

Amid West Asia conflict, Rajnath cautions Pak against any provocation

Says India will respond decisively, cites 'Operation Sindoor' | Armed forces prepared to deal with any threat; dismisses fuel shortage concerns

Sajid Raina

New Delhi, Apr 02: Amid the ongoing conflict in West Asia, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday cautioned Pakistan against attempting any provocation, stating that India would respond in a "decisive and unprecedented" manner if challenged.

Addressing a Sainik Samman Sammelan in Kerala, Singh, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that the "evolving geopolitical situation could tempt our neighbour to exploit the moment," but asserted that India remained fully prepared to counter any such move.

"Our neighbour, in the current circumstances, may attempt a misadventure. If that happens, India's response will be firm and decisive," he said, without naming Pakistan directly.

His remarks come ahead of the first anniversary of the April



22, 2025 Pahalgam terror attack, in which 25 civilians were killed by terrorists. India avenged the terror attack by launching 'Operation Sindoor' and destroying nine terror camps deep inside Pakistan.

Singh said the 'Operation Sindoor', launched in May last year, demonstrated India's

resolve against terrorism and was "not over yet."

He claimed that Indian forces had inflicted significant damage on terror infrastructure across the border within a short span.

Referring to past retaliatory actions, Singh said India had consistently responded strongly to terror attacks. "From the

surgical strikes after Uri to the air strikes following Pulwama, and now Operation Sindoor, India has delivered clear messages against terrorism," he said.

During Operation Sindoor, Indian forces targeted multiple terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, triggering a brief but intense military standoff that ended with a ceasefire after four days.

The Defence Minister also addressed concerns over energy supplies amid tensions in the Middle East, dismissing reports of shortages. He said India had adequate reserves of fuel and gas and was equipped to manage any disruption.

"There is no shortage of petrol, diesel or gas in the country. India is prepared to deal with any potential energy crisis," Singh said, cautioning against misinformation that could create panic.

He added that Indian naval forces were | More on P6



LG presents appointment letter to martyr SI's wife

KT News Desk

Jammu, Apr 02: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday handed over the appointment letter, under

J&K Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme 2022, to Alka Sharma, wife of martyr Sub-Inspector Deepak Sharma.

The Lieutenant Governor assured all possible

assistance and support to the bereaved family.

The J&K Police Braveheart made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty in 2024 while | More on P6

'LG assents to 3 Bills passed by LA'

KT News Desk

Jammu, Apr 02: Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandit on Thursday informed the House that the Lieutenant Governor has assented to three Bills passed by Legislative Assembly (LA).

Informing the House, the Secretary read, "The Jammu and Kashmir Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 2026); The Jammu and Kashmir Eliminating Discrimination Against Persons Affected by Leprosy Bill, 2026 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 2026) and Jammu and Kashmir State Civil Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (L.A. Bill No. 03 of 2026) passed by Legislative Assembly have been | More on P6

Global tensions beyond control, may impact J&K too: CM Omar

Says no shortage of fuel, essentials in J&K; stock sufficient for 10-15 days

Waris Fayaz

Jammu, Apr 02: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said the Union Territory currently has adequate stocks of essential supplies and fuel, urging people not to panic amid global uncertainties.

Speaking to reporters after Assembly proceedings, CM Omar, per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said global developments remain beyond the control of both Jammu and Kashmir and the country.

He said any major global disruption would have a cascading impact across India, which would eventually reflect in J&K as well.

He, however, reassured that the situation on the ground remains stable for now. "Essential supplies and fuel are intact. There is no shortage at present and we have sufficient stock for the next 10 to 15 days," he said.

"If the country witnesses a decline in supplies due to any escalation, it will ultimately affect us too," he added.

CM Omar said there is no cause | More on P6



Will remind Punjab of commitments with J&K on Shahpur Kandi Dam Project: CM

KNO Special Correspondent

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said he would remind his counterpart from Punjab to fulfill the commitments made with the Jammu & Kashmir Government regarding the Shahpur Kandi Dam project. Speaking in the Legislative Assembly, as per news agency— | More on P6

Petroleum Secy chairs meet to review fuel situation in States, UTs

KNO Monitoring Desk

New Delhi, Apr 02: Petroleum Ministry Secretary on Thursday chaired a meeting with Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries (Food & Civil Supplies) of all States and Union Territories to review the fuel supply situation across the country.

According to a statement, issued to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), he briefed the states/UTs on steps taken by the Government to ease the supply of essential petroleum fuels and also appreciated

respective states/UTs to work alongside the central Government to deal with the evolving situation.

He stressed that States/UTs must actively manage and prioritize LPG distribution to ensure uninterrupted supply for domestic consumers and essential sectors. "States were also advised to maintain strict vigilance against hoarding, diversion, and the spread of misinformation that could trigger unnecessary panic".

The statement reads that states such as Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Delhi, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh were | More on P6

J&K Govt introduces Private Universities Bill in Assembly

Sponsoring bodies need 3 years registration, financial soundness

Expert panel to scrutinise applications; Regulatory Authority for compliance

Foreign institutions can open campuses with UGC approval

KNO Special Correspondent

Jammu, Apr 02: The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Thursday introduced the "Jammu and Kashmir Private Universities Bill, 2026" in the Legislative Assembly.

The proposed law, introduced by Minister for Higher Education Sakina Masood Ittoo, provides a

legal framework for establishing private universities and for regulating their functioning, management, and academic standards.

According to the proposed legislation, a sponsoring body can set up a private university in Jammu & Kashmir only if must be registered for at least three years, have education as its primary objective, sound finances, clean credentials, and lawful possession of adequate land and facilities.

As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the sponsoring body must also appoint qualified faculty, maintain proper infrastructure, and comply with government and UGC regulations.

According to the proposed legislation, the Government may permit the establishment of a Private University by any sponsoring body | More on P6

Digital-First Census 2027 Explained!

J&K, Ladakh to roll out with self-enumeration, mobile apps, GIS mapping, says JD Arun Kumar

Two-phase plan with self-enumeration portal opening May 17

Door-to-door enumeration, GIS-mapped blocks, mobile apps in 16 languages

27,788 enumerators, 4,014 supervisors to be deployed

Multi-level training provided, strong data privacy measures taken

Citizen participation urged for accurate digital counting



Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Apr 02: With the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh preparing for the Census 2027, a historic exercise that will leverage digital tools, including self-enumeration, mobile-based

data collection and GIS mapping, Arun Kumar, Joint Director of Census Operations for J&K and Ladakh, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) on Thursday explained the process in a detailed question-answer session with the media here in Srinagar, covering the phases, methodology, tools, training and citizen participation.

"Q&A, Census 2027 in J&K & Ladakh"

Q: What is the background of the Census and why is it important?

Arun Kumar: Census is a union subject, listed at point 69 of the 7th Schedule of the Constitution. Conducting it on such a large | More on P6

J&K Govt orders major police reshuffle

- Top IPS officers across key posts transferred
- Tejinder Singh to head CID
- Sarah Rizvi gets Crime
- Haseeb-Ur-Rehman takes over traffic Kashmir
- Tahir Ashraf appointed SSP SIA Kashmir
- Neha Jain SP East Srinagar

Srinagar, Apr 02: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Thursday ordered a major reshuffle in the police leadership, transferring and posting several senior IPS officers across crucial positions, including CID, Crime, Traffic and range commands, with

immediate effect. According to the order issued by the Home Department of Jammu and Kashmir reads the administrative move effects key operational wings, including CID, Crime, Telecom and field ranges, signaling a strategic reset in the policing structure across Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in sensitive regions such as Rajouri-Poonch, North Kashmir and the Jammu division.

The order reads, in the interest of administration, the following transfers and postings of Police officers are hereby ordered with immediate effect.

Tejinder Singh, IPS-2008 DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range is transferred and posted as IGP CID.

Sarah Rizvi, IPS-2008 DIG Udampur-Reasi Range is transferred and | More on P6

J&K has 15 days of LPG, 12-19 days of fuel stock: CS

KT News Desk

Jammu, Apr 02: Amid the prevailing situation in West Asia, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting with Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners and District Administrations to assess the availability and distribution of essential commodities across the Union Territory.

The meeting, which was also attended by representatives of Oil Marketing Companies, focused on ensuring uninterrupted supply and efficient distribution of LPG, petrol, diesel, fertilizers and other essential commodities across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary directed



the Divisional and District Administrations to accord top priority to daily monitoring of stock positions and supply chains of these essential commodities. He instructed the Oil Marketing Companies to provide real-time access to their digital portals to Deputy Commissioners to enable close

tracking of LPG distribution and ensure adherence to prescribed delivery timelines in both rural and urban areas.

Emphasising the need for grassroots-level feedback, Dulloo asked the field administrations to regularly engage with farmers, industrialists and other stakeholders to assess the

availability of fertilizers and fuel, as well as the timely disbursement of wages to workers in the industrial sector. He further directed departments to intensify inspections in coordination with local administrations to ensure seamless supply to the farming community. The Chief | More on P6

J&K has 291 EV charging stations: GoI

Raja Syed Rather

Srinagar, Apr 02: Jammu and Kashmir has a total of 291 electric vehicle public charging stations (EVPCS) installed across the Union Territory, the Government of India (GoI) informed the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

In a written reply to an unstarred question, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said that a total of 49,909 EV public charging stations have been installed across the country as of March 30, 2026.

The data, accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), reveals

that Jammu and Kashmir remains among the lower-ranked regions in terms of EV charging infrastructure when compared to states like Maharashtra (6,577), Karnataka (6,480), and Uttar Pradesh (4,214).

The minister further stated that setting up EV charging stations is an unlicensed activity, allowing private players to install and operate them as per guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power. Maintenance responsibility lies with the respective charge point operators.

As per official figures, Jammu and Kashmir has also witnessed | More on P6

'No unauthorised govt accommodations in J&K'

Raja Syed Rather

Srinagar, Apr 02: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday said that there is no government accommodation under unauthorised occupation, while clarifying the status of certain residential units occupied under specific circumstances.

Replying to an Unstarred Assembly Question by MLA Tanvir Sadiq, the Estates Department, as reported by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), informed that Kashmiri migrants currently occupy 372 residential units at Jammu since the migration period, and no | More on P6

Joint Secretary Meity reviews PM SHRI schools in Udhampur

KT NEWS DESK

UDHAMPUR, APRIL 02: Joint Secretary, Ministry for Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) Government of India and Central Nodal Officer for PM SHRI Schools, Sushil Pal ICAS, Thursday visited Udhampur district and chaired a review meeting to assess the functioning and implementation of PM SHRI Schools.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Minga Sherpa, Joint Director School Education Udhampur-Reasi, Dr. Jagdish Chander Mehra, State Coordinator PM SHRI Schools, Fayaz Ahmed Fayaz, Chief Education Officer along with Principals of PM SHRI Schools and other concerned officers.

Joint Director School Education extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and presented an overview of PM SHRI Schools in Udhampur district. The Central Nodal Officer conducted a detailed review of the scheme implementation and interacted with the heads of PM SHRI Schools to assess their functioning and infrastructure. He emphasized the importance of building motivation and confidence among the students, stating that a motivated learner is key to academic success. He also reviewed



the infrastructural development, academic performance and innovative initiatives undertaken under the PM SHRI scheme.

He urged the school heads to ensure that the benefits of the PM SHRI scheme reach every eligible student in an effective and timely manner.

The Deputy Commissioner encouraged the institutional heads to gain first hand insights into classroom practices, learner engagement and school leadership processes. He appreciated the visible transformation in

school ecosystems and the commitment of educators towards fostering a learner-centric environment.

Meanwhile, State Coordinator PM SHRI Schools presented a detailed overview of infrastructural upgrades, academic milestones and innovative practices being implemented across PM SHRI institutions in Udhampur.

Later, the Central Nodal officer visited PM SHRI High School Johnu in Udhampur district and interacted with the staff members and students.

Director Agriculture Kashmir reviews IFMS implementation



KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, APRIL 02: Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sar-taj Ahmad Shah, Thursday conducted a review of the Integrated Fertilizer Management System (IFMS) and inspected the functioning of Point of Sale (POS)-enabled retail outlets in Budgam and Srinagar districts.

The Director visited multiple sale points and retail outlets to personally assess the performance of POS machines, real-time stock updation, and overall inventory management. He laid special emphasis on maintaining transparency in sales, ensuring accurate digital recording of transactions, and strict adherence to the digital monitoring mechanisms for efficient and farmer-friendly service delivery.

While reviewing the district-wise progress of IFMS implementation, Sar-taj Ahmad Shah directed officers to ensure seamless integration of field-level operations with the digital platform. He stressed the importance of robust inventory management, accurate financial tracking, and greater accountability through the system.

