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‘Op Sindoor’ demonstrated India’s resolve to protect citizens: Rajnath

Says action led to elimination of terrorists, their handlers based in Pakistan

Sajid Raina

New Delhi, Sep 26: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said ‘Operation Sindoor’ demonstrated India’s resolve to go to any extent to protect its citizens and led to the elimination of terrorists and their handlers based in Pakistan.

Addressing a blood donation camp at the Base Hospital in Delhi Cantonment, Singh, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said the operation showcased the “unmatched valour” of the country’s armed forces and sent a global message about India’s determination to safeguard its people.

“Operation Sindoor demonstrated the unmatched valour of our defence forces who sent a global message that India will go to any extent to ensure the safety of its citizens,” Singh said.



He said the operation demonstrated India’s resolve to respond to terrorism and those behind attacks on the country. Singh said the armed forces had eliminated terrorists

and their handlers based in Pakistan, adding that those who attempted to target India had faced consequences. Drawing a comparison between ‘Operation Sindoor’ and

the blood donation campaign, Singh said while the military operation represented courage, the donation drive represented compassion and service.

He said the blood collected during the camp would help maintain reserves for soldiers and their families requiring medical treatment.

For the Armed Forces Medical Services, maintaining adequate blood reserves is particularly important as military hospitals cater not only to routine healthcare requirements but also to operational emergencies, trauma cases and other contingencies.

Singh also called upon young people to make voluntary blood donation a regular practice, saying blood remained a resource that could not be artificially manufactured despite advances in medical science.

He said every donor and recipient contributed to the

larger cause of serving society and urged people to develop a culture of voluntary blood donation.

Nearly 1,000 sportspersons from Maharashtra were among those participating in the initiative, according to the Defence Ministry.

Singh also linked physical fitness with social service, saying healthy and fit citizens were better placed to contribute to society and participate in activities such as blood donation.

The Minister said the country should aspire to become not only a developed economy by 2047 but also a compassionate society where people are healthy and safe and essential resources such as blood are available during emergencies.

The event was attended by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Minister of State for Ayush Pratap | [More on P6](#)

LG Sinha lauds Armed Forces for successful eye camp



KNO Correspondent

Srinagar, Sep 26: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday lauded the Armed Forces Medical Services for successfully conducting a mega eye surgical camp under Operation Drishti at Tangdhar in Karnah, where 220 people underwent eye surgeries.

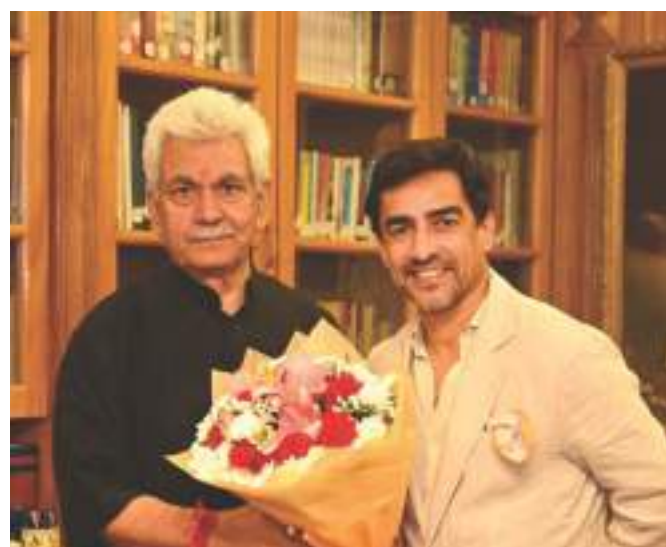
In a post on X, LG Sinha said, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), “Restoring sight to 220 people in an underground

operation theatre in a challenging border area is a remarkable achievement.”

He said the medical team, led by Brig. Sanjay Kumar Mishra, demonstrated the spirit of Operation Sadbhavana by taking advanced eye-care services to remote border areas.

“The dedication of the medical team, led by Brig. Sanjay Kumar Mishra, embodies the true spirit of Operation Sadbhavana,” the LG said.

He added, “Bringing advanced eye | [More on P6](#)



Mithun Manhas, President, The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday

JKPSC, JKSSB collect over Rs 82 cr fee from aspirants in two years

Waris Fayaz

Srinagar, Sep 26: Two major recruiting agencies, Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) and Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB) collected over Rs 82 crore as examination and application fees from job aspirants in two years, reveals the government data accessed by the news agency Kashmir News Observer.

It reveals that JKPSC collected Rs 15,00,99,000, while JKSSB collected Rs 67,44,41,800 during the period.

The government, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said the examination and application fees are utilised to

partly meet the expenditure incurred in the recruitment process.

It said the expenditure includes administrative, technical and logistical costs, scrutiny and processing of applications, conduct of examinations, engagement of examination centres and manpower, preparation and handling of question papers, security arrangements, IT infrastructure, evaluation and declaration of results.

The government further said recruiting agencies prescribe applicable fees in accordance with relevant rules and provide concessions to specified categories wherever admissible under the prescribed provisions.

The practice, it said, is broadly

LoP Sharma calls on HM Amit Shah

» Discusses J&K key issues, including SPO salary hike » Home Minister assures all possible support

Rehan Qayoom Mir

New Delhi, Sep 26: Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly Sunil Sharma, today called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and held detailed discussions on a range of important issues concerning Jammu & Kashmir.

In a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), a BJP spokesman said that LoP Sharma apprised the Union Home Minister about matters related to the prevailing security situation, law and order, development initiatives, public concerns, and matters related



to the ongoing session of the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

Sharma, according to the statement, also raised the issue of enhancement of

salaries of Special Police Officers (SPOs), which is at the final stage, and requested that the matter be expedited for its early conclusion. “He also highlighted | [More on P6](#)

PHE biggest defaulter in power tariff payments; Rs 1,476.11 cr outstanding

Followed by I&FC, CRPF, Home Dept; PDD itself owes Rs 123.73 crore

Waris Fayaz

Srinagar, Sep 26: The Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) emerged as the biggest defaulter among Jammu and Kashmir government departments in power tariff payments, with outstanding dues of Rs 1,476.11 crore.

According to government data, accessed by news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Irrigation and Flood Control Department

(I&FC) follows with Rs 594.25 crore in outstanding power dues, while the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) owes Rs 344.30 crore.

The Home Department has Rs 297.93 crore in outstanding dues, followed by municipalities with Rs 262.75 crore, data shows.

The Army owes Rs 212.75 crore, while the Revenue and Relief Department has outstanding power dues of Rs 170.60 crore. The Housing and Urban Development Department has arrears of Rs 166.40 crore.

The Power Development Department itself has Rs 123.73 crore | [More on P6](#)

IGP Kashmir calls for stronger beat-level policing

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Sep 26: Zonal Police Headquarters Kashmir organized one day conference to activate and sensitise field officers regarding Beat Level Policing at PCR Kashmir. The conference was held under the chairmanship of IGP Kashmir Sujit Kumar-IPS, and was attended by all Range DIsG of Kashmir Zone, all district SSpPs of Kashmir Zone, SSP PCR Kashmir, and other field officers of Kashmir Zone.

According to a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the conference commenced with the inaugural address by IGP Kashmir Sujit Kumar-IPS, who emphasized the importance of an effective, accountable and technology-enabled



beat system as the foundation of preventive and community-oriented policing. The Range DIsG discussed the current status of Beat Policing and challenges in its implementation. They focused on beat structuring, crime mapping, identification of vulnerable locations, preventive measures, surveillance and coordination. They

also emphasized standardization of core beat duties, roles and responsibilities of Beat Officers, and adherence to pre-scripted protocols. The District SSpPs/participating officers also focused on digitization of Beat Books through structured data and innovative technologies. They discussed the use of CCTV, police databases | [More on P6](#)

Man dies of electric shock in Pulwama

KNO Correspondent

Pulwama, Sep 26: A 40-year-old man died after suffering an electric shock at his home in the Keegam area of Pulwama district on Saturday.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the man suffered an electric shock at his home in Keegam, Pulwama.

He said the man was shifted to District Hospital (DH) Pulwama in an unconscious state, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. He was identified as Showkat Ahmad Rather (40), son of Bashir Ahmad | [More on P6](#)

J&K unlikely to get new CRIF road projects amid Rs 1,210 cr outstanding liability

Jahangeer Ganaie

Jammu, Sep 25: Jammu and Kashmir is unlikely to receive approval for new road projects under the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) scheme in the immediate future, with the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways citing outstanding liabilities of around Rs 1,210 crore against an annual fund allocation of just Rs 150 crore.

In a communication, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Kashmir

News Observer (KNO), regarding the approval of road projects under CRIF, the Ministry said the existing financial commitments of the Union Territory were substantially higher than its annual fund accrual, making it difficult to take up additional projects.

The Ministry said the finalisation of road projects under the scheme depends on several factors, including the priority list submitted by the government, outstanding liabilities of previously sanctioned | [More on P6](#)

Ministry of Railways withdraw Baramulla-Uri rail link, Qazigund-Budgam doubling project for now

Umaisar Gull Ganie

Qazigund, Sep 26: The Ministry of Railways has withdrawn two proposed projects in Jammu and Kashmir — the Baramulla-Uri new rail line and Qazigund-Srinagar-Budgam railway doubling project.

In a communication addressed to the General Manager, Northern Railway, the Ministry of Railways, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) stated that the two projects “have been returned by Cabinet Secretariat and are no longer under consideration.”

The ministry had earlier



proposed a 46-km Baramulla-Uri new rail line and a 118-km Qazigund-Srinagar-Budgam doubling project to strengthen rail connectivity in the region. The survey for the Baramulla-Uri new line and the doubling project had

been completed and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) prepared. However, the ministry has clarified that preparation of DPRs did not amount to final sanction of the projects.

As per the ministry, final approval of | [More on P6](#)

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Azad questions poll process, calls for opposition unity

Umaisar Gull Ganie

Qazigund, Sep 26: DPAP president and former J&K Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday called for an investigation into the controversy involving Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), saying objections raised by two Election Commissioners cannot be ignored. Azad, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said the commissioners had repeatedly objected to the | [More on P6](#)

NCORD Meeting

DC Anantnag directs sustained action against drug menace



KT News Desk

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 26: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, Saturday chaired the 35th meeting of the Narcotics Coordination Committee (NCORD) at the DC Office Complex, Anantnag, to review the measures being undertaken to combat drug abuse, strengthen enforcement, intensify awareness and ensure effective rehabilitation support across the district.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for sustained, coordinated and field-oriented action by all concerned departments and enforcement agencies to effectively tackle the drug menace. He called for stronger inter-departmental coordination, particularly in identified drug hot-spots, and directed the concerned departments to ensure that vulnerable individuals are promptly identified and connected with counselling, treatment and rehabilitation services.

The DC emphasized that enforcement against drug peddling and illicit cultivation must go hand in hand with preventive measures, awareness generation, counselling and rehabilitation. He directed all stakeholders to maintain close coordination and ensure regular monitoring of vulnerable areas.

The DC also directed the Executive Officers of Municipal Committees to conduct regular drives against the growth of cannabis plants in public places, including riverbanks, parks, roadsides and other urban areas. The concerned officers were asked to undertake regular field visits and ensure that public spaces do not become vulnerable spots for drug-related activities.

