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J&K to witness rain, snowfall over next three days, temps likely to dip

- Higher reaches of Kupwara, Bandipora may receive heavy snow
- Day temperatures expected to fall by 6-8 degrees Celsius
- Authorities issue advisory for tourists



Sajid Raina

Srinagar, Nov 10: Jammu and Kashmir is likely to witness widespread rain and snowfall from November 12, with heavy snowfall expected in higher reaches of north Kashmir, prompting authorities in Bandipora and Anantnag districts to issue weather and travel advisories on Tuesday.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar has forecast generally dry weather with brief spells of light rain or snow at isolated places on November 11. However, a fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect the region from November 12, bringing light to moderate rain and snowfall at many places across Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the forecast, accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), higher reaches of Kupwara and Bandipora districts are likely to receive moderate to heavy snowfall from the forenoon or afternoon of November 12 till late night on November 13, the weather department said.

Popular tourist destinations, including Gulmarg and Sonamarg, may also witness the season's first snowfall. Snowfall over the plains is unlikely, although it cannot be ruled out in some middle reaches, including parts of Shopian district.

The weather system is also likely to trigger thunderstorms and gusty winds at a few places, besides bringing down day temperatures by 6-8 degrees Celsius during November 12 and 13.

According to the IMD's daily weather parameters, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 19.5 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 4.9 degrees on Tuesday, against the normal maximum of 17.3 degrees and minimum of 1.9 degrees.

Jammu recorded a maximum temperature of 28.6 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 14.2 degrees, while Pahalgam recorded a maximum of 18 degrees and a minimum of 1.4 degrees.

Gulmarg recorded a maximum of 12 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 2.5 degrees, while Qazigund registered 21.8 degrees as maximum and 2.8 degrees as minimum temperature.

Kupwara recorded a maximum temperature of 21.6 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 2.8 degrees, while Kokernag recorded 19.6 degrees and 5.4 degrees, respectively.

In view of the forecast, the Bandipora administration issued a weather advisory warning of possible snowfall and disruption of road connectivity in far-flung areas, particularly Gurez.

The administration advised candidates from these areas scheduled to appear in the Accounts Assistant examination of the Finance Department on November 15 to plan their journeys well in advance and reach nearby stations before the examination date, keeping in view the possibility of road closures.

Tourists currently staying in Gurez have been | More on P6

SASCI PROGRESS REVIEWED

CM Omar directs faster project completion

'Strive for maximum allocation under incentive-based components'

KT News Desk



Jammu, Nov 10: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress of works and projects taken up under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI), taking stock of financial and physical performance, funds utilisation and plans for the coming financial years.

The review covered the physical and financial progress of projects undertaken during FY 2025-26, availability of funds and expenditure targets for FY 2026-27, besides steps taken for effective implementation of projects during FY 2027-28.

The Chief Minister reviewed progress across key sectors, including Public Works, Jal Shakti, Youth Services and Sports, Power Development, and Housing & Urban Development.

The Chief Minister called for special focus to be given to Disaster Management component, aimed at strengthening disaster mitigation and resilience, besides restoring infrastructure damaged in natural disasters.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary; Ministers Ali Mohammad Sagar, Javed Rana, Javid Dar, Mir Saifullah and Shamim Firdous; Acting Chief Secretary Shailendra Kumar; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta; Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, senior officers of the Finance Department and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed expediting SASCI Part-I works and ensuring full utilisation of approved funds by March 2027 to qualify for the second instalment. He stressed strict adherence to revised deadlines for completion of works under the SASCI 2025-26 Disaster management Component and directed departments to achieve the prescribed financial targets within the stipulated period.

Emphasising financial discipline and transparency, the Chief Minister directed strict compliance with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) uploads and timely submission of | More on P6

EOW files chargesheet against man posing as CID officer

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Nov 10: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Kashmir of Crime Branch J&K on Tuesday filed a chargesheet against a man accused of impersonating a CID officer and cheating people by promising government jobs and transfers in lieu of money, officials said.

In a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), a spokesperson said the EOW Kashmir had filed a chargesheet in case FIR No. 24/2023 under Sections 420 and 468 IPC before the Court of Sub-Judge, Srinagar, against Ghulam Hassan Dar, son of Mohammad Yousuf Dar, resident of Dhobi Ghat, Hazratbal.

He said the case was registered on the basis of a written complaint alleging that the accused impersonated a CID officer posted in Delhi and fraudulently induced people by promising government favours.

The accused allegedly promised to secure the transfer of a Railway Department employee from Uttarakhand to Srinagar. He also assured another victim of an appointment as a Nursing Orderly in the Health Department and provided | More on P6

NC begins formation of ministerial advisory groups

Party asks legislators to submit preferences | Exercise to be completed in 2 weeks

KNO Special Correspondent



Srinagar, Nov 10: In a move aimed at placating legislators upset over the recent cabinet reshuffle-cum-expansion, the ruling National Conference (NC) is set to constitute advisory groups of MLAs attached to ministers.

Initiating the process, NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah has written to all party legislators, asking them to submit their preferences regarding the ministers with whom they would like to be associated.

The decision to constitute informal advisory groups attached to ministers was taken during a meeting between the NC leadership and dissenting legislators held on November 6 at Dr Abdullah's residence here.

According to the letter, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the legislators will act as a bridge between the party and the government. It states that ministers will be required to hold regular meetings with their advisory groups and keep them informed about policy initiatives and the progress being made in their respective departments.The communication further states that each legislator can be a member of up to two advisory groups.

MLAs have been asked to submit, in writing, the names of three ministers in order of preference.

"The lists will be prepared and notified. Let us ensure that all legislators send in their preferences. Kindly complete this exercise within two weeks," the letter states. (KNO)

KCCI welcomes J&K Bank's RAHAT OTS scheme

Seeks broader SBI-Pattern scheme for larger business accounts

KT News Desk

Srinagar, Nov 10: The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has welcomed J&K Bank's RAHAT Special One-Time Settlement Scheme (SOTS-2026), while seeking a broader settlement scheme on the lines of the State Bank of India (SBI) to address the accumulated legacy debt of businesses across Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Chamber said that while RAHAT provides relief to eligible borrowers with principal NPA outstanding of up to Rs 5 crore, a substantial section of the business community with liabilities beyond this limit remains outside its ambit.

KCCI said businesses in Jammu and Kashmir had faced prolonged financial distress due to years of economic disruptions, pushing several otherwise viable establishments into mounting liabilities, non-performing assets (NPAs) and recovery proceedings.

The Chamber urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to take up the matter on priority and facilitate a dedicated SBI-pattern Special OTS for business borrowers through J&K Bank.

It said the J&K Government, being the majority shareholder in the Bank, had an important role in taking up the demand with its Board and management and facilitating a broader settlement scheme, subject | More on P6

Boy, 6, mauled to death by leopard in B'la

KNO Correspondent

Baramulla, Nov 10: A six-year-old boy was mauled to death by a leopard in Kalantra village of Kreeri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the boy was attacked by a leopard in Kalantra, Kreeri, leaving him injured.

He was shifted to a hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. The deceased was identified as Kifayat Bhat (6), son of Mohammad Ramzan Bhat, a resident of Kalantra, Kreeri.

Meanwhile, cognisance of the incident has been taken and a probe has been initiated. (KNO)

Kumar Sanu in Valley, calls Kashmir 'Heaven on Earth'

'King of Melody' enjoys Dal Lake shikara ride, visits Lal Chowk

Says situation 'absolutely fine', praises region's hospitality

Rehan Qayoom Mir



Srinagar, Nov 10: Renowned Bollywood playback singer Kumar Sanu, popularly known as the 'King of Melody', was seen enjoying a shikara ride on the famous Dal Lake in Srinagar on Tuesday during his ongoing visit to Kashmir.

Appreciating the Valley's natural beauty and warm hospitality, the celebrated singer called Kashmir "Heaven on Earth" and praised its peaceful atmosphere.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Sanu visited the famous Clock Tower at Lal Chowk, where he called Kashmir "Heaven on Earth", appreciating its scenic surroundings and | More on P6

12 injured as tempo traveller skids off road in Ganderbal

LG Sinha directs best possible care

KNO Correspondent



Ganderbal, Nov 10: At least 12 people, including tourists from Gujarat, West Bengal and Punjab, were injured after a Tempo Traveller skidded off the road near Sumbal Bala in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Tuesday evening. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said eight injured tourists from Gujarat and West Bengal had been referred to SKIMS Soura. He directed officials to ensure they receive the best possible treatment.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the vehicle skidded off the road on the SSG Road near Sumbal Bala, injuring at least 12 occupants.

The injured were shifted to Primary Health Centre (PHC) Gund, where they received emergency treatment. Several were later referred to SKIMS Soura in Srinagar for specialised care.

In a post on X, | More on P6

WORLD IMMUNIZATION DAY

Immunization acts as shield, protects everyone from fatal diseases: Experts

Say timely vaccination vital to shield children from life-threatening diseases | Urge parents to follow vaccination schedules, warn against skipping routine doses

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar, Nov 10: On 'World Immunization Day' health experts reiterated that immunisation remains one of the most effective preventive measures to protect infants, children and adults from a range of potentially fatal infectious diseases.

Experts who spoke to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that adherence to the prescribed immunisation schedule is essential, particularly during childhood, as timely administration of vaccines helps build immunity against several serious ailments before individuals are exposed to them.

Dr Tabassum Jan a general physician at the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK), told KNO that vaccination has played a transformative role in controlling and eliminating several infectious diseases across the world.

"Smallpox has been eradicated globally through sustained immunisation efforts, while diseases such as polio, measles, diphtheria and tetanus have witnessed a significant decline in cases due to widespread vaccination," she said.

Dr Tabassum said vaccines prevent millions of deaths every year and provide children with protection against infections that can otherwise result in serious complications, permanent disabilities or even loss of life.

"A child who receives all routine vaccines according to the recommended schedule gets protection against several potentially fatal illnesses. Parents must understand that vaccination is not merely a routine medical procedure but an important investment in their child's health and future," she added.



Dr Tabassum said immunisation offers protection beyond the individual, as widespread vaccination reduces the circulation of infectious diseases within communities.

Explaining the concept of herd immunity, she said when a sufficiently large proportion of the population is vaccinated, the transmission of infections declines, thereby offering indirect protection to vulnerable groups, including newborns, people with weakened immune systems and those who cannot receive certain vaccines.

Another health expert, Dr Shariz Ahmad posted in Anantnag said the government's routine immunisation programme covers protection against several major infectious diseases, including tuberculosis through BCG, polio, hepatitis-B, rotavirus, pneumococcal infections, measles-rubella, diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus.

He urged parents to ensure that children receive every recommended dose within the prescribed timeframe, warning that missing or delaying vaccinations can leave them vulnerable to preventable infections.

"Parents should not skip any vaccine dose or take delays lightly. Several infectious diseases continue to circulate, and children who are not fully immunised remain at risk. Vaccination | More on P6

Telecom Committee Meeting

DC Shopian stresses robust connectivity, improved telecom services



KT News Desk

SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Charandeep Singh, Tuesday chaired a meeting of the District Level Telecom Committee (DLTC) at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat, Shopian to review issues pertaining to telecom infrastructure, connectivity and delivery of uninterrupted telecommunication services across the district.

During the meeting, as per an official statement, a detailed deliberations were held on various issues concerning the expansion and strengthening of telecom infrastructure, improvement of network connectivity and addressing challenges faced by telecom service providers in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for close coordination among all concerned departments and telecom service providers to ensure seamless connectivity and better telecommunication services, particularly in far-flung and remote areas of the district.

He underscored the importance of timely resolution of issues related to telecom infrastructure and directed the concerned departments to extend necessary cooperation and facilitate telecom service providers in strengthening network connectivity.

The DC further stressed that reliable telecommunication services are essential for public convenience, effective governance, emergency response and overall socio-economic development of the district. He called for coordinated and result-oriented efforts to ensure improved telecom services and uninterrupted connectivity for the people of Shopian.

The meeting was attended by SSP, Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmed Choudhary ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, ACR, Shakoor Ahmed Dar, district officers, representatives of BSNL, department of Telecommunications and other concerned departments.

DC Shopian reviews arrangements for Accounts Assistant Examination

Instructs officers to ensure proper arrangements for smooth, fair, transparent conduct

KT News Desk

SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Charandeep Singh, Tuesday chaired a review meeting to assess the preparedness and finalise arrangements for the smooth, fair and transparent conduct of the OMR-based written examination for the post of Accounts Assistant in the Finance Department, scheduled to be held on November 15, 2026.

During the meeting, as per an official statement, it was informed that 14 designated examination centres have been established across the district.

The DC reviewed the arrangements being made by various departments and instructed the concerned officers to ensure effective inter-departmental coordination for the peaceful and hassle-free conduct of the examination.

