers of SWD, members of Confederation of Physically Challenged Organisations and other concerned officers, either in person or through video conferencing.

During the interaction, the Minister emphasised that inclusive governance remains core priority of the Government.



"The rights, dignity and welfare of PWDs are non-negotiable. Our policies are being continuously reviewed to ensure equal opportunities and access for all," she stated.

Highlighting several ongoing initiatives, Minister Sakeena informed the participants that the Social Welfare department is actively working towards welfare of PWDs and outreach programmes are being enhanced to ensure welfare schemes reach beneficiaries in remote and underserved areas. "Focus is being laid on improving accessibility for PWDs in public infrastructure, educational institutions and government offices in line with inclusive development goals", she said.

During the meeting, the Minister issued several key directions aimed at strengthening

support mechanisms for PWDs. She asked officials to explore providing Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) ration cards to disabled individuals without parental support. She also directed the department to examine the feasibility of constructing dedicated hostel facilities for Persons with Disabilities in both Jammu and Srinagar.

In a significant decision, the Minister instructed the department to appoint a Nodal Officer at the administrative level to serve as a single-point contact for addressing grievances and concerns of Persons with Disabilities.

Assuring stakeholders that their voices would shape future policies, the Minister said genuine suggestions received during consultations would be incorporated wherever feasible. She

stressed that continuous dialogue between the Government and stakeholder organisations is essential for designing responsive and need-based welfare programmes.

Appreciating the role of such organisations, the Minister acknowledged their contribution in advocating for disability rights and bridging the gap between the Government and beneficiaries. She called for collaborative efforts to build an inclusive society where no individual is left behind.

Representatives of the Confederation expressed gratitude to the Minister for facilitating open dialogue and welcomed the Government's proactive approach towards addressing issues faced by Persons with Disabilities.

J&K Govt launches Auto Scrutiny Portal Amends building Bye-Laws to boost Ease of Doing Business

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JAMMU, MARCH 9: The Jammu and Kashmir government has notified amendments to the Unified Building Bye-Laws (UBBL) 2021 under the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Development Act, 1970 and J&K Municipal Act 2000.

The move, as per an official statement, is aimed at promoting Ease of Doing Business, rationalizing development controls and digitizing approvals. The reforms are expected to strengthen the compliance across all Urban Local Bodies and Development Authorities in the Union Territory.

The amendments simplify land use regulations, merge multiple sub-categories into four broad primary uses and allow Affordable Group Housing in Industrial zones, promoting inclusive land utilisation. Setback norms have been rationalized and Commercial Floor Area Ratio (FAR) has been enhanced up to 400 (subject to norms), thereby increasing development potential. Further, the minimum Right of Way requirement for specified commercial and industrial activities has been reduced from 12 meter to 6 meter to facilitate economic growth, particularly in smaller urban areas.

The government has also launched the Auto Scrutiny Based Building Permission and CLU portal with Auto-DCR technology, introducing a fully digital, rule-based and time-bound system for processing



building permissions across all Urban Local Bodies and Development Authorities in the Union Territory.

Under the new framework, building plans submitted online are automatically scrutinized by the system against the provisions of the UBBL, Master Plans, Zonal Plans and applicable development controls. The software generates instant compliance reports identifying deviations, if any, thereby ensuring transparency and uniform interpretation of regulations.

The portal integrates Change of Land Use (CLU) with Building Permission, reducing timelines from 60-90 days to 30 days.

The portal allows self-certification and auto-approval for Low-Risk Buildings, empowering registered architects and engineers to certify compliance with building norms. The system ensures transparency, uniform interpretation

of regulations and eliminates subjectivity.

The Auto Scrutiny Portal also facilitates online fee calculation, digital payment, real-time application tracking, downloadable approvals and a digital record repository. Applicants can monitor the status of their cases at every stage, ensuring complete transparency.

The amendments also introduce energy efficiency and environmental compliance provisions, including Eco Niwas Samhita norms, with incentive-based benefits such as additional FAR and fast-track approvals.

These comprehensive amendments mark a transition towards transparent, technology-driven, and compliance-oriented urban governance, ensuring planned, sustainable, and citizen-centric development across Jammu & Kashmir. The URL of the revamped portal is <https://obps.jk.gov.in>.

DC Ramban reviews functioning of revenue department

KT News Desk

RAMBAN, MARCH 10: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alys Khan Tuesday chaired a meeting of Revenue officers to review the functioning and performance of the department. The meeting focused on assessing the progress of the revenue related initiatives and ensuring timely disposal of public grievances.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Showkat Hayat Mattoo; Sub Divisional Magistrate Ramsoo Sayed Mazahir Hussain Shah; SDM Banihal Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan besides Tehsildars and other concerned revenue officers.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in the digitization of Jamabandies, emphasizing the importance of completing the process in a time-bound manner to ensure transparency and easy accessibility of land records for the public. He also inquired about



the status of camps organized for receiving grievances regarding revenue records, directing the officers to intensify outreach in their respective jurisdictions to resolve genuine issues of the public.

Reviewing the entry of backlog mutations, the DC directed the concerned officers to expedite the process and clear the pending cases at the earliest.

The meeting also assessed the status of land transfer cases to different departments for construction of official infrastructure.

Dr. Farooq visits Iran Embassy, conveys solidarity with Iranian people



KT News Desk

Srinagar, March 10: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah Tuesday visited the Embassy of the Iran in New Delhi and signed the condolence book to express profound grief over the martyrdom of Syed Ali Khamenei, the Spiritual and Supreme Leader of Iran.

On the occasion, Dr. Farooq, as per a party statement, conveyed his heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the leadership and people of Iran on behalf of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He was accompanied by Members of Parliament from the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Choudry Mohammad Ramzan,

Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo and Gurwinder Singh Oberoi.

