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## No shortage of fuel in J&K: Minister Sharma

Warns black marketers, hoarders of stringent legal action; urges people to stay calm

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Jammu, Mar 11: Warning black marketers and hoarders of dire consequences, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Satish Sharma, on Wednesday urged residents of Jammu & Kashmir to stay calm as there is no shortage of fuel in the Union Territory.

Speaking to reporters here, Minister Sharma, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), assured the public that petroleum and LPG supplies are adequate across the region.

He said the government is closely monitoring all fuel stations and LPG outlets and anyone found hoarding or indulging in black marketing will face stringent legal action.

Earlier in the day, Sharma chaired a high-level meeting to review the stock position and supply of petroleum products, including petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG, in view of ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. The meeting was



attended by Commissioner/Secretary FCS&CA Saurabh Bhagat, Directors of FCS&CA Jammu and Kashmir Rifat Kohli and Dr. Sagar Dattaraya, representatives from major oil marketing companies including Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan

Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and officials from Legal Metrology, finance and distribution wings.

During the meeting, further Sharma reviewed stock levels, operational status of fuel depots and LPG bottling plants, and the supply chain mechanism to ensure uninterrupted availability

of fuel to consumers.

He stressed maintaining buffer stocks, strengthening coordination with oil companies and proactive planning to address potential supply disruptions.

Reassuring the public, the minister said the administration is fully vigilant and committed to safeguarding consumer interests.

He also directed officials to maintain strict vigil against hoarding, black marketing and overcharging, instructing Legal Metrology and enforcement teams to intensify inspections at fuel stations and LPG outlets to ensure compliance with regulations.

Highlighting the global nature of energy markets, Sharma drew parallels with past disruptions in the Gulf and appealed to citizens not to panic. "In this era, we are a global village. Vigilance and reason must prevail," he said, reiterating the government's commitment, under Omar Abdullah's leadership, to peace, prosperity and communal harmony. | More on P6

## Kashmir has stable fuel stocks, no need for panic buying: Div Com

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Mar 11: Assuring residents of stable fuel availability in the Kashmir Division, Divisional Commissioner Anshul Garg on Wednesday said there is no immediate cause for concern over LPG, petrol, or diesel supplies.

Addressing the media at his office in Srinagar, the Div Com said that the region currently holds around 13 days of LPG stock and more than 15 days of petrol and diesel reserves.

"We have a storage capacity of 15 to 20 days at maximum levels and the position of LPG is quite comfortable," he said, as reported by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

Garg said the Department of Food, Health and Civil Supplies, along with daily monitoring from the divisional control room, keeps a close watch on essential supply chains.

He appealed to the public to rely solely on official



updates, cautioning against panic buying and misinformation. "The Government of India and the Government of J&K are closely monitoring the situation. Any official decisions will be communicated promptly," he said.

The Divisional Commissioner also addressed concerns about commercial restrictions on LPG, clarifying that these do not affect domestic consumers, hospitals, or educational institutions. He warned of strict action against hoarding and black marketing. "Deputy | More on P6

## Kashmir hotels, restaurants fear LPG disruption

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Mar 11: Hotels and restaurants across Kashmir are sitting on just eight to ten days of commercial LPG stock, with fresh supplies uncertain after the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas issued an advisory on March 9 prioritising domestic consumers.

The concerns come amid rising global tensions triggered by the escalating conflict involving Iran, which has unsettled international petroleum markets and sparked panic buying of fuel and LPG cylinders in several parts of the country.

President of the Jammu and Kashmir Hotels and Restaurants Association (JKHARA) Babar Chowdhary told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the situation, while not yet a crisis, was worrying. "As of now there is no shortage, but the stock we have will last for around eight to ten days. If fresh supplies are not ensured, operations may halt," he said.

Chowdhary warned that the hotel and restaurant sector employed nearly 3.5 lakh people in Jammu and Kashmir, and any disruption in fuel supply could have serious economic consequences. | More on P6

## Hajj 2026: 4,717 pilgrims from J&K to embark on pilgrimage this year

Men, women pilgrims to stay separately, self-cooking banned, says Executive Officer

Mubashir Alam Wani

Srinagar, Mar 11: As many as 4,717 pilgrims from Jammu & Kashmir will perform Hajj in 2026, with the first batch scheduled to depart from Srinagar International Airport on April 18, officials said.

Executive Officer of the J&K Haj Committee, Dr. Shujaat Qureshi, while speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that 4,716 pilgrims have completed their bookings, while the registration

process had closed in August last year.

"All the selected pilgrims have confirmed their participation, and most of the payments have been completed, with just one instalment yet to be paid," Dr. Qureshi said.

He said the Hajj flights from Srinagar will operate between April 18 and April 28, during which pilgrims will be airlifted to Saudi Arabia in batches.

Dr. Qureshi said that Akasa Air has been awarded the tender for | More on P6

## Make J&K proud of its properties across India: CM to RC officers

Directs benchmarking with best state guest houses across country

KT News Desk

New Delhi, Mar 11: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday reviewed plans to establish new JK Houses in Dwarka in the national capital and Mumbai and to revamp existing government properties across several states and Union Territories to strengthen Jammu and Kashmir's presence nationwide.

The review meeting was attended by Resident Commissioner J&K Ramesh Kumar and senior officers of the Resident Commission and concerned departments.

They presented updates on



the ongoing projects, budgetary requirements as well as future development plans aimed at strengthening the institutional infrastructure outside

Jammu and Kashmir. While reviewing the progress of multiple infrastructure projects being handled by the J&K Resident | More on P6

## Snowfall in higher reaches, rains lash plains

MeT predicts erratic weather till Mar 19

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Mar 11: Higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall while several plains experienced light rain over the past 24 hours, the Meteorological Department said on Tuesday.

The department, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), predicted that weather conditions across Jammu and Kashmir will remain erratic till March 19.

Light to moderate precipitation was recorded at several places across the Kashmir division during the last 24 hours ending at 8:30 am, the MeT said, adding that Gulmarg, Kupwara



and other higher altitude areas received snowfall, while plains such as Srinagar, Pahalgam and parts of North Kashmir recorded light rainfall. Kupwara received about 6.4 mm of rain, Gulmarg | More on P6

## Around 100 Indian students to return from war-torn Iran on March 14-15: JKSA

'J&K Govt to arrange buses at IGI Airport, New Delhi, for onward journey'

KNO Desk

Srinagar, Mar 11: The Jammu & Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) on Wednesday said that amid the ongoing Israel-Iran tensions around 100 Indian students stranded in war-torn country, including a majority from Kashmir, are set to return to India on March 14 and 15 through commercial flights.

National Convenor Nasir Khuehami told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the students will



travel to Armenia's Zvartnots International Airport in Yerevan via the land route before boarding commercial

flights back to India.

Khuehami said that most of the students are scheduled to return on March 14, while the remaining students are expected to arrive on March 15. The students have already booked their flight tickets and are expected to depart for the Armenia border on Thursday from different parts of Iran, mostly from the city of Urmia.

"The students will be travelling on Flydubai flights scheduled for March 14 and March 15, which | More on P6

## Man opens fire at Jammu wedding attended by Farooq Abdullah, Dy CM

Accused taken into custody

KNO Desk

Jammu, Mar 11: Panic broke out during a wedding function near Royal Park in the Greater Kailash area of Jammu on Wednesday after a man opened fire, officials said. The function was attended by National Conference Chief Farooq Abdullah, Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary

and several political leaders.

An official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the man, identified as Kamal Singh Jamwal, was intoxicated when he opened the fire. He was soon overpowered by people present at the scene and handed over to the police.

He said that no one has suffered injuries in the incident, while the man has been taken into custody with further probe into the incident underway.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister's | More on P6

## DIPR condoles demise of Subhash Gupta

KT News Desk

Jammu, Mar 11: The Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu and Kashmir, under the chairmanship of Director Nitish Rajora, on Wednesday expressed profound grief over the demise of Subhash Gupta, father of Vijay Gupta, Editor-in-Chief of Young Bites newspaper.

The Director conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family in this hour of grief and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Other senior officers of the department, including Joint Directors Dr. Zahoor Ahmed Raina and Deepak Dubey, Deputy Directors | More on P6

## Ensure timely uploading, verification of accident data on iRAD portal: Chief Secretary Reviews road safety measures across J&K



KT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, MARCH 11: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Wednesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the Transport Department to assess the measures being taken for effective traffic management, reduction of road accidents and strengthening of road safety mechanisms across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting, as per an official statement, besides ACS Finance; ACS, PWD; Principal Secretary, Home; Commissioner Secretary, GAD; and Secretary, Transport was attended by IGP, Traffic; Transport Commissioner; Director, Motor Garages and other concerned officers.

Deputy Commissioners and representatives from NHAI, BRO, SAMPARK and NHIDCL attended the meeting through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary reviewed the implementation of key road safety initiatives, including enforcement drives by the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) and Traffic Police, functioning of the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) portal, and the rollout of the PM Rahat Scheme aimed at providing immediate assistance to road accident victims.

The Chief Secretary directed all departments concerned to ensure timely uploading and verification of accident data on the iRAD portal to facilitate accurate analysis and prompt corrective measures, particularly at identified black spots. He called for strict implementation of all the Supreme Court directions in letter and spirit with mandatory submission of reports of each major mishap happening on the roads here.

The Chief Secretary emphasized strict enforcement of the road safety policy on ground besides taking of engineering measures by the concerned executing agencies involved in construction of roads here.

The Chief Secretary stressed the need for stronger coordination among departments including Transport, Traffic Police, Health, Public Works and district administrations to ensure effective implementation of road safety measures. He directed for the utilization of road safety fund in favour of accident victims besides effectively implementing the PM Rahat scheme for saving the lives of such individuals. He also directed that

District Road Safety Committees must hold regular meetings and prepare district-level action plans aimed at reducing accidents and improving traffic management. He also instructed road construction agencies to regularly conduct road safety audits of existing and new roads and ensure prompt rectification of hazardous locations to minimize accident risks.

The Secretary Transport, Avny Lavasa took this occasion to inform the meeting that the Transport Department, in coordination with other agencies, has been undertaking detailed analysis of road accidents through the iRAD portal, which helps identify accident hotspots and enables data-driven interventions.

She elaborated that the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) system digitally records accident data and supports scientific accident investigation besides helping in taking corrective measures eventually to reduce the occurrence of such mishaps leading to loss of precious lives.

The Secretary Transport further informed that stakeholders have been directed to ensure timely punching and verification of accident data on the portal. Training programmes are also being conducted in coordination with the National Informatics Centre to improve the quality and timeliness of accident reporting, she added.

Integration of electronic Detailed Accident Reports (eDAR) with judicial systems is also being pursued to streamline the accident reporting and compensation process, she apprised the meeting.

The meeting also reviewed the implementation of the Prime Minister's Road Accident Victims' Hospitalization and Assured Treatment (PM Rahat) Scheme, which provides cashless treatment to accident victims during the critical "golden hour" upto the amount of Rs 1.5 lakhs in each case.