He took stock of the availability of essential facilities at examination centres, including proper seating arrangements, furniture, drinking water, electricity, heating facilities, sanitation, security, transportation, traffic regulation and medical assistance.

The DC directed the concerned education authorities and Centre Superintendents to personally inspect all designated examination centres and ensure that the venues are fully equipped and all necessary facilities are put in place well in advance.

He instructed to ensure strict adherence to the examination guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) prescribed by JKSSB, particularly regarding candidate verification, frisking, entry procedures and the secure handling of examination material and OMR answer sheets. He also directed the supervisory staff to remain fully conversant with their assigned duties and responsibilities.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed the designated Nodal Officers to maintain close coordination with their respective departments, regularly monitor the arrangements and ensure timely redressal of any shortcomings.

Emphasising collective responsibility, he instructed all concerned officers to work in close coordination and ensure that the examination is conducted in a peaceful, fair and transparent manner.

Karnah Admin organises Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas programme

KT News Desk

KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 10: On the directions of the District Administration Kupwara, the Karnah Administration organised a programme to commemorate Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas at Nechiyan village of Tangdar Block.

The programme, as per an official statement, was presided over by the Naib Tehsildar Tangdar and aimed at promoting awareness about tribal rights, community participation and the effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA).

On the occasion, the Revenue Department, under the supervision of Naib Tehsildar Tangdar, facilitated the attending people by providing various revenue-related certificates, including income certificates, Domicile certificate and other essential documents, ensuring convenient access to public services. Meanwhile, various line departments set up stalls to disseminate information about their respective government schemes, welfare initiatives and departmental services. The stalls also served as a platform to educate the general public about the benefits of different government programmes and assist eligible beneficiaries in availing themselves of these services.

Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026

Health, ICDS conduct child health screening, awareness activities across Bandipora

KT News Desk

BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 10: As part of Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026, the Health and ICDS Departments of Bandipora organised a series of health screening, awareness and community outreach activities across the district, focusing on the health, nutrition and overall well-being of children and tribal communities.

Under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Mobile Health Teams (MHTs) conducted screening of children at Middle School Bakhshibal Baniyari, Government Middle School Aragam, Boys Middle School Tangath and various schools in Sudi, Kilshay and Tulail areas of Gurez. The teams carried out screening for the four Ds—Defects at Birth, Deficiencies, Diseases and Developmental Delays including Disability, besides general health check-ups.

Awareness sessions, as per an official statement, were also organised on Anaemia Mukt Bharat, National Deworming Day and other child health initiatives. At Middle School Bakhshibal Baniyari, children were provided deworming medication and Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplements as per their age.

Additionally, a special health camp was organised at Ayushman Arogya Mandir Ketsun, extending healthcare services and health awareness to the local community. ICDS activities also focused on promoting awareness regarding maternal and child health, nutrition, hygiene and various welfare services.

The activities reaffirmed the commitment of the District Administration and the concerned departments towards strengthening healthcare and nutrition services, ensuring early identification of health conditions and improving the overall well-being of children, particularly in tribal areas of the district.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that the name of my son, recorded in the school records of Siddiq Memorial E-I, Wahidpora, Ganderbal, studying in Class 8th, has been wrongly recorded as Asan-ul-Haq instead of his correct name Ahsan-ul-Haq.

Now, I intend to rectify the said mistake in the school records. Any person having any objection in this regard may submit the same to the concerned school authorities within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Sd/-
Showkat Ahmad Ganie
Father of Ahsan-ul-Haq
R/o Babagundd, Theru, Ganderbal.

THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS, GANDERBAL

Present: Ms. Rameen Rashid Khan
JO Code: JK00316
In the Case of:
Athar Javaid khanday
S/o Javaid Ahmad khanday R/o shallabagh tehsil tullmulla
minor through his father Javaid Ahmad khanday R/o shallabagh tehsil tullmulla Ganderbal
V/S
UT of J&K through Registrar Birth and Death Block Sherpathri/Gbl Block Development officer Sherpathri Gbl
Respondent
In the matter of: Application for issuance of appropriate directions for delayed registration of birth u/s 13(3) of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 as amended.
To,
The General Public
PROCLAMATION
1. The instant application came to be filed before this court on under Section 13 (3) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Registration of Births & Death Rules 2000 by the applicant seeking the issuance of direction on Registrar Births and Deaths, for registering Date of Birth of the applicant namely
2: Whereas this court has ordered that the objection from the general public be called for issuance of birth certificate in favour of the above named person.
3. Therefore, this proclamation is issued through this newspaper calling upon the general public to file objections, if any, within a period of seven days, to the issuance of such certificate failing which this court this court shall proceed in accordance with law.
Announced

1/C ADDITIONAL SPECIAL MOBILE MAGISTRATE
GANDERBAL

THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS, GANDERBAL

Present: Ms. Rameen Rashid Khan
JO Code: JK00316
In the Case of:
Arizoo Javaid
D/o Javaid Ahmad khanday R/o shallabagh tehsil tullmulla G.B.L
minor through his father Javaid Ahmad khanday r/o shallabagh tehsil tullmulla Ganderbal
V/S
UT of J&K through Registrar Birth and Death Block Sherpathri/Gbl Block Development officer Sherpathri Gbl
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2: Whereas this court has ordered that the objection from the general public be called for issuance of birth certificate in favour of the above named person.
3. Therefore, this proclamation is issued through this newspaper calling upon the general public to file objections, if any, within a period of seven days, to the issuance of such certificate failing which this court this court shall proceed in accordance with law.

Announced

1/C ADDITIONAL SPECIAL MOBILE MAGISTRATE
GANDERBAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mushtaq Ahmad Teli, S/o Mohd Sultan Teli, R/o Batapora, Ganderbal, hereby notify the general public that my name has been wrongly recorded in my School Discharge Certificate issued by Govt. High School, Dab-Wakura, Ganderbal, bearing Admission No. 1110 and Serial No. 273, dated 22-07-1989, as Mushtak Ahmad Talee instead of my correct name Mushtaq Ahmad Teli.

Now, I intend to get the said error corrected in the school records and obtain a corrected/duplicate School Discharge Certificate.

Any person having any objection in this regard may submit the same before the concerned Principal, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Wakura, Ganderbal, within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Sd/-
Mushtaq Ahmad Teli
S/o Mohd Sultan Teli
R/o Batapora, Ganderbal.

IN THE COURT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE GANDERBAL

File No. 7711/2026
CNR No.:JKGB030028022026
D.O.I: 02.11.2026
D.O.O: 02.11.2026
In the Case of
Junaid Ahmad Bhat S/O AB Salam Bhat and Rubeena Bano
R/O PATI BAMLOORA Ganderbal
Applicant
V/S
The Registrar of Births & Deaths Block Sherpathri
B.D.O Sherpathri.
Respondent
In the matter of: Application for issuance of appropriate directions for delayed registration of birth u/s 13(3) of the Registration of Births and Deaths, Act, 1969 as amended.
CORAM: Ms Nusrat Ali Hakak | U.I.D No: JK00200
To,
The General Public

PROCLAMATION

1. The instant application came to be filed before this court on 02.11.2026 under Section 13 (3) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act. 1969 of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Registration of Births & Death Rules 2000 by the applicant seeking the issuance of direction on Registrar Births and Deaths, for registering Date of Birth of the applicant namely Junaid Ahmad Bhat S/O AB Salam Bhat and Rubeena Bano
R/O PATI BAMLOORA Ganderbal.
Based on the second image provided, here is the transcribed text, which appears to be the continuation (paragraphs 2 and 3) and conclusion of the proclamation document from the first image:
Whereas this court has ordered that the objections from the general public be called for issuance of birth certificate in favour of the above named person
Therefore this proclamation is issued through this newspaper calling upon the general public to file objections, if any, within a period of seven days, to the issuance of such certificate failing which this court this court shall proceed in accordance with law,
Announced 02.11.2026

Chief Judicial Magistrate Ganderbal

IN THE COURT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE GANDERBAL

File No. 7762/2026
CNR No.: JKBGB030028532026
D.O.I: 05.11.2026
D.O.O:05.11.2026
In the Case of
Zahid Rashid D/O Abdul Rashid Sondnari
R/O GHATI SALOORA Ganderbal
Applicant
V/S
The Registrar of Births & Deaths GANDERBAL
Respondent
In the matter of: Application for issuance of appropriate directions for delayed registration of birth u/s 13(3) of the Registration of Births and Deaths, Act, 1969 as amended.
CORAM: Ms Nusrat Ali Hakak | U.I.D No: JK00200
To,
The General Public

PROCLAMATION

1. The instant application came to be filed before this court on 05.11.2026 under Section 13 (3) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act. 1969 of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Registration of Births & Death Rules 2000 by the applicant seeking the issuance of direction on Registrar Births and Deaths, for registering Date of Birth of the applicant namely Zahida Rashid D/O Abdul Rashid Sondnari R/O GHATI Saloora Ganderbal.
Based on the second image provided, here is the transcribed text, which appears to be the continuation (paragraphs 2 and 3) and conclusion of the proclamation document from the first image:
Whereas this court has ordered that the objections from the general public be called for issuance of birth certificate in favour of the above named person
Therefore this proclamation is issued through this newspaper calling upon the general public to file objections, if any, within a period of seven days, to the issuance of such certificate failing which this court this court shall proceed in accordance with law,
Announced 05.11.2026

Chief Judicial Magistrate Ganderbal

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY
OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER, GANDERBAL

(MINI SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, DUDERHAMA, 191201)

Subject: Extension in last date for submission of application forms for the Engagement of Krishi Udyami (KU)/ Agricultural Entrepreneur in District Ganderbal.

NOTICE.

Whereas, this office, vide Advertisement No. ADDC/04 of 2026 dated 22.10.2026, has invited applications from eligible candidates for the contractual engagement of Krishi Udhyami (KU)/Agricultural Entrepreneur for Panchayat Level Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG), Nunner, Tehsil Ganderbal for which the last date was fixed on 07.11.2026.

Whereas, due to poor response, the date is now being extended up to 23.11.2026

Interested candidates can avail the opportunity and submit their application forms for the said contractual engagement up to 23.11.2026.

All other terms and conditions of the aforementioned advertisement shall remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Addl. District Development Commissioner,
Ganderbal

No: ADDC/GBL/HADP/2026-27/ 1748-54
Dated: 09 /11/2026

DIPK-7554/26
DATED: 10-11-2026

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

PUBLIC WORKS (R&B) DEPARTMENT

CIVIL SECRETARIAT JAMMU/SRINAGAR

Subject: Acceptance of B.Tech. Degree in Civil Engineering and inclusion of name in the Seniority List of Degree- Holder Junior Engineers (Civil) - Notice inviting objections thereof.

NOTICE

WHEREAS, Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department, South Kashmir, vide letter No. CE/R&B/SK/ADM/6823.24 dated 13.11.2024, has forwarded the case of Mr. Asif Hassan, Junior Engineer, for acceptance of his B.Tech (Civil Engineering) degree and inclusion of his name in the relevant Seniority list of Degree-Holder Junior Engineers (Civil), with the following particulars:-

Particulars	Details
Name and designation	Shri Asif Hassan Junior Engineer
Date of appointment/confirmation	07.03.2024
Date of enrollment	August 2018 (3rd Semester, Lateral Entry)
Mode of study	Regular
Name of University	Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda
Date of passing degree	August 2021

AND WHERAS, the case was examined in the Department and Degree marks certificates were forwarded to the Controller of Examination Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda vide letter dated 22.07.2026 for verification, which in turn verified the same vide letter No. MRSPTU/CoE/I243 dazed 01.09.2026;
AND WHEREAS , the aforesaid Junior Engineer has also furnished an undertaking in the form of a duly attested affidavit, affirming that he successfully completed the Bachelor of Technology (Civil Engineering) degree from Maharaja Rarjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda, in June 2021.
NOW, THEREFORE , before consideration of the acceptance of the aforesaid degree and inclusion of the name of Mr. Asif Hassan at the appropriate place in the Seniority list of Degree-Holder Junior Engineers (Civil), objections, if any, are hereby invited from the members of the concerned cadre who are likely to be affected by the proposed action.
The objections, duly supported by relevant documents, shall reach this Department through the Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Deportment, South Kashmir, or by post addressed to the Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department, Room No. 518, 5th Floor, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, or through email at compwd®rediffmail.com, or through the Central Receipt Unit (CRU), Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, within 21 days from the date of issuance/publication of this notice. No objection or claim shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.