During the visit, the delegation also met the Deputy Ambassador of Iran to India and expressed solidarity with the people of Iran in this moment of profound grief. They offered prayers for eternal peace for the departed soul and strength for the bereaved nation during this difficult time.

DSWO Srinagar holds dementia screening camps for elderly at multiple locations

KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 10: District Social Welfare Office (DSWO) Srinagar organized Dementia Screening-cum-Medical Camps at various Locations for Senior citizens at various locations in the district.

The camps, as per an official statement, were organized at Noorbagh Marriage Hall, Hazratbal Meerakshah Colony, Eidgah Saidpora, and Ahata WaqarChanapora for Senior Citizens under the aegis of the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY). An expert team of physicians

and medical professionals deputed from Health Department carried out detailed health examinations, advanced dementia screenings, specialist consultations and counselling sessions. Complimentary medicines were also distributed to the beneficiaries in accordance with clinical guidelines.

The camp witnessed participation of a large number of elderly people who availed these services and benefited from professional medical guidance, health awareness sessions and personalized wellness recommendations.

DC Budgam reviews progress under HADP, JKIP in district



KT News Desk

BUDGAM, MARCH 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan Tuesday reviewed the progress achieved under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement Project (JKIP) in the district.

During the meeting, the DC conducted a detailed department-wise review of applications received, approvals, units established and funds released under various components of the programmes.

It was informed that under HADP a total of 42,168 applications have been received across departments including Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Horticulture, Horticulture Planning & Marketing, Sericulture and Sheep Husbandry.

The review revealed that 6,188 units have been established during the financial year 2025-26, taking the cumulative number of units established in the district to 12,809.

Department-wise figures indicate that Agriculture department has established 3,507 units during the year while Animal Husbandry department has established 1,610 units. Similarly, 491 units have been established by Horticulture

department, 507 by Sheep Husbandry, 23 by Fisheries, 40 by Sericulture and 10 by Horticulture Planning & Marketing.

The meeting also reviewed the status of JKIP implementation in the district. It was informed that 12,287 registrations have been made for various activities under the scheme, out of which 8,856 cases have been approved by the District Level Committee.

Further, 608 units have been taken up for establishment under JKIP and 589 units have been completed so far.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC directed the concerned departments to expedite the processing of pending applications and ensure timely establishment of approved units so that the benefits of the schemes reach the intended beneficiaries.

He emphasized effective coordination among departments and stressed on maximizing the impact of HADP and JKIP to strengthen livelihood opportunities and boost the agriculture and allied sectors in the district.

Besides, CPO Budgam Javid Ahmad Najar, CAO Budgam, CHO Budgam, CAHO Budgam, Officials from various agriculture and allied departments were present during the meeting.

40th AAHAR 2026: JKTPO showcases J&K's Agro, Food excellence

KT News Desk

NEW DELHI, MARCH 10: The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO), under the aegis of the Industries and Commerce Department, government of Jammu and Kashmir, is showcasing the region's rich agro and food processing potential at the 40th edition of AAHAR 2026.

Perennially, AAHAR, as per an official statement, is Asia's largest Food & Beverage and Hospitality exhibition, being held from 10 to 14 March, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Programme (RAMP).

The event is being organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) in association with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. It is being attended by the leading food and beverage companies, hospitality industry stakeholders, exporters, buyers, policymakers and trade professionals from across the globe.

The exhibition aims to further consolidate India's position as a trusted and competitive partner in global food supply chains by providing valuable platform for the entrepreneurs from Jammu & Kashmir to gain market exposure, engage with

industry stakeholders and explore new business opportunities. The region's distinctive products and culinary traditions received encouraging response from the visitors and buyers, further contributing to the success of AAHAR 2026 as a key platform for showcasing India's vibrant food and beverage sector globally.

The exhibition is expected to feature over 1,800 exhibitors and 155 international participants from 17 countries, alongside thousands of verified global buyers and several high-level international trade delegations.

The mega event was inaugurated by the Union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. It reflects the Government's strong commitment towards strengthening India's food processing ecosystem, enhancing export competitiveness and expanding global market access for Indian food products.

The Jammu and Kashmir Pavilion, located at Hall No. 1, First Floor IF-23, provides a vibrant platform for MSMEs, FPOs and women entrepreneurs to showcase their premium offerings. The Pavilion highlights Jammu and Kashmir's world-renowned Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged products such as Saffron, Garlic, Rajmah, Basmati Rice, Sulai (Acacia) and

multifloral honey, Millets, along with organic honey, essential oils, herbs, grounded spices, pulses, dry fruits, dehydrated fruits and vegetables.

The Jammu & Kashmir Pavilion will serve as a focused platform for the exporters and entrepreneurs from the UT to showcase their high-quality products, explore new trade partnerships and enhance the visibility of J&K's agri-based value chains in national and international markets.

Participation in AAHAR 2026 is expected to generate valuable B2B interactions, business leads and potential trade partnerships for the entrepreneurs from Jammu and Kashmir, further strengthening the region's presence in the evolving global food market.

Speaking on the occasion, Managing Director, JKTPO, stated that the participation at AAHAR 2026 demonstrates the organisation's continued commitment towards promoting MSMEs, food processors and agri-entrepreneurs from Jammu and Kashmir by connecting them with major trade platforms. He emphasized that such initiatives play a crucial role in enhancing market access, product visibility and export potential of the region's unique agri and food products.

DDC Anantnag launches Rs 3973 crore NABARD potential plan

KT News Desk

ANANTNAG, MARCH 10: NABARD has envisaged a potential of Rs 3973 crore in Anantnag district for the year 2026-27 to be achieved by banks, financial institutions and departments associated with development in the district.

This was revealed at a district level consultative committee meeting held Tuesday under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner (DDC), Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat at Dak Bungalow Khanabal.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by ADDC, GM DIC, CPO, CAO, CHO, CAHO, DD Fisheries, AD Employment, AGMs of RBI & NABARD, LDM, district officers from various departments and concerned bank officials.