Chief Agriculture Officer Budgam, Mohd Iqbal Khan, and Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar, Ajaz Hussain Dar, along with Deputy Director Law Enforcement Kashmir, Mujtaba Yahya, Technical Officer, and other senior officers and field functionaries accompanied the Director during the visit.

The district officers briefed the Director about the current status of the POS network, stock availability, and challenges being faced.

The Director appreciated the efforts of the district teams and instructed them to further strengthen the monitoring mechanism to ensure timely and transparent availability of quality agricultural inputs to the farming community.

DC Budgam visits industrial Estate Rangreth



KT NEWS DESK

BUDGAM, APRIL 02: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, Thursday visited the Industrial Estate (I/E) Rangreth and chaired a comprehensive review meeting regarding the development, functioning, and regulation of the estate.

The DC, as per an official statement, was accompanied by General Manager DIC Budgam, Superintending Engineer R&B, Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Budgam, Managing Director SICOP, District Officer Pollution Control Board (PCB) Budgam, Tehsildar concerned, Lead District Manager (LDM), Executive Engineer KPDCL, and other concerned officers.

During the visit, the DC conducted on-spot inspections of various industrial units and assessed their operational status, infrastructure facilities, power supply, environmental compliance, and employment generation. He also interacted with unit holders and stakeholders to understand their concerns and challenges.

While chairing the meeting, the DC stressed strict adherence to government norms and directed the concerned departments to initiate immediate de-registration of all units operating illegally or in violation of prescribed guidelines, emphasizing that no compromise will be made on regulatory compliance.

He further directed the PCB to ensure that all units operate only after obtaining necessary environmental clearances and strictly follow pollution control norms.

The DC reiterated that the district administration is committed to creating a conducive ecosystem for legitimate businesses and assured that genuine grievances of unit holders, particularly those related to incentives and subsidies, will be taken up with higher authorities for prompt redressal.

During the meeting, the functioning of the Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) was discussed in detail, and the DC directed that a joint committee comprising SIDCO, JKPC, and representatives of the Industrial Association

be constituted to assess the quantity and nature of wastewater generated by units, including JKLI as well as rainwater inflow, so that a workable and sustainable solution for the CETP can be devised.

The issue of water supply was also deliberated upon, wherein unit holders highlighted the poor quality of potable water being supplied to the estate.

The DC directed SIDCO to explore the feasibility of establishing potable water connectivity through PHE to ensure access to safe drinking water within the estate.

Regarding power supply, the DC instructed the concerned PDD/KPDCL officials to ensure uninterrupted and quality electricity supply to the industrial estate for improving productivity and minimizing operational disruptions.

The DC also reviewed the drainage system in the estate and directed SIDCO to provide a proper and efficient drainage facility to enable clear segregation of rainwater and industrial effluents, thereby preventing environmental hazards.

On the issue of solid waste management, the DC advised SIDCO to work in close coordination with unit holders for proper collection and scientific disposal of waste, ensuring improved sanitation and compliance with environmental norms.

Further directions were issued to the R&B and UEED departments to take immediate steps for rectification and resolution of infrastructure-related issues in the estate.

The DC directed officers to maintain regular monitoring of industrial estates and ensure transparency and accountability in service delivery. He reiterated that the administration's focus remains on sustainable and planned industrial development and urged all stakeholders to strictly adhere to norms, adopt environmentally responsible practices, and contribute towards the economic growth of the district.

The DC directed all concerned to work in a coordinated manner to strengthen the industrial sector in Budgam and ensure full compliance with all statutory requirements.

Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 in Khawas: Deputy Advisor NITI Aayog reviews progress

KT NEWS DESK

RAJOURI, APRIL 2: Deputy Advisor, NITI Aayog, Dr Muni Raju SB, Thursday chaired a comprehensive review meeting at Rajouri to assess the progress achieved under Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 in Aspirational Block Khawas.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, presented a detailed PowerPoint Presentation and briefed the visiting officer on key indicators. He told about the status of saturation across sectors including ICDS, Education, Animal Husbandry, Health, Nutrition, Agriculture & allied sectors, basic infrastructure and other social development parameters.

During the meeting, the Deputy Advisor held an interactive session with the district and sectoral officers to obtain first-hand feedback on the challenges being faced in implementation of various government schemes.

The officers highlighted key issues such as inadequate school infrastructure, poor internet and road connectivity, shortage of trained staff and insufficient healthcare personnel as major bottlenecks affecting the public service delivery.

The Deputy Commissioner also apprised the meeting of several initiatives undertaken by the district administration in Khawas to address these challenges. These included introduction of telemedicine facilities at Badhaal, deployment of mobile medical units, installation of CCTV cameras in schools and provision of free coaching facilities for students.

Appreciating the efforts of the district administration, Dr. Muni Raju SB lauded their proactive approach adopted in improving the service delivery in the aspirational block. He further directed the concerned departments to explore and propose establishment of an Eklayva Model Residential School for Khawas to enhance educational infrastructure in the area.

ADDC Rajouri Malikzada Sheraz-ul-Haq, Programme Officer ICDS Harpal Singh, CPO Maqsood Ahmed, DSEO Sandeep Sharma, ACD Auqil Naveed, AD FCS&CA Rohit Kumar, CMO Dr. Manohar Lal Rana, CEO Mohd Hafeez, Executive Engineers of PDD and PHE Muneer Ahmed and Sudesh Kumar, DSHO, CAHO Khalid Hussain, District Horticulture Officer Sushil Kumar, Lead Bank Manager and other district and sectoral officers attended the meeting.

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER GOVT BOYS HIGH SCHOOL DUROO DANGERPORA

AUCTIONING NOTICE:

It is notified for the information of General Public that the damaged old buildings at GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL DUROO Zone Dangerpora will be auctioned as per Government order No 774 Edu of 2017 dated 12/10/2017 by the committee constituted for survey and auctioning of dilapidated 03 roomed two school buildings related items as per the order conveyed by the Chief Education Officer Baramulla vide his No CEO/Plg/Bia/871-75 dated 16/01/2026. The bidder can submit EMD (in the form of CDR) for auction by or before: 13 04 2026 (up to 3 PM) with demand draft/Bankers cheque at J&K Bank amounting Rs =3000/-. For forms and conditions document can be had from the office chamber of the Headmaster Govt. Boys High School Duroo Dangerpora on working days. Auction will be held in GOVT. BOYS HIGH DUROO and will start at 11.30 AM on 20-04-2026. For any further details and queries contact the office of Headmaster GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL DUROO Zone Dangerpora.

Valuation case of unsafe 03 roomed building No: 01 at Govt. Boys High Duroo Dangerpora									
S.NO	Item	Particulars	Category	Total %age	Existing %age	Rate/Sft	Amount	Remarks	
1	U/G foundation	Dry Random rubble stone masonry	D	10%	3%	1263	3.789		
2	Plinth	Stone masonry in mud mortar and DPC	D	6%	60%	1263	45.468		
3	Superstructure	2nd class brick masonry in mud sand mortar	D	15%	65%	1263	123.1425		
4	Door/windows	C class kail wood chowkats and shutters	D	13%	70%	1263	114.9333		
5	Slab	Rcc slab	Nil	0%	0%	1263	0	Not Existing	
6	Flooring	Cement concreting floors	C	7%	40%	1440	40.32		
7	Ceiling	Overlapped budloo wood planks	C	10%	30%	1440	43.2		
8	Roofing	CGI sheets over budloo/kail, wood truss	C	33%	70%	1440	332.64		
9	Finishing external	Finishing coat of cement primer overpainting	Nil	1.50%	0	1263	0	Not Existing	
	Internal	POP	Nil	4.50%	0	1263	0	Not Existing	
							703.4925		
	Plinth Area of building			946.09					
	So assessment		703.49	946.09		665564.85			
	Add cost of Escalation					1.2824	853520		
	Age of school building : 30 years (as per record) years	30							
	So description @1% year age of building	0.3		853520		256056			
	Now net assessment					597464			
	So solvage value		Rs	0.90		lacs			

Valuation case of unsafe 03 roomed building No: 02 at Govt. Boys High Duroo Dangerpora									
S.NO	Item	Particulars	Category	Total %age	Existing %age	Rate/Sft	Amount	Remarks	
1	U/G foundation	Dry Random rubble stone masonry	D	10%	2%	1263	2.526		
2	Plinth	Stone masonry in mud mortar and DPC	D	6%	55%	1263	41.679		
3	Superstructure	2nd class brick masonry in mud sand mortar	D	15%	50%	1263	94.725		
4	Door/windows	C class kail wood chowkats and shutters	D	13%	60%	1263	98.514		
5	Slab	Rcc slab	Nil	0%	0%	1263	0	Not Existing	
6	Flooring	Cement concreting floors	C	7%	40%	1440	40.32		
7	Ceiling	Overlapped budloo wood planks	C	10%	30%	1440	43.2		
8	Roofing	CGI sheets over budloo/kail, wood truss	C	33%	70%	1440	332.64		
9	Finishing external	Finishing coat of cement primer over painting	Nil	1.50%	0	1263	0		
	Internal	POP	Nil	4.50%	0	1263	0		
							653.604		
	Plinth Area of building			889.2					
	So assessment		653.6	889.2		581184.68			
	Add cost of Escalation					1.284x581184.68=745311.2			
	Age of school building : 30 years (as per record) years	30							
	So description @1% year age of building	0.3		581184.68		223593.3			
	Now net assessment					521718			
	So solvage value		Rs	0.783		lacs			

Say RS 1.683 Lacs (One lac sixty eight thousand and three hundred)

The terms and conditions of the auction notice are as under:

- Each bidder must deposit earnest money of Rs 3000/= as given above in the shape of CDR/FDR from any nationalized bank/scheduled bank pledged to the Headmaster Govt. Boys High School Duroo Dangerous. Earnest money deposit(EMD) in the form of a CDR should reach this office by or before 13-04-2026 upto 3 PM.
- The open auction shall be conducted by the auction committee at 11.30 AM on 20-04-2026
- Earnest money of the successful bidder and the 2nd highest bidder shall be retained and earnest money of rest of the bidders will be returned within 10 days after auction proceedings are over.
- The successful bidder shall have to enter into an agreement with the department within two days from the date the sanction of the contract is communicated to him. Failing to execute the agreement with the stipulated period, the earnest money deposited by the successful bidder shall be forfeited in favour of the department and contracts shall be allotted to the second highest bidder. Any loss on this account shall be made good from the first highest bidder in terms arrears of the land revenue rules, besides blacklisting the contractor/bidder participating from future department tenders/auctions.
- The department reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.
- An other condition that the department may like to be imposed shall announced on the date of opening of auction and shall binding on the bidders.

No:- GHSD/07/26 Dated: 12th April 2026

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DATED: 02-04-2026

GOVT BOYS HIGH SCHOOL DUROO
DANGERPORA

MeT predicts rain, snow till April 10

Traffic Police issue advisory, urge commuters to confirm status, avoid night travel

SAJID RAINA

Srinagar, Apr 02: The Meteorological Department has forecast erratic weather conditions across Jammu and Kashmir till April 10, with spells of rain and snow, prompting authorities to issue advisories for residents, farmers, and travellers.

An official of the MeT office in Srinagar told that from April 3 onwards the weather is expected to remain generally cloudy with intermittent light to moderate rain and snowfall at many places. "Thunderstorms, hailstorms, and gusty winds are also likely during the afternoon of April 3 through the evening of April 4," he added.

The official said isolated higher reaches of both Kashmir and Jammu divisions may receive moderate to heavy rain or snowfall during this period.

Weather conditions are expected to improve slightly on April 5 and 6, with partly cloudy skies and light rain at isolated locations. However, fresh spells of light to moderate rain or snow in higher reaches, accompanied by thunder and gusty winds, are likely again from April 7 to 9.

The MeT office has warned of thunderstorms, hailstorms, and gusty winds with speeds of 40-50 kmph at a few places between April



3 and 4. It has also cautioned that intense showers over short periods could trigger flash floods, landslides, shooting stones, and waterlogging in vulnerable and low-lying areas.

Farmers have been advised to suspend agricultural operations during this period, while travellers have been asked to plan their journeys accordingly.

TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS ISSUES ADVISORY

Meanwhile, the Traffic Police Headquarters issued a detailed advisory in view of the forecast, urging commuters to travel only after confirming road conditions. Officials said traffic

movement on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) remained slow between Marog and Kishtwari Pather over the past 24 hours due to single-lane traffic and breakdown of three heavy motor vehicles.

Subject to fair weather and road conditions, all categories of vehicles – including light motor vehicles, passenger vehicles, private cars, and heavy motor vehicles – will be allowed to ply on NH-44 from both Jammu and Srinagar sides. Security forces' convoys will also be permitted after coordination with traffic control units. Commuters have been advised to prefer daytime travel on

the highway and avoid night journeys due to the risk of landslides, shooting stones, and ongoing construction work between Ramban and Banihal.

The Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road (NH-244) remains temporarily closed for vehicular movement as per district administration orders.

On the Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari (SSG) road, traffic will be allowed subject to weather and clearance from road maintenance agencies. However, no vehicle will be permitted after the cut-off time of 10:30 am due to the risk of avalanches along the Zojila axis. Motorists have been advised to carry anti-skid chains.

Similarly, traffic on the Mughal Road will be allowed only for light motor vehicles, including passenger and private cars, from both sides between specified timings, subject to weather conditions and clearance from authorities.

Authorities have urged people to follow lane discipline and avoid overtaking to prevent congestion.

Traffic control units across Jammu, Srinagar, Ramban, Udhampur, Kishtwar, and Kargil have issued helpline numbers for real-time updates, and commuters have been advised to check road status before undertaking any journey—(KNO)



Shiv Mandir Charitable Trust delegation meets LG Manoj Sinha in Jammu

No proposal to upgrade SDH Uri to district hospital: Govt in Assembly

JAHANGEER GANAIE

Srinagar, Apr 02: The Jammu and Kashmir government has clarified that there is currently no proposal under consideration to upgrade the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Uri to a full-fledged District Hospital, despite concerns over the region's challenging terrain and healthcare demands.

Replying to a question raised by MLA Dr Sajad Shafi, Health and Medical Education Department Minister Sakeena Itoo informed the House that no such plan is presently being examined by the department.

The legislator had sought to know whether the government intends to elevate SDH Uri, given the difficult and hilly geography of the Uri constituency, which comprises around 143 villages with a widely scattered population. He highlighted the heavy patient load from Uri being referred to Government Medical College (GMC)-associated hospital in Baramulla.

In response, the minister said the

government has adopted a "reasoned stand" to focus on strengthening and consolidating existing healthcare infrastructure across the Union Territory rather than creating new facilities at this stage.

She said that over 4,000 health institutions are currently operational in Jammu and Kashmir, and the priority is to enhance their functioning by improving availability of human resources, modern equipment, and service delivery mechanisms.

The minister further highlighted the role of digital healthcare initiatives in bridging gaps, saying that services such as tele-medicine, tele-radiology, and mobile medical units are being leveraged to improve access to healthcare, particularly in remote and underserved areas like Uri.

"Once a formal decision is taken by the government regarding the creation of new health facilities—following the withdrawal of austerity measures by the Finance Department—new institutions based on gap analysis will be considered for all districts, including Baramulla," she added—(KNO)

Regularisation of Rehbar-e-Khel teachers going on in phased manner: Govt

RAJA SYED RATHER

Srinagar, Apr 02: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday said the policy for the regularisation of Rehbar-e-Khel (ReK) teachers is already in place and is being implemented in a phased manner.

Replying to an Unstarred Assembly Question by MLA Reyaz Ahmad Khan, the Youth Services and Sports Department informed that the policy was notified vide Government Order No. 141-Edu (YSS) of 2017 dated October 27, 2017.

As per the policy, around 2,395 Rehbar-e-Khel teachers (Physical Education Instructors) working across Jammu and Kashmir are to be regularised after

completion of seven years of satisfactory and continuous service, against available or newly created posts of Physical Education Teachers.

The government said the modalities for implementation of the regularisation process are presently under consideration.

Providing division-wise details, the government said that in Kashmir division, Ganderbal has 48 ReK teachers, Baramulla 228, Budgam 153, Kulgam 122, Pulwama 83, Srinagar 61, Bandipora 103, Anantnag 187, Shopian 61 and Kupwara 180—all engaged in 2019.

In Jammu division, Jammu district has 120 ReK teachers, Doda 180, Kishtwar 68, Udhampur 159, Samba 46, Poonch 145, Ramban 106, Rajouri 169, Reasi 62 (all engaged

in 2019), while Kathua has 114 teachers engaged in 2020. The total number of Rehbar-e-Khel teachers stands at 2,395.

The government further informed that by February 2026, ReK teachers from 10 districts completed their seven-year tenure in accordance with the policy. It added that regularisation of all ReKs will be undertaken in a phased manner upon completion of the required service period, subject to availability of posts.

The reply also stated that these teachers have been working on an honorarium basis for over a decade and that regularisation will be carried out as per norms, including service continuity and eligibility conditions—(KNO)

No arbitrary tax hike in Srinagar since 2012: J&K Govt

RAJA SYED RATHER

Srinagar, Apr 02: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday said there has been no arbitrary hike of 400-500 per cent in Shop Tax and Trade Tax imposed on traders in Srinagar, clarifying that the tax structure was last revised in 2012, after nearly four decades.

Replying to an Unstarred Assembly Question by MLA Tanvir Sadiq regarding uniform taxation, the Housing and Urban Development Department said that before 2012, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) was levying nominal Shop Tax and Trade Tax not exceeding Rs 50 per annum under a tariff structure that had remained in force for nearly three to four decades.

The government said the tax structure was rationalised and revised in 2012, with rates varying according to the nature and category of trade. "Since the 2012 revision, no further enhancement

in Shop Tax or Trade Tax has been undertaken, and business establishments continue to pay taxes as per the revised structure," it said.

On the issue of classification, the government informed that SMC has categorised markets into Shehri-e-Khaas and Civil Lines for assessment purposes, while different trades have been grouped into various categories for Trade Tax assessment. It added that the rationalisation exercise carried out after 2012 classified Shop Tax into two market categories and restructured Trade Tax into multiple trade-based categories.

Responding to concerns about uniform taxation, the government clarified that there is variation in taxes imposed on business establishments operating in Lal Chowk and Shehri-e-Khaas. It stated that taxes are not uniformly charged across all, but differ based on location and category.

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Govt Departments, others owe whopping Rs 3,747 crore to KPDCL, JPDCL

RIYAZ BHAT

Srinagar, Apr 02: In Jammu and Kashmir, government departments and security establishments owe a whopping Rs 3,747 crore to the government on account of unpaid power dues.

The government on Thursday informed the house that there was an outstanding Rs 3747.3542 crores power dues of all its departments viz-a-viz security establishments.

In a reply to the

queries regarding the department-wise, the total amount of outstanding and recoverable power dues of all its departments viz-a-viz security establishments in the Union Territory and the steps taken for its recovery and realization, the government said that in the out of the total unpaid Rs 3747.3542 crores, Rs 2310.2241 crores was recorded in KPDCL and Rs 1,437.1301 crores from JPDCL.

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Sakeena Itoo interacts with representatives of NHM Employees Association

Assures redressal of genuine grievances

KT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, APRIL 02: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo on Thursday held an interaction meeting with representatives of National Health Mission (NHM) Employees Association to discuss various issues concerning their welfare, working conditions and service-related matters.

During the interaction, the delegation, as per an official statement, apprised the Minister of various challenges faced by NHM employees, including service security, timely disbursement of salaries, career progression and strengthening of workplace support systems. The representatives emphasized the crucial role played by NHM staff in delivering



healthcare services, particularly in remote and underserved areas.

Listening patiently to the concerns raised, the Minister acknowledged the significant contribution of NHM employees in strengthening grassroots healthcare delivery and improving

public health outcomes. She appreciated their dedication and commitment, especially during challenging times when healthcare workers remained at the forefront of service.

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No current plans for new animal husbandry centres in Kangan: Govt

RAJA SYED RATHER

Srinagar, Apr 02: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday said that no specific proposal is currently under consideration for sanctioning new Animal Husbandry Centres in Kangan constituency.

Replying to an Unstarred Assembly Question by MLA Mian Mehar Ali, the Agriculture Production Department (Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries) informed that the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying has recently issued guidelines for minimum standards of veterinary infrastructure in India.

The government said these guidelines lay down benchmark norms for veterinary infrastructure, human

resources and range of services to be provided at veterinary institutions. "In alignment with these guidelines, the department is presently undertaking a comprehensive assessment of the existing network of veterinary hospitals and institutions to evaluate their adequacy in meeting livestock healthcare requirements," the reply stated.

It added that, as of now, no specific proposal has been finalised for opening new Animal Husbandry Centres in the Kangan constituency. Regarding financial outlay and timeline, the government said that no details related to funding, staffing pattern or implementation schedule have been finalised at this stage.

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D-BRAP 2025: CS directs departments to fast-track pending reforms

KT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, APRIL 02: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Thursday convened a meeting to assess the progress achieved under the District Business Reforms Action Plan (D-BRAP)-2025 across various districts and departments of Jammu and Kashmir. The reforms are being implemented under the guidance of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

The meeting as per an official statement, coordinated by the Industries & Commerce Department, was

attended by the concerned Administrative Secretaries, senior officers, Director Industries Jammu, and other concerned officials.

Taking a comprehensive department-wise review of services and reform parameters mandated under D-BRAP, the Chief Secretary underscored the significance of these reforms in improving citizen welfare and fostering a conducive business environment across the Union Territory. He emphasized that the initiative is pivotal in enhancing ease of living as well as ease of doing business at the grassroots level.

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South Kashmir to get first MRI facility at GMC Anantnag

JAHANGEER GANAIE

Anantnag, Apr 02: In a significant boost to healthcare infrastructure in south Kashmir, Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag is set to inaugurate its much-awaited Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) facility, along with three modular operation theatres and a vitrectomy machine in the Department of Ophthalmology, likely tomorrow.

The development comes as a major relief for thousands of patients who, until now, have been forced to depend on expensive private diagnostic centres due to the absence of MRI services in government hospitals across south Kashmir.

For years, patients from Anantnag and adjoining districts have been grappling with limited access to advanced diagnostic facilities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Haris Bin Riyaz, son of Riyaz Ahmad Roonga, resident of gousia colony Bemina, hereby inform the general public that my father's surname was incorrectly mentioned as "Run-ga" in my old Passport.

My correct surname is "Roonga", and I intend to use this corrected surname in my new Passport and all future records.

If any person has any objection regarding this correction, they may contact the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 3/04/2026
Place: Bemina
[Haris bin riyaz]
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EDITORIAL

Friday Brief: The Six Fasts Of Shawwal – A Bridge To Eternal Reward

After the holy month of Ramadan, the believer is presented with an extraordinary opportunity: six days of fasting that carry the reward of a full year. The Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) declared: "Whoever fasts Ramadan and then follows it with six days of Shawwal, it is as if he has fasted the entire year" (Sahih Muslim). This single statement elevates the six fasts from a

mere optional practice to a spiritual investment of unparalleled return. The calculation is both simple and profound. A good deed in Islam is multiplied tenfold. Ramadan, with its 30 days of fasting, counts as 300 days. The six days of Shawwal, similarly multiplied, add 60 days, bringing the total to 360—the equivalent of a full year in the Islamic calendar. This mathematical precision reflects divine generosity,

offering the believer a seamless continuation of worship beyond the blessed month. Yet the significance of these fasts extends beyond reward. They serve as a test of sincerity. Ramadan fasting carries the momentum of collective obligation; Shawwal fasting requires individual initiative. The one who maintains the spirit of fasting after Ramadan demonstrates that their devotion was not merely seasonal

but enduring. This continuity is the very essence of the Qur'anic concept of taqwa—God-consciousness that outlasts any single month. The six fasts also address a subtle spiritual reality. After 30 days of heightened worship, the return to ordinary habits can create a spiritual vacuum. The Shawwal fasts act as a bridge, easing the transition while consolidating the gains of Ramadan. They prevent the soul from

slipping back into heedlessness and reinforce the discipline cultivated over the preceding month. In this month of Shawwal, let us seize this gift. The days are short, the reward immense, and the opportunity fleeting. Ramadan has ended, but the path to divine pleasure continues. The six fasts of Shawwal are proof that the transformation of the blessed month has taken permanent root in the heart.

GLP-1 Drugs Use, Risks, And Regulation

GLP-1 drugs are significant medical breakthrough in treating type 2 diabetes and obesity, but they are not without risk, making it essential these are only taken under the supervision of registered medical practitioner/specialists

Press Information Bureau

Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when the pancreas does not produce adequate insulin, or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces, leading to high blood sugar. If left untreated, it can lead to complications like blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke and lower limb amputation.

Insulin and glucagon are hormones produced by the pancreas that regulate blood sugar (glucose) levels. Insulin helps convert food into energy and lowers blood sugar by enabling cells to absorb glucose, while glucagon raises blood sugar when levels drop too low. Together, the two hormones keep blood sugar within a healthy range.

In patients with type 2 diabetes, however, this balance breaks down. The body's cells become resistant to insulin, or the pancreas does not produce enough of it, or both - while glucagon continues to drive blood sugar higher. It is this dual dysfunction that GLP-1 drugs are designed to address.

People with excess body weight, a family history of diabetes and excess sugar in the diet are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Being obese - with a body mass index of over 25 kg/m² - also increases the risk of diabetes. Abdominal fat particularly raises the risk of insulin resistance. Obesity is also a major driver of non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease and some cancers.

