



Ahead of Amarnath Yatra, Amit Shah to chair high-level security review today

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Jun 11: In the run-up to the annual Amarnath Yatra Union Home Minister Amit Shah will chair a high-level security review meeting on Jammu and Kashmir in New Delhi on Friday.

Sources said that Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will attend the meeting along with top officials, including the Director General of Police, the Chief Secretary, and senior officers from the Army and Police, among others.

"Participants will brief the Union Home Minister about the arrangements that have been put in place for the smooth conduct of the annual pilgrimage," they said.

The meeting comes days before the commencement of the holy pilgrimage, which draws thousands of devotees to the Himalayan cave shrine each year and involves elaborate security arrangements across multiple districts in J&K.

"The review will focus on assessing the overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, with particular emphasis on preparedness for the yatra," sources said.

They said that the meeting is likely to discuss deployment of security forces, intelligence coordination, surveillance



mechanisms, and contingency planning to deal with any potential threats.

"The Home Minister is likely to take stock of the ground situation and review measures put in place to ensure a smooth and incident-free conduct of the annual yatra. Inputs from intelligence agencies and field-level assessments are also expected to be part of the discussions," sources said.

LG Sinha on Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting in Srinagar to review preparations for the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra.

He directed all departments to ensure timely completion of arrangements including infrastructure, healthcare,

sanitation, connectivity, and other pilgrim centric services. "Amarnath Yatra will begin on July 3 and conclude on August 28. Our collective goal is to ensure a safe, seamless, and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage for every devotee of Baba Barfani," the LG said.

Emphasising seamless coordination, proactive planning, and strict monitoring, the LG said that this sacred pilgrimage is a national event.

He instructed all stakeholders to work with utmost dedication and maintain the highest standards of efficiency and safety.

After chairing the meeting LG Sinha posted on X: "Today, chaired a | More on P6

CM Omar calls on PM Modi; seeks early statehood restoration

Meets Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, demands greater push on connectivity

KT News Desk

New Delhi, Jun 11: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday and discussed a range of issues concerning the Union Territory, including the early restoration of statehood, economic development, infrastructure expansion and tourism promotion.

During the meeting, Abdullah conveyed what he described as the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the restoration of statehood, saying it would strengthen democratic institutions, deepen public participation and help advance the next phase of the region's development.



He urged the Prime Minister to take the process forward at the earliest.

The CM also briefed PM Modi on Jammu and Kashmir's economic trajectory and ongoing development initiatives across key sectors.

He highlighted progress in infrastructure creation, public service delivery and welfare measures, while outlining areas requiring continued support and investment.

Abdullah stressed the need for sustained assistance from

the Government of India to accelerate economic growth, improve connectivity, generate employment opportunities, expand infrastructure and enhance public welfare across Jammu and Kashmir.

He drew particular attention to the need for fuller utilisation of the region's hydropower potential, augmentation of rail services on the Udhampur-Srinagar route in view of the forthcoming apple season and the scheduled closure of Srinagar airport, development of new tourism circuits and continued support for farmers, artisans and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

"Jammu and Kashmir is committed to being a full and productive | More on P6

At NITI Aayog meet, CM Omar seeks special development push for J&K

KT News Desk

New Delhi, Jun 11: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday sought greater investment and institutional support for the Union Territory at the 11th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog, calling for parity with hill states under the "Pride of

Hills" initiative, a long-term hydropower partnership with the Centre, expanded rail services, support for tourism infrastructure and the establishment of medical colleges in districts lacking such facilities.

Participating in the meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Abdullah outlined Jammu and Kashmir's

development priorities under the theme "Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat @2047" and said the true measure of development lay in expanding opportunities and improving the quality of life of citizens.

The CM said the people of Jammu and Kashmir had overwhelmingly chosen peace, democracy and | More on P6

Rain, hail lash J&K; snowfall in higher reaches

Jammu hottest at 41.8°C; Srinagar 31.5°C

Met forecasts rain till June 17

'Avoid spraying operations on June 17'

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Jun 11: Several parts of Jammu and Kashmir witnessed rain, thunderstorms, gusty winds and hailstorms on Thursday following a spell of above-normal temperatures across Jammu and Kashmir.

Fresh snowfall was also recorded in the Aharwar hills of Gulmarg and several other higher reaches of north Kashmir.

Weather officials said that a fresh western disturbance influenced weather conditions across Jammu and Kashmir during the day, bringing rain and thundershowers to many areas.

The Meteorological (Met) Centre, Srinagar, said several places experienced brief,

intense showers, thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds during the afternoon and evening hours.

The department's nowcast issued during the day had warned of rain and thundershowers at many places, with the possibility of hailstorms, lightning and strong winds over parts of Kulgam, Shopian, Rajouri, Ramban, Reasi, Udhampur, Doda and Kishtwar districts. It had also cautioned about localised flash floods and mudslides in vulnerable areas due to intense short-duration rainfall.

Officials said the lightning strike in Sazaan village sparked a forest fire in pine-covered areas. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The Met advised people to remain indoors during thunderstorms and stay away from electric poles, loose structures, overhead wires and old trees.

It had also advised suspension of boating and shikara operations in Dal Lake and other water bodies during periods of adverse weather.

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J&K laying foundation for future hockey champions: LG Sinha

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, June 11: Jammu and Kashmir is laying the groundwork for a strong hockey ecosystem aimed at producing future national-level players, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Thursday, highlighting investments in infrastructure, grassroots competitions, and talent identification programmes across Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the ALFA Hockey Inter-School Tournament 2026 at the Synthetic Hockey Astro Turf in Srinagar's Polo Ground, LG Sinha said the administration was focused on creating a structured pathway that would allow young players to progress from school competitions to regional and national platforms.

"We are building a talent pipeline in J&K that will ensure a player's journey from the school level to the regional level and national stage," he said.

The tournament, which brought together students from 32 schools across



districts including Kupwara and Bandipora in north Kashmir and Kulgam and Shopian in south Kashmir, was organised with support from the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, Badal Hockey Club, and Hockey Jammu and Kashmir.

LG Sinha said the event was designed not merely as a competition but as a platform to identify and nurture promising talent, particularly among young players from modest

backgrounds who often lack access to opportunities and professional support.

"Many outstanding players come from ordinary backgrounds, but without opportunities and proper support, talent cannot progress. This tournament is helping identify such talent and enabling young sportspersons to move ahead," he said.

The LG said that over the past few years, hockey has witnessed renewed attention

in Jammu and Kashmir as authorities expanded sports infrastructure and increased grassroots participation.

Synthetic hockey turfs have been established at Polo Ground in Srinagar, Pulwama, and Poonch, widening access to modern training facilities for players from urban centres, border districts, and remote areas, while additional turf projects are under construction at Bandhu Rakh and K K Haku Stadium in Jammu.

LG Sinha said that the new facilities would strengthen advanced coaching programmes, talent scouting initiatives and training camps, creating a sustainable framework for developing future hockey players.

"We aim to see more schools and more young players take up hockey in the coming years and establish Jammu and Kashmir as a cradle for world-class hockey talent," he said.

The LG said the performance witnessed during the tournament reflected the growing sporting potential among the region's youth and underscored the | More on P6

After MHA nod, J&K Govt extends relief window for PoJK, West Pakistan refugees

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Jun 11: In a significant decision, the J&K government has extended the timeline of central assistance schemes for the one-time settlement of displaced families from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) and Chhamb, as well as for West Pakistani Refugees (WPRs) settled in J&K.

The Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction has announced the timeline for the scheme of central assistance for one-time settlement of displaced families of PoJK (1947) and Chhamb (1965 & 1971) refugees has been extended from March 31, 2026 to September 30, 2026. The scheme will continue within the approved outlay of Rs 2000 crore, with the stipulation that it shall not extend beyond the sunset date of September 30, 2026.

In another such move, the Ministry of Home Affairs has conveyed its approval for extending the timeline of the scheme providing financial assistance to West Pakistani | More on P6

'Don't Lose the Golden Years'

GMC Srinagar urges early intervention for neurodiverse children

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar, Jun 11: Stressing the critical importance of timely diagnosis and support for children with developmental and neurodevelopmental conditions, the Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, has launched a public awareness campaign highlighting the life-changing benefits of early intervention during a child's formative years.

The campaign, 'Don't Lose the Golden Years', emphasises that the first five years of a child's life represent the most crucial phase of brain development.

Medical experts have warned that delays in recognising developmental concerns can result in missed opportunities for improvement, while timely

intervention can significantly enhance communication, learning abilities, social interaction, independence, and school readiness.

According to the advisory, children diagnosed with conditions such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Intellectual Disability, Speech and Language Delays, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Learning Disabilities, Cerebral Palsy, and other developmental disorders benefit greatly when therapeutic support is initiated early.

Health experts said that many families unknowingly lose valuable time by focusing solely on school admissions rather than seeking professional intervention. Parents often spend years searching for so-called "normal" schools, paying hefty



admission fees, comparing their children with peers, or hoping developmental concerns will resolve on their own, they said. "One of the most common

mistakes is waiting for the child to 'grow out of' the problem. During this period, the brain's capacity to adapt and learn is at its peak. Delaying intervention

THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS NOT MERELY ADMISSION INTO A SCHOOL but ensuring meaningful participation, learning, communication, and independence. Every child deserves an education, but every child also deserves support that matches their unique needs."

may mean losing precious developmental opportunities that can never be fully regained," the advisory states.

Medical professionals associated with the campaign stressed that enrolling a child in a mainstream school without addressing developmental challenges may create additional difficulties. Many neurodiverse children struggle academically, experience frustration, lose

self-confidence, and face social challenges when their specific needs are not adequately addressed.

The campaign highlights that intervention should precede integration into mainstream educational settings. Experts argue that a child does not necessarily need a prestigious school at the outset, but rather the right therapeutic and educational support tailored to their

developmental requirements. The awareness material further underlines that every month matters in early childhood development.

"Developmental delays identified at the age of two can often be improved substantially, while delays recognised at three years still respond well to intervention. However, delays identified at four or five years of age may require more intensive and prolonged support, making early recognition all the more important," it states.

Health specialists advise parents to shift their focus from asking, "Which school should my child attend?" to a more important question: "What intervention does my child need right now?"

The campaign outlines several forms of | More on P6

Commissioner SMC conducts inspection of Muharram-ul-Haram arrangements across Srinagar City

KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: In order to ensure comprehensive civic preparedness for the forthcoming observance of Muharram-ul-Haram 2026, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb, Thursday conducted an extensive field inspection of major Imambaras, shrines, and congregation points across Srinagar City.



deployment of manpower and machinery at all identified locations.

The Commissioner stressed that all civic amenities must be made available well in advance and directed field officers to maintain continuous monitoring of the arrangements. He emphasized that no deficiency should remain unattended and that all departments must work in close coordination to facilitate devotees and ensure smooth conduct of Muharram-related activities.

