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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 officials 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

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 Yosouf 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 Javaid Ahmad Dar said that the matter needs to be

clarified that compen-

sation is being paid in

accordance with the

government order No.

139 JK (FST) of 2023,

dated: 28.06.2023.

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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

5 KM Sub-Junior Boys

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#### In 2 years, 32 killed, 269 injured in man-animal conflict incidents in J&K ernment, stated that a of victims, the Minister

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-

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

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 Doming, the first woman



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 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."

further said.

Col. Ponung Doming said that she was presently commanding the highest task force of Turn to page 9

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

#### 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



Sh. Mohan Shah

Smt. Rai Kumari

(20-02-1950-28-02-2025)

SMT. NANCY DHAR

Sh Jawahar Lal Koul

(Jija Ji)



With profound grief and sorrow we regret to nform the sad demise of our beloved and respectable Smt Raj Kumari W/o Late Sh Girdhari Lal (Contractor) R/o Vill Badval 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 Naresh 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

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Nancy Dhar W/o Sh. Deepak Dhar R/o Chattabal, Srinagar A/P H.No. 161/3, Vivek Vihar, Paloura.

The 10TH DAY will be performed on 12-03-2025 (Wednesday) at Thalwal (Bhaderkali), Jammu and ASSEMBLY will be held at Muthi Ghat (Near Education office, Jammu) at 11 A.M Sharp.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Jai Kishori Dhar/Prabhjigri (Mother-in-law)

Deepak Dhar (Husband)

Daughters and Son-in-laws

Neha Dhar Sharma and Anui Sharma

Sapna Dhar Bhat and Rahul Bhat Samast Parivaar Dhar, Safaya, Mattoo, Pandita, Koul,

Bakshi, Sharma and Bhat Families.

MOB. NO: 9796407446, 8867861675, 9103171700

#### 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, Tomal, 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.

## **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

to inform about the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Pyari (Shama Bhat) W/o Lt. Sh. Makhan Lal Bhat originally resident of Fatehpora 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

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

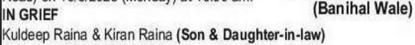
Contact No. 9419131406, 8717031596



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.



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 & Ragnee Zadoo (Son-in-law & Daughter) Contact No's.: 7006460093, 7006371473

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

We are observing the Tenth Day Kriva 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, Bhori Jammu, on March 12, 2025 at Akhnoor, on the banks of Chenab River at 7 am.



Sh. Makhan Lal Raina

Shri Pran Nath Pandita

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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#### 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

Girija 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) Mobile - 9419123299, 9419207067

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 Sheikhpura

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



Sh. Dina Nath Saproo

Smt. Anjali Dhar

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, Cheshta Dhar, Shivansh Gassi, Shreesth Gassi Samasth Dhar, Bazaz & Raina Parivar Ph.No.: 9697031303, 7006309075, 7006977008

#### 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 & Daughers-in-law Shubam Raina & Driti Chandan Abhishek Raina & Anjali Sharma Ashutosh Raina Grand Children: Ridhi, Sidhi, Chiku, Gopi & Shubh.

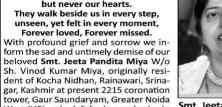
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Sh. Harmesh Lal (Shastri Ji)

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

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 in



West (UP). who left for heavenly abode.

Smt. Jeeta Pandita Miya

Tenth Day Kriya will be held on 11th March 2025 (Tuesday) at
8.30 AM at Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad (UP). 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, Aadhya, Aagya, Akarsh & Lakshya (Grand Children) Mob: 9818199753, 9999644660

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of **Sh. Mot!** Lal Raina son of Shri Som Nath Raina originally from Village Zainapors Shopian. He departed for his heavenly abode or 05-03-2025 at his residence Dina Nagar Sector-2, Lane No.2, Barnai, Jammu. The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Friday 14th March, 2025 at Akhnoor. The Assembly will

14th March, 202 at Akmoor. The Assembly wi be held at our residence Dina Nagar, Sec-2, Lan 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. Shilpi Raina

**Brothers & Bhabis** Shri M.K. Raina & Smt. Veena Raina Shri Deepak Raina & Smt. Sugeena Raina Shri Vimal Raina & Smt. Nirdosh Raina Sister & Brother-in-law

Smt. Kalpana Koul & Shri Ashish Koul Grand Children: Ihita Raina, Pearl Raina, Uddeshya Raina Mob.No: 7889853125, 9149762924, 8551842204, 8800790948

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

Kriya will be performed on 9 March (Sunday) 2025 a 12:00 Noon at residence 402 Jaullaka Mohalla Jamm Uthala will be performed on 15 March (Saturday) 2025

from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Brahmin Sabha Parade Ground Jammu