Hamid Hameed
Under Secretary to the Government Public
Public Works R&B Department

No: PWD-NGAZ/34/2024-05 7599730 Dated: 10.11.2026

DIPK-7557/26
DATED: 10-11-2026

Pampore saffron fields draw tourists despite poor bloom

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar, Nov 10: Despite a relatively poor flowering this season, the saffron fields of Pampore in south Kashmir's Pulwama district are attracting tourists from different parts of the country, with hundreds of visitors arriving daily to witness the seasonal bloom and experience the fragrance of Kashmir's world-famous spice.

Known as the saffron capital of Kashmir, Pampore has witnessed a steady flow of tourists over the past few weeks, with visitors spending time in the fields, capturing photographs and purchasing saffron directly from local growers and young vendors.

Although the flowering has remained below expectations at several places, the flowers that have bloomed have added vibrant shades of purple, maroon and yellow to the fields, creating a picturesque landscape that has become a new attraction for tourists visiting the Valley.

"Tourists can be seen visiting the saffron fields throughout the day. The flowering has been late this year at several locations, and the number of visitors is increasing with each passing day," Ghulam Rasool Mir, a resident said.



He said many tourists are particularly interested in witnessing saffron cultivation closely, as they usually hear about the famous Pampore saffron but rarely get an opportunity to see the flowers in their natural surroundings.

Nadeem Ahmad, another resident, said saffron fields are gradually emerging as an additional attraction alongside established tourist destinations such as Dal Lake, Gulmarg and Pahalgam.

"Tourists are fascinated by the unique fragrance of saffron flowers. Many of them also purchase the spice directly from local sellers, which provides an opportunity for people associated with saffron cultivation to earn additional income," he said.

During their interaction with KNO, several tourists said they had planned their Kashmir visits around the saffron flowering season to experience something different from conventional tourist destinations.

Krishna, a tourist from Gujarat, said visiting Pampore's saffron fields had been a long-standing wish.

"Visiting Kashmir and spending time in these fields was my dream, and I am happy that it has finally come true. I have visited Gulmarg and Sonamarg and am now heading towards Pahalgam. Kashmir is truly a paradise, but spending time among the saffron flowers will remain one of the most memorable experiences of my trip," he said.

Other tourists described the visit as a unique experience, saying witnessing saffron flowers in the fields and learning about the cultivation of one of the world's most expensive spices made their Kashmir trip more memorable.

Meanwhile, local youth selling saffron in the fields said the seasonal flowering period provides them with an important opportunity to earn their livelihood.

They said the flowering season lasts for around a month, during which tourists not only visit the fields but also purchase saffron directly from them.

The youth said on-the-spot sales have helped them generate income while providing tourists an opportunity to buy the spice directly from local sellers.

However, they stressed the need for better tourism infrastructure to attract more visitors to Pampore's saffron belt.

They said although a Spice Park has been established in the area, its location away from the National Highway limits its visibility and accessibility for tourists travelling through the region.

"The government should establish a dedicated saffron tourism facility or promotional centre along the National Highway so that tourists travelling towards different destinations can easily visit the fields, learn about saffron cultivation and purchase authentic Kashmir saffron," they said.

Locals believe that promoting saffron tourism could provide an additional source of income to growers and unemployed youth while giving Pampore greater recognition on Kashmir's tourism map—(KNO)

NC united, opposition spreading canards: Sakeena Itoo



Waris Fayaz

Gulmarg, Nov 10: Terming reports of differences within the National Conference as "exaggerated narratives" being propagated by the opposition, Health Minister Sakeena Itoo on Tuesday said that the party is united and its leaders are standing together.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the inauguration of the New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) building at Chukkar Kunzer, Itoo said, "National Conference is intact. We are one family. Opposition has nothing to offer and they are spreading canards to create confusion."

Reiterating the party's commitment on the issues of Article 370, Article 35A and restoration of statehood, the Minister said these remained central to the National Conference's political agenda.

She said Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, herself and other party legislators have consistently raised these issues, adding that the Chief Minister had also highlighted them at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi.

Earlier, Itoo inaugurated the newly constructed NTPHC building at Chukkar Kunzer, stating that the facility had been completed after a delay of 13 years. "Thank God, this project has finally been completed. Those responsible could not complete it during those years, but today, by the grace of Allah, we have completed it under the present government led by Omar Abdullah Sahab," she said.

The Minister said the government is also taking steps to shift public facilities operating from rented accommodations to government-owned buildings, particularly in the health and education sectors.

She said such initiatives would continue to improve

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Delegations call on LG Sinha



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Srinagar, Nov 10: Prof. Mohammad Ashraf Ganie, Director, SKIMS, Soura, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and briefed him about various initiatives undertaken by the institute to strengthen healthcare infrastructure and improved patient care.

In the meantime, Dr. Pervez Ahmad Sofi, Founder Director, Peace and Wellbeing Foundation called on Lieutenant Governor and presented a policy proposal focused on Jobs and Skill Development for Drug Abuse Victims.

He was accompanied by Arafat Ahmad Bhat, Member, Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Furthermore, a delegation led by Advocate Sheikh Salman, President, BJP Srinagar, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday and projected various issues related to youth empowerment.

Ladakh Hill Council Elections on Dec 4

Nominations from Nov 17

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Srinagar, Nov 10: The State Election Commission, Ladakh, on Tuesday announced the schedule for elections to all Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (LAHDCs), with polling scheduled for December 4.

As per a notification issued by the State Election Commission, the last date for filing nominations is November 17, while scrutiny of nomination papers will be held on November 18.

Candidates can withdraw their nominations by November 20, the notification reads. Polling, if required, will be held on December 4 between 8 am and 5 pm, while the entire election process will be completed by December 8.

The notification was issued by State Election Commissioner Sudhanshu Pandey on November 10—(KNO)

MP, legislators call on CM Omar

Discuss fire incidents, assistance for affected traders

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Jammu, Nov 10: Member of Parliament from Jammu Jugal Kishore Sharma and several Legislators from Jammu district on Tuesday called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at the Civil Secretariat here and discussed the recent fire incidents in Jammu city and the situation of the affected traders.

The public representatives apprised the Chief Minister of the damage caused by the fires at Shiv Market near Jammu Railway Station, Warehouse near Nehru Market and Pahari Mohalla. They highlighted the difficulties being faced by the affected traders and shopkeepers and sought financial assistance for the affected traders and shopkeepers.



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Police arrest three peddlers

KNO

Srinagar, Nov 10: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Jammu and Kashmir Police have arrested three drug peddlers in multiple operations in Kulgam and Anantnag and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

According to a statement, in Kulgam, Police apprehended two drug peddlers during a naka checking operation at Khudwani Bypass, near SKUAST and recovered 747 grams of cannabis-like substance, including flowering tops. They have been identified as Murtaza Ashraf, resident of Chansar, Kulgam and Mohd

Kargil observes shutdown over demand to defer LAHDC elections

Raja Syed Rather

Kargil, Nov 10: Kargil on Monday observed a complete shutdown in response to a call by the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) and other organisations against the proposed holding of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) elections during winter, with protesters demanding that the polls be deferred.

A candle march under the banner of 'Save Democracy in Ladakh' was also held in Kargil on Monday evening, with participants reiterating their demand to defer the proposed LAHDC elections.

Speaking to reporters, KDA Co-Chairman Sajjad Hussain Kargili criticised the UT administration over what he described as a series of unilateral notifications and orders, alleging that decisions were being taken without the consent of the people of Ladakh.

He said the administration's approach was unacceptable and accused it of undermining democratic processes and public representation in the region.

Expressing concern over the possibility of holding LAHDC elections in December, Kargili said around 20 to 25 per cent of Ladakh's population was currently outside the region, including elderly people, youth and women who migrate to other places.

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Delina flyover battles delays, now eyes May-2027 opening

Waris Fayaz

Baramulla, Nov 10: The 1.7-kilometre Delina Flyover, being constructed as part of the four-laning project of the Srinagar-Baramulla National Highway, is nearing completion, with authorities setting May 2027 deadline to open it for the traffic.

According to the details available, the project faced delays due to land-related disputes and other bottlenecks. It had earlier been granted an extension, with its deadline pushed to May-June 2027. However, authorities are now making efforts to complete the work ahead of the extended timeline.

Project Manager Naveed Bashir told KNO that round-the-clock work is underway to ensure the flyover is completed and opened for commuters at the earliest. "The work is in its final stage, and by the end of May 2027, we will be all set to open it for traffic," he said.

Naveed said the first package, covering the Narbal-to-Delina stretch, is almost complete and has already been made through for traffic, while the focus is now on completing the Delina Flyover.

Naveed said: "We had around four to five cases pending, and the payment process for these has already been taken up. The payments will be released shortly. Almost all the bottlenecks have been cleared."

He said efforts are being intensified to complete the remaining work without further hurdles, keeping in view the importance of the project for commuters, particularly those travelling between Srinagar and North Kashmir.

Once completed, the flyover is expected to significantly ease traffic congestion at Delina, reduce travel time between Srinagar and Baramulla and ensure smoother movement of vehicles.

Locals have welcomed the progress, saying the long-awaited project would provide much needed relief to daily commuters while also giving a boost to economic activities through improved connectivity and faster transportation between Srinagar and Baramulla—(KNO)

Gloom descends on Sopore as Adnan's body arrives

KNO

Sopore, Nov 10: Pall of gloom descended over Dangerpora village in North Kashmir's Sopore area on Tuesday as mortal remains of a MBBS student, Adnan Altaf Rather, who died in Bangladesh on November 4, reached there this morning.

According to the details available, thousands of people joined his funeral prayers and bid him a tearful adieu. The mortal remains of Adnan arrived at Srinagar International Airport from New Delhi this morning and were subsequently transported to his native village.



A large gathering of relatives, friends, neighbours and people from adjoining areas had assembled to attend his last rites and pay their final respects. The village witnessed emotional scenes as family members and relatives broke down while bidding farewell to the young student.

Meanwhile, Minister for Health and Medical Education and Social Welfare, Sakeena Itoo, visited the residence of the deceased at Dangerpora to express condolences to the bereaved family.

The Minister was accompanied by MLAs of Sopore, Tangmarg and Pattan. She expressed deep sorrow over Adnan's untimely demise and conveyed her sympathies to the grieving family, praying for eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the family to bear the irreparable loss.

Earlier, the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his Advisor Nasir Asalm Wani for their intervention and for ensuring necessary arrangements, including ambulance and logistical support, to facilitate the transportation of the mortal remains from Srinagar Airport to the family's native place.

Pertinently, Adnan, a resident of Dangerpora, Sopore, was pursuing MBBS in Bangladesh, where he died on November 4. His mortal remains were brought to New Delhi from Dhaka on Monday evening before being flown to Srinagar—(KNO)

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Jammu's Burning Question

Jammu has seen two major fires in less than a fortnight. First Shiv Market on October 25. Now the Warehouse Nehru Market on Diwali night. Both times, shops were gutted. Both times, traders lost stocks worth crores. Both times, the same words were spoken — "immediate relief", "all possible assistance", "thorough assessment". And both times, the traders were left asking when the help would actually arrive. What is worrying is not just the fire. It is the pattern. A wholesale market full of edible oil, ghee and foodgrains is a tinderbox waiting to happen. The fire spread because of what was stored there and how it was stored. The traders are now angry about the response of the Fire and Emergency Services. The department has produced CCTV footage and logbooks to show it acted in time. This dispute must be settled by an independent inquiry, not by trading charges in the press. Two things need immediate attention. First, the relief. Commercial properties are not covered under SDRF norms, as Union Minister Jitendra Singh has pointed out. That is a gap that must be closed for cases like this, because a trader whose shop burns is no different from a family whose house burns. Both have lost a livelihood. Second, prevention. A proper SOP for festive seasons, standby fire teams, compact tenders that can enter narrow lanes, and a separate site for storing inflammable goods away from crowded markets — all of this has been proposed. It should now be done. Traders cannot rebuild with sympathy. They need money, and they need it quickly. The government has promised action. Now it must show it.

Powering India's journey Towards Viksit Bharat 2047

India's startup ecosystem is transitioning from rapid expansion towards sustainable growth and deeper integration with the real economy—as the country progresses towards a projected $7.3 trillion economy by 2030 and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, startups will continue to play a significant role in driving innovation, generating employment and strengthening economic growth.

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National Entrepreneurship Day, observed on 9 November, highlights the growing role of entrepreneurship in India's journey towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047. With over 2.62 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups, India has emerged as the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, creating employment and expanding opportunities for its youth. Government initiatives such as Startup India, Fund of Funds for Startups, CGSS, SISFS, Atal Innovation Mission and PMEGP support innovation, access to finance, mentorship and enterprise creation. With nearly half of recognised startups originating from Tier-II and Tier-III cities, alongside expanding rural entrepreneurship, India's 'Amrit Peedhi' is increasingly transforming ideas into enterprises, strengthening livelihoods and contributing to inclusive economic growth.

