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## BRIEFLY

### Jammu to Srinagar Morning Flight to begin from Apr 1

JAMMU, Mar 8 (Agencies): With a motive to relieve travelers especially the government officers and businessmen, Civil Aviation authorities have nodded to begin Jammu to Srinagar morning flight from April 1.

"In response to a common complaint, mostly from government officers and businessmen, that there was no morning air flight from Jammu to Srinagar, as a result of which, it often became difficult for them to fly to and fro, and return the same day," Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh posted on X.

He further posted, "a proposal was made to the Civil Aviation authorities, who have agreed to start, from 1st April 2025, a regular daily air flight from Jammu to Srinagar at 10 am in the morning."

### MeT predicts wet spell in Jammu and Kashmir from Monday

SRINAGAR, Mar 8 (Agencies): Isolated to fairly widespread light rain and snow, accompanied by thunderstorms, is expected in Jammu and Kashmir from Monday and continue for the next four days, an official said.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar mainly dry weather is expected in the next 24 hours.

They predicted isolated to fairly widespread light rain and snow from March 10-14.

"On March 10, there is a prediction of fairly widespread rain or snow in Kashmir region and scattered rain in Jammu division," MeT said.

Meanwhile, the minimum night temperature in Kashmir Division was 1-2 C below normal, while in Jammu Division, it was mostly normal except in Jammu, where it was 3 C below normal.

The lowest temperature in Kashmir Division was recorded at the tourist resort of Sonamarg in Ganderbal district, where the mercury plummeted to -7.3 C last night.

Another popular hill station, Pahalgam in Anantnag district, recorded a minimum temperature of -2.6 C, while the ski resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla registered -4.5 C.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of 1.6 C.

The maximum day temperature was 1-2 C above normal in many parts of Kashmir

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## Jammu and Kashmir has debt of Rs 1.25 Lakh Crore: Govt

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 8: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday said its total debt stands at over Rs 1.25 lakh crore, including Rs 27,900 crore in general provident fund (GPF) for the Union Territory in the last financial year.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who is also the finance minister of the UT, said in a written reply to Assembly member Sajad Gani Lone that as of March 31, 2024, Jammu and Kashmir's total debt is



Rs 1,25,205 crore.

"This includes Rs 69,894 crore in loans from the Reserve Bank of India and state development, Rs 27,901 crore in GPF, Rs 14,294 crore

in reserves, Rs 5,758 crore in outstanding national small savings fund, Rs 4,032 crore in negotiated loans, Rs 2,616 crore in UDAY power loans, and Rs 710

crore in Government of India advances", he said.

Abdullah further said the total outstanding liability in treasuries as of February 27, 2025, under various account heads amounts to Rs 5,429.49 crore.

According to the Economic Survey Report (ESR) 2024-25 tabled in the House on Thursday, the outstanding debt of Rs 1,25,205 crore represents 52 per cent of J&K's GSDP of Rs 2,38,677 crore.

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## In Assembly, MLAs question allotment of land to Sri Lankan Cricketer in J&K

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 8: Members of the Legislative Assembly on Saturday questioned the "allotment" of land to a Sri Lankan cricketer in Jammu & Kashmir.

During the Question Hour, CPI(M) MLA Muhammad Yosuf Tarigami said that a Sri Lankan cricketer has been allotted land in Kathua.

"How this allotment has been made?" he asked. Tarigami, however, didn't disclose the name of the cricketer to



whom the land has been allotted.

Congress MLA Ghulam Ahmad Mir also asked the government how a non-Indian cricketer has been allotted land in J&K.

"This is a serious ques-

tion and needs to be looked into," he said.

Responding to concerns of MLAs, minister for Agriculture Production Department Javid Ahmad Dar said that the matter needs to be

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## J&K Police to organize "Jammu Marathon-2025" on March 16



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 8: The Jammu and Kashmir Police is set to organize the "Run for Fun - Jammu Marathon-2025" on March 16 at Gulshan Ground, Jammu, under its Civic Action Programme (CAP).

In preparation for the event, a meeting was held at APHQ Jammu chaired by ADGP Armed Police, Anand Jain. The ADGP Armed, who also serves as the Chairman

of the event, issued necessary instructions to the officers responsible for ensuring the successful conduct of the event.

Earlier, Kuldeep Handoo, DySP Sports APHQ, presented a PowerPoint presentation to brief the attendees on the preparations and activities planned for the marathon.

The "Jammu Marathon-2025" is open to people from all walks of life, including children

from various schools. The event categories include:

- \*21 KM Half Marathon (Men)
- \*10 KM Road Race Women (Above 18 years)
- \* 10 KM Road Race Boys (Under 18 years)
- \* 10 KM Road Race Veteran Women (Above 45 years)
- \*10 KM Road Race Veteran Men (Above 45 years)
- 5 KM Sub-Junior Boys

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## In 2 years, 32 killed, 269 injured in man-animal conflict incidents in J&K

JAMMU, Mar 8 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Saturday revealed that 32 persons died while 269 others sustained injuries in the man-animal conflict incidents across the Union Territory in the past two years.

In a response to a query raised by MLA Mir Saifullah, the gov-

ernment, stated that a total of Rs 2.76 crore has been paid as compensation to the victims and their families during this period.

The Minister In-charge of Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department, said that 16 people lost their lives in 2023-24, while another 16 deaths were reported

in 2024-25 in the incidents of man-animal conflicts.