Sons & Daughter-in-law Sh. Sanjay Dutta & Smt. Preeti Dutta Sh. Raman Dutta & Smt. Nirmal Dutta

Sh. Deepak Dutta Grand Children: Inder Dutta, Aadhya Dutta Mobile No.: 8803620241, 7889799323, 9419129730



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

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

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

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt. Sheela Devi - Mother

Smt. Sharma Magotra - Wife Mr. Pallav & Komal Mahajan - Son & Daughter-in-law

Sumit & Rajat - Son

#### **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 Til Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed on 09-03-2025 (Sunday) at Badarkali Temple, Phallian Manda (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

Sh. Rameshwar Nath Misri

Mob: 7051961380, 9797275056, 9620607216, 94191903228

#### **OBITUARY - 10TH DAY** KRIYA & PRAYER MEETING With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to info

the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Sh. Jawahar Lal Koul erstwhile resident of Rainawan Srinagar, 3/114 Indira Vihar, Old Janipura Jammu, or 1st March at his Jalandhar residence, A-14, Silver Residency Apartments, Nakodar Road, Jalandhar, 10th Day Kriya will be held on Sunday, 9th of March 25 at Beas River, Beas-Jalandhar-Amritsar Highwa Prayer Meeting For peace to the immortal soul will be held on



Sunday, 9th of March-25 at A-Block Park, Silver Residency Apartments, Nakode

Road, Opposite SBI Bank, Jalandhar-Punjab from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Anil & Anita Koul - Jalandhar (Son & Daughter in law) - 9988898168 Anita & Maneesh Moudgil-Delhi (Daughter & Son in law) - 9999030510

Amrita & Ajay Karnail -Pune (Daughter & Son in law) -8974789897 Tangnoo's, Khashu's, Moza's, Jalali's, Parimu's, Wali's & Koul's.

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you that the sad demise of Sh. Roshan Lal Bhat, Son of Late Sh 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, Sangtrabagh, Jammu. The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Sunday, 91

March 2025, at Mata Bhaderkali, Thalwal The assembly will take place at House No. 15, Sharda Vils Sangtrabagh, Jammu at 11:00 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Basanf Bhat and Shri Chaman Lai Bhat-BHAIYA AND BHABHI SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW Smt Jyoti Bhatand Shri Rakash Roshan Smt Rakha Bhatand Shri Rajesh Roshan Smt Meenakshi Bhatand Shri Anil Kumar Bhat

GRAND CHILDREN: Hitik, Kashish, Anka Arya, Athary, Maiti, Parhavi MDBILE NO: 7006316995, 9419162062, 9313154414, 9818990743



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Smt. Pyari (Shama Bhat)

Ravinder Bhat & Princy Bhat

### Budget Session 2025, Question Hour in LA

# No proposal for granting Tehsil status to Achbal: Sakina Itoo

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, MARCH 08: Minister for Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo, today informed the House that there is no proposal under consideration for granting Tehsil status to Achabal.

The Minister was replying on behalf of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, to a question raised by MLA Abdul Majid Larmi in the Legislative Assembly here today.

The Minister apprised that the government sanctioned creation of 09 new Sub Divisions, 50 new Tehsils and 99 new Niabats and Achabal was created as a Sub Division vide Government order number Rev (S) 242 of 2014 dated 21.10.2014.

However, as per the government order number 42 Rev (S) of 2018 dated 20.02.2018, government order number Rev (S) 242 of 2014 dated 21.10.2014 was kept in abeyance till further orders, except for the Tehsils created at Villgam and Qalamabad in Kupwara district, Tehsils Singhpora and Narwav in Baramulla district, Tehsil Bhella in Doda district and Tehsil Ramsu in Ramban district

Afterwards, government order number 42 Rev (S) of 2018 dated 20.02.2018) was eventually withdrawn ab-initio vide State Administrative Council Decision number 191/19/2019 dated 30.07.2019.

#### Govt allots 5 marla land for housing to 498 beneficiaries in JK, 442 under consideration: RDD Minister

Minister for Rural Development Department, Javed Ahmad Dar, today said that about 498 beneficiaries have been allotted 5 marla land each for Housing under Awaas Plus category of PMAY-G, while 442 cases are under consideration of the Revenue authorities



in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by M. Y. Tarigami in the Legislative Assembly.

He said that, similarly, eight beneficiaries have been allotted five marla land for construction of houses under the scheme.

He informed that the families having no land of its own are being provided 05 Marla of land for construction of residential houses under PMAY. The land is being provided subject to verification by the Revenue Department.