Keeping Diabetes and Obesity at Bay
There are two kinds of diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is characterised by deficient insulin production by the pancreas. Type 1 diabetic patients require daily doses of insulin for life.

Type 2 diabetes stops the body from using insulin properly. Family history of diabetes, obesity/overweight and not getting enough exercise increases the risk of getting type 2 diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes is preventable - and to keep it at bay, people should:

- Reach and maintain a healthy body weight
- Be physically active with at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise each week
- Eat a healthy diet and avoid sugar and saturated fats
- Not smoke tobacco.

Obesity is a chronic disease caused by excess body fat. Obesity is defined by a BMI greater than or equal to 25 kg/m², while overweight is defined as a BMI ranging from 23.00 to 24.99 kg/m². BMI is a metric calculated from height and weight.

Obesity is preventable and reversible. To prevent and reduce obesity, people should:

- Reduce the number of calories consumed from fats and sugars
- Increase the daily portion intake of fruit, vegetables, legumes, whole grains and nuts
- Engage in regular physical activity (60 minutes per day for children and 150 minutes per week for adults)

GLP-1 Drugs

GLP-1 drugs (glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists) are medications developed to treat both type 2 diabetes and obesity by correcting hormonal imbalance - stimulating insulin release and suppressing excess glucagon -to bring blood sugar back under control. The drugs regulate blood sugar and appetite and are also used to treat obesity. Essentially, they slow down the gastric emptying, increasing the feeling of fullness. This

decreases patients' appetites and thereby leads to their weight loss.

Multiple variants of GLP-1 drugs have been recently introduced in the Indian market, and concerns have emerged regarding their on-demand availability through retail pharmacies, online platforms, wholesalers, and wellness clinics. To prevent unauthorised sale, unsupervised use, and other malpractices, the Drug Controller of India has intensified its regulatory surveillance, warning that the drugs can lead to serious side effects if not taken under strict medical supervision.

How do GLP-1 drugs work?

When we eat, the digestive system breaks food down into simple sugars that enter the bloodstream. GLP-1 is activated in response, triggering the pancreas to release insulin, which moves glucose out of the bloodstream and into cells, where it is used for energy.

The hormone also suppresses glucagon, preventing the liver from releasing additional glucose into the bloodstream. These two actions bring blood sugar back to normal levels.

GLP-1 agonist medications work by mimicking this hormone and trigger the same effects for longer. They stimulate the pancreas to release more insulin, suppress glucagon hormone - together working as a replacement of the GLP-1 hormone to control blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes.

This process keeps food in the digestive system for longer - making people feel fuller for longer, thus reducing appetite and inducing weight loss. Hence the drugs are also prescribed to people with obesity.

What are the GLP-1 drugs in the market?
While the first GLP-1 medication was approved by the United States' Food & Drug

Administration in 2005, many new ones have recently become very popular in treating diabetic and obese patients.

Below are the some GLP-1 medications available in the market currently.

- GLP-1 medication name
- Semaglutide injection
- Semaglutide tablets
- Liraglutide
- Tirzepatide
- Dulaglutide
- Exenatide
- Exenatide extended release

Most of these medications are administered via pre-filled injection pens, although some (like oral semaglutide) are available in tablet form.

What are the side-effects of GLP-1 drugs?
GLP-1 drugs must be taken under medical supervision. The misuse of GLP-1 drugs without clinical oversight can lead to severe health complications.

There are various side-effects - both mild and serious - to taking GLP-1 drugs, including nausea and dizziness to pancreatitis and medullary thyroid cancer.

GLP-1 medications may also complicate various health conditions.

Regulation of GLP-1 drugs
To ensure ethical pharmaceutical practices in the supply chain of GLP-1, the Drug Controller General of India has intensified its regulatory surveillance against the drug's unauthorised sale and promotion. In India, the drug can be prescribed only by endocrinologists, internal medicine specialists and cardiologists.

To ensure that people do not take GLP-1 drugs without medical prescription and to curb malpractices, Drug Controller General

of India, in collaboration with State Drug Controllers, took the following actions:

On 10th March 2026, a comprehensive advisory was issued to all drug manufacturers to stop misleading advertisements and any promotion that could encourage people to use GLP-1 drugs without a prescription. In recent weeks, 49 businesses were audited and inspected across the country, including online pharmacy warehouses, drug wholesalers, retailers, and weight loss clinics. These inspections spanned multiple regions across India and focused on identifying violations related to unauthorised sale, improper prescription practices, and misleading marketing. Notices have been issued to those found breaking the rules.

Stricter inspections and surveillance will continue in the coming weeks. Businesses that break the rules will face license cancellation, fines, and legal action.

Conclusion

GLP-1 drugs are a significant medical breakthrough in treating type 2 diabetes and obesity, but they are not without risk. The drugs carry a wide range of side effects - from common symptoms like nausea and vomiting to severe complications including pancreatitis, kidney injury, and bowel obstruction. These risks make it essential that GLP-1 drugs are only taken under the supervision of registered medical practitioner/specialists.

India's regulatory authorities have taken firm steps to prevent unauthorised use and malpractices in the supply chain. Patients and the public are strongly advised to consult a qualified medical specialist before use, and to obtain these medications with prescription only through legitimate, regulated channels.

Children Pay The Highest Price In Middle East Conflict

Schools are closed, hospitals struggling to operate. World leaders must choose a different path.

Inger Ashing

I visited Beirut this week, where this war is devastating children and families yet again, with more than 1 million people forcibly displaced from their homes.

I saw first-hand how schools that were meant for education are becoming shelters for displaced families, and how playgrounds and sports facilities are turning into places for storing and distributing humanitarian aid. No child should have to live through this.

Across Lebanon, families fleeing violence arrive carrying whatever pieces of normal life they could take with them. Children clutch toys, schoolbags, and sometimes their pets, trying to hold onto small comforts as their world is suddenly uprooted.

But Lebanon is only one part of a wider tragedy unfolding across the region.

Since Feb. 28, more than 4 million people have been displaced across several countries affected by this conflict. Hundreds of children have already lost their lives.

In Iran, the country is mourning the deaths of more than 100 girls killed in a strike on a school in Minab. In Israel, Lebanon, and elsewhere, families are grieving children who had no role in this war, yet have paid the ultimate price.



A volunteer sings for children, at a temporary encampment for displaced people, in Beirut, Lebanon. (Reuters)

The consequences of this conflict will not end when the bombs stop falling. The damage will last for years.

A 17-year-old boy in Lebanon said: "All we want is to live in safety, not to live today without knowing whether tomorrow

will come for us or not."

For millions of children across the region, fear is constant. Schools are closed, hospitals struggling to operate, and communities that once provided stability are shattered by displacement and

insecurity.

But the cost of this war is not confined to the Middle East. Missile and drone attacks have disrupted energy and shipping infrastructure across the Gulf, including the Strait of Hormuz, through which roughly one-fifth of the world's oil and gas supplies pass. Shipping is being rerouted and freight costs are rising sharply. The result is increasing prices for food, fuel, and transport around the world.

For families already struggling to survive, these rising costs are not an inconvenience. They are a threat to survival.

The world is already facing an unprecedented hunger crisis. Today, more than half of all children globally cannot afford a healthy diet. The UN has warned that if the current conflict continues to destabilize global markets, the number of people facing acute hunger could rise to 363 million this year - the highest level on record.

Humanitarian organizations are already feeling the impact.

Disruption to shipping routes has delayed lifesaving medical supplies destined for some of the world's most fragile areas. Save the Children alone has around \$600,000 of critical medical shipments currently delayed, affecting programs supporting hundreds of thousands of

children in countries such as Sudan, Yemen, and Afghanistan.

For children, the cost of war is paid twice - first in the immediate loss of safety, homes, and education, and then in the long shadow of destroyed schools, hospitals, and water systems that will take generations to rebuild.

It does not have to be this way.

World leaders must urgently choose a different path. Diplomacy must replace escalation, and the protection of children must come before military objectives.

All parties to the conflict must comply with international humanitarian law. Attacks on schools, hospitals, and aid workers must stop, and humanitarian supplies must be allowed to move freely, including through critical routes such as the Strait of Hormuz.

Children cannot continue to pay the price for a war they did not create.

No child should grow up displaced from their home, their classroom turned into a shelter, or their playground into a warehouse for aid. Yet for millions of children across this region, this is now their daily reality.

This war must stop, and children's futures must be protected.

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527 stone crushers units operational in J&K: Deputy CM

KT News Desk

JAMMU, APRIL 02: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary Thursday informed that 527 stone crusher units are operational in Jammu and Kashmir following due process, with development works unaffected by the non-functional units.

The Deputy Chief Minister, as per an official statement, stated this while replying to a Calling Attention Notice moved by Legislator Balwant Singh Mankotia in the Legislative Assembly.

He said that, of 691 stone crusher units, 527 are operational and 164 are non-functional, including 48 that have been sealed or closed. These units have been operating in compliance with the set regulations and their closure has not significantly impacted any on-going development project in the Union Territory.

The Deputy Chief Minister stated that the department has taken necessary measures under current rules and provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal



Mining Rules, 2016, along with Pollution Control Committee guidelines, to curb illegal mining and ensure smooth operation of stone crushers across the UT. He added that the

department ensures availability of finished material to the executing agencies for development works, serving a dual purpose of preventing revenue loss and curbing the illegal mining activities.

He said that the compliant stone crusher units are operating smoothly while those violating the prescribed norms like lacking consent, environmental clearance or pollution control measures have been shut. Despite sufficient notice, non-compliant units failed to rectify deficiencies and were closed, he added.

He added that to ensure environmental compliance and safeguard the public health and ecology, the authority had to shut down the non-compliant units, following due process and provisions of law.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that regular inspections are being carried out to prevent illegal operation of such units and strict action is being taken against the violators. He added that the government remains committed to balance the development needs with the environmental protection and will continue to enforce the rules rigorously.

J&K Cancer institutes, Oncology departments functioning under TMC guidelines: Sakeena Ito

KT News Desk

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Ito, Thursday said that the Cancer institutes and Oncology departments in Jammu and Kashmir are functioning as Day Care Centres exclusively for the administration of chemotherapy for solid tumours and these services are being provided strictly in accordance with the mandatory guidelines issued by Tata Memorial Centre (TMC).

The Minister, as per an official statement, said this while replying to a question raised by Legislator R.S. Pathania in the House Thursday regarding Cancer Treatment Institutes.

She informed that all the standard treatment protocols are being meticulously followed

for treatment of Cancer patients and there is no violation of any mandatory TMC guidelines, adding that chemotherapy services are being delivered as per the approved norms under the AB-PMJAY Scheme.

The Health Minister also informed that the Drugs which are part of Cancer Care of Health Benefit Package Ayushman Bharat PMJAY/SEHAT Scheme are being procured through JKMSCL. She added that all procurements of chemotherapy and supportive drugs are carried out strictly in accordance with the prescribed financial rules, procurement guidelines and established procedures through JKMSCL.

She also said that in case of non-availability of drugs, local purchases are resorted to only

to meet the emergent clinical requirements in the interest of patient care and such procurements are duly supported by the requisite technical justifications and approvals as per the prescribed norms.

The Minister informed that during the past two years, requests seeking relaxation or modification of existing Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs), wherever received, have been examined on merit and processed strictly as per the prescribed procedure and in consultation with the competent technical authorities.

While responding to the supplementary questions of Legislator, the Minister said that all the procurements are being done as per the standard protocols and rules in the health department.

Sakeena Ito introduces 'Bill for Establishment of Private Universities' in J&K Assembly



KT News Desk

JAMMU, APRIL 02: Minister for Education, Sakeena Ito, Thursday introduced a Bill in the Legislative Assembly for the establishment and incorporation of private universities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Bill, as per an official statement, titled "A Bill for the Establishment and Incorporation of Private Universities in Jammu and Kashmir and for Ensuring Academic Standards to Safeguard Quality Education and Protect the Interests of Students" (L.A. Bill No. 08 of 2026), has already been published in an extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette.

Govt places 136 Senior Lecturers as in-charge Principals: Sakeena Ito

KT News Desk

JAMMU, APRIL 02: Minister for Education, Sakeena Ito, Thursday informed that 136 Senior Lecturers were placed as in-charge Principals in the months of December-2025 and January-2026. Besides, the process of promotion of 114 ZEOs as in-charge Principals is in the final stage, by virtue of which vacant posts will be filled up across J&K, including those of Baramulla Constituency.

She informed the House that, additionally, 594 vacancies for Lecturers across various subjects have been referred to the JKPSC with selection lists nearing completion and selections already received for some subjects.