Similarly, the number of people injured in such incidents stood at 124 in 2023-24 and 145 in 2024-25. As many as 269 injuries were reported in the past two years.

Refuting claims that no compensation was provided to the families

of victims, the Minister clarified that compensation is being paid in accordance with the government order No. 139 JK (FST) of 2023, dated: 28.06.2023.

In 2023-24, a total of Rs 1.21 crore was disbursed as compensation, while in 2024-25, the amount increased to Rs 1.55 crore.

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## On International Women's Day | Armed Forces salute Col Ponung Doming commanding highest task force of BRO



NEW DELHI, Mar 8 (Agencies): Showcasing Nari Shakti in the Armed Forces, Col Ponung Doming is commanding the highest task force of the Border Roads Organisation and

has set the highest standards, inspiring woman to be a part of the coveted group.

In a post on X, the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, said, "Meet Col Ponung

Doming, the first woman officer to command the world's highest Border Task Force, stationed above 15,000 feet in the Northern sector. A true trailblazer in the Indian Army, her leadership at such an extreme altitude is a testament to the unwavering strength, resilience, and growing role of women in the #ArmedForces."

"Her journey inspires countless young women to dream big and serve the #nation with pride," the Ministry of Defence further said.

Col. Ponung Doming said that she was presently commanding the highest task force of

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**OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we would like to inform about the untimely demise of **Sh. Mohan Shah S/o (Late) Sh. Prem Nath Shah** of Martand, Mattan District Anantnag, Kashmir, at present House No. 5, Lane 1, Adarsh Nagar, Paloura, Jammu.

**Tenth Day** falls on 10-03-2025 and will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat. **Assembly** will be held at residence at 11:30 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Suman Shah- Wife

Smt. Pyari and Mr. Maharaj Shah- Sister-In-Law and Brother  
Mrs. Sheetal and Mr. Rohin Ji- Sister and Brother in Law  
Mrs. Poonam and Ankit Chaturvedi - Sister and Brother in Law  
Mrs. Ruchi and Mr. Rakesh Thusoo- Sister and Brother in Law  
Smt. Nisha and Sh. Amit Shah- Daughter in Law and Son  
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**Sh. Mohan Shah**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Sh. Makhan Lal Raina (Banihal Wale)** who left for heavenly abode on 1st March, 2025.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Mata Bhaderkali Asthapan Ghat Thalwal, Phallian Mandal, Jammu.

The **Mourning** is being observed at our residence H.No. 94, Dream City Muthi (Akhnoor Road) on 10/3/2025 (Monday) at 10.30 am.

**IN GRIEF**

Kuldeep Raina & Kiran Raina (Son & Daughter-in-law)  
Shiv Kumar Raina (Son)  
Usha Ji & Kumar Mohit (Daughter & Son)  
Vijay Sharma & Bimla Sharma (Son-in-law & Daughter)  
Subash Kala & Family  
Ravinder Pandita & Rita Pandita (Son-in-law & Daughter)  
Ravi Zadoo & Raghee Zadoo (Son-in-law & Daughter)  
Contact No's.: 7006460093, 7006371473



**Sh. Makhan Lal Raina  
(Banihal Wale)**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

Loved Ones may leave this world, but never our hearts.

They walk beside us in every step, unseen, yet felt in every moment.

Forever loved. Forever missed.

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Jeeta Pandita Miya W/o Sh. Vinod Kumar Miya**, originally resident of Kocha Nidhan, Rainawari, Srinagar, Kashmir at present 2215 coronation tower, Gaur Saundaryam, Greater Noida West (UP), who left for heavenly abode. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be held on 11th March 2025 (Tuesday) at 8:30 AM at Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad (UP).

**Grief Stricken**

Sh. Vinod Kumar Miya (Husband)  
Sh. Vikas Miya and Smt. Divya Miya (Son and Daughter in law)  
Miya's, Raina's Pandita's, Ganjoo's, Bhat's and Paliwal's.  
Divik, Aarna, Ritvik, Cherry, Aadhyaa, Aagya, Akarsh & Lakshya (Grand Children)  
Mob : 9818199753, 9999644660



**Smt. Jeeta Pandita Miya**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of **Sh. Moti Lal Raina** son of Shri Nath Raina originally from Village Zainapora Shopian. He departed for his heavenly abode on 05-03-2025 at his residence Dina Nagar Sedor-2, Lane No.2, Barnai, Jammu.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on Friday 14th March, 2025 at Akhnoor. The **Assembly** will be held at our residence Dina Nagar, Sec-2, Lane No.2, Barnai, Jammu at 9:00 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Shri Soom Nath Raina - Father  
Smt. Babli Raina - Wife  
Sons & Daughters-in-law  
Shri Rohit Raina & Smt. Jyoti Raina  
Shri Amit Raina & Smt. Shilpa Raina  
Brothers & Bhabhis  
Shri M.K. Raina & Smt. Veena Raina  
Shri Deepak Raina & Smt. Sugena Raina  
Shri Vimal Raina & Smt. Nirdosh Raina  
Sister & Brother-in-law  
Smt. Kalpana Koul & Shri Ashish Koul  
Grand Children: Ihlita Raina, Pearl Raina, Uddeshya Raina  
Mob.No: 7889853125, 9149762924, 8551842204, 8800790948



**SH. MOTI LAL RAINA**

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved and respectable **Smt Raj Kumari W/o Late Sh Girdhari Lal** (Contractor) R/o Vill Badyal Brahmana who left for heavenly abode on 28th February 2025 on Friday.