The Tehsildars were directed to ensure immediate identification and destruction of illicit cannabis cultivation in their respective jurisdictions and to coordinate closely with the Police Department for identification and legal action against persons involved in illegal cultivation.

Dr. Bilal stressed the importance of strengthening database management and field-level intelligence, besides ensuring effective handholding of Lambardars, Chowkidars and other field functionaries so that information regarding illicit cultivation, drug abuse and related activities reaches the concerned authorities promptly.

The meeting also reviewed the progress achieved under the 100 Days Nasha Mukat J&K Campaign and the action taken on the directions issued during previous NCORD meetings. Representatives of various departments and institutions briefed the chair about the measures undertaken

since the last meeting to curb drug abuse and generate awareness about its harmful effects.

The Principals of Government Degree Colleges informed the meeting that CCTV cameras have been installed in college campuses, while frisking, regular monitoring and visits to college premises are being undertaken to ensure a safe and drug-free environment for students. Awareness programmes and other preventive measures are also being conducted in the institutions.

The Excise Department informed the meeting that 18 marlas of poppy cultivation had been destroyed, while 124 FIRs involving 139 NDPS cases had been registered against persons involved in drug-related offences. Regular field-monitoring teams have also been deployed to identify illicit cultivation and initiate action as per law.

The Assistant Drug Controller apprised the meeting that eight medical licences had been cancelled for violations of prescribed regulations, reflecting strict regulatory action against violations under the drug-control framework.

Representatives of the Education Department informed the meeting that awareness programmes and counselling activities are being conducted in schools, particularly among targeted classes. Schools are also actively participating in the Nasha Mukat Jammu & Kashmir initiative and undertaking activities aimed at sensitizing students about the harmful effects of substance abuse.

Doctors from Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag informed the meeting that more than 21 patients had been treated in the IPD during the last 15 days. The GMC currently has 10 rehabilitation beds available for persons affected by drug addiction. It was further informed that more than 150 counsellors have been trained to undertake awareness and counselling activities at the grassroots level.

Preparations reviewed for Kisan Mela in Shopian

KT News Desk

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 26: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone Saturday convened a meeting of district officers at the Mini-Secretariat Shopian to review preparations for the upcoming Kisan Mela.

During the meeting, the ADDC took a detailed review of the arrangements and activities planned for the event and stressed upon all concerned departments to work in close coordination for its successful conduct.

He directed the officers to ensure effective participation of farmers, adequate arrangements at the venue and proper dissemination of information regarding various schemes, technologies and farmer-oriented initiatives.

The ADDC underscored the importance of the Kisan Mela in providing farmers with a platform to interact with experts, access information on modern agricultural practices and to learn about various government schemes and support programmes. He called for concerted efforts and meticulous planning by all stakeholders to make the Kisan Mela informative, beneficial and successful for the farming community of the district.

The ADDC also directed all district officers to undertake extensive mass awareness among farmers to ensure greater participation in the event and encourage the farming community to adopt and derive benefits from the latest technologies in agriculture.

The meeting was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer, Shahnawaz Ahmad Shah, CHO, Muneer Ahmed, CAHO, Gh Mohiuddin, District Manager, NRLM and other concerned district officers and officials.

Census 2027

Quiz competition-cum-seminar held at GMHSS Ranibagh Anantnag



KT News Desk

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 26: Emphasising the vital importance of accurate, inclusive and technology-driven census data in strengthening governance, public policy and sustainable development, the Principal Census Officer, Anantnag, in collaboration with the Chief Education Office, Anantnag, organised a Quiz Competition-cum-Seminar on "Census 2027 in Digital Mode and the Role of Census Data in Nation Building and Policy Frame-

works" at Government Model Higher Secondary School (GMHSS), Ranibagh, Anantnag Saturday.

The programme brought together enthusiastic student participants from various educational institutions, providing them with a meaningful platform to enhance their understanding of Census 2027, its digital transformation and the crucial role of reliable census data in evidence-based planning, governance, resource allocation and policy formulation.

The occasion was

graced by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, Vikas Ahlawat, as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the significance of census data in understanding demographic patterns, identifying developmental priorities and strengthening the effective delivery of public services.

He appreciated the active participation and enthusiasm of the students and encouraged them to remain aware, informed and responsible citizens.

District Education Planning Officer, Anantnag, Assadullah Mir, graced the occasion as the Nodal Officer and Guest of Honour. In his address, he emphasised the important role of educational institutions in disseminating awareness about Census 2027 and nurturing among students a deeper understanding of the significance of authentic data in informed decision-making, effective planning and nation building.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KAMRAJ FOREST DIVISION

e- NIT No 05 of 2026-27 DATED:- 21-09-2026

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following work: -

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) INR (@ 2% of Adv. Cost)	Cost of Tender Document	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	Planting of Polybag raised saplings and Naked root saplings and providing & fixing of Barbed wire fencing with Angle Iron Posts in cement concrete Blocks in compmtt. 49/SL at Kultornard SL Range of Kamraj Forest Division under scheme CAMPA-NPV 2026-27.	11.764	23,529	Rs. 600	B, C&D	45 Working days
2	Planting of Polybag raised saplings and Naked root saplings and providing & fixing of Barbed wire fencing with Angle Iron Posts in cement concrete Blocks in compmtt. 38/Mt. at Pathri, of Kamraj Forest Division under scheme CAMPA-NPV 2026-27.	11.791	23,583	Rs. 600	B, C&D	45 Working days
3	Polybag raised saplings and Naked root saplings and providing & fixing of Barbed wire fencing with Angle Iron Posts in cement concrete Blocks in compmtt. 91/NL. in NL Range of Kamraj Forest Division under scheme CAMPA-NPV 2026-27.	14.149	28,299	Rs. 600	B, C&D	45 Working days
4	Planting of Polybag raised saplings and Naked root saplings in compmtt. 108/NL. in NL Range of Kamraj Forest Division under scheme CAMPA-NPV 2026-27.	1.637	3,274	Rs. 200	D	30 Working days
5	Planting of Polybag raised saplings and providing & fixing of Barbed wire fencing with Wooden Fence Posts in Earthen Pits for repairment of fencing in already established closure of 2014-15. in compmtt. 31/SL in SL Range of Kamraj Forest Division under scheme CAMPA-NPV 2026-27.	2.447	4,895	Rs. 200	D	30 Working days

The position of codal formalitiesin respect of above work(s) is as under:

Position of Funds	Budgeted
Position of AA	Accorded
Position of TS	Accorded

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website:-www.jktenders.gov.in.

Publishing Date:	25-09-2026
Download Start Date:	25-09-2026 From 09:00 AM
Bid submission Start Date:	25-09-2026 From 09:00 AM
Bid submission End Date:	02-10-2026 Up to 06:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	03-10-2025 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Conservator of Forests Kashmir North Circle Sopore.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) after technical evaluation is completed. Date will be notified separately.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406/Forest and Bid Security in the shape of EMD for requisite amount and pledged to Divisional Forest Officer Kamraj Forest Division.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e. BSD Form, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2026-27, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document).
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
- As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- The down percentage bids shall have to deposit additional performance security as per the circular issued by the finance department J&K vide No. FD-CODE/441/2021-02-158 dated 08/08/2025.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

Divisional Forest Officer,
Kamraj Forest Division,
Zangli Kupwara.

DIPK-6126/26
DATED: 26-09-2026

No: DFO/Kmj/Acctt/2026-27/ 317-20

JKTPO organises Export Awareness-cum-E-Commerce Onboarding drive in Budgam

KT News Desk

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 26: The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) organized an Export Awareness-cum-E-Commerce On-boarding Drive at Budgam as part of its scheduled activities for the year 2026-27.

The workshop was conducted in collaboration with the District Administration Budgam, Handicrafts and Handloom Department, District Industries Centre, Budgam, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Flipkart Samaratha and SBDU

Mission Yuva. The event was attended by officers from various concerned departments.

The workshop aimed at empowering local artisans, weavers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), startups and MSMEs of Budgam to leverage e-commerce platforms for wider market access.The workshop witnessed an overwhelming response with participation of over 130 sellers from the district, dealing in Kani shawls, Crewel Embroidery, MushkBudji Rice, walnuts and other ODOP products of Budgam.

RANGE POLICE HEADQUARTERS BATOTE
NOTICE-3

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Ct. Kuldeep Singh,
PID No. EXJ-005934 S/o Rumal Singh
R/o Vill. Chachwal Tehsil Hiranagar District Kathua
(Now District Samba)

1. Whereas, you were adjusted in the DKR Range vide ZPHQ Jammu Order No. 408 of 2021 dated 30.03.2021 and physically relieved from DPL Jammu on 26.05.2021 with the directions to report at this Hqrs.

2. Whereas, you were repeatedly informed through SHO Police Station Hiranagar vide this Hqrs. Signals No. Estt/ADJ/2021/2880-82 dated 12.06.2021, No. Estt/ADJ/2021/6742-44 dated 29.11.2021, No. Estt/ADJ/2022/1896- 98 dated 12.03.2022, No. Estt /ADJ /2022/ 6556-58 dated 16.08.2022, No. Estt/ADJ/2023/3350-52 dated 24.03.2023, and No. Estt/ ADJ/2023/7979-81 dated 20.07.2023 to report at RPHQ Batote for further adjustment, despite repeated communications and directions, you failed to report at RPHQ Batote till date.

3. Whereas, you remained un-authorized absent from duty for a period exceeding five years since 2021, such prolonged unauthorized absence constitutes grave service-misconduct and tantamount to dereliction towards duty which warrants stern departmental action against you under rules.

4. Whereas, you were served Notice-1 & 2 issued vide this Figs. endorsement No. Estt/Notice/ Adjust/2026/13443-50 dated 13.08.2026 and No. Estt/Notice/Adjust/2026/14271-78 dated 01.09.2026 through SHO P/S Ghagwal District Samba with the directions to report/join this Hqrs. Despite having been duly served with Notice 1 & 2, you have neither reported nor submitted any explanation in your defence, which reflects that you have lack of interest in serving the department in future.

5. Whereas, such act on your part is grave service misconduct/disobedience/carelessness/negligence attitude towards lawful duties, which is against the norms of disciplined force and loss of appointment in terms of rules 128 CSR VOL-Ist read with 208 (G) J&K Police manual VOL-2nd. Now I, Sargun Shukla, IPS, DIGP DKR Range call upon Constable Kuldeep Singh, PID No.EXJ-005934, S/o Rumal Singh R/o Vill. Chachwal Tehsil Hiranagar District Kathua (now District Samba) through the medium of this notice to show cause for un-authorized absence and as to why you should not be discharged from service. You are at the liberty to explain the cause of failure to join/report at this Hqrs. within 07 days positively from the date of issuance of this notice through SHO P/S Ghagwal. In case you fail to explain your position within stipulated time, it shall be presumed that you are not interested to serve in the department anymore and proceeding for your discharge from service shall be initiated under rules.

Hence, "Notice-3" is served upon you through your concerned Police Station i.e. P/S Ghagwal to join/ resume duties immediately otherwise stern departmental action

Sargun Shukla-IPS
Dy. Inspector General of Police,
DKR Range Hqrs. Batote

No: Estt/Notice/Adjust/2026/16037-43
Dated: 26-09-2026

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DATED: 26-09-2026

Sakeena Itoo lays foundation stones for development projects in Kulgam

KT News Desk

Kulgam, Sep 26: Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, today visited Kulgam and laid the foundation stones for various developmental projects in Banimullah and adjoining areas.