The Minister said that the department is also making placement of PG Masters/Teachers as I/c Lecturers in various disciplines, adding that since January-2026, 48 PG Masters/Teachers have been elevated as I/c Lecturers in the discipline of Geography, 10 in Dogri and 87 in Political Science. She highlighted that the elevation in other disciplines is in pipeline and shall be finalized soon through which the vacancies of subject specific teachers/Lecturers shall be met out throughout Jammu and Kashmir including Baramulla Constituency.

The Minister further said that, out of 15 Higher Secondary Schools functioning in Baramulla constituency, 09 are without Principals and the process for filling up of the posts of Principals is being made through promotions.

Machil-Z-Gali Tunnel gets approval: Deputy CM

KT News Desk

JAMMU, APRIL 02: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary announced that a tunnel connecting Machil Sector to hinterland at Z-Gali has been sanctioned under the 'Other than Capital Acquisition' head with preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) is underway for its inclusion in the Annual Works Plan (AWP) 2026-27.

The Deputy Chief Minister, as per an official statement, was replying to a question raised by Legislator, Qaysar Jamshaid Lone in the Legislative Assembly Thursday.

He said that the Machil (Machhal) area experiences heavy snowfall during winter months, which affects the connectivity and poses difficulties for the residents. He added that an institutional mechanism is in place to address the essential requirements during winters, with advance planning and necessary arrangements made to ensure availability of basic services, including healthcare and essential supplies.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that representations for construction of Lolab-Bandipora Tunnel have been received from the local population, citing its strategic and connectivity importance.

Zero-tolerance against violation of quality parameters, timely execution: Deputy CM

KT News Desk

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, Thursday said that funds amounting Rs. 344.10 lakh have been authorized for permanent restoration of Koteranka-Khawas Road damaged due to flash floods last year.

The Deputy Chief Minister, as per an official statement, was replying to a question raised by Legislator, Javid Iqbal in the Legislative Assembly.

He informed that the government has adopted zero-tolerance approach towards violations of any kind while executing various developmental projects across Jammu and Kashmir. He added that the departments have been strictly directed to ensure strict enforcement of quality execution of work and action is being taken against the concerned for

use of sub-standard material, wherever reported.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that funds amounting Rs. 344.10 lakh have been authorized for permanent restoration of Koteranka-Khawas road, which suffered severe damages due to flash floods during the previous year, resulting in erosion of road surface, damage to retaining structures and formation of potholes at several locations. He said that the work has been allotted and is under progress.

The Deputy Chief Minister also said that Moughla to Khawas via Patti Nallah Road has been upgraded under PMGSY-III at a cost of Rs. 1484 lakh and was physically completed during 2024. He said the road is presently under the second year maintenance period and patch repairs including laying of pre-mix carpet are

in progress.

The remaining 3 km stretch of Khawas-Gundha road was completed in November 2018 with a renewal coat laid in 2023-24. However, parts of the road were damaged due to heavy rainfall in August 2025.

The Deputy Chief Minister further said that the funds have been earmarked under Permanent Restoration (PR) works with allocation of Rs. 76.80 lakh for T-01 Moughla-Khawas via Patti Nallah and Rs. 22.40 lakh for Khawas-Gundha Stage-II during 2026-27 and restoration works shall be taken up accordingly.

He said that there is no proposal to hand over the road to BRO, as this is presently being maintained by the concerned executing agencies under the existing departmental framework.

Rs 109.22 Cr allocated for roads across South Kashmir constituencies: Deputy CM

KT News Desk

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, Thursday said that Rs. 109.22 crore funds have been allocated for the road construction works across South Kashmir constituencies during the financial year 2025-26. He added that macadamization of about 268.67 kilometre road length was carried out across South Kashmir during this period.

The Deputy Chief Minister, as per an official statement, was

replying to a question raised by MLA, Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Mir in the Legislative Assembly.

He said that the work has been done under sectors like Cities and Towns, Potholes, UT Road Sector, NABARD, CRIF and District Capex. He added that on the recommendation of the MLA Rajpora, a project proposal for widening and upgradation of Lassipora-Litter-Sangam road covering a length of 14 km, at an estimated cost of Rs. 98.71 crore, has been received by the department and

is presently under consideration.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that the DPR for construction of 15 km Kandipathri-Shidak Shrine Road project has been prepared at an estimated cost of Rs. 48.26 crore. He added that a major portion of the proposed alignment falls under the forest area and, therefore, requires mandatory forest clearance prior to execution. He further said that the DPR for widening and upgradation of Lassipora-Litter-Sangam road

has been prepared at an estimated cost of Rs. 98.71 crore under CRIF.

He added that the existing carriageway width of about 5.5 meter is inadequate in view of the heavy traffic, particularly due to the presence of Industrial Growth Centre (IGC), Lassipora.

Further, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the proposals are under consideration of the department which is ascertaining the feasibility and availability of the resources.

Adequate supply of LPG, petroleum products available in J&K: Satish Sharma

KT News Desk

JAMMU, APRIL 02: Minister for Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, IT, Science and Technology, Youth Service and Sports Satish Sharma Thursday, as per an official statement, while replying to issue raised during Zero Hour by legislator M Y Tarigami informed the house that an adequate supply of LPG and petroleum products is available and in Jammu and Kashmir there is no need for panic booking of the same.

Rs 136.67 lakh spent on sports infra in past 3 years in Billawar constituency: Satish Sharma

KT News Desk

An amount of Rs. 136.67 lakh has been spent on promotion and upgradation of sports infrastructure in Billawar constituency during the past three years.

This information was given by Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, while replying to a question raised by Legislator Satish Kumar Sharma in the Legislative Assembly Thursday.

He said that the department has already distributed 149 sports kits in different schools and clubs in the said constituency. He added that the department also conducts trail/selection camps and talent hunt programmes at school and zone level on a regular basis.



"During the current financial year 2025-26, playfields have been developed in the constituency including construction and upgradation of playground at HS Lohai with an allotted cost of Rs 5.48 lakh and construction of Synthetic Volleyball Court at Government HSS Dhar Dugnoo with an allotted cost of Rs 8.81 lakh", informed the Deputy CM.

He added that several works are under execution like construction of practice pitch, competition pitch and volleyball court and allied works at playfield Billawar amounting Rs. 35.00 lakh approved under CAPEX. Besides, construction of a playfield at Ridi ward number 7 Panchayat Malti block Billawar district approved under CAPEX worth Rs 20.00 lakh is also being done on war footing.

The Minister further said that 53 awareness programmes, sports activities and other competitions have been held in the constituency in the past three years. He further said that sports activities would be given a huge fillip in the rural and border areas.

Dardpora WSS nears completion, JJM to benefit 2,165 households: Javed Rana

KT News Desk

JAMMU, APRIL 02: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology and Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, Thursday informed that Water Supply Scheme for village Dardpora has been taken up under the Jal Jeevan Mission at an approved cost of 980.19 lakh.

The Minister, as per an official statement, said that the scheme, covering 2165 households, is presently under execution with approximately 80 percent physical progress achieved. He stated this while replying to a Calling Attention Motion moved by MLA Mir



Saifullah. Javed Rana said that completion of the scheme for Dardpora will ensure adequate and sustainable drinking water supply to all the panchayat halqas. The Minister informed that out of the five panchayat halqas of village Dardpora in Trehgam

Constituency, Panchayat Halqas C, D and E are presently being provided piped water supply through the existing schemes, namely Panzgam, Reddi Rashi Mohalla and WSS Banjerpati.

However, the panchayat halqas A and B are currently experiencing low service level issues with regard to water supply, which are being addressed through deployment of water tankers.

The Minister further informed that the project is being executed in a time-bound manner with close monitoring to ensure its early completion and delivery of intended benefits to the targeted population.

Rajbagh illegal construction case: ACB charge-sheets 5 SMC officials, beneficiary

KNO
Srinagar, Apr 02: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday said they have filed a charge-sheet against five officials of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) and a private beneficiary for allegedly facilitating illegal construction of a commercial complex in Rajbagh

by misusing official permissions. In a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), a spokesperson said the Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau produced Charge sheet in case FIR No. 11/2020 for the commission of offences U/S 5(1)(d) r/w5(2) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act. Svt. 2006, 120-B RPC at

Police Station ACB Srinagar Kashmir before the Court of Additional Special Judge Anti-Corruption Srinagar against 05 accused persons of the Srinagar Municipal Committee (SMC) Namely 1. Choudary Mehraj-Din Bhuja S/O Ghulam Qadir R/O Maharaj Bazar A/P Bemina the then Ward Officer. 2. Showkat Hussain Hamdani S/O Gh Mohd

Hamdani R/O Khankai Mohalla Srinagar then Ward officer 3. Nisar Ahmad Rah S/O Ghulam Mohammad R/O Jamalata A/P Shah Mohallah Nawab Bazar, the then Building Inspector. 4. Gulzar Ahmad Bhat S/O Ali Mohd Bhat R/O Chekpath Dooru Anantnag, Tehsil Dooru Anantnag the then Building Inspector 5. Mudasar Hussain Bandy S/O Gh Mohd

R/O Nowsheera Srinagar then CEO SMC, and one beneficiary namely Mohammad Abdullah Dar S/O Abdul Qadir Dar R/O Rajbagh Srinagar, in connection with abuse of official position, criminal conspiracy and conferring undue benefit to private individual. He said, the instant case was registered for illegal construction of 04 storey Commercial

Shopping Complex “namely Abdullah Shopping Plaza” at Kursoo Rajbagh Srinagar raised by one Mohammad Abdullah Dar S/O Abdul Qadir Dar R/O Rajbagh Srinagar in connivance with the officers/officials of SMC Srinagar under the garb of building permission issued by the SMC Srinagar for construction of the residential house.

The spokesperson said, the investigation conducted by Police Station ACB Srinagar, on the basis of oral and documentary evidence, has fully substantiated the charges levelled against the accused officers/officials and private beneficiary. The conspiracy between the accused government functionaries and the beneficiary was proved beyond doubt.

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Amid West Asia

ensuring safe passage for the country's oil shipments through sensitive maritime routes, including the Strait of Hormuz.

Touching upon the safety of Indian nationals abroad, particularly in West Asia, Singh said the government was closely monitoring the situation and would take all necessary steps to protect its citizens.

The minister also criticised opposition parties for what he described as “petty politics” during a time of global uncertainty, urging unity in matters of national security.

Singh reiterated that the Pahalgam attack was an assault not only on lives but also on the country's social fabric, and said India's actions since then reflect its commitment to countering terrorism in all forms. (KNO)

LG presents appointment

courageously fighting and neutralizing a most-wanted gangster in Kathua.

LG assents to 3 Bills

assented to by the Lieutenant Governor on 31 of March 2026.”

Global tensions

for concern in the immediate future and appealed for calm. He also noted that the Prime Minister has assured that supply chains are being maintained to prevent disruptions.

“There is no need to worry for the next couple of weeks,” he said. (KNO)

Will remind Punjab

Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Chief Minister said that the 1979 pact signed between the Governments of Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab on the Shahpur Kandi Dam project is a sovereign commitment between two states.

“I will take up the issue at my own level with my counterpart from Punjab about the commitments and remind him. It is not an individual commitment but a sovereign commitment between the Government of Punjab and the Government of J&K. There is no question of backtracking from the pact. I will remind and convince him to fulfill the agreement,” he said.

The CM added that he would pursue the matter with the Punjab Government to ensure that the 1979 agreement is implemented in letter and spirit.

The Shahpur Kandi Dam project originated from the 1979 agreement between Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir to construct the Ranjit Sagar (Thein) Dam and the Shahpur Kandi Dam for irrigation and power generation. The agreement, signed by then Punjab Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal and then J&K Chief Minister Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, aimed to optimize the use of Ravi River waters by building the Ranjit Sagar Dam upstream and the Shahpur Kandi Dam downstream to provide irrigation facilities and generate hydroelectric power. (KNO)

Petroleum Secy chairs

commended for proactive enforcement actions, including raids to curb irregularities. “Other States were urged to further strengthen monitoring and enforcement and take exemplary action on offenders. States were also requested to actively thwart attempts to mislead and spread false rumours with regard to supplies”.

It reads that on reports concerning FTL LPG supplies to migrant workers, States clarified that there is no disruption in LPG supply affecting migrants and that supplies remain stable.

Secretary informed that states may consider managing targeted distribution of 5 kg FTL LPG cylinders, based on local requirements alongwith OMCs. “On LPG for autos it was clarified that efforts are ongoing to meet this demand, and autos that can run both on LPG and petrol should be encouraged to use the latter”.

He also appreciated the cooperation of all States and UTs and called for continued close monitoring to ensure supply stability and maintain public confidence. (KNO)

J&K Govt introduces

in the manner provided under this legislation and shall declare such establishment by notification upon satisfaction of the conditions specified for it.

“The Private University shall be of the unitary type with its main campus in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and shall not have power to affiliate or recognize any college or institution,” reads the bill.