National Entrepreneurship Day: Empowering Youth for Viksit Bharat

India has made significant strides in building a supportive environment for aspiring entrepreneurs. This progress holds particular significance for a nation where nearly 65% of the population is under 35. Recognising the potential of this demographic dividend, the Government has undertaken a range of initiatives to empower young Indians across fields including entrepreneurship.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was established on 9 November 2014. The day is observed as National Entrepreneurship Day, reflecting the importance of entrepreneurship in India's development journey.

Over the past decade, youth have increasingly moved beyond the role of beneficiaries to become active contributors to national development. Today, the 'Amrit Peedhi' is emerging as a driving force behind the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. Entrepreneurship is central to this transformation, enabling young Indians to turn ideas into enterprises, generate employment and contribute to economic growth.

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Indicators of Growth in India's Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

DID YOU KNOW?

The Government has recognized over 55,200 startups during FY 2025-26- the highest number of startups recognized in a single year since 2016!

The shift from job seekers to job creators reflects India's growing entrepreneurial spirit.

India has the 3rd largest startup ecosystem in the world. The number has grown significantly, from fewer than 500 in 2014 to more than 2.62 lakh DPIIT-recognized startups as of November 2026. Indian startups are increasingly launching IPOs, creating jobs, and attracting global attention.

Notably, startups are present across all States and Union Territories. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Gujarat have emerged as leading regions in terms of the number of recognized startups and direct employment generation as on 31st March 2026.

Startups have been able to create more than 25 lakh jobs (up to October 2026). The number of startups recognized increased by 51.6% year-on-year in FY 2025-26 compared to FY 2024-25, while direct jobs created rose by 36.1% during the same period.

Besides, more than 1.07 lakh recognized startups have at least one woman director or partner, accounting for ~48% of total recognized startups (As of March 2026).

Schemes Strengthening India's Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

Through the Government's policy support and innovation-focused initiatives, easier access to finance, and digital platforms, entrepreneurship continues to expand across India.

The Startup India Initiative

The Startup India initiative was launched in 2016. This initiative has evolved from a policy-focused framework into a comprehensive, multi-dimensional platform that supports startups at every stage, from ideation to scaling operations. To fast-track innovation-led entrepreneurship, several flagship schemes and digital platforms support funding, mentorship, and the scaling of startups, through the Startup India initiative.

Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS): The FFS is a flagship initiative of the DPIIT under the Startup India Action Plan, managed by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). With a corpus of 10,000 crore, the scheme channels funding through SEBI-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), which invest in startups. This mechanism aims to enhance access to domestic risk capital and strengthen India's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 was notified in April 2026, with a separate corpus of 10,000 crore. It focuses on mobilising venture and growth capital, particularly for deep-tech, innovative manufacturing and early-growth-stage startups. Under the initiative, SIDBI has committed 12,623 crore to 166 AIFs, which have invested 28,254 crore in 1,475 startups (October 2026).

Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS): The CGSS has been operational since April 2023 and facilitates collateral-free loans to eligible startups through eligible financial institutions. To boost capital mobilization, the scheme's guarantee cover per borrower was expanded from 10 crore to 20 crore in FY 2025-26. Besides, this reduces the annual guarantee fee to 1% for 27 Champion Sectors such as aerospace and defence, biotechnology, railways, tourism and hospitality services, financial services etc. As of October 2026, the scheme has guaranteed 532 loans worth 1,662.71 crore to startups employing 41,637 people.

Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS): The SISFS, with a corpus of 945 crore, provides financial assistance to startups for proof of concept, prototyping, product trials, market entry and commercialisation. An Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) oversees the scheme's implementation, execution and monitoring. Under the scheme, 775.67 crore has been approved for 4,194 startups across 32 States/UTs through 244 incubators. This includes 2,147 women-led startups and 2,356 startups from Tier-II and Tier-III cities.

Startup India Hub: The Startup India Online Hub (2017) is a digital platform that enables stakeholders across India's entrepreneurial ecosystem to discover, connect and collaborate. It bridges aspiring entrepreneurs with investors, mentors and incubators while bringing together funds, academic institutions, corporates, and government bodies to foster a connected and supportive startup ecosystem.

National Mentorship Portal (MAARG): The Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience and Growth (MAARG) programme facilitates easy access to mentorship for startups by connecting entrepreneurs with experienced mentors. Mentorship is intended for startups across different sectors, stages and geographical locations. It provides strategic guidance, supports business growth, and strengthens India's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Startup India Investor Connect Portal: Developed in collaboration with SIDBI, the Startup India Investor Connect Portal (2023) facilitates connections between startups, venture capital funds and investors, particularly supporting early-stage ventures. It enables entrepreneurs to reach multiple investors through a single application, streamlining the process of presenting their business ideas and accessing potential funding opportunities. As of 9 November 2026, there are 11,582 startups registered on the portal.

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

Launched in 2016 by NITI Aayog, the AIM is the Government's flagship initiative to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship across schools, universities, research institutions, startups, and industry. AIM provides an integrated framework for developing innovation programmes, fostering partnerships, and strengthening India's startup ecosystem. AIM 2.0, approved in November 2024, has an outlay of 2,750 crore up to March 2028. It expands this foundation through wider participation, stronger startup support and deeper regional collaboration.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)

Introduced in 2015, the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana helps micro and small enterprises obtain loans of up to 20 lakh without collateral for income-generating activities in the non-corporate, non-farm sector. The scheme offers loans under four categories based on borrowers' funding needs and the stage of their business growth.

Under the Shishu category, loans are available up to 50,000. Under Kishor, loans are available above 50,000 and up to 5 lakh. Under Tarun, loans are available above 5 lakh and up to 10 lakh. Under Tarun Plus, loans are available above 10 lakh and up to 20 lakh.

The loans meet term-financing and working capital requirements for manufacturing, trading and service businesses, as well as agriculture-allied activities such as poultry, dairy and beekeeping.

As on 30 October 2026, PMMY had sanctioned 2.44 crore+ loans amounting to over 3.3 lakh crore during FY 2026-27.

MeitY Startup Hub (MSH)

Established in 2016, the MeitY Startup Hub (MSH), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), promotes technology-led innovation and strengthens India's startup ecosystem. It serves as a central platform connecting incubation centres, Centres of Excellence in emerging technologies, and other MeitY-supported initiatives to drive innovation and technology-led economic growth. As of 9 November 2026, MSH supports a growing ecosystem of over 6,149 startups, 518 incubators, and over 329 labs across India.

Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE) 2.0 Scheme

The TIDE 2.0 Scheme (2019) promotes technology-driven entrepreneurship by strengthening incubators that support Information and Communication Technology (ICT) startups leveraging emerging technologies such as IoT, Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, and robotics. The scheme provides holistic support across healthcare, education, agriculture, financial inclusion (including digital payments), infrastructure and transportation, and environment and clean technology. It operates through 51 incubators located in leading academic institutions and national research organisations across the country.

GENESIS (Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups)

The GENESIS (Gen-next Support for Innovative Startups) initiative aims to scale up around 1,600 technology startups, particularly in Tier-II and Tier-III cities across India. Launched in 2022, it provides funding and support to promote deep-tech innovation and strengthen emerging startup ecosystems. The initiative has a budgetary outlay of 490 crore for a period of five years. It seeks to strengthen India's technology startup ecosystem through collaboration among startups, government institutions, academia and corporates.

In August 2026, GENESIS Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) Cohort 3 was launched. It is a national-level programme to support aspiring entrepreneurs, innovators, researchers, students and early-stage startup founders in transforming innovative ideas into technology-driven ventures. Notably, selected innovators can receive financial assistance of up to 10 lakh, along with incubation, mentorship and product-development support.

NIDHI (National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations)

Launched in 2016 by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, NIDHI is an umbrella programme that nurtures knowledge-based and technology-driven ideas and innovations into successful startups. It builds an innovation-led entrepreneurial ecosystem that promotes socio-economic development through wealth and employment generation. NIDHI has made significant contributions to India's startup ecosystem. It has supported over 12,000 startups, over 200 Technology Business Incubators (TBIs), generating over 1,30,000 jobs. Further, it has contributed to the creation of over 1,150 intellectual property (IP) assets (11 October 2026).

ASPIRE (A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship)

ASPIRE promotes innovation and entrepreneurship in rural and underserved areas. It focuses on setting up Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) for micro-enterprise creation, skilling and re-skilling opportunities, and workforce supply to industrial clusters. As of October 2026, 109 LBIs have been approved and more than 1 lakh beneficiaries skilled.

Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)

The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) promotes self-employment by supporting the establishment of new micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector. It provides beneficiaries with a margin money subsidy linked to bank loans to help meet the cost of setting up these enterprises.

The scheme is implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) under the Ministry of MSME, ensuring wider outreach and effective last-mile delivery.

Project Cost Limits: The scheme supports projects with costs of up to 50 lakh in the manufacturing sector and 20 lakh in the service sector.

The scheme provides assistance under General and Special categories. Under the General Category, the subsidy is 25 per cent of the project cost in rural areas and 15 per cent of the project cost in urban areas. Under the Special Categories, the subsidy is higher — 35 per cent of the project cost in rural areas and 25 per cent of the project cost in urban areas. The Special Category covers SC/ST/OBC communities, Minorities, Women, Ex-servicemen, Persons with Disabilities and Transgender applicants, as well as beneficiaries from the Northeastern Region, Hill and Border areas, and Aspirational Districts.

PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)

Launched in June 2020, the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) is a micro-credit scheme for street vendors.

Loans and credit facilities: It supports vendors' working capital needs through collateral-free loans that increase from 15,000 to 25,000 and then 50,000, backed by interest subsidies and credit guarantees. Those who repay the second loan can also qualify for a UPI-linked RuPay credit card with a 30,000 limit.

Digital participation: Vendors receive up to 1,600 in cashback for retail and wholesale digital transactions.

Welfare coverage: Under SVANidhi se Samriddhi, access to eight selected Central welfare schemes is facilitated for vendors and their families on the basis of socio-economic profiling.

As of 9 November 2026, the scheme had reached over 80.7 lakh beneficiaries, with more than 20,400 crore sanctioned.

Swavalambini Scheme

This scheme, launched in 2025, supports young women from business ideation to enterprise creation through entrepreneurship training, financial and market guidance, and legal support. Selected participants receive 21 weeks of mentorship and handholding to help develop sustainable enterprises. Notably, targets under the Swavalambini pilot have been achieved.

Entrepreneurship Beyond Metros: Tier II, Tier III and Rural India

India's entrepreneurial ecosystem is expanding beyond traditional metropolitan hubs. 52% of recognised startups originate from non-metro cities, reflecting the growing geographical spread of innovation. Businesses are increasingly choosing Tier-II and Tier-III cities for their lower costs, skilled talent, stronger industrial clusters, and improving infrastructure. As innovation spreads across Bharat, emerging cities are powering the next wave of entrepreneurship and economic growth. Rural entrepreneurship is also gaining momentum through targeted livelihood and enterprise-development programmes.

In August 2026, the Government launched the National Campaign on Entrepreneurship-II under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), for another three months, till 21 November 2026. The campaign aims to strengthen rural women's entrepreneurship and contribute to the vision of making 6 crore Lakhpati Didis.

The Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) aims to promote rural entrepreneurship by enabling households to set up and scale local enterprises. By June 2026, SVEP had supported 4.32 lakh rural enterprises across the country. The programme has strongly focused on social inclusion and equitable access to entrepreneurship opportunities. Around 86% of entrepreneurs belong to SC, ST, Minority, and OBC communities.

Together, these initiatives are strengthening local enterprise creation, widening livelihood opportunities and enabling entrepreneurship to contribute to more geographically inclusive growth.

Powering India's Journey Towards Viksit Bharat 2047

India's startup ecosystem is transitioning from rapid expansion towards sustainable growth and deeper integration with the real economy. As the country progresses towards a projected $7.3 trillion economy by 2030 and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, startups will continue to play a significant role in driving innovation, generating employment and strengthening economic growth. Their expanding contribution reflects India's growing entrepreneurial capacity and the potential of innovation-led enterprises to support long-term, inclusive development.

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Strengthening healthcare sector a key priority: Sakina Itoo

Inaugurates Rs 1.88 cr NTPHC at Chukar, inspects PHC Sariwarpora

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BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 10: Emphasising the importance of accessible and quality healthcare facilities at the grassroots level, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo, Tuesday inaugurated the New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) at Chukar, Tangmarg constructed at a cost of 1.88 crore.

MLA Gulmarg, Peerzada Farooq Ahmad Shah, was present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister, as per an official statement, underscored the importance of primary healthcare institutions in strengthening the public healthcare delivery system, particularly in rural and farflung areas, by ensuring access to essential medical services. She said the newly inaugurated NTPHC would significantly improve the healthcare access for the residents of Chukar and adjoining areas, reducing the need to travel long distances for basic medical treatment and other essential health services.