It was revealed that the accident analysis carried out through the portal has helped identify 16 major accident hotspots across J&K, including locations in districts such as Jammu, Udhampur, Reasi and Srinagar. She added that since June 2022, over 3,800 accidents have been reported in Jammu district alone, while around 1,500 accidents were recorded in Srinagar, highlighting the need for targeted interventions in high-risk corridors.

The review also highlighted the

extensive enforcement measures being undertaken by the Traffic Police and Motor Vehicles Department to curb violations and ensure safer roads.

The IGP Traffic, M. Suleiman reported that strict action is being taken against traffic violators under the Motor Vehicles Act. During 2025, a total of 15,947 vehicles were seized, while 786 vehicles have already been seized during 2026 so far for serious violations.

To strengthen enforcement, he added that the department has also deployed modern traffic management equipment including breath analysers, body-worn cameras, speed detection devices, reflective safety gear, traffic cones and LED traffic batons for field units.

Additionally, it was highlighted that 16 Highway Patrol Vehicles and 19 Interceptor Vehicles have been deployed for enhanced patrolling and monitoring on national and state highways, enabling swift action against traffic violations.

About the PM Rahat Scheme the Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan gave out that this scheme aims to ensure immediate hospitalization of road accident victims without financial constraints and facilitates coordination among police, hospitals and the Transport Department.

Regarding its implementation the Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul informed that all districts of the UT had been onboarded under the scheme. Necessary financial and digital infrastructure, including RBI and PFMS accounts, has been established and live entry of accident cases under the scheme started from March 9, 2026.

The Transport Commissioner further apprised the meeting about the Road Accident Victim Fund (RAVF) being utilized to support accident-related interventions and relief measures. He divulged that 1226.10 lakh has been received under the fund, out of which 1153.10 lakh has already been released to RTOs and ARTOs, while 73 lakh remains available for further utilization.

Reiterating the government's commitment to safer roads, the Chief Secretary called for greater use of technology, strict enforcement of traffic laws and enhanced public awareness campaigns to significantly reduce road accidents

## DC Srinagar assures all possible support for welfare of tribal students

### Visits ST Boys hostel to assess student requirements

KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, MARCH 11: Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Wednesday visited ST Boys Hostel at Tulsi Bagh to take stock of the functioning of the hostel and facilities being provided to the enrolled students.

Among others, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs, Syed Mushtaq; Tehsildar South, Sajad Ahmad Shah; Wardens of Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostels for Boys and Girls, and other



concerned Officers accompanied the DC during the visit, while Students of the ST Boys Hostel and Tribal Girls Hostel were present on the occasion.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner, as per an official statement, interacted with the staff and students of both the hostels and enquired about the

lodging, boarding, academic, sports and other facilities being provided at the hostel.

On the occasion, the DC also inspected the newly procured bedding, furniture and other essential items provided under the UT Capex for the ST Boys Hostel Tulsi Bagh to strengthen basic facilities at the facility.

While interacting with the students, the Deputy Commissioner assured them of all possible support from the District Administration to ensure a nurturing and supportive environment for their overall development.

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Subject: Advertisement for the Tenure Posts of Fellowship in Neonatology at 500 Bedded Children Hospital, Government Medical College, Srinagar.

Advertisement Notification No. 05 of 2026

Dated: 10/03/2026

Applications through online mode are invited from the eligible applicants for the Tenure Posts of Fellowship in Neonatology at 500 Bedded Children Hospital, Government Medical College, Srinagar.

About the Unit:

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Postgraduate Department of Pediatrics, GMC, Srinagar is accredited by National Neonatology Forum (NNF) of India as Level IIIA NICU. The Government Children Hospital, an associated Hospital of GMC Srinagar, is a 500-bed hospital caring exclusively for Pediatric patients with all the subspecialties including Pediatric Cardiology, Pediatric Gastroenterology, Pediatric Hematology, Pediatric Ophthalmology, Pediatric Surgery and Pediatric Neurology. Postgraduate Department of Pediatrics is recognized by National Medical Commission (NMC) and has been granted 17 postgraduate seats in Pediatrics (MD Course) per year. The Division of Neonatology has an out-born unit and an inborn unit. The out-born unit has 24 Ventilators including 2 HFV0s, 12 bubble CPAPs and HH-FNCs. It has 7 high end incubators, in-house Echocardiography/ Ultrasonography Machine, amplitude EEG (aEEG), Masimo based central monitoring system, transport ventilator, etc. The inborn unit has 50 cribs with 8 ventilators and 12 bubble CPAPs, The unit runs high risk newborn OPD twice per week. The hospital also has a District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) wherein high-risk neonates are regularly followed up.

Important Dates/ details about the Posts being Advertised:

Online Application Form Submission Date: 10.03.2026

Cut-off Date for submission of Online Application Form: 16.03.2026

Terms and Conditions about Eligibility Education Qualification etc for Participating in the selection process for the posts of Fellowship in Neonatology are as under:

01) Appointment of the Candidates:

The appointment and other service conditions in respect of the candidates selected through this selection process shall be governed as per existing rules/regulations.

Course	Eligibility	Duration of Fellowship	
		One Year	
Fellowship in Neonatology	MD/DNB (Pediatrics)	One Year	
	DCH	One & Half Year	

\*Candidates with higher qualifications can also apply.

03) Mode of Submission of Application Form:

a) Candidates are advised to go through the instructions and all the eligibility conditions prescribed for the post before filling in the online application form.

b) Link for filling up online application form for the above position shall be available on the official website of Government Medical College, Srinagar <http://www.gmcs.ac.in> w.e.f 10.03.2026 onwards to 16.03.2026 up to 5:00 PM. No other means/mode of application shall be accepted.

c) Candidates are required to register before filling in the application form.

d) After logging into the account, candidates are required to fill in all the requisite fields of One Time Registration (OTR) i.e. personal information, contact information & educational Qualifications, service details and uploading of documents etc.

e) Candidates are required to upload scanned copies of original certificates/ affidavit(s). Photocopies of certificate/affidavit(s) uploaded shall not be entertained. Size of each Certificate/affidavit must be less than or equal to 1 MB in PDF format only.

f) The candidate shall also be required to upload images of recent photograph, signature and thumb impression. Size of photograph (passport size) and signature/Thumb must be less than or equal to 700KB in ".jpeg" or ".jpg" only.

g) The candidate must write his/her name, parentage and date of birth strictly as per the Matriculation Certificate.

h) Candidates are advised in their own interest to submit online applications much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection/ inability or failure to login to the online application portal on account of heavy load on the website during the closing days.

i) Applicants are advised to fill all the fields of the online application form with due diligence and after carefully reading the terms and conditions given in the advertisement notification. Request for change/correction in any particulars in the application form, once submitted, will not be entertained under any circumstances.

j) Applications with blurred photograph/ illegible signature will be rejected.

k) In case of fake/fabricated application/registration by misusing any name/ photo, such candidate(s) shall be held responsible for the same and liable for suitable legal action under cyber/ IT Act/relevant rules.

l) All disputes related to refund of excess payment, if any, can be resolved after following the due process at Government Medical College, Srinagar. Candidates are advised to apply for refund of excess payment, if any, through official email [principaigmcscr@gmail.com](mailto:principaigmcscr@gmail.com) only. No Chargeback request shall be entertained.

m) Candidates shall ensure that their e-mail ID and phone Nos. as specified in the online application form are active during the entire selection process.

n) After successful payment of Non-refundable amount of 11,000/- (Rupees One Thousand) through online mode viz Net Banking, UPI, Credit or Debit cards, the fee status with transaction details will be reflected on the Online Application form.

o) After the application form is successfully submitted, it will be accepted provisionally.

04) Selection Process:

d) The selection of the candidates shall be based on the performance in MCC based written Test only. The test will be of 01 Hour of duration comprising of 60 Multiple Choice Questions.

e) Selected candidates will be asked for Hard copy of Applications Form(s) along with Original Documents for documents verification, after the issuance of Provisional Selection list.

f) In case of a tie in merit secured by two or more candidates in the written test, preference shall be given to:

i. Overall Percentage of Marks in MBBS.

ii. Age (candidate(s) older in age shall be given preference).

5) Examination Date & Centre and Admit Card: The details with respect to Examination Date, Venue and Admit Cards shall be notified separately and made available on the College website i.e. [www.cocs.ac.in](http://www.cocs.ac.in). No representation/ request for change in this regard shall be entertained, whatsoever be the reason.

6) Documents to be submitted as attachments:

The applicants shall have to submit their application forms along with self-attested copies of the following documents:

- ORBS Marks cheat of all Phases
- MBBS Degree Certificate
- MD/DNB/DCH Qualification/Degree Certificate
- Internship Completion Certificate
- Date of Birth Certificate
- NMC/J & K Medical Council Registration Certificate
- Address Proof
- No Objection Certificate from Administrative Department (for In-Service applicants only)

07) Other Terms & Conditions:

The Selected candidates shall have to submit an affidavit duly attested by the Judicial Magistrate to the effect that:-

- The information/documents submitted by the candidates are true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein.
- In case the information/documents provided by the candidates are found wrong at any time during his/her tenure of fellowship, his/her candidature shall be cancelled ab-initio and he/she shall be liable for action as warranted under rules.
- The candidate shall abide all the terms and conditions of the College.
- The candidate shall remain disciplined and shall not indulge in any unlawful activity.
- The selected candidate, after joining as a fellow, shall not be allowed to resign or leave the course mid-way.

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## Dy CM shuts e-challan portals of 5 stone crushers in Rajouri

KT NEWS DESK

Rajouri, Mar 11: Acting tough against violations related to river bed mining, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary on Wednesday deactivated the e-challan portals of five stone crusher units at Chityari and adjoining areas of District Rajouri.

To assess the mining activities in the area, the Deputy Chief Minister conducted a surprise inspection of stone crusher units to ensure that the operations are being carried out in compliance with the prescribed rules and regulations. He was accompanied by the Joint Director, Geology and Mining Department, Jammu along with other concerned senior officers.

During the inspection, it was found that five stone crusher units including Mir Stone Crusher Dogani, Mehta Stone Crusher Dogani, KGN Stone Crusher Dogani, Border Stone Crusher Dogani and Shakti Stone Crusher Sarano had carried out excavation below the natural surface level of the river bed after exhausting their legally permitted stock, which is a clear violation of the prescribed mining norms.

Taking serious notice of the violations, the e-challan portals of all the five units were deactivated with immediate effect. The Deputy Chief



Minister said that the portals will remain suspended until a detailed verification of their operations is completed and further action is taken by the department as per the rules.

He stated that the government will ensure strict enforcement of mining regulations and protection of natural resources, cautioning that illegal mining activities will be dealt with firmly in accordance with the law.

During the inspection, several heavy excavators (Poklain machines) were also found stationed at the

premises of these units.

"All heavy machines which are not allowed to operate for mining activities shall be moved away immediately and handed over to the owners in presence of Chowki Officers," maintained the Deputy CM.

The Deputy Chief Minister directed the Geology and Mining Department to initiate a detailed verification of functioning and compliance status of the concerned units. "Appropriate action will be taken against any violation found during the verification process," he said.

## IGP Kashmir orders tight security, effective crowd management for upcoming festivals

SAJID RAINA

Srinagar, Mar 11: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir V K Birdi on Wednesday directed officers to maintain strict vigil, strengthen security measures and ensure effective crowd management during upcoming festivals across the Valley.

