



Art 370 abrogation changed J&K's destiny: PM Modi

» Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hails transformation in both UTs » Says seven years have brought peace, progress, new opportunities

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Aug 05: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35(A) ushered in a new era of peace, progress and equal opportunity for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

In a post on X, Modi, on the seventh anniversary of the Article 370 abrogation, said the scrapping of the special constitutional provisions on August 5, 2019, marked "a decisive new chapter" in the journey of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

"Since then, the lives of the people of J&K and Ladakh have witnessed wide-ranging transformation. Infrastructure has expanded, opportunities in areas such as education,



healthcare, entrepreneurship and sports have grown," the Prime Minister said.

As reported by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the PM said women and marginalised communities,

who had been denied their constitutional rights for decades, had been empowered through the full application of the Constitution of India.

Modi said this year's anniversary assumes added significance

as the country is commemorating the 125th birth anniversary of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

"His lifelong commitment to national unity continues to inspire generations. What he envisioned decades ago found historic fulfilment on 5th August 2019," he said.

The Prime Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to the progress of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and to ensuring that every citizen has the opportunity to "dream big, achieve and contribute to the making of a Viksit Bharat".

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hailed the seventh anniversary of the abrogation, saying the move had heralded "a new era of peace, progress and equal opportunity" in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

"As we also | [More on P6](#)

Aug 5, 2019 marked new beginning for J&K, ended discriminatory system: LG Sinha

Conflict profiteers, disruptors will face strict action; terror ecosystem dismantled to large extent; J&K advancing with renewed confidence

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Aug 05: Terming August 5, 2019 as historic day that marked constitutional correction and a new beginning for Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that it ended discriminatory system in the region.

Addressing a programme organized to handover appointment letters to terror victim families here, LG Sinha, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "The transformation we witness today in Jammu Kashmir is due to the historic changes of August 5, 2019. That day marked a constitutional correction and a new beginning for the UT. Discriminatory barriers were removed, equal rights were extended to those who were suffering due to discriminatory laws. The principle



of one nation, one flag, one constitution was fully implemented and one standard of dignity, justice, and opportunity for all the Indian citizens was upheld."

"After 5th August 2019, we have dismantled the terror ecosystem to a large extent, strengthened the law and order, restored equal rights and

created opportunities that allowed families to rebuild their lives with confidence."

He said that under the leadership of PM Modi, the marginalized groups, tribals, displaced persons from PoK and Chhamb and refugees have received legal rights such as full citizenship, voting rights and ownership rights | [More on P6](#)

7 years on, statehood promise unfulfilled: CM Omar

Says Aug 5 'wounds remain unhealed'

Raja Syed Rather

Poonch, Aug 05: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said the promise of restoring Jammu and Kashmir's statehood remains unfulfilled even seven years after the August 5, 2019 developments, asserting that the 'wounds' of that day have still not healed.

Speaking to reporters during his visit to the flash flood-hit areas of Poonch, the Chief Minister Omar, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said the government remains committed to seeking restoration of statehood while ensuring relief and rehabilitation for the affected families.

"Today marks seven years since August 5, 2019, but the



promise of restoring statehood still remains unfulfilled. As we resolved in the Assembly, we stand firm and will not accept the injustice done to us," the Chief Minister said.

On the devastation caused by recent cloudbursts, CM Omar said the administration had completed the immediate rescue phase and was now focusing on rebuilding lives and infrastructure. | [More on P6](#)

Providing justice to terror victim families reaffirmation of national will: LG Sinha

» Hands over appointment letters to 37 NoKs » Says govt committed to jobs for eligible families

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Aug 05: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that providing justice to terror victim families is the reaffirmation of the national will as their pain and wounds remained unacknowledged for several decades.

According to the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) LG Sinha today handed over appointment letters to 37 Next of Kins (NoKs) of civilians who were killed by terrorists. "It is a profound honour to stand with the families of terror victims on this historic day and it is not merely about appointment



letters but it is about remembrance of martyrs, justice to terror victim families, and the reaffirmation of our national will."

"My heartfelt tribute to the innocent civilians | [More on P6](#)

Families of terror victims share emotional stories
'I once thought my father's sacrifice was forgotten'

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Emotional scenes unfolded at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) on Wednesday as the next of kin (NoKs) of civilian terror victims shared their stories of loss, struggle and survival during a function where Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha handed over appointment letters to eligible beneficiaries. Among those who spoke | [More on P6](#)

Assembly Autumn session likely from Sep 21

KNO correspondent

Srinagar, Aug 05: The autumn session of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly is likely to be convened from September 21, sources disclosed.

Sources told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the cabinet, which met on Tuesday afternoon under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, is understood to have recommended to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha the convening of the autumn session. "The session is likely to commence from September 21," they disclosed, adding that the LG will now formally summon the House.

As per the | [More on P6](#)

Terror incidents down 95% in J&K since Art 370 abrogation: Centre

'Shutdown calls nil'
Sajid Raina

New Delhi, Aug 05: The Union government on Wednesday said Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a nearly 95 per cent decline in terror incidents since the abrogation of Article 370, alongside significant gains in infrastructure, tourism, connectivity and socio-economic development over the past seven years.

In a statement marking the seventh anniversary of the August 5, 2019 constitutional changes, the government said terror-related incidents had fallen from 228 in 2018 to 12 in 2025, describing the



improvement in the security situation as one of the key outcomes of the decision.

The government, as per the statement accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said the restoration of peace had

enabled normal life to flourish, claiming that the Valley had witnessed no organised shutdowns from 2023 to April 2026, allowing educational institutions, businesses and public services to function without prolonged | [More on P6](#)

CM visits flood-hit Poonch, assures complete rehabilitation

Announces 5-marla plots for families rendered landless

KT News Desk

Poonch, Aug 05: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday visited the flood-affected areas of Poonch district to assess the devastation caused by the recent flash floods and cloudbursts, meet the affected families and review the relief and rehabilitation measures undertaken by the district administration.

During the visit, the Chief Minister met bereaved families in Murrah, Surankote and Arigam-Loran, expressed his heartfelt condolences and assured them of the Government's unwavering



support in overcoming the tragedy.

At Murrah, the Chief Minister visited the residence of Mohammad Latif, who tragically lost eight members of his family in the flash floods. Offering his deepest sympathies, he prayed for eternal

peace to the departed souls and strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

In Surankote, the Chief Minister interacted with affected families and a delegation from Sangla, Darra Sangla and Lower Sangla. The delegation apprised him | [More on P6](#)

BJP celebrates Art 370 anniversary, opp marks 'black day' across J&K

NC joins INDIA bloc protest in Parl; Mehbooba leads sit-in protest; Sajad Lone terms abrogation 'brutal coup'

Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Aug 05: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday celebrated the seventh anniversary of the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A as the beginning of a "new era" of unity, equality and development in Jammu and Kashmir, while the National Conference (NC), Congress, People's Conference and CPI(M) observed the day as a "Black Day", demanding restoration of statehood and constitutional safeguards.

BJP chief spokesperson Sunil Sethi, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) chaired a



meeting of party leaders in Jammu and said, "The August 5, 2019 decision under the leadership of PM Modi and Union

Home Minister Amit Shah strengthened India's unity and ensured Jammu and Kashmir's full constitutional and

developmental integration with the rest of the country. It said the move fulfilled the party's long-standing commitment to "One Nation, One Constitution".

The BJP leaders highlighted positive changes over the past six years, including accelerated infrastructure development, transparent governance, stronger democratic institutions, improved public welfare and the extension of central laws and welfare schemes to all sections of society. Party leaders also expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister and Home minister for taking what they termed a historic decision in the national interest.

In Srinagar, BJP general secretary (organisation) Ashok Kaul cut a cake at the party office in Jawahar Nagar to mark the occasion. A proposed bike rally by BJP youth activists from Pantha Chowk to Lal Chowk was diverted by police to the party office after they were not allowed to proceed towards the city centre. BJP youth leader Ajaz Hussain described August 5 as the day of Jammu and Kashmir's complete integration with the country.

In Anantnag, BJP workers took out a Tiranga rally under tight security, while senior leader Altaf Thakur termed the anniversary a day of celebration marking the end | [More on P6](#)

CS calls for intensified enforcement for drug-free J&K

Reviews J&K's Anti-Narcotics strategy

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Aug 05: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Wednesday chaired the 18th Union Territory-level meeting of the Narcotics Coordination (NCORD) Committee and undertook a comprehensive review of the strategy to combat drug trafficking and substance abuse through stringent enforcement of the NDPS Act, effective prosecution of offenders, disruption of organised narcotics networks, regulation of pharmaceutical drugs and expansion of treatment and rehabilitation facilities across the

Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by the Director General of Police, Director General, Prosecution, Principal Secretary, Home, ADGP, CID; Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir, IGP, Jammu/Kashmir; DIGs of Police; Representatives from the Army, Central Armed Police Forces, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and other senior civil and police officers. Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police of all districts participated through video conferencing.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the | [More on P6](#)

Shailendra Kumar chairs review meeting of State Taxes Department



KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 5: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Finance, Shailendra Kumar, Wednesday chaired a review meeting of the State Taxes Department, Kashmir Division, here Wednesday to assess the revenue generation, statutory compliance and operational efficiency across all circles.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by Commissioner State Taxes, J&K, P.K. Bhat; Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Kashmir, Parveez Ahmad Raina; Additional Commissioner TPAR, Kishori Lal; Deputy Commissioners of State Taxes Department and State Taxes Officers representing all Circles

of the Kashmir Division.

During the meeting, the ACS conducted a detailed circle-wise performance evaluation, scrutinizing key parameters including Input Tax Credit (ITC) verification, return filing compliance (GSTR-3B and GSTR-1), recovery of pending tax arrears, scrutiny of returns and enforcement operations across Kashmir Division.

Reiterating the core policy directives outlined in the recently held review meeting in Jammu, Shailendra Kumar emphasized that the State Taxes Department must adopt a dual strategy focused on augmenting revenue collection while ensuring a business-friendly environment.

He said that the tax administration must pivot towards a

facilitator-first model, instructing the officers to guide the taxpayers and simplify compliance processes. "Facilitation, guidance and tax education must be the cornerstone of our operations. While evasion and deliberate non-compliance will be met with firm enforcement actions under the GST framework, taxpayers making genuine efforts to comply must be supported without undue hindrance or harassment," maintained the ACS.

Commissioner State Taxes assured that the department is committed to achieve its targets through enhanced capacity building, automated discrepancy tracking and transparent taxpayer outreach programs across both Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

CS mourns demise of the staff member, Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh

KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 5: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, along with the officers and staff of the Office of the Chief Secretary, has expressed profound grief and sorrow over the sad demise of Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh, Head Multitasking Staff of the J&K Secretariat (Subordinate) Service, who passed away in the early hours Wednesday.

Sheikh was presently posted in the Office of the Chief Secretary, where he discharged his duties with exemplary dedication, sincerity and an unwavering sense of responsibility. Known for his humility, discipline and courteous disposition, he earned the admiration and affection of all those working with him. Expressing heartfelt condolences, the Chief Secretary, as per an official statement, said that Sheikh's untimely demise is an irreparable loss to the Secretariat fraternity. He recalled his selfless service and appreciated his unwavering commitment to duty, which reflected the highest standards of dedication and integrity. On this occasion the officers and staff of the Office of the Chief Secretary also expressed deep sorrow over the loss of their colleague.

They fondly remembered him as a diligent, dependable and soft-spoken individual whose warmth, sincerity and willingness to assist others made him a valued member of the office. They prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and conveyed their heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family during this hour of immense grief

Director Panchayati Raj reviews GPDP 2026-27 progress

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 05: Director Panchayati Raj, Jammu and Kashmir, Riyaz Ahmad Wani, on Wednesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) 2026-27 across all 20 districts of the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioners Panchayat (ACPs), Block Development Officers (BDOs), staff of State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRC) and District Panchayat Resource Centre (DPRC).

The Director, as per an official statement, reviewed district-wise progress, pendency status and Action Taken Reports with a focus on accelerating the completion and uploading of GPDPs on the e-GramSwaraj portal.

The Director stressed the need for time-bound completion of all pending GPDP parameters. He reviewed district-wise performance and sought explanations from officers wherever progress remained unsatisfactory.

He directed officers to immediately resolve such bottlenecks in coordination with the technical teams and ensure uninterrupted uploading of plans.

During the meeting, the Director instructed district officers to pay special attention to 285 Panchayats requiring focused hand-holding, particularly those yet to complete basic profile updates. Officers were instructed to ensure that these Panchayats improve their planning quality and achieve scores above 80, as they are under close monitoring by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Reviewing the overall progress, the Director noted that out of 4,291 Gram Panchayats, 3,627 GPDPs had been approved while only 1,294 plans had been uploaded on the portal, indicating a significant gap requiring



immediate attention.

He directed officers to convert approved plans into uploads on priority and ensure that facilitator feedback, Gram Sabha evidence and Public Information Board images are uploaded without delay.