During the meeting, the DDC launched the Potential-linked Credit Plan (PLP) and unveiled the PLP Document prepared by NABARD for the ensuing year 2026-27. He appreciated the efforts of NABARD for accessing the sector wise potential in the district and emphasized upon the banks to focus on priority sectors of NABARD with special focus on Agriculture and allied sectors to generate employment in the district.

AGM, NABARD, Rouf Zargar

informed the PLP would form the basis for the preparation of annual District Credit Plan for the upcoming year. It is based on the policies of the Central and UT Governments reflecting the priorities of the Government of India to scale up lending to various sectors of the economy, he noted.

Giving details, AGM said that NABARD has envisaged a total credit potential of 3973.03 crore under priority sectors in the district for the year 2026-27.

Sector-wise, the total potential for agriculture, including agriculture infrastructure and allied activities, is estimated at 1787.87 crore, whereas 490.80 Cr has been earmarked for MSME, 17.26 crore for export credit, 63.45 crore for education, 105.72 crore for housing, 19.24 crore for renewable energy and 159.54 Cr for social infrastructure development in the district. The informal credit delivery system for support to SHGs/JLGs etc. has been estimated at 49.15 crore.

Zargar further informed that for the financial year 2026-27, NABARD has taken up the PLP exercise for the district after elaborate consultation with the stakeholders associated with Agriculture, MSME Sector and Rural Development.

Olympian Arif Khan urges Union sports ministry to develop infrastructure in Gulmarg

'Six editions of Khelo India Winter Games already laid strong foundation; Indians can win top-level Asian medals in 10-15 years'

KT News Desk

New Delhi, March 10: Two-time Olympian Arif Mohammad Khan has urged the Union sports ministry to enable at least one proper infrastructure on the slopes of Gulmarg to prepare Indian athletes for global events. A full season of "at least five months till April-end" is needed to train and compete on the slopes of Kangdoori in Gulmarg to prepare our top skiers, he said.

Lauding the Khelo India Winter Games initiative, Arif said: "Six editions of the Khelo India Winter Games have provided an incredible platform to athletes but now we have to look at ways of winning medals at major global competitions."

Arif entered the history books at the recently-concluded Winter Olympics in Milano-Cortina in Italy. In the men's slalom race, the Alpine skier finished 39th. It was an improvement of 10 places on India's previous best Winter Olympics result in the event, set by Kishore Ratna Rai at Calgary 1988.

Saying his record finish in the giant slalom event has put India "in the global ski map," Arif said it was time to invest wisely in winter sports in India and start winning medals at the Asian level. Since 2020, all six editions of Khelo India Winter Games have taken place in Gulmarg in Jammu & Kashmir. Leh in Ladakh has been hosting the ice games since 2024.

It is pertinent to mention that the Union minister for youth affairs and sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, has announced the 2027 edition of Khelo India Winter Games to become a 15-day event to make Gulmarg a



global winter sports destination. Arif, who learnt his ropes on the slopes of the Pir Panjal mountains, said it was an excellent idea to merge sports and tourism together.

"We have the athletes and there are ones who can be better than me. But we are missing infrastructure, coaches and funding. Given the government's intention to develop winter sports, I can see better things in the future. We need at least one fully-developed infrastructure in Gulmarg that can function for a good five months," said Arif, adding, "I can guarantee we will win medals at the top Asian level in 10-15 years."

Saying his finish at the Winter Olympics should inspire youngsters to take up winter sports as a career, Arif felt that a national federation was required immediately

to understand the requirement of athletes. "The government is doing a lot through its policies to streamline governance in sports bodies. Winter sports like skiing needs immediate government intervention and full support," the 36-year-old said.

Arif is training three young boys. Two of them are from Jammu & Kashmir and one is from Himachal Pradesh. "There are a lot of talented athletes in the hilly states and Union Territories. Some skiers are also emerging from South India but the availability of year-round facilities is a major handicap. At least, skating has all-weather facilities in Dehradun and Leh, Gulmarg can be a priority now," Arif pointed out.

ABOUT KHELO INDIA WINTER GAMES

Under the Khelo India Scheme, the Ministry of Youth Affairs

& Sports (MYAS) organizes National-level competitions, i.e., Khelo India Youth Games, Khelo India University Games, Khelo India Para Games and Khelo India Winter Games to provide a platform for talented athletes to showcase their sporting and competitive skills. Starting in 2020, six editions of Khelo India Winter Games have been successfully conducted. While the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has hosted all editions of KIWG, UT Ladakh started hosting the ice sports from 2024. In January 2026, UT Ladakh hosted the ice Games for the third consecutive time. Gulmarg in J&K hosted the snow events in February 2026. Apart from tapping talent, Khelo India Winter Games also showcase a region's art, culture, heritage, and promotes tourism through sports.

High Court of J&K, Ladakh felicitates J&K Ranji Trophy team



KT News Desk

Jammu, Mar 10: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Tuesday felicitated the Jammu & Kashmir Ranji Trophy team for historic achievement of winning their maiden Ranji Trophy title in the 2025-26 season, marking a landmark moment in the sporting history of the Union Territory.

The felicitation ceremony was held in presence of Chief Justice Arun Palli along with Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Rajesh Oswal, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Sanjay Parihar besides Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The ceremony was also attended by Brigadier

Anil Gupta, Member Administration, JKCA, Registrar General, M. K. Sharma, other officers of the Registry of the High Court, members of Bar and other dignitaries.

Congratulating the team, the Chief Justice and Judges praised the players for their dedication, perseverance, discipline and teamwork, which culminated in this historic triumph. It was observed that the victory reflects the resilience and sporting excellence of the young players and serves as a source of inspiration for aspiring sports persons across Jammu & Kashmir and the country.