Chairing a security review meeting at the Police Control Room (PCR) here, IGP Birdi, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reviewed arrangements for upcoming festivals and events, including Shab-e-Barat, Navratra, Eid-ul-Fitr and Nauroz, officials said.

He emphasised the need for enhanced security arrangements to ensure public safety and maintain law and order during the festivals, which usually witness



large gatherings at religious places across the Kashmir Valley.

The IGP directed officers to put in place effective crowd

management measures to prevent overcrowding and ensure smooth conduct of the events.

He also instructed the officers

to regulate entry and exit points at major religious places, deploy security personnel at strategic locations and coordinate with local community leaders for better management of gatherings.

IGP Birdi asked the officers to step up vigilance, conduct random checks at sensitive locations and increase security patrols to prevent any untoward incidents during the festive period.

Senior officers from various security agencies attended the meeting, including officials from the BSF, CRPF, CID, traffic police and other wings of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The meeting reviewed preparedness across districts and stressed coordination among different security agencies to ensure peaceful celebrations across the Valley, the officials added—(KNO)

## HP Guv vows to combat drugs, promote organic farming

YOGESH

Jammu, Mar 11: Kavinder Gupta, Governor of Himachal Pradesh, on Wednesday reiterated his commitment to work towards making the hill state drug-free while promoting organic farming and meaningful youth engagement as key priorities of his tenure.

Gupta, who arrived in Jammu for the first time after taking oath as Governor in Shimla on Tuesday, said addressing the growing menace of drug addiction would be one of the foremost areas of focus during his tenure.

He stressed that collective efforts by the government, civil society and communities are essential to eradicate the problem of substance abuse and safeguard the future of the younger



generation. "We must work together to make Himachal Pradesh a drug-free state," he said.

The Governor also highlighted the

importance of promoting organic farming across Himachal Pradesh, noting that the state possesses immense potential to emerge as a hub of organic agriculture. He said encouraging organic practices would not only protect the environment but also enhance farmers' income and strengthen sustainable rural livelihoods.

Highlighting the role of youth in nation-building, Gupta said focused initiatives aimed at youth engagement, skill development and constructive participation in social and economic activities would remain a priority.

He expressed confidence that with coordinated efforts and public participation, the state would continue to progress on the path of sustainable development and social well-being—(KNO)

## From The Parliament

### PMFBY covers 11.6 lakh farmers in J&K

SAJID RAINA

New Delhi, Mar 11: More than 11.6 lakh farmer applications have been enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Jammu and Kashmir since the launch of the scheme, with total claims worth Rs 166.7 crore paid to 2.8 lakh farmer applications till the Kharif 2025 season, the government informed Parliament on Wednesday.

Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Bhagirath Choudhary shared the details in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha.

He said the government has introduced the yield-based PMFBY and the weather index-based Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) from Kharif 2016 to provide financial support to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural calamities and adverse weather conditions.

The schemes provide comprehensive risk insurance coverage from pre-sowing to post-harvest losses and aim to stabilise farmers' income, the minister said.

Choudhary said the schemes are voluntary for states and union territories as well as farmers, and all willing farmers are eligible to enrol.

Under PMFBY, farmers are charged a low premium rate—up to 2 per cent of the sum insured for Kharif crops, up to 1.5 per cent for Rabi crops and up to 5 per cent for commercial and horticultural crops.

The remaining actuarial premium is shared between the Centre and the states on a 50:50 basis. However, for northeastern and Himalayan



states, including Jammu and Kashmir, the Centre bears 90 per cent of the premium while the UT contributes 10 per cent, he said.

Responding to another part of the question, the minister said land and agriculture fall under the jurisdiction of state governments under the Constitution, and they are responsible for taking measures to increase the area under cultivation and ensure optimal use of agricultural land.

He said the Centre supports such efforts

through policy initiatives and budgetary assistance, including the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY), which focuses on the development of rainfed and degraded land.

The scheme includes activities such as soil and moisture conservation, rainwater harvesting, drainage line treatment, pasture development and livelihood support for asset-less persons, he added—(KNO)

### NFSA covers 67.47 lakh beneficiaries in J&K: GoI

REHAN QAYOUM MIR

Srinagar, Mar 11: Around 67.47 lakh beneficiaries in Jammu & Kashmir and 1.13 lakh in Ladakh are currently covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, the Government of India informed Parliament on Wednesday.

Replying to an unstarred question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya said that the NFSA provides coverage to up to 75 per cent of the rural population and 50 per cent of the urban population, which as per the 2011 Census translates to 81.35 crore people across the country.

As per the official data, Jammu & Kashmir has 67,47,172 beneficiaries identified under the Act, while Ladakh has 1,13,803 beneficiaries receiving subsidised foodgrains through the public distribution system.

The government said that States and Union Territories regularly clean their beneficiary databases to remove

ineligible ration card holders and add eligible families, noting that the beneficiary list under the NFSA remains dynamic in nature.

The Centre further said that the food subsidy is provided to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and states operating under the Decentralised Procurement (DCP) system to bridge the gap between the economic cost of foodgrains and the Central Issue Price (CIP) at which grains are supplied to beneficiaries.

According to the government, the food subsidy released stood at 1,39,661.03 crore in 2022-23, 1,29,089.40 crore in 2023-24 and 1,29,080.90 crore in 2024-25 for the distribution of foodgrains under central schemes.

Additionally, funds are also released to States and UTs under the centrally sponsored scheme "Assistance to State Agencies for Intra-State Movement of Foodgrains and FPS Dealers' Margin under NFSA" to cover expenditure on transportation, handling and fair price shop dealer margins—(KNO)

### CDRCs established in Ladakh UT: Centre

UMAISER GUL

Srinagar, Mar 11: The Government of India on Wednesday said that State and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions (CDRCs) have been established in the Union Territory of Ladakh, while one member has been appointed in the Leh District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

Replying to an unstarred question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution B L Verma said that under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, it is the responsibility of the State or UT governments to fill vacancies of Presidents and Members in State and District Consumer Commissions.

The Minister said that as per rules, the process of appointments should be initiated at least six months before a vacancy arises.

He said that in case of vacancies

in District Commissions, the government can notify another District Commission or its members to exercise jurisdiction and discharge functions for the concerned district.

The government also informed that consumers in Ladakh can seek grievance redressal through the National Consumer Helpline (NCH), which serves as a single-point access platform for consumer complaints at the pre-litigation stage.

According to the ministry, consumers can lodge complaints through the toll-free number 1915, WhatsApp and SMS (8800001915), email, the NCH mobile application, the web portal and the UMANG app.

The National Consumer Helpline facilitates grievance redressal across 31 sectors, and between April 25, 2025 and January 31, 2026, it helped secure refunds worth Rs 52 crore to consumers in 79,521 cases, the government said—(KNO)

### Centre recovers Rs 6.63 Lakh penalty from J&K publications

REHAN QAYOUM MIR

Srinagar, Mar 11 (KNO): The Government of India on Wednesday said that Rs 6.63 lakh in penalties has been received from publications in Jammu & Kashmir through the Press Sewa Portal under the Press and Registration of Periodicals (PRP) Act, 2023. Replying to an unstarred question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan said that all applications for registration of periodicals are now processed digitally through the Press Sewa Portal.

The minister said that over 1.5 lakh physical records of newspaper registrations created under the repealed Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1867 have been digitised and integrated into the portal.

According to the government, several services including registration of

new periodicals, revision of registration of existing publications, transfer of ownership, filing of annual statements, circulation verification and payment of penalties are now processed online through the portal.

The minister said that 780 district authorities across the country have been onboarded on the Press Sewa Portal and since March 1, 2024, a total of 11,081 applications have been processed and certificates issued under different categories.

As per the official data, 582 publications in Jammu & Kashmir have been cancelled under the provisions related to registration of periodicals.

The government also said that the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) continuously reviews the functioning of the portal and takes feedback to improve services and facilitate ease of doing business for periodical publications—(KNO)

### 'Awantipora-Kakapora-Shopian railway line project shelved'

RAJA SYED RATHER

Srinagar, Mar 11: The Government of India on Wednesday informed the Lok Sabha that the proposed Awantipora (Kakapora)-Shopian railway line project in Jammu & Kashmir has been dropped after being found infeasible.

Replying to an unstarred question raised by MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw said that a survey for the 28-kilometre rail line aimed at extending rail connectivity to Pulwama district was undertaken.

The minister said the survey assessed the feasibility of the Awantipora (Kakapora)-Shopian new railway line, but the project was later found to

be not feasible and therefore dropped.

The query had sought details regarding the possible acquisition of orchard land, number of affected families, environmental and livelihood impact, compensation measures and alternative alignments for the project in Shopian and Pulwama districts of south Kashmir.

However, the government clarified that since the project has been dropped after feasibility assessment, the issues related to land acquisition and impact on orchards do not arise.

The proposed rail link had aimed to improve rail connectivity in Pulwama district of Jammu & Kashmir, the minister said—(KNO)

## EDITORIAL

### West Asia Crisis: Ensure Energy Security

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's instruction to his senior ministers to protect Indian consumers from the impact of the West Asia oil crisis is a timely and reassuring step. It shows that the government is putting the common citizen first as global energy markets face turmoil due to rising conflict. India depends heavily on imports for its oil and gas needs. Half of the country's gas consumption comes from abroad, and the Strait of Hormuz, a

key route for energy supplies, is now disrupted. This creates real risks of shortages and price hikes. Around 60 million metric standard cubic metres per day of gas from the Middle East have been affected, which could push up the cost of cooking gas, fuel for vehicles, and industrial production. The Prime Minister's meeting with ministers from External Affairs, Oil, Finance, and Commerce was a strategic move to coordinate efforts and use every available option

to tackle the situation. By sourcing energy from multiple countries like the United States, Russia, Venezuela, and Australia, the government has reduced India's dependence on any one troubled region. This policy of diversifying energy sources is now paying off. Another important decision is the reordering of gas supply priorities. The government has decided to focus on meeting the needs of households first, ensuring supply for cooking gas, CNG for vehicles,

and piped natural gas for homes, even if it means cutting back in other areas. This shows a clear understanding of what matters most for daily life. Ensuring that these essential needs are fully met, even during global shortages, is a strong move to protect ordinary people. However, the situation is still changing. The government must keep a close watch and be ready with more steps if needed, whether that means finding new sources, using stored reserves, or

providing targeted financial help. The Prime Minister's promise that consumers will not suffer must be backed by strong and steady action. The entire machinery of the government, from diplomats securing new supply routes to local teams ensuring last-mile delivery, must work together smoothly. In times of global crisis, the real test of any government is how well it protects its own people. This government has met such challenges before. It must do so again.

## PM e-Vidya: Empowering Every Learner, Everywhere

Press Information Bureau

Education and dissemination of knowledge play vital roles in shaping the intellectual and social foundations of students, preparing them to contribute meaningfully to a rapidly changing world. Recognising the need for a future-ready education system that is inclusive and responsive to diverse learner needs, the Government articulated this vision through the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The NEP 2020 lays out a transformative vision for India's education system. It aims to ensure equitable access to quality education and promote holistic and multidisciplinary learning. The policy also seeks to foster critical thinking and creativity, while leveraging technology to improve teaching and learning outcomes.