The projects, spanning road connectivity, education and healthcare sectors, were initiated in her presence.

During the visit, the Minister also held a public outreach camp in the remote and far-flung areas of the district to assess the public grievances and strengthen the healthcare, education and road infrastructure.

The Minister laid the foundation stone for a Health Sub-Centre at Zangalpora, to be constructed at a cost of Rs 29 lakh by the R&B Sub-Division, Devsar. She also laid the foundation for a double-storey, six-room school building at Banimullah, to be established



with an earmarked cost of Rs 95.88 lakh.

In addition, she laid the foundation stone for the 1.53-km Banimullah road, estimated to cost Rs 382.80 lakh and for an AYUSH Centre at Chanderg, Banimullah, coming up at a cost of Rs 29.12 lakh, aimed at enhancing access to healthcare and traditional systems

of medicine for the local population.

The projects are aimed at strengthening the developmental infrastructure in the area and improving access to essential public services, including healthcare, education and road connectivity.

Sakeena Itoo interacted with the local people and

enquired about development and welfare issues and the availability of government services being extended to them. She listened to the concerns raised by the people and stressed the importance of ensuring effective delivery of public services at the grassroots level.

The Minister directed the executing agencies to ensure that the projects are executed in line with the set regulations. She instructed the officers to regularly monitor the progress of the works and ensure their timely completion.

The Minister was accompanied by Director School Education Kashmir, Naseer Ahmad Wani, Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr. Nighat Yasmeen, Director AYUSH, Ajay Kumar Tikoo, Assistant Commissioner Development Kulgam, Bilal Ahmad Kamgar, Chief Education Officer Kulgam, Chief Medical Officer Kulgam, Executive Engineer R&B Kulgam and other concerned officers.

Speaker inaugurates inner link roads, lays foundation stone for bridge in Tangnar Sheikhpora

KT News Desk

Budgam, Sep 26: Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, today inaugurated the development works of inner link roads at Tangnar Sheikhpora, Chadoora, covering a total length of 2.4 kilometres and executed at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 lakh.

The newly developed road links are aimed at improving connectivity within the area and providing better and more convenient transportation facilities to the local population. The development of the inner link roads is expected to facilitate the movement of residents, students, farmers and other commuters, besides strengthening connectivity with adjoining areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Speaker emphasized the importance of strengthening basic infrastructure and improving road connectivity in rural areas. He said that well-developed road infrastructure is essential for ensuring better access to education, healthcare, markets and other essential services, while also contributing to the overall socio-economic development of communities.

He stressed on the executing agencies that development



works should be executed in a timely manner and in accordance with the prescribed quality standards so that the benefits reach the people at the earliest. He also called upon the concerned agencies to ensure proper maintenance of the infrastructure after completion.

Later, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather laid the foundation stone for a bridge connecting village Dharamsala Khampora Saria with village Wanpora.

The proposed bridge is expected to provide an important connectivity link between the two villages and ease the movement of local

residents. Once completed, it will improve accessibility and facilitate smoother transportation, particularly for people who presently face difficulties in crossing the existing route.

The Speaker said that the bridge would address a long-standing connectivity requirement of the people of the area and contribute to improving communication between the adjoining habitations. He underscored the importance of taking up infrastructure projects based on the genuine requirements of the local population and ensuring that such works are completed within the

stipulated timelines.

He further stated that development of road and bridge infrastructure remains crucial for improving the quality of life in rural areas and creating better opportunities for economic activity and public services.

Local residents and representatives expressed their appreciation for the initiation of the development works and the bridge project, stating that improved connectivity would provide considerable relief to the people and facilitate

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Ring Road Phase-I targeted for December-end opening: Div Com Kashmir

Says 46-km Galandar-Narbal stretch inspected, NHAI asked to expedite works



Raja Syed Rather

Srinagar, Sep 26 : Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg on Saturday said efforts are being intensified to make Phase-I of the Srinagar Ring Road (SRR) motorable by the end of December, with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) having fixed December-end as its internal completion target.

Garg inspected the 46-km Phase-I stretch from Galandar to Narbal

to review progress and address bottlenecks affecting the project.

Speaking to reporters, he said the visit was aimed at assessing issues at various locations and facilitating contractors to ensure timely completion of the project.

"NHAI has fixed the end of December as the timeline for completion, and efforts are underway to accelerate progress so that the target is achieved," he said.

During the inspection, officials informed

the Divisional Commissioner that major works completed so far include 143 culverts, 23 minor bridges, three major bridges, 18 light vehicular underpasses, two flyover-cum-interchanges, six overpasses, 12 syphons and 107 HPCs.

Garg reviewed ongoing works, including transmission tower shifting, construction of underpasses and connectivity to adjoining roads. He directed

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Div Com Kashmir reviews new alignments of Srinagar Ring Road Phase-III

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Srinagar, Sep 26: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the proposed new alignments for various stretches of Srinagar Ring Road (SRR) Phase-III, including Lasjan-Dalgate, Dalgate-Pandach and the proposed Parimpora-Dalgate Flyover.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), SSP Traffic, Director Airport Authority of India, Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Project Director NHAI and senior officers from KPDCL, KPTCL, PHE, I&FC, PWD, Air Force and

BSF.

During the meeting, the technical team of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) made a detailed presentation on the proposed new alignment for the Lasjan-Dalgate stretch. The revised alignment has been designed to bypass the Cantonment area as well as the Jhelum Bank.

After detailed deliberations, officers of the concerned departments observed that the proposed alignment was suitable and feasible for construction of the first eight kilometres of Srinagar Ring Road Phase-III.

Regarding the Dalgate-Pandach stretch, the

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Casual daily wagers' forum calls for Assembly gherao on Monday

Over 60,000 workers await regularisation, JKCDF questions delay in panel report

Rehan Qayoom Mir

Srinagar, Sep 26: The Jammu and Kashmir Casual Daily Wagers Forum (JKCDF) on Saturday announced an Assembly gherao on Monday, demanding regularisation of casual and daily-rated workers.

Addressing a press conference here, JKCDF president Sajad Ahmed Parray said over 60,000 workers were awaiting regularisation and questioned the delay in the report of a government-appointed committee tasked with preparing a roadmap on the issue.

Parray said the committee was initially given six months to submit its recommendations and workers were assured that regularisation would be taken up during the current financial year. However, he said, 18 months later, the government had indicated there was no timeline



for regularisation.

He said the issue was raised in the Legislative Assembly by CPI(M) MLA Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami, and the government's response had left workers disappointed.

Accusing successive governments of delaying the matter through committees, Parray said thousands of workers and their families continued to live with uncertainty despite years of service in government departments.

He said the forum

would intensify its agitation and urged workers to gather outside the Legislative Assembly on Monday.

Parray also appealed to political parties and legislators to press the government for an early resolution of the issue.

Earlier, the government informed the Assembly that 1,00,501 casual and other daily-rated workers had been registered through Aadhaar-based biometric identification and skill profiling (KNO)

Locals seek heritage tag for Asia's oldest Chinari in Budgam

Naveed Ul Haq Ganaiee

Budgam, Sep 26: The centuries old Chinari tree at Chattergam in BK Pora tehsil of Budgam, described in the J&K Legislative Assembly as Asia's oldest Chinari, has drawn renewed attention, with residents urging authorities to preserve the tree and develop the site as a heritage tourism destination.

Locals said that the centuries-old Chinari is a vital part of Kashmir's natural and cultural heritage but lacks the infrastructure and recognition befitting its historical significance.

Asadullah Ganai, an elderly resident, said the tree's legacy has been passed down through generations and called for its protection and promotion.

"We have known about this Chinari since childhood. Such a priceless heritage must be preserved for future generations and showcased to visitors," he said.

Another resident, Mohammad Yousuf Wani, said domestic and foreign tourists occasionally visit the site but expressed disappointment over the lack of facilities and development.

"A tree of such significance should be conserved

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Ganderbal's historic ziyarats get reconstruction push under Waqf Board

Raja Syed Rather

Ganderbal, Sep 26: Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board Chairperson Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Saturday inaugurated the reconstruction and upgradation project of the ziyarats of Hazrat Syed Jaffar Sahib (RA), Hazrat Syed Abdul Rehman Sahib (RA) and Syed Hajah Sahiba at Rayil Gund in Kangan area of Ganderbal district.

Andrabi said the J&K Waqf Board had resolved in 2022 to undertake the beautification and development of dargahs associated with Sufis and 'Awliya-e-Kiram' across Jammu and Kashmir.

She said the Board had undertaken works for beautification of dargahs and ziyarats, renovation of mosques and development of other assets under its jurisdiction.



"We have beautified the dargahs and ziyarats, renovated mosques and developed all the dargahs, ziyarats and other assets that come under the Waqf. In 2026, we have reconstructed and beautified our buildings and dargahs," Andrabi said.

She said the Waqf Board was working in line with Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's vision of taking forward infrastructure and development works.

On reports regarding removal of books related to Islamic literature from a library, Andrabi said she did not have sufficient information about the matter to comment on it.

On restoration of statehood in Jammu and Kashmir, the Waqf Chairperson said

the Centre had already given an assurance regarding the same.

"When Article 370 was removed, our Home Minister had said on the same day that statehood was the right of Jammu and Kashmir, and that statehood would be given. When the Home Minister and the Prime Minister have given this assurance, it is like a line carved in stone, and nobody can erase it. I am fully confident that the promise will be fulfilled," she said.

Reacting to criticism surrounding the functioning of the J&K Legislative Assembly, Andrabi said the Opposition had a role in raising issues concerning the people. She said governments should fulfil the promises made to the people and work towards addressing their concerns.

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Chanapora residents reiterate demand for PHC upgradation to 24x7 Sub-District Hospital

Jahangeer Ganaiee

Srinagar, Sep 26 : Residents of Chanapora and adjoining areas have renewed their demand to upgrade the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Chanapora to a 24x7 Sub-District Hospital, citing inadequate healthcare services and underutilisation of the existing infrastructure.

Locals have expressed concern over the non-functional X-ray unit at the health centre for the past six months, reportedly because an X-ray technician is absent.

Despite repeated representations to the concerned authorities, the facility has not been restored, forcing patients to visit private diagnostic centres for X-ray examinations, they said.

They said the unavailability of the facility was causing inconvenience and an additional financial burden, particularly for economically weaker families who depend on the government healthcare institution for affordable treatment.

The residents questioned the continued underutilisation of the health centre despite substantial investment in its infrastructure. The facility has a capacity of 50 beds and has reportedly been developed at a cost of around Rs 23 crore. It is equipped with two modular operation theatres, two oxygen plants, an uninterrupted power supply system, lift facilities and other modern medical equipment.

According to locals, the operation theatres were made

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12 Years Of Make In India India's Journey Towards A Manufacturing Nation

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As Make in India completes twelve years, the initiative has transformed India's manufacturing landscape by expanding production, investment and capabilities across industries. During this period, production has increased across electronics, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, steel, railways and defence. India has also developed the capacity to manufacture components, machinery, strategic materials and advanced technologies. Initiatives such as NSWS, PLI, PM GatiShakti and the India Industrial Land Bank have supported investment and production. New schemes focus on semiconductors, mobile phones, industrial parks, specialty steel and rare-earth magnets, further strengthening domestic manufacturing.