The meeting also highlighted the need to improve the quality of uploaded plans by ensuring that activities reflected on the portal accurately match the resolutions passed during Gram Sabhas, Mahila Sabhas and Bal Sabhas. The Director directed them to identify practical solutions rather than merely reporting problems and instructed that all pending land and infrastructure-related issues be resolved within two days. The review also covered the construction of Panchayat Ghars, availability of land, inter-departmental coordination and project implementation status.

Emphasizing quality over mere numerical achievement, Wani directed all districts to undertake random quality checks of uploaded plans, verify Gram Sabha records, resolutions and supporting documentation, and ensure that development plans are based on local needs, resource mapping and community participation.

He reiterated that GPDPs should be prepared

in accordance with the prescribed framework, focusing on people-centric planning, sustainable development, resource convergence and inclusive growth. Panchayats were also instructed to strengthen community participation by conducting Ward Sabhas, Gram Sabhas and Bal Sabhas and preparing evidence-based development plans.

The meeting further reviewed financial progress under RGSA, expenditure, pending bills and instructed districts to expedite expenditure, clear pending treasury bills for enabling the Submission of UC to the MoPR for release of 2nd Installment. He warned that failure to utilize allocated funds could lead to reallocation or surrender of unspent balances.

The Director directed all districts to prepare micro-plans for closing pending GPDP parameters, nominate nodal officers for daily monitoring where required, and ensure 100 percent completion of uploads within the stipulated timelines.

He emphasized that daily monitoring, strict accountability and timely reporting would be essential to achieve quality GPDPs and meet the targets set for the 2026-27 planning cycle.

Dr Zabeer Ahmed given additional charge as Director of CSIR–NBRI, Lucknow

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Aug 5: Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR–Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu, has been assigned the additional charge of Director, CSIR–National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR–NBRI), Lucknow.

According to an official memorandum issued by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) on August 3, 2026, the arrangement has been made following the voluntary retirement

of Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany, former Director, CSIR–NBRI. Dr. Ahmed will hold the additional charge until a regular Director is appointed or until further orders, while continuing to serve as Director, CSIR–IIIM Jammu.

An eminent scientist with over 28 years of research experience in drug discovery and natural product research, Dr. Ahmed has made significant contributions in the areas of inflammatory and metabolic disorders. Under his leadership, CSIR–IIIM has played a key role in national flagship

initiatives such as the CSIR Phytopharmaceutical Mission, Aroma Mission and Floriculture Mission.

Dr. Ahmed, as per a PIB statement, has also been closely associated with the Purple Revolution through the promotion of lavender cultivation in Jammu and Kashmir and has contributed to the establishment of Industrial Biotech Parks at Ghatti in Kathua and Handwara. He has published over 150 research papers, guided several doctoral scholars



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Subject:-

Final Seniority List of Junior Assistants as stood on 30.06.2026

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, vide this Office Notification No. CEO/SPN/Estt/NT/26/3374-82 dated 27.07.2026, the tentative sen-iority list of Junior Assistants of the School Education Department, District Shopian, as stood on 30.06.2026, was notified through print and electronic media in the daily newspapers "Kashmir Vision" and "Srinagar News" for information of all concerned and inviting objec-tions, if any, regarding the position assigned or up-dation of service particulars; and
Whereas, no objection has been received from any member of the cadre against the position assigned to him/ her or in respect of the service particulars reflected in the said tentative seniority list within the prescribed period; and
Whereas, the names of some officials of the cadre who have retired from service on superannuation or promot-ed to the next higher grade have been excluded from the seniority list;
Now, therefore, the Final Seniority List of Junior Assistants of the School Education Department, District Shopi-an, as stood on 30.06.2026, is uploaded and notified through official website of CEO Shopian http://ceoshopian.in for information of concerned members of service.

Sd/-

Chief Education Officer

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No. CEO/SPN/Estt/NT/26/3576-84

Dated:- 03/08/2026

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DATED: 05-08-2026

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Corrigendum 01 for Date Extension

Name of work: Rate contract for repairs to Tractors (Snow cat) Model Snow Clearance Machinery ofMachinery Division Kashmir for the Snow Clearance season 2026-27. .
Reference: - This office e-NIT No.: - MDSK/TS /2026-27/15 Date:18-07-2026
(Tender ID: 2026_PWDJK_316760 _1)

Due to no response, the critical dates of the above referred e-NIT is extended as under: -

S.No.	Description	Previous Dates	New Dates.
01.	Last date of downloading/ submission of bids	04-08-2026 upto 06:55PM	17-08-2026 upto 09:30AM
02.	Date of opening of bids online	05-08-2026 at 02:00 PM	17-08-2026 at 02:00 PM

All other terms, conditions and specifications as stipulated in the e-NIT shall remain unchanged.

Sd/

Executive Engineer

Machinery Division, Kashmir.

DIPK-4128/26

DATED: 05-08-2026

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

PWD (R&B) DIVISION DOORU.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT 26 OF R&B/Dooru/2026-27 /E-TENDERING/ 1762.67 , DATED 05-08-2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (in Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of Completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Con- tractor
1	Chain Link Fencing and other allied works of play field at Shangren.	78.29 lacs (66.35+ 11.94)	1600	156580	9 months	UT Capex 2026-27	AAV, Class only/

Position of AAA : Accorded.
Position of TS: Accorded.
The date of completion is subject to the availability of funds.
1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms-and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental websitewww.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05-08-2026
	From	06-08-2026 (09:00 AM)
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	To 17-08-2026 (06:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 04-08-2026 (09:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 17-08-2026 (06:00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid(online)	18-08-2026 (11:00 AM)

In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Dooru.| 2. | Bids must be accompanied with a Receipt of cost of Tender document/Tender Fee deposited in a Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account bearing No. 047001020000099 (Division Name, NIT No. and Item No/ Name of Work to be mentioned in the Remarks of the Receipt. (The Date of transaction should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and Receipt of EMD (2% of advertised Cost), also deposited in a Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account bearing No. 047001020000099 (Division Name, NIT No. and Item No/ Name of Work to be mentioned in the Remarks of the Receipt. (The Date of receipt of EMD and Tender Fee should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date). The same EMD/Tender Fee receipt should not be used in more than one Tender/Bid. | | | | | | |
| 3. | All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost). Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive. Note: 4. a. MSME's are required to pay only 50% of Tender Document Cost or Rs500/-whichever is lower 5. b. MSME's are required to pay only 50% of the amount of EMD/ Bid Security or Rs 5000/- whichever is lower 6. The Bid security amount of the successful Bidder shall, upon completion of the bidding process be transferred from single Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account to Performance Security Deposit Head on Authorization from HoD during the currency of contract agreement including defect liability period. In addition, the differential amount of performance security shall be furnished by the Bidder in cash to the designated Authority. Failure to produce differential amount of Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor for a period of 01 Year be forwarded to Higher Authorities. 7. The rates quoted in the BOQ are exclusive of GST. GST @18 Percent shall be added to the contract value by the allotting authority at the time of issuance of allotment. 8. The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.inand conveyed to the bidders automatically through 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 PWD(R&B) Division Dooru. 9. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Opening of Technical bids. 10. The Earnest Money/Performance Security shall be forfeited if: a) Anybidder/tendererwithdrawshisbid/tenderduringtheperiodofbidvalidityormakesanymodificationinthetemsandconditionsofthebid. b) Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security with in specified time period before issue of letter of intent. c) Successful Bidder fails to execute the agreement within28 days after fixation of contract. d) If at any stage of work, the Bidder backup from the contract, again the Performance security/ EMD as well as work done claim will be forfeited. 9. 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 | | | | | | |

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(Er Mohd Ashraf Khan)

Cruise boat returns to Dal Lake after 8 years

Waris Fayaz

Srinagar, Aug 05: An 18-seater cruise boat has resumed operations on the famous Dal Lake in Srinagar after being non-operational for nearly eight years, marking a fresh push to strengthen water tourism in the Kashmir Valley.

The restored cruise boat, officials said, is part of the Tour-ism Department's efforts to revive existing tourism infra-structure and provide visitors with new experiences at the iconic lake.

Director Tourism Kashmir Syed Qamar Sajjad said the department's immediate focus is on reviving and opera-tionalising existing tourism assets before introducing

new projects.

"Whatever assets we have, we need to revive and make them operational before pushing bigger boats," he said.

The Director said the revival of the cruise boat reflects the department's commitment to improving facilities for tour-ists and making Dal Lake more attractive for visitors. He, however, said there is no immediate plan for developing a dedicated water tourism circuit connecting Dal Lake, Nigeen Lake and other water bodies.

Along with the 18-seater cruise boat, three small recrea-tional boats are now available at Dal Lake. One boat was already operational, another was brought from the Jhe-lum River, while the third was repaired and restored.

It is noteworthy that, on May 4 this year, Cabinet Minister Satish Sharma had announced that major lakes and river stretches in Kashmir would soon witness cruise and steamer operations under a proposed Rs 900 crore project.

The proposed network, he had said, would cover Wular Lake, Dal Lake, Nigeen Lake and nearly 62 kilometres of the Jhelum River. The initiative aims to reduce conges-tion, create employment opportunities and expand tour-ism-related activities.

The Tourism Department believes that restoring the cruise boat on Dal Lake will expand the range of experi-ences available to visitors and strengthen Kashmir's posi-tion as a destination for water-based tourism—(KNO)



Amarnath Yatra crosses 4.70 lakh mark



Umairsar Gull Ganie

Srinagar, Aug 05: The annual Amarnath Yatra crossed the 4.70 lakh pilgrim mark on Wednesday, even as the movement of fresh and return Yatra convoys remained suspended as a precautionary security measure on the seventh anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370.

An official said that no fresh convoy carrying pilgrims was allowed to leave the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu for the Baltal base camp. Similarly, no return con-voys were permitted to move from Baltal to Jammu during the day.

He said the pilgrimage itself

continued uninterrupted, with pilgrims already stationed at the Baltal base camp permitted to proceed to the Holy Cave Shrine and per-form darshan as per schedule.

The latest figures available with KNO said, 2,943 pilgrims paid obeisance at the Holy Cave Shrine on today. The devotees included 1,850 men, 868 women, 38 children, 39 sadhus, 12 sadhvis, two transgender pilgrims and 134 se-curity personnel. "The cumulative number of pilgrims who have per-formed darshan during the ongoing Yatra has reached 4,70,929," the official said.

He said the suspension of

convoy movement was part of enhanced security arrangements across Jammu and Kashmir on August 5.

"The restriction was limited to the movement of fresh and return convoys, while the pilgrimage continued in a regu-lated manner through the Baltal route," he said.

The annual Amarnath Yatra commenced on July 3 and is scheduled to conclude on August 28, coinciding with Raksha Bandhan. The traditional Pahalgam route has al-ready been closed for the pilgrimage due to maintenance works, while the Baltal route remains operational—(KNO)

Delegations call on LG Sinha

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Aug 05: A delegation led by Rakesh Koul, Dis-tribut President BJP Anant-nag called on Lieutenant Gover-nor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday. In the meantime, Syed Farooq Andrabi, Media Advisor and senior leader, J&K Apni Party called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and projected various develop-ment issues of Chadoora, Budgam.

Subsequently, Ghulam Nabi Bhat Palpori, senior PDP leader also met the Lieuten-ant Governor and put forth several issues of public importance including strength-ening of Fire & Emergency services in Palpora, Noorbagh Baghwanpora Matern-ity Hospital, drinking water supply at various locations, and development of playgrounds at Kreshbal, Sangam Danmar and Palpora. In the meanwhile, Mohd Iqbal Ahangar, Chairman, Coor-dination Committee J&K and Chairman, South Global Peace Founda-tion, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. He was accompanied by Sofi Arfat, former Chair-man, Municipal Committee Ashmuqam, and Advocate Shabir.

Ahangar projected various issues pertaining to establish-ment of a Maternity Hospital and functioning of Dialysis Centre at Doorru, upgradation of Verinag and Ashmuqam Hospitals, and several welfare issues of the OBC commu-nity.



Infra push, decentralised governance boost Ladakh growth: LG Saxena

Raja Syed Rather

Leh, Aug 05: Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, on Wednes-day said Ladakh has witnessed unprecedented development across infrastructure, connectivity, govern-ance, tourism and public services since becoming a Union Territory in 2019, asserting that "development is impos-sible without strong infrastructure."

Addressing the gathering at the dPal nGang Doston 2026 celebrations marking the UT Ladakh Foundation Day, Saxena highlighted the transfor-mation in the region over the past seven years, saying the road network has expanded from 1,799 kilometres in 2019 to over 4,063 kilometres, while the number of bridges has increased from 19 to more than 72.

He said the annual closure of the strategic Zoji La Pass due to snowfall has reduced dramatically from 127 days to just 16 days, while the Kar-gil-Zaskar road now remains closed



for only 11 days annually, compared to 154 days before 2019.

"The breakthrough of the strate-gically important Zoji La Tunnel was completed in June this year, while work on the Shyok La Tunnel is pro-gressing rapidly," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also announced that the new passenger terminal at Leh Airport will be completed this year, while prepa-rations are underway to start

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GCW, NIT Srinagar launch psychology driven STEM learning

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Srinagar: The JKST&IC (SREP 2025-26) funded project 'Psychology Driven STEM Learning to Build Scientific Temper in the Border Villages of Kashmir' was inaugurated at Govern-ment College for Women (GCW), M.A. Road, Srinagar.