India has 24.8 crore school-going children and 4.33 crore students enrolled in higher education (AISHE 2021-22), but many of them live in remote geographies where access to educational institutions remains limited, and regular classroom attendance is often constrained by socio-economic compulsions such as household responsibilities and the need to engage in livelihood activities. These challenges are further compounded by persistent shortages of trained teachers in several regions, leading to uneven learning outcomes. The COVID-19 pandemic also disrupted conventional classroom education, impacting nearly 25 crore school children and accelerated the need for innovative solutions. In this context, digital education was envisioned as a critical enabler of flexibility and inclusion; for students unable to reach classrooms, classrooms were taken to them.

The Government of India launched the PM e-VIDYA initiative as a comprehensive digital education programme to ensure continuity of learning online. Built on the principle of "One Nation, One Digital Education Infrastructure," PM e-VIDYA integrates multiple platforms—such as DIKSHA, SWAYAM, SWAYAM Prabha TV channels, radio, podcasts, and community-based digital access to deliver inclusive, accessible, and technology-enabled education to learners across the country, thereby aligning with the long-term objectives of NEP 2020.

Evolution of PM e-Vidya: Education Through Digital Platform

PM e-VIDYA was initially launched on 17 May 2020 as an emergency multi-mode digital education response amid the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown, enabling continuity of learning through television, radio, and online platforms. It was subsequently formalised and renamed under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan on August 7, 2020, integrating existing digital assets into a unified framework.

It builds upon foundational programs such as Digital India, the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) and SWAYAM MOOCS platform, SAMAGRA Shiksha, and NISHTHA's teacher training and capacity-building efforts. Core operational pillars include the One Class, One TV Channel[4] under PM e-VIDYA's SWAYAM PRABHA component, the One Nation, One Digital Platform vision embodied in DIKSHA[5] and SWAYAM MOOCS portal.

PM e-Vidya: Key Pillars

PM e-Vidya comprises six key pillars, which integrate online, on-air, and offline channels to ensure universal access to inclusive and equitable digital education. These include: Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), SWAYAM Prabha, Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA), Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and Podcasts, Special e-Content for CWSN, and Online Coaching for Competitive Exams.

Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM)

SWAYAM, launched in collaboration with IIT Madras, is a flagship national initiative envisaged to provide learners free access to high-quality educational content in alignment with the vision of "Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime Learning." The platform offers a diverse range of courses across multiple disciplines, curated by premier institutions to support holistic and well-rounded learning.



As of January 2026, over 4,400 unique courses have been developed on SWAYAM by ten National Coordinators, namely NPTEL, UGC, AICTE, CEC, IGNOU, IIMB, NITTTR, INI, NCERT, and NIOS. Since its inception, SWAYAM MOOCS have witnessed cumulative enrolments of approximately 5.80 crore learners, with 52.88 lakh certifications awarded.

In order to facilitate the seamless integration of online learning within the formal higher education system, the University Grants Commission (UGC) notified the Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM Regulations, 2021, which enables higher education institutions to offer up to 40 per cent of the total courses of a programme in a semester through SWAYAM.

Further, with a view to enhancing academic flexibility and learner convenience, UGC has also notified a framework for universities to conduct examinations for SWAYAM courses. This framework permits universities that have adopted the regulations to conduct SWAYAM examinations, thereby further strengthening institutional participation and student-centric implementation of online learning.

The courses on SWAYAM incorporate four key components: (1) video lectures, (2) downloadable and printable reading materials, (3) self-assessment tests via quizzes and exams, and (4) an online discussion forum to resolve doubts. The learning process is enhanced through the integration of audio-video elements, multimedia, and advanced pedagogical and technological methods.

All courses provided via SWAYAM are free for learners. However, those seeking an official SWAYAM certificate must register for proctored final exams, which involve a fee, and attend them in person at designated centers on scheduled dates. Certificate eligibility details are specified on each course page, and certificates are awarded only upon meeting these requirements. Universities and colleges that approve credit transfers can incorporate the marks or certificates from these courses into students' academic records.

SWAYAM Prabha

The SWAYAM PRABHA is a group of 48 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes with an aim to make education accessible especially for rural area students. These channels are freely available for all learners across the country and broadcast through DD Free dish and internet applications.

In December 2024, the Government of India launched Channel 31 on DTH, dedicated to Indian Sign Language (ISL) training for hearing-impaired students, special educators, interpreters, and relevant organisations.

SATHEE  
Ministry of Education in collaboration with IIT Kanpur has launched Self-Assessment, Test, and Help for Entrance Examination (SATHEE) platform in November 2023.

The platform provides free access to quality content, curated by the academicians from prestigious institutions such as the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). These

contents are designed to support students/learners in their preparation for various competitive examinations, including JEE, NEET, SSC, ICAR, CUET, IBPS, etc.

Key features of SATHEE include:

- Recorded and live lectures by expert faculty from IITs and AIIMS
- Daily Practice Problems (DPPs), mock tests, and self-assessment tools to continuously track and improve performance
- Motivational sessions and mentorship from top institutional mentors
- Access to a comprehensive repository of 80,000+ high-quality questions aligned with competitive exam standards.
- Interactive doubt-clearing sessions conducted by IIT and AIIMS students.
- Intensive crash courses before exams, including All India Mock Test Series for real exam simulation.
- Multilingual content, available in Hindi, English, and several regional languages.

Smart AI features for personalised study plans, performance analytics, and gamified learning experiences to boost engagement. In order to facilitate wider outreach and enable effective preparation for various competitive examinations, a set of seven dedicated Direct-to-Home (DTH) channels has been made operational. Furthermore, to enhance accessibility and ensure seamless user experience across devices, mobile applications for both iOS and Android platforms have been launched, allowing learners and students to access the platform's resources anytime and anywhere.

Aligned with NEP 2020's emphasis on technology-enabled equitable education and skill development, SATHEE has empowered lakhs of aspirants with data-backed preparation strategies, real-time progress tracking, and mentorship from IIT faculty and toppers. This, in turn, aptly bridges the gap between aspiration and achievement in higher education and employment.

Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA)

The DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) portal and mobile app serve as India's flagship national digital ecosystem for school education. It has been developed under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The platform is spearheaded by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in collaboration with the Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET). Launched in 2017, DIKSHA is an open-source platform that gives students, teachers, and administrators across India easy access to high-quality, curriculum-linked digital learning materials. It can be customised and works in a federated way to suit different needs.

DIKSHA enables complete K-12 digital learning across NCERT, CBSE, NIOS, and State/UT boards, covering foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) to senior secondary education. It promotes equity by providing standardised, syllabus-aligned digital content accessible to learners nationwide. It features media-rich, interactive resources,

including 2D/3D animations, AR experiences, simulations, virtual labs, and sign language videos, designed to enhance conceptual clarity and cater to diverse learning styles. The platform bridges the print-digital divide through QR-coded Energised Textbooks, linking physical NCERT books to videos, interactives, and teacher guides for seamless classroom engagement. For the differently-abled learners it provides inclusive features like DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) format, text-to-speech, and Indian Sign Language (ISL) videos.

DIKSHA empowers personalised learning with unlimited practice questions, detailed solutions, adaptive assessments, and competency-based question banks that identify gaps and enable timely remediation. It supports teacher professional development via NISHTHA and state-specific TPD modules, offering self-paced, certified training to up-skill educators nationwide. This integrated ecosystem—combining content creation, curation, consumption, and analytics—drives inclusive, data-informed, and joyful learning aligned with NEP 2020.

Education on AIR: Mukta Vidya Vani and Shiksha Vani

Under the PM e-Vidya initiative, Mukta Vidya Vani, operated by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), is India's pioneering educational web radio, delivering live, interactive audio streaming for learners in Secondary, Senior Secondary, and Vocational streams. Celebrating over five years of impactful service, it facilitates two-way communication through live Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs) on academic subjects, broadcast via web streaming and rebroadcast on Radio Vahini (FM 91.2 MHz),[6] to extend reach to non-digital audiences. All sessions are archived 24x7 on the NIOS platform, with additional dissemination through YouTube and Facebook, ensuring anytime, anywhere access for open school learners. Complementing this, CBSE's Shiksha Vani Podcast offers over 400 curriculum-aligned audio modules for Classes 9-12[7], covering NCERT topics in a concise, engaging format, freely accessible via the Shiksha Vani mobile app on Google Play.

Complementing digital and broadcast media, Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR)[8] deliver nationwide educational programming under PM e-Vidya, broadcasting curriculum-based virtual classes for primary to senior secondary levels, board exam preparation (including model question papers), JEE/NEET entrance guidance, and enrichment content like storytelling and quizzes. Scheduled in morning and afternoon slots for optimal reach, these programs leverage TV, radio, and YouTube to support learners in remote and underserved areas with no internet dependency.

Universal Design, Early Inclusion: Digital Learning for CwSN

Under the PM e-Vidya initiative, inclusive digital education for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) is prioritised through tailored

#### Key Takeaways

- DIKSHA, a key component of PM e-Vidya, has over 2.00 crore registered users as on March 2026.
- As on January 2026, SWAYAM, India's indigenous MOOC platform, has over 5.80 crore enrolments registered.
- There are 48 DTH SWAYAM Prabha channels delivering 24\*7 educational content accessible in various Indian languages.
- SATHEE, launched by Ministry of Education in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, is a portal dedicated exclusively for higher education and entrance examination, accessible via website and 7 DTH SWAYAM Prabha channels.

resources on the DIKSHA platform and NIOS systems. Audiobooks in Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) format and an Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary[9] are readily available, enabling visually and hearing-impaired learners to access curriculum-aligned content independently.

NIOS has developed over 270 ISL videos covering 7 secondary-level subjects and Yoga[10], hosted on YouTube and distributed via DVDs. Additionally, NCERT has converted textbooks into digital e-books (UNICODE) compatible with Text-to-Speech (TTS) tools and developed tactile maps and low-cost e-learning modules for home-based education for students with severe disabilities—ensuring continuity of learning in alignment with NEP 2020's vision of equitable and barrier-free education.

A pioneering effort in early inclusion, Barkha: A Reading Series for 'All', developed by the Department of School Education & Literacy, exemplifies Universal Design for Learning (UDL) through 40 multilingual story booklets[11] [12]available in both print and digital formats. Featuring tactile visuals, high-contrast illustrations, accessible scripts, and audio-video introductions in ISL and spoken language, Barkha fosters foundational literacy in diverse learners, including those with visual, cognitive, or motor challenges. The digital version, accessible via NCERT's website and ePathshala, allows personalised, self-paced reading on any device, promoting privacy, autonomy, and joy in learning. By embedding sign language as a regular communication mode from the foundational stage, Barkha not only supports CwSN but also sensitises all children to inclusive practices, thus serving as a scalable model for developing accessible textbooks and learning materials across all educational stages.

#### Conclusion

PM e-Vidya has evolved from an emergency response during the COVID-19 pandemic into a robust, scalable, and inclusive digital public infrastructure that embodies the transformative vision of NEP 2020. It ensures multi-modal access—online, on-air, and offline—to high-quality, curriculum-aligned, and multilingual learning resources for over 24.8 crore school-going children, educators, adult learners, and competitive exam aspirants across urban and rural India. PM e-Vidya has effectively bridged the digital divide while advancing foundational literacy, teacher empowerment, and lifelong learning.