A New Direction for Indian Manufacturing
Twelve years ago, on 25 September 2014, 'Make in India' was launched with the ambition of becoming a global hub for manufacturing, design and innovation.

The initiative focused on facilitating investment, fostering innovation and developing world-class infrastructure. Guided by 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance', it has also sought to modernise processes and policies.

Over the years, Make in India has opened new opportunities for businesses and investors to participate in India's manufacturing journey. The initiative has subsequently been expanded under Make in India 2.0. The initiative now focuses on 27 sectors, which include 15 in manufacturing and 12 in services.

India's Manufacturing at a Larger Scale
Manufacturing has recorded strong growth over time. Recent indicators also point to continued growth in manufacturing.

Manufacturing Gross Value Added (GVA) at constant prices recorded a compound annual growth rate of 10.88% between 2022-23 and 2025-26 under the revised national accounts series.

Industrial output provides another indication of recent growth. The manufacturing component of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) increased by 7.0% during April-July 2026 compared with the corresponding period of 2025.

Rising Production Across Key Manufacturing Industries

The expansion in manufacturing is also visible across several industries, with substantial increases in production and capacity.

Electronics: Electronics production increased nearly sevenfold, from ~ 1.9 lakh crore in 2014-15 to ~ 13.11 lakh crore in 2025-26. Within this total, mobile-phone production rose approximately 32-fold, from ~ 18,900 crore to ~ 6.3 lakh crore over the same period. India is the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer by volume. Overall electronics production also recorded 15.8% growth in 2025-26 over the previous year.

Automobiles: Vehicle production reached 31.03 million units in 2024-25, ~33% higher than in 2014-15. Several vehicle segments also recorded significantly higher production in 2024-25 compared with 2020-21. Passenger and commercial vehicle production increased by 65% each. Three-wheeler production rose by 71%. Two-wheeler production grew by 30%.

Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices: India's pharmaceutical industry ranks 3rd globally by volume and 11th by value. Annual turnover reached 5,08,630 crore in 2025-26, growing at an average rate of 9.2% over the preceding five years. During 2025-26, pharmaceutical exports stood at 2,62,697 crore. Domestic manufacturing of medical devices rose by ~48.2%, from ~ 28,000 crore in 2019-20 to 41,500 crore in 2024-25.

Steel: Crude steel production increased from 81.7 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 170.0 million tonnes in 2025-26.

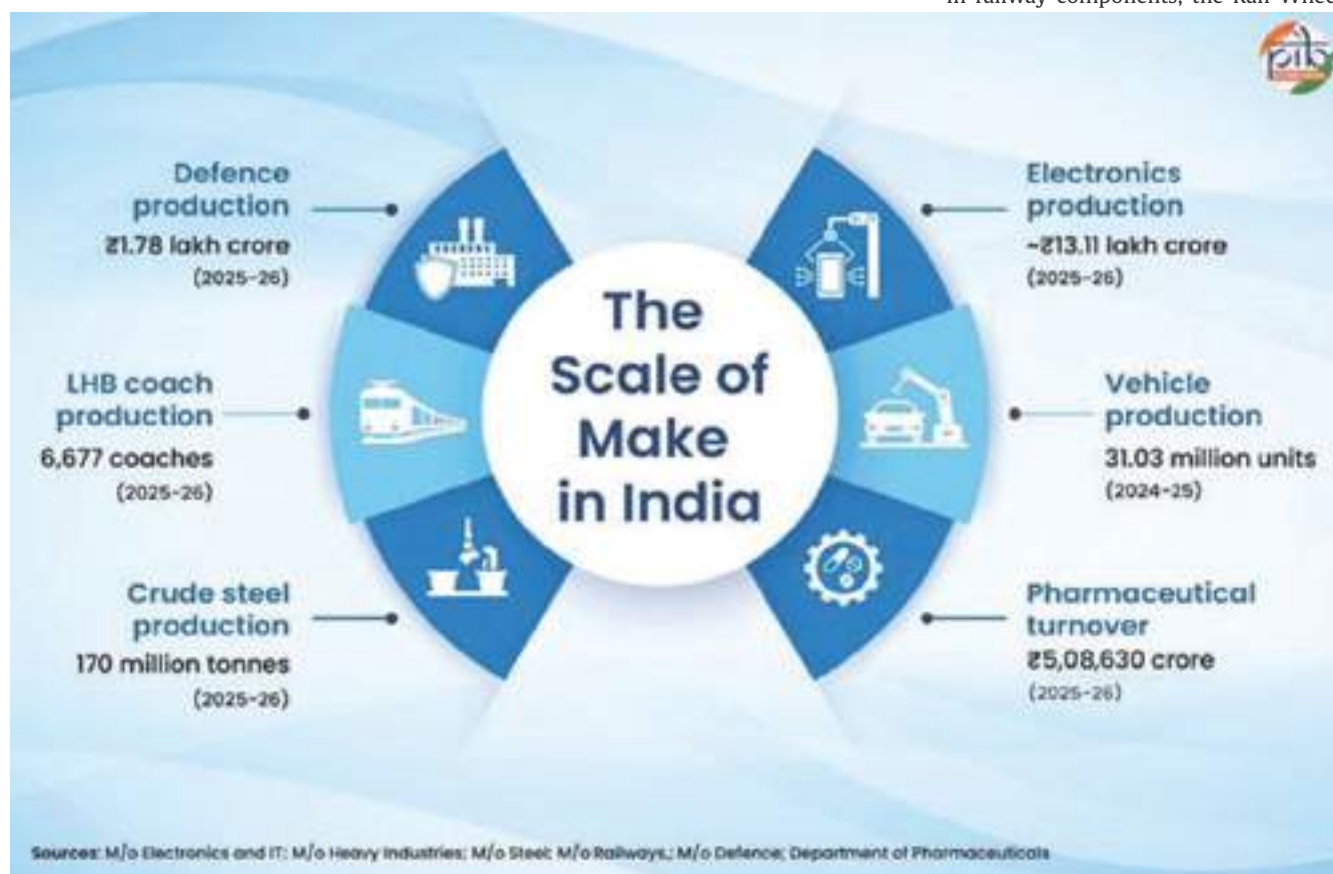
Railways: Indian Railways manufactured 54,809 coaches over 2014-24. Average annual railway coach production rose from less than 3,300 during 2004-14 to 5,481 during 2014-24. Domestic production also includes locomotives and modern passenger coaches. In 2025-26, Indian Railways produced 1,674 locomotives. 6,677 Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches were manufactured in 2025-26. These coaches are lighter, safer and designed for greater comfort and jerk-free travel.

Defence: The value of indigenous defence production increased from 46,429 crore in 2014-15 to a record 1.78 lakh crore in FY 2025-26. This reflected an increase of ~283%, bringing production to nearly four times its 2014-15 level.

Deepening Domestic Manufacturing Capability

The increase in final-product manufacturing is only one part of India's manufacturing journey. Domestic capabilities

MANUFACTURING SECTORS	SERVICE SECTORS
1 Aerospace and Defence	16 Information Technology & Information Technology enabled Services (IT & ITeS)
2 Automotive and Auto Components	17 Tourism and Hospitality Services
3 Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices	18 Medical Value Travel
4 Bio-Technology	19 Transport and Logistics Services
5 Capital Goods	20 Accounting and Finance Services
6 Textile and Apparels	21 Audio Visual Services
7 Chemicals and Petro chemicals	22 Legal Services
8 Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM)	23 Communication Services
9 Leather & Footwear	24 Construction and Related Engineering Services
10 Food Processing	25 Environmental Services
11 Gems and Jewellery	26 Financial Services
12 Shipping	27 Education Services
13 Railways	
14 Construction	
15 New and Renewable Energy	



increasingly extend into the inputs, components, systems and machinery used across industrial value chains.

Advanced Products and Strategic Materials

Advanced and Complex Pharmaceutical Products: India now manufactures complex and advanced pharmaceutical products. These include Trastuzumab Emtansine, the world's first biosimilar antibody-drug conjugate for breast cancer. India also manufactures Docaravimab-Miromavimab, the world's first anti-rabies monoclonal antibody combination. Mignaf is India's first developed macrolide antibiotic in three decades for bacterial pneumonia. Desidustat, a new chemical entity for treating anaemia in kidney patients, further reflects India's

capability in innovative drug development.

Rare-earth permanent magnets: A pilot plant for Nd-Fe-B (Neodymium-Iron-Boron) rare earth permanent magnets was established at the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad, in March 2026. These magnets are essential for electric vehicles, renewable energy systems, electronics and advanced manufacturing technologies. The facility will support technology validation, process optimisation and industry collaboration. It will also help scale indigenous innovations towards commercial manufacturing while supporting deep-tech startups and private-sector participation.

Components, Systems and Assemblies

Manufacturing capabilities now increasingly cover intermediate components, integrated systems and structural assemblies used in complex final products.

In semiconductors for space applications, ISRO and SCL developed VIKRAM3201 and KALPANA3201 microprocessors. VIKRAM3201 is the first fully Make-in-India microprocessor qualified for the harsh conditions of launch vehicles and was fabricated at SCL's facility. KALPANA3201 is a microprocessor designed to work with open-source software tools and has been tested with flight software.

In solar cells and modules, module manufacturing capacity rose from 2.3 GW in 2014 to 192 GW as of June 2026. Solar-cell capacity increased from 1.2 GW in 2014 to ~30 GW as of June 2026.

In electric-vehicle technology, an indigenous 30 kW drive system, combining the motor and inverter, was launched in March 2026. It has been designed, fabricated, and validated and is ready for commercialisation.

In aircraft manufacturing, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) opened its third Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1A production assembly line in October 2025, taking annual capacity to 24 aircraft. It also inaugurated a second HTT-40 trainer-aircraft production line, covering major structures such as the fuselages, wings and control surfaces.

In railway components, the Rail Wheel

strategic materials and specialised technologies.

Key Initiatives under Make in India
India's investor-friendly policy permits 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through the automatic route in most sectors, excluding certain strategic sectors. Cumulative FDI reached USD 843 billion during 2014-15 to 2025-26, rising 169% over the preceding twelve-year period.

The National Single Window System (NSWS) helps businesses identify required approvals and apply through a common digital platform. It currently provides access to over 327 Central approvals and 3,452 State approvals across 34 States and Union Territories. As of 21 September 2026, the platform handles an average of over 3.06 lakh applications annually. It has also onboarded over 5.69 lakh business entities, including proprietorships, companies, LLPs and foreign entities.

India Industrial Land Bank (IILB) is a centralised GIS-enabled platform offering up-to-date spatial and non-spatial information on industrial land across India. As of May 2026, the platform mapped 4,220 industrial parks, covering ~6.98 lakh hectares.

PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, launched in October 2021, enables infrastructure planning and coordinated execution across Central ministries/departments and States/UTs. It uses geospatial data, satellite imagery and API integration to support informed decisions on infrastructure development. Under this framework, the Network Planning Group (NPG) evaluates major Central infrastructure projects at the planning stage. It focuses on coordination, connectivity across transport modes, last-mile links and development around project locations. As of 11 August 2026, NPG had evaluated 396 projects worth ~ 18.66 lakh crore. Of these, 256 projects had been sanctioned, including 198 under implementation.