The programme was moderated by Dr. Eshrat Ara, Principal Investi-gator, who shared that the initiative emerged from a field-based insight during a visit to border areas. Devel-oped in collaboration with Dr. Dinesh Kumar Rajendran, Co-Principal Inves-tigator from NIT Srinagar, the project aims to build scien-tific temper, resil-ience, and innovation capacity among youth in border regions.

She emphasized that while approv-al marked a milestone, the real impact lies in execution and out-reach, describing the initiative as "not just a programme, but the opening of a pos-sibility." She further highlighted that following the pilot phase in Srinagar,



the project will be implemented in border areas including Gurez, Uri, Karnah, and Keran, ensuring out-reach to some of the most remote and underserved regions.

The project envisions training 120 Master Trainers and reaching over 6,000 students, with 600 students receiving direct hands-on exposure through STEM camps. It integrates psy-chology-driven pedagogy—including growth mindset, metacognition,

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IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS SOPORE

In the case of: Naseera Begam S/o:Nazir Ahmad Bhat R/o: Darnambal Tehsil Sopore.

Versus

C.E.O Municipal Council Sopore/BDO Sangrama/BDO Sopore

(Registrar of Birth and Death)

...Non Applicant

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

Whereas, the above titled case is under process in this court, seeking direction therein to the non-applicant u/s 13(3) of the Registration of Births & Deaths Act, 1969 for registration of Birth event of the applicant's Daughter namely Kulsuma Nazir D/o: Nazir Ahmad Bhat as 13-04-2014 at Home.

Whereas through the medium of this proclamation the public at large is informed that in case any one has any objection for issuance of direction with respect to the registration of aforementioned Birth event he /she shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 7 days from the date of the publication of this proclamation.If the date fixed is declared holiday,the matter will be taken on the next working day.

Executive Magistrate 1st Class, Sopore

IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS SOPORE

In the case of: Parvaiz Ahmad Shah S/o:Ab Ahad Shah R/o: Shartwari Nagri Malpora.

Versus

C.E.O Municipal Council Sopore/BDO Sangrama/BDO Sopore

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

Whereas, the above titled case is under process in this court, seeking direction therein to the non-applicant u/s 13(3) of the Registration of Births & Deaths Act, 1969 for registration of Birth event of the applicant's Son namely Hyder Ahmad Shah S/o: Parvaiz Ahmad Shah as 24-04-2019 at M.C.H Sopore.

Whereas through the medium of this proclamation the public at large is informed that in case any one has any objection for issuance of direction with respect to the registration of aforementioned Birth event he /she shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 7 days from the date of the publication of this proclamation.If the date fixed is declared holiday,the matter will be taken on the next working day.

Executive Magistrate 1st Class, Sopore

From The Parliament

25,248 J&K Waqf assets listed on central portal

Raja Syed Rather

Srinagar, Aug 05: The Jammu and Kash-mir Waqf Board has uploaded details of thousands of Waqf properties on the UMEED Central Portal-2025, with 25,248 properties shown as approved as of July 31, 2026, the Ministry of Minority Affairs informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

The information was provided by Union Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju in response to an unstarred question raised by MPs E Tukaram and Sasikanth Senthil regarding digitisation, income reporting and transparent management of Waqf

properties following the Waqf (Amend-ment) Act, 2025.

According to data annexed to the reply, Jammu and Kashmir has 25,567 Waqf prop-erties under the "initiated/completed till date" category. Of these, 25,248 properties have been submitted by the checker and are pending with the approver category, while 62 properties have been rejected by the checker/approver and are pending with the maker. The data also lists 221 properties in the initial category, 33 initiated for entry by the maker and three submitted by the maker.

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43,183 beneficiaries deleted in NFSA's 'rightful targeting' exercise

Raja Syed Rather

Srinagar, Aug 05: As many as 43,183 beneficiaries have been deleted in Jam-mu and Kashmir under the Centre's "Rightful Targeting" exercise aimed at identifying and removing ineligible and duplicate beneficiaries from the Nation-al Food Security Act (NFSA) database.

The figures were provided by Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya in a written reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2884, raised by Dr Kirsan Namdeo, regarding the adequacy of foodgrain coverage under the NFSA.

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Lithium reserves of 10.88 million tonnes identified in J&K

Raja Syed Rather

Srinagar, Aug 05: The Union Govern-ment on Wednesday informed Parlia-ment that 10.88 million tonnes of lith-ium resources have been identified in Jammu & Kashmir, with Salal-Haimna and Kotla figuring among the country's major lithium-bearing areas discovered through exploration undertaken by the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

Replying to an unstarred question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Coal and Mines Satish Chandra Dubey said the lithium resources have been augmented through exploration projects carried out by GSI and funded by the National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust

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EDITORIAL

Protecting Natural Systems Now Vital For Survival

The Himalayas are a living heritage that sustains millions of lives. Yet, as Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha pointed out at the IUST conference, the region witnessed a natural disaster almost every day between January and August last year. Flash floods, cloudbursts, and landslides have disrupted roads, water supply, and power feeders across Jammu and Kashmir. We are playing with fire, and nature is warning us. Protecting

natural systems is now a survival imperative. LG's observation that "nature itself is infrastructure" captures a fundamental truth. Wetlands are nature's reservoirs, absorbing excess monsoon water and releasing it during dry months. Dense forests act as strong walls, protecting mountain slopes from collapse. When we destroy these systems, we destroy our own safety net. The Lieutenant Governor's six recommendations offer a practical

roadmap. The use of remote sensing, geospatial mapping, and AI to track glacier retreat and soil health must become standard practice. Nature-based solutions must be embedded in project budgets, not treated as afterthoughts. Farmers, shepherds, and tribal communities must be equal stakeholders—their generational knowledge of rivers and mountains is invaluable. Annual budget reviews must include whether forests and ecosystems have grown

richer or weaker. Platforms for long-term co-operation among scientists, policymakers, and communities are essential. And we must move beyond concrete embankments to restore floodplains and wetlands. The urgency is undeniable. The Green Jammu Kashmir Drive raised forest cover to nearly 55 percent, showing what is possible when commitment meets action. But much more remains to be done. Universities must elevate nature-based

solutions into multidisciplinary subjects, and future professionals must understand the interconnectedness of ecosystems, economies, and societies. The Himalayas demand foresight, patience, and responsibility. We must place nature at the centre of development, integrate modern technology with traditional wisdom, and involve communities as equal partners. Anything less would be a betrayal of future generations.

GI Tags: Scaling Traditional Wealth Into Global Brands

With a target of 10,000 GI registrations by 2030, India is well positioned to strengthen its heritage economy and enhance the global presence of its unique regional products

Press Information Bureau

Geographical Indication (GI) tags have emerged as a powerful tool for protecting India's cultural heritage, while creating economic opportunities for local communities. By linking products to their place of origin, GI tags preserve traditional knowledge, prevent misuse, and enhance consumer trust. They help artisans, weavers, farmers, and producer groups secure better market recognition and gain access to premium markets. India's GI ecosystem has expanded significantly over the years, supported by a robust legal framework and growing public awareness. Government initiatives are further strengthening this ecosystem through financial assistance, export promotion, tourism integration, and dedicated marketing platforms. Together, these efforts are transforming GI products into drivers of rural development, cultural preservation, and export-led growth.

GI Tag- Safeguarding India's Unique Products

A weaver in Banaras spends weeks crafting a single Banarasi saree. Every thread of intricate zari work is woven with exceptional precision and skill. These techniques are not learned overnight. They are passed down through generations, preserving a centuries-old tradition.

Yet, despite the effort and craftsmanship involved, many authentic Banarasi sarees are often sold at prices far below their true value. Buyers may not always be able to distinguish a genuine handwoven saree from other imitations. This is where two words make all the difference- GI Tag (Geographical Indication).

A GI tag certifies that the saree is genuinely made in Banaras using traditional methods. It assures buyers of its authenticity, quality, and cultural heritage. As a result, the authentic Banarasi saree can command a significantly higher price in domestic and international markets. This ensures that the weaver receives greater recognition and better economic returns for their craftsmanship.

Significance of GI goods in Indian tradition, economy, sustainability

A GI tag serves as a seal of authenticity for artisanal crafts, safeguarding them against imitation, misuse, and unauthorized commercialization. Its significance, however, extends far beyond legal protection. For instance, the Channapatta toys received GI recognition in 2006. This recognition applies only to wooden toys made in Karnataka's Channapatta region. The toys must be produced using the region's distinctive lacquerware art. Although it may appear to be a simple certification, the tag can deliver far-reaching benefits.

A GI tag is more than a label. As per the Ministry of Textiles, it can raise rural artisans' incomes by 20-30%!

By certifying a product's origin and unique heritage, GI tags instil confidence among buyers and enhance the product's market appeal.

As consumers increasingly seek authenticity, tradition, and craftsmanship, GI recognition serves as a powerful symbol of quality and cultural distinctiveness.

Growing demand for GI-tagged products enables artisans to gain greater visibility, access premium markets, strengthen their bargaining power, and capture a larger share of the value generated by their work.

The recognition creates sustainable livelihood opportunities. They also play a vital role in preserving and promoting India's rich cultural heritage and indigenous craftsmanship for future generations.

Success Story of Muzaffarnagar Jaggery: From Local Specialty to Global Markets

The GI tag for Muzaffarnagar Jaggery has helped strengthen its identity as a premium product with distinct quality and origin. Leveraging this recognition, Brijnandan Agro Farmer Producer Company successfully exported 30 metric tons of jaggery to Bangladesh in 2025. The GI certification enhanced buyer confidence and improved the product's marketability in international markets.

As a result, the farmer-led company gained access to export opportunities. It increased income prospects for its 545 members, and created greater value for locally produced jaggery. DID YOU KNOW?

Person with idea with solid fill India is home to over 800 registered GI products and 607 GIs have been granted since 2014.



Darjeeling Tea from West Bengal was the first product in India to receive a GI tag, with protection extended to both the product and its logo. Other early registrations included Aranmula Kannadi, a traditional handicraft from Kerala, and Pochampalli Ikat, a renowned textile craft from Telangana.

In the last 10 years, authorized users for GI tags increased from 365 to 29,000 (as of January 2025)..

Regulation of GI Leading export destinations for Indian GI products include the UK, Italy, UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, the USA, South Korea.

As a form of intellectual property, GIs are recognised internationally under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). In India, their registration and protection are overseen by the Geographical Indications Registry under the 1999 Act.

Through the 2025 amendment, the fee for filing GI applications and related processes has been reduced by 80%. The renewal fee for the tag has also been cut from 3,000 down to just 500!

India established a legal framework for protecting products linked to specific regions through the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 and the accompanying Rules notified in 2002. The framework became operational in 2003, and GI registrations commenced in 2004-05. The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Rules, 2002, were amended in 2025.

Key Sectors & States with GI Tagged products

India is home to GI-tagged products across categories such as handicraft products, agricultural products, manufactured goods, food products and natural products.

Handicraft products- 445 handicraft products and 27 product logos have been registered under the Act (as of December 2025). Examples include Pashmina from Jammu & Kashmir, Baluchari Saree from West Bengal and Banaras Gulabi Meenakari Craft from Uttar Pradesh.

Agricultural products- 251 products have been registered, spanning a diverse range of crops, including cereals, fruits, vegetables, spices, and non-basmati rice.

Manufacturing products- 64 manufactured products have been registered, such as Nashik Valley Wine and Kannauj Perfume.

Food products- 66 food products, encompassing prepared, cooked, or processed delicacies are GI tagged. For eg. West Bengal's Bardhaman Mihidana and Sitabhog, Odisha's Kendrapara Rasabali, and Andhra Pradesh's famous Tirupathi Laddu.

Natural products- 5 natural products- Makrana Marble (Rajasthan), Chunar Balua Patthar (Uttar Pradesh), Lac of Purulia (West

Bengal), Panna Diamond (Madhya Pradesh) and Ambaji White Marble (Gujarat) are GI-tagged in India. While these are strictly "Natural" products, hundreds of other natural-origin goods fall under the Agricultural Products category.

Several Indian states are driving India's GI legacy. As of December 2025, Uttar Pradesh is the leading state with 81 GI-tagged products. It is followed by Tamil Nadu (76 GI-tagged products) and Maharashtra (55 GI-tagged products).

Behind the GI Tag: Registration, Protection and Renewal

Before a product can receive the certification, it must meet specific legal and procedural requirements. India's GI registration system defines who can apply, how long protection lasts, and the circumstances under which a GI may be revoked.

GI Registration Framework

Any association of producers, organisation, or authority established under law can apply for GI registration. The applicant must be a legal entity and represent the interests of the producers of the concerned product. If the applicant is not a producers' association, it must prove that it represents the producers' interests. Similarly, an authority applying for registration must also demonstrate that it represents the producers of the product.

Application or any other document may be filed directly in the GI Registry. It may also be sent by post, registered post, speed post or courier services. The GI Registry is located at Geographical Indications Registry, Chennai, which has all-India Jurisdiction.