During the event, commemorative T-shirts were presented to the members of the victorious team, including Captain Paras Dogra, as

a token of appreciation for their extraordinary achievement. The Judges also presented a commemorative trophy to the team in recognition of their historic triumph.

Speakers on the occasion noted that Jammu & Kashmir's maiden Ranji Trophy victory, since the team's Ranji debut in 1959, represents a moment of profound pride and historic significance for the region. The achievement was described as a testament to the players' unwavering determination and commitment to excellence.

The High Court also expressed pride in associating with this momentous achievement and celebrating the success of the young champions who have brought immense joy and recognition to Jammu & Kashmir.

CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

Ensure Indian consumers

sectors to key users.

India meets half of its 191 million standard cubic metres per day (mmscmd) of gas consumption through imports. With the stalling of tanker movement through the Strait of Hormuz, about 60 mmscmd gas from the Middle East has been disrupted.

The remaining liquefied natural gas (LNG) has been reprioritised to meet 100 per cent of the demand of LPG production, CNG and piped cooking gas (PNG), 80 per cent of commercial users of the fuel and 70 per cent of fertiliser unit needs.

President, PM greet

on his birthday. May he be blessed with a long life and wonderful health," Modi said in a message.

Abdullah wrote a thank-you note to the Prime Minister for his birthday greetings and good wishes.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also spoke to Abdullah and wished him long life and wonderful health.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla extended birthday greetings to Abdullah on X and said, "May you be blessed with good health, happiness and a long, fulfilling life."

Six-time chief minister of Sikkim Prem Singh Tamang extended warm greetings to Abdullah and said, "May he be blessed with good health, strength, and a long life as he continues his dedicated service for the welfare and progress of the people."

Time for UCC

of the legislature, which has the mandate to enact a Uniform Civil Code as per the Directive Principles of State Policy."

CJ Kant said, "The answer is Uniform Civil Code."

Justice Bagchi pointed out that the rule of 'one wife for one man' is not being uniformly applied to all communities.

"But does that mean that the court can declare all bigamous marriages as unconstitutional? So, we have to defer to legislative power to bring the directive principles into effect," he said, adding that it is best to defer the issue to the legislative wisdom.

Justice Bagchi further said, "This court has time and again recommended to the legislature to enact a Uniform Civil Code."

At the outset, Bhushan submitted that the court can make a declaration that Muslim women are entitled to equal inheritance rights as men, and the provisions of the Indian Succession Act will apply if the court strikes down the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act of 1937.

The bench wondered whether the court can at all adjudicate the constitutionality of a personal law practice and referred to the landmark Bombay High Court case of Narasu Appa Mali (1951) which held that personal laws (religious laws on marriage, inheritance, etc.) are not 'laws in force' under Article 13 of the Constitution and thus cannot be challenged for violating fundamental rights.

Bhushan said in 2017 the apex court struck down triple talaq as an unconstitutional practice.

"We cannot have a situation in the country now after the Shayara Bano judgment that Muslim women will not have the same rights as Muslim men in matters of divorce," he said, adding that the issue is complicated and requires wide scale deliberations.

The bench allowed Bhushan to amend the petition filed by Poulomi Pavini Shukla and others and posted the matter for further hearing after four weeks saying it is an "important issue".

"You do some homework and come out with some more citations and alternate remedies. Judicial intervention would be advisable if some aggrieved Muslim women who want to wriggle out of the 1937 Act come forward," the bench observed.

Bhushan further argued that personal law relating to inheritance will not be protected under Article 25 of the Constitution, which guarantees religious freedom.

He said inheritance is a matter of civil right and cannot be claimed as an essential religious practice.

The CJ, however, repeated the concern whether the court's intervention will leave the Muslim women without the protection of any law.

Bhushan said some of the petitioners and the advocate on-record are Muslim women.

Army foils infiltration

the suspected drone movement was noticed over the Daboh area, prompting security forces to initiate countermeasures and deploy additional personnel.

Teams were conducting searches in the area to ensure that no weapons, explosives or narcotics are dropped from the drone, they said.

Pertinently, drone sightings and attempts to drop arms or narcotics from across the border have been reported in parts of the Jammu region in recent years, prompting security agencies to strengthen surveillance and counter-drone measures along the border.

Officials said the situation is under close watch and further action would be taken based on findings from the ongoing search operations.

Notably, the KNO quoting official sources, had earlier reported that security forces have been placed on high alert across Jammu and Kashmir following intelligence inputs about possible infiltration attempts by terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border.

According to security officials, several terrorist launching pads across the border have reportedly become active in recent days, raising concerns about possible attempts to push infiltrators into the Union Territory.

Official sources said the Army, Border Security Force (BSF) and police have intensified surveillance and patrolling along the borders, particularly in the Samba, Jammu, Rajouri and Kupwara sectors. (KNO)

Rains, snow end

and Razdan Top, received fresh snowfall during the night and early hours of Tuesday, they said.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar said the Valley is likely to witness generally cloudy

weather with light to moderate rain and snowfall in higher reaches at many places on March 10 and 11.

According to the MeT department, a few higher reaches of Kupwara, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Anantnag and Kishtwar may receive moderate snowfall during this period.

In view of the fresh snowfall, authorities suspended vehicular movement on the Bandipora-Gurez road after snow accumulation at Razdan Top made the high-altitude pass slippery and unsafe for traffic.

An official said traffic on the road connecting Bandipora with the remote Gurez Valley has been suspended as a precautionary measure.

"Due to snowfall at Razdan Top and slippery conditions, movement on the Bandipora-Gurez road has been suspended till further orders," the official said, adding that the road will be reopened after weather conditions improve and clearance operations are completed.

Razdan Top, located at an altitude of over 11,000 feet, serves as the main road link between Gurez Valley and the rest of Kashmir through Bandipora district.