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes incentivise incremental production and sales across 14 sectors, including electronics, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, solar PV modules, specialty steel and textiles. As of June 2026, the schemes attracted 2.6 lakh crore in investment and generated 23.8 lakh crore in production and sales. They also supported more than 15.5 lakh crore in exports and created 14.6 lakh jobs.

Launched in January 2016, Startup India aims to nurture innovation, support startups, and encourage investment in India's startup ecosystem. As of September 2026, ~2.54 lakh entities have been recognised as startups under the initiative.

Deepening Manufacturing through Recent Initiatives

The Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Specialty Steel (PLI 1.2), with its third round launched in November 2025, covers advanced and emerging steel categories. This includes super alloys, CRGO steel, stainless steel long and flat products, titanium alloys and coated steels.

The Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets, notified in December 2025, has allocated 7280 crore to establish 6,000 MTPA of integrated manufacturing capacity for sintered NdFeB-type rare-earth permanent magnets.

Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVA), approved in March 2026, has allocated 33,660 crore to develop 100 investment-ready, world-class industrial parks with integrated industrial infrastructure.

The Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS), approved in July 2026, has allocated 62,500 crore for FY2026-27 to FY2030-31 to scale up mobile phone production and deepen domestic value addition. It also aims to strengthen supply-chain resilience and enhance global competitiveness.

Semicon 2.0, approved in July 2026, has allocated 1,27,500 crore to provide sustained, long-term support for India's semiconductor ecosystem. The support covers design, manufacturing, advanced packaging, materials, equipment, research and talent development.

Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan (BHAVA Rasayan), approved on 24 July 2026, has allocated 3,030 crore to facilitate the establishment of three dedicated chemical parks in India.

Conclusion

As 'Make in India' completes twelve years, it continues to strengthen India's position as a manufacturing and investment destination.

The initiative now goes beyond producing more goods and focuses on building the skills, technology and capacity needed to make them in India. As these foundations mature, Indian manufacturing is positioned to create greater value at home and compete with confidence across global markets.

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CS Atal Dulloo reviews progress under SBM(U) 2.0, AMRUT 2.0

Directs timely completion of ongoing projects, calls for leveraging SBM-U for cleaner, greener J&K

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 26: With Jammu and Kashmir making significant headway in modernising waste management and strengthening civic infrastructure under SBM-U and AMRUT 2.0, the Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo chaired a meeting to review the progress of these flagship Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) aimed at transforming the Union Territory's towns and cities into cleaner, greener and more sustainable urban centres.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by the Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department; Commissioner, Jammu/Srinagar Municipal Corporations; Managing Director, J&K Housing Board; Director ULBs, Kashmir/Jammu; Chief Engineer, UEED; Chief Town Planner, Jammu/Kashmir; and other senior officers of the Department.

While speaking the Chief Secretary emphasised that the Swachh Bharat Mission must go beyond creating sanitation infrastructure to bring about a visible and lasting improvement in urban cleanliness, public health and the overall quality of life of citizens here.

He underscored that cleanliness is a basic necessity, assuming even greater significance in Jammu and Kashmir being a tourist area and given its ecologically sensitive environment and the imperative of preserving its fragile ecosystems.

He underscored that the success of SBM would ultimately be measured by cleaner neighbourhoods, efficient waste management and sustained behavioural change. He urged ULBs to actively engage communities and ensure that the infrastructure created under the mission delivers tangible benefits to the public.

The Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD),



Mandeep Kaur took this occasion to present a comprehensive status of both the flagship urban development programmes, apprising the meeting of significant progress in scientific waste management, urban water security, wastewater treatment, legacy dumpsite remediation and technology-driven town planning.

She also highlighted the financial utilisation, timelines for ongoing works and measures being taken to achieve the targets within the stipulated schedules.

The Commissioner, JMC, Devansh Yadav, who is also the MD, SBM (Urban) & AMRUT, while talking over the presentation revealed that under SBM-U 2.0, against a total Phase-II allocation of 692.12 crore, expenditure of 96.97 crore has been recorded, with 57.95 crore available for ongoing works during the current financial year.

Elaborating further he apprised the meeting that the implementation of SBM-U 2.0 has achieved a significant progress here especially in dry waste processing, bio-remediation of legacy waste and establishment of waste-to-resource facilities.

It was revealed that out of the 78 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) targeted for setting up Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs), 62 have completed the works, while the remaining 16 are targeted for completion by December 2026.

Additionally the meeting

was informed that the 225 TPD Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) plant of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has achieved 50 per cent physical progress. Meanwhile the 300 TPD CBG plant proposed by Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) is presently under an extended bidding process.

In the Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste management sector, the 65 TPD JMC facility has been completed and is undergoing trials, while the 125 TPD SMC facility has achieved 95 per cent physical progress and set for completion by this year.

On legacy waste remediation, out of a total target of 26.29 lakh metric tonnes, 13.29 lakh MT has already been bio-remediated. JMC is scheduled to clear its remaining 0.80 lakh MT by October 2026, while complete remediation in the Kashmir Division is targeted by December 2026. Similarly work on the bio-remediation of 10.20 MT balance legacy waste of SMC is going on round the clock to be completed in a time-bound manner.

The meeting was also informed that treated wastewater from the Mehdi Kadal and Pahalgam STPs is being reused for irrigation of floriculture fields, promoting sustainable water-use practices.

With respect to AMRUT 2.0, the MD, divulged that a Central Assistance of 867 crore has been secured by the UT

under this Mission, with works amounting to 852.90 crore already allotted. He further added that during the current financial year 2026-27, 113.51 crore has been utilised out of 150 crore released so far.

The meeting was informed that J&K has completed all 22 approved water-body rejuvenation works, marking a significant milestone in the restoration and revival of urban water resources.

Moreover of the 65 approved water supply schemes under AMRUT 2.0, seven have already been completed, while 30 are targeted for completion by December 2026 and another 18 are scheduled for completion by March 2027.

Under the 'Jal Hi Amrit' initiative, against an incentive of 10.50 crore sanctioned for 14 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), five works have been completed. The STPs had also been incorporated with advanced systems including SCADA and Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring Systems (OCEMS).

The meeting was further informed about the progress under the GIS-based Master Plan for Class-II towns, being implemented at a cost of 22.50 crore in collaboration with the Survey of India. Drone-based mapping has already been completed for 14 towns, while mapping of all 18 identified towns is scheduled for completion by October 2026.

It was also highlighted that

the Community participation has also emerged as an important component of the urban transformation initiatives. In this direction Five Self-Help Groups (SHGs) had been engaged under the AMRUT Mitra initiative completing 100 per cent of the targeted 78,000 water-quality tests. Another 11 SHGs are undertaking green-cover initiatives and have so far planted 798 trees around sensitive water bodies and dumping sites.

Under sanitation workers' welfare initiatives, H&UDD has profiled 7,422 Sanitation Response Workers (SSWs) and distributed 713 specialised PPE kits. As many as 627 workers have been covered under Ayushman Bharat Health Cards, while the National Sanitation Helpline 14420 is fully operational, the meeting was apprised.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the department's initiatives under the Clean Himalayan and Hill Cities Initiative (CHHCI), under which 22.37 crore is being deployed across key ecotourism destinations.

At Katra, initiatives include container-based Pink Toilets and development of a plastic-free green corridor towards the Railway Station. In the same vein at Pahalgam and Patnitop, automated road sweepers, Reverse Vending Machines and women-friendly smart toilets are being introduced. Initiatives planned for Gulmarg/Tangmarg and Bhadarwah include a Waste-to-Wonder Park, eco-friendly SHG-based packaging and CCTV-enabled waste monitoring systems.

The Chief Secretary emphasised the need for sustained monitoring of ongoing works, adherence to prescribed timelines and effective utilisation of available resources to ensure that the benefits of these flagship urban development programmes reach citizens across the Union Territory.

Mission YUVA: 853 cases approved in Udhampur



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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 26: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa Saturday chaired a meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee to review and scrutinize cases received under Mission YUVA.

The meeting, as per an official statement, deliberated on applications received under various categories of Mission YUVA, including Nano Enterprises, MSMEs and other eligible sectors, with a focus on identifying deserving beneficiaries and facilitating timely financial assistance.

The meeting was attended by GM DIC Kishore Singh Katoch; Assistant Director Employment Priyanka Gupta; representatives from the banking sector and other concerned officers.

After detailed scrutiny and

deliberations, the Committee approved 853 cases for financial assistance, paving the way for aspiring entrepreneurs to establish new enterprises and expand their existing business ventures.

The DC directed the concerned departments to expedite the registration and processing of applications, encourage more youth to avail themselves of the benefits of Mission YUVA and ensure minimum rejection of applications through proper guidance, facilitation and hand-holding support.

The DC called for stronger coordination among line departments, financial institutions and other stakeholder agencies to accelerate the pace of the initiative and promote sustainable entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities for the youth of the district.

Virtual mock assessment of AAM SC Bhaboore conducted

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DODA, SEPTEMBER 26: The District Quality Assurance Unit (DQAU) on Saturday conducted a virtual mock assessment of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) Sub Centre Bhaboore, Medical Block Ghat.

The health facility, as per an official statement, is set to face the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) assessment shortly.

The mock assessment was conducted under the guidance of Chief Medical Officer Dr. Vinod Sharma to review the preparedness of the facility and identify areas requiring further strengthening ahead of the national-level assessment.

The virtual assessment



session was conducted by Umar Anayat and Faizan A. Trambo, who acted as assessors and carried out a comprehensive review of the NQAS-related parameters including documentation, service delivery practices, quality protocols and overall facility preparedness. The assessors interacted with the facility staff, reviewed the available records and documentation and provided valuable observations and guidance on areas requiring improvement and further compliance with NQAS standards.

DC reviews progress under PMAY-U 2.0 in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 26: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa Saturday chaired a meeting of officers of the Urban Local Bodies and other concerned departments to review the implementation status of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 in the district.

The meeting, as per an official statement, was attended by Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan and other concerned officers.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a detailed town-wise review of the implementation of PMAY-U 2.0 across one Municipal Council and two Municipal Committees in the district. The review covered the ULB-wise status of



applications under PMAY-U 2.0, physical progress of sanctioned Beneficiary-Led Construction of houses and the status of other sanctioned projects.

The DC directed the concerned officers to complete all pending works at the earliest and expedite the overall pace of implementation. He also instructed the initiation of recovery proceedings against beneficiaries who have availed financial assistance but failed to commence construction as per the applicable provisions. ACR was directed to closely follow up on the matter.

Field staff oriented for smooth rollout of VB-G RAM G in Rajouri

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RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 26: To ensure smooth and effective implementation of the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar & Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G), the Rural Development Department Saturday organised a day-long training session for field functionaries here in the Conference Hall of PWD Dak Bungalow.

The training, as per an official statement, was conducted on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, to sensitise field functionaries about the provisions, planning process and implementation modalities of the new programme.

Earlier, Master Trainers from Rajouri had attended a State-level training programme at



Jammu. These trained Master Trainers subsequently imparted the necessary orientation to field functionaries at the district level.

The participants were briefed on key aspects of VB-G RAM G and the preparatory requirements for the upcoming planning exercise scheduled for October 2. The training aimed to ensure that the planning process is undertaken in a coordinated, systematic and hassle-free manner at the grassroots level.

Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) interacted

with the participating field functionaries. He stressed upon the importance of proper understanding of the guidelines and coordinated efforts for effective implementation of the programme.

All the Block Development Officers, Block Master Trainers and technical staff participated in the day long workshop.

The session concluded with emphasis on timely preparedness, effective coordination and proper execution of the planning process for successful rollout of VB-G RAM G in the district.

Work on EMRS Hubbi Kotranka in full swing

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RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 26: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma Saturday inspected the progress of work on Eklavya Model Residential School coming up at Hubbi Kotranka.

The functionaries from Public Works Department-executing agency, gave a detailed account of progress on the Academic Block, Boys Hostel-cum-Kitchen & Dining Hall, Girls Hostel, Residential Quarters and Principal's Residence.

After reviewing the status of the works, the Deputy Commissioner directed the SE PWD(R&B) to expedite the pace of work and handover the Academic Block, Boys Hostel and Girls Hostel to the school management before March 2027. "The Girls Hostel must have a separate internal boundary wall to ensure the



safety, security of students," he directed.

The issue of water supply and external power supply to the campus was also discussed. The concerned Executive Engineers were directed to take measures to provide connections for the supply before March 2027 to facilitate smooth functioning of the campus.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed for adequate lighting along the boundary

wall/peripheral areas of the campus. He expressed satisfaction over the improved pace of construction as observed at the site and directed that the present momentum be maintained.

The DC was accompanied by ADC Kotranka Dil Mir; SE PWD(R&B) Manzoor Ahmed; CPO Maqsood Ahmed; Tehsildar Kotranka Sahil Shah; EXEN PWD(R&B) Kotranka, Mohammad Qasim and other concerned officers.

National Seminar on Unani Regimenal Therapy for Musculoskeletal Disorders held at KU

KT News Desk

Srinagar, September 26: The Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine (RRIUM), Srinagar, under the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, organised a National Seminar on "Il j bi'l-Tadb r for Musculoskeletal Disorders" under its Centre of Excellence (CoE) Project at Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, on Saturday. The seminar brought together academicians, researchers, clinicians, scholars and experts to deliberate on the scientific evaluation and clinical application of Unani regimenal therapies in the management of musculoskeletal disorders.

The inaugural session, as per a PIB statement, was attended by Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir, Prof. A.



Ravinder Nath, as Chief Guest. Director General, CCRUM, Dr N. Zaheer Ahmed presided over the programme. Director, National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM), Prof. Saiyad Shah Alam, MLA Hazratbal, Salman Sagar, and Principal, Government Unani Medical College, Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Iffat H. Shah, attended as Guests of Honour.

Welcoming the participants, Deputy Director, RRIUM Srinagar, Dr. Irfat Ara highlighted the activities of the Centre of Excellence in Il j bi'l-Tadb r,

established at the institute in 2022. She said the Centre is engaged in the systematic promotion, documentation and scientific evaluation of Unani regimenal therapies and has undertaken research projects aimed at generating evidence on their therapeutic potential.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Iffat H. Shah emphasized the importance of evidence-based healthcare and scientific validation of therapeutic procedures, while Prof. Saiyad Shah Alam underlined the relevance of Unani

regimenal therapies in contemporary healthcare and stressed the need for standardization, measurable outcomes and robust scientific evidence to strengthen their scientific foundation.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. N. Zaheer Ahmed highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary and collaborative research and noted that CCRUM has established partnerships with institutions including CSIR, ICMR, IITs and other reputed scientific and academic organizations to advance research in traditional medicine. He emphasized the need for high-quality scientific data, standardization, well-defined SOPs and innovation to strengthen the evidence base of Unani medicine. He also announced that CCRUM would provide an ambulance to RRIUM Srinagar to support public outreach and healthcare service activities.

EC statement exposed lies and malicious propaganda of Cong, Rahul Gandhi on SIR: BJP

PTI

New Delhi, Sep 26: The BJP on Saturday said the Election Commission's latest statement has exposed the "lies" and "malicious propaganda" of the Congress and Rahul Gandhi on the SIR issue.

"Rahul Gandhi was lying and running a malicious propaganda. He is a non-serious politician. The people of the country do not take him seriously," BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said.

The remarks came after the Election Commission (EC) on Saturday asserted that all orders related to Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls were issued after approval from all three election commissioners, and the changes in Form 6, through which names are included in the voters' list, have been upheld by the Supreme Court.

Amid the ongoing row over "differences" between two election commissioners and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, the EC said in a statement that letters sent by the two commissioners – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi – to the Cabinet secretary were not related to any policy matter of the Commission or its IT division, but to the working of an officer on deputation to the poll panel.

The work re-distribution orders issued by the officer concerned were not actually implemented after the orders of the two commissioners, and the oversight over the IT division by

the deputy election commissioner was never actually withdrawn, the EC said in the statement issued with the approval of the full Commission.

Commenting on the matter, senior BJP leader Prasad said, "Based on a media report which was factually wrong, the opposition, especially Rahul Gandhi, was levelling baseless and shameless allegations."

"The EC's statement has exposed the Congress and Rahul Gandhi," he said.

"When you win elections, everything is fine for you, be it election commissioners, voter list or EVMs. And when you suffer defeat, you start making a hue and cry," the former Union minister said.

"The BJP wins elections because people respect Prime Minister Narendra Modi and want to walk alongside him," he added.

Prasad also said that the country has emerged as a major global power and an economic powerhouse under Prime Minister Modi, with international rating agencies acknowledging India's growth rate of 7.8 per cent as a "global milestone" today.

"You also work hard, gain the trust of the people and win elections," he said, adding, "Why does Rahul Gandhi repeatedly blame the Election Commission for his own failures and the party's weaknesses?"

Prasad also took on Congress' allies, saying they should work hard to win elections instead of levelling baseless allegations

against the poll authority.

"I will tell one thing to the opposition parties. Wherever Rahul Gandhi and the Congress set foot, things get ruined. If the opposition parties want to see their own ruin, I have nothing to say," he said.

On the INDIA bloc's likely meeting in the national capital on September 30 to discuss its strategy, Prasad said, "Who would object to people smiling together for a photograph or sharing a cup of tea? The real question is whether there is any intention to walk together."

"The signs of this are already visible in Uttar Pradesh, where Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav went to Raebareli, prompting the Congress to say, 'We could go to your constituency too'," Prasad said, adding, "Let's see what happens next."

On the Congress pitching to bring an impeachment motion against CEC Gyanesh Kumar, the BJP leader said they can do so, but Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will take a call on the matter.

"Is there any substantive evidence (in the Congress) allegations against the CEC? I have great respect for press freedom. However, the press report (on division among election commissioners on the SIR process) was factually incorrect," he added.

The remarks came after a recent report in The Indian Express claimed that questions were repeatedly raised on issues related to SIR within the three-member EC by Sandhu and Joshi.

India can achieve over 10 pc economic growth, says Sitharaman

PTI

Bengaluru, Sep 26: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday expressed confidence that India could achieve economic growth of more than 10 per cent, stressing the need for greater adoption of technology and innovation, while cautioning against excessive scepticism about the country's prospects.

Speaking at a fireside chat organised by the IIT Madras Alumni Association here, she said higher economic growth would help accelerate India's journey towards Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat, but stressed that it would require "a lot more effort" from all sides.

"It is possible to reach 10 plus growth, and I'm not just saying it to pep you all up. It is possible," Sitharaman said.

She cited the growth of startups since 2015, saying they could make a significant contribution to the economy in the coming years.

Sitharaman emphasised the need to overcome cynicism and "nudge" people to think positively and recognise developments taking place on the ground.

"We have too many naysayers. We have too many people who have vicarious pleasure being derived if India fails. We really cannot afford that. We need to nudge these people to think positive," she said.

Highlighting the role of technology in agriculture,

Sitharaman said technological interventions had made a "spectacular difference" in connecting producers to markets and improving productivity.

She cited the use of technology to speed up harvesting and prepare land for the next crop, as well as drones and aerial geospatial instruments for precision mapping of land parcels that were earlier mapped manually.

"So, with the rapid movement of technology, the innovations which happen in startups will have to get into every sector," she said.

Sitharaman cited the use of point-of-sale (POS) machines in fertiliser distribution as an example of technology being used to prevent pilferage.

She said the POS system, which was still under pilot testing, recorded details of the farmer, land and crop being cultivated, and provided farmers with information on the quantity of fertiliser that may be sufficient based on soil, irrigation and crop conditions.

The minister said farmers would continue to have a choice in purchasing fertilisers, while the technology would inform them about the quantity that may be sufficient for their crop.

Sitharaman said excessive use of pesticides and fertilisers was contaminating soil and water, and technology could help address the issue.

"So the sooner these technologies reach these sectors, the better it is for India. You

will be optimally producing things and therefore adding to the growth," she added.

Sitharaman dismissed pessimistic narratives suggesting that India's growth would remain limited to just 2.5 - 3 per cent.

The minister highlighted that over the past decade, the Indian economy was pulled out of the 'Fragile 5' status, and the banking sector was rejuvenated with a support of over Rs 3 lakh crore.

Under the Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) policy, except for eight strategic sectors, all other fields, including space and nuclear sectors, have been opened up to private participation. This enabled Indian startups to actively participate in space missions to the extent of manufacturing satellites, she said.

She also said that by replacing colonial-era laws with the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and introducing simplified tax policies, the government is strengthening trust in citizens and entrepreneurs.

The ministry remains committed to developing appropriate policies and incorporating suggestions to facilitate patient capital for deep-tech hardware startups, she said.

At the event, the union minister also launched the 'IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund-I', an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) jointly initiated by Unicorn India Ventures (UIV) and IIT Madras / IITM Research Park.

Sitharaman also released the book "Cashless Nation:

How UPI Changed Everything", authored by Santanu Paul and B Sambamurthy.

Earlier in the day, Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi also addressed the event centred on the theme 'Atmanirbhar Bharat - Building a Self-Reliant India'.

He called upon the distinguished IIT Madras alumni to play an even greater role in this national journey by mentoring young innovators, accelerating technology commercialisation, supporting deep-tech entrepreneurship and connecting India's innovation ecosystem with global markets and opportunities.

"IITMAA Sangam 2026 is a key convergence point for technology, academia, industry, entrepreneurship, and public service, supporting India's journey towards self-reliance and Viksit Bharat 2047," he said.

According to him, India's electricity generation capacity has grown from 249 GW in 2014 to 552 GW today, including around 310 GW of non-fossil capacity, while the grid has recently managed a peak demand of 281 GW, with nearly one-third met through renewable energy.

"This growing infrastructure is enabling technological self-reliance, domestic manufacturing, and innovation," he said, adding that IIT Madras continues to demonstrate how research and knowledge can translate into technology, enterprises and solutions for real-world challenges.

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'Op Sindoor' demonstrated

Rao Jadhav, Maharashtra Industries Minister Uday Ravindra Samant, MP Srikant Shinde, Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth and senior military and civil officials.

Pertinently, the 'Operation Sindoor' was launched by India in response to the April 2026 terror attack in Pahalgam, which left 26 civilians dead, and marked a major escalation in India's military response against terrorism. (KNO)

LG Sinha lauds

surgeries, including phacoemulsification, retinal and glaucoma procedures, to remote border hamlets ensures that no citizen is left behind." (KNO)

J&K govt tweaks

been notified that a JJB member can be suspended if a criminal case is registered against them.