GI Exclusions: What Cannot Be Registered Generic product names no longer protected in their country of origin.

Indications that mislead consumers or falsely suggest a different geographical origin. Indications that offend religious sentiments or contain scandalous, offensive, or obscene matter.

Indications not eligible for legal protection or that violate any law in force.

The registration of a GI is valid for ten years, but may be renewed from time to time.

Can a GI tag be revoked?

The revocation, cancellation, or variation of a GI registration is governed by Section 27 of the Act. Any aggrieved person may apply to the Registrar or the competent authority for cancellation or variation of a registered GI. The Registrar or the Appellate Board may also initiate such action on their own if necessary.

A GI registration may be revoked or cancelled if:

It was obtained through fraud or misrepresentation.

It is no longer protected in its country of origin or has fallen into disuse.

Its use is likely to deceive consumers, violates any law, or contains scandalous or obscene matter.

Schemes & Policies Bolstering GI Tag The Government is promoting GI products

through initiatives aimed at improving awareness, market access, exports, and legal protection. Aligned with the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Vocal for Local, these efforts are empowering artisans, farmers, and producer communities. They are also enhancing the domestic and global recognition of India's unique regional products.

Dedicated Retail & Infrastructure Spaces Certain platforms have been introduced to enhance product visibility, strengthen access to buyers, and create new opportunities for traditional producers.

PM Ekta Mall (Unity Mall): PM Ekta Malls promote and sell One District One Product (ODOP) items, GI-tagged products, and other handicrafts. An allocation of 5,000 crore was made for establishing these malls across all States (FY 2023-24).

One Station One Product (OSOP): Railway GI booths under the OSOP initiative provide dedicated stalls for showcasing and selling GI-tagged products. They enhance the outreach of regional crafts, textiles, handlooms and food products. OSOPs offer direct market access to artisans, weavers, farmers and producer groups.

GI Trails

GI clusters are being integrated into mainstream tourism itineraries. Much like wine tours in France, India is experimenting with GI Trails (like a Pochampalli Ikat weaving village tour or a Darjeeling tea estate trail). This blends experiential tourism with direct-to-consumer rural retail.

In June 2026, Muga Silk Trail was announced in Assam, along with a Silk Tourism Park and Muga Utsav festivals. This positions Assam as a premier destination for silk heritage tourism.

MSME Innovative Scheme

Support is provided under the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) component of the MSME Innovative Scheme for IP protection and commercialization, including GIs. Under the scheme, eligible applicants can receive reimbursement of the actual cost incurred for GI registration. The reimbursement covers up to 100% of the cost, subject to a maximum limit of 2 lakh per registered GI.

Financial assistance

The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), under the Ministry of Textiles, provides financial support for GI protection. Eligible applicants can receive up to 1.5 lakh for enforcing GI rights and covering legal expenses related to protection of GIs. Besides, the Government promotes products under the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) & National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP). Financial assistance is offered for meeting the expenses in registering the designs/products, training personnel of implementing agencies and effective enforcement of GI registration.

104 GI-registered handloom products and 53 registrations are supported under

Handloom Marketing Assistance, a component of NHDP (June 2026).

APEDA's Export Drives

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is strengthening the global presence of India's GI-tagged agricultural products. It supports farmers and exporters through quality improvement, capacity building, infrastructure support, and market promotion.

In 2026, APEDA accelerated exports of GI-tagged products by opening new international markets for farmers and producer groups. From fresh fruits to traditional rice and processed foods, these first-time shipments strengthened the global presence of India's regional specialties while improving returns for producers.

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To the Maldives, Karnataka's GI fruits were exported, fetching farmers 40 to 50 per cent higher returns. Canada received Salem Sago, which expanded demand and improved incomes for producers. In the United Kingdom and Italy, Joha Rice found new export markets, leading to better price realization. Dubai became a new destination for Tezpur Litchi, where growers earned nearly 10 per cent higher prices for their produce.

The EU-India FTA Connection

Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) enhance the value of GIs by expanding market access for distinctive regional products. GI tags certify authenticity and origin, while FTAs reduce trade barriers and improve export opportunities. Reflecting their growing importance, GIs have become a key issue in India's trade negotiations-

After the India-Oman CEPA was signed, 3 metric tonnes of Indi Lime from Karnataka were exported to Oman in December 2025. The export of GI-tagged Indi Lime to Oman demonstrates the value addition offered by GI certification.

New Zealand has also committed to enabling the registration of Indian GI products, a privilege currently accorded only to the European Union. The move will secure formal GI protection for Indian products such as Darjeeling Tea, Basmati Rice, and region-specific handicrafts in the New Zealand market.

In the India-EU FTA talks, both sides continue negotiations on a dedicated GI agreement.

Promotional Events

Exhibitions, awareness programmes, and international trade events are organised to showcase GI-tagged products, widen markets, and support the livelihoods of artisans and weavers.

Exhibitions include craft fairs, Dilli Haat events, and dedicated GI promotion programmes. Summits, seminars, and workshops are also organised for weavers and artisans.

Events such as GI & Beyond: Virasat se Vikas Tak showcase the heritage, authenticity, and craftsmanship of GI handloom products. They also help increase awareness among domestic and international audiences.

Recently, GI products were promoted at World Food India, 2025, Tribal Business Conclave, 2025 and India AI Impact Summit, 2026. They are also encouraged through screens, display boards, conveyor belts etc. at Varanasi, Delhi, Mumbai Airport and even Delhi Metro.

Besides domestic events, live demonstrations and exhibitions of India's GI products are organized overseas as well. Examples include the Autumn Fair International 2024 in Birmingham, UK and the Bazaar Berlin 2024, Germany.

The Road Ahead: Scaling India's GI Success Story

India's GI ecosystem is evolving into a bridge between tradition and opportunity. Protecting heritage and empowering local producers, GI tags create lasting economic value. They also expand access to domestic and global markets. These efforts ensure India's unique regional products continue to thrive for generations. With a target of 10,000 GI registrations by 2030, India is well positioned to strengthen its heritage economy and enhance the global presence of its unique regional products.

KVIB has to be transformed into a people-centric institution: Deputy CM

Chairs 107th BoDs meet of KVIB

KT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 05: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary Wednesday chaired 107th Meeting of the Board of Directors (BoDs) of J&K Khadi & Village Industries Board (KVIB) at Fair View House Gupkar, here.

Addressing the Board, the Deputy Chief Minister, said that KVIB has to be transformed into a people-centric institution that empowers artisans, revives traditional crafts and creates sustainable livelihoods in every village. "Khadi is more than a product, it is a symbol of self-reliance and cultural identity of Jammu & Kashmir", he observed.

The Deputy CM called upon



the KVIB management to work with transparency, compassion, and urgency to ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach the last person.

Reviewing flagship schemes, Surinder Choudhary expressed satisfaction that PMEGP and JKREGP have emerged as the biggest engines of rural employment in Jammu and Kashmir.

Underlining the importance of Rural industries in J&K's economy, the Deputy Chief Minister called upon the

officers that focus must now shift to handholding of beneficiaries, proper skill training and strong market linkages so that every unit set up becomes successful and sustainable.

In a landmark decision, the Board authorized preparation of a Detailed Project Report for a new integrated complex comprising Divisional Office, District Office and a Khadi Plaza at Jammu. This will provide artisans and entrepreneurs a dedicated space for marketing,

training, and administrative support, and will give a major boost to Khadi and village industries in the region.

The meeting, among others, was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh; Registrar Cooperatives, Director Industries & Commerce Kashmir, DG Codes, Secretary/CEO KVIB, Director MSME and senior officers of KVIB and Industries & Commerce department.

FDA continues enforcement drive against Food Safety Violations

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 05: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Jammu & Kashmir, conducted inspection and sampling drive across the Union Territory to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

During the drive, 175 inspections were conducted across the districts of J&K. A total of 142 food samples were collected including 88 samples of prepared food, particularly meat and meat products served in restaurants and hotels, and 54 samples of sweets collected from sweet manufacturing units and retail sale outlets for testing of quality and safety parameters.

The inspection teams, as per an official statement, also verified compliance with food safety, hygiene, sanitation and



storage requirements at the inspected establishments.

Further, during the inspections, four Improvement Notices were issued to Food Business Operators for deviating in sanitary and hygienic conditions. Seven Food Business Operators were compounded under Section 69 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and a penalty of 11,000 was realized.

Legal action has also been initiated against Food Business Operators found violating the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and the Rules and Regulations.

Consumers are being requested to report suspected cases of unsafe or adulterated food through Toll-Free Helpline No. 104 or by email at cfsjandk.fnd@jk.gov.in.

DC Budgam takes department-wise review

Stresses maximum beneficiary coverage under Government schemes

KT News Desk

BUDGAM, AUGUST 05: Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, Wednesday chaired a department-wise review meeting to assess the progress of ongoing developmental projects and implementation of Government schemes and flagship programmes across the district.

During meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the performance of key departments, including Public Works (R&B), Industries & Commerce, Power Development, Agriculture, Revenue, Sheep & Animal Husbandry, Irrigation & Flood Control, Rural Development, Jal Shakti, Social Welfare and NIC. Developmental works in the sub-divisions of Beerwah, Khansahib and Chadoora were also reviewed.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need to ensure maximum coverage of eligible beneficiaries under Government welfare schemes and directed all departments to intensify awareness and outreach so that no deserving beneficiary is left out.

He reviewed the progress of developmental works, digitization of revenue records and land

transfers for various projects, directing officers to expedite pending works and ensure timely completion with quality standards.

Reviewing public service delivery, the Deputy Commissioner instructed officers to ensure prompt disposal of public services and grievances, regularly update departmental portals and strengthen awareness about Government schemes. He also directed the concerned departments to expedite restoration of flood-affected water supply schemes and other essential infrastructure.

At the outset, the concerned officers apprised the Deputy Commissioner of progress achieved under various sectors and coverage of beneficiaries under various welfare schemes across the district.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Vivek Agarwal, Additional Deputy Commissioner Taufeeq Ahmad Gazi, General Manager DIC, Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Development, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat and other district officers.

Anil Kumar visits migrant colonies at Jagti, NAGROTA

Reviews development works

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JAMMU, AUGUST 05: Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department, Anil Kumar Singh, Wednesday visited Jagti and Nagrota Migrant Colonies to review the ongoing development and welfare works being carried out for the residents.

During the visit to Jagti Migrant Colony, the ACS, as per an official statement, inspected the Sub-District Hospital and instructed the concerned authorities to undertake immediate face-lifting and development of the outer areas of the hospital. He also directed for upgradation of the internal road network and was informed that the work is under tendering process.

Anil Kumar also visited the residential complex and took note of the repair and maintenance requirements. It was informed that a comprehensive plan worth Rs. 82.4 crore has been prepared and the work will commence within 15 days.

He visited the newly constructed two-storey



community hall, which is now available for public usage.

Interacting with the residents, the ACS patiently heard their grievances and assured that all the issues will be resolved in a time-bound manner.

Thereafter, Anil Kumar visited the Higher Secondary School at Jagti and reviewed the existing infrastructure. He directed the department to prepare a comprehensive DPR for upgradation of all the school buildings and specifically instructed to ensure provision of separate toilet facilities for girls.

Later, the ACS visited Nagrota Migrant Camp and interacted with the residents. He inspected various ongoing development activities and directed the executing agencies to start repair and renovation

works at the earliest.

Anil Kumar was informed that the tendering process for consultancy to develop another township comprising 1200 flats at Parkhoo is in progress and shall be finalized shortly. He was also apprised of the preparatory work being done for construction of community infrastructure in all migrant camps, worth more than 20 crore sanctioned for this year under the CAPEX.

The ACS was accompanied by the Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner, Engineer-in-Chief, PWD, Chief Engineers, Jammu, Superintending Engineer, Executive Engineers, Director Finance, PWD and senior officers of various line departments like Jal Shakti, JPDC, Health, Social Welfare, FCS&CA, JMC and Relief Organization.

Implementation of HADP, JKICP schemes reviewed in Budgam

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BUDGAM, AUGUST 05: A comprehensive review meeting-cum-field visit on the implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and the Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKICP) was held Wednesday in Budgam under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Budgam, Vivek Agarwal.

The meeting was attended by a Technical Officer from the Agriculture Production Department, Civil Secretariat, who reviewed the physical and financial progress of projects being implemented by Agriculture and allied departments.

The ADDC stressed the importance of timely and effective implementation of HADP and JKICP through close inter-departmental coordination to enhance farmers' income and promote sustainable agriculture.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Budgam, Farzana Tabasum, coordinated the programme and presented the district's progress under HADP and JKICP. Other line departments also gave presentations on their respective projects.

The Technical Officer reviewed



implementation, fund utilisation, beneficiary selection and monitoring mechanisms, while addressing operational issues raised by officers.

Later, the team visited select beneficiary units and project sites to assess implementation on the ground and interact with beneficiaries. The visiting team appreciated the district administration and implementing departments for effective coordination and smooth execution of the review.

The meeting concluded with a resolve to expedite pending interventions and ensure timely completion of all milestones under HADP and JKICP for the benefit of the farming community.