The picturesque tourist resort of Sonamarg in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district also received fresh snowfall on Tuesday, blanketing the valley and bringing down temperatures in the area.

Reports from Ladakh said several parts of Kargil district received light to moderate snowfall after a prolonged dry spell, while rainfall was recorded in lower areas.

Snowfall was reported along the Zojila axis, the Barsoo region and the Zaskar valley, while Kargil town and adjoining lower areas witnessed rain, officials said.

Residents said the snowfall has brought relief to the local population, especially farmers who have been waiting for snow throughout the winter.

The MeT department has forecast generally dry weather from March 12 to 14, followed by cloudy conditions with the possibility of light rain or snowfall in higher reaches at scattered places from March 15 onwards.

Authorities have advised people to remain cautious, as temporary traffic disruptions may occur over the higher passes in Kupwara, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Anantnag, and Kishtwar due to weather conditions.

Meanwhile, the Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority said an avalanche with low danger is likely above 2,500 metres in the Bandipora district over the next 24 hours and advised people in vulnerable areas to stay alert. (KNO)

J&K Govt disengages

a need based casual labourer and posted at Berwar, Kishtwar and Showkat is a Daily Rated Wager (DRW) and posted at Bijbehara, Anantnag. (KNO)

Stranded Indian

cross the border without a confirmed onward ticket," it added.

Students have also been told they must pay a visa fee of 10 US dollars at the Armenian border. Those who arrive in Armenia earlier than their scheduled flight date will have to arrange and pay for their own accommodation until

departure.

The Embassy has said that if around 40 to 50 students opt for the Armenia route, it may arrange a bus and possibly one night's accommodation in Urmia before the journey to the border. However, it has made clear that students travelling this route do so at their own responsibility.

Under the tentative plan, students willing to travel will first confirm their participation. If sufficient numbers are available, a bus will be arranged to Qom, where they will stay overnight at Embassy-arranged accommodation. The following day, they will travel to the Zulfa border crossing into Armenia. Students have been advised to maintain a gap of five to seven days between leaving Iran and their flight from Armenia to India to avoid complications.

The Embassy's formal advisory, however, remains unchanged — students have been asked to stay where they are for now, and no official evacuation has been announced.

First batch expected March 15

Dr Mohammad Momin Khan of the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA) confirmed that many Indian students, including those from J&K, are planning to return via the Armenia route. Nearly all students from Urmia University of Medical Sciences have expressed an intention to leave.

"More than 50 students from Urmia University have already booked their tickets and are expected to reach New Delhi on March 15 via Dubai, with departure scheduled around 1:25 AM. Another group from the same university is likely to arrive on March 16," Dr Khan said.

Students from Qom are also planning to join the group bound for Armenia, with several in the process of booking tickets. Students told AIMSA that the first batch will serve as a test case. If they reach India safely, others are expected to follow in the coming days.

Parents demand government flights

Families back home remain deeply anxious, urging the Government of India to arrange structured evacuation flights rather than leaving students to navigate a multi-country journey through a conflict zone on their own.

"Our children are studying there and are scared due to the prevailing situation. The government should arrange proper evacuation flights instead of asking them to travel through different countries," a parent from Kashmir said.

Several parents noted that the Armenia route would cost each student approximately Rs 1 lakh, a sum many families cannot afford. They have sought the urgent intervention of the External Affairs Minister and other concerned authorities.

"Our children should not be forced to arrange such complicated travel in a tense situation. The government must intervene and arrange proper evacuation flights," another parent said. (KNO)

Tulip garden to open

started blooming and preparations for the season have been completed.

An official from Floriculture Department said this year the garden will showcase around 1.8

million tulips of nearly 70 to 75 varieties, offering visitors a colourful and vibrant floral spectacle.

Earlier, officials indicated that the opening date would depend largely on favourable weather. Assistant Floriculture Officer Imran Ahmad had said that the department was monitoring climatic conditions before announcing the final opening schedule.

He had informed us that, apart from bulb planting, a series of finishing works was carried out in the garden to ensure a smooth visitor experience.

These works included repairing and tightening railings, reshaping flower beds, upgrading pathways, painting infrastructure and improving public facilities such as washrooms.

Officials also said that flower-bed density has been increased this year to enhance the garden's visual impact. Earlier, around 30 to 35 beds would fit into a particular patch, but this year the number has been increased to over 42 beds in the same space, making the floral display denser and more attractive for visitors.

The annual opening of the tulip garden marks the beginning of the spring tourism season in Kashmir, drawing thousands of visitors from across the country and abroad.

The garden witnessed a record-breaking footfall last year, with 8,55,125 visitors visiting during the 30-day opening period from March 26 to April 24, 2025.

The unprecedented number included locals, domestic tourists and international travellers who thronged the garden to witness more than 1.7 million blooming tulips.

With an even larger display planned this year, officials expect the garden to once again be one of the major tourist attractions in Srinagar during spring. (KNO)

Spinal disc problems

presses heavily on nerves, it can cause severe sciatica, a pain travelling from the lower back down to the legs. In rare cases, it may even affect bladder control or mobility," doctors warned.

However, many patients delay seeking help. "Many patients delay medical consultation and rely only on painkillers. By the time they come to the hospital, the disc damage has already progressed," a doctor said.

Medical experts say disc problems can often be prevented through simple lifestyle changes. Doctors recommend maintaining proper posture while sitting or standing, avoiding long periods of continuous sitting, regular exercise and stretching, strengthening back and abdominal muscles, avoiding improper lifting of heavy loads, maintaining a healthy body weight, and using supportive mattresses and chairs.

"People who work on computers should take short breaks every 30 to 40 minutes. Even a few minutes of walking or stretching can reduce stress on the spine," they said.