The Bill provides that Private University may establish constituent colleges, regional centres, additional campuses and study centers at such places in the Union Territory as it deems fit subject to the norms of UGC and other regulatory bodies.

According to the Bill, any sponsoring body desirous to establish a Private University shall make an application to the Government, containing an outline of the purpose and vision of the proposed Private University, the project report in such manner containing such particulars along with such non-refundable application fee not exceeding rupees twenty-five lakhs as may be prescribed in the rules.

The Bill states that the Government shall constitute an Expert Committee headed by administrative secretary Higher Education to examine the applications received for establishing private universities.

The Regulatory Authority will oversee private

universities by ensuring they follow the law, inspecting them when needed, advising the government, handling complaints, and recommending action against those that violate the rules, the bill provides. (KNO)

J&K, Ladakh to

scale requires legal backing under the Census Act 1948 and Census Rules 1990. Participation of the state and UT administrations is crucial. Census data is essential for governance, planning and effective delivery of welfare schemes.

Q: Who manages the Census at national and state levels?

Arun Kumar: The Census is governed by the Union Home Minister, under whom is the Home Secretary, The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India heads national operations. Currently, Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan is the Census Commissioner.

At the state level: Director of Census Operations J&K & Ladakh: Amit Sharma, IAS.

State Nodal Officer: Principal Secretary of Planning.

District Level: Deputy Commissioners act as Principal Census Officers.

Field Staff: Appointed enumerators and supervisors conduct door-to-door enumeration.

Q: What are the phases and timelines of Census 2027?

Arun Kumar: Phase 1 – House Listing & Housing Census;

Self-Enumeration Portal: May 17 – May 31, 2026. Door-to-Door Enumeration by Enumerators: June 1 – June 30, 2026.

Purpose: Finalize frame for population enumeration.

Snow-Bound Areas: September 2026. Phase 2 – Population Enumeration:

General Areas: February 2027. Reference Date: 00:00 hours, March 1, 2027. Snow-Bound Areas: October 1, 2026.

Notifications for both phases have been issued by the Central Government and UT administration.

Q: What questions will be asked during the Census?

Arun Kumar: Enumerators must follow notified questionnaires and only. Questions include housing conditions and ownership, household amenities such as water, electricity, and sanitation, and asset possession like radio, laptop and other items.

Administrative boundaries for districts and villages have been frozen as of January 1, 2026, to ensure data consistency. Any changes will be implemented only after the Census.

Q: How is preparation and training being conducted?

Arun Kumar: Instruction Manuals are prepared in 19 languages (English + 18 regional languages).

Field Trials were conducted in November 2025. Chief Secretary Conference was held in January 2026 for final decisions.

Training Cascade: National trainers State master trainers Field trainers Enumerator supervisors. Intensive 3-day training for supervisors.

Q: How will data be collected digitally?

Mobile App: Available in 16 languages, downloaded on enumerators' own devices (Bring Your Own Device model).

Self-Enumeration Portal: Open 15 days before door-to-door collection. Citizens can verify household data and generate a self-enumeration ID.

GIS Mapping: Enumeration blocks geo-referenced for accuracy.

Census Management and Monitoring System Portal: Tracks functionaries, training, batches and real-time field data.

Q: How is data security ensured?

Arun Kumar: End-to-end encryption at all levels.

Data processed in secure NIC-managed data centers.

Citizens' privacy fully protected.

Q: Who will conduct the Census in the field?

Enumerators: Usually state government employees, including teachers and clerks.

Supervisors: One per enumerator. Numbers: 27,788 enumerators, 4,014 supervisors.

Appointments are issued by charge officers, with ID cards, authorization letters and QR codes for verification.

No private recruitment; all manpower comes from government employees.

Q: How is citizen participation encouraged?

Citizens can fill their household data online via the self-enumeration portal se.census.gov.in.

Self-enumeration ID can be presented to enumerators for verification.

Participation of senior officials and constitutional authorities will encourage wider public involvement.

Q: What is the budget and scale of Census 2027?

Budget: Approximately Rs 12,000 crore allocated.

Scale: Thousands of enumerators and supervisors to be deployed across J&K and Ladakh.

Technology: Mobile apps, GIS mapping, and online monitoring to ensure data accuracy and completeness.

The key highlights are a two-phase digital Census with self-enumeration and door-to-door enumeration.

Self-enumeration portal opens May 17, 2026. GIS-mapped enumeration blocks ensure accurate coverage. 27,788 enumerators and 4,014 supervisors manage operations. Multi-level training

ensures quality and coverage. Data privacy and security are guaranteed. Active participation of citizens and senior officials is encouraged.

Meanwhile, Arun Kumar adds, “This Census marks a historic move toward digital enumeration. Public participation is key to accurate data, which forms the foundation for governance, planning and welfare delivery. Citizens' cooperation will ensure Census 2027 is comprehensive, accurate and successful.” (KNO)

J&K Govt orders

posted as IGP Crime, J&K relieving Sujit Kumar, IPS of the additional charge of the post.

Shahid Mehraj Rather, IPS 2009 DIG Armed Kashmir is transferred and posted as Director, Police Telecommunication, J&K vice Jatinder Singh Johar, IPS.

Shridhar Patil Daulu, IPS-2010 DIG Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range is transferred and posted as DIG Jammu Samba Kathua vice Shiv Kumar Sharma, IPS.

Haseeb-Ur-Rehman, IPS-2010 DIG Railways, J&K is transferred and posted as a DIG Traffic Kashmir relieving Sheikh Junaid Mehmood, IPS of the additional charge of the post.

Nisha Nathyal, IPS-2010 DIG (Headquarters) PHQ is transferred and posted as DIG IR Jammu vice Dr. Vinod Kumar, IPS.

Dr. Vinod Kumar IPS-2011 DIG IR Jammu is transferred and posted as DIG North Kashmir Range vice Mr. Maqsood-ul-Zaman, IPS.

Maqsood-ul-Zaman, IPS-2011 DIG North Kashmir Range is transferred and posted as DIG Armed Kashmir vice Shahid Mehraj Rather, IPS. 02/04/2026

Shiv Kumar Sharma, IPS-2011 DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range is transferred and posted as DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range vice Sarah Rizvi, IPS.

Sargun, IPS-2012 CO IR-15 Bn. is transferred and posted as DIG Doda Kishtwar Ramban Range vice Shridhar Patil Daulu, IPS.

Sandeep Wazir, IPS-2012 AIG Pers PHQ is transferred and posted as DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range vice Tejinder Singh, IPS.

Anita Sharma, IPS-2012 CO IR-1 Bn. is transferred and posted as DIG CD & SDRF Jammu relieving Mohammad Arshad, JKPS of the additional charge of the post.

Jatinder Singh Johar, IPS-2012 I/c Director Police Telecom is transferred and posted as DIG HQ vice Nisha Nathyal, IPS.

Swarn Singh Kotwal, IPS-2012, Director SSF, J&K is transferred and posted as a Director SSF, J&K. The post of Director, SSF is declared equivalent in the rank and status to that of DIG till it is held by the said officer.

Zahid Naseem Manhas, IPS-2012, CO SDRF 2 Bn. is transferred and posted as DIG Railways J&K vice Mr. Haseeb-Ur-Rehman, IPS.

Amod Nagpure Ashok, IPS-2013, SSP Udhampur is transferred and posted as SSP Anantnag vice Amritpal Singh, IPS.

Amritpal Singh, IPS-2014, SSP Anantnag is transferred and posted as a SSP Udhampur vice Amod Nagpure Ashok, IPS.

Rajesh Kumar Sharma, IPS-2014, SSP Security Jammu is transferred and posted as a Dy. Director SKPA Udhampur.

Rajesh Bali, IPS-2014, AD SKPA Udhampur is transferred and posted as a SO to IG Armed Jammu.

Mohammad Aslam, IPS-2014, Commandant IRP-24 is transferred and posted as Commandant SDRF 2 Bn vice Zahid Naseem Manhas, IPS.

Anuj Kumar, IPS-2016, Commandant IR-11 is transferred and posted as SSP Samba vice Virinder Singh Manhas, JKPS.

Sudhanshu Dhama, IPS-2016, awaiting posting, is transferred and posted as SSP Ganderbal vice Mr. Khalil Ahmad Poswal, JKPS.

Bisma Qazi, IPS-2017, C O 2 Women Bn. i s transferred and posted as a SSP Tech CID HQ.

Deepika, IPS-2018, awaiting posting at PHQ i s transferred and posted as a SSP CTFD CID H Q vice Perbeet Singh, JKPS.

Sukant Shalija Ballabh, IPS-2019, awaiting posting, i s transferred and posted as a SSP Security Jammu vice Rajesh Kumar Sharma, IPS.

Kamal Pal Singh Malhotra, IPS-2020, awaiting posting, is transferred and posted as a SSP Finger Print Bureau vice Mohammad Younis, JKPS:2001.

Sunny Gupta, IPS-2020, awaiting posting, i s transferred and posted as a Additional S P Anantnag vice Kartik Shrotriya, IPS.

Kartik Shrotriya, IPS-2021, Additional S P Anantnag, i s transferred and posted as SSP Doda vice Sandeep Kumar Mehta, JKPS.

Mukund Tibrewal, IPS-2021, SP Ops Border & Kandi Kathua, i s transferred and posted as a SSP Reasi vice Paramvir Singh, JKPS.

Hariprasad K.K. IPS-2021, Additional S P Baramulla, i s transferred and posted as SSP Budgam vice Nikhil Borkar, IPS.

Vaibhav Meena, IPS-2022, SDPO Nehru Park i s transferred and posted as SP South Jammu vice Ajay Sharma, JKPS.

Anna Sinha, IPS-2022, awaiting posting, i s transferred and posted as a SP HQ Jammu vice Mr. Irshad Hussain Rather (JKPS:2008).

Harshal Rajesh Mahajan, IPS-2022, awaiting posting is transferred and posted as Additional SP Baramulla vice Mr. Hariprasad K.K. IPS-2021.

Neha Jain, IPS-2022, awaiting posting, is transferred and posted as a S P East Srinagar vice Zohab Tanveer (JKPS:2008).

Shamsher Hussain (JKPS:1999), SO to IGP Jammu Zone, is transferred and posted as, SSP PCR Jammu.

Randhir Singh (JKPS:2001), SSP C I CID Jammu, is transferred and posted as a SO to IG Railways vice Vinay Kumar (JKPS:2001).

Virinder Singh Manhas (JKPS:2001), SSP Samba, is transferred and posted as Commandant 4 JKAP.

Sandeep Kumar Mehta (JKPS:2001) SSP Doda, is transferred and posted as a Commandant 24 IR vice Mohd Aslam, IPS-2014.

Sheikh Zulfikar Azad (JKPS:2001), awaiting posting, is transferred and posted as Commandant 6 JKAP.

Amit Gupta (JKPS: 2001), SSP H Q CID i s transferred and posted as SSP CID SB Jammu vice Girdhari Lal, (JKPS:2001).

Mohammad Majid Malik (JKPS: 2001), SSP (SS) CID H Q is transferred and posted as Commandant 10 IR vice Rajinder Kumar Katoch (J K P S : 2 0 0 1).

Mohammad Younis (JKPS: 2001), SSP Finger Print Bureau is transferred and posted as a SSP Security Civil Secretariat, J&K vice Sajad Khaliq Bhat (JKPS:2004).

Ravinder Paul Singh (JKPS: 2001), SSP Traffic Rural, Kashmir is transferred and posted as a Commandant 4 IR.

Khalid Ahmad Poswal (JKPS: 2001) SSP Ganderbal is transferred and posted as Commandant 12 IR. However, he shall join the said posting on retirement of Mumtaz Ahmad on 30th April, 2026 and till 30th April 2026, he shall await posting in PHQ, J&K.

Sheikh Faisal Qayoom (JKPS: 2004), SSP Security Kashmir is transferred and posted as Commandant 21 IR.

Khalid Amin (JKPS: 2004), awaiting posting, i s transferred and posted as a SSP Security J&K.

Rajinder Singh (JKPS: 2004), SSP APCR Jammu, is transferred and posted as a S O to IGP Jammu vice Shamsher Hussain (JKPS: 1999).

Tari Ahmad Wani (JKPS: 2008), Dy.CO IR-23, is transferred and posted as a S P APCR Kashmir.

Rahul Charak (JKPS:2008), Additional SP Kathua, is transferred and posted as Dy CO 2 2 IR.

Feroz Ahmad (JKPS:2008), SP Operations, Baramulla is transferred and posted as a S P TMG CID HQ.

Irshad Hussain Rather (JKPS:2008), SP Hars. Jammu i s transferred and posted as a Additional SP Ops Baramulla.

Zohab Tanveer (JKPS:2008), SP City East Srinagar, i s transferred and posted as Dy CO 2 Women Bn.

Brijesh Kumar Sharma (JKPS:2008), SP (Rural) Jammu, is transferred and posted as a Additional S P Ops Border Kathua.