Sakina Itoo also highlighted the achievements and key initiatives of the Omar Abdullah-led government, reiterating its commitment to public welfare, equitable development and strengthening essential services across Jammu and Kashmir. She said the government is adopting a people-centric approach to address the public concerns, upgrade infrastructure and improve the service delivery across various sectors, with particular emphasis on healthcare.

She stated that strengthening the healthcare sector remains a key priority, with focused efforts towards upgrading the health infrastructure, improving medical facilities and ensuring the availability of quality healthcare services, particularly in underserved areas.

The Minister urged the concerned health authorities and medical staff to ensure effective functioning of the newly inaugurated facility, adequate availability of essential medical services and dedicated patient care. She stressed that healthcare institutions must serve the public with commitment, compassion and professionalism.

MLA Gulmarg also addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of strengthening the healthcare infrastructure in the constituency. He appreciated the ongoing efforts to improve public facilities and emphasized the need for continued development of essential services for the people.

Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr. Nighat Yasmeen, Chief Medical Officer Baramulla, Dr. A.G. Raina, and Block Medical Officer Pattan, Dr. Rumina Majeed besides other concerned officers, healthcare professionals and local residents were present on the occasion.

The Minister also inspected the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Sariwarpora, Pattan, and took stock of the healthcare facilities and services available there. She reviewed the functioning of the institution and emphasized the importance of ensuring adequate medical facilities, proper patient care and efficient delivery of healthcare services. She directed the concerned officials to maintain high standards of healthcare delivery and address any shortcomings to ensure better services for the local population.

Later, Sakina Itoo accompanied by the MLA Sopore, Irshad Rasool Kar, MLA Pattan Javaid Riyaz and Gulmarg, Farooq Ahmad Shah visited the residence of the medical student at Dangerpora, Sopore, who tragically lost his life in Bangladesh.

The Minister expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, conveyed deepest sympathies and assured them of the government's support and assistance during this difficult time.

District Kulgam gears up for 3-day Veshow Festival 2026

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KULGAM, NOVEMBER 10: District Administration Kulgam is all set to host the three-day Veshow Festival 2026 from November 11 to 13 at Government Degree College (GDC), Kulgam, celebrating the district's rich heritage, art, culture, literature and traditional trade.

In this regard, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, as per an official statement, reviewed the arrangements for the conduct of the annual festival and stressed upon the concerned departments to ensure proper coordination and make necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of all scheduled activities.

The festival aims to provide a common platform for artists, writers, poets, artisans, students, traders and cultural enthusiasts to showcase their talent, creativity and traditional knowledge while promoting the rich cultural identity of the region.

The three-day event will feature a series of literary and cultural programmes, including poetry sessions, Kashmiri literature discussions, mushairas, qawwali, ghazal performances, musical presentations and cultural performances by college and school students.

A major attraction of the festival will be the Trade Fair, featuring multiple pavilions showcasing traditional handicrafts, Kashmiri food, local products, art and craft, besides exhibitions highlighting the region's rich artistic and cultural traditions. Workshops, demonstrations by artisans and special activities for children will also form part of the festival.

The literary segment will bring together prominent writers, poets and literary personalities for interactive sessions and discussions, while dedicated programmes on Kashmiri language and literature will provide an opportunity to celebrate and promote the region's literary heritage.

The DC has invited people from all walks of life, particularly youth, students, artists and cultural enthusiasts, to participate in the festival in large numbers and make it a grand success. He said that Veshow Festival is an opportunity for people to reconnect with their roots, appreciate local talent and celebrate the rich cultural and literary traditions of the district.

A dedicated pavilion on Skill and Career Development will also be part of the festival, featuring interactive sessions and expert-led discussions to create awareness about skill development, emerging career opportunities, entrepreneurship and various avenues for professional growth, particularly among youth.

The festival is being organised under the theme 'Celebrating Our Heritage', reflecting the district's commitment to preserving and promoting its rich cultural, literary and traditional legacy.

Div Com Jammu reviews progress of ongoing works at Mubarak Mandi Complex

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 10: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Vikas Kundal, Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of ongoing projects at the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

During the meeting, Divisional Commissioner, as per an official statement, reviewed the status of various heritage conservation projects, including the restoration of Darbar Hall, Raja Ram Singh Palace, Raja Amar Singh Palace, Dogra Art Museum and other historic structures. He took stock of the physical and financial progress of the ongoing works.

The meeting also discussed key developmental projects aimed at improving accessibility and visitor facilities at the heritage complex, including the proposed multi-level parking facility, construction of a connecting flyover from Jullaka Mohalla and development of heritage-related infrastructure. He also reviewed the status of the proposed vertical lift connecting the Cable Car Project with Mubarak Mandi.

Divisional Commissioner directed the concerned departments to furnish a comprehensive list of issues and bottlenecks affecting the execution of ongoing projects so that these could be addressed in a coordinated manner. He also called for a survey to assess the daily footfall of visitors at the heritage complex to facilitate better planning and improvement of visitor facilities.

He stressed the need for coordinated efforts among all concerned departments and agencies for timely completion of the ongoing projects.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner, JMC, Executive Director, MMJHS Jammu, SE PWD(R&B) and other concerned officers.

DC Ganderbal inspects regional transformer repair workshop

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GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shreya Singhal along with Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Dr. Syed Faheem A. Bihaqi, Tuesday visited the Regional Transformer Repair Workshop at the Old Power House premises, Ganderbal, to take stock of its functioning.

During the visit, the DC, as per an official statement, inspected various key sections of the facility, including the assembly unit as well as the winding and rewinding sections. She undertook a detailed review of the workshop's daily repairing capacity of damaged transformers, machinery performance, and technical staff deployment.

The Executive Engineer, KPDCL, Division Ganderbal, briefed the visiting officers on the operational capacity, available manpower, and machinery setup. The DC gave necessary instructions for augmenting the repairing capacity of the workshop.

Addressing the technical staff, the DC issued clear instructions to systematically augment the workshop's daily repair capacity by enhancing machinery efficiency and optimizing manpower.

The DC instructed the Executive Engineer to ensure that sufficient buffer stock of transformers is kept. She stressed the need for timely repairs and efficient utilization of available resources to minimize disruptions in power supply.

Sakeena Itoo visits bereaved family of deceased MBBS student in Sopore, expresses condolences

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SOPORE, NOVEMBER 10: Minister for Health and Medical Education and Social Welfare, Sakeena Itoo Tuesday visited the residence of 26-year-old Adnan Altaf Rather at Dangerpora, Sopore, who tragically passed away in Bangladesh, and expressed her heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

During the visit, the Minister, as per an official statement, shared the grief of the family and conveyed her deepest sympathies over the demise of the young medical student. She prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and strength, courage and patience for the bereaved family to withstand this irreparable loss.

Expressing profound grief over the tragic incident, the Minister said that the loss of a young life, particularly of a student pursuing his dream of becoming a doctor, was deeply saddening.

"Words cannot adequately express the pain of a family that has lost its young son. May Almighty Allah grant the departed soul the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous and bless the family with strength and patience to bear this immense loss", the Minister said.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA Gulmarg Farooq Ahmad Shah; MLA Pattan Javid Reyaz and MLA Sopore Irshad Rasool Kar, who also expressed their condolences and conveyed solidarity with the bereaved family.

DC inspects progress of ongoing works at GMC Baili



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UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Ananth Dwivedi, Tuesday conducted a site visit to the new Government Medical College here at Baili to inspect the ongoing works and review the progress of the project.

The DC, as per an official statement, inspected various components of the project, reviewed the pace of construction and assessed the status of the ongoing works. He directed the concerned agencies to mobilise adequate resources, address bottlenecks and ensure time-bound completion of all remaining components.

The GMC Principal was advised to maintain close coordination with the executing agencies and concerned departments and ensure regular monitoring. Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division apprised the DC that temporary water supply has been provided to the hostel buildings. The DC directed to expedite the remaining works and ensure their completion on priority. Executive Engineer STD Division was directed to ensure early completion of the laying of 33 KV power line from local grid station to GMC and commission the electricity supply on priority.

The Executive Engineer PWD was directed to complete all remaining works of the Government Nursing College. He was also instructed to ensure proper maintenance of the internal nallah and the adjoining road within the GMC campus. He was further directed to hand over the Teaching Block at the Associated Hospital to the GMC authorities by the end of November 2026.

The DC directed the PWD to complete the Academic Block, comprising the Administrative Block, Lecture Hall, Library, Laboratories and other non-clinical departments, by the end of December 2026.

The DC emphasised the need for effective inter-departmental coordination, regular monitoring and accelerated execution of works to ensure timely completion of the project and strengthen healthcare infrastructure in the district.

KPDCL launches digital handbook on winter preparedness 2026–27

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 10: In view of the prevailing weather advisory and ahead of the winter season, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) Tuesday launched its Digital Handbook on Winter Preparedness 2026–27, placing its comprehensive winter action plan for Kashmir Division in the public domain.

The initiative, as per an official statement, undertaken under the directions of the Minister for Power, J&K, aims to promote transparency, strengthen accountability and facilitate informed public participation in ensuring reliable and safe power supply during the winter months.

The Handbook, themed "Readiness, Restoration and Consumer Safety," serves as a comprehensive reference document outlining KPDCL's winter preparedness measures, buffer stocks, restoration mechanisms, grievance redressal channels and essential safety advisories for its 13.53 lakh consumers.

Among the key highlights of the Handbook is a detailed overview of the



Corporation's power distribution network, comprising 353 Receiving Stations with a capacity of 5,021.65 MVA, 135 33 kV feeders, 1,334 11 kV feeders and 49,935 Distribution Transformers.

It also outlines the pre-winter preparedness measures undertaken by KPDCL, including clearance of power corridors through regular shutdowns, augmentation of overloaded distribution transformers, renovation and modernisation of receiving stations, and rectification of identified fault-prone hotspots to minimise power disruptions.

To ensure prompt replacement of damaged equipment and minimise restoration time, the Handbook provides division-wise details of buffer stocks, including 1,096 and 824 distribution transformers, along with buffer stocks of 33/11 kV power transformers and essential materials such as conductors, electric poles, transformer oil and AB cables. These materials have been positioned across divisions, including in areas vulnerable to floods and landslides.

The Corporation has also put in place Swift Restoration Teams (SRTs) at district and divisional levels, supported by dedicated teams and control rooms to ensure timely response to power outages and other emergencies. For the convenience of consumers, the Handbook provides the names and contact numbers of Assistant Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers of every Electric Division and Sub-Division, enabling the public to directly approach the concerned officials for assistance.

Emphasising consumer convenience, the Handbook also details the available 24×7 grievance redressal mechanisms. Consumers can register their complaints through the helpline 1912, toll-free number 18001807666, JK Samadhan 2.0, CPGRAMS, and KPDCL's official website and social media platforms. The document further explains the statutory grievance escalation mechanism through the Internal Grievance Redressal Forum (IGRF), Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) and Electricity Ombudsman.

A dedicated section on public safety provides important winter-related Do's and Don'ts, advising consumers to immediately report snapped conductors, maintain a safe distance from damaged electrical installations and refrain from touching fallen wires, climbing electric poles or attempting repairs on their own.

The Digital Handbook is available on KPDCL's official website at https://kpdcl.jk.gov.in and is also being disseminated through the Corporation's official social media handles on X (@kpdcloffice), Facebook and Instagram.

KPDCL has reiterated its commitment to ensuring reliable, uninterrupted and safe power supply during Winter 2026–27 and urged the general public to extend cooperation by promptly reporting power faults, damaged installations and other unsafe conditions to the concerned authorities.

DC Ganderbal inspects snow clearance control room at Tulbagh

KT News Desk

GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shreya Singhal, accompanied by the ADC Ganderbal, Tuesday visited the Snow Clearance Control Room at Tulbagh, Ganderbal, to take stock of the operational preparedness and arrangements put in place for the ensuing winter season.

During the inspection, as per an official statement, the AEE, Mechanical & Hospital Sub-Division 2nd, Ganderbal, briefed the DC regarding the availability of snow clearance machinery, the road network identified for mechanised snow clearance and the overall operational preparedness of the Control Room.

It was informed that a total of 12 snow clearance machines, including a snow cutter, are presently available. Out of these, three machines have been stationed at the Sub-Control Room, Kangan, to ensure prompt response to snowfall and snow clearance requirements in the area, while the remaining machines are stationed at the Main Control Room, Ganderbal.

The DC was apprised that a total road length of 284.18 kilometers has been identified for mechanised snow clearance across district Ganderbal. It was also apprised that the priority-wise categorisation has been made to facilitate systematic and phased snow clearance operations, with emphasis on ensuring connectivity on priority routes, particularly those essential for public movement and accessibility during the winter months.

