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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

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PM to dedicate a **Locomotive manufacturing plant** and also **flag off an Electric Locomotive**

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PM to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate development projects worth over **₹ 53,400 crore**

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PM to participate in the celebrations of **20 years of Gujarat Urban Growth Story** and **launch Urban Development Year 2025**

DC Srinagar chairs comprehensive meeting of Revenue Officers

Stresses on further improving functioning of Revenue setup



Srinagar, May 26: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers at Meeting Hall of the DC Office here to review the functioning and progress of revenue related matters. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiyaz-Ul-Aziz; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, all Tehsildars and other senior functionaries of the Revenue department of the district. Meeting aimed to review

and enhance the functioning of the District's Revenue Department, focusing on the expediting process of digitization of revenue records and the timely delivery of public services. At the outset, DC took a detailed review of the Revenue sector with special focus on scanning and digitization of mussels and other revenue related records of all villages of the district. On the occasion, DC directed the officials of Revenue Department to widen their role and perform duties with an ob-

jective to provide better services to the people in a time bound manner as per the guidelines under Public Service Guarantee Act. Dr Bilal stressed on further improving and strengthening the functioning of the Revenue setup in the district. He said that the working approach of the Revenue officials must lead in making a positive contribution to the society. He called for enhanced transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the delivery of public services under the Public Services

Guarantee Act (PSGA). DC also asked the Revenue officers to actively monitor the process of revenue related activities in respective jurisdictions on a periodic basis, so that people may not face any inconvenience while availing revenue related services. He also underscored the district administration's commitment to modernizing Revenue records, enhancing public service delivery, and ensuring the protection of government land through coordinated efforts and infrastructure development.

MP Jugal Kishore tours Reasi District to identify places of attraction for promoting heritage, adventure and conventional tourism

REASI, MAY 26: Member Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma today conducted an extensive tour of Reasi District to review ongoing developmental projects and identify places of attraction for promoting heritage, adventure and conventional tourism in the region.

He was accompanied by Member Legislative Assembly Reasi, Kuldeep Raj Dubey, besides officials from key departments including Tourism, Railways, PWD, PHE and PMGSY. MP Jugal Kishore along with MLA Kuldeep Raj Dubey commenced their tour from the scenic Sulla Park Reasi and covered a wide range of important and culturally rich sites including Bharadhari



Bridge Rafting Point, Khansi Patta Mandir, Siyad Baba, Outlet Mata Mandir, Salal Hydroelectric Dam, Chinkah, Khouri, Kanthan, Shiva Guffa. The objective of the tour was to assess the tourism potential of the region, especially to attract pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi and identify strategic interventions to attract more tourists. Detailed discussions were held at each location to evaluate

ways of enhancing infrastructure, improving accessibility, and developing amenities to make Reasi a prominent tourism destination. MP Jugal Kishore Sharma emphasized the need to align with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Atmanirbhar Bharat, aiming to make Reasi district self-reliant through tourism-driven growth. "Tourism not only brings visibility to our

cultural heritage but also creates employment and business opportunities for the local youth," he said. Special focus was laid on promoting adventure tourism such as rafting, which has immense potential in the region. Officials were directed to explore new projects and prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the beautification and development of all visited sites. Discussions were also held with Railway officials regarding developmental works to enhance connectivity and facilitate smoother travel for visitors. The tour marks the beginning of a broader five-year vision to transform Reasi into a vibrant hub of cultural and adventure tourism.

District-level NCORD committee meeting held at Bandipora

Bandipora, May 26: A meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) Committee was convened today at the mini secretariat Bandipora to review and strengthen the ongoing measures against drug abuse in the district. The meeting was presided over by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zaffar Hussain Shawl, and was attended by Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Sumbal, DySP, district officers from various departments, and other concerned. During the meeting, ADC took a comprehensive

review of the anti-drug activities, awareness campaigns, and enforcement actions undertaken by various departments. He emphasized the need for multi-departmental coordination, and targeted outreach programmes, particularly among the youth, to effectively counter the menace of drug abuse. ADC directed the concerned departments to intensify IEC (Information, Education & Communication) activities, strengthen surveillance mechanisms, and ensure timely sharing of actionable inputs.

Umar Khan Foundation Distributes Nikah Assistance to Seven Would-Be Brides



"We must take serious steps to curb the culture of pomp, show, and wasteful expenditures in marriages," Mufti Sahib emphasized."