As India marches ahead towards Viksit Bharat@2047, PM e-Vidya stands as a global benchmark for technology-enabled, equitable, and adaptive education system. By prioritising inclusion and last-mile connectivity, it empowers every learner regardless of location, language, or ability, to realise their full potential. Sustained investment, stakeholder collaboration, and continuous innovation will ensure that PM e-Vidya not only sustains but accelerates India's journey toward universal, joyful, and future-ready education.

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## Div Com Kashmir directs rectification of errors, time-bound completion of pending mutations

Reviews progress of digitization of Jamabandis, backlog mutations across Kashmir division

KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, MARCH 11: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of digitization of Jamabandis across the Kashmir Division and to assess the status of backlog mutations and implementation of the SVAMITVA Scheme.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by Commissioner Survey & Land Records, Deputy Commissioners of the Kashmir Division, Additional Commissioner (Central) with the Finance Commissioner Revenue, besides other concerned officers.

Deputy Commissioners briefed the Divisional Commissioner about the progress of digitization of Jamabandis, digitization of backlog mutations and grievances received during the public reading camps of Jamabandis held



across their respective districts. The Divisional Commissioner directed that the errors identified during the public reading of

digitized Jamabandis should be rectified promptly to ensure accuracy and transparency in land records.

While reviewing the status of digitization of backlog mutations, the Divisional Commissioner emphasized the

need for a district-level strategy to ensure timely disposal of pending mutation cases. He directed all Deputy Commissioners to expedite the process so that the backlog is cleared within the stipulated timeline.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioners raised certain technical issues being faced while punching backlog mutation data on the portal. The Commissioner Survey & Land Records informed that these technical issues are being addressed and will be resolved by the technical team soon.

The meeting also reviewed the status of the SVAMITVA Scheme, including villages surveyed, submission of Maps, and generation and distribution of property cards. The Divisional Commissioner directed the Deputy Commissioners to expedite submission of corrected maps wherever required and ensure timely generation and distribution of property cards among beneficiaries.

## Sagar inaugurates Rs 1.78 Cr new school block at GHSS Nishat



KT News Desk

Srinagar, 11 Mar: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference General Secretary and MLA Khanyar Haji Ali Mohammad Sagar Wednesday inaugurated a newly constructed school building at Government Higher Secondary School Nishat, developed at an estimated cost of Rs 1.78 crore.

MLA Hazratbail Salman Ali Sagar, as per a party statement, was also present at the event. On the occasion, Sagar also announced an additional allocation of Rs 10 lakh for the procurement of equipment to further strengthen smart classroom facilities and for the establishment of a student utility store within the institution.

Addressing the gathering, Sagar underscored the government's firm commitment to strengthening essential public services under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. "The government led by Omar Abdullah remains steadfast in its resolve to prioritize the provision and expansion of basic civic amenities across Jammu and Kashmir. Education and healthcare constitute the cornerstone of our

developmental vision, and sustained investments in institutions such as this are vital to creating enhanced opportunities and securing a brighter and more empowered future for our youth," he said.

Highlighting the evolving developmental trajectory of the region, Sagar observed that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are determined to advance on the path of sustained progress after years of stagnation. "For nearly a decade, this region experienced a period marked by administrative inertia and mis-governance, which inevitably impeded the pace of development. Wednesday, the people are resolute in their determination not to revert to that phase of stagnation and are unequivocally supportive of the renewed momentum for development and public welfare under the leadership of Omar Abdullah," he added.

He further reiterated that the government would continue to accord priority to the upgradation of educational infrastructure and the improvement of civic amenities in order to effectively meet the aspirations and developmental needs of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

## DC Pulwama inaugurates Inter-Block District Level competitions

KT News Desk

PULWAMA, MARCH 11: Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, Wednesday inaugurated the Inter-Block District Level competitions in the disciplines of Volleyball and Football for Under-17 and Under-19 categories at the Sports Stadium Pulwama.

The competitions were organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports under the Youth Engagement Programme being held under the banner "The League of Classics - Enjoy the Game." The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 300 players representing 11 blocks of the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner, as per an official statement, said that sports activities form an integral part of the broader government plan aimed at constructive youth engagement and holistic development of young people. He emphasised that such initiatives encourage healthy lifestyles, discipline, teamwork and the positive utilisation of youth energy. "Events like these provide an

important platform for young players to showcase their sporting talent while also fostering community spirit and healthy competition," he added.

Dr. Qayoom further highlighted that the Youth Engagement Plan envisions empowering young people by providing them opportunities to channelise their potential through sports, skill development and various self-employment schemes. He also underlined the importance of youth participation in the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, aimed at keeping young people away from the menace of drug abuse and promoting a healthy and vibrant society.

During the event, the Deputy Commissioner also administered the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan pledge, wherein all participants collectively resolved to work towards building a drug-free society.

The event was attended by District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Pulwama; District Social Welfare Officer, Pulwama; and is expected to continue over the next few days, drawing large crowds and highlighting emerging young talents.

## DC Srinagar, SSP review anti-drug measures at District NCORD meeting



KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, MARCH 11: The monthly meeting of District Level Committee on Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) was Wednesday held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo here at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the ongoing enforcement measures aimed at combating the drug menace across the District.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Sundeep Chakravarty was also present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Committee, as per an official statement, conducted a comprehensive review of enforcement measures and chalk out a more stringent and result-oriented strategy to combat drug peddling and narcotics trafficking in Srinagar district. The Stress was laid on enhanced inter-departmental coordination and adopting a tough strategy to curb the drug menace.

Emphasis was also laid on further strengthening intelligence networks to combat drug abuse, identifying and cracking down on drug hotspots and intensifying confiscation of vehicles and disqualification of driving licences under the NDPS Act. The meeting also stressed

intensifying anti-drug IEC activities, particularly in educational institutions, coaching centres to sensitize youth about the harmful effects of narcotics and to strengthen the capacity building of the concerned staff.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to disrupt the logistical support network of drug peddlers. He urged the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) to take strict measures against transporters involved in drug trafficking and peddling without any leniency.

The DC called for continued focused enforcement, preventive awareness and rehabilitation measures to effectively combat the drug menace in Srinagar district.

Reiterating the administration's commitment, the DC emphasized that stringent action will continue to curb the drug menace and dismantle the supply chain of narcotics trade. He underlined that the District Administration will leave no stone unturned to protect society, especially the youth, from the devastating impact of drugs.

The meeting was informed that, as per the directions of the NCORD Committee, the District Administration in coordination with the Police and other stakeholder departments has

launched a massive crackdown on drug peddlers and trafficking networks. Acting firmly against offenders, the driving licences of 73 accused involved in narcotics cases have been disqualified. In addition, 63 vehicles have been blacklisted by the Regional Transport Office (RTO), Kashmir under the NDPS Act.

SSP Srinagar, in his remarks, stated that strict action against drug hotspots will continue and drug peddlers will face criminal prosecution and other punishments as warranted under law.

RTO Kashmir and SP Headquarters also briefed the meeting about the recent actions taken against drug peddlers in the district.

The meeting was attended by Regional Transport Officer Kashmir Qazi Irfan, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Aakil Fareed, Joint Commissioner SMC Nuzhat Khurshid, Superintendent of Police Umar Shah, Programme Officer ICDS Bureeda Majeed, SDM West, SDM East Zubair Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Umar Gulzar, District Social Welfare Officer Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, Assistant Labour Commissioner Adnan Tariq, Chief Medical Officer Dr Tahir Sajad and officers from Excise, Drug Control Organisation, heads of Anti-Trafficking Forces and other concerned departments.

## DC Kulgam reviews water supply programmes

KT News Desk

KULGAM, MARCH 11: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of various water supply related programmes in the district.

During the meeting, a detailed review of schemes including Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), NABARD, AMRUT 2.0 and UT Capex was conducted.

The DC, as per an official statement, assessed the status of ongoing works and directed

the concerned officers to ensure timely completion of projects while maintaining quality standards.

The meeting also reviewed activities being carried out under the ongoing Jal Mahotsav Pakwada, being observed from March 8 to March 22, aimed at promoting water conservation and awareness among the public.

The DC stressed coordinated efforts among departments to ensure successful conduct of events and enhanced community participation during the Jal Mahotsav celebrations.

## DDC Anantnag reviews progress of District Capex, Development Schemes

KT News Desk

ANANTNAG, MARCH 11: District Development Commissioner (DDC), Anantnag Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat chaired a comprehensive meeting of the concerned officers to review the physical and financial progress of the district on works being executed under District Capex and other development schemes at Dak Bunglallow, Khanabal.

During the meeting, the DDC, as per an official statement, undertook a comprehensive sector-wise evaluation of the District Capex Budget 2025-26, Tribal Sub-Plan (Dharti Aaba Abhiyan), SASCI (Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment), CDF Grants, MPLADS, and other flagship development programmes.

The chair was informed that out of 3,105 works

taken up (including 107 ongoing and 2,998 new works) under District Capex (UT Component), 2342 works have been completed. An overall expenditure of Rs. 5174.04 lakh (64.33%) against the available funds of Rs. 8,042.49 lakhs has been achieved so far.

Similarly, under District Capex (CSS Component), against the target of 150797 works, 147006 have been completed indicating physical progress of 97%. The overall financial progress against availability in this category has been 95% till date.

Significant progress was noted under MGNREGA, which achieved 77% of its physical target with an expenditure of Rs. 10,245.27 lakh. Other schemes like PM Poshan (Education & ICDS), PMGSY and NRLM reported 100% achievement against physical targets.



Under Area Development Grants, out of 2794 approved new works, 2139 stand completed with district witnessing push for grassroots development through 2,289 works in PRI grants in which 1,763 have been completed and against

total amount of Rs. 6346.97 lakh released, an expenditure of Rs. 4098.98 lakh has been realised.

The meeting was informed that under the scheme for revival and restoration of architecture, 21 heritage projects

are being executed at an allotted cost of Rs. 2864.63 lakh. Notable projects like the Ziyarat Sharief Zain-ud-din Wali (RA) and Mughal Hamam at Achabal have reached 100% completion.

Furthermore, projects under

SASCI allotted at Rs. 43.91 crore are underway in Culture, Higher Education, Health, Fisheries, Tourism, Tribal Affairs and other departments with current expenditure of Rs. 27.28 Crore. Likewise, 177 works have been completed under CDF out of 578 accorded projects and an expenditure of Rs. 156.83 lakh has been achieved.

Under MPLADS, five works are complete and 17 in progress out of total 22 allotted works and an expenditure of Rs. 8.72 lakh stands incurred so far.

Reviewing the status of works under District Capex and other schemes, the DDC appreciated the departments for better physical achievements on various works. He, however, directed the officers to accelerate the pace of execution besides the financial expenditure in works showing

appreciable gap between physical and financial progress.

Dr. Bilal noted that expenditure is the measurable outcome of successful administration adding that result oriented efforts should be made to up the expenditure during next two weeks before end of current FY 2025-26 and the progress shall be personally monitored by all officers.