**10TH DAY/ KRIYA** shall be Performed on 9th of March 2025, (Sunday) at Amisha Palace Badyal Brahmana (R S Pura) on 11 am to 1 pm.

**GRIEF STRICKEN :****SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW**

Dinesh Choudhary & Trishla

Nareesh Choudhary & Bindu Choudhary

Rakesh Choudhary

**DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW**

Sakshi & Vinod Bajwa

**GRANDCHILDREN :** Divish, Yuvraj and Yuvan Choudhary.

**M/S GIRDHARI LAL AND SONS****M/S CHOUDHARY GLASS HOUSE(SATWARI)**

**CONTACT NO.: 9797388825 AND 7889531968**



**Smt. Raj Kumari  
(20-02-1950-28-02-2025)**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

We are observing the **Tenth Day Kriya** of our respected and beloved **Shri Pran Nath Pandita S/o Janki Nath Pandita** of Watterkhani, Kupwara Kashmir, at present 121-E Wazir Bagh, (near Nath Jewellers) Anand Nagar, Bhoori Jammu, on March 12, 2025 at Akhnoor, on the banks of Chenab River at 7 am.

This will be followed by gathering at Muthi Ghat, Near Directorate of School Education at 11am the same day.

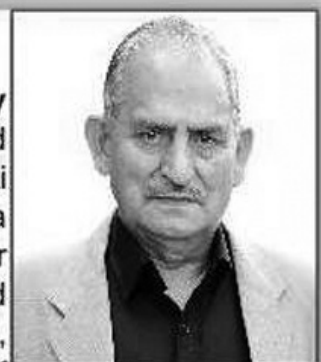
**Venue of gathering: Muthi Ghat**

**Date: 12/03/2025**

**Time: 11am**

**Samast Pandita/Darvesh and Koul (Kutlari) Parivaar.**

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**Shri Pran Nath Pandita**

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Karamyogi father **Sh. Dina Nath Saproo** - Originally resident of Krandigam, Bijbehara, at present B-28 Vasant Vihar Talab Tillo Jammu.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 12th March, 2025 at Akhnoor. **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director of School Education at 10 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Phoola Saproo - Bhabhi  
Girja Koul and BN Koul (Daughter and Son-in-Law)  
Sarla Koul and BL Koul (Daughter and Son-in-Law)  
Dulari Dhar and Vijay Kumar Dhar (Daughter and Son-in-Law)  
Ram Krishan Saproo and Basanti Shah (Son and Daughter-in-Law)  
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**Sh. Dina Nath Saproo**

**10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Late Sh. Vidya Sagar Dutta S/o Late. Sh. Anant Ram Dutta R/o 402 Jullaka Mohalla Jammu.**

**10th Day** will be performed on 8 March (Saturday) 2025 at 11:00 AM to 12 Noon at Brahmin Sabha Parade Ground Jammu.

**Kriya** will be performed on 9 March (Sunday) 2025 at 12:00 Noon at residence 402 Jaulaka Mohalla Jammu Tawi.

**Uthala** will be performed on 15 March (Saturday) 2025 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Brahmin Sabha Parade Ground Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN****Sons & Daughter-in-law**

Sh. Sanjay Dutta & Smt. Preeti Dutta

Sh. Raman Dutta & Smt. Nimal Dutta

Sh. Deepak Dutta

Grand Children : Inder Dutta, Aadhy Dutta

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**Late Sh. Vidya Sagar  
Dutta  
(D.O.D. 27-02-2025)**

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of **Sh. Ashok Kumar Magotra S/o Late Sh. Lekh Raj R/o H.No. 179, Jawahar Nagar, New Plot, Jammu.**

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 09-03-2025 (Sunday) from 10:30 AM onwards at our residence.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Sheela Devi - Mother

Smt. Sharma Magotra - Wife

Mr. Pallav & Komal Mahajan - Son & Daughter-in-law

Sumit & Rajat - Son



**Sh. Ashok Kumar Magotra**

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rameshwar Nath Misri S/o Late Sh. Shankar Nath Misri R/o H.No. 668, Near Jain Nagar, Camp Road, Talab Tillo, Jammu.**

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 09-03-2025 (Sunday) at Badarkali Temple, Phallian Mandal (Nikki Tawi) and **Assembly** will be held at our above-mentioned residence at around 11:30 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Misri's, Koul's, Dhar's, Tiku's, Razdan's and Raina's

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**Sh. Rameshwar Nath  
Misri**

**MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved (Jija Ji) **Sh Jawahar Lal Koul H/o Smt Veena Koul D/o Late Sh Janki Nath Bhat, R/o Chattibandi Aragam, Bandipora Kashmir** at present R/o House No. 113, Shiv Lane, Muthi, Jammu on 04-03-2025.

**MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE** is at House No. 48-A Lane No. 4-A, Sub Lane No. 2, Laxmi Vihar, Tarnal, Anand Nagar, Bohri, Jammu. The **10TH Day** will be performed on 13-03-2025 (Thursday) at Akhnoor and **ASSEMBLY** will be held at Muthi Ghat (Near Education Office Jammu) at 11:30 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN (IN LAW'S)**

Roshan Lal Bhat & Babli Bhat

Amit Bhat & Rakhi Bhat

Ashish Bhat & Sarika Bhat

Rahul Bhat & Kajal Bhat

Karan Bhat

D.N.Koul & Manmohani Koul

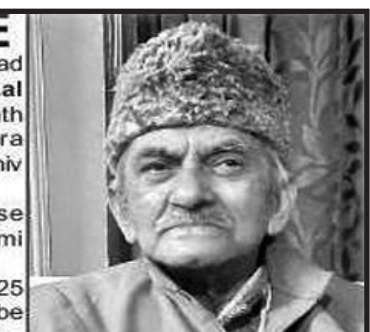
A.K.Bhat & Doora Bhat

C.L.Bhat & Chandra Bhat

Nana Ji Raina & Kaki Raina

Contact No :- 9622433894, 9622030545

Bhat's, Raina's, Koul's.



**Sh Jawahar Lal Koul  
(Jija Ji)**

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform sad demise of our beloved mother, **Smt. Anjali Dhar W/o Lt. Sh. Nand Lal Dhar R/o Lar Ganderbal A/p N-11 Pandit Colony Sheikhupura Budgam.**

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 10/3/2025 (Monday) at Shuryar Shiv Mandir Opp. G.B. Panth Hospital Sonwar at 7 A.M.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Suriender Dhar - Son

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Avtar Krishen Dhar & Anjali Dhar

Kuldeep Dhar & Pammy Dhar

Ravi Dhar & Sunita Dhar

Daughter & Son-in-law

Ruby Gassi/Dhar & Sanjay Gassi

Kiran Kumar Bazaz & Veena G. - Brother & Sister-in-law

OM Krishen Bazaz and Sarla Bazaz - Brother & Sister-in-law

Grand Children : Ayushmaan Dhar, Cheshla Dhar, Shivansh Gassi, Shreeth Gassi

Samasth Dhar, Bazaz & Raina Parivar

Ph.No.: 9697031303, 7006309075, 7006977008



**Smt. Anjali Dhar**

**10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Harmesh Lal (Shastri Ji) R/o H.No. 106/2A, Trikuta Nagar Extension, Jammu** on 28-02-2025.

**10TH DAY** will be performed on 9th March, 2025 (Sunday) 10 AM at residence H.No. 106/2A, Trikuta Nagar Extension, Jammu. **KRIYA** will be performed on 10th March, 2025 (Monday) 11 AM at residence.

**UTHALA** will be performed on 14th March, 2025 (Friday) from 3 PM to 5 PM at Shiv Mandir, Sector 3, Trikuta Nagar Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Anju Raina - Wife

Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Sakshi Raina & Sh.Sidharth Sharma

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Shubam Raina & Diti Chandan

Abhishek Raina & Anjali Sharma

Ashutosh Raina

Grand Children: Ridhi, Sidhi, Chiku, Gopi & Shubh.

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**Sh. Harmesh Lal  
(Shastri Ji)**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we deeply regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Pyari (Shama Bhat) W/o Lt. Sh. Makhan Lal Bhat** originally resident of Fatehpura Anantnag (Kmr.) at present H.No. C/113, Sector-2 near M.Dass School Durga Nagar Jammu.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 09.03.2025 (Sunday) and the Mourning Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director School of Education at 10.30 A.M.

**Grief Stricken**

Dolly Bhat (Daughter-in-law)

Son & Daughter-in-law

Ravinder Bhat & Princy Bhat

Priyanka Bhat, Pranoy Bhat & Dewanshi Bhat (Grand children)

Contact No. 9419131406, 8717031596



**Smt. Pyari  
(Shama Bhat)**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you that the sad demise of **Sh. Roshan Lal Bhat**, Son of Late Shri Kanth Bhat, Originally from Village Channed, Baramulla. He departed for his heavenly abode on 28th February 2025 at his residence House No. 15, Lane No. 2, Sharda Vihar, Sangrathbagh, Jammu.

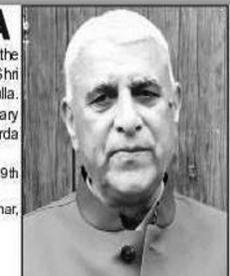
The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on Sunday, 9th March 2025, at Mata Bhaderkali, Thalwal.

The assembly will take place at House No. 15, Sharda Vihar, Sangrathbagh, Jammu at 11:00 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Basanti Bhat and Shri Chaman Lal Bhat BHAYIA AND BHABHI  
SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW  
Smt. Jyoti Bhat and Shri Sakshi Bhat  
Smt. Rakhi Bhat and Shri Rajesh Bhat  
Smt. Meenakshi Bhat and Shri Anil Kumar Bhat

DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW  
Smt. Sakshi Pandit and Shri Anil Pandit  
GRAND CHILDREN: Helik, Kashish, Anika Arya, Akshay, Mahit, Parvati  
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**SH. ROSHAN LAL  
BHAT**

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EDITORIAL

Int’l Women’s Day & its Celebration through the prism of Rights ,Equality & Empowerment