Most disc problems, doctors said, can be managed through physiotherapy, lifestyle changes and medication, with surgery required only in a small number of severe cases. "Back pain should not be ignored, especially if it lasts for weeks or radiates to the legs. Early treatment can prevent long-term disability," they added. (KNO)

India actively promoting Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics sector: PM Modi

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 10: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised that India is actively promoting the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) sector as part of the country's transition towards an innovation-driven economy.

Inaugurating a webinar, the Prime Minister encouraged educational institutions to strengthen industry collaboration and research-driven learning so that campuses evolve into centres of innovation and industry engagement, enabling students to gain real-world exposure and strengthening the national skill ecosystem.

The webinar series was inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi, who emphasised that India is actively promoting the AVGC sector as part of the country's transition towards an innovation-driven economy, an official release said.

Speaking at the event, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav highlighted that the government has established the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) on the lines of premier institutions like IIT, IIM and AIIMS.

The institute includes high-tech model laboratories that are considered among the best globally, comparable to leading facilities in the world.

He said the institute will provide high-quality education and professional training to young people in emerging areas of the creative, media and technology sectors. Vaishnav also noted that



Doordarshan has launched a "Creators' Corner", providing content creators with an opportunity to showcase their work, earn revenue and reach audiences across the country as well as globally.

In the closing session of the post-budget webinar, the I&B minister emphasised the growing importance of the creator economy in providing a democratic platform for citizens to showcase India's vibrant culture and creativity.

He highlighted the role of technology in transforming the media and entertainment sector and noted that the expertise of the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) will be leveraged to support the establishment of Content Creator Labs across the country.

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) organised a break-out session on "AVGC

Content Creator Labs in Schools and Colleges" as part of the post-budget webinar titled "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas - Fulfilling Aspirations of People: Education, Skills and University Townships" on Monday.

The session deliberated on the implementation roadmap for establishing AVGC Content Creator Labs (CCLs) in 15,000 secondary schools and 500 higher educational institutions, as announced in the Union Budget 2026-27.

The session also featured a keynote address by Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of I&B, who highlighted the importance of building a robust ecosystem to nurture creative talent and position India as a global leader in the AVGC sector.

During the deliberations, participants emphasised that the establishment of content creator

labs in schools and colleges will create structured pathways for students to explore careers in animation, gaming, VFX and digital storytelling, in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) and its focus on multidisciplinary learning, creativity and design thinking.

Stakeholders also stressed the importance of strong industry partnerships to provide mentorship, internships and real-world exposure, the release said.

The discussion underlined a phased implementation approach, beginning with pilot institutions and expanding based on readiness and feedback, while ensuring participation from tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

Key action points included identifying suitable institutions for the labs, developing structured AVGC curricula, faculty capacity building through industry-supported training, and establishing a standardised infrastructure and technology framework, along with strengthened industry-academia collaboration.

The session witnessed wide participation, with over 16,600 attendees including representatives from nearly 500 schools, 50 colleges, industry stakeholders, parents and individual participants from across the country.

The discussions are aimed to contribute to the development of a robust implementation framework for the AVGC Content Creator Labs initiative, enabling young Indians to acquire creative and digital skills and strengthening India's position in the global AVGC ecosystem.

Govt rejigs gas allocation; LPG, CNG, piped cooking gas get top priority

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 10: Domestically produced natural gas will now be supplied on a priority basis to units that use it to produce LPG, a government notification said amid disruptions of imports due to the West Asia conflict.

Until now, compressed natural gas (CNG) and piped cooking gas were the two priority sectors to receive domestic natural gas as their raw material. With the gazette notification passed late Monday night, LPG has also been put on the priority list of recipients of natural gas.

Liquefied petroleum gas or LPG is primarily produced from the processing of natural gas and is also a byproduct of crude oil refining. It is made by separating and purifying propane and butane gases, which are then pressurised into a liquid state for easy transport and storage in steel cylinders typically seen in homes and restaurants for cooking.

Under the revised allocation, requirements of LPG, CNG and piped gas manufacturers will be fully met first before natural gas is supplied to other sectors.

The supply of natural gas to domestic piped natural gas grid, CNG for transport, and LPG production shall be treated as priority allocation. They



would be supplied 100 per cent of their average past six month gas consumption, the notification said.

Behind these three sectors is the fertiliser sector at second place, with at least 70 per cent of its past six months demand being met.

At No. 3, gas supply to tea industries, manufacturing and other industrial consumers will be maintained at 80 per cent of their past six-month average gas consumption subject to operational availability, the notification said.

All city gas distribution (CGD) entities supplying gas to industrial and commercial consumers have been placed at No. 4 on the priority list. They must ensure their customers receive 80 per cent of their past six month average gas consumption subject to operational

availability.

Domestic gas production, which meets about half the country's consumption of 191 million standard cubic metres per day, will be diverted to the priority sectors by curtailing supplies to petrochemical plants, power units and high-priced gas consumers.

Following US-Israeli strikes inside Iran and Tehran's sweeping retaliation across the region, maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has sharply declined, insurance premiums have surged, and energy markets have responded with immediate volatility. Roughly one-fifth of the world's seaborne oil and nearly a third of global LNG shipments pass through this narrow channel linking the Gulf to global markets.

Blueprint for multi-domain military reforms, capability upgrades unveiled

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 10: An ambitious vision document broadly outlining a series of strategic reforms, capability enhancements and organisational changes required to bolster the Indian military was unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday.

The document, prepared by the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS), is a strategic blueprint to transform the Indian armed forces into a modern, multi-domain, and integrated force by the centenary of India's Independence.

The release of the 'Defence Forces Vision 2047: A Roadmap for a Future-Ready Indian Military' came eight months after the military conflict between India and Pakistan. Following the May 7 to 10 conflict, all the

three forces were asked to work on the lessons learnt from it.

The vision document envisages the transformation of the military into an integrated, multi-domain and agile force capable of deterring adversaries and to effectively respond to any conflict.