Peerzada Masarat Shah

Srinagar, May 25: In a significant gesture aimed at supporting underprivileged families, the Umar Khan Foundation, a Srinagar-based NGO headquartered at Umar Colony, Lal Bazar, distributed financial assistance of Rs 30,000 each to seven deserving would-be brides. The cheques were formally handed over by Mufti Nisar Ahmed Qasmi, Rector of Darul Qasmi Lal Bazar, who served as the chief guest on the occasion. The beneficiaries had been duly verified

through a transparent process, ensuring that the aid reached genuine applicants. Addressing a select gathering of local elders and youth, Mufti Qasmi Sahib spoke on the importance of timely marriages in society. He expressed concern over the growing trend of delayed marriages, warning that such delays can have a detrimental effect on the moral and cultural fabric of the community. > "We must take serious steps to curb the culture of pomp, show, and wasteful expendi-

tures in marriages," Mufti Sahib emphasized. "These unnecessary practices often lead to delays, which in turn contribute to various social ills." Imtiyaz Ahmed Shah, Chairman of the Umar Khan Foundation, reiterated the NGO's commitment to continue its social welfare initiatives, particularly focusing on marital assistance, with even greater enthusiasm and public support. The event concluded with a heartfelt Dua (prayer) led by Mufti Nisar Sahib.

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AIP Mourns Tragic Loss of Rashid Rahil's Mother in Road Accident

SRINAGAR, May 26: The Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) has expressed profound grief and heartfelt condolences over the tragic demise of the mother of noted author, poet, and Editor-in-Chief of Asian Mail, Mr. Rashid Rahil, who lost her life in a road accident on 90 Feet Road in Soura.

In an official statement issued to the press, AIP Chief Spokesperson Inam Un Nabi conveyed deep sorrow over the unfortunate incident.

"We are deeply grieved to hear about the tragic passing of the respected mother of Mr. Rashid Rahil," the statement read. "On behalf of the entire AIP family, I extend our heartfelt sympathies and solidarity with him and his family during this difficult time. May Almighty grant the departed soul the highest place in Jannah and give strength to the bereaved family."

The party expressed solidarity with Mr. Rahil and prayed for courage and patience for the grieving family.

VC KU Calls on Sakeena Itoo, Discusses Upcoming NAAC Visit, Academic Initiatives

SRINAGAR, May 26: Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, Professor Nilofar Khan, called on the Minister for Education, Social Welfare, and Health & Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, at the Civil Secretariat today to discuss key academic developments and preparations for the upcoming NAAC visit.

During the meeting, Professor Khan briefed the Minister about the scheduled visit of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) peer team from May 29 to 31, which will assess the University's academic and institutional performance. The Vice Chancellor also highlighted several academic reforms and research-oriented initiatives recently undertaken by the University. She emphasized the expansion of programs at the University's satellite campuses, particularly in emerging disciplines such as Artificial Intelligence.



Minister Sakeena Itoo lauded the University's efforts in enhancing academic standards and fostering a culture of innovation and research. She assured the Vice Chancellor of the government's full support in advancing the University's

mission. Extending her best wishes for the upcoming NAAC assessment, the Minister expressed confidence that the University of Kashmir would achieve the highest possible accreditation grade.

Drug Peddler Nabbed in Kupwara, Heroin-Like Substance Seized

Kupwara, May 25: In a continued crackdown on drug trafficking, Kupwara Police on Saturday arrested a suspected drug peddler and seized a heroin-like substance during a checkpoint operation at Geerhatchi. Acting on routine surveillance orders, a police team from Police Post Bazar—under the supervision of senior officers—had laid a naka to monitor suspicious movement. During the operation, a man approaching from Zangli tried to evade the checkpoint, but alert personnel swiftly apprehended him. The accused was identified as Faisal Ahmad Sheikh, son of Mushtaq Ahmad Sheikh, a resident of Kupwara. A thorough search led to the recovery



of a suspected narcotic substance, believed to be heroin. Preliminary investigation suggests that Faisal was involved in the supply and distribution of drugs, especially targeting youth in Kupwara town and the Hahama region.

An FIR No. 149/2025 under sections 8/21 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station

Kupwara. A detailed investigation is underway to trace the wider network involved. Locals have hailed the arrest as a positive step towards curbing the rising drug menace. Police have reiterated their commitment to a zero-tolerance policy against drug trafficking and assured continued action in this regard.

ACB Registers Case Against M.S. Choudhary, Then Director Tribal Affairs J&K and Others for Gross Violations in Implementing Post Matric Scholarships for ST Candidates

Jammu, May 26: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu has registered FIR No. 09/2025 under Section 5(1)(c)(d) read with 5(2) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt. 2006, and Section 120-B of the RPC at Police Station ACB Jammu, against M.S. Choudhary, the then Director of Tribal Affairs (now retired), and several private institute operators for gross violations in implementing the Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) Scheme for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates.