"If a criminal case is registered against the member concerned, if necessary the Government of Jammu and Kashmir may suspend the member immediately pending inquiry, for such term as appropriate; or after holding an inquiry and giving an opportunity of being heard in the matter," the Rules add.

The amendments also bar individuals associated with organizations receiving foreign contributions from being appointed as Chairperson or member of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

Similarly, those working in NGOs or organizations implementing the Act, where a conflict of interest may arise, are also ineligible for appointment.

According to Rules, in case of complaints against a CWC Chairperson or member, the Government must hold an inquiry and may suspend the person immediately, pending investigation.

"The inquiry shall be completed within a period of two months and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir may take appropriate action within one month of completion of the inquiry," the Rules note. (KNO)

LoP Sharma calls

key concerns being raised by the people of Jammu & Kashmir and discussed matters requiring continued attention, coordination, and support from the Union Government," it said, adding, "The interaction provided to deliberate on strengthening security, accelerating development initiatives, addressing issues related to public welfare, and ensuring timely resolution of matters concerning the people of the Union Territory."

During the discussion, the statement said, Home Minister Shah reiterated the Union Government's commitment to peace, development, and prosperity in Jammu & Kashmir and assured continued support and cooperation in addressing matters concerning the

people of the Union Territory.

Sharma expressed his gratitude to the Union Home Minister for his guidance and continued support on issues concerning the security, development, and welfare of the people of Jammu & Kashmir, it added.

Pertinently, this was LoP Sharma's second meeting with the Union Home Minister in the past four days. Sharma had skipped the Assembly proceedings on September 22 to fly to New Delhi. He also left the Assembly before its adjournment for the day on Friday to proceed to the national capital.

Meanwhile, a source told the news agency Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that LoP Sharma also met the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Nitin Nabin in the national capital. (KNO)

IGP Kashmir calls

and other digital tools for enhanced monitoring and intelligence-led policing at the beat level.

The conference concluded with an emphasis on the revival and effective implementation of Beat-Level Policing and community engagement. The participating officers pledged to further strengthen Beat-Level Policing through effective field-level implementation and greater community engagement. (KNO)

PHE biggest defaulter

in outstanding dues, followed by the Health and Medical Education Department with Rs 100.19 crore.

Among other major defaulters, MES owes Rs 89.50 crore, JK Cements Rs 59.57 crore and the Tourism Department Rs 57.90 crore.

The department-wise figures were provided by the government in response to Sajad Lone's question in the Assembly. The total outstanding power tariff against UT and Central Government departments stands at Rs 4,385.30 crore.

The PHE's outstanding dues alone account for over one-third of the total amount listed in the government statement. (KNO)

JKPSC, JKSSB collect

consistent with that followed by national recruiting agencies such as the UPSC and SSC.

"Accordingly, the examination/application fee is not treated as a source of revenue or profit," the government said, adding that the fee is primarily intended to partly defray the expenditure incurred by recruiting agencies in carrying out the recruitment process. (KNO)

Azad questions poll

process and questioned whether elections conducted after the deletion of names from electoral rolls should be considered valid.

"If two Election Commissioners themselves raise such concerns, an investigation should be initiated," he said, adding that demands for fresh elections cannot be dismissed

outright.

On the J&K Assembly's resolution seeking restoration of statehood, Azad said he continues to stand by the position he had earlier taken in Parliament.

He also urged the Opposition to unite and raise the issue in Parliament.

Azad said India has long been respected globally for its free and fair elections, citing former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's defeat in the 1977 polls as an example of democratic accountability.

He warned that questions being raised about the Election Commission could affect India's democratic image internationally. (KNO)

Ministry of Railways

such projects requires consultations with stakeholders and clearances, including appraisal by NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Finance.

The proposed Baramulla-Uri line was planned as an extension of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link from the existing terminus at Baramulla towards Uri, close to the Line of Control (LoC).

A senior Railway official told KNO that the projects could have been returned due to issues related to utility or availability of funds.

"The DPR preparation does not mean final approval. There are several other requirements and clearances before a project receives final approval," the official added.

He, however, said that the projects could be considered again in the future, subject to the required approvals and other factors. (KNO)

J&K unlikely to get

projects, the status of completed and finalised works, unspent balances from previous years and the annual availability of funds.

"For the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the total outstanding liabilities are about Rs 1,210 crore at present, whereas the annual accrual of funds for State Roads under the CRIF Scheme is at the level of about Rs 150 crore," the communication stated.

It added that, given the substantial gap between the existing liabilities and annual fund availability, it was "extremely difficult" to consider creating additional financial commitments by approving new projects under the scheme.

However, the Ministry has not ruled out fresh

approvals altogether, indicating that new road projects could be considered once significant progress is achieved on already committed works and the outstanding liabilities of sanctioned projects are reduced correspondingly.

The latest communication makes the clearance of existing projects and reduction of pending liabilities key factors

for J&K to secure fresh road projects under the centrally funded scheme.

The CRIF scheme provides financial assistance for the development and improvement of road infrastructure, with projects taken up based on fund availability and the priorities of the concerned governments.

For Jammu and Kashmir, the current financial position means that the focus

will remain on executing previously sanctioned projects and clearing existing commitments before new proposals can be considered. (KNO)

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Rather, a resident of Keegam. Cognizance of the incident has been taken and an investigation has been initiated. (KNO)

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Centre giving necessary support for manufacturing to remove dependency: FM



PTI

Puducherry, Sep 26: The central government has ensured through several budget announcements, necessary support to industry to either start domestic manufacturing for the long run or immediately for the short run, source it from elsewhere and remove dependence on other countries, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

The government was incentivising those who want to get themselves out of this dependence and be able to produce in our country.

Speaking at an interactive session at the Bharat Shakti Pondy Lit Fest here on Friday, the Finance Minister said, "our export account would say that we are still not adequately exporting to China. But actually it is going to China. But it never gets accounted like that because it goes to Vietnam and from Vietnam it sort of crosses the road and goes to China."

"It should technically be in my

account of I am exporting to China. It doesn't happen that way because and I will be blunt in saying this, it's not going to be diplomatic, people are not going to like it. We don't get market access for those goods which are of bulk value, both in quantity and also the value that we can realise out of it," she said.

Noting that India doesn't get the market access to China, she said whether it could be buffalo meat or pharmaceutical generic drugs both of which are bulk goods which they buy from India, but not directly. "They go via Vietnam, they go via somebody else. So, there are items on which we have done better in the export, though they constantly deny market access."

India has taken a conscious call that for some items, capacity should be created within the country. "We may be importing them now. But sooner, you will find that there will be a complete shift. All the active pharmaceutical ingredients at one point in time, India was the leaders... gradually because of

predatory pricing, we lost out on that game and we are not producing any. But now we've given incentives for people to restart," she said.

She said industries could produce their own APIs or KPIs also, which are required for our bulk drug industry.

The opposition's GDP number agenda had mala fide intent guiding it. "What hurts me more is to see them rejoice at what they perceive as India's failure. This country, against all odds, the people of this country against all odds, are doing their best bit and India is growing as a result of that," Sitharaman said.

On freebies and welfare schemes, Sitharaman said if a scheme is properly budgeted and financially sustainable, it shouldn't be sensationalised or strictly categorised as a "freebie." However, she warned against the dangers of unplanned welfare, noting that allocating 80 percent of tax collections to committed expenditures leaves only 20 percent for vital capital investments like schools and hospitals.

While discussing the financial strain of unplanned freebies, she cited an example of a previously revenue-surplus state that fell into a revenue deficit within three years. She noted that such states then seek to borrow beyond the established ceiling of 3 per cent of their Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) just to run the government. Addressing concerns around digital payments, she clarified that the proposed Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on UPI transactions is not a tax, cess or surcharge, and it does not go into the government's tax kitty. She assured that the MDR is strictly a fee between the merchant and the service provider and will not be passed on to the consumer.

India stresses resilient health systems, pandemic preparedness at UN



PTI

New Delhi, Sep 26: Representing India at the UN high-level meeting on 'Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response' in New York, Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava reaffirmed the nation's commitment to strengthening global health security through international cooperation.

She stressed the need to translate lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic into sustained investment, institutional capacity and resilient health systems.

Addressing the meeting at the United Nations Headquarters on Friday, Srivastava outlined India's coordinated approach to pandemic prevention and response across government and society, which covers a wide range of potential health emergencies.

She spoke of the country's efforts to expand laboratory networks, emergency coordination, health workforce, stockpiles and clinical care capacity to ensure systems are equipped to respond effectively to health emergencies.

She noted that these efforts must be rooted in national health systems, development plans and domestic financing, with international assistance complementing national responsibility.

Drawing on India's experience during COVID-19, Srivastava called for digital public infrastructure to be recognised as a global public good.

She noted that digital solutions played an important role in surveillance, vaccination, risk communication, supply chains and continuity of health services during the pandemic.

Srivastava also underscored the importance of solidarity and fair access to essential health products. During the COVID-19 pandemic, India supplied 300 million vaccine doses to around 100 countries and two UN entities, while providing medical assistance to over 150 countries. She said this reflected India's commitment to the principle of "One Earth, One Health" and to the Global South.

Referring to the WHO Pandemic Agreement adopted in May 2025, the Union health secretary described it as an important milestone and stressed that its credibility would depend on a fair Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) system.

She emphasised that countries contributing pathogens and biological resources must receive timely access to vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics, technologies and other benefits, while respecting national sovereignty.

Srivastava further stated that the political declaration should not prejudice ongoing negotiations on the PABS annex and should be implemented in accordance with national circumstances and capacities. On the 'One Health' approach, she called for its implementation, as appropriate, in accordance with domestic law, international law and national circumstances.

She also underlined the importance of member states' role in reviewing and consolidating pandemic prevention, preparedness and response tools, assessments and data, noting that such processes should be undertaken in consultation with member states given their policy implications.

INDIA bloc parties likely to meet on Sep 30 over EC row, other issues

PTI

New Delhi, Sep 26: Opposition INDIA bloc parties are likely to meet in New Delhi on September 30 to discuss concerns over the Election Commission and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, besides other issues, sources said.

The proposed meeting comes amid increased coordination among opposition parties over the Election Commission following reports of differences within the poll panel over aspects of the SIR exercise.

The parties have been in touch with each other on the issue and are discussing a joint response, sources added. The CPI(M), CPI and CPI(M)-Liberation have demanded the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and an immediate halt to the SIR, while the Congress has also stepped up its attack on Kumar. The Congress Working Committee is scheduled to meet on September 29 to discuss its strategy on the issue.

The developments have also brought West Bengal's bitter political rivals, the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC and the CPI(M), on the same page on the Election Commission issue.

CPI(M) general secretary M A Baby wrote to the INDIA bloc and other opposition leaders seeking a meeting over the developments, and subsequently spoke to Banerjee, who agreed the situation warranted coordinated action. Opposition parties are working on a fresh removal notice against CEC Kumar, which is likely to be submitted in both Houses of Parliament after being vetted by legal experts. It would be the third such attempt by the opposition. The opposition's latest mobilisation follows an Indian Express report that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi raised objections on several occasions over decisions and orders regarding the SIR.

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PM Modi pays homage to ex-PM Manmohan Singh



PTI

New Delhi, Sep 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday paid tribute to former prime minister Manmohan Singh on his birth anniversary and remembered his many years spent in public life, serving the nation with dedication.