Special focus was laid on sanitation management, waste disposal mechanisms, emergency response preparedness, and improvement of public infrastructure around major religious congregational sites. The Commissioner also directed the concerned officers to remain available in the field and ensure prompt redressal of public grievances. Reaffirming the Corporation's commitment towards public service, the Commissioner stated that Srinagar Municipal Corporation is fully committed to providing a clean, safe, and well-managed environment for the observance of Muharram-ul-Haram and that all necessary measures are being undertaken to ensure the convenience and welfare of the public.

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Javid Dar flags off farmers group for training camp at SKUAST-Kashmir

KT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperatives and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, Thursday flagged off a group of farmers for a one-day training and awareness programme at SKUAST-Kashmir.



The programme, as per an official statement, was organized by the J&K Kissan Advisory Board with the objective of enhancing farmers' knowledge and exposure to modern agricultural practices. Around 80 progressive farmers from different areas participated in the training session.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister emphasized the importance of capacity building and knowledge-sharing in strengthening the agriculture sector. He said that the training programme would enable the farmers to gain firsthand knowledge about high-density

orchard management, integrated farming systems, waste decomposer technology, modern agricultural tools and machinery and post-harvest management of fruits and vegetables.

Javid Dar highlighted that such initiatives are crucial for improving the farm productivity, increasing farmers' income and promoting sustainable agricultural practices across Jammu and Kashmir. He urged the participating farmers to effectively utilize the knowledge gained during the programme and disseminate it among fellow farmers in their respective areas. During the session, the farmers also exchanged their experiences and ideas and interacted with the experts on various aspects of organic farming, crop management and emerging agricultural technologies.

Among others present on the occasion were MLA, Lal Chowk Sheikh Ahsan

affected by substance abuse. On the occasion he also distributed awards among the recovered patients in recognition of their commitment to recovery and their inspiring progress. It was informed that a total of 20 patients are currently admitted at DDAC Kulgam and are receiving treatment and rehabilitation services.



also reviewed the services being provided at the centre for rehabilitation and recovery of individuals

DC Kulgam visits DDAC, reviews rehabilitation services

KT NEWS DESK

KULGAM, JUNE 11: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, Thursday visited District Drug De-addiction Centre (DDAC) Kulgam and interacted with the patients currently admitted at the centre, recovered clients, and their family members.

During the visit, the DC, as per an official statement,

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Shopian gears up for grand celebration of International Yoga Day 2026

KT NEWS DESK

SHOPIAN, JUNE 11: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta chaired a preparatory meeting Thursday here at Mini-Secretariat Shopian to review arrangements for the observance of International Yoga Day 2026, scheduled to be celebrated across the district on June 21, 2026.

During the meeting, as per an official statement, detailed discussions were held regarding the organization of yoga sessions, venue arrangements, awareness activities, publicity measures, sanitation, medical facilities and other logistical requirements to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the event.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the significance of yoga in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being and a healthy lifestyle. He directed all concerned



departments to work in close coordination and make comprehensive arrangements for the district-level celebration as well as events at various institutions and public places across the district.

The meeting was informed that educational institutions, youth organizations, sports bodies, health institutions, government departments and civil society groups will be actively involved in the celebration to maximize public participation and awareness about the benefits of yoga.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Akash Ahmad Dar, S/o Ali Mohammad Dar, R/o Manzmooh, Tehsil Dooru, District Anantnag, hereby inform the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded as "Akish Ali Dar" in my Aadhaar records bearing Aadhaar No. 8131 6536 4341.

My correct name is "Akash Ahmad Dar". Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name Akash Ahmad Dar for all official, legal, and other purposes.

Any person having any objection to this correction may contact the undersigned within seven days from the publication of this notice.

Akash Ahmad Dar
S/o Ali Mohammad Dar
R/o Manzmooh, Tehsil Dooru, District Anantnag.

DC Anantnag reviews arrangements for NEET (UG) 2026

KT NEWS DESK

ANANTNAG, JUNE 11: Ahead of the upcoming NEET(UG) examination scheduled for June 21, 2026, a comprehensive meeting to review the arrangements for the smooth conduct of the examination in the district, was held Thursday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, at Dak Bungalow, Khanabal.



GM DIC, ACR (ADM), ALC, ARTO, the City Coordinator (NEET), representatives of the Police, Traffic Police, Jal Shakti, PDD, Health, F&S, and other departments, Nodal Officers, Flying Squad Members, Superintendents, Duty Magistrates, and other officials attended the meeting.

At the outset, the ACR (District Nodal Officer, NEET) informed that a total of 9,403 candidates are going to appear for the examination, which will be held at 29 designated centers across the district. He said that key arrangements, including establishing a district control room and a strong

room, as well as the deployment of nodal officers, magistrates, center superintendents, and a flying squad, have been put in place.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner, as per an official statement, emphasized the need for meticulous planning and close coordination among all concerned departments to ensure the examination is conducted in a fair, smooth, and successful manner. He issued instructions to the concerned

departments to ensure that all basic facilities, like drinking water, seamless electricity, dedicated healthcare, emergency response systems and accessibility are provided at the centers for ease and convenience of the candidates.

Dr. Bilal instructed the concerned officials to devise plans for special transport services and proper traffic management on the examination day, which be given advance publicity for the information of the candidates as well as the general public. He called for strict adherence to the SOPs and guidelines issued by the National Testing Agency (NTA) and directed the concerned agencies to ensure robust security, effective surveillance, Fire and Emergency Services and other critical measures at and near the examination centers. He underscored the need for holding dry runs and mock drills, adding that the district administration is committed to extending all possible support to the NTA for the successful conduct of the examination.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION ANANTNAG

NIT NO. 29 OF R&B/ANANTNAG/2026-27/E-Tendering/ 2527-36, Dated 11-06-2026.

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost in (Basic cost +GST) (Rs. in Lakh)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor
1.	Macadamisation of Main roads of district headquarters along with Main markets with allied links.	59.98 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 50.83 + (18% GST Amount 9.15)	1600	119960/-	15 Days	AAY Class Only

Project Authority : PW(R&B) Department.
Position of AAA : Accorded vide Order No. 09 of SE/R&B/Ang/AAA of 2026-27, Dated 21.05.2026
Position of T. S : Accorded vide Order No SEA/R&B) 10 of 2026-27, Dated 04.06.2026
Major Head of Account : C&T Capex Budget 2026-27.

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below—

S. No.	Particulars	Date
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	11-06-2026
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 11-06-2026 (11:00 AM) To 17-06-2026 (04:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 11-06-2026 (11:00 AM) To 17-06-2026 (04:00 PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 17-06-2026 (04:00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	18-06-2026 (10:30 AM)

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag [Tender Inviting Authority] (NIT No. Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag (Tender receiving Authority). (The Date of EMD(CDR/FDR/BG) should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date and validity of EMD at the time of opening of Bids shall be a period of 45 Days beyond Bid Validity of 120 Days). The same EMD should not be used in more than one Tender/Bid.

2. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

3. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag (Tender receiving authority) within 07 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released 60 days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The date of Performance Security (CDR/FDR/BG) should be after the date of issuance of letter/LOI to deposit the performance security. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarment of the Contractor be forwarded to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.

4. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released 60 Days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.

5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag

6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

d. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

e. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

f. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

5. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

6. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

7. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

8. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

9. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

10 All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPTT.

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EXTENSION NOTICE 5TH.

Subject: Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme Chatterhama by way of construction of Additional Bore Well.
Reference: This office e-NIT No.03-JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2026-27, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/26-27/Camp./64-76, dated: 03-04-2026. Bearing Tender ID No. 2026_PHE_307393_1.

Due to "No Response" for the above mentioned works advertised vide e-NIT No. and Tender ID No's under reference. Which was scheduled to be downloaded till 11-06-2026 Up-to 02:00 PM are extended as per the details given below:

S.No.	Item	Fresh Date
1.	Period of submission of bids	18-06-2026 Up-to 02:00 PM
2.	Date of opening of tenders	19-06-2026 02:00 PM

NOTE: All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid e-NIT issued vide above referred endstt: nos.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.
Ground Water Division Srinagar.

No: -JS-PHE/GWDS/26-27/Camp./2363-76
Dated: 11-05-2026

DIPK-2070/26
Dated: 11-06-2026

DIPK-2050/26
Dated: 11-06-2026

(Er. Mohammad Waseem)
Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Anantnag

Health sector priority of CM Omar's Govt: Sakina Itoo

Jahangeer Ganaie

Budgam, Jun 11: Reiterating the Jammu and Kashmir government's commitment to strengthen healthcare and education sectors, Health and Medical Education Minister Sakina Itoo on Thursday said that improving healthcare facilities remains the priority of the government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

Itoo was speaking to reporters during her visit to Beerwah in central Kashmir's Budgam district, where she, along with MLA Beerwah Shafi Ahmad Wani, inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several developmental projects aimed at improving public infrastructure and essential services in the area.

Itoo said significant investments were being made in medical infrastructure and human resources across J&K.

Speaking about the government's healthcare initiatives, Itoo said that several newly established Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) had in palready been equipped with advanced diagnostic and treatment facilities, including Cath Labs and MRI units in last 19 months, and other critical healthcare infrastructure.

"The health sector is a priority area for the CM Omar Abdullah-led government. That is why Cath Labs, MRI facilities, and other modern healthcare infrastructure have been added to some of the

newly-established GMCs, and the process is being extended to other institutions as well," she said.

The minister emphasised that the government was committed to ensuring better healthcare access and quality treatment for patients across Jammu and Kashmir.

"Every possible step is being taken to strengthen the healthcare system and provide better medical facilities to the people. Our focus is not merely on constructing buildings but on creating healthcare institutions that are fully functional and capable of delivering quality services," she said.

Addressing demands for a trauma hospital in the Magam-Beerwah belt, Itoo acknowledged the genuine need for such a facility in the area.

However, she said that the government was presently focused on implementing already sanctioned projects.

"There is certainly a requirement for a trauma hospital in Magam. We understand the public demand and the importance of such a facility. However, at present, two trauma hospitals have been sanctioned by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, one for Uri and another in the Rajouri sector. Our immediate priority is to ensure that these projects are completed successfully. In the next phase, areas like Magam will also be considered," Itoo said.

The minister stressed that the government's approach was centered on establishing



hospitals that are adequately staffed and equipped rather than limiting development to infrastructure alone.

"We want hospitals with doctors, paramedical staff, equipment and proper infrastructure, not just buildings. Healthcare institutions must be capable of serving patients effectively," she said.

On the education front, Itoo said that the government had initiated measures to address the shortage

of teaching staff in schools by seeking the defreezing of teacher posts that had remained frozen for several years.

"We have moved a file for the defreezing of teacher posts in J&K. These posts were frozen long ago. Once approved, they can be referred to the Services Selection Board (SSB), which will not only improve staffing in schools but also generate employment opportunities for youth," she said.

The minister also referred to concerns arising from the earlier decision to merge or club schools across various districts, saying that public demand for reversing the process has been increasing.

"Hundreds of schools were clubbed in the past. Today, there is growing demand from communities for declubbing these institutions so that students can access educational facilities closer to their homes. The government is examining these concerns seriously," she said.