A central pillar of the vision is the emphasis on jointness and synergy among the services, promoting greater coordination in planning, operations and capability development, according to the defence ministry.

It said the blueprint has been articulated by Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff to transform the defence forces into a modern, integrated and technologically-advanced military capable of supporting India's aspiration to become 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) by 2047.

Over 57,000 cases of alleged atrocities against SCs registered in 2023: Govt

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 10: More than 57,000 cases of alleged atrocities and crimes against Scheduled Castes were registered across the country in 2023, the government informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

It said there is no proposal to amend the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, as changes

have already been carried out in 2016 and 2018 to make its provisions more stringent in the interest of victims and witnesses.

Replying to a question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale said that 57,789 cases of crime/atrocities against Scheduled Castes were registered in 2023, compared to 57,582 in 2022 and 50,900 in 2021, as per data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau

(NCRB). The minister, in his written reply, said that increased awareness, wider publicity and sensitisation of police personnel through capacity building are among the reasons for more cases being registered under the Act.

The minister said there is no proposal to amend the SC and ST (POA) Act, 1989, as it has already been amended in 2016 and 2018 to make its provisions more stringent in the interest of victims and witnesses.

'Go sell some sweaters': SC junks AI-drafted PIL of Ludhiana cloth trader



PTI

New Delhi, Mar 10: The Supreme Court on Tuesday junked a PIL filed by a Ludhiana-based cloth trader after he admitted to using artificial intelligence tools to draft the petition and could not explain the complex legal terms used in it.

"Jao, Ludhiana mein 2-3 aur sweater becho... Jin logo ka kaam hai aisi petition file karna, woh nuksaan kardengay apka costs lagwa ke' (Go and sell 2-3 more sweaters in Ludhiana... If you continue filing such petitions through others, they will end up having costs imposed upon you)," Chief Justice Surya Kant said while dismissing the PIL.

The bench, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and R Mahadevan, became suspicious when Rajnish Sidhu, a hosiery

trader with a Class 12 education, stood up to argue his plea regarding the PM CARES Fund.

The moment Sidhu started his arguments by reading from the written text, the CJ began questioning his educational and other backgrounds.

When the petitioner said that he did not file any petition in the past and directly came to the top court to file his first plea, the CJ sarcastically said, "'Bada bahaduri ka kaam kiya, seedha Ludhiana se chalke agaye' (Very brave of you to come straight from Ludhiana to the Supreme Court)."

"I will take your English exam right here," the CJ said, adding, "If you manage to score even 30 per cent, I will believe you drafted this plea."

The moment of truth came when the CJ asked Sidhu to explain "Fiduciary

Risk of Corporate Donors", a term used in the PIL.

A stumped Sidhu was unable to define the term and tried to read from his notes.

"Mr Sidhu, this has been written and given to you by some advocate. You are just reading the script," the CJ interjected and warned that he would order an investigation by the Punjab Vigilance Bureau.

The petitioner then took the name of a typist working on the apex court premises as the person who initially helped him draft the PIL.

"The typist was very helpful... I gifted him four jackets. He was asking for Rs 1,000 per hour," Sidhu said, adding, "But I have not used his petition and drafted my own."

Eventually, he admitted to using three to four artificial intelligence (AI) tools to draft the petition because he could not afford a lawyer.

The bench trashed the PIL with the warning that any such attempt in future will invite penal and financial consequences.

On Monday, the CJ-led bench trashed five "frivolous" PILs filed by a single lawyer, including one seeking a scientific study on whether onion and garlic contained "tamasic" (negative) energy, and asked if he drafted them in the middle of the night.

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Iran launches new attacks targeting Israel, Gulf countries as it seeks to ramp up pressure on US

AP

Dubai, Mar 10: Iran launched new attacks on Tuesday at Israel and Gulf Arab countries as it kept up pressure on the Middle East in a war started by Israel and the United States that has rattled world markets and shows no signs of a letup.

In Bahrain, authorities said an Iranian attack hit a residential building in the capital, Manama, killing a 29-year-old woman and wounding eight people. Saudi Arabia said it destroyed two drones over its oil-rich eastern region, and Kuwait's National Guard said it shot down six drones.

In the United Arab Emirates, firefighters battled a blaze in the industrial city of Ruwais — home to petrochemical plants — after an Iranian drone strike. No injuries were reported.

Sirens also sounded in Jerusalem, and sounds of explosions could be heard in Tel Aviv as Israel's defence systems worked to intercept barrages from Iran.

US defence secretary threatens Iran with the most intense day of strikes

At the Pentagon, US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth warned that Tuesday "will be yet again our most intense day of strikes inside Iran: The most fighters, the most bombers, the most strikes, intelligence more refined and better than ever."

Shortly before the statement, he said, "The last 24 hours have seen Iran fire the lowest amount of



missiles they have fired yet."

Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said US forces hit more than 5,000 targets, and that their three objectives included destruction of Iranian ballistic missile and drone capability; hitting Iran's navy to allow movement through the Strait of Hormuz; and hitting "deeper into Iran's military and industrial base."

The rhetoric was equally sharp from Tehran. Iran's parliament speaker, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, said on X that Iran was "definitely not looking for a ceasefire."

"We believe that the aggressor should be punched in the mouth so that he learns a lesson so that he will never think of attacking our beloved Iran again," he said.

Another top Iranian security

official, Ali Larijani, appeared to threaten US President Donald Trump himself, writing on X that "Iran doesn't fear your empty threats. Even those bigger than you couldn't eliminate Iran. Be careful not to get eliminated yourself."

Iran has been accused of plotting attempts to kill Trump in the past.

Witnesses reported hearing several explosions in Tehran in the afternoon as Israel commenced a new wave of airstrikes.

Attacks aimed at pressuring the US

Along with firing missiles and drones at Israel and at American bases in the region, Iran has also been targeting energy infrastructure and traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for traded oil, sending oil prices soaring. The

attacks appear aimed at generating enough global economic pain to pressure the US and Israel to end their strikes.