By: Omkar Dattatray

Man and women are the two faces of the same coin and they are the two wheels of the human life.A man is definitely incomplete without women and every successful man has a women behind him.The role of women in the social ,economic, technological, scientific ,cultural and moral development of the society is pivotal and cannot be exaggerated .In Snatan scriptures ,the place of women is very high as women have been accorded an enviable position in our religious texts .Rig Veda declares – Yater Sithristo Samanata,Tatra Ramantey Deva meaning where women are respected ,gods travel there .Therefore women deserve to be revered and respected .The names of Hindu deities precede with the names of their consorts .Thus we say Laxmi Narayan ,Gouri Shanker ,Sita Ram ,Radhey shyam and so on and so forth .Today women are working side by side with men and they are excelling in all most all spheres of life. The contribution of women in the development of the society is next to none and international women’s Day celebrates the contributions of women in the socio-economic development of the society .International Women’s Day –IWD is a day to celebrate the achievements of women and to advocate for gender equality .It is celebrated on March 8th every year .The first IWD was held in Austria, Denmark ,Germany ,and Switzerland .The UNO began celebrating IWD in 1975. This day is celebrated by millions of people around the world. International Women’s Day provides the people an opportunity to reflect and commemorate the progress and commit to positive actions .The UN has worked to secure gender equality worldwide .The UN’s Beijing Declaration and platform for Action is a roadmap that focuses on 12 critical areas of concern .The 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development includes Goal 5,which

is to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls .The UN holds an official commemoration event on IWD. Charities and organizations also hold events to mark IWD .In India, International Women’s Day is celebrated at the government level and various NGO’s ,women’s organizations ,National women commission and educational institutions organize functions and various programmes to celebrate IWD with gaiety and enthusiasm .In our country centre and state government’s sincerely make efforts for the gender equality and participation of women in governance is given top priority .For the proper representation of women in the legislature and government,33% reservation bill has been passed in the parliament .It was Vladimir Lenin who had declared March 8 as IWD in 1922 to honor the women’s role in 1917 Russian Revolution .It was subsequently celebrated on that date by the socialist movement and communist countries .The UNO started celebrating IWD in 1977.It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions ,whether national ,ethnic ,linguistic ,cultural ,economic or political .The history of why Women’s Day is celebrated goes back to 109 years.IWD gives focus to issues such as gender equality ,reproductive rights ,and violence and abuse against women .This year’s theme of IWD is “For all women and girls –Equality, Rights ,Empowerment .”This year’s commemoration celebrates the leadership and creativity of the young people in advancing sustainable and inclusive development ,with a focus on the green and digital economies.IWD is a day to call for action to end gender inequity and discrimination ,which affects women and girls in many ways. IWD is a day to raise awareness of the gender pay gap ,domestic violence , and other inequalities that women face even today .On this occasion emphasizes should be given to both women’s devel-

opment and to women led development and in the latter women are becoming leaders and are leading organizations and governmental institutions and they are becoming our role models to be emulated. Women today are assuming the roles and responsibility of leadership and they are contributing to societal,cultural ,scientific ,political as well as economic development .On the occasion of IWD, we should make people aware about the women led development and their leadership roles in the society. We should recognize and appreciate the leadership roles of women .People should resolve and ensure that domestic ,as well as workplace discrimination and their sexual exploitation is discouraged and in fact put to end .Women safety ,security, dignity, equality and development should be our aim and motto and for this we should play our role so that women empowerment is implemented in letter and spirit .Women are no longer the object of playing sex but they have an important and enviable place in modern society .We in India worship women as Shakti as in Navratras we worship little girls believing them as the personification of shakti ,but on the other side we heap all discrimination, abuses and gender disparity on them and even subject them to abuse and exploitation .All these negative things should end in the society and girls and women should be allowed to grow and develop for the good of the society as it is the women who are the first teachers and teach morality and cultural and ethical values to children as family is rightly called the first school of citizenship and mother the first teacher. On March 8,2025 let us join to celebrate international Women’s Day under the theme-,”For all women and girls – Rights, Equality Empowerment .”This year’s theme calls action that can unlock equal rights ,power ,and opportunities for all and a feminist future where no one is left behind .Central to this vision is empower-

ing the next generation –youth, particularly young women and adolescent girls-as catalysts for lasting change .Besides year 2025 is a pivotal moment as it marks the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action .This document is the most progressive and widely endorsed blueprint for women’s and girls’ rights worldwide that transformed the women rights agenda in terms of legal protection ,access to services, youth engagement ,and change in social norms ,stereotypes and ideas stuck in past .It is appropriate to engage media ,corporate leaders ,governments ,community leaders, civil society ,youth and others with influence to take action in your communities .It is needed to ask leaders to take action and invest in promoting women’s rights and gender equality .The Venus female symbol –a circle with a cross handle is the most used symbol of international Women’s Day .The history of IWD stretches back to more than 100 years when the day was first observed across Europe and America. But according to NPR ,it was not until March 8,1946,that feminists in Italy chose the mimosa flower as a symbol of strength ,sensibility and sensitivity for Women’s Day .Happy International Women’s Day and let us all respect ,revere and secure women and ensure gender equality and end to all forms of discrimination and exploitations of girls and women and give fairer sex their due ,rights and respect and dignity.May the dream and vision of Viksit Nari-Viksit Bharat come true and be realized and for this let us all make our contribution towards this pious goal .