Minister Dar exhorts officers to intensify field visits, redress farmers' concerns

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Jammu, Nov 10: Minister for Agriculture Production, Finance, Mining and Cooperative Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar on Tuesday convened a review meeting with senior officers of the Horticulture Department to assess the progress of ongoing projects and evaluate implementation of development schemes aimed at strengthening the horticulture sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Syed, Director Horticulture Kashmir, Vikas Anand, Managing Director JKHPMC Mohammad Farooq and others concerned officials.

During the meeting, the Minister called for a focused, outcome-oriented and farmer-centric approach to ensure that the benefits of government initiatives reach the intended beneficiaries, particularly small and marginal farmers. He stressed that effective implementation of welfare schemes must remain a key priority of the department, with due emphasis on transparency, accountability and timely delivery of benefits.

Underscoring the importance of strengthening the department's field-level outreach, Javid Dar directed the officers and field functionaries to undertake regular visits to horticulture areas to assess the ground realities, interact directly with the farmers and understand the challenges confronting them. He emphasised that field visits should serve as an effective mechanism for identifying the farmers' concerns, addressing the bottlenecks and ensuring prompt resolution of grievances.

The Minister also called for intensified awareness and extension activities to educate the farmers about various government schemes, financial assistance, technological interventions and support facilities available under different departmental programmes. He emphasised that no eligible farmer should be deprived of the benefits of government initiatives due to lack of awareness or procedural difficulties.

Stressing the need for a district-specific development strategy, the Minister directed the officers to identify the horticultural potential, production patterns and specific requirements of each district and accordingly formulate and implement need-based, crop-specific interventions.

Javid Dar emphasised the need to strengthen the entire horticulture value chain, including production, productivity, post-harvest management, processing and marketing, so that the farmers receive better returns for their produce. He called for coordinated efforts among the Horticulture Department, Jammu and Kashmir Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation (JKHPMC) and other allied agencies to ensure effective implementation of programmes and optimum utilisation of available resources.

During the meeting, the concerned officers gave a detailed presentation on the physical and financial progress of various ongoing schemes and projects being implemented by the Horticulture Department, JKHPMC and other allied sectors.

District Admin Bandipora issues Weather Advisory

Tourists, FAA Aspirants, Expectant Mothers and General Public advised to take Precautionary Measures

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BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 10: In view of the prevailing weather advisory and the possibility of adverse weather conditions, including snowfall and disruption of road connectivity in the far-flung areas of Bandipora and Gurez, the District Administration Bandipora has issued a weather advisory for tourists, travellers, aspirants appearing in the upcoming Finance Accounts Assistant examination and the general public.

As per the advisory issued by District Administration Bandipora, candidates belonging to these areas who are scheduled to appear in the OMR-based written examination for the post of Accounts Assistant (Finance Department) on November 15, 2026, have been advised to plan their journey well in advance and reach nearby stations or locations sufficiently ahead of the examination date, keeping in view the possibility of road closures and weather-related disruptions.

Tourists presently staying in Gurez have been advised to plan their departure immediately in consultation with the District Control Room.

Furthermore, Gurez Sector has temporarily been declared out of bounds for tourists in view of the prevailing weather advisory.

The advisory also requests expectant mothers residing in upper reaches, whose expected date of delivery falls within one month, to shift to nearby hospitals to ensure timely and appropriate medical care.

The general public has also been urged to avoid unnecessary travel towards Gurez and higher reaches and refrain from social gatherings in such areas.

For assistance and information, the public can contact the District Control Room, Bandipora, on 7006526985, 7006630771 and 7006328689.

India calls for free, safe navigation through Strait of Hormuz

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New Delhi, Nov 10: India on Tuesday once again called for free and safe navigation through the Strait of Hormuz and said it is in touch with all concerned parties to avoid attacks on civilian shipping and seafarers, including vessels under the Indian flag.

The remarks by External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal came amid recent incidents of attacks on commercial vessels in the region.

"We continue to call for free and safe navigation through the Strait of Hormuz," he said.

"We are in touch with all concerned parties to avoid attacks on civilian shipping and seafarers, including vessels under Indian flag and Indian seafarers," he added.

An Indian sailor was killed in an attack on a commercial vessel near Limah in Oman on November 2 that triggered a strong condemnation of the strike by India.

The West Asia conflict began in February following attacks on Iran by the US and Israel. New Delhi has been consistently calling for finding a solution to the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy.

There has been a sudden escalation in tensions in West Asia, especially after the Houthis carried out several strikes on Saudi Arabia.

India has been voicing serious concern over the Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia's civilian infrastructure and economic assets, cautioning that such strikes undermine regional stability and threaten freedom of navigation through the Bab-el-Mandeb strait.

The Iran-backed Houthi militant group had attacked Saudi Arabia's East-West oil pipeline which is considered very crucial for supply of crude oil.

Ever since the conflict involving Iran disrupted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, the East-West pipeline has served as a critical bypass for Saudi Arabia's oil exports.

The Houthi attacks have also triggered concerns over the safety of the Bab-el-Mandeb shipping lane.

The Bab-el-Mandeb is one of the world's most critical maritime chokepoints, located between the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. It connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden and the Arabian Sea.

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J&K to witness

asked to plan their departure immediately in consultation with the District Control Room. The Gurez sector has also been temporarily declared out of bounds for tourists in view of the weather advisory.

Expectant mothers residing in upper reaches, whose delivery dates fall within the next month, have been advised to shift to nearby hospitals to ensure access to medical care. Residents have also been urged to avoid unnecessary travel towards Gurez and other higher reaches.

Meanwhile, Bandipora Police issued a separate travel advisory asking tourists and visitors currently in Gurez to leave the valley by November 10 and postpone fresh travel plans in view of the possibility of road blockages from November 11.

The advisory also covers examination candidates, patients requiring regular medical care, people travelling for scheduled weddings and other urgent engagements, and those having time-bound official duties outside the subdivision.

In Anantnag, the Deputy Commissioner's office also issued an advisory asking people to avoid unnecessary travel towards high-altitude passes and roads during the forecast period.

Various departments, including Public Works (R&B), Mechanical Engineering, Revenue, Flood Control, PMGSY, Urban Local Bodies, JKPDCL, Jal Shakti and Health and Medical Education, have been asked to take precautionary measures and activate their respective control rooms.

Farmers have been advised to safely store harvested crops ahead of the wet spell, while travellers and transporters have been asked to plan their journeys accordingly and follow official traffic advisories.

The weather department has forecast generally dry conditions from November 15 to 19, providing relief after the anticipated wet spell. (KNO)

CM Omar directs

action plans on BEAMS. He also called for the closure of all Single Nodal Agency (SNA) bank accounts relating to Centrally Sponsored Schemes.In view of the forthcoming visit of the Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) to assess damages, departments were asked to finalise comprehensive, sector-wise damage assessment reports to facilitate the assessment process.

The Chief Minister further directed all departments to identify and prepare a robust shelf of encumbrance-free projects by March 2027 to facilitate timely tendering and smooth execution during FY 2027-28. He stressed advance planning and close inter-departmental coordination to ensure that the next year's SASCI plan is finalised well in time.

Reviewing the performance for FY 2025-26, the meeting was informed that against an overall allocation of 5,166.46 crore, comprising untied funds, Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) shares, incentive-based allocations and disaster management components, an expenditure of 3,367.64 crore had been incurred.

The meeting was also informed that the State Executive Committee (SEC) has approved 1,416 crore for the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) across social, infrastructure, productive and cross-cutting sectors, against the NDMA ceiling of 1,534.58 crore. An amount of 424.79 crore has been proposed for immediate release.

For FY 2026-27, 811 crore is available under SASCI Part-I Untied Funds, including 541 crore in current-year receipts and 270 crore carried forward as unutilised funds from the previous financial year. Departments have been assigned an expenditure target of 608 crore to qualify for the second instalment.

Under Part-II, relating to Centrally Sponsored Schemes, J&K has received 116 crore, constituting 66 per cent of the 176 crore SASCI loan assistance sought for 10 major schemes linked to J&K.

The meeting also reviewed the J&K Administration's efforts to leverage the incentive-based funding pool of 2,890.51 crore available for FY 2026-27, linked to governance reforms, improved financial management and sector-specific performance benchmarks.

Significant progress was reported under the Digital Public Infrastructure for Agriculture initiative (AgriStack), with 7.59 lakh Farmer IDs generated, representing 59 per cent of the target. The Digital Crop Survey (DCS) has been completed in 5,714 villages, covering 83.3 per cent of the target and more than 30.27 lakh land parcels.

The meeting was informed that the pilot distribution of AgriStack-enabled fertilisers through Farmer IDs commenced on November 5, 2026, in Jammu and Srinagar districts, marking another step towards strengthening technology-driven agricultural service delivery.

Progress was also reviewed under other incentive-linked reform areas, including Mining Reforms, with a target of 350 crore; Livestock Sector Reforms (150 crore); Efficiency in Financial Management (400 crore); implementation of Right of Way (RoW) Rules (50 crore); and achievement of Capital Expenditure targets (218 crore). Proposals in these areas have either been submitted or are at various stages of verification.

The Ministers also shared their inputs and suggestions during the meeting, highlighting key priorities and issues concerning their respective departments. They emphasised the need for coordinated efforts to accelerate the implementation of SASCI-funded projects and ensure optimal utilisation of available resources.

The Chief Minister emphasised that SASCI should be leveraged not merely as a special funding window but also as a strategic instrument for accelerating capital investment, strengthening public infrastructure and improving governance outcomes across Jammu and Kashmir.

He underscored the importance of timely execution, efficient financial management and sustained coordination among departments to maximise the benefits available under the scheme. (KNO)

KCCI welcomes

to regulatory and governance requirements.

KCCI said the proposed scheme should cover eligible stressed business accounts beyond the existing Rs 5 crore ceiling and provide realistic settlement terms to traders, industrialists, MSMEs, hospitality establishments and other entrepreneurs carrying legacy debt.

Clarifying that the demand was not for a blanket loan waiver, the Chamber said it sought a fair, transparent and formula-based settlement mechanism to enable genuinely distressed borrowers to clear their liabilities, close long-pending accounts and make a fresh beginning.

It added that resolving legacy debt would help revive economic activity, protect employment, safeguard livelihoods and restore confidence in Jammu and Kashmir's business environment.

While appreciating J&K Bank's RAHAT initiative, KCCI reiterated that a separate and broader Special OTS was essential to ensure that businesses with larger outstanding liabilities were not left without a viable settlement opportunity.

The Chamber expressed hope that the Lieutenant Governor, Chief Minister and J&K Bank management would respond positively and initiate necessary consultations without further delay. (KNO)

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fake appointment orders and a forged deputation letter, thereby cheating people of lakhs of rupees.

The spokesperson said the allegations were substantiated during the investigation, following which the case was concluded as proved and a chargesheet filed before the court in absentia under Section 512 CrPC, as the accused is absconding.

"SSP EOW Kashmir advises the public to verify the credentials of individuals claiming official connections and never pay money for government jobs or transfers through unauthorised channels. Report any such fraudulent activity to EOW Kashmir," the statement reads. (KNO)

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the Lieutenant Governor said he had spoken with senior officials, the Director of SKIMS and the Deputy Commissioner of Ganderbal about the accident. He said eight injured tourists from Gujarat and West Bengal had been referred to SKIMS and directed officials and the hospital director to ensure their best possible treatment. He also prayed for their speedy recovery.

The injured were identified as Sharda Bi, wife of Ramesh Bhai, and Ramesh Bhai, son of Bovin Bi, both residents of Ahmedabad, Gujarat; Daysha, son of Subash Chandra, from Surat, Gujarat; and Shobha, wife of Rajesh Kumar, and Rajesh Kumar, son of Derubi Patil, both residents of Ahmedabad.

Others included Swarnadyyti Ghosh, wife of Surjeet Ghosh, from West Bengal; Mala Ghosh, wife of Surjeet Ghosh, from Murshidabad, West Bengal; Surjeet Ghosh, son of Late Krishna Dulal Ghosh, also from West Bengal; Mukesh Bhai, his wife Kala Ben and their son Rohan Bhai, all from Gujarat; and Jagdesh, son of Amreet Singh, from Gurdaspur, Punjab.

Police have taken cognisance of the incident and initiated further investigation.

"Deeply concerned over the unfortunate road accident at Sumbal Bala, Ganderbal. I have spoken to the Director, SKIMS, and directed that the injured, particularly those referred to SKIMS Soura, receive the best possible medical care and attention. Their well-being is our priority. Praying for their speedy recovery. May Allah(SWT) grant them Shifa," she posted on X.(KNO)

Kumar Sanu in

peaceful atmosphere.

He said that the situation in Kashmir was absolutely fine and encouraged people from across the country to visit the Valley and experience its natural beauty and hospitality.