The case has been filed against the following individuals and institutions: 1. M.S. Choudhary – Then Director, Tribal Affairs J&K 2. Shanaz Akhtar Malik – Catalog Computers, Auqaf Complex, Jammu 3. Humera Banu & Firdous Ahmed – Chirag Institute of IT, Channi Himmat, Jammu 4. Sham Lal Targotra – JKS Industrial Training Institute, R.S. Pura 5. Jaffer Hussain Wani – Ever Green Institute of Computer Technology,

Shastri Nagar, Jammu 6. Parshotam Bharadwaj – Global Institute of IT, Janipur, Jammu 7. Ramneek Kour – Pankaj Memorial Charitable Trust for Education and Research,



Rajpura, Subash Nagar 8. Puneet Mahajan – Supertech (India) Computer Education, Talab Tillo, Jammu The action follows a verification process which revealed large-scale irregularities in the disbursement of scholarship funds under the Government of India-sponsored scheme between 2014 and 2018. The scheme was designed to support ST students pursuing

post-matric or post-secondary education by offering 18,000 per student and 2,300 as maintenance allowance.

However, according to the ACB, private institutions based in Jammu District managed to collect documents of ST students from far-flung areas and submitted them to the Directorate of Tribal Affairs. Without verifying the authenticity of the institutions, their course content, or the infrastructure, officials of the Directorate released scholarship funds worth crores directly into the accounts of these institutes.

Investigations have revealed that many of the students for whom the payments were made either never enrolled in the courses or only partially attended. In some cases, students were unaware that applications had been filed in their names. Fake bank accounts were also opened without students' knowledge to claim the maintenance allowance.

RLJP Holds Joining Event in Srinagar, Welcomes New Entrants into Party Fold

Mir Muzafar 26 May 2025: By R- Lok Janshakti Party Correspondent

Srinagar, May 26: The Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) organized a joining programme at its party headquarters in Srinagar, further solidifying its grassroots presence across Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was held in the presence of Mr. Abrar Ahmed Bhat, State President RLJP J&K UT, and Mr. Yasir Ahmad Bhat, State General Secretary (Organisation), J&K UT.

A number of political workers and youth activists

from various areas formally joined the RLJP during the function. The new entrants expressed confidence in the party's vision and leadership and pledged to work for the betterment of the people under the RLJP banner. Highlighting the party's growing base, leaders welcomed the newcomers and emphasized the importance of youth participation in building a peaceful and progressive Jammu and Kashmir.



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Tharoor's Tightrope! Congress Rebel or Post-Politics Pioneer?



Nilanjan Dasgupta

With charisma, controversy, and compelling rhetoric in equal measure, Shashi Tharoor continues to stir political waters both within and beyond the Congress Party. As speculation intensifies over his ideological leanings and political future, Tharoor emerges as a symbol of India's evolving "post-politics" era, where pragmatism often outshines party lines.

Despite denying any intentions of joining the BJP, Tharoor's repeated endorsements of Narendra Modi's policies have raised eyebrows within Congress circles. His support for the Centre's military action during "Operation Sin-

door," praise for India's G20 diplomacy, and favorable comments on Modi's foreign trade negotiations have widened the rift with his own party, one already agitated by his failed 2022 bid for Congress president and association with the G23 dissenters.

While the Congress leadership downplays his divergent views as personal opinions, the growing unease among party veterans is unmistakable. "Some in my party oppose me, but I speak for India and Kerala's future," Tharoor asserted recently, hinting at potential independence from party constraints. Interestingly, Tharoor's political contradictions are matched only by his ideological range. A long-time critic of Hindutva, he has still earned praise from the Right for his 'soft Hindu' cultural narratives. His criticism of the

Emergency, opposition to Left economic models, and willingness to acknowledge Modi's communication skills place him in a rare category of Indian politicians who defy strict ideological boxes.

Having announced his decision not to contest the next Lok Sabha polls, the 69-year-old appears to be training his sights on the 2026 Kerala Assembly elections. His cross-party appeal could offer Congress a lifeline in the state, even as internal resistance to his ascent remains fierce.

Is Tharoor a maverick misfit or the face of a new centrist realignment in Indian politics? As the Congress grapples with its identity and relevance, Tharoor's balancing act could either become its masterstroke, or its moment of reckoning.

Lady Justice Still Waits



Snigdha Chowdhury

Despite notable strides by women in India's legal profession, a glass ceiling continues to persist particularly in the higher judiciary. Justice B.V. Nagarathna's recent call for at least 30% female representation among law officers has reignited the conversation on gender disparity in the Indian legal system. While women now account for nearly half of law school students in some premier institutions and are increasingly seen as public prosecutors and corporate lawyers, their journey to the top remains fraught with systemic barriers. Only 13.4% of High Court judges and a mere 9.3% of Supreme Court judges are women.