Orientation program on POSH Act held in Bhandarwah



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BHANDARWAH, AUGUST 05: A one-day orientation Programme on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act) was Wednesday organized by the District Social Welfare department here at Tehsil Social Welfare Office.

The Presiding Officers and Members of the Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs), representing various Government Departments, Educational Institutions and Public Sector Establishments were sensitized to the provisions of the POSH Act, 2013, the functioning of Internal Complaints Committees, complaint redressal mechanisms, principles of natural justice, inquiry procedures, confidentiality, record maintenance, statutory timelines and the responsibilities of employers and ICC members under the Act.

Resource persons Advocate Isha Hateshi and Advocate Pooja Kotwal from the District Legal Services Authority

(DLSA), along with Humera Balwan and Kewal Krishan from Mission Shakti, Social Welfare Department imparted the technical sessions.

The programme included interactive discussions and practical case studies, enabling participants to better understand the legal and procedural aspects of handling complaints of sexual harassment in a fair, transparent and time-bound manner.

The resource persons emphasized that the objective of the POSH Act is not merely to address complaints but also to foster a workplace culture founded on dignity, equality, mutual respect and zero tolerance towards sexual harassment.

The participants actively interacted with the resource persons and appreciated the initiative taken by the Social Welfare Department. They reaffirmed their commitment to effectively implement the provisions of the POSH Act in their respective offices and institutions and to ensure that every workplace remains safe, inclusive and free from harassment.

DC Kathua reviews progress of PMGSY projects



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KATHUA, AUGUST 05: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma Wednesday chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of works being executed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

The meeting, held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex, reviewed the physical and financial progress of ongoing PMGSY projects across the district, besides taking stock of the status of sanctioned works, expenditure, quality control measures and overall implementation.

The Executive Engineers and other officers briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the progress achieved, issues requiring intervention and the measures being taken to ensure timely completion of the road connectivity projects.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the officers and executing agencies to expedite the pace of work and remove all bottlenecks hindering project

implementation. He instructed them to undertake regular field inspections, maintain strict quality standards and ensure compliance with prescribed technical specifications.

The DC also stressed the need for effective coordination among all stakeholder departments for seamless execution of PMGSY works. He called for optimum utilisation of available resources and directed officers to closely monitor project progress to achieve the intended targets within the stipulated timeframe.

The DC also underscored the importance of completing all projects on schedule so that people, particularly those living in remote and rural areas, receive the benefits of improved road infrastructure without delay.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Vishav Partap Singh; Chief Planning Officer Ranjeet Thakur; Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, officers of PMGSY and other concerned officials.

Awareness programme on drug de-addiction organised in Kokernag

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ANANTNAG, AUGUST 05: In alignment with the Lieutenant Governor's initiative to eradicate the menace of drug abuse and foster a healthier society, the J&K Red Cross through District Red Cross Society, Anantnag, in collaboration with Government Degree College, Kolernag and District Administration, Anantnag organized a high-impact awareness programme Wednesday at the Convocation Hall, GDC Kolernag.

The event brought together administrative authorities, healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers, faculty members, students and volunteers to build a united front against substance abuse.

SDM Kokernag, Parvaiz Rahim was Chief Guest on the occasion who administered Nasha Mukti Pledge to the participants.

Addressing the gathering, the SDM stressed the critical role of community vigilance, law enforcement interventions, and youth leadership in combating the drug addiction. He called the fight against the drug abuse a collective endeavour requiring sustained efforts of all stakeholders to achieve desired results.

Briefing about the role of Red Cross in combating drug abuse, Ghulam Ahmad Qureshi, Honorary Treasurer J&K Red Cross, informed that a series of such programs are being organised across



J&K UT to sensitise youth and vulnerable sections about drug addiction and its harmful effects on the society.

Principal GDC Kolernag, Gulam Abbas, also spoke on the occasion and impressed upon the students and volunteers to create on ground awareness on ill effects of drug abuse so that the younger generation stays away from its devastating influence.

The proceedings featured an extensive awareness session delivered by Dr. Aafaq Haider and other experts from department of Psychiatry, Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag, providing in-depth insights into the physical, psychological, and social ramifications of

drug addiction, alongside available pathways for rehabilitation and support. To equip participants with essential emergency medical skills, they also conducted a live demonstration and hands-on training session on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

Additionally, audio-visual documentaries showcasing preventive strategies, early warning signs, and social support mechanisms were presented for general information of students. The programme concluded on a strong note, with participating line departments, civil society members, and college stakeholders reiterating their shared commitment to driving long-term awareness for establishing a drug-free society.

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Art 370 abrogation

commemorate the 125th birth anniversary of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, we salute his unwavering commitment to India's unity, a vision that found historic fulfilment on 5th August 2019," Singh said in a post on X.

He said India remained committed to building "a prosperous Jammu and Kashmir, a thriving Ladakh and a Viksit Bharat".

The erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was stripped of its special status under Article 370 on August 5, 2019, and bifurcated into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. (KNO)

Aug 5, 2019 marked

over property under the Constitution of India. Farmers and artisans, he said, are creating new opportunities. Our universities, colleges, research and incubation centres are preparing the new generation for global competition.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that due to Article 370 and 35 A, the terror ecosystem was operating with impunity and their aim was to fracture the society, spread fear and silence the hope and dream.

"After abrogation of Article 370, the attempt of neighbouring country and terror ecosystem operating in the valley was foiled. The people of Jammu Kashmir have chosen peace over violence, education over indoctrination, jobs over dependency, and dignity over despair. The young generation deserve a future free of fear and that is the future we are building together under the leadership of PM Modi," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that our work is about justice, development, and inclusion. He said peace must be anchored in opportunity.

Issuing a stern warning to conflict profiteers, the Lieutenant Governor said that the days of those with corrupt intentions including individuals attempting to influence the system are officially over. He warned that anyone trying to cause disruptions will face severe consequences.

SOCIETY THAT TRUSTS ITS INSTITUTIONS BECOMES FEARLESS

"A society that trusts its institutions becomes resilient against fear. A family that receives services without discrimination becomes a stakeholder in peace and progress. A youth empowered with education and employment is empowered to fight separatism and terrorism. Justice for terror victims is moving with speed and sincerity because it is a national obligation. No grievance is being ignored, no family will be left invisible. Justice delayed has caused enough suffering. Now justice to the terror victim families is timely, humane, responsive and consistent. This day also sends a message to the enemies of peace that terrorism cannot defeat a determined nation. Its handlers from across the border may conspire in darkness, but the light of justice will find them. Jammu Kashmir's future will be written by its youth, its workers, its farmers, its teachers, its women and all who believe in peace and progress," the Lieutenant Governor said.

UNDER PM MODI'S LEADERSHIP J&K ADVANCING WITH RENEWED CONFIDENCE

The Lieutenant Governor called upon people to remember this day as a turning point, when wounds of common man were acknowledged, suffering was met with swift action, equal rights were provided to all, discriminatory laws were revoked and the nation renewed its resolve to secure a brighter future for Jammu Kashmir.

"We are absolutely resolved to dismantle the terror network, to bring its perpetrators and enablers to justice and to secure for every citizen of UT a life of peace, equality, and hope. Under the leadership of PM Modi, the shadows of discrimination lifted in 2019, ushering in a new era of social justice and inclusive development. Today, Jammu Kashmir is advancing with renewed confidence and all-around development is driving peace and prosperity," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said, "Industrial growth witnessed by Jammu Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370 is unprecedented. PM Modi has also fulfilled the decades-long dream of rail travel from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. In the financial year 2025-26, investment in Jammu Kashmir amounted to Rs 5,824 crore, which is 13 times the average investment in the period before 2021. Jammu Airport and Srinagar Airport are being expanded and connectivity is being further strengthened by Gol."

He said, "PM Modi is committed to double hydroelectric power generation by 2028." (KNO)

Focus on terror,

internal to India," he said. The MEA also accused Pakistan of attempting to divert global attention from its own human rights record and alleged role in terrorism. Jaiswal said the international community was witnessing the suppression of fundamental rights in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), alleging that Pakistani security forces had resorted to lethal violence, targeted killings and restrictions on peaceful protests in the region.

He further urged Pakistan to take "credible, verifiable and irreversible action" against terror networks operating from its soil and to vacate "all Indian territories under its illegal and forcible occupation."

The remarks came on the seventh anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370, which ended the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and reorganised it into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. (KNO)

Terror incidents

disruptions. Highlighting economic and development indicators, the statement said development projects worth around Rs 80,000 crore are being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir, while more than 9.8 lakh people have become

self-reliant through various livelihood and employment initiatives.

It said the Union Territory recorded more than 2.3 crore tourist arrivals in 2024, the highest ever, attributing the surge to improved connectivity, enhanced infrastructure and a better security environment.

The government also listed several flagship infrastructure projects completed or underway, including the Chenab Rail Bridge, described as the world's highest railway arch bridge, the Anji Khad Bridge, India's first cable-stayed railway bridge, the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), the Jammu railway division, the Sonamarg Tunnel and the under-construction Zojila Tunnel.

It said the introduction of Vande Bharat trains and full railway electrification had provided faster, all-weather rail connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country.

The statement said AIIMS Jammu had strengthened access to advanced healthcare and medical education in the region.

On the legislative front, the government said nearly 890 central laws now apply to Jammu and Kashmir, bringing the Union Territory under the same constitutional framework as the rest of the country.

The government highlighted what it described as growing global recognition for Jammu and Kashmir's cultural heritage, saying Srinagar had earned the titles of UNESCO Creative City and World Craft City, while 18 traditional Kashmiri crafts had received Geographical Indication (GI) tags.

It said Kashmiri handicrafts, including Pashmina and Papier-Mâché, were gaining international recognition and creating new opportunities for artisans.

Referring to cultural and sporting activities, the government said religious festivals, including Muharram and Janmashtami, were being observed peacefully, while the Valley had also hosted its first Formula 4 motorsport event, reflecting increasing normalcy and expanding opportunities.

The Centre said the developments over the past seven years reflected its commitment to strengthening connectivity, expanding economic opportunities and improving the quality of life for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. (KNO)

7 years on, statehood

"Our priority now is rehabilitation and reconstruction. Families whose houses have been destroyed will be resettled, those whose homes have suffered damage will be assisted, and damaged infrastructure, including roads, schools, hospitals and flood protection works, will be restored," he said.

The Chief Minister said he reviewed the situation in Surankote and Poonch with officials to ensure timely relief reaches every affected family.

Recalling the government's response during the 2014 floods, Omar said free ration was provided across Jammu and Kashmir for six months and the same could be considered for the worst-hit areas this time as well.

"If the district administration recommends free ration in the worst-affected areas, especially where crops have been damaged, we are fully prepared to provide it," he said. Responding to a question about the reported display of the national flag in an inverted position by a former Chief Minister, Omar termed it an inadvertent error. "I believe it was a mistake. I cannot accept that someone who has served as Chief Minister would deliberately display the national flag upside down. It was not intentional," he said. (KNO)

Assembly Autumnn

Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, the interval between J&K Assembly's last sitting in one session and the date appointed for its first sitting in the next session cannot exceed six months.

"The Lieutenant Governor shall, from time to time, summon the Legislative Assembly to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit, but six months shall not intervene between its last sitting in one session and the date appointed for its first sitting in the next session," reads sub-section(1) of section 18 of J&K Reorganization Act- 2019.

Since the last sitting of the House was held on April 4, 2026, the Assembly had to be convened by or before October 3, 2026.

The J&K Assembly was adjourned sine die on April 4, 2026, after completing a 22-sitting budget session that began on February 2 and resumed on March 27 following a recess. (KNO)

Providing justice

martyred by terrorists and I salute the families who, after decades of anguish and wait, now hold appointment letters that restore dignity and livelihood. For several decades, the pain of terror victim families remained unacknowledged, their wounds unseen. Terrorism tore apart homes and cast futures into uncertainty. No statistic can capture the anguish and suffering of the terror victim families. The pain lives in memories and in the quiet endurance of those who carried on despite unbearable loss. Today's appointment letters are not just documents of employment but they are symbols of social justice, recognition and the nation's solemn promise that its martyrs will never be forgotten, nor their families abandoned," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor noted that the terror victim families receiving appointment letters today are among the many beneficiaries of this new order post abrogation of Article 370.

Quoting Union Home Minister Amit Shah's speech in Parliament on August 5, 2019, LG Sinha said that Shah had noted that more than 41,849 people had lost their lives to terrorism. "Their cases, delayed for decades, have finally been addressed. This is not compensation for loss because no money, no job, no paper can replace a loved one. It is, however, an assurance

that the nation stands beside them and we are determined to help rebuild lives and restore dignity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Reaffirming the administration's resolve to eliminate terrorism, LG Sinha said the Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, CRPF and civil administration were working in close coordination to dismantle the terror ecosystem. "Terrorism must end completely. It is necessary not only for the government and security forces but for every common citizen of Jammu and Kashmir. We are determined to uproot terrorism and ensure those responsible are brought to justice," he said.