The Minister apprised that the extended families of the landless background are likely to be considered for allotment of land subject to eligibility and guidelines of the scheme being issued from time to time. He said that the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, is under implementation in J&K and the compensation is determined as per the provisions contained in section 27 and sub section (2) of section 30 of the said Act.

He said that the compensation provided to land provider in urban areas is double than the market rate while it is four fold in rural areas.

Legislators; G. A Mir, Shakti Raj Parihar, Balwant Singh Mankotia, Rajiv Jasrotia, Chowdhary Mohammad Akram and Mehraj Malik raised supplementaries.

# 1298.28 kanal land identified for establishment of 9 townships in J&K: Sakeena Itoo

Details of beneficiaries to be divulged after DPR formulation Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, today

Education, Sakeena Itoo, today said that 1298.28 Kanal of land has been identified for establishment of 09 townships in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister was replying on behalf of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, to a question raised by Waheed Ur Rehman Parra in the Legislative Assembly.

She said that establishment of these townships is to check unplanned urban expansion and meet housing needs of people of J&K

While sharing the details, the Minister informed the House that nine housing colonies are being established at Padgampura Pulwama, Watapora Bandipora, Bhalwal Jammu, Changran Kathua, Chatterhama Srinagar, Bakoora Ganderbal, Chakbhalwal Jammu, Chowadhi Jammu and Kanuyian in Poonch district.

She said that details of the beneficiaries shall be determined after DPR formulation.

The Minister said that Srinagar Development Authority has identified State land along National Highway Bypasss Bemina Srinagar (Rakhi Gund Aksha) and Jammu Development Authority identified land at Sidhra, Jammu for catering to housing needs of people of J&K.

The Minister, while responding to a supplementary, said that all Ecological issues shall be taken into consideration while undertaking any construction.

#### Govt to shift District Hospital Rajouri to suitable place: Sakeena Itoo

Vacant teaching faculty posts of GMC Rajouri referred to JKPSC

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, today informed the House that the District Hospital Rajouri will be shifted to some suitable place for the public convenience.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Javeed Iqbal Choudhary in the Legislative Assembly.

She said that the District Hospital Rajouri is congested and sans sufficient space to cater to the increasing patient inflow. She said that it (hospital) shall be shifted to some suitable place for the public

convenience.

The Minister assured that the government is committed to provide better patient care to the general public and ensure up gradation of all health infrastructure. She said that the efforts are on to ensure timely filling up of vacancies in all the health institutions.

Sharing details regarding the manpower in Government Medical College Rajouri, the Minister said that the sanctioned strength of teaching faculty, CMOS, LMOS at GMC Rajouri is 119 and staff in position is 55 while there are 64 vacant posts. She also informed the house that sanctioned strength of non-gazetted staff is 415, of these, 293 is in position and 122 posts are vacant.

The Minister said that all vacant teaching faculty posts stand referred to J&KPSC for advertisement and selection of suitable candidates.

The Minister said that the vacant posts are regularly being filled up on academic arrangement basis in order to meet the shortfall of faculty in each discipline in terms of SO 364 of 2020 dated 27.11.2020.

Regarding filling up of Non-Gazetted vacancies, the Minister informed that the matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Legislators; Er. Khurshid Ahmad, Arvand Gupta, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani, Pawan Kumar Gupta, Ajaz Jan, Iftikhar Ahmad, Muzaffar Iqbal Khan and Shabir Ahmad Kullay raised supplementaries.

# Over 4200 health institutions at various levels to be consolidated soon: Sakeena Itoo

554 NTPHC's exist across J&K Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, today informed the House that the Government is working on consolidation of exiting healthcare facilities and more than 4200 health institutions at various Primary, Secondary and Tertiary level exist in J&K, as on date, adding that 554 NTPHC's function across the Union Territory.

The Minister, while replying to a question raised by Showkat Hussain Ganie, informed that J&K is among the top achievers in health institution density in the country as per the report of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

While replying to a question regarding upgradtion of Kanjullar, Kaprin, Turkwangam and Sharatpora Sub Centres to Primary Health Centres (PHC), the Minister informed that no future creations and upgradations have been planned, as of now, which may be worked out once the austerity measures in terms of Government Order number 17-F of 2024 dated 15.01.2024 imposed by the Finance Department are withdrawn.

Sakeena Itoo also said that to fill the critical gaps, among other things, the department aims to strengthen the existing healthcare facility strictly as per IPHS norms, extend support to common man seeking medical attention by developing a robust e- Sanjeevani, telemedicine facilities through a well designed hub and spoke model.

The Minister mentioned that the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) are broadly the benchmarks for creation and upgradation of healthcare facilities.

Earlier, IPHS 2012 were being used and now IPHS 2022 norms are in vogue, which is at present the broad document to be used for any future creation and upgradation of Health Institutions.