Kameshwar Puri (JKPS: 2008), S P Ops Jammu, i s transferred and posted as Additional S P Katra vice Vipin Chandran (JKPS 2008).

Furqaan Qadir, (JKPS: 2011), Additional S P Ops Anantnag, i s transferred and posted as a Dy C O 6 IR.

Dr. Ajay Sharma, (JKPS: 2011), S P South Jammu, i s transferred and posted as Additional S P Ops Poonch.

Ruhail Mircha (JKPS; 2011), Additional SP Bandipora, i s transferred and posted as a Dy CO 11 IR.

Farhan Jahanzeb Nagash (JKPS: 2011), awaiting posting, is transferred and posted as Additional SP CID Ci Kashmir.

Sunil Kumar Kesar (JKPS:2011), Dy.CO IR-15 i s transferred and posted as Additional SP Kathua vice Mr. Rahul Charak (JKPS:2008).

Prithpal Singh (JKPS:2011), Dy.CO 1 Border Bn. is transferred and posted as Additional SP Ops Upper Kathua vice Ameer Iqbal (JKPS:2011).

Mir Murtaza Hussain Sohil (JKPS: 2011) Additional SP Sopore is transferred and posted as Additional SP Bandipora vice Ruhail Mircha (JKPS: 2011).

Syed Javeed Ahmad (JKPS: 2011) Additional SP Kupwara i s transferred and posted as Dy CO 11 JKAP.

Peerzada Aijaz Ahmad (JKPS: 2011) Dy.CO IR-4 Bn. i s transferred and posted as Additional SP SIA Kashmir.

Aumer Iqbal (JKPS: 2011) Additional S P Ops Upper Kathua is transferred and posted as Dy CO 9 JKAP.

Altaf Ahmad Naik (JKPS:2011) Additional SP SIA Kashmir is transferred and posted as a S D y CO 2 Women Bn.

Ravinder Singh (JKPS:2011) Aide-De-Camp with Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor is transferred and posted as a S P Rural Jammu vice Mr. Brijesh Kumar Sharma (JKPS:2008).

Mohan Lal (JKPS:2011) Addl. SP Poonch i s transferred and posted as Additional SP Ops Jammu.

Sarfraz Bashir Ganai, (JKPS: 2012) Dy.CO IR-11 is transferred and posted as a Additional S P Sopore.

Shahzada Kabir Mattoo, (JKPS: 2012) Dy.CO JKAP-9 i s transferred and posted as Additional SP Kupwara vice Mr. Syed Javeed Ahmad (JKPS:2011).

Sourabh Prashar (JKPS:2012) Dy.SP CID SB Jammu is transferred and posted as a Aide-De-Camp with Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor vice Ravinder Singh (JKPS:2011). By Order of the Lieutenant Governor. (KNO)

J&K has 15 days

Secretary stressed that priority must be accorded to critical institutions such as hospitals, universities, residential schools and hostels. He also underscored the importance of ensuring adequate fuel supply to migrant labourers engaged in key infrastructure and development projects across the UT.

Reiterating a zero-tolerance policy, Dulloo directed strict legal action against hoarding, black marketing, overcharging or diversion of petroleum products. He called for enhanced vigilance at all levels and emphasized the need for frequent

and rigorous market inspections to safeguard consumer interests.

He further instructed all departments and district administrations to remain accessible to the public and ensure prompt redressal of grievances, with proactive communication to inform citizens about the resolution of their concerns.

Highlighting the importance of effective communication, the Chief Secretary urged the Information Department to launch an intensive IEC (Information, Education and Communication) campaign to curb misinformation, rumours and fake news. He emphasized that misinformation is detrimental to public order and must be countered firmly.

Earlier, a detailed presentation was made by Commissioner Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Saurabh Bhagat, outlining long-term strategies to strengthen supply chain resilience in the Union Territory. He elaborated on department-wise interventions aimed at ensuring sustained availability of essential commodities, particularly in view of the region's challenging terrain.

Regarding LPG supply, it was informed that 100 percent domestic demand is currently being met across J&K, with smooth distribution and no major disruptions reported. The meeting was also informed that the Department is in the process of expanding the Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network to ensure continuous and reliable supply in the future.

Position in Jammu Division:

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, informed that the division currently has LPG stocks sufficient for 15 days, with an additional 18 days of supply in transit. Petrol and diesel stocks are available for 12 and 19 days respectively, with further supplies of 16 and 19 days in transit.

He also apprised that there are no abnormal price trends or shortages reported across the districts. Adequate stock of dry ration and LPG is available in hospitals (up to two months) and hostels (around one month). Payments to MSMEs and wage disbursements to labourers are proceeding smoothly without disruptions.

Scenario in Kashmir Division

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Anshul Garg, informed that LPG stocks in the Valley are sufficient for 15 days, with an additional 18 days in transit. Petrol and diesel availability stands at approximately 12 and 19 days respectively, with further supplies in the pipeline.

The meeting was informed that most LPG deliveries are being completed within five days of booking, with only 2,298 deliveries pending beyond 15 days across the Valley.

It was further reported that 2,253 grievance calls were received on helpline numbers, out of which 2,228 have been resolved by the concerned district administrations.

Enforcement efforts have also been intensified, with over 1,920 market inspections conducted across the valley. These have resulted in the sealing of four petrol pumps/gas agencies and registration of three FIRs for violations such as hoarding and black marketing.

The meeting also reviewed the distribution and availability of food grains and fertilizers across districts,

Attack on judicial officers 'black spot' in country's history, 'TMC goons' acted at CM's behest: BJP

PTI

New Delhi, Apr 2: The BJP on Thursday termed the gherao and attack on seven judicial officers in West Bengal's Malda district a "black spot" in the country's history, alleging "TMC goons" acted at Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's behest to obstruct the SIR exercise and protect Rohingyas.

The remarks came as the Supreme Court came down heavily on the West Bengal administration over its alleged inaction, describing the incident as "deplorable" and indicative of "complete failure" of governance. BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia asked if Banerjee was "ashamed" of the top court's observations and would resign as the chief minister of the poll-bound state.

Seven judicial officers engaged in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls were gheraoed for several hours in West Bengal's Malda district over the deletion of names from the electoral rolls.

Security forces used batons to disperse the crowd and rescued the judicial officers, including three



women, late Wednesday.

"This is Mamata Banerjee's 'jungle raj'. The TMC workers took judicial officers hostage at the behest of Mamata Banerjee. Such an incident never happened in the history of Bharat. It's unfortunate and a black spot," Bhatia said during a press conference at the party headquarters.

The seven judicial officers were doing their work, complying with the Supreme Court's directive, he said.

"It is sad that Mamata Banerjee, who has taken the oath of the Constitution, is taking judicial officers hostage in a blatant defiance of the

Supreme Court orders. The intention is to scare the judicial officers as Mamata Banerjee wants to obstruct the SIR process," he added.

Bhatia alleged that Banerjee deployed her party workers to take the judicial officers "hostage" to protect the Rohingyas.

"Mamata Banerjee, who is supposed to protect the people of West Bengal and their rights, is standing by the Rohingyas. She loves Rohingyas," he charged. "Every Indian is watching the 'jungle raj' in West Bengal under Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and is concerned. People of West Bengal

have made up their mind to oust TMC from power," the BJP leader added.

The Supreme Court, in a scathing observation, said the incident "exposes the complete failure of the state administration" and observed that West Bengal is the "most polarised state". It directed that an independent probe be conducted by either the CBI or the NIA.

The court also asked the Election Commission to "requisition adequate Central Forces and deploy them at all places where judicial officers are adjudicating the objections" in the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls.

Referring to the top court's observations, Bhatia said they "hold up a mirror" to the state. "Are you ashamed, will you resign?" the BJP spokesperson asked Banerjee as he read out some of the observations made by the apex court. "If you are not capable of maintaining law and order in the state and upholding the Constitution, it will be good if you resign (as chief minister)," he said.

Elections to the 294-member West Bengal Assembly will be held in two phases on April 23 and 29. Votes will be counted on May 4.

India's diplomatic handling of West Asia crisis mature, skilful: Cong's Anand Sharma

PTI

New Delhi, Apr 2: Senior Congress leader Anand Sharma on Thursday hailed India's diplomatic handling of the West Asia crisis as "mature and skilful", saying it has helped the country avoid "potential minefields".

He also urged India to take the lead in mobilising the Global South and strategic partner countries to collectively work towards the restoration of peace and order in the region.

Lauding the efforts taken so far by New Delhi, Sharma said, "Indian diplomatic handling of the crisis has been mature and skilful, avoiding potential minefields."

"India's response must be backed by a national consensus and resolve. Government has held an all-party meeting to apprise the leadership of political parties of the situation and policy decisions in an unpredictable and volatile situation.

"This national dialogue should be sustained. National unity and a mature response guided by national interest is the need of the hour," the Congress leader said in a statement. Sharma has handled the commerce and external affairs ministries during the UPA regime.

"The world cannot remain a mute spectator to the collapse of rule



based multilateral order and global crisis management mechanism. India has throughout history commanded respect for its moral authority and commitment to peace. There is much at stake, especially the future of the younger generation.

"India must endeavour to mobilise the global south and strategic partner countries to collectively work for restoration of peace and order," he said.

Sharma said the situation in West Asia, following the "unjustified" US-Israeli attack on Iran and the latter's retaliatory response, has resulted in a global upheaval and economic disruption of grave enormity.

India and all the other countries dependent on the import of crude petroleum, LPG and natural gas from the Middle East and Gulf countries and supplies through the Strait of Hormuz face an unprecedented challenge, the Congress leader noted.

"We are today

confronted with one of the worst energy crisis in history," he said.

The challenging situation, he said, tests both policy and diplomacy in shaping "our national strategic response".

"India has historic relations with Gulf countries and civilisational relationship with Persia-Iran. Besides critical energy supplies of petroleum, LPG-PNG, USD 200 billion of trade, the interest and security of 10 million strong Indian diaspora, also almost 60 per cent FOREX remittances, have to be borne in mind," Sharma said.

Observing that the war has aggravated the energy, economic and global-security challenges, he said disruptions in global supply chains, tremors in world markets and a sharp depreciation of the rupee present an immediate and long-term challenge that needs to be urgently tackled.

He stressed that the enormity of the crisis must be fully registered.

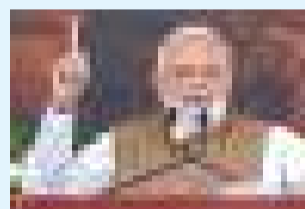
Kerala seeing BJP wave; people fed up with UDF-LDF: PM to booth workers

PTI

New Delhi, Apr 2: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday told BJP booth workers in Kerala that the party's success in the Thiruvananthapuram local body polls reflects a growing wave of support ahead of the April 9 Assembly election.

In a virtual interaction, Modi said it is evident that this time, Kerala is not just choosing a new government but also a new system.

"In this election, there is a wave of support for the BJP-NDA. Thiruvananthapuram has set a new precedent. Until now, both the Left and the Congress believed they could alternate in power regardless of the



misrule or misgovernance that occurred. However, Thiruvananthapuram has shattered that perception," Modi said.

"As a result, the UDF and LDF are now focusing their attacks on the BJP rather than on each other... the people are fed up with the loot by the UDF and LDF," he said.

Drawing a cricket analogy, Modi invoked batter Sanju Samson -- who hails from Kerala -- to underline

the importance of rising to the occasion.

"We often witness this in the performances of Sanju Samson. During the World Cup, as the tournament reached its crucial knockout stages, his performance peaked. From start to finish, his focus, confidence, and intensity only grew stronger -- hallmarks of a true sportsman. A great player always delivers when his team needs him the most," Modi said.

"Similarly, on voting day, our efforts to connect with every household must be even stronger. This is when your dedication matters most, and you may need to put in extra hours to ensure success," he added.

PM Modi to address poll rally in Kerala tomorrow

PTI

Thiruvananthapuram, Apr 2: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Kerala on April 4 as part of the NDA's Assembly election campaign, BJP sources said on Thursday.

The PM is scheduled to attend a public meeting in Thiruvalla and take part in a roadshow in Thiruvananthapuram, they added.

Modi will arrive at the NSS College grounds in Changanassery, Kottayam district, at around 3 pm and travel by road to Thiruvalla in Pathanamthitta district.

There, he will address a large gathering at the Public Stadium, with party leaders and NDA candidates from nearby constituencies expected to be present.

AAP moves to replace Raghav Chadha as Rajya Sabha deputy leader

PTI

New Delhi, Apr 2: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has written to the Rajya Sabha secretariat seeking the removal of its MP Raghav Chadha as the party's deputy leader in the House, and has proposed Punjab MP Ashok Mittal as his replacement, sources said on Thursday.