The singer also expressed appreciation for the warmth and affection extended to him by the people of Kashmir.

Sanu was scheduled to travel to north Kashmir's Baramulla district. His visit comes ahead of the grand finale of the first-ever 'Kashmir Got Talent' event, scheduled to be held in Kupwara on November 11, in which the renowned playback singer is associated. (KNO)

Immunization acts

provides protection before exposure to these infections, making prevention far better than dealing with complications after the disease develops," he said.

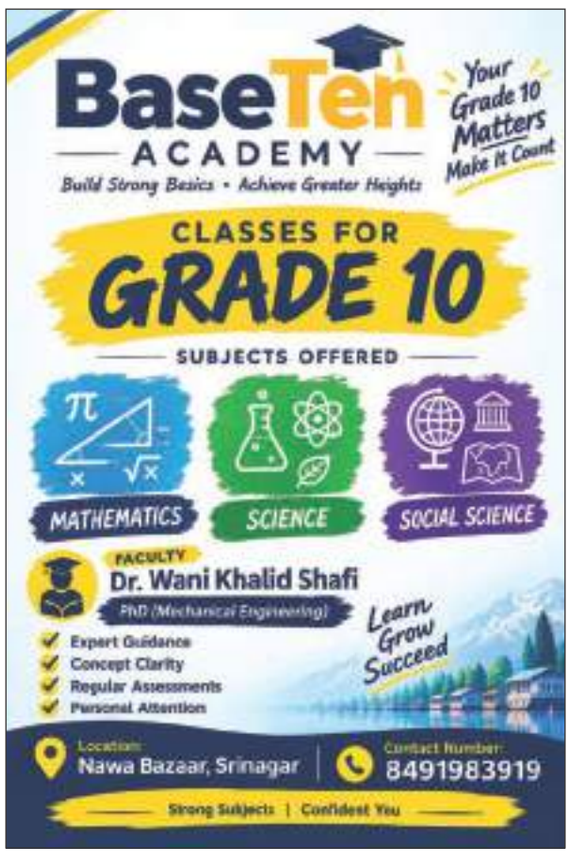
Experts also sought to dispel concerns surrounding vaccine safety, saying vaccines undergo extensive testing and safety assessments before being approved for public use.

They said most post-vaccination reactions, where they occur, are generally mild and temporary, including low-grade fever, slight discomfort or pain at the injection site.

Referring to the COVID-19 pandemic, health experts said the global vaccination drive once again highlighted the importance of immunisation in reducing the burden of life-threatening infectious diseases and protecting vulnerable populations during public health emergencies.

They stressed that improving awareness, ensuring easy access to vaccination services and maintaining complete immunisation coverage are essential for preventing outbreaks and building healthier communities.

They appealed to parents and caregivers to maintain their children's vaccination records and ensure that no scheduled dose is missed. (KNO)



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SC asks WhatsApp, others to list measures to prevent digital arrest, related cyber crimes

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New Delhi, Nov 10: The Supreme Court has asked WhatsApp and other intermediaries to apprise it about their proposed measures to prevent digital arrest scams and related cybercrimes in the country.

In an order uploaded on the website with regard to the hearing conducted on October 29 in a suo motu case titled 'In Re: Victims of Digital Arrest Related to Forged Documents', a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant asked WhatsApp and like intermediaries to simultaneously submit their proposals to the I4C (Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre).

The bench, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, has listed the plea for further consideration on November 23.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for WhatsApp, had told the bench the platform had taken preventive measures, including action against 9,400 accounts, and would file an affidavit detailing the steps undertaken.

He had said the platform was working on a software to identify suspicious accounts and warn users.

"WhatsApp LLC (A Meta company) and other concerned intermediaries are also directed to apprise this Court of the measures they propose to undertake to prevent the digital arrest scams and related cybercrimes. They shall also simultaneously submit their proposals to the I4C," the bench said in its order.

The top court, on October 29, had said financial institutions must be held accountable for digital arrest scams and other cyber frauds, emphasising that banks should be required to compensate victims for losses suffered where an investigation establishes that the fraud occurred due to the institution's failure to exercise due diligence.

"We reiterate and emphasize that the regulatory measures proposed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) must mandate and incorporate suitable provisions that require financial institutions to indemnify victims of digital arrest scams and other cyber frauds and pay suitable compensation not less than the amount lost by the customer, where it is established that the fraud or crime occurred due to the failure on the part of the financial institution to exercise due diligence in preventing or reporting the act/incident," the bench said in the order.

During the hearing, the CJI had questioned why banks could not intervene when customers suddenly attempted to transfer unusually large sums of money that were inconsistent with their established transaction patterns.

"We have also emphasised in the past various preventive safeguards that must be mandated for every financial institution. These may include temporarily suspending unusual or suspicious transactions inconsistent with the account's past transaction history, automatically intimating such transactions to the nearest police station, and subsequently physically verifying the reported transactions to ascertain their genuineness," the order said.

In order to ensure effective implementation of the regulatory measures proposed by the RBI, as well as the directions issued, the bench further directed the RBI to submit a list of all authorised financial institutions before this court on the next date of hearing.

Observing that despite the fact that cyber crimes fell by 50 per cent, yet victims lost Rs 800 crore so far this year, the bench had said the proposed RBI regulatory framework must incorporate enforceable provisions for compensation, preventive intervention and institutional accountability.

The CJI had said the bench would first examine the proposed RBI Know Your Customer (KYC) Amendment Directions, 2026, before permitting the regulatory process to proceed.

The directions are proposed to be notified by November 30 and operationalised by December 31.

Describing banks as a "protective umbrella" for vulnerable customers, the CJI had said financial institutions possess information about their account holders, including their transaction histories, and should use that knowledge to prevent fraud before money leaves an account.

Attorney General R Venkataramani, appearing for the Centre and other authorities, told the bench that substantial work had been undertaken to improve the detection of suspicious transactions and strengthen preventive mechanisms within the banking system. The bench also directed the law enforcement agencies of all states and Union territories to submit reports detailing FIRs registered in digital arrest scam cases and the investigations arising from them.

The agencies have also been asked to provide suggestions for the prevention, detection and prosecution of such offences.

The DGPs of all states and Union territories have been directed to ensure compliance.

The reports must be submitted to the inter-departmental committee coordinating the government's response, with reports furnished to the court also being forwarded to the committee, the bench directed.

India can provide guidance, lead entire humanity in right direction: Hosabale



PTI

Mathura (UP), Nov 10: RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on Tuesday asserted that India is a nation and a society, which can provide guidance and lead the entire humanity in the right direction.

He also called upon Hindu society to become self-reliant and, in turn, contribute to empowering the weaker sections within its own community.Hosabale, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) sarkaryavah, was addressing a gathering held on the occasion of the 'Giriraj Puja' and 'Annakoot Prasadam' event at Keshav Dham in Vrindavan.

"Currently, there is unrest across the world. Anarchy is spreading, people are rebelling against the old system, becoming unbridled and failing to understand the very meaning of life," he said, expressing concern over families getting disintegrated, and feelings of hatred and malice towards one another are on the rise.

"Someone who can show and lead the entire humanity is needed. Humanity as a whole needs someone to provide guidance and lead it in the right direction.

"In such a situation, India is the only nation, the only society that can do this," Hosabale said.

He also said those who speak of creating divisions in society do so to serve their own selfish interests.

"We must remain vigilant and cautious regarding them. If we all remain organised and alert, those who seek to fragment society by sowing discord will find no opportunity to succeed. Their fallacious arguments, too, will not last," Hosabale said.

He emphasised keeping the society "cohesive".

Referring to the views of economists who describe the 21st century as "India's century" in economic terms, he said, "That is certainly a positive development. However, our goal should not be limited to merely building a prosperous nation in the material sense.

"Rather, we must shape our society in such a way that the world, by observing the Indian way of life, learns how we can lead a life rooted in 'dharma' by finding joy in existence through our art, culture, thought, and understanding."

Hosabale also said that the world once recognised India as a 'vishwaguru' because, in the past, Indian sages, saints and ascetics travelled to other lands to share their culture and civilisation, and the prosperous kings and monarchs of that era also behaved in the same manner.

The event was attended by several prominent figures, including Akhil Bharatiya Sampark Pramukh Ramlal, Uttar Pradesh minister Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary, Rajya Sabha MP Chaudhary Tejveer Singh and various other BJP leaders.

Earlier in the day, between 6 am and 7 am, they participated in the daily RSS 'shakha' held at Keshavdham. Hosabale had arrived in Vrindavan on Monday night.

Citing the example of Trinidad, he said that the local people there, influenced by Indian civilisation and culture, not only celebrate festivals like Diwali with great joy alongside the Indian community, but have even named a town "Diwali Nagar".

Highlighting a contrast, Hosabale said, "There are other types of nations in the world, where the governments have sought to serve their own selfish interests by occupying other countries, exploiting their populations and seizing their resources to enhance their own prosperity. Historically, too, explorers like Columbus and Vasco da Gama, wherever they travelled, oppressed the indigenous inhabitants and established their rule through coercion."

National-level creative economy conference in Delhi on Nov 13

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New Delhi, Nov 10: The culture ministry has planned to host a national-level conference on the creative economy at the Bharat Mandapam here on November 13, people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekawat is expected to attend the conference, they said.

Participants from various states and UTs will be among the attendees at the event, which is to be held at the Bharat Mandapam on November 13, a person cited above said.

Besides, the ministry is also gearing up for the SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum meeting, which will be held in New Delhi from November 20-22.

The Forum meeting will be hosted at the Purana Quila, and preparations are underway," the person familiar with the matter said.

The SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum is being jointly organised by the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of External Affairs.

India has invited all the member nations of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), including Pakistan, for the grouping's Civilisational Dialogue Forum to be held in the national capital next month, the MEA had said on October 28.

It is learnt that Pakistan's National Heritage and Culture Minister Aurangzeb Khan Khichi has been invited to the meeting.

It is perhaps for the first time that New Delhi has extended an invitation to a senior minister from Pakistan to attend an event in India after last year's May 7-10 military hostilities following Operation Sindoor.

The culture ministry is also gearing up for the 108-day India Biennale, which will begin on December 4.

The event will be hosted at cultural sites across the national capital, including the Red Fort, Qutub Minar, Safdarjung Tomb and Jantar Mantar observatory.

The main venue of the biennale will be Purana Quila in Delhi.

Red Fort blast

Al-Falah University now functioning under Haryana govt

Tight security on campus

PTI

Faridabad, Nov 10: A year after the Red Fort blast, the Al-Falah University, which came under intense scrutiny during the anti-terror probe, is functioning under the administrative control of the Haryana government with strict security arrangements on the campus.

All 200 MBBS seats at the university have been completely filled during the recent admission cycle, said an official.

Following the suicide bomb blast in November 2025 that claimed 15 lives, investigative agencies examined the alleged involvement of certain doctors and staff members working at the university, putting a question mark over its fate.

The university's founder-chairman Jawad Ahmed Siddiqui was arrested in connection with money laundering cases.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) and the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) also flagged "major irregularities"



during their review of the institution's functioning.

Following an investigation report that revealed numerous shortcomings and statutory violations, the state government took over the management of the university in March 2026.

A police post has now been set up on the college campus. The family of a cleric, who was associated with the mosque adjacent to the medical college and was arrested in the anti-terror probe has vacated their home.

Police personnel remain stationed at the medical college at all times, and activities within the campus are being monitored. A verification process has also been initiated for everyone on campus, ranging from staff members to students, the official said.

However, academic activities have now fully returned to normal under government supervision, he said.

IAS officer Amit Kumar Agarwal was appointed as the administrator of the university on March 21, 2026. Ajay Ranga, the Registrar of J.C. Bose University of Science and Technology (Faridabad), was given additional charge as the Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Al-Falah University.

Through the centralised counselling process conducted by the Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences in Rohtak, Haryana, all 200 MBBS seats were allocated in a transparent manner.

The university administration said that while 196 seats were filled during last year's admissions, all 200 seats have been filled this time.

It emphasised that while investigative agencies are carrying out their work, the university administration remains focused on providing quality medical education.

On November 9, 2025, the Jammu and Kashmir Police, in coordination with local police, arrested Dr Muzammil Shakeel Ganai, who was employed at Al-Falah Medical College. Around 360 kilograms of explosive material, an assault rifle, cartridges, a pistol, magazines, and timers were recovered from his rented room in Dhauj village.

On November 10, approximately 2,563 kilograms of ammonium nitrate were recovered during raids in Fatehpur Taga and Dhauj. In total, more than 2,900 kilograms of explosive material were seized across both operations.

The next day, near the Red Fort in Delhi, Dr Umar un-Nabi blew himself up by detonating explosives in a car.