He called for better coordination among departments and instructed the officers to resolve issues particularly in Jal Shakti (JJM), Education and RDD to improve expenditure percentages against approved outlays.

The meeting was attended by ADC, DPO, ICDS; SEs R&B along with Exens, CPO, ACD, CMO, CEO, CAO, CAHO, CHO, DD Fisheries, BDOs, EOs MCs, officers from JAKEDA, MID, Ground Water, NRLM and other officers.

## Healthcare reach being expanded across J&K: Sakeena Itoo

### Inaugurates newly constructed PHC at Kharote Kathua

KT News Desk

Kathua, Mar 11: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo on Wednesday dedicated a newly constructed Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Kharote to the public bringing healthcare closer to rural communities in the district.

Built at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.67 crore, the health facility is expected to ease the difficulties faced by residents of Kharote and nearby panchayats who earlier had to travel long distances for basic medical care. The centre will now provide accessible primary healthcare services at their doorstep.

Addressing a large gathering after inauguration ceremony, the Minister underlined that the government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is placing special emphasis on strengthening healthcare and education sectors, describing them as the backbone of public welfare.

"Our focus is to ensure that quality healthcare reaches every citizen, especially those living in remote and rural areas,"



she stated. She added that upgrading and improving medical infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir remains a key priority of the government.

Highlighting recent healthcare initiatives, the Health Minister said that advanced diagnostic facilities like MRI, Cath Lab and CT Scan services are being installed in major hospitals on priority. She added that Dialysis units have also been set up in several hospitals to provide relief to kidney patients who earlier struggled for access to treatment.

The Minister stressed that government hospitals must become reliable and efficient institutions for common people and underlined the need to strengthen existing facilities by ensuring adequate doctors, paramedics and essential medical equipment.

Responding to public demands raised during the event, the Minister directed the Director Health Services to provide an ambulance for PHC Kharote. She also assured that the feasibility of starting an ultrasound facility, along with the required staff,

would be examined.

She also instructed the district administration to undertake blacktopping of the approach road leading to the health centre to improve accessibility.

Emphasising patient-friendly healthcare, the Minister said that additional ultrasound units are being planned for Government Medical Colleges to reduce waiting time and improve patient access.

Speaking regarding education sector, the Minister noted that college enrolment in Kashmir's winter zone has increased by

nearly 12 percent, while examination results for Classes 10th, 11th and 12th have also shown marked improvement. She expressed optimism that similar progress would soon be seen in the Jammu region's summer zone.

The Minister also called for collective action against drug abuse, urging teachers and professors to play an active role in spreading awareness among youth. She said the health department is strengthening rehabilitation, counselling and treatment services, while police efforts remain crucial in tackling the menace.

Earlier, the MLA Kathua, Dr. Bharat Bhushan expressed gratitude to Minister for personally intervening to complete the PHC building, stating that the facility would benefit thousands of residents in the area.

Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rajesh Sharma; Director Health Services Jammu, Director Family Welfare, Director Social Welfare Jammu, senior officers of district administration and large number of locals were also present on the occasion.

## Secretary RDD reviews SASCI implementation

### Calls for fast-tracking rural infrastructure projects



KT News Desk

Srinagar, Mar 11: Secretary, Rural Development (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, on Wednesday chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of projects sanctioned under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investments (SASCI) in the Union Territory.

The meeting was informed that Rs 21.10 crore has been sanctioned for various Rural Development and Panchayati Raj infrastructure projects across Jammu and Kashmir. The Secretary emphasised that at least 75 per cent utilisation of sanctioned funds is mandatory, failing which non-performing projects would be reallocated.

He directed officials to ensure timely completion of ongoing works and stated that funds from slow-moving projects would be re-appropriated to fast-moving schemes to ensure full utilisation before March 31, 2026.

The Secretary also cautioned implementing agencies against submitting inflated fund requests and directed that proposals for additional funds must be accompanied by written undertakings certifying full utilisation within the stipulated timeframe.

Senior officers from the Rural Development Department, including Directors, Finance officials and engineers from PWD (R&B) and REW, attended the meeting.

## In landmark first, SC allows passive euthanasia for man in coma for over 13 years

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 11: The Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed the withdrawal of artificial life support to a 32-year-old man, in a coma for more than 13 years, saying that the government should consider bringing comprehensive legislation on passive euthanasia.

In the top court's first ever order on the emotive issue, a bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and KV Viswanathan directed AIIMS-Delhi to ensure that life support is withdrawn with a tailored plan so that dignity is maintained. Passive euthanasia is the intentional act of letting a patient die by withholding or withdrawing life support or the

treatment necessary to keep him alive.

The patient, Ghaziabad's Harish Rana, who was a B.Tech student at Panjab University and a football-loving sporty young man, suffered head injuries after falling from the fourth floor of his paying guest accommodation in 2013 and has been in a coma since.

"In the facts and

circumstances of the present case, we record our satisfaction that the twin legal requirements for the withdrawal and withholding of medical treatment have been unequivocally met. First, it is established that the Clinically Assisted Nutrition and Hydration currently being administered to the applicant constitutes 'medical treatment'.

"Secondly, it has been conclusively determined that the continuation of administration of the same is no longer in the 'best interests' of the applicant. In light of the unanimous consensus arrived at by the parents/next of kin and the constituted medical boards respectively, we are of the opinion that the medical treatment ought not to be prolonged any further," the bench

said in a 338-page judgment.

"The right to die with dignity is inseparable from the right to receive quality palliative and End Of Life care. It is imperative to ensure that the withdrawal process is not marred by pain, agony, or suffering," it added.

The top court noted that Rana survived only through clinically administered nutrition via

percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tubes, and medical boards had unanimously concluded that continuation of treatment merely prolonged biological existence without any possibility of recovery.

When primary and secondary boards had certified withdrawal of life support, there was no need for judicial intervention, the apex court said.

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### No shortage of

He further urged the public to report any irregularities, assuring swift action against offenders and uninterrupted supply of essential fuels throughout Jammu and Kashmir. (KNO)

### Kashmir has stable

Commissioners have constituted squads and our district control rooms are ready to take immediate action against violators," he said.

On essential commodities beyond fuel, Garg said the market remains stable. With the holy month of Ramadan ongoing and Eid approaching, district-level committees have ramped up inspections and monitoring to ensure smooth supply and price regulation during the festive season. "Market inspections for food quality and price control have increased in the last 15-20 days and more are planned in the coming week," he said.

The Div Com appealed to the media and public to ensure the dissemination of accurate information and avoid spreading panic or fake news. (KNO)

### Kashmir hotels,

The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCC&I) has separately urged the Central government to ensure adequate commercial LPG supply to hotels, restaurants and catering establishments across the Valley. "The hotels and restaurants depend heavily on LPG as their primary cooking fuel and lack viable alternatives for commercial-scale operations," the Chamber said.

President of the All-India LPG Federation Jagmohan Singh Raina cautioned that panic buying was already straining supply chains. "The ongoing conflict has affected the global economy and petroleum supplies. People are queuing up at petrol pumps not only to fill vehicles but also to store fuel in cans and bottles. Gas agencies are facing similar situations where consumers who already have two cylinders are demanding a third," Raina said, appealing to the public to avoid panic purchases.

He flagged particular concern for tourism-dependent regions. "Jammu and Kashmir is a premier tourist destination and hotels and restaurants depend on commercial cylinders," he said.

President of the All Kashmir Bakery Association Shahid Mir said bakeries were witnessing a surge in Ramadan demand but were not yet facing a fuel crisis. "Demand for bakery products increases during Ramadhaan. Many bakeries operate rotary ovens that run on diesel and as of now there is no information regarding any shortage of diesel," he said.

Meanwhile, panic booking has been reported in Sopore and several other parts of the Valley, with residents rushing to secure LPG cylinders amid shortage fears, adding to pressure on gas agencies. Under the existing distribution system, domestic consumers are generally entitled to one cylinder approximately every 25 days.

The supply scare comes at a particularly sensitive time. Kashmir's tourism sector is still recovering from a difficult 2025, when arrivals

in the Valley dropped to around 11.1 lakh, significantly lower than the previous year, leaving businesses deeply anxious ahead of the upcoming season.

Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Satish Sharma on Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting in Jammu to review the stock position and supply of petroleum products across Jammu and Kashmir. He directed officials and oil marketing companies to maintain adequate buffer stocks and ensure uninterrupted supply of petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG across all districts.

Sharma directed enforcement agencies to maintain strict vigilance against hoarding, black marketing and overcharging of petroleum products and LPG cylinders. (KNO)

### Hajj 2026: 4,717 pilgrims

embarkation from Srinagar Airport for this year's Hajj operations.

"This year Akasa Air will operate the flights for pilgrims departing from Srinagar," he said.

He also said that pilgrims were given the option to select their preferred travel dates and flights, which marks a change from previous years.

"Earlier, the flight schedules were allotted from the backend by the authorities. But this year, pilgrims were given a window during which they could choose their own flight and travel date, and this year 3000 pilgrims availed that facility," he said.

The official said that the pilgrimage arrangements are being made in coordination with the Hajj Committee of India and Saudi authorities to ensure smooth travel and accommodation for pilgrims

Box item Front Haj Story MEN, WOMEN PILGRIMS TO STAY SEPARATELY, SELF-COOKING BANNED

Meanwhile, authorities have introduced two key changes for Hajj 2026 pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir, announcing separate accommodation for men and women and a complete ban on self-cooking, with food to be served through authorised caterers, officials said on Wednesday.

Dr. Qureshi said that even if pilgrims are travelling as families, men and women will stay in separate rooms, though they may be accommodated in the same building or on the same floor.

He said that each room will accommodate a minimum of two and a maximum of seven pilgrims.

He added that another major change this year is that self-cooking by pilgrims has been completely banned.

"In previous years, pilgrims had the option of self-cooking. But from this year self-cooking has been banned," Dr Qureshi said.

Instead, food will be provided through authorised catering services arranged by the authorities, ensuring standardised and regulated meal arrangements for pilgrims. (KNO)

### Make J&K proud

Commission, the Chief Minister stressed that all upcoming and renovated JK House properties must showcase the rich cultural heritage

and distinctive identity of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Ensure that the new constructions and restructuring of existing properties carry a local touch of Jammu and Kashmir's rich cultural legacy so that these government assets reflect a unique blend of heritage and modern functionality," the Chief Minister said.

The meeting reviewed the status of J&K government properties in Dwarka and 5, Prithviraj Road in New Delhi, Chandigarh, Amritsar and Mumbai and also discussed proposals for expansion and modernisation of facilities meant for officials, students, patients and visitors from Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was informed that the government has initiated steps to establish a new JK House in Dwarka, New Delhi, to augment accommodation and administrative infrastructure for J&K officials and visitors. Similarly, the government is pursuing the development of a JK House at Kharghar in Navi Mumbai to enhance J&K's presence in the country's financial capital.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasised that these government properties should serve as symbols of pride for Jammu and Kashmir and showcase its cultural richness and architectural identity.

"These institutions must make J&K proud of its properties and should stand as dignified representations in different regions of the country," he said, directing the officers to ensure quality infrastructure and timely completion of projects.