He said, "By ending the system that bred discrimination and terrorism, PM Modi made it clear that in Jammu Kashmir, lamps of prosperity would not burn only in a select few palaces but also in the huts of the poor. Today, after 33 years, a lamp has been lit in the home of martyr Wali Mohammad Wani of Shopian. On 16 July 1993, Wali Mohammad was killed by terrorists' bullets. Today not only his family but the entire Shopian feels connected to the national mainstream," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Speaking to reporters after handing over appointment letters to the NOKs of terror victims, LG Sinha said the government was processing similar cases to ensure that all eligible families receive compassionate appointments in accordance with the existing policy.

He said a number of affected families had remained without employment benefits for years despite provisions for such assistance.

The Lieutenant Governor reiterated that the administration would continue extending support to families affected by terrorism, including through compassionate appointments for eligible dependents. "The government is committed to providing jobs to all eligible families of civilians killed in terrorist incidents." (KNO)

Families of terror

was Junaid Malla, whose father, a Special Police Officer (SPO), was killed by terrorists when he was just two years old.

Recalling his childhood, Junaid as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said his family spent nearly 25 years without any support. "I grew up seeing only hardships. No institution or person ever came forward to help us. There wasn't even a small ray of hope," he said.

Junaid said there was a time when he questioned whether his father's sacrifice had any meaning. "I used to tell my mother that my father sacrificed his life for the nation, but his sacrifice had gone in vain. My mother would always say that one day someone would come and give us justice, but I never believed it," he said.

He said his family's life changed after they were rehabilitated on August 5, 2025.

"Today, I proudly call myself the son of a martyr. Earlier I felt my father's sacrifice had been forgotten, but today I feel proud. We have finally received dignity and respect in society," he said.

Thanking Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, he said, "He recognised the sacrifices of martyrs' families and made us feel we are not alone. He stood with us like a family."

Another beneficiary, whose brother was killed by terrorists in 2018, said the family went through immense hardship after the incident.

"After my brother was martyred, our family suffered a lot. Several family members fell ill and life became extremely difficult. Last year, on August 5, our family was rehabilitated. We are thankful for the support," the beneficiary said.

Another person whose father was killed by terrorists in 1996 said her family spent decades struggling after the attack.

"My father was martyred in 1996. Since then, we have lived through pain and hardship. We never imagined we would receive justice after so many years. The rehabilitation has given our family a new beginning," he said.

Notably, the function witnessed several emotional moments as beneficiaries narrated how terrorism had changed their lives forever, with many saying the rehabilitation and government jobs had restored hope, dignity and confidence after years of suffering. (KNO)

CM visits flood-hit

of the extensive damage caused to residential houses, agricultural land and infrastructure, besides the tragic loss of lives.

The Chief Minister also visited Arigam-Loran, where he met the family of Mohd Rafiq and Riaz Ahmed, who lost seven members of their family in the flash floods. He participated in Fatiha Khwani, prayed for the departed souls and conveyed his profound condolences to the grieving family.

Interacting with the affected residents, the Chief Minister patiently heard their grievances and hardships arising from the natural calamity. He assured them that the Government stands firmly with every affected family and would ensure all possible relief, rehabilitation and assistance.

Announcing a major rehabilitation measure, the Chief Minister said that families who have been rendered landless due to the disaster would be provided 5-marla plots for their resettlement.

Referring to the unprecedented nature of the disaster, the Chief Minister said it was unfortunate that cloudbursts remain difficult to predict with the existing technological capabilities. He said the Government would explore the adoption of advanced early-warning technologies to improve disaster preparedness and help minimise the loss of lives and property in the future.

Later, the Chief Minister chaired a review meeting to assess the rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures undertaken by the District Administration in the aftermath of the disaster. The Chief Minister directed officers to expedite damage assessment, ensure immediate relief and restore essential services.

He appreciated the prompt, coordinated

and dedicated response of the civil administration and other agencies involved in relief operations.

He particularly commended the Deputy Commissioner, Poonch and the Senior Superintendent of Police, Poonch, for their proactive leadership and timely interventions that helped save lives and ensure swift assistance to the affected population.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana, MLA Poonch-Haveli Aijaz Ahmed Jan, MLA Surankote Choudhary Mohammad Akram, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, senior district officers and other concerned officials.

BJP celebrates

of the system of two constitutions and two flags.

In contrast, the Congress and the National Conference held separate protest marches in Jammu, observing the anniversary as a "Black Day" and demanding restoration of statehood and constitutional safeguards for land, jobs and other rights. Police prevented both marches from proceeding towards the city centre, resulting in brief jostling with party workers.

CONGRESS, NC STAGE SEPARATE PROTESTS IN JAMMU

Congress leaders accused the Centre of depriving the people of Jammu and Kashmir of their democratic and constitutional rights and demanded immediate restoration of statehood. They alleged that unemployment had increased since the constitutional changes and vowed to continue their agitation until statehood was restored.

The NC staged a separate protest near Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan in Jammu, with leaders and workers wearing black badges and carrying placards. Party leaders reiterated their demand for restoration of statehood and constitutional rights, while questioning the BJP's claim that the abrogation had ended terrorism, citing continuing militant attacks and casualties among security forces.

In Srinagar, NC workers led by senior leaders, including Minister Sakina Itoo, assembled at the party headquarters and attempted to march outside the office complex before being stopped by Police. Similar demonstrations were organised in Jammu and other district headquarters across the Union Territory.

PDP President Mehbooba Mufti led a sit-in protest in Srinagar, while her daughter Iltija Mufti and MLA Pulwama, Waheed Para made an attempt to lead a protest march towards the city centre but they were stopped by the Police.

People's Conference president Sajad Gani Lone described the 2019 decision as a "brutal coup" against the people of Jammu and Kashmir, saying it stripped them of Article 370, Article 35A and statehood. CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami termed the constitutional changes a "systematic assault" on the relationship between the Union and the erstwhile state, alleging continued restrictions on democratic activity and delay in restoring statehood.

Meanwhile, National Conference MPs joined leaders of the INDIA bloc in a protest inside the Parliament complex in New Delhi, demanding restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Led by Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, the protest also sought a statement from Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the alleged use of force against students protesting at Jantar Mantar. NC leaders said restoration of statehood was essential for strengthening democratic institutions and fulfilling the constitutional aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. (KNO)

CS calls for

implementation of decisions taken during the previous NCORD meeting and assessed the progress achieved by stakeholder departments in the areas of enforcement, prosecution, preventive detention, financial investigation, demand reduction, rehabilitation, regulatory oversight and institutional capacity building.

The meeting also reviewed the proposed Vision Document on Narcotics Control (2026-2029) and the roadmap prepared under the Prime Minister's 100-Week "Nasha Mukti Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp" campaign, envisaging technology-driven enforcement, strengthened financial investigations, enhanced prosecution, disruption of organised narcotics syndicates, expansion of rehabilitation services and greater inter-agency coordination.

Observing that the 100-day Nasha Mukti J&K Abhiyaan, spearheaded by Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, had evolved into a mass movement against drug abuse, the Chief Secretary remarked that the campaign had made a visible impact across the Union Territory through unprecedented public participation. Referring to his extensive visits across Jammu and Kashmir, he said the campaign had successfully reached every nook and corner of the UT and had significantly strengthened public awareness and community participation in the fight against substance abuse.

Reviewing implementation of the Prime Minister's 100-Week "Nasha Mukti Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp" campaign, the Chief Secretary directed all Deputy Commissioners to implement the programme in its true spirit in accordance with the prescribed guidelines. He further directed the Information Department to regularly monitor and document the outcomes of the campaign through its NMBA Portal.

Emphasising speedy disposal of NDPS cases, the Chief Secretary directed that the facility of video conferencing for recording evidence of witnesses be operationalised across all NDPS and Sessions Courts. He observed that virtual examination of witnesses would not only expedite trial proceedings but also save them from unnecessary travel and inconvenience.

Reviewing prosecution, he asked the Director

General, Prosecution to undertake a comprehensive examination of all NDPS cases recommended for closure without filing appeals so as to ensure that every legally sustainable case is pursued effectively.

The Chief Secretary also directed the Law Department to broaden the scope of investigations by examining the applicability of laws such as the GST Act, MSME Act, Shops and Establishments Act and Tourism Trade Act against drug traffickers, besides closely scrutinising bank accounts and financial transactions to expose and dismantle illicit money trails.

Reviewing rehabilitation measures, the Chief Secretary directed the Health Department to ensure strict implementation of the prescribed Standard Operating Procedures for treatment of persons affected by substance abuse.

He stressed that complying with these SOPs specific set of medicines required for de-addiction treatment should be available at every health institution, from Primary Health Centres to Government Medical Colleges.

He also reviewed the functioning of IPD facilities established in the new Government Medical Colleges and District Hospitals, assessing patient admissions, manpower availability and service delivery. He further called for trained counsellors to be made available in schools, Primary Health Centres and through Self Help Groups to strengthen community-level interventions.

The Chief Secretary directed that the proposed Rehabilitation Policy be implemented on a pilot basis in selected districts of both Jammu and Kashmir divisions before its rollout across the Union Territory. He also called for the development of an integrated online platform for monitoring rehabilitation, facilitating inter-departmental coordination and ensuring effective follow-up of recovering individuals.

Highlighting the importance of continuous capacity building, the Chief Secretary called for regular training programmes for Investigating Officers and Prosecutors through structured six-month training calendars. He also impressed upon the Law Department to examine the feasibility of engaging Special Public Prosecutors for NDPS cases on the pattern adopted by the Narcotics Control Bureau.

He further directed the concerned agencies to identify operational red flags relating to courier services and evolve a robust mechanism to prevent their misuse for transportation and delivery of narcotic substances.

Earlier, Inspector General of Police, Crime Branch, Sarah Rizvi, made a detailed presentation highlighting the progress achieved by various departments under the Union Territory's anti-narcotics strategy.

The presentation revealed a sharp increase in enforcement action during the current year. It was highlighted that between April and June 2026, 1,856 NDPS cases were registered across the Union Territory compared to 428 cases during the corresponding period last year and 381 cases in 2024. During the same period, 2,190 persons involved in narcotics-related offences were arrested, while enforcement agencies seized 1,455 kilograms of narcotic substances.

Regarding the Financial investigations, it was divulged that the same witnessed a major boost during the review period. Properties worth 138.34 crore, comprising 228 assets, were attached under the NDPS Act, a substantial increase over 736 crore involving 31 properties attached during the corresponding period last year.

The meeting was informed that the value of properties attached by Jammu and Kashmir Police accounted for nearly 50 per cent of the total value of narcotics-related properties attached across the country during 2026. Bank accounts containing 140 crore linked with narcotics trafficking had also been frozen.

Moreover the meeting was apprised that sustained action had also been initiated to deny habitual offenders access to civic privileges. Recommendations had been made for cancellation or impounding of 839 driving licences, 612 vehicle registration certificates and 52 passports, while action had also been taken against arms licences, contractor licences, government accommodation and security cover extended to identified offenders.

Reviewing preventive action, the meeting was informed that 135 detention proposals had been sponsored under the PIT NDPS Act during 2026, resulting in execution of 113 preventive detention orders against habitual drug traffickers.

The meeting also reviewed regulatory measures to prevent diversion and misuse of pharmaceutical drugs. It was informed that over 10,300 inspections of pharmacies and medical establishments led to detection of 312 violations, resulting in cancellation of 16 licences and suspension of 296 licences. Authorities also seized 17,528 Pregabalin capsules and 6,190 Tapentadol tablets valued at over 17 lakh.

The meeting was informed that sustained action against illicit cultivation of narcotic crops led to destruction of 96 kanals of poppy and 1,157 kanals of cannabis during the current year following satellite-based identification of cultivation across six districts of Kashmir division. The eradication drives resulted in registration of 247 FIRs and booking of 254 cultivators.

Additionally, the expansion of Addiction Treatment Facilities across all districts and the capacity-building initiatives undertaken through IMHANS Kashmir were reviewed too. It was made out that over 4,100 Master Trainers and nearly 4,900 officers and officials have been trained to strengthen the institutional response against substance abuse.

Concluding the meeting, the Chief Secretary called upon all stakeholder departments to maintain the momentum generated through coordinated institutional efforts and continue working in close synergy to effectively curb drug trafficking, strengthen rehabilitation mechanisms and realise the vision of a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

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Advertisement Notification No. 08 of 2026

Dated: 04.08.2026

Subject: Advertisement for UT/Divisional/District Cadre posts belonging to Various Department(s), Jammu & Kashmir.

The Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) has received various Indent(s) for filling up vacancies in various Department(s), Jammu & Kashmir under direct recruitment as per the details indicated below:

S. No.	Reference of Indent	Indenting Department	No. of posts received
1.	i) Agri-Cord/49/2024(7505111) dated 08.08.2024 followed by Horti-NG/3/2021 (CC No 34007) dated 22.05.2025 ii)Horti-NG/3/2021-7198310) dated 05.08.2025 followed by HortiNG/3/2021 (CC 7198310) dated 24.06.2026	Agriculture Production Department	46
2	i) HD-NG-K/4/2026-029 7716747) dated 18.06.2026	Health and Medical Education Department	421
3	i) HED-NGZ/24/2022-04(136845) dated: 03.07.2024 followed by dated: 21.01.2025 and No. HED-NGZ/24/2022-04 dated: 16.05.2025. ii) HED-NGZ/33/2021-04(88157) dated: 08.10.2025.	Higher Education Department	48
4	i) LE-Genl/12/2023-11 L&E dated: 09.12.2024 followed by LE-Genl/12/2023-11 L&E (7586889) dated: 20.12.2024. ii) LE-Genl/12/2023-11(7122998) dated: 01.05.2025.	Labour and Employment Department	3
TOTAL			518

Accordingly, the JKSSB invites Online Application Forms from the eligible candidates for participating in the selection process for the aforementioned posts. The important dates/details with regard to the posts being advertised are as under:

a.)	Date of Commencement for submission of Online Applications:	10.09.2026
b.)	Cut-off/Last Date for submission of Online Application Forms	09.10.2026
c.)	Name of the Post, Cadre, Pay Level, Category-wise break up, Qualification and Criteria of Selection for the Advertised posts.	Annexure-A
d.)	Certificate regarding Physical Limitation to write.	Annexure-B
e.)	Letter of Undertaking for using Own Scribe.	Annexure-C

Total Number of Posts Advertised = 518

The detailed Terms and Conditions with regard to Eligibility, Educational qualification, Domicile, Reservation etc. for participating in the selection process for the aforementioned posts are as under:

1. APPOINTMENT OF THE CANDIDATES:

The Appointment and other service conditions in respect of the candidates selected through this recruitment/selection process shall be governed as per extant rules/regulations of the Government of UT of J&K.

2. DOMICILE:

The candidate(s) seeking to apply for the advertised posts shall be the Domicile(s) of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and must possess a valid Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority on the prescribed format on or before the cut-off date i.e. last date of submission of online application forms, which, unless otherwise extended, shall be 09.10.2026.

3. VACANCIES:

The details of posts advertised are given in Annexure-A to this Notification. However, the actual number of posts may undergo increase or decrease during or before the completion of the selection process and the JKSSB is not legally liable for any such variation in the total number of posts advertised for which the final selection list will be issued. The Advertisement Notification is also subject to the outcome of any writ petition/O.A. pending before the competent Court of law.

4. AGE LIMIT:

The requirement of age for applying against these posts, as on 01.01.2026 for Open Merit & various Reserved Category Candidates, shall be as under:

S.No.	Category	Max. Age Limit in Years	Not Born Before	Not Born After
(i)	OM	40	01.01.1986	01.01.2008
(ii)	SC	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(iii)	ST-1	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(iv)	ST-2	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(v)	RBA	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(vi)	ALC/IB	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(vii)	EWS (Economically Weaker Section)	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(viii)	Other Backward Classes (OBC)	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(ix)	Physically Challenged Person	42	01.01.1984	01.01.2008
(x)	Every Ex-Servicemen having served in the Armed Forces shall be allowed to deduct the period of such Service from his Actual Age and if the Resultant Age does not exceed the maximum age limit prescribed for the post by more than 3 years, he shall be deemed to satisfy the condition regarding Age Limit			Candidate should not be born after 01.01.2008

01.) QUALIFICATION REQUIRED:

a) As per the Indent(s) and clarification(s) received from the Indenting Department(s), the Qualification(s) prescribed for the advertised posts is shown in Annexure-A to this Notification.

b) The candidates who are declared qualified/shortlisted by the Board for Document Verification will be required to produce relevant Certificates in original as proof of having acquired the prescribed educational qualification strictly on or before the cutoff date fixed for filling online application forms, failing which the candidature of such candidates shall be cancelled by the Board.

c) Candidates may note that their candidature/admission in examination will remain provisional till the genuineness and validity of their documents relating to educational/Technical qualification is verified by the Appointing Authority.

d) In case of candidates claiming possession of equivalent educational qualification (where it is applicable/required), it shall be mandatory to produce relevant Equivalence Certificate or seek equivalence from the concerned competent authorities as and when required by the Board. However, final decision regarding selection of such candidates will be taken by the Board, in light of relevant rules which shall be binding.

e) Any candidate having his/her qualification other than as prescribed, shall not be eligible for posts advertised in this notification and the candidature of such candidates will be summarily rejected at any stage of the recruitment / selection process.

02.) APPLICATION OF RESERVATION:

a) The Reservation for the posts under this Advertisement Notification shall be applicable as per the Category-wise break up of vacancies as conveyed by the Indenting Department and/or in accordance with the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Act/Rules, as amended from time to time.

b) A candidate seeking consideration under Reserved Categories must ensure that they possess a valid/ Category Certificate strictly as on the Cut Off Date and the same is required to be uploaded while submitting online application. It may be noted that no further opportunity to upload any document shall be provided thereafter and action under rules including rejection of application/candidature may be taken strictly as per the legal validity of the uploaded document w.r.t. the prescribed cut-off date.

c) APPLICANTS BELONGING TO THE RESERVED CATEGORIES APPLYING IN FORMATS (OF RESERVATION CERTIFICATES) OTHER THAN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT (AS PER THE RELEVANT ACT/SO) SHALL IN NO CASE BE ENTERTAINED AND THE APPLICANT SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE TO ACQUIRE THE CERTIFICATE IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT WITHIN THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE OR WITHIN THE TIME AS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD, FAILING WHICH IT SHALL BE DEEMED THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF A VALID CERTIFICATE AND HIS/HER APPLICATION SHALL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

d) Candidates may note that their candidature will remain provisional till the genuineness and validity of the Reserved Category Certificate is verified by the Appointing Authority.

e) Candidates are cautioned to note that in case a claim for reservation is made on the basis of Invalid/false/fake/fraudulent/forged certificate, they shall be debarred from the examination(s) conducted by the Board, besides penal action as deemed appropriate shall be initiated against them.

03.) HORIZONTAL RESERVATION (wherever applicable under rules):

a) Horizontal Reservation means the reservation which would cut across the vertical reservation and the persons selected shall have to be placed in the appropriate category by making necessary adjustments.

b) Horizontal Reservation for Ex-Servicemen (ESM) candidates and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) shall be applicable to the extent as communicated by the Indenting Department(s) or, in accordance with the extant rules/regulations.

c) The suitability/type of Disabilities/eligibility of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities for these posts under Horizontal Reservation shall be governed by the extant regulations or as conveyed by the Indenting Department(s).

d) Horizontal Reservation for Ex-Servicemen candidates is applicable as per extant rules, for the posts which carry Pay of and up to the Level-6E (35900-113500).

e) In terms of S.O. 361 of 2021 dated 20.10.2021, an Ex-Servicemen on joining any post after having availed Horizontal Reservation, cannot avail the benefit of Horizontal Reservation as Ex-Servicemen for any subsequent Employment. A candidate seeking to apply under ESM category shall be required to submit an affidavit duly sworn before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate in this regard at the time of scrutiny of the documents.

f) ESM candidates shall be required to produce a Certificate in form-XIV duly signed by the competent authority as provided in the Rule 18 of Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005.

g) In case sufficient number of candidates belonging to the Ex- Servicemen are not available on the basis of General standard to fill all the vacancies reserved for them, candidates belonging to the category of Ex- Servicemen may be selected under the relaxed standard of selection to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the condition that such relaxation will not affect the level of performance by such candidates.

04.) APPLICATION FEE:

a) Fee payable: Rs. 600/- (Rupees Six Hundred only). In case of candidates belonging to SC, ST-1, ST-2, EWS and PwBD category, the fee payable shall be Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only).

b) Fee can be paid only through online mode viz. Net Banking, Credit or Debit cards.

c) Applications received without the prescribed fee shall not be considered and summarily rejected. No representation against such rejection will be entertained. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor will it be adjusted against any other examination or selection.

d) All the disputes related to refund of excess payment, if any, are subject matter of relevant bank and J&K Services Selection Board. Candidates are advised to apply for refund of excess payment, if any, through official e-mail ssbjk-grievance.jk.gov.in only. No chargeback request shall be entertained.

05.) DATE & CENTRE OF EXAMINATION:

The J&K Services Selection Board shall notify the date for examination and the Venue/Centre(s) of examination separately. The details shall be made available on the website of the Board i.e. www.jkssb.nic.in. No representation/request for change in this regard shall be entertained, whatsoever be the reason.

06.) SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:

a) The Examination will consist of Objective Type, Multiple choice Questions. The questions will be set in English Language only.

b) There will be Negative Marking for each wrong answer to the extent of one-fourth of marks assigned to that question.

07.) SYLLABUS FOR THE POSTS:

The Syllabus for the posts shall be notified separately and shall be made available on the official website of JKSSB.

08.) ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION:

a) The Board will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written/OMR examination and, therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. However, ineligible candidate(s), as and when comes into the notice of the Board will not be allowed to participate in the subsequent stage(s) of the recruitment process. The candidates are instructed to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age, and reserved category particularly w.r.t 'cut off date' and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post. Copies of supporting documents will be sought at the time of Document Verification. When scrutiny is undertaken, if any claim made in the application is not found substantiated or correct, the candidature will be cancelled, and Criminal Proceedings under law may also be initiated, or any other action as may be deemed appropriate by the Board, shall be taken.

b) All candidates who register themselves in response to this Advertisement Notification, by the closing date and time and whose applications are found to be in order, for the purpose of participating in the written/OMR examination and are provisionally accepted by the Board as per the terms and conditions of this Advertisement Notice, will be assigned Roll numbers and issued Admit Card/Roll No. slips for appearing in the Written Examination. Assignment of Roll Number and issuance of Admit Card shall in no way confer the right of participation of the respective candidate(s) in the subsequent stages of examination or in the final selection process in the event of coming into notice any discrepancy related to the identification,

qualification and eligibility of the candidate(s).

c) The Examination details will be uploaded on the official website of the Board i.e. www.jkssb.nic.in. Examination detail/Roll Number slips will not be issued by India post for any stage of examination. Therefore, candidates are advised to visit the official website of Board regularly for updates and information about the examination.

d) Candidate(s) must submit their Online Application form, Email-ID and Mobile Number along with their Name, Date of Birth and Name of the Examination, while addressing any communication to the Board. Communication from the candidate not furnishing these particulars shall not be entertained.

e) Facility for downloading of Admit Cards, as may be notified will be available about one week before the Date of Examination on the official website of the Board. Candidate must bring printout of the Admit Card/Roll Number Card/Slip to the Examination Hall.

f) In addition to the Roll Number Card/Slip, it is mandatory to carry (to the Examination Hall) at least two passport size, recent (not older than 06 months, with date mentioned) colour photographs, Original valid Photo-ID proof such as:

- Aadhaar Card/ Printout of E-Aadhaar,
- Voter ID Card,
- Driving License,
- PAN Card,
- Passport,
- School/ College/University I-Card, ■ Employer ID Card (Govt/ PSU/ Private), etc.

09.) PROVISION OF COMPENSATORY TIME AND ASSISTANCE OF SCRIBE:

In terms of the extant guidelines, the Candidates with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs), who are otherwise eligible for the posts and are in possession of valid disability certificate, may choose to avail the facility of Scribe and/or compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination, on production of a Certificate from the competent Medical Board/Authority as per Annexure-B and an Undertaking to this effect as per Annexure-C to this Notification.

The facility of Scribe for such candidates shall be available only with the following conditions:

a) The candidate shall have to arrange for his/her own scribe to avail the facility.

b) The person engaged as Scribe should not be a candidate for the same examination herself/himself.

c) He/She shall not be a student of the same institution/centre where the test is being conducted and also not a relative of the candidate.

d) The Scribe shall be a student of a lower grade of education than the candidate appearing in the examination. He/she shall also not possess more than the minimum qualification as required for the post for which the candidate is taking the examination. If subsequently it is found that the qualification of the Scribe is not as declared by the candidate, the candidate shall forfeit his/her right to the post and claims relating thereto.

e) The Scribe would need to produce a valid ID Proof in original at the time of examination.

f) If a candidate is detected as assisting another PwBD candidate as scribe in the examination, the candidature of both the candidates shall be cancelled.

g) No attendant other than the Scribe for eligible candidates shall be allowed inside the Examination Hall.

h) The candidates with Benchmark Disabilities opting for facility of a Scribe shall be required to submit details of the Scribe at the time of examination as per proforma at Annexure-C.

i) For availing the facility of Scribe and/or compensatory time in terms of the conditions given above, a candidate should have filled the application form as PwBD candidate, at the time of applying for the post and in addition shall have to submit following documents (whichever applicable) to the Observer on the day of the examination:

- Application on plain paper
- Person with Disability Certificate (Self-attested).
- Certificate regarding physical limitation to write (Annexure-B); ■ Letter of Undertaking for Using Own Scribe (Annexure-C) ■ Admit Card/Roll Number and Contact Number.
- Qualification certificate of Scribe (Self-attested).
- Photocopy of the Scribe's Photo-ID Proof signed by the candidate as well as the Scribe.

j) Candidates who wish to avail either facility of a Scribe and/or compensatory time, are advised to reach the examination centre at least one hour in advance to make the process hassle free.

k) The candidature of such candidates shall remain provisional till the veracity of the relevant document/s is verified. Candidates shall be debarred from the examination in case of fraudulent claim of PwBD status.