The Supreme Court, in its 75-year history, has had just 11 women out of 276 judges a dismal 4%. Gender disparity is also stark at the state level. For instance, the Allahabad High Court, India's largest, has only three women judges out of 79. Furthermore, women are often appointed at an older age, reducing their chances of reaching top positions. The Collegium system, criticized for its opacity, has been accused of overlooking qualified women candidates. Since 2018, just 17% of lawyers elevated to High Courts have been women. The hurdles aren't just institutional but deeply cultural. From condescending language in courtrooms to client biases, many female lawyers

face overt and subtle discrimination. Senior advocate Indira Jaising once noted being referred to dismissively as "that woman" by a male peer, highlighting the ingrained sexism within the system. Experts argue that fixing these imbalances requires more than token appointments. Transparent recruitment, mentorship programs, and institutional support for women are essential. Gender, like caste and region, must be an integral part of judicial diversity policies. As Justice Nagarathna prepares to become India's first woman Chief Justice in 2027, her rise offers hope, but also a stark reminder, equality in the courtroom remains an unfinished verdict.

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remained backward,” he added. He also urged people to buy and use products made in India during festivals like Holi, Diwali and Ganesh Puja. “Don’t you think we have to stop using imported products? During our festivals, we use imported items like firecrackers and Ganesha idols (which is not good). To ensure our country’s progress, everyone should take a resolve to purchase only Made in India products” said Modi. “Everything we need for our country’s progress must be made right here in India,” the PM told the gathering. He was speaking at a rally after launching development projects costing Rs 24,000 crore, including a locomotive manufacturing plant, here. The PM unveiled the country’s first 9,000 horsepower locomotive engine as well as a rolling stock workshop built at a cost of Rs 21,405 crore. He flagged off the Ahmedabad-Veraval Vande Bharat service and Valsad-Dahod express train and told the gathering that state-of-the-art Vande Bharat trains were now operational on 70 routes across the country. “There was a time when India had to import locomotives and coaches. Today, we manufacture them in India and export them to other countries,” the PM said. The Vande Bharat service launched during the day between Sabarmati station in Ahmedabad and Veraval station will be a boon for devotees visiting the renowned Somnath Temple in Gir Somnath district. He also announced that 100 per cent electrification of railway lines has been achieved in Gujarat.

Pahalgam terror

killed innocent civilians in front of their families after questioning their religion in Pahalgam. They will face strict consequences for this attack, and we will track down and eliminate every one of them,” he said while addressing a public rally at Nava Mondha Ground in Nanded area of Maharashtra state. Shah was quick to add that there can be no compromise when it comes to the nation’s armed forces, citizens, or borders. “The era of silence is gone now. Under Prime Minister Modi’s leadership, India responds with clarity and strength to any threat,” he said, as reported by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO). “Anyone who dares to challenge our army, citizens, or borders will be dealt with firmly.” The Home Minister said, “They struck in Uri, and we responded with a surgical strike. Pulwama was followed by an airstrike. After the Pahalgam incident, we launched Operation Sindoor, which dismantled their (Pakistani terrorists) bases. The Prime Minister had already said that those behind such acts will be found, wherever they may be, and action will be taken.” He pointed out that earlier governments often did not act or respond with limited measures. “That approach is behind us now. The country has adopted a new direction under PM Modi’s leadership, one that meets every challenge with a firm response,” he said. Shah said that Operation Sindoor has conveyed a strong message globally that anyone threatening the Indian army, its people, or its borders will face serious consequences. "Prime Minister Modi has made it clear that any attack on India will be met with a powerful response," he said. "If someone attacks us, then a bullet will be answered with a bomb." Following Operation Sindoor, Shah said that PM Modi viewed the situation as a national issue. "As a result, it was decided that an all-party delegation of MPs would visit various countries to expose Pakistan's role in supporting terrorism," he said, adding that these delegations have since been formed—(KNO)

CM Omar calls

meeting of the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department at the Civil Secretariat, where detailed presentations were made on three critical initiatives — the Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC), District Domestic Product (DDP), and the