Brent crude, the international standard, spiked to nearly USD 120 on Monday before falling back, but was still at around USD 90 a barrel on Tuesday, nearly 24 per cent higher than when the war started on Feb. 28.

Trump, who has previously said that the war could last for a month or longer, sought to downplay growing fears that it could take even longer, saying it was "going to be a short-term excursion."

Still, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed the strikes on Iran would continue.

"Our aim is to bring the Iranian people to cast off the yoke of tyranny, (but) ultimately it depends on them," Netanyahu said during a meeting with Israel's hospital and health system leaders. "There is no doubt that with the actions taken so far, we are breaking their bones."

Oil is rerouted as the Strait of Hormuz is largely cut off

Iran has effectively stopped tankers from using the Strait of Hormuz, which connects the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman — the gateway to the Indian Ocean — through which 20 per cent of the world's oil is carried. Attacks on merchant ships near the strait have killed at least seven sailors, according to the International Maritime Organisation.

Israel can help Iranians 'cast off the yoke of tyranny' but they must act: Netanyahu



PTI

Jerusalem, Mar 10: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said Israel can help enable Iranians to "cast off the yoke of tyranny", but any political change in the country would ultimately be up to its people.

Speaking during a visit to the National Health Command Centre on Monday as the regional conflict entered its 11th day, Netanyahu said Israel's campaign was weakening the Iranian leadership.

"Our aspiration is to enable the Iranian people to cast off the yoke of tyranny; ultimately, it is up to them. But there is no doubt that through the actions taken so far, we are breaking their bones and we are still

active," he said.

Netanyahu said that if Israel succeeded together with the Iranian people, it could bring about lasting change.

"If we succeed together with the Iranian people, we will bring about a permanent end to the extent that such things exist in the lives of nations. We will bring about change, and we are already bringing about a massive shift in Israel's international standing," he said.

The prime minister visited the National Health Command Centre along with Health Minister Haim Katz as part of briefings on the healthcare system's functioning during Operation Roaring Lion, Israel's military campaign against

Iran, according to a press statement.

During the visit, Health Ministry Director-General Moshe Bar Siman Tov briefed Netanyahu on the operations of the Command Centre, which monitors hospital activities, medical staff availability, and equipment and medicine stocks in real-time while coordinating with all security and emergency authorities.

The briefing also covered the preparedness of hospitals that are operating in protected spaces, the expansion of casualty intake capacity, and the maintenance of continuity of care through HMOs and hospitals during the fighting.

The presentation also covered measures to protect civilians, including medical and mental health support for victims, assistance for evacuees and public health services, the statement said.

"A large part of this struggle is on the offensive side, but an enormous part is on the defensive side. The defensive side is, first and foremost, the will of the people and the strength of the citizens," Netanyahu said.

Bumrah Workload: With focus on 2027 WC, pace spearhead to play more ODIs than T20Is

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 10: India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah is likely to play more 50-over games instead of T20I bilateral series over the next 18 months to ensure his preparations for the 2027 ODI World Cup remain on track.

T20Is will be a low priority leading up to October-November 2027, despite a heavy schedule of bilateral series and the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, where Suryakumar Yadav is expected to lead the side.

It is understood that Bumrah, like many senior Indian players, is very keen on playing the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, which will be held in the T20 format, but ODIs will be his primary white ball format till the 2027 World Cup.

India's ODI World Cup



preparation will start in earnest after a gruelling two months of Indian Premier League where Bumrah is set to headline the Mumbai Indians pace attack.

By the end of IPL, it is understood that the national selection committee, the Centre of Excellence headed by VVS Laxman and the team management represented by Gautam Gambhir and Shubman Gill, will

prepare the blue-print for the next phase, and the most important aspect will be Bumrah's workload management.

It is understood that the World Test Championships (WTC) matches are non-negotiable for the 32-year-old legend and it is believed that his workload management will be somewhat similar to the 2023-2026 phase during which he didn't play a single ODI.

ICC books individual commercial flights for WI, SA players after charter flight cancellation



PTI

Kolkata, Mar 10: The ICC on Tuesday booked separate commercial flights for the stranded West Indies and South Africa teams after their charter flight scheduled to take off from Kolkata "was cancelled due to logistical issues".

"All the West Indies and South African players have been booked on individual commercial airline flights. Obviously, all can't be booked on same airlines but ICC has taken care of individual bookings. ICC chairman Jay Shah has personally spoken and assured players of a safe journey back home," an ICC source privy to the development told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

"It must be mentioned that Darren Sammy is already on his way home having left on Monday night," the source also informed.

The two teams that played their final games in Kolkata (West Indies in Super

8s on March 1 and South Africa on March 4 in semi-final) have not been able to fly out due to the disruption that has been caused by International airspace restrictions across parts of West Asia following American and Israeli strikes on Iran.

The situation has forced multiple airlines to avoid routes through the Gulf region. ICC's airline partner is Emirates and they are unable to operate due to shutdown of Dubai airspace.

The restrictions severely complicated outbound travel from India towards the Caribbean and Africa, forcing cricket authorities to explore alternative routes and charter arrangements.

Earlier, in a communication conveyed on Tuesday evening, both teams were scheduled to leave Kolkata on a shared charter flight to Johannesburg on Tuesday afternoon.

From there, the West Indies contingent was to continue onward to Antigua, while the South Africans were expected to disperse for their respective commitments.

However, the flight arrangement was called off hours before the scheduled departure because of some "logistical issues", an official of the Cricket Association of Bengal told PTI.

"As per a latest development on Tuesday afternoon the 'chartered flight was cancelled and no further information regarding this is received', read a message communicated to the West Indies and South Africa teams.

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I intend to keep the fast for tomorrow in the month of Ramadan

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