While reviewing the proposed JK House in Amritsar, the Chief Minister asked the concerned authorities to take up the issue of land consolidation with the Punjab government. He said that the presently available land parcels are scattered and may not serve the intended purpose of building a functional government facility.

The Chief Minister instructed the officers to request the Punjab government to allot a single, consolidated plot so that a properly planned JK House can be developed in Amritsar.

Regarding the Navi Mumbai project, the officers informed the Chief Minister that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth Rs 29.56 crore has been submitted to the administrative department along with a capital expenditure proposal of about Rs 30 crore for construction of the facility.

The meeting also discussed the possibility of entrusting the execution of the project to government-owned agencies in Maharashtra to ensure smooth and hassle-free construction.

The Chief Minister advised the officers to study similar government properties established by other states and Union Territories across the country so that best practices in infrastructure development, architecture and service delivery can be incorporated into the upcoming J&K facilities.

"Benchmark these projects with the best state guest houses and institutional facilities across the country so that Jammu and Kashmir develops world-class infrastructure for its residents visiting these cities," he said.

The Chief Minister stressed that efforts should be made to complete these projects

within the shortest possible timeframe so that new facilities for officers, students, patients and other visitors from J&K are made available at the earliest.

The meeting also deliberated on the allotment of construction and renovation works to agencies such as the National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) and the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for efficient execution of projects.

Earlier, Resident Commissioner Ramesh Kumar gave a comprehensive presentation to the Chief Minister on the status of various government properties managed by the Resident Commission, including offices, staff quarters, guest houses and VIP accommodation facilities.

He highlighted several development proposals including the upgradation of VIP rooms into suites at the Chanakyapuri JK House Complex, redevelopment of the Rajaji Marg property in New Delhi and extension of guest house facilities at 5, Prithviraj Road.

The meeting also reviewed the condition of other properties under the Resident Commission's management in cities such as Chandigarh, Amritsar, Malabar Hill in Mumbai, and Sirsa in Haryana.

### Snowfall in higher

recorded 2.8 mm, while Srinagar registered around 1.2 mm during the period.

Temperatures remained above normal in most places. Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 17.6°C on the previous day, around 2.9 degrees above normal, while the minimum temperature settled at 10.5°C, about 7.2 degrees above the seasonal average. Gulmarg recorded the lowest minimum temperature in Kashmir division at 2.4°C.

In Jammu division, Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 31.2°C, nearly 5.8 degrees above normal, with the minimum temperature settling at 19.9°C.

The weather office said generally cloudy conditions with light to moderate rain in plains and snowfall over higher reaches are likely to scattered to many places on March 11 and 12.

Weather is expected to remain generally dry on March 13 and 14.

Another spell of generally cloudy weather with light rain or snowfall in higher reaches is likely around the night of March 15 and morning of March 16 at scattered places, the MeT said.

It said isolated light precipitation may also occur on the night of March 17, while scattered rain or snowfall is possible again between March 18 and 19.

The MeT department has stated that temporary traffic disruptions may occur over higher reaches and important mountain passes due to precipitation.

Farmers have been advised to resume agricultural operations during the likely dry spell on March 13 and 14, the advisory said. (KNO)

### DIPR condos

Javed Ahmed Rather and Ashu Kumari, besides other officials, also conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family.

### Man opens fire

Adviser Nasir Aslam Wani told reporters that the man attempted to kill Farooq Abdullah by opening fire from his revolver. "Almighty saved Farooq Sahab and no one was injured in the incident. The man has been taken into custody and it is too early to comment as to why he attempted to kill Farooq Sahab," he said.

He added that the police are investigating the matter, while Farooq Abdullah is unhurt and is in "good spirits".

Meanwhile, speaking with reporters outside the wedding venue, the Deputy Chief Minister termed it as a major security lapse, saying that no police personnel or security official was present there at the time of the incident. (KNO)

### Around 100 Indian

will operate as connecting flights via Dubai, and from Dubai they will fly to Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI), New Delhi," Khuehami said.

He added that the first batch, comprising the majority of students, will travel on Flydubai flight FZ8124.

The Association said it had earlier requested External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and the Ministry of External Affairs to facilitate safe transit and grant necessary permissions for the students to travel through the Armenia land route, which currently appears to be the most feasible and accessible corridor for safe passage from northwestern Iran.

Khuehami said the Ministry of External Affairs acknowledged the request and the necessary permissions were subsequently facilitated, enabling the students to proceed with their travel arrangements.

He further said that during his meetings with senior officials, including the Foreign Secretary, the Iranian Ambassador to India, and other officials of the Ministry of External Affairs, it was conveyed that there is currently no formal evacuation plan in place for Indian students in Iran, and those returning at present are travelling through commercial flight arrangements.

The Association added that the Ministry has also advised students in Iran to avoid sharing their exact locations or personal details on social media platforms as a precautionary measure, in order to ensure their safety and prevent exposure to potential risks.

Khuehami said the JKSA remains in close contact with the students and is coordinating their travel, security, facilitation, and arrival arrangements in India with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Jammu and Kashmir Government. He also informed that he has been in touch with Advisor to the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Nasir Aslam Wani, and that deluxe AC buses will be arranged at IGI Airport, New Delhi, to facilitate the onward journey of students from Kashmir who are scheduled to arrive on March 14, March 15, and subsequent days via Armenia and other routes.

"The Association will continue to monitor the situation closely and extend all possible assistance to ensure the safe return of Indian students from the region," Khuehami added. (KNO)

## Cong's conspiracy could not succeed: BJP after resolution against Birla defeated in LS

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 11: After a resolution seeking removal of Speaker Om Birla from office was defeated in the Lok Sabha, the BJP on Wednesday hit out at the opposition, saying the "conspiracy" of the Congress and its allies to lower the dignity of the House could not succeed.

Speaking to reporters in the Parliament House complex, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said Rahul Gandhi stood exposed with Home Minister Amit Shah giving a "very befitting reply" to all the accusations made by the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Rijiju also thanked all the MPs of the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) for "firmly" standing by Birla and ensuring defeat of the resolution against the Speaker.

A move to remove Birla as Speaker was defeated by voice votes on Wednesday in Lok Sabha amidst allegations and counter-allegations by the ruling alliance and the opposition with Home Minister Amit Shah tearing into the Congress, saying Gandhi's contention that he was not allowed to speak was bogus as the fact is that he "does not want to speak".



Hailing the defeat of the opposition's resolution, BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad told reporters in the Parliament House complex, "The entire conspiracy of the Congress and the opposition to lower the dignity of the House could not succeed."

In his detailed reply to the debate, Shah made it clear how Gandhi does "drama" by making a baseless claim that he is not allowed to speak, the former Union minister said.

"He doesn't know how to speak with patience and humility while following the rules," Prasad added.

Rijiju alleged that the Congress members deliberately

created uproar during the home minister's reply to the debate.

"Many opposition MPs told me that the Congress was not interested in taking part in voting because they knew that half of opposition members were not with them. So they had a plan to disrupt the speech of the home minister," the parliamentary affairs minister said.

"The Congress stood exposed completely during the debate. They would not have run away from voting if they had any valid and logical reason behind bringing the resolution against the speaker," he added.

## PM hits out at DMK regime, says violent crimes against women common

PTI

Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu), Mar 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday lashed out at the DMK regime on crimes against women and children in the state and said violent crimes against them have become common and that even a little girl was not spared.

Criminals roamed fearlessly, harming women under the present DMK rule in the state, he said and added that recently, everyone saw the horrible news related to a DMK member who did not spare a little girl.

"I promise that NDA will ensure that women of Tamil Nadu live without fear. We will provide good law and order. It's criminals who will live in fear, not the people," the Prime Minister said addressing a rally of the NDA here.

He accused the DMK of "delaying" the scheme to build houses for the rural poor because they were afraid that the people would credit the central government for it.

"We have big plans for the progress of Tamil Nadu. For example, we have made the state a part of the rare earth corridor. We have proposed the Bengaluru-Chennai and Chennai-Hyderabad bullet train project," he said.



Pointing out that farmers of the Cauvery delta districts were the backbone of Tamil Nadu's food security, the PM said they deserved fair prices, good facilities and modern storage infrastructure.

He assured to create grain warehouses for farmers.

Modi slammed the ruling DMK over alleged illegal sandmining, which he said was destroying the river and threatening the environment.

"Yet, those responsible for it continue to enjoy the protection of DMK... but for the NDA's government, Tamil Nadu's progress is extremely important," the Prime Minister said.

Responding to Chief Minister M K Stalin's charge that the Centre denied funds to

the state, Modi said since 2014, the central government disbursed about Rs 3 lakh crore through devolution alone. This was many times more than the amount given during the earlier Congress regime, he added.

Infrastructure funding to Tamil Nadu has tripled in the last decade compared to the decade before that. The NDA government spent around Rs 57,000 crore on national highways in the state. This was more than four times the amount spent by the Congress-DMK government between 2004 and 2014, he said and added, "we have invested almost Rs 8,000 crore in building rural roads in Tamil Nadu."

## India imported over 18,842 MTs of uranium from 2008-09 to 2024-25 for reactors: Govt in LS

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 11: India imported 18,842.60 metric tonnes (MTs) of uranium in different forms for its reactors between 2008-2009 and 2024-2025 under the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards, the government informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

In a written reply, Union minister Jitendra Singh said that the country's nuclear power generation using imported uranium increased from 3,704 million units in 2009-2010 to 39,180 million units in 2024-2025. Till January, India had generated 33,815 million units for 2025-2026, he said. "The government has formulated a roadmap to reach 100 GW of nuclear power capacity. As per the roadmap, the present nuclear power capacity of 8.78 GW (excluding RAPS-1) is expected to reach about 22 GW by 2031-32 on progressive completion of projects presently at various stages of implementation," the minister said. Singh also stated that another 32 GW of nuclear power capacity had been planned to be set up beyond 2032 by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited comprising indigenous pressurised heavy water reactors (PHWRs) and light water reactors (LWRs) with foreign cooperation by 2047, taking the capacity to about 54 GW.

"The balance of 46 GW is expected to be set up by other public sector enterprises (central and state), state governments, private sector and joint ventures in different business models, comprising reactors of different technologies," the minister said.

## 'Delhi was most polluted city during 2024-25 followed by Patna'

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 11: Delhi was the most polluted city during 2024-25, recording the highest annual PM2.5 levels and extended periods of "severe" air quality in winter while Patna was the second-most polluted city, according to a new analysis by Climate Trends.

Climate Trends is a research-based consulting and capacity-building initiative that aims to bring greater focus on issues of environment, climate change and sustainable development.

Based on Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) air quality monitoring data, this report analysed how meteorological conditions influence the persistence of PM2.5 pollution across



six major Indian cities such as Delhi, Patna, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai and Bengaluru. Using CPCB air quality data (2024-2025) combined with meteorological clustering, the study distinguished emission-driven pollution from weather-driven

variability. "Delhi continues to face the most severe pollution crisis nationally with the highest annual average PM2.5 levels and the longest stretches of 'severe' or 'emergency' category air days, driven by local emissions and regional factors.