District Good Governance Index (DGGI). “What we now require is targeted district-level planning — identifying where the potential lies and where gaps need to be filled. These short-term objectives will cumulatively guide us toward our long-term goal of Viksit Jammu & Kashmir by 2047,” he said. The meeting was attended in person by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Finance Shailendra Kumar, Commissioner Secretaries of Industries & Commerce Vikramjit Singh, Secretary Planning, Development & Monitoring Department, Talat Parvez, administrative secretaries of other key departments including Social Welfare, Rural Development, Health & Medical Education, and Director Planning. Representatives from NITI Aayog, UNDP, and senior officers from the Planning Department also participated. All Deputy Commissioners and district officials joined the deliberations via video conferencing. He cautioned against focusing solely on the distant 2047 horizon, emphasizing the need to set medium- and short-term benchmarks that allow for real-time performance tracking and corrective action. The Chief Minister welcomed the data presented during the meeting, especially insights from Mission Yuva, and called for its integration into sectoral planning across departments. Referring to Mission Yuva and the DGGI reports, the Chief Minister stressed the importance of using this data constructively. “These findings must improve our planning and programmes. I urge all line departments and district administrations to reorient their schemes in a manner that addresses the issues highlighted by both data sets,” he said. He said that the District Good Governance Index should not be perceived as a ranking of ‘good versus bad’ governance, but as a barometer of ‘good to better’ governance. “Districts that have shown strong performance must continue to lead by example, while those that lag must be supported to identify structural gaps and implement reforms. Any such systemic constraints should be immediately brought to the Secretariat’s attention for resolution,” he added. Touching upon Jammu & Kashmir’s performance in national rankings, the Chief Minister shared a balanced view. “While we are currently ranked second among Union Territories, that comparison is limited given the nature of UTs. What is more important — and encouraging — is our 10th place rank nationally. That shows we’re holding our ground, but we must do better,” he remarked. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed gratitude to NITI Aayog and UNDP for their sustained technical support. “We request our partners at NITI Aayog to actively share best practices from across India that are replicable in Jammu & Kashmir. We don’t need to reinvent the wheel. If something works well in another state, let us adapt it here. Likewise, if we are doing something commendable, let that be shared nationally for wider benefit.” Chief Minister Omar Abdullah emphasized also the need to preserve the current templates for performance measurement. “Once we have established a template, we must not tinker with it. Changing the goalposts — be it benchmarks, data methodology — which otherwise renders year-on-year comparisons meaningless. Let us retain these standards for continuity, transparency, and accountability in governance,” he said. The Chief Minister reiterated the importance of focused and data-backed governance. “Let us approach our goals step by step — start with targeted short-term interventions at the district level, scale up to territory-wide strategies, and ultimately work towards the overarching vision of Viksit Jammu & Kashmir 2047,” he added. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also released a series of key reports, including the District Domestic Product J&K Report 2022–23, District Good Governance Index 4.0 J&K Report 2023–24, J&K Sustainable Progress Report 2022–23, and the District Progress Report 2022–23—(KNO)

Operation

on a growth trajectory. “The success of Operation Sindoor reflects

India’s indigenous defence capabilities, innovations in the defence sector, and technological advancements. Our scientists are unwavering and determined to make historic strides in new areas of science and technology,” the Lieutenant Governor said. The LG lauded the initiative being spearheaded by the Indian Association of Physics Teachers and the National Anveshika Network of India under the leadership of physicist Padma Shri Dr H C Verma to foster experimental science learning and ignite curiosity, creativity, and scientific temper among students. Observing that the yatra will cover every district of India, Sinha asserted that it will unify diverse regions under a shared mission to revive the joy of learning science. “When science is deeply woven into the fabric of society, it not only fosters innovation but can also significantly shape the direction of a nation by improving the quality of life for the entire society,” the Lieutenant Governor said. Highlighting how under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India’s approach towards ‘Atmanirbharta’ has fundamentally changed, Sinha stated, “Our scientists know that India cannot depend on others to defend her. We have developed our own indigenous capabilities, and our successful strike is a symbol of a resurgent India.” Emphasising the need for bringing new scientific advancements to classrooms and laboratories, the Lieutenant Governor urged the teaching community and educational institutions to provide young researchers with a broader canvas and bigger goals for experimentation. The Lieutenant Governor also called upon Indian scientists and engineers around the world to consider returning home, assuring that conditions are now favourable for pioneering inventions and that they can significantly contribute to India’s scientific and economic leadership. “The confluence of Science, Spirituality, and Sanskar has powered India’s global standing. We are strategically investing in scientific and technological advancement to make India a leading global scientific power”, he said. He further said that the scientists, innovators, and researchers are determined to reclaim ancient glory and build a developed India by 2047. “It is our national resolve,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