Singh was born on September 26, 1932 in the Punjab province of undivided India and died in New Delhi on December 26, 2024.

"Tributes to our former

prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh Ji on his birth anniversary. He spent many years in public life and served the nation with dedication," Modi said in a post on X.

Singh assumed charge as India's 14th prime minister on May 22, 2004 and for the second consecutive term on May 22, 2009.

He was the Union finance minister between 1991 and 1996 and ushered in a comprehensive policy of economic reforms recognised worldwide.

Gandhi family not guardian of Indian democracy but a threat to it: BJP

PTI

New Delhi, Sep 26: The BJP on Saturday attacked the Congress, alleging that the Gandhi family is not the guardian of Indian democracy but a threat to it.

BJP spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari also alleged that the Congress's sole objective is to bring back the "Gandhi-Vadra family" to power at the Centre.

"For Congress: Parivarwad First, Parivarwad Only," Bhandari said in a post on X.

The BJP spokesperson claimed that India has already suffered the consequences of the "Gandhi-Vadra family's rule".

"The Emergency was imposed. The horrific anti-Sikh riots of 1984 took place. India failed to give a decisive military response to Pakistan after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. India surrendered an opportunity to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council. India was pushed into the infamous 'Fragile Five' economies. Nearly 60 per cent of Indians were left struggling in poverty," Bhandari said.

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It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the name of my ward has been incorrectly recorded in the School Record as "Suzaira Wani s/o MOHMAD AMIN WANI", whereas the correct name is "Suzain". S/O MOHMAD AMIN

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For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara, invites online e-bids in Two Cover system on item wise basis from registered/reputed firms for the below mentioned works:

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Whereas, an application for Re-registration/Transfer of Ownership has been received from Mr./Mrs/Miss JAFAR MOHMAD S/D/W of ASRUDEEN

Resident of VILL-KHORI KALAN THE TAURU DIST MEWAT HARIYANA 122105, in Respect of LMV/Three wheeler /Motor Cycle/ MOTOR CAR Bearing Reg No. HR27E5423 Chassis No MA1TH2MXNE2B23927 Engine NO. MXE4A15816

In favour of: FAROOQ AHMAD KHAN S/D/W of: ABDUL AZIZ KHAN

Resident of : KANGAN GANDERBAL KASHMIR (Transferee).

Now, therefore, it is notified for the information of the general public that the representation/objection, if any in connection with proposed Re-registration/Transfer will be received within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper Leading Papers to the address of undersigned.

No, representation/objection shall be considered unless it is made in written and shall be submitted within the aforesaid period.

No. JK/ARTOGI/.....
Dated:-.....

Sd/-
Authorized Signatory
Assistant Regional Transport officer
Ganderbal

China, US agree on AI safety channel, continue trade, military talks

AP

Bangkok, Sep 26: China and the US agreed to set up a channel for handling AI-related incidents and accelerate work on military crisis communications following a three-day summit between their leaders in Washington, both sides said in statements Saturday.

The two sides agreed to keep working together on a Board of Trade on selected bilateral trade issues, with the White House saying in a statement Saturday that the board went into operation this week.

The summit produced no major breakthroughs, but some experts say the steps toward greater cooperation were still considered important, allowing the two powers to set up working groups that could prevent problems from escalating.

Chinese President Xi Jinping landed back in Beijing on Saturday, according to Xinhua. During the visit, President Donald Trump was remarkably warm to Xi, despite having escalated a trade war with China the previous year that had global repercussions.

The two sides agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding on strengthening crisis communications and preventing crises between the two militaries, China's Foreign Ministry said Saturday in its readout. The one-page statement from the Chinese side was light on details.



Both sides will set up a communication mechanism for artificial intelligence -related incidents, to discuss related risks and benefits, with an AI-specific dialogue scheduled for November.

The statement said both sides will continue to work together on the pledge to reduce reciprocal tariffs on roughly USD 30 billion worth of goods. During the summit, the two leaders agreed to extend a trade truce by two months. The White House statement said China agreed to import at least 10 million metric tons of coal from the US in 2027 and 2028.

Most of the reduction in tariffs is aimed at non-sensitive goods, such as agricultural products or holiday decorations.

The statement from the White House also said the two sides continued to work on American concerns about rare earths supply, "with the goal of ensuring shipment levels return to

appropriate levels." China put export controls on rare earths last year in response to the US tariffs, cutting the supply sent to the US and other countries.

Both sides agreed to meet at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Shenzhen, China, in November, and then later at the G20 at the Trump National Doral Miami golf club in Florida. Both also said that Iran should honour its stated commitment to not develop nuclear weapons, and that no country should charge a toll on international waterways, in reference to the Strait of Hormuz, which has seen significantly reduced traffic since the US war with Iran began.

The US statement also said it welcomed China's move to add export controls for an additional two precursor chemicals for fentanyl, and both noted that law enforcement had been able to make arrests in fentanyl-related cases recently.

7 Killed as Russia, Ukraine exchange strikes

AP

Kyiv, Sep 26: Russian attacks killed four people across Ukraine on Saturday, officials said, as the aerial war between Moscow and Kyiv intensifies.

Russia has hammered Ukraine with cruise and ballistic missiles, powerful glide bombs and jet-powered drones while front-line progress has slowed, some 4½-years after Moscow launched a full-scale invasion of its neighbour.

"It is essential that our partners not forget: Russia is escalating every single day. If the Russians have chosen to make their strikes even more brutal, the world must choose stronger responses to keep the war from spreading further," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on Saturday morning. He listed "numerous strikes on residential homes" in the cities of Kyiv and Zaporizhzhia, and the Odesa, Sumy, and Kharkiv regions.

Two women in Zaporizhzhia died when they were trapped beneath the rubble of their destroyed home, Zaporizhzhia's regional military administration said. A separate Russian attack on the city of Sumy also killed two people, local officials said.

Ukrainian drones target Russian refineries Zelenskyy appealed at the United Nations earlier this week to countries to starve Russia of revenue through sanctions and trade bans, denying Moscow the money it needs to prolong the war. But despite years of diplomatic efforts, there is no sign of a breakthrough in ending the war.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's long-range drones have targeted Russian oil refineries and businesses. A Ukrainian drone attack on the southern Krasnodar region killed three people and wounded two, local officials said Saturday. Writing on Telegram, regional Gov. Veniamin Kondratyev said that a Ukrainian attack sparked fires at two industrial sites, but did not give further details. Russian media outlets later reported that a local oil refinery was targeted in the strike.

Russian attacks spark fires in Kyiv Elsewhere in Ukraine, two people were injured in the Kyiv region overnight after a Russian drone attack caused a fire at a warehouse in the Boryspil district. Russian drones also hit several districts in the Ukrainian capital itself, injuring four and damaging residential and office buildings, officials said.

Bangladesh, US sign MoU on strategic civil nuclear cooperation



PTI

Dhaka, Sep 26 : Bangladesh and the United States have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on strategic civil nuclear cooperation to deepen cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

The MoU was signed in New York on Friday by Bangladesh Prime Minister's Adviser for Science and Technology Rehan Asad and US Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment Jacob Helberg, according to Bangladesh's ruling party BNP's media cell.

The agreement comes as Bangladesh seeks to expand and diversify its

long-term energy sources. The country is developing its first nuclear power plant at Rooppur and has been pursuing international cooperation in nuclear science and technology.

Under the MoU, the two sides recognised the strategic significance of their diplomatic relationship and its regional and international security implications, including energy security. They also noted the role nuclear energy can play in meeting the energy requirements of both countries, according to local media reports.

The MoU records the shared position that all civil nuclear cooperation should follow the highest standards of nuclear safety, security, safeguards

and non-proliferation, according to The Daily Star newspaper.

It also noted that both Bangladesh and the US have International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards agreements and Additional Protocols in force. Both countries are parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Bangladesh and the US had also signed an MoU on strategic cooperation in the broader energy sector in May, aimed at strengthening Bangladesh's long-term energy security through diversified energy sourcing.

The latest MoU specifically focuses on civil nuclear cooperation and the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Bandipora wins UT-Level U-14 Boys' handball championship

KT News Desk

Bandipora Sep 26: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Bandipora, today concluded the Inter-District UT-Level U-14 Boys Handball Competition at SK Stadium Bandipora, with the host district emerging as the champion.

In the much-anticipated final, Bandipora defeated Baramulla in a closely contested encounter to lift the championship title. Baramulla secured the runner-up position, while Kulgam finished third after defeating Jammu in the third-place play-off.

At the conclusion of the competition, DYSSO Bandipora, Ab Majeed Rather presented trophies to the winning, runner-up and third-position teams.

The championship



witnessed enthusiastic participation of young athletes from across the Union Territory, highlighting the efforts of the Directorate of Youth

Services and Sports, J&K, towards nurturing sporting talent and promoting discipline, teamwork and competitive spirit among young players.

DC Anantnag attends BPL-6 final, urges youth to stay away from drugs

KT News Desk

Anantnag, Sep 26: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, today attended the final ceremony of the BPL-6 Cricket Tournament as the Chief Guest at the Nilandrusu Cricket Ground, Bijbehara.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner congratulated the organisers, players and all participants for the successful

conduct of the tournament. He appreciated the young cricketers for their enthusiasm, discipline, dedication and sporting spirit displayed throughout the tournament.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of sports in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, discipline and a positive outlook among young people. He encouraged students and young players to actively participate in sports and make the best use of the

opportunities available to them.

Interacting with the students and young sportspersons, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat advised them to work hard, remain focused on their goals and maintain discipline in both their academic and sporting pursuits. He urged them to cultivate a spirit of perseverance, teamwork and healthy competition while striving for excellence in their respective fields.



Kohli to play his last world cup in 2027



PTI

Thiruvananthapuram, Sep 26: Indian batting superstar Virat Kohli has said that next year's ODI World Cup is going to be his last for the country and he is going to "leave everything out there" to win the trophy.

The 37-year-old, who now plays only one format, spoke to 'JioStar' ahead of the ODI series against the West Indies starting here on Sunday. The World Cup will be hosted jointly by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. "For me, it's the last World Cup I'm going to play for India. And that is my motivation. Like, you know, to leave everything out there. And of course, the goal is absolutely to win the World Cup. And whatever it takes, I'm absolutely ready," he asserted.

Kohli has been a part of an ODI World Cup-winning side, having played under Mahendra Singh Dhoni's captaincy in the 2011 edition of the tournament.

Kohli, who will turn 38 in November,

said the intensity of a 50-over World Cup is greater than anything.

"Because now, it's about 10 games at a T20 level of intensity. But you are playing 2.5 T20 games in one day. And to maintain that intensity for 10 games in a big tournament and World Cup is a big deal. Also now, it's in foreign conditions. It takes a lot out of you," he explained.

His teammate and former captain Rohit Sharma, who is 39, also opened up about his unfinished business with the World Cup. "The thought will never cross my mind that the business I had is finished. As long as you're playing, there is always something to look forward to. And I'm looking forward to the World Cup, looking at what lies ahead for me.

"When the World Cup is played, when we play an ICC tournament, it has its own unique challenge, because you face different opponents, you play at different venues. So, you have to prepare differently, think in a different way and that is the challenge," he said.

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