According to sources, the letter states that Chadha -- who is also a Rajya Sabha MP from Punjab -- should not be allotted time for speaking in the House from the AAP's quota. The move comes amid Chadha's prolonged

silence on matters related to the AAP, and his absence from several public events led by AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal. Once considered a close confidant of Kejriwal and among the youngest MPs in the country, Chadha had played a key role in party affairs, particularly in Punjab and during the AAP's tenure in Delhi. However, things have changed in recent months.

Chadha was abroad for medical reasons when Kejriwal, the then Delhi chief minister, was arrested in connection with the excise policy case in March 2024.

Hormuz Strait disruptions have caused huge economic impact, energy instability in region: Navy chief

PTI

Mumbai, Apr 2: The Strait of Hormuz disruptions have caused severe economic impact and energy instability in the region, Indian Navy chief Admiral D K Tripathi said on Thursday amid the war in West Asia.

Speaking at an event where INS Sunayna, an offshore patrol vessel, set sail from Mumbai as Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) Sagar, the admiral said competition at sea has no longer remained confined to oil and energy. It is now expanding



towards resources that will shape future growth -- such as rare earth elements, critical minerals, new fishing grounds and even data,

he said.

The West Asia crisis began on February 28 after a joint attack by the US and Israel on Iran.

Iran's strikes on its neighbours along with its chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz have disrupted the world's energy supplies with effects far beyond West Asia.

"With the conflict in West Asia well into its fifth week, the disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz have caused severe economic impact and energy instability in the region," Tripathi said.

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3	Bid submission date starts	02-04-2026	1500 Hours
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5	Bid Opening date	09-04-2026	1100 Hours

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Trump says Iran will be hit hard for next 2 or 3 weeks

AP

Washington, Apr 2: President Donald Trump said US forces will keep hitting Iran "very hard" in the next two or three weeks and bring the country "back to the Stone Ages," even as he touted the success of US operations and argued that all of Washington's objectives have so far been met or exceeded.

Trump said Iran would continue to face a barrage of attacks in the short term.

"We are going to hit them extremely hard over the next two to three weeks," Trump said. "We're going to bring them back to the Stone Ages, where they belong."

Trump didn't say anything about negotiations with Iran or bring up the April 6 deadline he set for Iran to open the Strait of Hormuz, the critical waterway for global oil and gas transport. He has threatened to attack Iran's energy infrastructure if the strait was not reopened.

Trump also did not offer a clear path to end the supply disruptions that have sent energy prices soaring. He did not mention the possibility of sending US ground troops into Iran, or NATO, the trans-Atlantic alliance he has railed against for not helping the US secure the waterway.

Oil rose more than 4 percent and Asian stocks fell after the comments. Oil prices were sharply higher following Trump's remarks. Brent crude, the international standard, jumped 4.9 percent to \$106.16 per barrel. Benchmark US crude rose 4 percent to \$104.15 a barrel. US gas prices jumped past



Democratic lawmakers released on Wednesday.

Sen. Mark Warner, D-Virginia, noted that Trump owed Americans more answers about a conflict that has driven up prices on gas "alongside rising prices for diesel, fertilizer, aluminum, and other essentials, with consequences that will continue to ripple through the economy for a long time to come" in his statement.

Meanwhile, Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Connecticut, released a statement that said the "speech was grounded in a reality that only exists in Donald Trump's mind."

Murphy went on to add that "no one in America, after listening to that speech, knows whether we are escalating or deescalating."

Oil rises and Asian stocks fall after Trump's address

Oil rose more than 4 percent and Asian stocks fell after US President Donald Trump said in his first national address since the Iran war began that the US will keep hitting Iran very hard.

Trump also said the United States will "finish the job" in Iran and that military operations could wrap up soon.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 was down 1.4 percent to 53,004.81 in early Asia trading on Thursday. South Korea's Kospi lost 3.4 percent to 5,292.36. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.8 percent to 25,082.59.

US futures were down more than 0.7 percent.

Oil prices were sharply higher following Trump's remarks. Brent crude, the international standard, jumped 5 percent to \$106.22 per barrel. Benchmark US crude rose 4.2 percent to \$104.36 a barrel.

an average of \$4 a gallon for the first time since 2022 on Tuesday, as the Iran war continues to push fuel prices higher worldwide. Analysts say those high fuel costs will trickle into groceries as businesses' transportation and packaging costs pile up.

Think tank says Trump leaving Gulf Arab allies 'in the lurch'

A New York-based think tank said Thursday that US President Donald Trump's speech suggests he "is willing to leave the Strait of Hormuz off the table, leaving other nations to deal with the consequences."

"Trump's message was that the United States can sustain its own economic and energy ecosystem, while countries dependent on regional exports will either have to buy from the United States or manage the Strait themselves," the Soufan Center wrote.

"While Trump explicitly thanked US allies in the Arabian

Gulf for their cooperation and allyship, an expedited US withdrawal without securing the Strait will leave many of these countries, whose economies are dependent on energy exports, in the lurch."

Fuel prices in Thailand soared again on Thursday after the government further cut subsidies, sending diesel price to over 44 baht (\$1.35) per liter, about 12 percent increase.

The surge was the second time in a week, after a majority of fuel prices rose by 6 baht (\$0.18) per liter last Thursday.

Democrats slam Trump speech for failing to offer answers on Iran war

Democrats are criticizing Trump's primetime address to the American people on the war in Iran as "incoherent" and as doing little to answer "the most basic questions the American people," according to statements from two

Britain says 40 countries discuss reopening Strait of Hormuz after Iran blockade

REUTERS

London, Paris, Apr 2: About 40 countries are discussing joint action to reopen the Strait of Hormuz to stop Iran holding "the global economy hostage," Britain said on Thursday, after US President Donald Trump said securing the waterway was for others to resolve.

British foreign minister Yvette Cooper said Iran's "recklessness" in blockading the waterway was "hitting our global economic security" as she chaired the virtual meeting, which included France, Germany, Canada, the United Arab Emirates and India.

"We have seen Iran hijack an international shipping route to hold the global economy hostage," Cooper said in opening remarks broadcast to the media before the rest of the meeting took place behind closed doors.

The United States did not attend the talks, one official said. The discussions, involving representatives of some 40 countries, took place after Trump said on Wednesday evening that the Strait could open "naturally" and it was the responsibility of countries that rely on the waterway to ensure it was open.

Focus on diplomatic and military options

Iran has effectively shut down the key waterway, which carries about a fifth of the world's total oil consumption, in retaliation for US-Israeli strikes which began in late February. Reopening it has become a priority for governments around the world as energy prices soar.

Iran to ensure that there will be security guarantees for ships, Vernet said, something that is unlikely for now.

Talks had also started on what military assets could be provided, he said.

"We will need to assemble a sufficient number of vessels and have coordination capabilities in the air, at sea, as well as the ability to share intelligence," he said.

Britain said it would host a meeting of military planners for talks next week.

Trump said on Wednesday evening that other countries that use the Strait of Hormuz should "build up some delayed courage" and "just grab it."

"Just take it, protect it, use it for yourselves," he said.

But France's President Emmanuel Macron speaking in South Korea on Thursday said seizing the Strait militarily was an "unrealistic" option.

"It would take an indefinite amount of time, and it would expose all those who venture through this Strait to coastal risks from the Revolutionary Guards, as well as ballistic missiles," he said.



European countries initially refused Trump's demand to send their navies to the area because of fears about being dragged into the conflict.

But concerns about the impact of the rising cost of energy on the global economy have prompted them to try to form a coalition to see how they can defend their own interests.

European diplomats said putting the coalition together was at an early stage, with Britain and France leading.

Officials said the discussions on Thursday would focus on which countries were prepared to participate.

France's Armed Forces spokesperson Guillaume Vernet told a news conference on Thursday that the process would be multi-phased and could not happen until hostilities had calmed or ended.

A key focus of the talks would be how to ensure ship-owners could feel confident enough for vessels to resume traveling through the area and to bring down insurance premiums. There would also eventually need to be coordination with

Every cricketer should try golf from early age: Yuvraj

PTI

New Delhi, Apr 2: World Cup-winning former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh on Thursday said cricketers must take up golf from an early age to deal with the stress of their primary vocation.

Yuvraj, who has turned into an avid golfer after retirement, has been named as the brand ambassador of the second Indian Golf Premier League.

"They (cricketers) should play golf along with cricket. I should have played golf earlier which would have helped me in cricket. Golf actually helps you unwind, take stress out of you," Yuvraj said



on the sidelines of the unveiling of 10 franchises of the IGPL, the schedule of which is yet to be worked out.

"For example all foreign cricketers, Australians, Kiwis, English, South Africans, all have been playing golf since when they were young kids."

Yuvraj said golf is considered

an elite sport but it's a game that is accessible to all through public courses.

"We see golf as an elite sport but we want every kid of India to try golf. We are trying to take golf to schools, what I feel is that every child should try every sport."

"I know cricket is our biggest game but golf is also an exciting

game, which everyone should try. As someone who has represented India, I want to help in other sports as well," he said.

"The league (IGPL) will make this game exciting, make noise about the sport. More kids will pick up the sport, watch it on TV and will get encouraged to play. It will create money in the sport, and help in securing the future of kids and it is our responsibility."

This year's IGPL will have 10 franchises and 15 events across the year, including five overseas tournaments -- Mauritius, Congo, South Africa and two in Morocco.

The icing on the cake is association with LIV golf which has become a strategic partner of IGPL.

Nepal court extends Oli's custody by two days Party demands immediate release

PTI

Kathmandu, Apr 2: Former Nepal prime minister K P Sharma Oli will remain in judicial custody for two more days as a district court here permitted the police to extend his detention on Wednesday.

The deposed prime minister and then home minister Ramesh Lekhak were arrested on March 28 for their alleged involvement in suppressing last year's Gen Z protest, which left 76 people dead.

The Kathmandu District Court permitted Nepal Police to extend their detention by two more days, said Pawan Bhattarai, spokesperson

at Kathmandu District Police Circle.

Earlier, the court had given permission to put Oli and Lekhak under judicial remand for five days to investigate the matter.

Oli, 75, is currently admitted at Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital as he is suffering from various diseases.

The police have been recording his explanations on the case from the hospital bed. While, 62-year-old Lekhak's statements in the case are being recorded in police detention.

The arrests came after the newly formed Balendra Shah government decided to implement the report of a probe commission into the Gen Z protests in its first cabinet meeting.

India look for fifth SAFF U20 title in summit clash against Bangladesh

PTI

Male, Apr 2: A familiar rivalry will take centre stage when four-time champions India face Bangladesh in the summit clash of the SAFF Men's U20 Championship at the National Stadium here on Friday.

With both sides having shared intense contests in recent times, including a 1-1 draw in the group stage, the final promises another gripping encounter where composure and belief could decide the title. India head into the summit clash aiming to defend their crown and secure a fifth SAFF trophy at this level. The weight of history, therefore, will add to the intensity.

India coach Mahesh Gawli acknowledged the challenge posed by Bangladesh.

"It won't be easy. Bangladesh are an aggressive and talented side, and it will be tough for us," Gawli said. "Moreover, there will be a lot of support for them in the stadium. Our boys are used to that. We just have to perform on the ground. But we will focus on our goal and performance."

The final also brings back memories of last year's SAFF U19 Championship summit clash, where India defeated Bangladesh on penalties after a 1-1 draw in regulation time. Bangladesh will be eager to reverse that result, adding another layer of anticipation to the contest.

The two teams also met



earlier in the group stage, playing out a hard-fought draw on March 28. That result underlined how closely matched the two sides are.

Their journeys to the final, however, have been contrasting. India produced an emphatic performance in the semifinal, scoring five goals against Bhutan, while Bangladesh battled to a narrow 1-0 win over Nepal to secure their place. Gawli was pleased with the team's performance in the semifinal but highlighted areas for improvement.

"I am happy and proud of the performance of the team in the Bhutan game. However, there are areas where we can still improve. In the first half, we were a bit casual on a couple of occasions. But we came back strongly in the second half. I am very proud of the boys. They came together as a unit and performed really well," he said. India's attacking hopes will once again rest on Omang Dodum, who is the joint-highest scorer in the tournament with

three goals. Vishal Yadav and Rohen Singh Chaphamayum, both with two goals each, have also been influential. With the race for the top scorer still open, the trio will be keen to make their mark. Dodum's performances have even drawn many accolades, although head coach Gawli prefers to keep the focus on collective growth.

"Omang is a special player, but all the players are very promising. Hope he carries on his performance and makes us all proud," Gawli said.

India's midfielders have played a crucial role in maintaining structure and tempo, helping the team transition smoothly between defence and attack. Their discipline has complemented a well-organised backline that has stayed compact under pressure. Behind them, goalkeeper Suraj Singh Aheibam has produced assured displays, with his composure and timely interventions adding confidence to the defensive unit.

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