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International Women’s Day: Celebrating Women’s achievements and Road to Equality

By: Rahul Yadav

Women are the magicians who are making this world a dreamland to live by their participation in the role in various sectors, from a homemaker to an astronaut, and whatnot. Every year, we celebrate International Women’s Day on 8th March to acknowledge the achievements of women across different fields such as social, economic, cultural, science and politics around the globe. It is also observed to raise awareness about gender equality while advocating their rights worldwide. What makes this IWD special? This year’s celebration is special as it marks the 30th anniversary of The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the most progressive and universally accepted global framework for women’s and girls’ rights. The theme of this year’s International Women’s Day is “For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, Empowerment”. The campaign ‘Accelerate Action’ is promoted by individuals who

advocate women empowerment for gender equality, this year. Potential issues Women showcase the best performance possible when given a chance, and when not given a chance, they courageously take a stand for themselves efficiently. A large number of women still struggle to be heard. The rising number of domestic violence incidents during the COVID-19 lockdown says it all. The number remains alarming across different parts of countries. How can we forget to mention the increasing rape cases not just in India but across the world. Limited access in the education field is another big concern. Policies are made to provide them equal opportunity but the on-ground figures are still demanding significant reform to uplift women. The disparity in the hiring of male and females in most of the sectors is a visible concern with women often receiving lower wages than their male counterparts. How the government is assisting in the issues?

To empower the women and young girls, the Government of India & state government of Jammu & Kashmir have initiated various schemes to help them stand on their own feet. To help the women entrepreneurs aged between 18 to 45, with minimum qualification of matric or above of the state and are planning to start their business, Women Entrepreneurship Programme (WEP) was launched. It aims to provide them a loan with lower interest rate of 6% and direct loan up to the amount 3 lakh with moratorium period of 6 months through Women Development Corporation. Another scheme, namely “Tejaswini” by J&K govt is for the young women of the state to provide them financial assistance to set-up self-employment ventures as per the skills, training, aptitude and local conditions. The scheme also provides soft-finance for setting up new units, expanding and modernizing the pre-existing ventures. Moreover, the ‘Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative’

was launched to offer financial assistance between 2.0 lakh to 20 lakh to the youth in the age group of 18 to 40 years of the state for establishing business units with the purpose of encouraging innovation and job creation through creation of new businesses and expansion of existing businesses. Under this scheme 25% of the cases financed in a particular financial year are reserved for women. Role of society in Women Empowerment While the gov is taking significant steps, society also needs to ponder upon their actions so as to make the environment suitable for the womens where they can participate and contribute in the society and showcase their talent without the fear of discrimination and unfairness. A truly inclusive society will enable more women to achieve success and fulfil their dreams just like Kiran Bedi, Sushma Swaraj, Bhagyashree Thip-say, Chetna Sinha, Bachendri Pal, Sudha Murthy, Karnam Malleswari, Mary Kom, Shivani Singh and many others who have fought against all the odds.











# Women empowerment must for creating just, equitable society: Sakeena Itoo

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 8: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today remarked that Women have excelled in every field, performing a crucial role in shaping the society.

The Minister made these remarks while addressing the International Women's Day celebrations at Convention Centre here. This years theme of International Women's Day, 'Accelerate Action,' calls for rapid advancements in gender equality.

Addressing the large gathering of women achievers and female students, Sakeena Itoo emphasized on the importance of gender equality, women's empowerment and inclusive development for creating a just and equitable society. She called for continued efforts to ensure participation of women in all spheres of life.

"Women are backbone of our society. We must work collectively to create an environment where women feel safe, valued and empowered to achieve their dreams", she stated.

The Minister applauded the resilience and achievements of women from various walks of life, encouraging them to break barriers and contribute to nation-building. "We need to



recognise the strength, resilience and contributions of women in every field, from science and politics to business and arts, civil services to healthcare providers and educationists and reflect on the work that still lies ahead", Sakeena said.

While speaking on different aspects related to women empowerment, the Minister highlighted that some issues like dowry and drug menace are prevalent in our society and we need to work collectively to destroy the roots of these evils from our society.

"We all need to remember that the fight for equality is not just for the women, but for all of us. When women succeed, communities thrive, economies grow and societies become more just", Sakeena stated.

In her address, the Minister also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, for announcing several measures for women welfare and empowerment while presenting Budget in the Legislative Assembly. She said that the free travel in government buses for women folk will ensure increase in female literacy rate and add to empowerment of women across Jammu and Kashmir.

She added that marriage assistance to deserving women has also been increased from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 75,000, besides old age/widow and disability pension has also been increased.

Calling out women to aspire big, Sakeena Itoo said that times have changed and women are everywhere and in every field. She asked the women folk to pledge today that they will aspire for big dreams and remain determined to achieve those.

The Minister, on the occasion, also said that it is proud moment for Jammu and Kashmir, especially women folk that a daughter of soil is Medical Superintendent of AIIMS, New Delhi a prestigious health institution of our country.

In his welcome address, MD Mission Shakti and Mission Vastalya, Majid Khalil Drabu said that this day is celebrated to honour the incredible achievements of women and acknowledge difficulties faced by them. He said that we as a society have a role to play in creating a world where women have equal opportunities to fulfil their potential and achieve their aspirations and dreams.

A short film on different schemes operated by Social Welfare department regarding empowering women and transforming lives was

also showcased on the occasion.

On the occasion, the Minister felicitated several women achievers of J&K like Kailash Mehra, Dr. Milan Sharma, Surinder Kour, Rubee-na, Nazia Bibi, Sunita Sharma, Sangeeta Devi, Gurmeet Kour, Kumti Khajuria and Shagun Manchanda. She also felicitated sports achievers like Chavi Sharma, Ria Bhakshi and Jia Manhas on the occasion.