Dy CM chairs

Industries & Commerce; Additional Secretary (A), Industries & Commerce and the Startup team from Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI). Secretary in Industries & Commerce, who also holds the charge of Director JKEDI, gave a comprehensive presentation highlighting key developments under the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27, including startup registrations, workshops conducted, awareness initiatives and startups shortlisted for seed funding. The Dy CM was also apprised of various Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed by JKEDI, as a nodal agency for implementation of J&K Startup Policy, with national and state-level institutions aimed at fostering mentorship and knowledge exchange. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister directed the officials to initiate collaborations with reputed national and international institutions to mentor and accelerate startups in J&K. He instructed for conducting grassroots level awareness programs in schools and colleges through idea challenges, business plan development camps, seminars and workshops to help the aspiring entrepreneurs get a clarity of thought and fine tune their ideas into potential business models. In a significant move to support early-stage entrepreneurs, the Dy CM directed that co-working spaces at JKEDI’s Pampore and Bari Brahmana campuses be made available to the eligible startups. Choudhary also called for specific sessions for selected students on startup functioning under the supervision of the Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department. To ensure swift and effective implementation, the Dy CM emphasised processing of the op-

erational guidelines and funding mechanisms of the J&K Startup Policy so as to extend its benefits to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. These measures aim to empower the youth of Jammu & Kashmir and strengthen the JK’s economic landscape.

Sakeena Itoo

a State-of-the-Art Histopathology Laboratory, a dedicated Oncology Services Unit, and a modern Electroencephalography (EEG) Lab. The inauguration ceremony was attended by MLA Zadibal Tanvir Ali Sadiq, Director Health Services Kashmir, ADC Srinagar, CMO Srinagar, the Medical Superintendent JLNH Hospital, heads of various departments, and several other senior officials. Speaking at the occasion, Minister Sakeena Itoo underlined the government’s commitment to bringing specialized and quality healthcare services closer to the public. “The Omar Abdullah-led administration remains focused on building a robust healthcare infrastructure that is accessible and effective in meeting the needs of the people. These new facilities are a step towards timely and precise diagnosis and treatment, especially for diseases where early detection is critical,” she said. Highlighting the capabilities of the new installations, the Minister explained that the Histopathology Lab would play a vital role in providing in-depth tissue analysis, especially in diagnosing cancers at early stages. The Oncology Services Unit, she added, would offer patients an integrated framework for consultation, diagnosis, and treatment planning under specialist care—marking a major advancement for cancer treatment in the region. The EEG Lab, meanwhile, will introduce advanced neurological diagnostic tools, significantly enhancing the hospital’s capacity to detect and manage brain-related disorders. Following the inauguration, the Minister held a performance review meeting with hospital authorities. Emphasizing the need for inter-departmental coordination and community feedback mechanisms, she urged the administration to maintain transparency in operations and prioritize regular training programs for staff to ensure they remain aligned with evolving healthcare demands. “A healthcare system should be responsive and accountable. Patient dignity, timely treatment, and compassionate care must remain at the heart of every healthcare interaction,” she asserted. She also visited several key sections of the hospital, including wards and diagnostic labs, where she engaged directly with patients, attendants, and frontline medical workers to gain ground-level insights into the hospital’s day-to-day functioning. Later in the day, the Health Minister visited the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS) in Srinagar to take stock of its operations. She toured the Brain Stimulation Centre, Addiction Treatment Facility, and other critical wards, interacting with both medical personnel and patients. During the visit, Sakeena Itoo underscored the need for collective efforts between government agencies, educational institutions, and mental health organizations to strengthen the mental health ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. She stressed the urgency of tackling issues like substance abuse and addressing the psychological challenges faced by the youth. “There is an urgent need to mainstream mental health conversations and support systems. The future of our society depends on how well we protect the mental well-being of our young minds,” she said. The series of inaugurations and inspections mark a larger vision of the Health Ministry to make holistic and specialized healthcare accessible to every citizen, regardless of geography or socio-economic status. By investing in cutting-edge diagnostics, expanding specialty care, and prioritizing mental health, the administration aims to foster a healthcare system that is inclusive, efficient, and future-ready. The Minister concluded her visit by reiterating the government’s resolve to continue investing in the health sector and thanked all medical professionals for their dedicated service to the people.




Secretary Health Reviews SANJY 2025 Preparations: Department Gears Up for Robust Medical Response



SRINAGAR, MAY 26: The Health and Medical Education Department today convened a high-level meeting under the chairmanship of Dr. Syed Abid Rashid Shah, Secretary, Health & Medical Education, to review and finalize the medical preparedness for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2025, scheduled from July 3 to August 9. The crucial meeting witnessed participation from the Director SKIMS, Directors of Health Services Kashmir and Jammu, Principals of Government Medical Colleges including SKIMS Medical College Bemina, Managing Director NHM J&K, Managing Director JKMSCL, Executive Director of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super Speciality Hospital, Director Family Welfare, and Dr. L Swasticharan, Deputy Director General (Health Services), Government of India, along with his team.