Commenting on administrative reforms in the health and education departments, Itoo said the government had already taken steps to streamline staffing patterns by ending most attachment arrangements.

"All attached staff members in the health and education departments have been detached and sent back to their original places of posting, except for a few cases where medical grounds warranted relaxation," she said.

During her visit to Beerwah, the minister reviewed several ongoing and proposed developmental works and interacted with local residents regarding issues related to healthcare, education and civic infrastructure.

She assured the people that the government remains committed to equitable development and improved delivery of essential services across all regions of Jammu and Kashmir—(KNO)

Lightning sparks forest fire in Lal Draman



AMIR IQBAL KHAN

Doda, Jun 11: A massive bolt of lightning struck a pine tree in the Sazaan area of the picturesque Lal Draman belt in Doda district on Thursday, triggering widespread panic among residents and causing damage to nearby forest land and standing crops.

Officials said that while the high-intensity strike damaged several adjoining coniferous trees and flattened natural vegetation in the vicinity, there was no loss of human life or property reported in the incident.

The sudden thunderclap and subsequent smoke from the forest area caused immediate panic among the local farmers working in the fields.

"We heard a deafening sound that shook the ground underneath us. Within seconds, we saw thick smoke rising from the pine trees. It was terrifying," said Abdul Razaq, a local resident who witnessed the strike.

Another resident, Asha Begum, described the chaotic moments following the weather event. "The impact was so severe that

everyone in the nearby fields started shouting and raising an alarm, alerting others to run for safety. We dropped everything and rushed towards our houses to take shelter," she said. Local administrative and forest officials reached the spot shortly after the incident to assess the quantum of damage caused to the forest resources and the private agricultural land.

Meanwhile, the Meteorology Department (Met) has issued a fresh weather advisory for the region, warning of highly volatile weather conditions over the next few days.

"People are strongly advised to stay indoors and avoid taking shelter under isolated trees or standing in open fields, especially during periods of gusty winds, severe thunder and lightning activity," a Met official said. The district administration has urged residents, particularly those living in the upper reaches of the mountainous district, to remain vigilant and adhere to safety protocols during inclement weather conditions—(KNO)

NMJKA Police register 172 FIRs, arrest 156 peddlers in Anantnag



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Srinagar, June 11: Police in south Kashmir's Anantnag district have registered 172 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and arrested 156 alleged drug peddlers during the first two months of the 100-day Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan (NMJKA), officials said on Wednesday.

The campaign, launched by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, is aimed at curbing drug trafficking and substance abuse across the Union Territory.

According to police, more than 323.5 kilograms of contraband

substances were seized during multiple operations across the district, while cash amounting to Rs 26.5 lakh, allegedly linked to narcotics trafficking, was recovered.

In a crackdown on the financial assets of drug traffickers, police attached properties in 29 cases valued at about Rs 12.5 crore under relevant legal provisions. Authorities also demolished four properties worth nearly Rs 3.76 crore that were identified as proceeds of narcotics trafficking. The total value of properties attached or demolished during the period was estimated at around Rs 16 crore, police said.

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Rana reviews Jal Shakti, Forest Department functioning

KT NEWS DESK

Jammu, June 11: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, on Thursday chaired a review meeting with officers of the Jal Shakti and Forest, Ecology & Environment Departments at Bari Brahmana, Samba.

He directed them to ensure prompt redressal of public grievances and time-bound resolution of issues affecting the people.

The Minister stressed that public welfare remains the foremost priority of the government. He called upon officers to adopt a proactive, responsive and accountable approach in addressing the people's concerns. He emphasised that no public grievance should remain unaddressed and directed the departments to put in place robust mechanisms for tracking and resolving complaints at the field level.

Rana underscored that officers must remain accessible to the public and delays in service delivery would not be tolerated. On matters pertaining to the Jal Shakti Department, the Minister directed the officers to ensure uninterrupted supply of clean drinking water across all habitations in the district, with special attention to rural and remote areas where infrastructure gaps continue to affect service delivery. He called for expeditious completion of pending water supply schemes and directed that dysfunctional pipelines, handpumps and distribution networks be repaired and restored on priority.

Regarding the Forest, Ecology



& Environment Department, Rana directed officers to ensure effective implementation of ongoing green initiatives, expedite the resolution of pending forest rights cases and maintain close coordination with the revenue and tribal affairs authorities to address the issues faced by forest-dependent communities. He reiterated that ecological conservation and community welfare must go hand in hand.

Evaluating the district's developmental roadmap with special emphasis on critical infrastructure projects and public welfare initiatives, the Minister directed the officers to expedite project implementation and ensure that tendering, approvals and on-ground execution are completed in a swift and time-bound manner. He made clear that achieving set targets within stipulated timelines is non-negotiable and that quality and transparency must not be compromised at any stage.

The Minister emphasised the need for enhanced inter-departmental coordination and directed officers to conduct regular field visits to assess ground realities and ensure

that government schemes and programmes are reaching their intended beneficiaries.

Earlier, the Minister held a public interaction programme at Bari Brahmana, listening to grievances and developmental concerns raised by the local residents and public representatives from different areas of the district.

The delegations highlighted issues related to drinking water supply, pending forest rights claims, employment, infrastructure development and access to basic amenities. Rana assured the delegations that all representations received would be forwarded to the concerned departments for time-bound redressal.

While addressing the delegations, Javed Rana reiterated the Omar Abdullah-led Government's commitment towards equitable and inclusive development of all regions. "The present Government is focused on strengthening public service delivery and ensuring that the benefits of welfare and developmental schemes reach every deserving household of Jammu and Kashmir," Rana asserted.

Night traffic halt on Jammu-Srinagar highway for 6 days



SAJID RAINA

Jammu, Jun 11: Traffic movement on a stretch of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway will be restricted during night hours on select dates beginning June 12 to facilitate road repair and resurfacing works in Ramban district ahead of the annual Amarnath Yatra, officials said on Thursday.

An official order reads that vehicular movement between the Nashri and Navyug tunnels will remain suspended from 10 pm to 5 am during the nights of June 12-13, June 14-15 and June 16-17.

The restrictions have been imposed to allow the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to undertake bituminous relaying and maintenance works along the strategic highway corridor.

Officials said the repair work is being carried out in preparation for the

Amarnath pilgrimage, scheduled to commence on July 3.

To ensure that vehicles do not get stranded near the work sites, authorities have imposed additional movement restrictions on both sides of the highway. Vehicles travelling towards Srinagar from Jammu will not be allowed to proceed beyond Udhampur after 5 pm on the affected dates.

Similarly, traffic from the Kashmir side heading towards Jammu will be stopped from moving beyond Qazigund after 8 pm, the order said.

The administration said the temporary curbs are necessary to ensure the safety of commuters as well as personnel engaged in the road restoration work.

Transporters, particularly those carrying perishable goods and livestock, have been advised

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Ashtangoo HC ambulance 'used for VIP trips', patients suffer

SAJID RAINA

Bandipora, Jun 11: Residents of Ashtangoo village in north Kashmir's Bandipora district have alleged that an ambulance assigned to a local Health Centre (HC) facility has been diverted for official and VIP-related duties, forcing patients to depend on private vehicles during medical emergencies.

The residents claimed that the 102 ambulance attached to the New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) Ashtangoo remained unavailable for patients for several months, affecting healthcare access in over a dozen villages with a population of more

than 30,000. They alleged that elderly patients, pregnant women and critically ill persons often face difficulties in reaching hospitals, particularly during night hours, due to the absence of a dedicated ambulance.

"We have repeatedly requested the authorities to restore the ambulance to the health centre, but no action has been taken," a local said.

Residents also raised concerns over the functioning of the health centre, alleging that some staff members report late for duty and leave before official working hours.

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EDITORIAL

Roads to Prosperity

The breakthrough achieved at the Zojila Tunnel is more than an engineering milestone. It is a powerful reminder of how transformative infrastructure can reshape the destiny of entire regions. The successful excavation of one of India's most challenging tunnel projects marks a historic step towards ensuring year-round connectivity between Kashmir and Ladakh, ending decades of seasonal isolation and opening new avenues for economic growth, tourism and strategic mobility. The Centre deserves appreciation for pursuing this ambitious project with determination and vision.

Yet, while the Zojila Tunnel symbolizes progress on a grand scale, it must also inspire a renewed focus on connectivity within Jammu and Kashmir itself.

Across the Union Territory, hundreds of villages in mountainous, border and far-flung areas continue to struggle with inadequate road links. For many residents, access to healthcare, education, markets and emergency services remains dependent on weather conditions and difficult terrain. In several remote pockets, a journey of a few kilometres can still take hours, particularly during winter months.

Roads are not merely strips of asphalt.

They are lifelines. They connect farmers to markets, students to schools, patients to hospitals and communities to opportunities. No region can achieve balanced development if large sections of its population remain physically disconnected from the mainstream.

The government's focus on major highways, tunnels and express corridors has undoubtedly improved regional connectivity. However, the next phase of development must extend these gains to the last village and the last household. Border villages, especially those located along the Line of Control and in remote mountain belts,

deserve special attention. These communities are not only citizens seeking better living standards but also the first line of habitation in strategically sensitive areas.

The Vibrant Villages Programme and other rural development initiatives have already laid a strong foundation. What is needed now is accelerated execution of all-weather road projects linking remote habitations with district headquarters and economic centres. Every panchayat should be connected through reliable road networks capable of withstanding harsh weather conditions.

A modern Jammu and Kashmir cannot be

built through isolated infrastructure projects alone. It requires an integrated web of roads connecting valleys, mountains, villages and towns. The success of the Zojila Tunnel demonstrates what can be achieved when political will, engineering expertise and sustained investment come together. The same resolve must now be directed towards expanding road connectivity across every corner of the Union Territory.

The future of Jammu and Kashmir lies not only in landmark tunnels and highways but also in the roads that reach its remotest villages. Development truly becomes inclusive when progress travels the last mile.

Reforms to expand foreign participation in G-Secs

Strengthening bond markets, attracting foreign investment

Press Information Bureau

The Government is undertaking sustained reforms to strengthen India's standing as a leading destination for global investment. To deepen the capital market, it has introduced a series of reforms to increase Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) participation in Government Securities (G-Secs). Key measures include tax exemptions on interest income, long-term capital gains (LTCG) and short-term capital gains (STCG), expansion of specified securities under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR), and streamlined investment norms.

These reforms aim to attract stable long-term foreign capital, deepen the G-Sec market, and strengthen India's debt market by broadening and diversifying the investor base. Greater foreign participation will provide an additional source of funding for infrastructure, manufacturing, urban development, climate initiatives, and other national priorities. It will also improve market liquidity and price discovery, support the development of a smoother yield curve, reduce government borrowing costs, strengthen financial market benchmarks, and enhance the transmission of monetary policy across the economy.

The reforms are poised to attract long-term institutional investors such as pension funds, insurance companies, and sovereign wealth funds, leading to more stable and sustained capital inflows. They are also expected to boost foreign exchange inflows and strengthen the resilience of India's financial markets.