She also distributed tabs among the meritorious girl students.

The event also witnessed remarkable performances by Sonali Dogra on Beti Bachao Beti Padoo and other artist group.

On the occasion, some remarkable women achievers of J&K like Indian Para Archer, Sheetal Devi, International Car racer, Humaira Mushtaq and Medical Superintendent of AIIMS New Delhi, Dr. Nirupama Madan gave unique video messages to women folk on how to excel in lives.

Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare department, Sanjeev Verma; HoDs of Health/Colleges/ Social Welfare, senior officers of concerned departments and large number of women achievers and female students were present to mark the International Women's Day celebrations.

# PM Modi prioritized 'nation first policy', to serve society, strengthen the nation: Sat

## JKAP Leader from Kupwara, Choudhary Mushtaq Ahmed Bajard joins BJP



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 8: Choudhary Mushtaq Ahmed Bajard, senior Gujjar Leader of Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) hailing from Kupwara (Kashmir) joined Bharatiya Janata Party at Party Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar Jammu.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP welcomed the new entrant with his supporters. Former Minister Priya Sethi, ST Morcha President Choudhary Roshan Hussain and Morcha Vice President Choudhary Fareed Bajard were also present on the occasion.

Welcoming the new entrant on the occasion, Sat Sharma appreciated the decision of Choudhary Mushtaq Ahmed to join BJP to serve the society and nation in a selfless manner.

He said that the prominent persons from various political and social organizations across the regional and religious lines are today supporting the ideology and the policies of BJP.

He said that PM Modi has erected a new political structure in the nation, prioritizing the 'nation first policy', which yearns to serve the society and strengthen the nation instead of building fortunes for themselves only.

Today, with every passing day, the organization has been strengthening its roots further into the society not only in Jammu but also in Kashmir and he

dedicated this achievement to the dedicated efforts of selfless party activists. He said that every activist of Bharatiya Janata Party represents an institution in him/herself and stands tall on the mark of selfless service in society.

Priya Sethi, while welcoming the new entrant expressed hope that he will work dedicatedly to serve the society in accordance with the party principles. She assured him that he will get the support of the party in his efforts to serve the society.

Choudhary Roshan Hussain said that the Modi government has done unparalleled work for the empowerment of the needy communities. He said that due recognition to the community under the Modi government is engaging the Gujjar leaders with BJP.

Choudhary Mushtaq Ahmed Bajard admired the Modi government for its public welfare schemes. He said that the Gujjar-Bakewal community has always been witnessed as a vote bank by the regional political parties but the needed steps for due representation, with reservations were ensured by Modi government.

# International Women's Day celebrated under the theme 'Accelerate Action' at Baramulla

## Top News Report

BARAMULLA, Mar 8: International Women's Day was celebrated today at Dak Bungalow Baramulla under the theme 'Accelerate Action.'

The event was organized by the Department of Social Welfare and witnessed the participation of senior officials and stakeholders committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

Deputy Inspector General of Police, North Kashmir Range, Maqsood ul Zaman; Superintendent of Police Sopore, Divya Dev; Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Joint Director Planning Baramulla, Javed Ahmad; President Bar Association Baramulla,



Nilofar; District Social Welfare Officer, Sajad Ahmad Bhat and other concerned officers attended the event.

DIG North Kashmir, in his address, highlighted the urgency of advancing gender equality and strengthening women's empowerment across all sectors. He stressed the need to cultivate an environment where women have equal access to opportunities and resources, enabling them to excel and lead.

Acknowledging the significant contributions of women in various fields, the DIG emphasized the importance of education, capacity building, and leadership roles in driving lasting progress. He called for united efforts from all sectors of society to eliminate obstacles and create a culture of fairness, respect and empowerment for women.

Speakers, including SP Sopore, emphasized the need to accelerate efforts toward gender equality and women's empowerment. They highlighted the importance of creating equal opportunities for women in education, employment and leadership roles.

The speakers commended the achievements of women in various fields and stressed the need for collective action to remove barriers and ensure that women have access to the resources and support necessary for their growth and success.

On the occasion, several women achievers were felicitated for their outstanding contributions in various fields. As part of the empowerment initiative, tablets

were distributed among meritorious students to support their educational journey and encourage academic excellence. Additionally, educational kits were distributed among achievers to support their continuous learning and skill development.

Furthermore, smartphones were distributed among specially-abled students to enhance their access to educational resources and communication tools, empowering them to overcome barriers and achieve greater independence.

The event featured interactive sessions and discussions on key issues affecting women. The speakers called for strengthening policies and initiatives aimed at enhancing women's participation in decision-making and development processes.

# Dogra Front & Shiv Sena protests against unfulfilled NC-led government promises

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 8: The Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS), under the leadership of party president Ashok Gupta, organized a rally in Jammu city, slamming the government for failing to fulfill the promises made in its manifesto. The protestors accused the NC government of betraying public trust, as its first budget failed to deliver on crucial commitments.

Ashok Gupta criticized the government for not providing 200 units of free electricity to every household, a key pre-election promise. Instead, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced free electricity only for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families, which constitute just 1.5% of Jammu and Kashmir's 1.6 crore population. He stated that the budget announcement proves that the promise was just an election gimmick and questioned why the government had excluded the majority of the population from this benefit.