"Patna is confirmed as the second-most polluted city after Delhi, with persistently high PM2.5 concentrations driven by strong atmospheric stagnation, highlighting an intensifying crisis in the eastern Indo-Gangetic Plain," the report said.

While historically less polluted, Bengaluru and Chennai showed signs of air quality deterioration during the winter months, a new vulnerability trend.

## Rajnath Singh to visit Lucknow for official events

### Rahul Gandhi postpones Raebareli visit

PTI

Lucknow, Mar 11: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will begin his two-day visit to his parliamentary constituency, Lucknow, on Thursday to attend official meetings and party interactions, local leaders said on Wednesday.

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, however, has postponed his scheduled visit to his constituency, Raebareli, during the same period.

BJP metropolitan president Anand Dwivedi said the defence minister will arrive at Lucknow airport



on Wednesday evening. On Thursday, Singh, the MP from Lucknow, and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will

inaugurate a green corridor at Samatmulak Chauraha and review the stretch up to Daliganj bridge, Dwivedi said. Singh will also address

a public gathering at Jhulelal Vatika before returning to Delhi in the evening, he added.

In Raebareli, Congress district president Pankaj Tiwari said Rahul Gandhi's visit to his constituency has been deferred.

Gandhi was slated to attend a meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) at the collectorate on March 12 to review development schemes. Tiwari said the visit was postponed because the DISHA meeting was cancelled.

## Blood biomarker may help predict woman's dementia risk 25 years before symptoms: Study



PTI

New Delhi, Mar 11: A study has found that a woman's risk of developing dementia may be predicted 25 years before symptoms begin through a test of a blood-based biomarker called 'phosphorylated tau 217' -- a protein linked to the brain changes seen in Alzheimer's disease.

Higher levels of phosphorylated tau 217, or p-tau217, were strongly associated with future mild cognitive impairment and dementia -- of which Alzheimer's disease is the most common form -- among older women who were cognitively healthy at the study's start. "Our study suggests we may be able to identify women at elevated risk for dementia decades before symptoms emerge," first author Aladdin H. Shadyab, associate professor of public health and medicine at

the University of California San Diego, said.

"That kind of long lead time opens the door to earlier prevention strategies and more targeted monitoring, rather than waiting until memory problems are already affecting daily life," Shadyab said.

The study, published in The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Network Open, analysed data of 2,766 participants in the Women's Health Initiative Memory Study, a US national study that enrolled women aged 65 to 79 in the late 1990s and followed them for up to 25 years. Women who developed memory or thinking problems, including dementia, were identified during follow-up. Higher levels of p-tau217 in blood at the start of the study were related with a higher chance of developing dementia later in life, with increasing levels of

the biomarker related with increasing dementia risk.

Higher p-tau217 levels were also more strongly associated with poorer cognitive outcomes among women aged 70 and above, compared to those younger, and among those with the APOE e4 genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's disease.

The study also found that p-tau217 was more predictive of dementia among women who were randomly assigned estrogen plus progestin hormone therapy versus placebo. "In this cohort study of cognitively unimpaired older women, p-tau217 was associated with incident MCI (mild cognitive impairment) or dementia up to 25 years later. These findings suggest that age, race, APOE e4, and HT (hormone therapy) use should be considered when examining associations of p-tau217 with cognitive outcomes," the authors wrote.

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## IEA agrees to record release of emergency oil reserves in effort to calm surging prices

AP

Paris, Mar 11: The International Energy Agency agreed Wednesday to release the largest volume of emergency oil reserves in its history, in a bid to counter the effects on energy markets of the war in the Middle East.

The Paris-based organisation said it will make 400 million barrels of oil available from its members' emergency reserves. It's a larger stock than the 182.7 million barrels that were released in 2022 by the IEA's 32 member countries in response to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

"Without sufficient routes to market and with no more available storage, Middle East oil producers have started to reduce production," IEA executive director Fatih Birol said. "And we have seen further attacks and damage to energy and energy-related infrastructure. Refinery operations have also been disrupted, with major implications for jet fuel and diesel supplies in particular."

IEA member countries currently hold over 1.2 billion barrels of public emergency oil stocks, with a further 600 million barrels of industry stocks held under government obligation.

In response to US and Israeli strikes, Iran has attacked commercial ships across the Persian Gulf, escalating a campaign of squeezing the oil-rich region as global energy concerns mount.

Iran has effectively stopped cargo traffic in the narrow Strait of Hormuz through which about a fifth of all oil is



shipped from the Persian Gulf toward the Indian Ocean. It has also targeted oil fields and refineries in Gulf Arab nations, aiming at generating enough global economic pain to pressure the United States and Israel to end their strikes.

Germany and Austria said earlier Wednesday they would release parts of their oil reserves following an IEA request for members to release the record 400 million barrels to help temper energy price spikes due to the Iran war. Japan also said it will release some of its reserves starting Monday.

Group of Seven energy ministers met Tuesday at IEA headquarters in Paris to look at ways to bring down prices. Birol said afterward that they discussed all available options, including making IEA emergency oil stocks available to the market.

The IEA reserves were established in 1974 following the Arab oil embargo.

"This is a major action aiming to alleviate the immediate impacts of the disruption in markets," Birol added. "But, to be clear, the most important thing for a return to stable flows of oil and gas is the resumption of transit through the Strait of Hormuz."

The G7 is comprised of the leading industrialised nations of Canada, the United States, France, Italy, Japan, Germany and Britain. Austria is not a member.

The group's leaders, including US President Donald Trump, met Wednesday via videoconference to discuss energy issues.

During his introductory remarks, French President Emmanuel Macron praised the IEA decision to release emergency oil stocks, saying it amounted to the equivalent of "20 days of the volume being exported through the Strait of Hormuz." The amount being released by G7 nations, alone, comprises 70 per cent of the

total, he said.

"I think it's very important to see as well everything we can do in order to increase our global production," Macron added.

Germany's economy ministry, Katherina Reiche, said the IEA asked Germany to release 2.64 million tonnes of its oil reserves. It was not immediately clear how much Austria was releasing.

She said it would take a couple of days before the delivery of the first quantities.

"Germany stands behind the IEA's most important principle of mutual solidarity," Reiche said.

The G7 energy ministers announced Tuesday that they supported in principle "the implementation of proactive measures to address the situation, including the use of strategic reserves."

According to the IEA, export volumes of crude and refined products are currently at less than 10 per cent of prewar levels.

Austrian Economy Minister Wolfgang Hattmannsdorfer said his country was releasing part of the emergency oil reserve and extending the national strategic gas reserve, adding: "One thing is clear: in a crisis, there must be no crisis winners at the expense of commuters and businesses."

The German government also said it will introduce a measure to allow gas stations in Germany to raise fuel prices no more than once a day. The federal government wants to introduce this as quickly as possible, Reiche said.

## WHO warns of health risks from 'black rain' in Iran

REUTERS

Geneva, Mar 11: The World Health Organization warned on Tuesday that the "black rain" falling in Iran after strikes on oil facilities could cause respiratory problems, and it backed Iran's advisory urging people to remain indoors.

The UN health agency, which has an office in Iran and works with authorities on health emergencies, said it has received multiple reports of oil-laden rain this week.

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"The black rain and the acidic rain coming with it is indeed a danger for the population, respiratory mainly," WHO spokesperson Christian Lindmeier told a press briefing in Geneva, adding that Iran had advised people to stay indoors.

Asked whether the WHO backed that advice, he said: "Given what is at risk right now, the oil storage facilities, the refineries that have been struck, triggering fires, bringing serious air quality concerns, that is definitely a good idea."

One video sent to Reuters by a WHO staff member showed what they said was a cleaner mopping up black liquid at its office entrance in Tehran on March 8.

## UK govt bans pro-Palestinian march over alleged Iran support

AFP

London, Mar 11: The UK government has banned an annual pro-Palestinian march planned for Sunday which London police claim is organized by a group "supportive of the Iranian regime." Interior minister Shabana Mahmood said late Tuesday she had approved the rare police request to prevent "serious public disorder" if the Al-Quds Day march and counter-protests had gone ahead.

It is the first time a protest march has been banned since 2012 but a static demonstration will be permitted,

according to London's Metropolitan police.

Mahmood said she was "satisfied" a ban was "necessary" due to "the scale of the protest and multiple counter-protests, in the context of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East."

The minister added that she expected to see "the full force of the law applied to anyone spreading hatred and division."

The Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC), an NGO which organizes the annual Al-Quds Day march, said it "strongly condemns" the decision, which it called "politically charged."

## World Cup winning India receive INR 25 crore as prize money



PTI

Dubai, Mar 11: Champions India received USD 2,639,423 (approx Rs 25 crore), the biggest share from the prize money pool after winning the men's T20 World Cup at home as the ICC on Wednesday announced the distribution of a record USD 11.25 million players' prize fund following the tournament's conclusion.

India beat New Zealand by a comprehensive 96-run margin to lift their second successive trophy. The total purse reflects the significant increase in ICC tournament prize money introduced in 2024, aimed at boosting financial rewards for players and supporting the global growth of cricket.

Runners-up New Zealand national cricket team earned USD 1,422,692 (Rs 13 crore approx), while semi-finalists South Africa and England received INR 9.24 crore and USD 8.96 crore respectively.

Among other top finishers, West Indies cricket team were awarded USD 538,269,

while Pakistan team which played all its matches in Sri Lanka received USD 522,692.

Further down the distribution list, Zimbabwe national cricket team were allocated USD 491,538 and Sri Lanka received USD 475,962.

The group of Afghanistan, Australia and United States which was eliminated at the Super 8s stage each earned USD 309,808.

Meanwhile, Scotland received USD 278,654, and Ireland took home USD 271,731. Four more teams -- Italy, Netherlands, United Arab Emirates and Nepal -- each received USD 256,154.

Finally, Canada, Namibia and Oman were each awarded USD 225,000.

The ICC said the prize-money distribution highlights its ongoing effort to increase financial incentives for players and strengthen cricket's development across its member nations participating in global tournaments and supporting the growth of the game across its member nations.

## Praveen Kumar leaps to gold as India shines at World Para Athletics Grand Prix

PTI

New Delhi, Mar 11: India's star high jumper Praveen Kumar soared to yet another gold, dominating his event as the hosts collected multiple medals on the opening day of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix here on Wednesday.

Praveen, the 2024 Paris Paralympics gold medallist, dominated the men's T44 high jump, clearing 1.96m to take the top podium spot. Fellow Indians Unni Renu (1.86m) and Banti (1.83m) secured silver and bronze respectively in an event largely dominated by Indian participation, with limited foreign entries.

Shailesh Kumar clinched gold in the men's T42 high jump with a leap of 1.84m, while Ramsingh Gov Padhiyar (1.65m) and Lokesh Mantra (1.60m) secured silver and bronze respectively, completing an Indian clean sweep in the event.

In the women's 100m T35/T37 event,



Preeti Pal, a double bronze medallist at the Paris Games, clinched gold after clocking 14.46 seconds, pushing Margarita Mataeva to second place (16.25s), while Karina Machulskaia took bronze in 17.38 seconds.

This marks Preeti Pal's second major medal in less than a year after she had secured silver at the World Para Athletics Championships at the same venue last year.

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

**DUA FOR IFTAR**  
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