Decoding FIIs, FPIs, G-Secs, BIS

Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) is a category of FPI that refers specifically to investments made by foreign institutional investors such as mutual funds, pension funds, insurance companies, and hedge funds. These institutions invest pooled funds in financial markets and typically play a more active role in investment research and decision-making.

Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) refers to investments made by foreign individuals, institutional investors, or funds in financial instruments such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and government securities. FPIs do not participate in the management or decision-making of the companies in which they invest and are generally considered passive investors.

Government Securities (G-Secs), are tradeable debt instruments issued by the central/ state governments to fund public projects, manage fiscal deficits, control market liquidity.

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) is an international financial institution owned by central banks. It serves as a forum for monetary and financial cooperation among central banks globally. It also acts as a banker and asset manager for central banks and international organizations.

What Changes in Taxation

Prior to the latest reform, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs), including SEBI-registered Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), were taxed under Section 210 of the Income-tax Act, 2025. Any income earned from investments in Government Securities (G-Secs) was subject to tax.

Specifically, Interest income earned on



G-Secs was taxed at 20% for FIIs/FPIs.

Short-term capital gains arising from the sale of G-Secs were taxed at 30%, depending on the nature of the transaction.

Long-term capital gains were taxed at 12.5%.

As a result, a portion of the returns earned by foreign investors from holding or trading G-Secs was payable as tax in India.

New Tax Regime

Recognising the importance of a competitive tax framework in attracting global capital, the Government has introduced a tax exemption for FPIs/FIIs investing in G-Secs.

Under the new regime, FPIs/FIIs will be exempt from interest income earned from G-Secs; and Capital gains arising from the sale, transfer, exchange or redemption of G-Secs.

The exemption will apply to income arising on or after 1 April 2026. The Income-tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 inserted specific provisions granting this exemption to FIIs investing in G-Secs.

Classification of Capital Gains

Long-Term Capital Gains (LTCG) arise when a Government Security is held beyond the prescribed holding period.

Listed G-Secs: More than 12 months.

Unlisted G-Secs: More than 24 months.

Short-Term Capital Gains (STCG) arise when a Government Security is held for less than the prescribed holding period.

Listed G-Secs: Up to 12 months.

Unlisted G-Secs: Up to 24 months.

G-Sec Market Reforms

Foreign investors can invest in Indian G-Secs through routes such as the General Route and the Fully Accessible Route (FAR). General Route is the standard channel for

foreign investors. It allows them to buy and sell permitted Indian G-Secs, but comes with certain restrictions, such as caps on how much can be invested in a particular security, how long it must be held, and an overall investment limit. FAR is an open-access channel where foreign investors can invest in select G-Secs without restrictions that apply under the General Route.

As on 12 May 2026, FPIs held G-Secs worth 3,75,171 crore, accounting for 3.34% of the total outstanding G-Secs stock of 112.42 lakh crore. Notably, FAR accounted for the majority of these investments, with FPI holdings of 3.21 lakh crore, representing 6.74% of the 47.63 lakh crore outstanding stock eligible under FAR.

Recognising its strong investor interest, the Government has introduced further reforms to expand the scope of FAR and encourage greater foreign participation in the G-Sec market.

Expansion of the Fully Accessible Route (FAR)

The Government has now expanded the list of securities eligible under the FAR, broadening investment opportunities for foreign investors across a wider range of G-Secs.

The FAR framework will now include: New issuances of 15-year Government Securities; New issuances of 30-year Government Securities; New issuances of 40-year Government Securities; and Sovereign Green Bonds (SGRBs) issued in FAR-eligible tenors.

The expansion is expected to broaden investment opportunities across the maturity spectrum and encourage greater participation in long-duration sovereign debt instruments.

Relaxation of Investment Restrictions under the General Route

To facilitate greater FPI participation in G-Secs, the Government has removed:

Short-term investment limit; Concentration limit; and Security-wise investment limit.

However, the overall investment limits remain unchanged at: 6% of the outstanding stock of Central Government Securities; and 2% of the outstanding stock of State Government Securities (SGSs).

Further, the existing 'General' and 'Long-Term' categories for FPI investments will be merged into a single investment limit for Government Securities and State Government Securities respectively.

Towards Deeper, More Globally Integrated Capital Markets

By simplifying market access and reducing operational complexities, these measures will provide a more seamless investment experience aligned with leading global markets. Over time, they are expected to support greater inclusion of Indian bonds in global indices, attract long-term foreign capital, expand participation in both debt and equity markets, and further integrate India's financial system with the global economy. These reforms will encourage wider participation from global investors seeking opportunities in one of the world's fastest-growing major economies.

Income Type	Previous Tax Rate	New Tax Rate
Interest Income from Securities	20%	NIL
Short-Term Capital Gains (STCG)	30%	NIL
Long-Term Capital Gains (LTCG)	12.5%	NIL

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Govt committed to equitable, balanced development across J&K: Sakeena Itoo

Inaugurates State-of-Art Laparoscopy Unit at SDH Magam, lays foundation for development projects

KT News Desk

BUDGAM, JUNE 11: Minister for Health & Medical Education, School Education, Higher Education and Social Welfare, Sakeena Itoo, on Thursday inaugurated several key healthcare facilities besides laying foundation stones for education infrastructure projects in Budgam during her tour of the Beerwah constituency in the district.

The Minister, as per an official statement, was accompanied by MLA Beerwah, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani, senior officers of the Health & Medical Education Department, School Education Department, Higher Education Department and district administration.

During the visit, the Minister inaugurated a state-of-the-art Laparoscopy Unit at Sub-District Hospital Magam, fulfilling a long-pending demand of the local population. The facility is expected to significantly enhance access to specialized surgical care and reduce the need for patients to travel outside the district for advanced medical procedures.

To further strengthen the



healthcare services in the constituency, the Minister also inaugurated a Laparoscopy Unit at Sub-District Hospital Beerwah, which will provide affordable and minimally invasive surgical treatment to patients at the grassroots level.

The Minister laid the foundation stone for a dedicated Administrative Block at Government Degree College (GDC) Magam, aimed at improving the academic administration and expanding institutional infrastructure. She also laid the foundation stone for a modern Auditorium Hall at Government Degree College Beerwah, which will serve as a vital platform for academic,

cultural and co-curricular activities of students.

Reaffirming the government's commitment towards strengthening the school education infrastructure, the Minister laid the foundation stone for the new building of Government High School Rathsun in Beerwah, which will provide improved learning facilities and a conducive educational environment for the students.

Speaking on the occasion, Sakeena Itoo reiterated the government's commitment towards equitable and balanced development across Jammu and Kashmir. She emphasized that healthcare and education remain the cornerstone sectors

of public welfare. She assured that sustained efforts are being made to ensure that quality services and modern facilities reach every corner of the Union Territory.

The Minister stressed the importance of strengthening public institutions and creating robust infrastructure to meet the growing needs and aspirations of the people.

MLA Beerwah, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani, expressed gratitude to the Minister for prioritizing key developmental projects in the constituency. He said that these initiatives would significantly benefit the local population and assured that all ongoing works would be closely monitored to ensure their timely completion.

During the visit, the Minister also interacted with the public delegations, representatives of civil society and youth groups, and took first-hand feedback regarding various public services and developmental issues. She directed the concerned officers to address public grievances and resolve local issues on priority to ensure efficient service delivery and improved governance.

Javed Rana orders priority action on water supply, forest rights, tribal welfare

KT News Desk

JAMMU, JUNE 11: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, Thursday met several deputations from Jammu division and took stock of their issues and concerns.

He addressed a wide range of public grievances spanning drinking water supply, forest rights, tribal welfare, employment and other issues directly bearing on the daily lives of the people.

During his interaction with the delegations, the Minister, as per an official statement, emphasised that the government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah remains deeply committed towards addressing the aspirations of every section of society. Such public interface programmes serve as a vital bridge between the administration and the people, he added.

The delegations raised concerns over irregular and inadequate supply of potable water, particularly in rural and semi-urban localities. They also raised the issue of defunct handpumps at certain locations and urged the intervention of the Minister in this regard.

The Minister directed the



concerned Jal Shakti officials to conduct field assessments and ensure uninterrupted supply of clean drinking water on priority.

The deputations also flagged issues related to water scarcity for agriculture and livestock, urging expeditious execution of the pending irrigation and lift-water schemes.

The Minister assured the delegations that such schemes would be fast-tracked and directed the divisional officers to submit status reports without delay.

On forest-related matters, several representations sought expeditious processing of claims under the Forest Rights Act. The Minister directed the Forest Department to examine each case on merit and ensure that genuine claimants receive their due rights under the law.

Tribal delegations brought the issue of slow progress of

development works under tribal sub-plans to the Minister's notice and demanded new Eklavya Model Residential Schools in underserved tribal belts.

Representations concerning employment opportunities were also received, with youth delegations urging the government to explore avenues for enhancing the livelihood and employment prospects.

Other issues raised before the Minister included demand for construction and repair of link roads connecting the remote habitations, resolution of revenue and land record disputes and upgradation of health and educational facilities.

Rana assured the delegations that all representations received would be examined and forwarded to the concerned departments for time-bound redressal.

DC Srinagar reviews block-wise status of development of playfields in every Panchayat

KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo Thursday chaired a meeting here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office to review the Block-wise progress of the initiative to develop at least one playfield in every Panchayat of the District.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Assistant Commissioner Development, Tariq Ahmad, Executive Engineer REW, SDM East, Zuber Ahmad, Tehsildars of Panthachowk, Tehsildar Central Shalteng, Tehsildar Chanapora and other senior officers of Rural Development Department.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner, as per an official statement, took a detailed review of the status of land identification, feasibility assessments, administrative approvals and other preparatory works required for execution of physical works for the development of playfields in all Panchayats across the District.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner was given a Block-wise updates regarding



the identification of suitable land and the progress achieved so far under the initiative. He was informed that out of 21 Panchayats across the four blocks of Harwan, Qamarwari, Srinagar and Khonmoh, playfields have already been developed in 10 Panchayats. The remaining Panchayats are at different stages of land identification, feasibility assessment, and approval processes.

The DC directed the concerned Officers to expedite the identification of suitable land in the remaining Panchayats and ensure that all feasibility reports, technical clearances and administrative approvals are completed at the earliest. He stressed the need for close coordination among all stakeholders to achieve the objective of developing at least one playfield in every Panchayat within the prescribed timelines.

Orientation Programme on "Access to Justice at Pre-Arrest, Arrest, Remand Stage" held in Srinagar

KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar Thursday organized an Orientation Programme on the theme "Access to Justice at Pre-Arrest, Arrest and Remand Stage" for police personnel and other stakeholders with the objective of enhancing awareness regarding legal safeguards, constitutional rights and procedural fairness during the criminal justice process.

The programme, as per an official statement, was attended by Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA), Srinagar, Haq Nawaz Zargar as Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal District & Sessions Judge emphasized the significance of adherence to constitutional mandates, statutory safeguards and human rights standards during pre-arrest, arrest, and remand proceedings. He underscored the collective responsibility of all stakeholders in ensuring fairness, transparency, and accountability within the justice delivery system.

Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, Tabassum Qadir Parry highlighted the importance of ensuring access to justice and



protecting the rights of individuals at every stage of criminal proceedings.

During the technical session, Adnan Sayeed, Special Judge Anti-Corruption (CBI Cases), Srinagar, delivered a detailed presentation on the legal framework governing arrest and remand procedures, the rights of accused persons, duties of law enforcement agencies and the role of judicial oversight in safeguarding individual liberties.

The programme also witnessed valuable interactions and observations from representatives of the Police Department, Prosecution and LADCs of DLSA Srinagar who highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts in ensuring lawful procedures, of human

rights and timely medical assistance whenever required.

An interactive Question and Answer session followed, enabling participants to seek clarifications and engage in meaningful discussions on various practical and legal aspects of the subject.

The programme was attended by Investigating Officers of all the police stations of District Srinagar. SP Headquarters, Umar Shah lauded the efforts of DLSA Srinagar in bridging the gap between the police and judiciary ensuring access to justice for all. At the conclusion, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, expressed gratitude to all stakeholders for their active participation and contribution towards strengthening access to justice and the rule of law.

DC Kulgam reviews implementation of PMGSY

KT News Desk

KULGAM, JUNE 11: A review meeting regarding the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in District Kulgam was held at the DC Office, Kulgam, under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Chief Planning Officer (CPO), Executive Engineer PMGSY Kulgam, and Assistant Executive Engineers (AEs).

During the meeting, the progress and achievements of PMGSY in providing road connectivity to far-flung and previously unconnected habitations

through all-weather roads were reviewed in detail.

The chair, as per an official statement, was informed that, up to PMGSY-III, a total of 147 road projects and 5 bridge projects have been completed in the district.

It was further informed that, under PMGSY-IV, 13 road schemes are currently under execution, while another 8 schemes are in the tendering phase.

The meeting also deliberated on various issues affecting the implementation of ongoing projects, including forest clearance and land-related disputes.

The Deputy Commissioner issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for the timely resolution of these issues to ensure the smooth execution of the works.

Muharram-ul-Haram arrangements reviewed in Budgam



KT News Desk

BUDGAM, JUNE 11: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Budgam, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah, Thursday chaired a meeting of officers from various departments to review the arrangements being put in place for the ensuing holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram.

During the meeting, a comprehensive review of the preparations was undertaken to ensure smooth and peaceful conduct of Muharram processions and majalis across the district. Discussions focused on the availability and delivery of essential services, public convenience, and inter-departmental coordination.

The ADC reviewed arrangements related to power and drinking water supply, road repairs and maintenance, sanitation measures, ration and firewood availability, street lighting, healthcare facilities, transport management, and other essential services.

At the onset ADC directed all concerned departments to complete the required arrangements well in advance and ensure uninterrupted public services during the holy month.

The Power Development Department was instructed to ensure scheduled and hassle-free power supply, while the Jal Shakti Department was directed to maintain adequate drinking water supply and ensure availability of water tankers wherever required.

The Forest Department was

asked to ensure sufficient availability of firewood, and the FCS&CA Department was directed to facilitate timely distribution of ration and other essential commodities. The Cooperatives Department was instructed to ensure availability of essential items through designated outlets.

The R&B Department and Urban Local Bodies were directed to undertake necessary road repairs, drainage clearance, and sanitation works on priority. Healthcare authorities were asked to ensure readiness of medical facilities and deployment of medical teams at important locations during Muharram.

The ADC also directed Executive Officers of Municipal Committees to ensure proper installation and maintenance of street lights and sanitation facilities. He stressed the importance of close coordination among all departments and urged officers to remain responsive to public concerns and grievances.

The meeting was attended by Additional SP Budgam, Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Budgam, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Superintendent Engineer Hydraulic Circle Budgam, Assistant Director Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), DIO, Executive Engineers of various departments, Executive Officers of Municipal Committees, and representatives of concerned departments.

Mission YUVA

DC Ganderbal reviews progress, 163 cases approved for financial support

KT News Desk

GANDERBAL, JUNE 11: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, Thursday chaired a meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) to review the progress of Mission YUVA and approve loan applications received under the scheme.

At the outset, the Additional District Development Commissioner briefed about the engagement of external trainers and presented the status of cases sanctioned and disbursed under Mission YUVA in the district so far.

Reviewing the progress of the scheme, the DC, as per an official statement, directed concerned officers to expedite the verification of applications and ensure smooth implementation of Mission YUVA at the grassroots level. He stressed the need to increase the number of external trainers to strengthen capacity-building programmes and provide adequate handholding support to selected beneficiaries.

The DC also instructed the Lead District Manager to improve the pace of sanctioning and disbursement of cases, assigning targets of processing



number of cases daily, so that aspiring entrepreneurs can establish their ventures without unnecessary delay.

To strengthen monitoring and outreach, the DC directed the Assistant Director Employment to undertake regular inspection of units established under Mission YUVA for effective output tracking. He also emphasized the need to intensify awareness activities under Udyam Jagriti 5.0 in colleges and higher secondary schools across the district to encourage youth participation in self-employment and entrepreneurship initiatives.

The committee subsequently reviewed the applications received under Mission YUVA in detail, assessing their eligibility, viability and employment-generation potential.

During the meeting, emphasis was laid on ensuring transparency, timely processing of applications and extending support to deserving youth with innovative and sustainable business ideas.

The DC highlighted the importance of close coordination among line departments and financial institutions for effective implementation of the scheme.

After detailed scrutiny, the committee approved 163 cases, paving the way for financial and institutional support to the beneficiaries under Mission YUVA. The DC directed concerned officers to complete all remaining formalities at the earliest to facilitate prompt disbursement and timely establishment of the approved ventures.

DC Ganderbal reviews progress under JJM, SBM(G)

KT News Desk

GANDERBAL, JUNE 11: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, Thursday chaired a review meeting to review the Comprehensive Implementation and Reforms Plan (CIRP) and progress under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) in the district.

During the meeting, the Executive Engineer PHE informed that the district has successfully completed JJM 1.0, under which Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) were provided to rural households. It was further informed that JJM 2.0 is focused on completion of ongoing and approved water supply schemes to strengthen rural drinking water infrastructure.

Reviewing the status of schemes under JJM, the DC, as per an official statement, was informed that out of 10 identified schemes, five have been completed while work on the remaining schemes is progressing at an advanced stage.

The meeting was also apprised that under the 'Har Ghar Jal' initiative, 118 out of 129 selected villages have been certified. Further, all

120 eligible Gram Panchayats in the district have achieved certification under the Jal Seva Aankalan assessment.

The DC also reviewed habitation-wise progress on creation of Rural Piped Water Supply System (RPWSS) IDs. He directed concerned engineers to expedite disposal of pending cases and submit weekly progress reports for close monitoring.

The DC also reviewed water quality monitoring and surveillance activities, SBM(G) interventions and the ongoing 'Catch the Rain' campaign. Stressing the importance of water conservation, he sought regular weekly reporting on its implementation.

The DC emphasized coordinated efforts, adherence to timelines and effective execution of schemes to ensure sustainable access to safe drinking water across rural areas of the district.

Among others, the meeting was attended by the Superintendent Engineer Hydraulics PHE, Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Executive Engineers of PHE Divisions Ganderbal and Sumbal, Chief Agriculture Officer and other concerned officers.

8.1 lakh households mobilised under UMEED across J&K

444 lakh person-days generated, 3.24 lakh rural homes completed

KT News Desk

Srinagar, June 11: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, on Thursday chaired a review meeting to assess the saturation status of Individual Beneficiary Schemes being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting reviewed the progress and saturation level achieved under major flagship programmes, including UMEED, Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G), Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) and HIMAYAT.

The meeting was attended by Director General, Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra; Mission Director, JKRLM, Shubhra Sharma; Chief Operating Officer, HIMAYAT, Rajneesh Gupta; Joint Director Planning, Kamal Kumar Sharma and Additional Secretary (Member Secretary, MGNREGA), Waseem Raja.

Emphasizing the need for robust monitoring and evidence-based planning, the Secretary called for a comprehensive reporting framework capturing the current status, achievements, targets, pipeline activities and future projections in a



structured manner.

He directed the officers to undertake detailed situation analyses before finalizing the future targets and stressed that planning should be firmly grounded in field realities.

The Secretary instructed the officials to present scheme-wise and district-wise achievements separately, along with comparative progress since April 2026. He further directed departments to revisit and update saturation targets wherever necessary to ensure that all figures accurately reflect the latest achievements.

To provide a holistic picture of rural development interventions, he also called for the inclusion of key indicators such as the Lakhpati Didi initiative and other service delivery schemes in departmental reports.

Reviewing progress under UMEED, the meeting was informed that the programme has surpassed its Self Help Group (SHG) formation targets, with 96,595 SHGs formed and more

than 8.10 lakh rural households mobilized, significantly strengthening women-led economic development across villages.

The Secretary directed the officials to ensure that updated household coverage figures and community achievements are adequately reflected in all reports and presentations.

Under MKSP, all 176 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Integrated Farming Clusters have been completed, covering over 51,000 SHG households. The Secretary sought detailed information regarding fund utilization, expected allocations and implementation timelines.

While reviewing HIMAYAT and other livelihood programmes, he stressed the importance of benchmarking current achievements against previous performance indicators. The meeting was informed that under the HIMAYAT programme of DDU-GKY 1.0 phase more than 35,700 youth have been trained, while the new DDU-GKY 2.0 phase has already

trained 1700 candidates under the 2025-28 Action Plan with scheme target of 32,000 youth to be trained.

Under MGNREGA, the Department has nearly achieved its annual target by generating 444.39 lakh person-days, providing significant employment and livelihood support to rural households across Jammu and Kashmir.

The housing and sanitation sectors have also registered substantial progress. Under PMAY-G, over 3.24 lakh rural houses have been completed against a target of 3.34 lakh houses, reflecting significant advancement towards rural housing saturation. Similarly, SBM-G has achieved 100 per cent saturation in ODF Plus Model Villages and Individual Household Latrines (IHHs), marking a major milestone in rural sanitation and cleanliness.

The Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) has also supported thousands of rural entrepreneurs by promoting sustainable self-employment opportunities and strengthening the local rural economy.

The Secretary directed the officers to include explanatory notes and analytical observations beneath all data tables to facilitate informed decision-making. He also instructed officials to strengthen field-level monitoring, regularly review organizational performance, and systematically incorporate feedback from districts and implementing agencies.

Commissioner Secy YSS reviews sports facilities at GCOPE



KT News Desk

Ganderbal, June 11: Commissioner Secretary Youth Services & Sports (YSS), Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, along with Director General, YSS, Anuradha Gupta, on Thursday, visited the Government College of Physical Education (GCOPE) in Gadoora, here.

The Commissioner Secretary chaired a detailed review meeting attended by the Principal and faculty members of the College regarding the academic performance and research, sports infrastructure and other facilities being developed at the college campus. He also inspected the ongoing and proposed construction works and assessed the progress of developmental projects aimed at strengthening the academic and training amenities for students.