10.) DOCUMENT VERIFICATION (DV):

a) The candidates who are shortlisted for Document Verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photo-stat copy of each document/certificate/Online application form as per the Advertisement Notification.

b) The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification(s) and other documents like Birth Certificate, Domicile Certificate, Category Certificate, etc. which are legally valid on or before the last date of submission of online application form (i.e. cut-off date).

c) The candidate must appear with original Domicile Certificate/Qualification/ Category/Bonafide Certificate/s etc. before the Document Verification Committee as may be constituted for such purpose by the Board. Document Verification being the most important stage of selection process, in case a candidate fails to appear before the DV Committee or fails to produce relevant documents/testimonials in original on the scheduled date of DV, he/she shall not be considered for selection.

d) No TA/DA will be paid for participation in the written test/ document verification.

e) Candidates shall be required to bring two passport size recent colour photographs (not older than six months, with date mentioned) and to produce a valid ID Proof in original at the time of Document Verification.

f) Wherever a specific format has been prescribed for any certificate, in accordance with the relevant rules/orders by the concerned issuing authority, a candidate shall be supposed to furnish the said requisite documents in the prescribed format at the time of Documents Verification, otherwise his/her candidature shall be liable for cancellation/rejection.

g) Candidates who wish to be considered against reserved vacancies or such age relaxation wherever applicable, must submit requisite valid (w.r.t cut off date) certificate/ documents from the Competent Authority in the prescribed format when such certificates are sought by the Board at the time of Document Verification, otherwise their claim will not be entertained & their candidature shall be considered under Open Merit Category.

h) Candidates claiming to be the Domicile(s) of Jammu & Kashmir shall be asked to produce the Domicile Certificate in original issued by the competent authority which should be valid up to the cut-off date, in the prescribed format at the time of Document Verification.

i) Ex-Servicemen candidates shall be required to produce a Certificate in form XIV duly signed by the competent authority as provided in Rule 18 of Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005.

j) Bonafide Certificate on the format prescribed by the Board duly issued by the Controller/Registrar of the concerned University in respect of the candidates, who have obtained Degree from the valid and recognized Universities/Colleges/Institutes outside the UT of J&K and other than Central Universities.

k) In addition, any other Certificate, as may be required as part of the eligibility for a specific post, shall also be produced at the time of the DV.

11.) MISCONDUCT/MALPRACTICE:

a) If any candidate is found indulging in any irregularity/misconduct/malpractice/ misbehavior at any stage of recruitment/ selection process, such candidate shall be debarred from the examinations conducted by the Services Selection Board for such period as may be deemed appropriate, and apart from the cancellation of candidature for the instant examination any other penal action as would be necessary & expedient, under the extant rules and laws, shall be taken. Pertinent to note that among other things, misbehavior includes defying the instructions/authority of any official/officer on Examination Duty.

b) The use of any mobile phone (even in switched off mode), pager or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart watches, smart Glasses, Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled devices etc. or camera or blue tooth devices or any other equipment or related accessories either in working or switched off mode capable of being used as a communication device during the examination is strictly prohibited. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations and cancellation of candidature for the instant examination. Candidates are advised to inform in their own interest not carrying any of the banned item including bags, mobile phones or any valuable/costly items to the venue of the examination, as no arrangement for safe-keeping will be made at the venue of the examination. JKSSB will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.

12.) STEPS TAKEN FOR FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN EXAMINATION PROCESS:

The Board, for the purpose of ensuring integrity, fairness and transparency in the Examination process shall be well within its rights & duties, to take steps as necessary or issue instructions as deemed appropriate, at any stage of recruitment/selection process, and all such steps/instructions shall be deemed to have been taken/given in furtherance of its mandate, as enshrined in the relevant laws/rules/regulations. Such instructions/steps should be legally binding on the candidates.

a.	BEFORE APPLYING, CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO GO THROUGH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THE NOTICE OF EXAMINATION VERY CAREFULLY.
b.	THE CANDIDATES MUST WRITE THEIR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, FATHER'S NAME AND MOTHER'S NAME STRICTLY AS GIVEN IN THE MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE OTHERWISE THEIR CANDIDATURE MAY BE CANCELLED AT THE TIME OF DOCUMENT VERIFICATION OR AS AND WHEN IT COMES INTO THE NOTICE OF THE BOARD.
c.	REQUEST FOR CHANGE/ CORRECTION IN ANY PARTICULARS IN THE APPLICATION FORM, ONCE SUBMITTED, WILL NOT BE ENTERED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THEREFORE, THE APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO FILL ALL THE FIELDS OF THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM WITH DUE DILIGENCE AND AFTER CAREFULLY READING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GIVEN IN THE ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION.
d.	CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO FILL THE APPLICATION FORM CAREFULLY & DILIGENTLY. FURTHER THEY ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FORM CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING ONCE SUBMITTED AND APPLICATION NUMBER GENERATED, NO CLAIMS FOR MAKING CHANGES IN ANY ENTRY/FIELD SHALL BE ENTERED AT ANY LATER STAGE.
e.	CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATIONS MUCH BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE AND NOT TO WAIT TILL THE LAST DATE TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCONNECTION/ INABILITY OR FAILURE TO LOGIN TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL ON ACCOUNT OF HEAVY LOAD ON THE WEBSITE DURING THE CLOSING DAYS.
f.	CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO UPLOAD THEIR LIVE PHOTOGRAPH, SIGNATURE (Size- 10 KB to 20 KB), CATEGORY CERTIFICATE (Max size- 100 KB in pdf format), QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE (IF ANY) CERTIFICATES (SELF ATTESTED) (Max size- 100 KB in pdf format) AS REQUIRED FOR THE RESPECTIVE POST(S).
g.	SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORMS IMPLIES THAT CANDIDATE IS WILLING AND IS IN AGREEMENT TO UNDERGO SCREENING FOR ALL THE SECURITY AND SCRUTINY MECHANISM AS HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE BY THE BOARD, WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS INCLUDES PHYSICAL FRISKING, DOOR FRAME METAL DETECTORS (DFMDs) SCANNING, BIOMETRIC CAPTURING, FACIAL RECOGNITION SCREENING, AADHAR AUTHENTICATION ETC.
h.	THE BOARD WILL NOT UNDERTAKE DETAILED SCRUTINY OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER ASPECTS AT THE TIME OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND, THEREFORE, CANDIDATURE WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY PROVISIONALLY. HOWEVER, INELIGIBLE CANDIDATE(S), AS AND WHEN COMES INTO THE NOTICE OF THE BOARD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBSEQUENT STAGE(S) OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS. THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO GO THROUGH THE REQUIREMENTS OF EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION, AGE, ETC. AND SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE POST(S). COPIES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE SOUGHT AT THE TIME OF DOCUMENT VERIFICATION. WHEN SCRUTINY IS UNDERTAKEN, IF ANY CLAIM MADE IN THE APPLICATION IS NOT FOUND SUBSTANTIATED, THE CANDIDATURE WILL BE CANCELLED AND THE BOARD'S DECISION IN THIS RESPECT SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.
i.	CANDIDATES SEEKING RESERVATION BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR RBA/SC/ST/ST-2/OBC/EWS/ALC/IB/PWBD/ESM MUST ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO SUCH RESERVATION AS PER ELIGIBILITY CONDITION(S) PRESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE IN POSSESSION OF THE CERTIFICATES IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT IN SUPPORT OF THEIR CLAIM, ON OR BEFORE THE CUT-OFF DATE.CANDIDATES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO UPLOAD THE (VALID WITH-IN CUT-OFF DATE) CATEGORY CERTIFICATE WHILE FILLING UP THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.
j.	WHEN APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFULLY SUBMITTED, IT WILL BE ACCEPTED 'PROVISIONALLY'. CANDIDATE SHOULD TAKE PRINTOUT OF THE APPLICATION FORM AND SUBMIT THE SAME AT THE TIME OF DOCUMENTS VERIFICATION. THE CANDIDATES ARE FURTHER ADVISED NOT TO SUBMIT THE HARD COPIES OF THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM IN THE OFFICE OF THE SERVICES SELECTION BOARD EITHER IN PERSON OR BY POST/EMAIL.
k.	ONLY ONE ONLINE APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SAME ITEM NUMBER IS ALLOWED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATE. THEREFORE, THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE AT THE TIME OF FILLING THEIR ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS. IN CASE, MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION OF A CANDIDATE IS DETECTED FOR THE SAME ITEM NO., THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER LATEST APPLICATION. IF A CANDIDATE SUBMITS MULTIPLE APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SAME POST AND APPEARS IN THE EXAMINATION (AT ANY STAGE) MORE THAN ONCE FOR THE POST OF THE SAME ITEM NO., HIS/HER CANDIDATURE WILL BE CANCELLED AND THEY WILL BE DEBARRED FROM THE EXAMINATIONS OF THE BOARD AS PER RULES.
l.	REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OR CHANGE IN THE PREFERENCES ONCE FILLED RELATING TO CADRE AND DEPARTMENT, IF APPLICABLE, SHALL NOT BE ENTERTAINED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
m.	APPLICATIONS WITH BLURRED/ ILLEGIBLE PHOTOGRAPH/ SIGNATURE WILL BE REJECTED SUMMARILY.
n.	THE CANDIDATES MUST CARRY TWO PASSPORT SIZE RECENT (NOT OLDER THAN 06 MONTHS, WITH DATE MENTIONED) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND A LATEST PHOTO- BEARING IDENTIFICATION PROOF SUCH AS Aadhaar Card/ PRINTOUT OF E-AADHAR, DRIVING LICENSE, VOTER CARD, PAN CARD, IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/ EMPLOYER (GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER OFFICE, WHERE THE CANDIDATE MAY BE WORKING, ETC) IN ORIGINAL TO THE EXAMINATION VENUE, FAILING WHICH THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR FOR THE SAME. PWBD CANDIDATES USING THE FACILITY OF SCRIBE SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO CARRY REQUIRED MEDICAL CERTIFICATE/ UNDERTAKING/ PHOTOCOPY OF THE SCRIBE'S PHOTO ID PROOF, AS SPECIFIED THEREIN.
o.	IN CASE OF FAKE/ FABRICATED APPLICATION/ REGISTRATION BY MISUSING ANY DIGNITARIES NAME/ PHOTO, SUCH CANDIDATE(S)/ SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAME AND LIABLE FOR SUITABLE LEGAL ACTION UNDER CYBER/ IT ACT/RELEVANT RULES.
p.	FEE PAYABLE: RS.600/- (RUPEES SIX HUNDRED ONLY). IN CASE OF CANDIDATES BELONGING TO SC, ST-1, ST-2, PWBD & EWS CATEGORIES, THE FEE PAYABLE SHALL BE RS.500/- (RUPEES FIVE HUNDRED ONLY).
q.	THE CANDIDATES SHALL CAREFULLY INDICATE THE ITEMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE APPLYING AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION FOR ONLY THOSE ITEM(S) FOR WHICH HE/SHE HAS APPLIED AND IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE. EACH CANDIDATE APPLYING FOR SUCH MULTIPLE ITEMS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO CLEARLY INDICATE THE ITEMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE COMPETING (DEPENDING UPON THEIR PREFERENCE AND ELIGIBILITY) AND THE FINAL ALLOTMENT AGAINST THE ADVERTISED POSTS / SERVICES/CADRE SHALL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF MERIT-CUM-PREFERENCES OF THE CANDIDATE.

1. PROCEDURE FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION:

The necessary instructions regarding filling up of online applications, including the details of the Online Portal in this regard shall be made available on the Board's Website separately. Candidates will be required to fill the application form in online mode only and no other means/mode of application will be accepted.

2. IN-SERVICE CANDIDATES:

In service candidates shall submit print out of filled online application form along-with duly filled, signed and stamped Certificate given at last paragraph of the application form through proper channel viz; the concerned Head of Department/Designated Authority. The Head of Department concerned shall forward the application form of the in-service candidates to the Office of the Secretary, Services Selection Board by or before the last date of Document Verification. Such candidates shall also indicate the same while submitting online form.

3. FINALITY OF DECISION OF THE BOARD:

The decision of the Board in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of tests / examination(s), allotment of examination centre, debarment for indulging in malpractices, preparation of result / merit list, etc. will be final and binding on the candidates and no enquiry/ correspondence in this regard will be entertained.

4. ABBREVIATIONS:

OM-Open Merit, SC-Scheduled Castes, ST-Scheduled Tribes, RBA-Residents of Backward Areas, EWS-Economically Weaker Sections, OBC- Other Backward Classes, ALC/IB- Residents of areas adjoining Line of Actual control/International Border, ESM- Ex-Servicemen, PwBD- Persons with Benchmark Disabilities, DV- Document Verification.

Sd/-
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Secretary,
J&K Services Selection Board.

No. JKSSB-PLAN/6/2025-03 (E-7661495)

Dated: 04.08.2026

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**SPIDERMAN
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