Dr. Shah directed the Directors of Health Services, Kashmir and Jammu, to submit detailed deployment plans for medical personnel by May 30, 2025. He stressed the importance of ensuring the availability and pre-positioning of critical medical supplies by JKMSCL at designated warehouses near Chandanwari and Baltal, the two key access points of the Yatra. He further instructed that the Base Hospitals at Chandanwari and Baltal must be fully operational well before the Yatra begins, enabling effective management of the large influx of pilgrims expected during the annual The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has already shared a list of 123 medical personnel with the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir for deployment. Dr. Shah emphasized that all doctors and paramedics must be deployed ahead of the Yatra's commencement, and no staff should be relieved from duty until relievers are physically present, ensuring uninterrupted healthcare services throughout the Yatra duration.

In a key move to modernize the Yatra's medical response, it was decided that telemedicine services will be operational and tested in advance. To support this initiative, training in telemedicine and emergency medical response will be carried out at the Dhobiwan Institute and SKIMS, with SKIMS Medical College Bemina playing a lead role. Dr. Shah underscored the critical need for meticulous preparedness, seamless coordination, and timely execution of directives to deliver efficient, responsive, and dependable healthcare services to the thousands of pilgrims undertaking the arduous journey to the Amarnath Cave Shrine.



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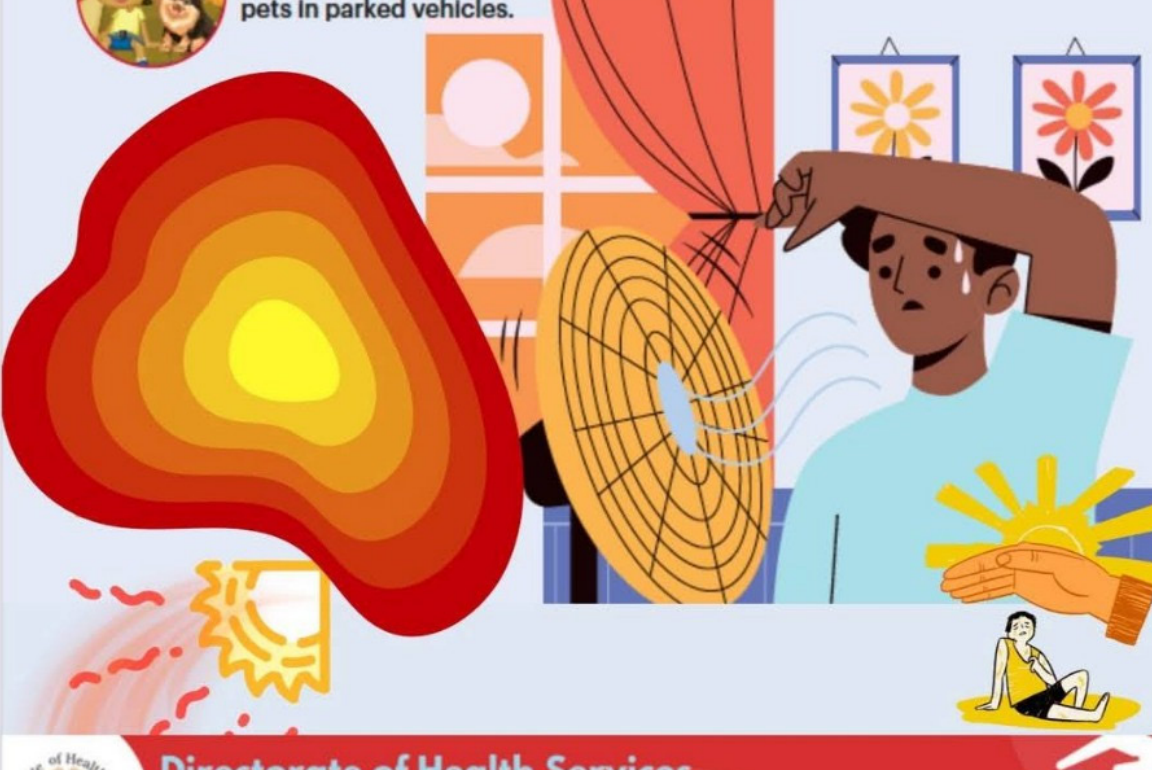
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New skipper Shubman Gill vows to lead by example, confident ahead of England tour

Chill, Gill has the 'blueprint to win' as he looks forward to 'exciting opportunity'

Results will ultimately prove how good he is, but for the time being, Shubman Gill seems to be well-sorted in his mind-space about the huge responsibility he has been given.

India's newest Test captain says he knows how to deal with his players both on and off the field and understands the importance of "leading by example". Speaking to BCCI.tv after being chosen as the skipper for India's Test tour of England, Gill said: "I believe in leading by example — not just by performance, but I think off the field (as well) by discipline and hard work.

"As a captain, a leader should be able to know when to step in, but also when to give space to the players, because everyone has kind of had a different



life and grown up differently."