Dr Shahid Iqbal visited the Sports Science and Research Laboratory of the college, where he was briefed by the students currently pursuing Bachelor's in Physical Education (B.P.Ed.) and

Master's in Physical Education (M.P.Ed.), about various advanced testing and training stations established for scientific assessment of athletes. The laboratory houses facilities for anthropometric measurements, force plate analysis for evaluating athletic performance, magnetic timing gates for speed and agility testing, cricket performance analysis software, bowling machines, BLS equipment and several other modern sports science tools.

The Commissioner Secretary observed that the college has state-of-the-art infrastructure for sports education, research and athlete performance enhancement. He asked the DG, YSS to ensure optimum utilization of the infrastructure available. He also advised to introduce diploma and certificate courses in the College. He was informed by the DG, YSS that many refresher courses and certification courses are scheduled to be held in GCOPE in the months of June-July.

Dr Shahid Iqbal, while interacting with the students of the

college, listened to their feedback and inputs and assured them of taking every possible effort to address their genuine concerns. He also shared his vision for the growth of the GCOPE as an institution of excellence in sports and physical education.

On the sidelines of the review meeting and student interaction, an impressive presentation on the topic 'Bridging gap between physical education sports science, physiotherapy and health science was delivered by Dr Suhail Ahmed Mir on the instructions of the Commissioner Secretary.

Later, the Commissioner Secretary and DG, YSS interacted with the young athletes participating in different sporting events, that were underway in the college campus, including the Inter-Zone Badminton Competition organized by the District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Ganderbal. They praised the players for their energy, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit.

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Ahead of Amarnath Yatra

high-level review meeting on preparations for Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026 & directed all departments and security agencies to ensure timely completion of arrangements from infrastructure and security to healthcare, sanitation, connectivity, and pilgrim services. Amarnath Ji Yatra will begin on July 3 and conclude on August 28. Our collective goal is to ensure a safe, seamless, and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage for every devotee of Baba Barfani." KNO

CM Omar calls

partner in India's growth story," Abdullah said, adding that the restoration of statehood, coupled with continued support from the Centre, would strengthen the region's progress towards inclusive growth, prosperity and good governance.

In a post on X after the meeting, Abdullah said he had discussed issues of importance to Jammu and Kashmir, including statehood, the economy, development and tourism.

"Called on Hon'ble PM @narendramodi ji to discuss issues of importance to J&K including early return of Statehood, the state of the economy, pace of development and promotion of tourism," Abdullah posted.

The CM also congratulated PM Modi on completing 12 uninterrupted years in office.

"I congratulated him for the landmark of completing 12 uninterrupted years in office," he said in a separate post.

The Office of the Chief Minister said in a statement on X that Abdullah and Modi discussed key issues concerning Jammu and Kashmir, including statehood, the economy and development. It said the chief minister highlighted the need for continued central support to strengthen connectivity, create jobs, expand infrastructure and improve public welfare.

The meeting comes amid continued demands by the National Conference-led government for the restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, nearly seven years after the erstwhile state was reorganised and bifurcated into two Union Territories in August 2019.

Statehood has emerged as the principal political demand of the National Conference government since it assumed office following last year's Assembly elections.

Abdullah has repeatedly raised the issue with both Prime Minister Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, urging the Centre to fulfil commitments made before Parliament and the Supreme Court regarding the restoration of statehood at an appropriate time.

The chief minister has consistently maintained that the elected government's ability to effectively address public concerns and deliver governance remains constrained without the restoration of full statehood.

The latest meeting with Modi comes days after Abdullah chaired a meeting of National Conference legislators and Members of Parliament to discuss the party's future strategy on the issue.

Following that meeting, he announced that the party would intensify its efforts and stage a protest in New Delhi during the upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament if there was no movement on the demand.

National Conference leaders have argued that the restoration of statehood is essential for strengthening democratic institutions

and fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, while pointing to repeated assurances from the Centre that statehood would eventually be restored.

The Centre has maintained that statehood would be restored at an appropriate stage after the completion of ongoing political and administrative processes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Abdullah's meeting with Modi is being viewed as part of a sustained political outreach by the Jammu and Kashmir government to secure a timeline for the restoration of statehood while simultaneously seeking greater central assistance for economic development, infrastructure expansion and tourism growth.

The CM's latest intervention signals that the issue is likely to remain at the forefront of political engagement between Srinagar and New Delhi ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, where the National Conference plans to renew pressure on the Centre over what it describes as the "unfinished process of democratic restoration" in Jammu and Kashmir.

Separately, Abdullah met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu in New Delhi and suggested opening the Indian Air Force-controlled Awantipora airport in south Kashmir to civilian traffic during the scheduled closure of Srinagar airport from October 1 to October 15.

Officials said Abdullah raised concerns over the planned shutdown of Srinagar airport for runway repairs, noting that the period coincides with a major influx of tourists from West Bengal, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

The autumn tourism season, often referred to as "Golden Kashmir" due to the golden-yellow colour of Chinar leaves, attracts large numbers of domestic visitors.

The CM suggested that if the closure of Srinagar airport was unavoidable, civilian flight operations should be allowed from Awantipora during the two-week period.

Officials said the Centre would explore options to avoid a complete shutdown of Srinagar airport in October.

Awantipora airbase was previously used for civilian operations in 2010 when Srinagar airport remained closed from September 4 to September 17 for runway repairs.

The Defence Ministry has also granted in-principle approval for civilian flight operations from Awantipora under the Regional Connectivity Scheme.

According to Srinagar airport officials, a phased maintenance schedule will begin ahead of the October closure.

Flight operations will be suspended for two days every week from next month before the airport shuts completely for 15 days.

Runway repairs, which officials said are essential for operational safety, have already resulted in restrictions on flight operations since April 6 after the Indian Air Force issued a Notice to Airmen restricting flights between 8 am and 5 pm. Daily flight operations have fallen from around 25-30 flights to about 18 flights.

During his meetings with the Union ministers, Abdullah said the tourism sector was still recovering from the impact of last year's Pahalgam terror attack and warned that disruption of air connectivity during one of the busiest domestic tourism periods could severely affect the local economy.

On Wednesday, Abdullah also met Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and sought measures to strengthen rail connectivity in Jammu

and Kashmir.

While appreciating the performance and punctuality of the Jammu-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express, he requested a halt at Anantnag and urged the Railways to increase services to the Kashmir Valley, particularly in view of the

proposed airport closure in October. KNO

At NITI Aayog meet,

progress, creating what he described as a strong foundation for sustained development.

Highlighting achievements in education, healthcare and skill development, Abdullah said the Union Territory had operationalised institutions such as Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, Indian Institute of Management Jammu and All India Institute of Medical Sciences Jammu. He said the number of medical colleges had increased from three to ten, while more than 90,000 youth had received training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

Despite challenges posed by difficult terrain and scattered habitations, J&K had continued to register improvements in healthcare, education and social protection indicators, Abdullah said.

He argued that development financing frameworks should adequately account for geographical disadvantages and urged the Centre to extend the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) "Pride of Hills" Special Development Assistance to Jammu and Kashmir on the same principles applicable to other hill states.

Abdullah also highlighted Mission YUVA, a programme aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and employment, describing it as a transformative initiative.

According to the CM, the programme has mapped entrepreneurial potential across 24 lakh households, identified more than 5.5 lakh prospective entrepreneurs and contributed to a significant increase in registered startups.

Pointing to the diversification of Jammu and Kashmir's economy, Abdullah said the Union Territory recorded 2.36 crore tourist arrivals in 2024.

He also highlighted the impact of the Rs 5,000-crore Holistic Agriculture Development Programme, which he said had benefited more than 6.5 lakh farmers, and noted the contribution of nearly 8.5 lakh micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to employment generation and economic activity.

On infrastructure and energy, the chief minister said Jammu and Kashmir possesses hydropower potential of 14,867 megawatts and stressed the need to strengthen the Centre-J&K joint venture model beyond 2028 to fully utilise the resources of the Chenab and Jhelum river basins.

He described the Udhampur-Srinagar railway line as a critical all-weather connectivity corridor and a vital lifeline for the region's apple economy, and sought additional rail services ahead of the apple season.

Abdullah requested the Centre support for extending the SASCI "Pride of Hills" package to Jammu and Kashmir, strengthening and expanding the Centre-J&K hydropower partnership and approving 10 new tourism circuits under a proposed Rs 5500-crore tourism development plan.

He also sought institutional partnerships for the promotion of medicinal and aromatic plants, apples and wool, as well as the

establishment of government medical colleges in the eight districts that currently do not have such facilities.

The CM said separate proposals relating to handicrafts and disaster resilience had also been submitted to the Centre.

Concluding his address, Abdullah reaffirmed Jammu and Kashmir's commitment to contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 and said the Union Territory was seeking partnership and convergence to transform its resilience, natural resources and human potential into a stronger contribution to national growth and development.

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Rain, hail lash

the day, temperatures remained above normal across most stations in the Kashmir and Jammu regions. Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 31.5 degrees Celsius, 3.5 degrees above normal, while the minimum temperature settled at 18.5 degrees Celsius, also 3.9 degrees above the seasonal average.

Qazigund recorded a maximum of 30.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 16.4 degrees Celsius, both above normal. Pahalgam registered 25.9 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara recorded 30.2 degrees Celsius. Gulmarg, the Union Territory's coldest tourist resort, recorded a maximum temperature of 21.6 degrees Celsius.

In the Jammu region, Jammu city remained the hottest place with a maximum temperature of 41.8 degrees Celsius, three degrees above normal. Katra recorded 38.3 degrees Celsius, while Batote registered 31.3 degrees Celsius. Bhadarwah recorded 27.2 degrees Celsius.

Rainfall during the day remained scattered, with Batote receiving 24.6 mm and Bhadarwah 21.2 mm. Katra recorded 2.6 mm, while Pahalgam received 1.2 mm. Several stations reported only trace rainfall.

The Meteorological Department has forecast partly to generally cloudy weather with light to moderate rain, brief intense showers, thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds at many places through June 12.

From June 13 to 17, the weather is expected to remain partly to generally cloudy with scattered rain and thundershower activity, particularly during afternoon and evening hours.

It advised orchard growers to avoid spraying operations on June 12 due to the likelihood of widespread thundershower activity. Spraying during morning hours may be feasible on most days from June 14 onwards, subject to local weather conditions.

It said thundershowers are generally expected to be short-lived but could be accompanied by hailstorms and gusty winds in isolated areas. KNO

J&K laying foundation

importance of discipline, perseverance and continuous improvement.

Addressing participants, he urged players to remain committed to learning from coaches and to draw inspiration from successful athletes.

"Your coaches understand your strengths and shortcomings. There is always scope for improvement. Stay committed to learning and keep working on your game," he said.

India engages globally from position of strength: Piyush Goyal

Says WTO as a forum is not very effective now

ANI

New Delhi, June 11: Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said the World Trade Organization (WTO) is "not very effective right now", but asserted that global trade continues to function under the WTO framework and that India remains committed to expanding trade and investment partnerships despite rising protectionist trends.