UNESCO recognises 307-year-old Mahabharata manuscript preserved at Visva-Bharati

PTI

Kolkata, Nov 10: A 307-year-old palm-leaf manuscript containing a portion of the Mahabharata, which has been preserved at Visva-Bharati university in Santiniketan, was included in UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register, an official said on Tuesday.

The UNESCO register preserves and highlights documentary heritage of major cultural, historical, and scientific significance across the region.

The manuscript, comprising 221 folios, was transcribed by Haricharan Sharma and documents the Karna Parva, one of the 18 sections of the ancient Sanskrit epic traditionally attributed to sage Vyasa.

"UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register has included the 307-year-old manuscript. This recognition is expected to bring greater attention to Visva-Bharati's rich manuscript collection housed at its Lipika repository," the university's spokesperson told PTI.

He said the central university began digitising thousands of rare manuscripts at the Lipika manuscript repository under the government's nationwide Gyan Bharatam Mission, under the guidance of an expert team from the Asiatic Society.

The latest recognition has renewed interest in the university's manuscript archives and their significance as repositories of India's literary and cultural heritage.

Suvendu mulling fresh legal action against Mamata over 'concealment' in poll affidavit

PTI



Kolkata, Nov 10: West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Tuesday said he is likely to initiate fresh legal proceedings against his predecessor Mamata Banerjee, alleging that she had concealed crucial information in her election affidavits while contesting the 2026 Assembly polls.

Adhikari also said the role of the returning officer who had accepted Banerjee's nomination papers despite objections raised during scrutiny would be investigated, opening another legal front in the political confrontation between the two leaders.

"She (Mamata) concealed several important details in her election affidavit. During scrutiny, several candidates had raised objections in this regard. Despite this, the returning officer concerned rejected those objections and cleared her nomination. The discrepancies were not taken into account during scrutiny," he said.

"I plan to initiate legal proceedings over this. Such things cannot be allowed," Adhikari told reporters on the sidelines of a programme to pay tribute to those killed in the 2007 Nandigram movement at Gokulnagar in Purba Medinipur district.

The proposed action comes amid an intensifying political and legal confrontation between the two leaders, who have faced each other in successive Assembly elections.

Adhikari defeated Banerjee in Nandigram in 2021 and again in Bhabanipur in 2026. In the latter election, he also contested and won from Nandigram, before assuming office as chief minister following the BJP's victory in the state.

Asked about a Delhi Police notice served at Mamata Banerjee's Kalighat residence on Monday in connection with a case dating back to 2013, Adhikari declined to comment, saying he was unaware of the details of the case.

The Delhi Police notice, linked to a confrontation during a TMC protest in the national capital, reportedly refers to allegations of obstructing public servants in the discharge of their duties and assaulting officials, among other charges. Police are expected to question the former chief minister at a time and place convenient to her.

MHA generates Rs 10.17 cr by selling scrap under Swachhata campaign

PTI



New Delhi, Nov 10: The Union Home Ministry has generated over Rs 10.17 crore through disposal of scrap, including Rs 2.63 crore from e-waste, under its recently concluded Special Campaign 6 for Disposal of Pending Matters, a government statement on Tuesday said.

"The campaign commenced with a preparatory phase on 15th September 2026, followed by its implementation from 2nd to 31st October 2026, across the Ministry of Home Affairs and its attached and subordinate offices throughout the country," it said.

The ministry said 6,757 sites were initially identified for the Swachhata campaign, which was later expanded to 7,963.

During the campaign, 147 references from Members of Parliament, 141 references from state governments, 11,902 public grievances and 1,666 appeals were disposed of. As many as 2,19,644 physical files and 30,385 electronic files were reviewed.

"(A total of) 78,125 square feet of office space was freed through effective record management and disposal of redundant material. Over Rs 10.17 crore was generated through disposal of scrap, out of which Rs 2.63 crore came through e-waste disposal," it said.

A special one-day intensive drive was organised on October 13 to accelerate the achievement of campaign targets through coordinated efforts across the ministry and its attached and subordinate offices.

"The activities undertaken included tree plantation drives, intensive cleanliness campaigns and weeding out of old and redundant records, along with other initiatives aimed at promoting environmental sustainability, improving workplace cleanliness and ensuring efficient records management," it said.

Quick Read

Russia-Ukraine peace talks mediated by US begin in Abu Dhabi



AP

Abu Dhabi, Nov 10 : Three-way talks between Russia, Ukraine and the United States opened Tuesday in the United Arab Emirates, as Washington made another push to end the war that followed Moscow's all-out invasion of its neighbour nearly five years ago.

The two-day session in the UAE's capital, Abu Dhabi, is the first such meeting since February. It will focus on establishing future security guarantees for the warring countries, the White House said before the discussions. Russia sees NATO as a threat, and Ukraine wants to prevent future Russian invasions.

US President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, who along with US envoy Steve Witkoff is trying to broker a settlement, said that he believed that there were "some good ideas how to bridge" the differences between the two sides.

But hopes of progress in ending Europe's biggest conflict since World War II are tempered by the absence of any significant breakthroughs in three previous rounds of talks early this year. The war has already killed hundreds of thousands of soldiers and thousands of civilians, analysts and humanitarian organisations say.

There are no signs the fighting is abating, and the talks took place against a backdrop of new long-range strikes between Russia and Ukraine. The two armies are largely deadlocked on the front line.

Russia launched 162 drones of various types and a ballistic missile at Ukraine overnight, Ukraine's air force said.

Meanwhile, Russia's Ministry of Defence said that its forces shot down 155 Ukrainian drones overnight above eight Russian regions, as well as the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014.

G7 talks in Paris turn to Ukraine as US-mediated talks begin in Abu Dhabi



AP

Paris, Nov 10 : US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and his counterparts from the Group of 7 developed democracies are turning their attention toward Ukraine and how to support it in its struggle to defend itself from Russia. As three-way talks between Russia, Ukraine and the United States get underway in the United Arab Emirates, top G7 diplomats are meeting Tuesday with Ukraine's foreign minister in France.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha will start his day in Paris in talks with Rubio before heading to the French foreign ministry for a larger group meeting with the entire G7. They will discuss defense and security assistance to Ukraine, which President Donald Trump's administration has reduced, causing consternation not only in Kyiv but in capitals across Europe, the largest of which — Paris, Berlin, Rome and London — are G7 members.

It was not immediately clear if the US or any of its G7 partners would announce any new assistance for Ukraine.

Meanwhile in Abu Dhabi, Trump's envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner will be meeting Russian and Ukrainian officials in part to persuade Moscow to agree to broader negotiations that would include key European officials on how to end nearly five years of war.

In Paris, Europeans have been clamoring for a seat at the table in Abu Dhabi, but two US officials said Monday that representatives from Britain, Germany, France, NATO and the European Union would not join the main talks but rather discuss potential security guarantees and the long-term security architecture between Russia and Europe beforehand.

Russia has resisted European participation in negotiations and insisted the talks should proceed strictly as a trilateral format involving Russia, Ukraine and the United States. The three last held talks in February.

US Air Force evacuates tankers from UK base amid Iran threat: WSJ

AP



London, Nov 10 : The US Air Force has evacuated air refuelling tankers from their base in eastern England due to a threat from Iran, the Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday.

Two tankers stationed at RAF Mildenhall were diverted to Germany on Monday, and several other tankers were relocated to other bases in Europe later in the day, the newspaper reported, citing people familiar with the decision.

US officials decided to redeploy the aircraft after being alerted about the new threat on Monday, the Journal said. A European Command official said they were aware of the reporting when contacted by The Associated Press, saying only that the service rotates aircraft between locations "for a variety of reasons including training and real world requirements."

"US military aircraft are hosted in accordance with access, basing and overflight agreements with our allies and partners," the official said while speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak on sensitive military matters. "Due to operations security, we will not provide further information on movement of assets."` "For operational security reasons, we do not discuss specific force protection measures. Our installations remain vigilant and work closely with our host nation counterparts."

RAF Mildenhall, a British base operated by the US Air Force, hosts the 100th refuelling wing, the only permanent refuelling wing in the European region. It operates the KC-135 Stratotanker, a four-engine jet aircraft with a wingspan of 131 feet that can carry up to 83,000 pounds of cargo.

The report comes less than two months after the Air Force withdrew its bombers from another US-run base in Britain, RAF Fairford, as police investigated a suspected terror plot linked to Iran.

Bombers flying out of RAF Fairford had been used to strike Iran during the US-Israeli war against the Islamic Republic.

Five men were detained on September 27 after three suspicious vans were spotted travelling toward RAF Fairford.

The UK-owned base has been used by American bombers during decades of conflicts in the Middle East, including the ongoing Iran war.

Other arrests followed and two men have been charged under the National Security Act.

Britain's Ministry of Defence said it doesn't comment on the activity of other nations.

"Aircraft and other assets move regularly according to operational requirements," the ministry said in a statement.

PM Modi congratulates Anuj Shrivatri as India reaches 100 chess Grandmasters



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PTI

New Delhi, Nov 10 :Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Anuj Shrivatri on becoming India's 100th Grandmaster, saying it was an exceptional achievement for the country to "hit a century in chess".

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"India has hit a century in chess! Exceptional isn't it? India is now home to a hundred chess Grandmasters! Congratulations to Anuj Shrivatri on becoming India's 100th Chess Grandmaster! What a wonderful achievement it is," he said in a post on 'X'.

"May this achievement inspire many more youngsters to take up chess and pursue excellence," he said.

Madhya Pradesh's Anuj Shrivatri became India's 100th Grandmaster after winning the 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship in Sinacaban in Philippines on Sunday.

The legendary Viswanathan Anand became India's first ever GM back in 1988. The country got its last five GMs between July and November this year. Ethan Vaz, Harshvardhan GB, S Ashwath and V Rathnavel got their GM titles just before Anuj.

India's D Gukesh is the reigning world champion and will defend his crown later this month.

US to become first country to skip UN Human Rights Council review



AP

Geneva, Nov 10 :The United States is set to become the first country to fully shun a regular review of its human rights record at the UN's top rights body since it was created two decades ago.

The Trump administration last year pulled the US out of the Human Rights Council, accusing it of an anti-US and anti-Israel bias, and alleging that it didn't uphold the very values it promotes.

Supporters back the council's mandate to keep tabs on human rights in all UN member states including the US, which has drawn criticism for its policies including strong-arm deportations and targeted killings of alleged drug-runners in the Caribbean and Pacific — which the administration has said are designed to protect US workers and help keep the country safe.

The Geneva-based council regularly examines the rights records of all 193 UN member states — generally about every four to five years — as part of a process known as the universal periodic review.

The United States, under Trump, already skipped its appointment for its review a year ago. The scheduled November 2025 review was pushed back until Tuesday in hopes that the US government might change its mind.

It did not.

"(W)e give no credibility to the agency," a State Department spokesperson said in an email to The Associated Press.

"This irredeemable body makes a mockery of human rights through consistent failures to uphold its own values' as it pushes anti-American rhetoric," the spokesperson said, alleging the council's "persistent failure to condemn the most egregious human rights violators."

The council says the process requires participation of the country in question, and in the case of an absence of any national representatives, the review cannot go forward.

As part of such reviews, national delegations — which at times can include a dozen officials or more — make a presentation, face questions and hear recommendations from other national envoys. It's supposed to be a sweeping and constructive process, akin to holding up a mirror to governments to improve their human rights policies.

Critics of the US snub warn that the walkout could encourage other countries — many of which bristle about intense scrutiny from human rights monitors — to follow suit.

India begin AFC U-17 Asian Cup qualifying campaign against Singapore

PTI

Kuala Lumpur, Nov 10 : India will begin their AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers' Group E campaign against Singapore on Wednesday, aiming to secure back-to-back appearances in the continental football tournament.

Hosts Malaysia, Palestine and Guam are the other teams in the fray.

India will next face Guam on November 14, Palestine on November 17 and hosts Malaysia on November 20 in their remaining Group E fixtures. Only the group winner will progress to the AFC U17 Asian Cup, scheduled to be held in Uzbekistan from May 12 to 29, 2027. Among the five teams in Group E, India are the only side to have qualified for the AFC U17 Asian Cup in 2026. The Blue Colts bowed out of the group stage after defeats to Australia and Uzbekistan.

They will head into the Qualifiers following an extensive preparation under the newly-appointed head coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo.

The team began their preparatory camp in Goa in September, where over 100 players were assessed during a month-long selection process before the final 23-member squad was selected ahead of the Qualifiers. Wadoo's side travelled to Myanmar in early October, where they played two friendlies against the hosts, drawing 1-1 in the first before securing a 4-0 victory in the second.

The Blue Colts then travelled to the United Arab Emirates to play two more friendly matches against the hosts earlier this month. The first one ended goalless before India weaved a 4-1 victory in the second game to round off their preparations.