He is willing to go the extra yard to extract the best out of his players.

"Everyone is a different personality and a good leader should always be able to know what makes his place, to be able to have the best performance or the best outcome, that is always exciting.

"To be able to have those conversations with the players, to be able to know them on a deeper level than just cricket, because then you are really able to know what can get the best out of them." There are numerous instances of captaincy hampering a player's individual performance. But Gill is confident he can handle both.

"One thing that I learnt was (that) if I am a batsman and batting out there, I want to be able to make decisions as a batsman and not as a captain.

"If I start thinking about other things, it just puts more pressure on me which is not required because when you are batting out there, you want to be able to take those risks, you want to be able to make decisions that you would make when you are playing just as a batsman.

"Because that gives you the freedom (and) that is one of the things that I learnt that whenever I am getting out there, I just want to be able to make decisions as a batsman and not really want to think that 'oh I am the captain'." Lessons learnt

Leading a young team in England is going to be a big challenge, but the 25-year-old said that his predecessors, especially Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, have given the team the "blueprint to win" away from home.

"(The) guys like Rohitbhai, Viratbhai

and (Ravichandran) Ashwinbhai... they have given us a blueprint on how to tour away from home and win matches and series.

"Yes, it's one thing to be able to deliver and execute, but because we have that blueprint, we know how to tour away from home and win matches and series." He also gave his take on the leadership styles of Kohli and Rohit.

"When I was a kid, I was always inspired by the great and the legends of Indian cricket and (I've) been very fortunate to be able to play with so many of them, be it Viratbhai or Rohitbhai," he said. "Both were very contrasting in terms of their style, but it was very inspiring to see both of them working towards a common goal. You want to be able to win as a captain and your styles can be different... they both were very different, but also similar in their own sense."

"Viratbhai was always very aggressive, always wanting to lead from the front with hunger and passion... Rohitbhai was also aggressive. You might not see that in his reaction or expression, but he was also someone who was always very attacking on the field... These are the qualities that I learnt.

EISB Students Win Big at Stairs Youth National Games 2025



Pratiksha Ghosh

Bengaluru, May 26: Students from Ebenezer International School Bangalore (EISB) delivered an outstanding performance at the Stairs Youth National Games 2025, held in New Delhi from May 19 to 21. Competing against schools from across the country, EISB athletes brought home a total of 10 medals, including 3 Gold, 5 Silver, and 2 Bronze. The event served as a prestigious national platform for young athletes to showcase their skills in

various track and field events. Among the standout performers was Hamsini in the Under-8 Girls category, who clinched two Gold medals in the 50-metre and 100-metre sprints. In the Under-12 Girls category, Bhanushree secured Silver medals in both the 100-metre and 200-metre sprints. The Under-10 Boys category saw Viraj Purohit win two Bronze medals in the 80-metre and 100-metre sprints, while Mahat Harsha earned two Silver medals in the same events.

Gujarat Titans' Bowling Woes Worry Tom Moody Ahead of IPL Playoffs



Pratiksha Ghosh

Ahmedabad, May 25: Former Australian cricketer Tom Moody has raised concerns over the Gujarat Titans' bowling unit, suggesting that the bowlers are struggling with form at a crucial stage of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season.

In their final league match at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Gujarat Titans suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of MS Dhoni-led Chennai Super Kings. After choosing to bowl first, GT conceded a massive total of 230/5, with only Prasidh Krishna standing out by taking 2 wickets for just 22 runs in his four overs. In stark contrast, Arshad Khan endured a forgettable outing, giving away 42 runs in just two overs as CSK's Ayush Mhatre went on the attack. Speaking on ESPNcricinfo's Time Out show, Moody, a former head coach of Sunrisers Hyderabad, emphasized the lack of rhythm among GT's bowlers. "It's a worrying sign that several of their bowlers are out of form just when they need to be peaking. Going into the playoffs, you

want your bowling unit to be settled and confident. At the moment, aside from Prasidh Krishna, the others seem to be searching for form." Moody stated. Moody also pointed out the absence of effective bowling partnerships as a key issue. While left-arm spinner R Sai Kishore has claimed 15 wickets this season, Moody believes his impact has waned recently. "To be fair, Sai Kishore has been relatively consistent," he acknowledged. "But even he appears to be getting dragged down by the broader struggles of the bowling group. The lack of cohesion and partnership bowling is evident, and that's hurting the team." Despite the comprehensive loss to CSK, Gujarat Titans have managed to hold onto the top spot on the points table. However, their position remains under threat with teams like Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bengaluru, and Punjab Kings still in contention to knock them out of the top two.

With the playoffs looming, GT will be hoping their bowlers can rediscover form and rhythm to mount a strong challenge for the title.



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