Addressing the closing session of the fifth Annual Meeting of the India Global Innovation Connect (IGIC), Goyal said, "Fortunately, the WTO as a forum is not very effective right now. So action has to be almost bilateral, oftentimes in cooperation. But with that, as it may, I think, all world trade, at the aggregate, is still very much in its place, still working under the WTO framework."

He further added that "India today works from a position of strength when it's engaged with other countries. We are able to navigate this in the spirit of friendship. You win some, you lose some. But at the end of the day, in the aggregate, I think it's a win-win for all countries working together."

The minister said this while responding to a question on rising protectionism across developed economies and whether such trends could hamper India's ambitions of expanding its role in global trade and supply chains.

Goyal acknowledged that countries are increasingly taking measures to protect domestic



industries, citing efforts by the European Union, the United States and the United Kingdom to safeguard sectors such as steel from external competition. He said India, too, takes steps to protect its economy from unfair trading practices when required.

"There will obviously be some constraints, particularly now that the European Union, U.S. and U.K. are trying to safeguard their domestic steel industry, for example, against competition. Or even India, for that matter, protecting our economy from unfair trading practices of certain geographies," he said.

Despite these challenges, the minister said India engages with the world from a position of strength and is able to navigate differences through cooperation and dialogue.

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You win some, you lose some. But at the end of the day, in the aggregate, I think it's a win-win for all countries working together," Goyal said.

The minister said India has adopted a well-thought-out strategy of expanding engagement with developed economies through trade agreements and investment partnerships. He noted that India has signed nine free trade agreements in the last three to three-and-a-half years, covering 38 countries that are significantly wealthier than India on a per-capita income basis.

According to Goyal, many of these countries face ageing populations, rising production and research costs, and shortages of skilled talent, while India offers a young workforce, competitive costs, growing innovation capabilities and a large domestic market of 1.4 billion aspirational consumers. He said such partnerships are critical to achieving India's goal of becoming a developed nation

by 2047, when the country will mark 100 years of Independence. Goyal said the Indian economy could be in the "ballpark of about USD 30 trillion" by then, but added that such growth would require greater international engagement, higher quality standards, technological advancement and stronger participation in global trade.

Highlighting India's efforts to become a preferred investment destination, the minister said the government has focused on strengthening macroeconomic fundamentals, reducing regulatory burdens, simplifying taxation and improving ease of doing business. He also pointed to large-scale investments in infrastructure, including airports, ports, expressways and power systems.

Referring to the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) signed with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries -- Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein -- Goyal said the grouping has committed to bringing USD 100 billion in investment into India over the next 15 years. He added that investment flows have already begun and discussions between businesses are progressing actively. Goyal said India would continue pursuing mutually beneficial trade and investment partnerships despite evolving global challenges, arguing that deeper integration with the global economy would help create jobs, improve quality standards, attract capital, strengthen innovation and enhance India's role in international trade.

Stock markets drop in early trade on escalating US-Iran tensions, rising oil prices

PTI

Mumbai, June 11: Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined in early deals on Thursday, tracking weak trends in global equities and rising crude oil prices amid escalating tensions between the US and Iran.

The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 358.54 points to 73,624.64 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty dropped 117 points to 23,098.30. Unabated foreign fund outflows and a spike in US inflation also dented markets' sentiment, according to market analysts.

From the 30-Sensex firms, HCL Tech, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Tata Consultancy Services, Eternal and Trent were among the laggards. Power Grid, ICI-ICI Bank, Bharti Airtel and InterGlobe Aviation were among the winners.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 1.70 per cent higher at USD 94.68 per barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 2,124.98 crore on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

"Fresh military action by the United States against Iranian targets has reignited concerns over the



stability of the Middle East, raising fears that recent diplomatic efforts may be losing momentum and increasing the risk of a broader regional conflict," Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth-tech firm, said.

Adding to the cautious mood, the latest US inflation data, while broadly in line with market expectations, showed consumer prices rising to their highest level in three years, he added. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index quoted lower. US markets ended significantly lower on Wednesday.

"Wall Street witnessed a sharp correction overnight, with the Dow Jones falling over 950 points. The weakness was broad-based as investors moved away from

risk assets amid fears that escalating geopolitical tensions could disrupt energy markets and keep inflationary pressures elevated," Hari Prasad K, Research Analyst and Founder, Live-long Wealth, said.

Asian markets are reflecting a similar sentiment this morning, he said.

"For Indian markets, the biggest concern remains crude oil. Rising oil prices not only threaten India's inflation trajectory but also add pressure on the fiscal balance, corporate margins and the rupee," Hari Prasad added. On Wednesday, the Sensex trimmed most of its intraday gains during the fag-end of trading and settled 64.42 points, or 0.09 per cent, higher at 73,983.18. The Nifty, however, dipped 27.15 points, or 0.12 per cent, to end at 23,214.95.

Quickwork Launches Fully Self-Managed Integration Infrastructure for the AI Era

PTI

New Delhi, June 11: Today, Quickwork Technologies Pvt. Ltd., a leading enterprise integration infrastructure platform, announced the availability of its fully self-managed deployment model, enabling enterprises to run Quickwork entirely within their own infrastructure, including on-premises data centers, virtual private clouds, and hybrid environments.

As enterprises accelerate AI adoption, integration infrastructure has become increasingly critical. AI agents and co-pilots are only as useful as the systems they can interact with. To answer questions, execute tasks, and automate business processes, they need access to enterprise systems, information assets, service endpoints, and approval mechanisms. This has created a growing need for integration platforms that provide secure connectivity, governance, observability, and compliance within regulated environments.

Quickwork describes this capability as Operational Sovereignty: the ability for enterprise IT teams to run critical integration infrastructure entirely within their own environment, with full control and reduced external dependencies. "Automation and AI



workflows cannot depend on black-box infrastructure. Enterprises need full control over the systems that connect their applications, APIs, data, and workflows. Quickwork's self-managed deployment model gives organizations the ability to operate critical integration infrastructure within their own environment, securely, with compliance and at enterprise scale," said Dr. Milind R. Agarwal, Founder and CEO of Quickwork Technologies.

The self-managed deployment model is designed for large enterprises and regulated industries including banking, insurance, healthcare, telecommunications, manufacturing,

government organizations, Global Capability Centers (GCCs), and multinational enterprises with stringent data residency and compliance requirements.

Quickwork can be installed using single-click installers, highly customizable configuration installers, or Kubernetes-based deployment methods. Automated readiness checks validate infrastructure compatibility, resource availability, storage, networking, and software dependencies before deployment. Enterprises can also leverage capabilities such as preflight validation, observability, update and patch lifecycle management, diagnostic support, and production operations guidance.

'SEBI needs more power to preempt crisis': Parliamentary panel backs stronger regulator in Securities Market Code 2025

ANI

New Delhi, June 11: The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance said Thursday that SEBI needs more powers to preempt crises as India's securities market evolves rapidly, with BJP MP and Chairman Bhartruhari Mahtab stressing that a rule-based system is key to making the regulator more accountable under the proposed Securities Market Code, 2025.

Speaking to ANI after the day-long deliberations, Mahtab said, "One thing which we have to keep in mind is that this is a very swift and fast-developing economy. In that respect, to preempt a crisis, we have to give SEBI more power. So, the board is there. And what type of tribunals can go into all those issues - that is also another aspect which we are looking into."

On calls to make SEBI more robust following issues last year, Mahtab said the Bill envisages a rule-based, less subjective decision-making process to increase accountability. "The system that we are going to build up... is to make SEBI more accountable. A less subjective decision-making process is better. So, it has to be a rule-based system that is in place," he added after the panel convened two meetings.

Mahtab said the Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha last December and referred to the committee. Since then, the panel has held extensive discussions and received 1,055 suggestions from various bodies, which were forwarded to the government for comments.

"The way our securities market has been evolving in the country since 1992, after the SEBI Act was formed, it is still evolving today. There are also new challenges emerging in the securities market. Furthermore, more and more middle-class people are investing. In this regard, to protect the... to make the system more investor-friendly, it is necessary that we have a robust law," Mahtab said.

"Keeping this in mind, this bill has been brought forward by the government. Combining the three acts, this bill is now before us. This bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha last December and was referred to our committee. Since then,



we have held discussions with quite a few people, and representations were received as well. It is a matter of satisfaction that 1,055 suggestions were received from different bodies, which we then forwarded to the government for their comments," Mahtab added.

He added that the Legislative Department had raised certain concerns and proposed amendments. "We are putting efforts into finding ways to make it even more simplified and ensuring it is easily accessible and understandable for the public's awareness," he said.

The panel will continue discussions with the Secretary of Economic Affairs on Friday.

Mahtab said the panel aims to finalise its report by next month and submit it to Parliament during the first week of the monsoon session.

"Our effort is to have our report ready by next month, and we will submit it in Parliament during the first week of the monsoon session," he concluded.

India's pharma market likely to reach \$120-130 bn by 2030: Report

(IANS)

New Delhi, June 11: India's pharmaceutical market is expected to grow to \$120-130 billion by 2030 from an estimated \$55 billion in 2025, and pharmaceutical exports have crossed \$30 billion in FY25, a report said on Thursday.

The report from ASSOCHAM said India supplies around 20 per cent of the world's generic medicines by volume and contributes over half of UNICEF's vaccine procurement requirements, underlining the country's role in global healthcare supply chains.

The next phase of growth will be driven by innovation, advanced therapies, artificial intelligence-led drug discovery, biosimilars and regulatory excellence, according to ASSOCHAM Secretary General Saurabh Sanyal.

Sanyal said that India has built a strong reputation as a global supplier of affordable medicines and vaccines, due to its strong manufacturing capabilities, scientific talent and policy ecosystem.

He also emphasised the need for higher investment in research and development, stronger industry-academia collaboration, future-ready talent and globally aligned regulatory standards.

The industry chamber expects future growth to be driven by a global patent cliff on biologics, accelerating demand for affordable advanced therapies, advances in artificial intelligence-driven drug discovery, and geopolitical realignment of pharmaceutical supply chains. The report highlighted that biologics generating over \$40 billion in annual revenues are expected to lose exclusivity between 2025 and 2029, creating significant opportunities for biosimilar manufacturers. The global biosimilars market, valued at \$39.6 billion in 2025, is projected to reach \$151.6 billion by 2033.

Skilling, planned urbanisation, affordable energy key to Viksit Bharat journey: VC NITI Aayog

ANI

New Delhi, June 11: Skilling, planned urbanisation, and affordable energy emerged as key themes during the 11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Ministers stressing the need to align human capital development with India's long-term growth ambitions, NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri said on Thursday.

He said the discussions covered 'all aspects of life' of citizens, including education, healthcare and employment, with a strong emphasis on building a skilled workforce.