Further, Gupta demanded answers on other unmet promises, including 12 free gas cylinders, one lakh gov



ernment jobs, and free ration. He accused the government of deceiving the people, noting that instead of providing relief, it had increased the prices of petrol by Rs 1 and diesel by Rs 2, which would raise transportation costs and drive inflation, making daily essentials like vegetables and fruits more expensive.

The protest also highlighted the government's neglect of marginalized communities, including OBCs, SCs, and STs, who were expecting targeted welfare measures but received no substantial support. Daily wagers, already struggling due to economic hardships, were also left out of the budget's provisions, worsening their financial instability.

Gupta also raised concerns over 1.27 lakh AAY cardholders being removed before the free electricity announcement, questioning the government's motives. Additionally, he expressed discontent over the pension hike for disabled persons, which was raised from ₹1,000 to only ₹1,250 instead of the expected ₹3,000, leaving the disabled community disheartened and betrayed.

Calling upon the opposition BJP to hold the NC government accountable, Gupta urged them to fight for the common people of Jammu and Kashmir. Several party workers, including Raju, Ganesh, Dinesh, Rakesh, Prem, Bantu, Vikky, Naresh, Rampal, Kalu, Vinay, and Abhishek, participated in the protest, demanding immediate action from the government.

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Jammu and Kashmir has debt of Rs 1.25 Lakh Crore: Govt

The public debt of Rs 83,010 crore constitutes 66 per cent of the total on-budget outstanding debt in FY 2024, including internal debt of Rs 82,300 crore and Rs 710 crore in advances from Government of India.

Another major component of the on-budget outstanding debt is the provident fund, which accounts for 21 per cent of the total debt.

The ESR also highlighted that over the past decade, the proportion of internal debt to total on-budget outstanding debt has risen from 55 per cent to 66 per cent, while the share of the provident fund has decreased from 27 per cent to 21 per cent.

The debt as a percentage of GSDP has increased from 47 per cent in FY2014 to 51 per cent in FY2024.

In Assembly, MLAs question allotment of land to Sri Lankan Cricketer in J&K

looked into.

"This matter pertains to the Revenue department," he said.

J&K Police to organize "Jammu Marathon-2025" on March 16

(Under 14 years) 1: 4 KM Sub-Junior Girls (Under 14 years) 8. 2 KM Run for Fun for all Senior Citizens, Men, Women, & Children 5. Participants are required to assemble at the venue by 05:00 hours for scrutiny and distribution of Chest Numbers/T-shirts, which will commence at 05:30 hours.

The various marathon categories, including the 21 KM Half

Marathon will be flagged off by the Chief Guest and senior officers starting at 06:45 hours onwards, one after the other, on March 16th from Gulshan Ground, Jammu.

\* After the conclusion of the marathon, a prize distribution ceremony will take place at Gulshan Ground, Jammu. This will be followed by a raffle draw of Chest Numbers, where the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive cash prizes

Eight registration counters have been set up for participants who wish to register for the event. Six counters are located in Jammu city, and two counters are in Srinagar city.

The meeting was attended by various senior officers, including Sarah Rizvi, IPS, DIG, IRP Jammu, Sandeep Gupta, IPS, DPT J&K; Zahid Naseem Manhas, IPS, CO UTDRF 2nd Bn; Joginder Singh, SSP, Jammu, Dalip Kumar SSP SO to ADGP Armed J&K. Commandants of AP/IR Jammu-based Battalions; Manoj Kumar Pandith, SSP, AIG Trg/Communication PHQ J&K; Faisal Qureshi, SSP Traffic City Jammu; Rajinder Singh, SSP,

APCR Jammu; Shaheen Wahid, SSP, ACS Jammu; Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal, Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu and other officers.

In 2 years, 32 killed, 269 injured in man-animal conflict incidents in J&K

bringing the total compensation paid over the two years to Rs 2.76 crore, it added.

On International Women's Day | Armed Forces salute Col Ponung Doming commanding highest task force

Border Roads Organisation at 15,300 feet in Ladakh.

Col. Ponung Doming said, "My team takes care of highest motorable road in Ladakh Umling La at 19,024 feet. Now, we are constructing a road even higher than Umling La. We work in the condition and altitude where temperature plummet up to -20 to -25 degrees Celsius. Our morale is always high. I always wanted to be an officer and serve the nation. Army was best for me. Army means discipline, unity and fitness. I feel for my country and there is no better way to express it aloud."

"On International Women's Day, I wish to say dream big, be determined, be disciplined, be strong and committed to your goal. Nothing can stop you then," she added.

Earlier Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday paid tribute to 'Nari Shakti', recognizing the strength and contributions of women on the occasion of International Women's Day.

In a post on X, PM Modi

announced that his social media platforms would be taken over by women from diverse fields, showcasing their achievements on the occasion.

"We bow to our Nari Shakti on #WomensDay! Our Government has always worked for empowering women, reflecting in our schemes and programmes. Today, as promised, my social media properties will be taken over by women who are making a mark in diverse fields!" the Prime Minister said.

MeT predicts wet spell in Jammu and Kashmir from Monday

Division and 1-3 C above normal in Jammu Division.

There was heavy snowfall in the last week of February and rains on March 3-4 in J&K which reduced the overall precipitation deficit to below 50%. The heavy rain and snow from the last week of February provided much-needed relief from the prolonged dry condition.













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