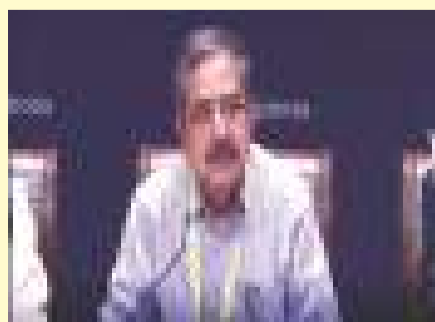
"It's very important because a skilled population is the key to success," he said.

Highlighting the importance of human capital in economic development, Lahiri said, "A literate population, a healthy population, a well-educated population is the key to success."

"Prime Minister and the Chief Minister spoke a lot about employment. Here, one of the things that is very important is skilling," Lahiri added.

He noted that industries often face a shortage of suitably trained workers despite the expansion of educational institutions.

"As new technology comes, we have to



adapt ourselves. We cannot get stuck in 1990s or 2000 technology. As things evolve

we have to get new skills," he said.

Lahiri stressed that skill development programmes must be guided by industry requirements.

"Industry, what do they want? What kind of skills do they want? So a great collaboration between industry and the skilling institutions is very important," he said.

The meeting also saw extensive discussions on urbanisation and infrastructure planning as India continues to witness rapid migration to cities.

"Many chief ministers and the prime minister talked about disorderly urbanisation," Lahiri said, adding that the country's

leadership is "fully aware of the fact that we need planned urbanization."

According to him, discussions included the development of plug-and-play industrial parks supported by housing, roads, sewerage networks, schools and public amenities.

Energy affordability and availability were also discussed, particularly the role of renewable and nuclear power in meeting future demand.

"Prime Minister and many Chief Ministers talked about the question of making energy prices competitive and energy available," Lahiri said.

Trump calls off latest threats to strike Iran, citing progress in negotiations

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dubai, Jun 11: US President Donald Trump said Thursday he has called off new military strikes on Iran, hours after threatening to escalate the war by seizing control of the country's oil industry.

Trump said in a social media post that he made the move "based on the fact that discussions with the Islamic Republic of Iran have been brought to the highest level of Iranian leadership and approved".

The announcement came after two days of back-and-forth attacks between the US and Iran had threatened pushed the Middle East closer to the resumption of a full-scale war.

Just hours after Trump posted on social media that the US would hit Iran "VERY HARD TONIGHT" and take "total control" of Iran's oil and gas industries, the president was suggesting that progress has been made in talks to extend the fragile ceasefire.

He wrote that "discussions and final points have been, in both concept and great detail," approved by United States, Israel, and other regional allies. He did not offer details. Trump on multiple occasions over the last several weeks has claimed that the warring parties have been on the cusp of a deal without anything coming to fruition.

Trump's most recent threats



were the latest example of him voicing frustration with the stalled negotiations to end the war. He warned earlier in the week that Tehran would "pay the price" for taking too long to reach a deal.

Iran's parliamentary speaker, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, warned in a social media post Thursday that "wrong strategies and impulsive decisions" would wreak havoc on energy markets and "create an endless quagmire that you will be stuck in for years".

While the most recent strikes have increased tensions in the region, they have been more limited compared to the early weeks of the war and negotiations between the US and Iran are ongoing.

Trump's threats on Thursday represented his latest verbal escalation in the Iran war. In April, he

warned Iran that "a whole civilisation will die tonight, never to be brought back again" if it didn't agree to his terms, before extending a ceasefire.

Iran's monthslong stranglehold on the Strait of Hormuz has disrupted global energy supplies, driven up fuel prices and made food and other basics more expensive well beyond the region.

Trump had threatened Thursday to seize Kharg Island, the heart of Iran's oil industry, through which 90% of its exports pass. Located on the other side of the Persian Gulf from US bases in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, the island is important because Iran's coastline is mostly too shallow for tanker ships to dock.

It was unclear how serious Trump was about his threat to seize it.

Pope Leo says history will condemn leaders who ignore migrant deaths

Reuters

Arguineguin, June 11: Pope Leo appealed to world leaders on Thursday to treat migrants more humanely, warning in a visit to Spain's Canary Islands, one of Europe's migration hotspots, that history would condemn those who allowed people fleeing war or poverty to suffer.

In what he called an "appeal to the conscience" of politicians in Europe and the international community, the first US pope said that "human dignity has no passport and does not lose its value when crossing a border."

"We cannot grow accustomed to counting the dead," said the pope at Gran Canaria's Port of Arguineguin, dubbed the "Dock of Shame" by relief organizations after some 1,000 migrants were stranded in squalid conditions there in the early months of the coronavirus pandemic.

"May history not accuse us of turning the pain of those who suffer into a common sight along our shores," he urged thousands gathered near a memorial to migrants lost at sea. "Sooner or later, it will be known whether we protected life or whether we yielded to indifference."

POPE MAKES 'BOW' BEFORE MIGRANTS' HUMAN DIGNITY

Leo, who has adopted a more forceful tone against the direction of global leadership in recent months, recently drew the ire of U.S. President Donald Trump after sharply criticizing his hard-line, anti-immigrant policies.

The pope is visiting the archipelago off the western coast of Africa as the centrepiece of a week-long tour of Spain on which he will meet with some 1,000 migrants on Friday.

The islands are a destination for migrants taking a deadly journey through Atlantic waters, often in improvised and overcrowded small crafts.

In Thursday's meeting at the port with NGOs and charity organizations helping



migrants, the pope heard from volunteers and others, including a rescue boat captain who said that in 18 years he and colleagues had saved some 20,000 migrants.

"It's a number that makes me sick and that you cannot forget," said the captain, Tito Villamea. "I wish we didn't have to save anyone."

The pope also listened to testimony read on behalf of a Nigerian woman who recounted her experience of being trafficked and sexually abused while trying to enter Europe to pursue a better life. "I lived in conditions I would not wish on anyone," she said.

We were informed that a bomb had been dropped on the ship, and only two to three of the crew members were found, and the rest were missing.

Leo told the woman that she was a blessing from God and deserved happiness.

"Dear migrants, before saying anything else to you, I want to bow before your dignity," the pope said. "You are not just numbers or files. You are people who have left behind families and homes. You have dreams that no one has the right to despise."

El Niño under way and threatens weather extremes: Scientists



KT News Desk

London, June 11: El Niño - the natural Pacific weather pattern that pushes up global temperatures - has officially begun, US scientists say.

BBC reported that the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has declared that El Niño conditions are now under way in the tropical Pacific, with sea surface temperatures having risen sharply in recent months.

Many forecasts suggest this could end up as a so-called "super" El Niño, and even be among the strongest ever recorded.

Coming on top of decades of human-caused warming, it could bring another record-hot year - most likely in 2027 - with disruption to weather, food supplies and economies running well into that year.

This announcement by NOAA is not a surprise as forecasters have expected this warming phase since the cooler "sister" pattern, La Niña, faded at the end of last year.

Sea surface temperatures in the central and tropical Pacific have now passed the 0.5C-above-average threshold that US scientists use to define an El Niño event.

"El Niño conditions developed over the past month, as shown by above-average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) across the central to eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean," the agency said.

NOAA has also seen the winds above the equatorial Pacific begin to shift - a sign that the atmosphere is now responding to the warmer ocean, not just the ocean warming on its own.

A graphic of two global maps with one showing in blue, cooler conditions in a key section of the Pacific in December last year, with a second one showing conditions in May this year, with red indicating a far greater amount of heat coming to the surface of sea.

Mexico's World Cup curse on the line as hosts face South Africa in opening clash



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AP

Mexico City, June 11: Mexico usually hits a wall when it plays on the opening day of the World Cup.

Of the seven previous occurrences, El Tri's record is five losses and two draws. Mexico gets another shot Thursday when it hosts South Africa to kick off the 48-team tournament.

"We must break that trend," coach Javier Aguirre told a news conference on Wednesday at the Azteca stadium.

"I did not know about that," he said of the winless sequence, "but I'll mention it to the guys. It's a good reason to tell them we need to go out there and win the match. Let's hope we break that trend tomorrow."

Thursday's game is a rematch of the 2010 World Cup opener in South Africa. That game ended in a 1-1 draw at Johannesburg.

Aguirre, who is in his third stint as Mexico manager, has the team playing its best football in years and riding a seven-game unbeaten streak. El Tri's last loss was against Paraguay in November.

"It could be a great day for us; come what may, it will be a celebration that endures for decades," said Aguirre, who played for Mexico at the 1986 World Cup on home soil - when the Mexican squad didn't contest the tournament opener but did reach the quarterfinals.

"I hope we get off on the right foot, just as we did back then," he added. "The players know it: tomorrow could be a historic day for many of them, as it is unlikely these guys will ever experience a World Cup on home soil again."

Mexico lost its opening-day games in 1930, 1950, 1954, 1958 and 1962 and had draws in 1970 - at home - and 2010.

Some of those tournaments had games

kicking off simultaneously on opening day, such as Uruguay in 1930 when France beat Mexico 4-1 while the United States defeated Belgium 3-0.

At the 1986 World Cup, defending champion Italy played the tournament opener against Bulgaria - a 1-1 draw in Mexico City. The Mexican team played its first group-stage game two days later and had a 2-1 win over Belgium.

Aguirre and Hugo Broos, an ex-Belgium international who is now South Africa coach, played against each other that day.

"I vividly remember the confidence with which we took the field to face Belgium. We felt certain the match wouldn't go poorly; we understood the challenge Belgium posed, and the South Africa coach - who played in that match - learned from that experience," Aguirre added.

Broos, who was appointment in May 2021, has South Africa to its first FIFA World Cup in 16 years and also secured a third-place finish at the 2023 African Cup of Nations.

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"We have to focus on the game (and) if we can do that and not be bothered by the noise of the Mexicans, we can have a good game tomorrow."

After losing to Mexico in 1986, Broos and Belgium rallied to reach the semifinals. Mexico lost to Germany on penalty kicks in the round of 16.

"We don't have the pressure that belongs to the host," Broos said. "We are prepared very well for tomorrow's match."

India retains top ODI ranking spot ahead of Afghanistan series

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Mumbai, June 11: Following the latest annual update to the ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings, India has successfully maintained its position at the top, though its advantage over second-placed New Zealand has been reduced from eight points to five.

Midday India reported that the updated calculations saw India experience a small drop, moving from 119 to 118 rating points, while New Zealand picked up two points to climb up to 113. Holding steady in third place are the reigning 50-over World Cup holders, Australia, who



remain unchanged at 109 points.

The only positional shake-up within the elite top 10 featured South Africa (102) leapfrogging Pakistan (98) to claim the fourth position.

Further down the table, a divide has opened up between

ninth-placed Bangladesh and the West Indies, with the margin between the two sides widening to 10 points. In other notable movements across the global ladder, Ireland moved ahead of Zimbabwe to take 11th place, the United States nudged ahead of Scotland into 13th, and the United Arab Emirates moved past Canada to claim the 19th spot.

India's dominance remains strong, as the team also holds the No. 1 spot in the ICC Men's T20I Rankings following last week's updates. Meanwhile, Australia leads the way in the Men's Test rankings.

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