## 765 School Buildings, 11 Bridges Declared Unsafe After Safety Audit in J&K: Dy CM

JAMMU, Mar 8 (Agencies): As many as 765 school buildings and 11 bridges have been declared unsafe, while another 371 bridges require major or minor repairs, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary said on Saturday.

Choudhary, who is Minister incharge of Public Works (Roads and buildings Department), provided the information in a written reply to an unstarred question by National Conference legislator Shamim Firdous in the Assembly.

"The PW (R&B Department) has already completed a safety audit of 382 bridges which were constructed 20 years ago. During the audit, 11 bridges were found to be unsafe while 250 bridges required major repairs and 121 required minor repairs," the deputy chief minister said.

He said the unsafe bridges were closed and their reconstruction is in progress while repairs of other bridges have also been taken up. The department has also taken up

a safety audit of all bridges constructed 10 years ago (but less than 20 years old), which is in progress, Choudhary said.

He said the safety audit of school buildings is conducted by the School Education Department under the National School Safety Programme every year and is a regular exercise.

The Education Department has

identified 765 unsafe buildings which are not used for any teaching purposes and a substantial number of such buildings are being dismantled after following proper codal formalities, he said.

He said all the heads of the concerned institutions have been advised not to use the unsafe structures or buildings to safeguard the lives of the students and staff.

Further, the damaged or dilapidated buildings of the School Education Department are being assessed by the PW (R&B) Department on a case-to-case basis, and

if any building is found unsafe, the same is declared unsafe and is not put to use, he said.

In addition, every private school is required to submit a building safety certificate to the Department of School Education for granting recognition, he said.

In the Health Department, safety audits are being done on a case-to-case basis and the repair, renovation and extension works of hospital buildings are taken up as per the need assessment and technical feasibility which inter-alia includes the safety parameters for carrying out any such work, the deputy chief minister said.

He said it is apt to mention that based on the technical opinion, in a couple of cases, Block A of the district hospital, Anantnag was concluded at G+2 level instead of G+4 and 'Rehmat-e-Alam' hospital building located at Sarnal in Anantnag was declared unsafe for hospital usage by IIT Jammu during the safety audit.

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#### e-NITNo72 of 2024-25/7561-65/G

Dated 06-03-2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works: -

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1	Laying of Premix carpet in stretches on PWD Colony and VIP Distributory road Kathua ( Under Cities and Town roads Programme 2024-25)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	13.97	600/-	27940/-	Month-01	13.03.2025 on or after 1300Hrs	Hot Mixplant Holder/ ABCD

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(ii) The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <a href="http://iktenders.gov.in">http://iktenders.gov.in</a> as per below schedule

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		1600 Hrs					
4	Bid submission Start Date	From 06-03-2025 at 1600 hours to 12-03-2025 up					
		to 1600 Hrs					
5	Bid Submission End Date	12-03-2025 up to 1600 hours					
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	13-03-2025 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of the					
		Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua.					
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is					
		completed.					

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### J&K Resident Commission celebrates International Women's Day

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU / NEW DELHI, Mar 8: J&K Resident Commission celebrated International Women's Day with great fervor under the aegis of 'Hello J&K initiative'.

The event, themed 'Accelerate Action', highlighted the urgency of advancing gender parity and reinforcing the commitment towards women empowerment.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Resident Commissioner, Dr. Rashmi Singh, applauded the contributions and resilience of female employees in the Resident Commission office as well as the Directorate, many of whom



joined the event virtually. She reiterated the government's dedication towards supporting the womenfolk in all spheres of life.

The event featured distinguished guest speakers including Dr. Manisha Priyam, Professor Education Policy at NEPA and Dr. Aditi Paswan, Assistant Professor at Delhi University

They honored the contributions and achievements of women across national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural and economic boundaries, emphasizing the importance of collective commitment towards gender equality across social,

domains. Also in attendance was Dr. Vartika Nanda, a

economic and professional

prison reformer and faculty member at LSR, New Delhi. She shared the poignant anecdotes from her interactions with female inmates, shedding light on their struggles and resilience.

The event was made successful with the dedicated efforts of Anil Sharma ARC, Sachin Manager, 5 PR and Shruti Bhardwaj, Nodal Officer Hello J&K.

Dr. Rekha Jad, Consultant, concluded the session with a heartfelt tribute to the women who have broken barriers and shattered glass ceilings on their path to success.

The event culminated with a vote of thanks delivered by Veena Sharma, Lecturer.

## **EDITORIAL**

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

#### By: Omkar Dattatray

an 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. Cen-

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

omen 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 selfemployment 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 preexisting ventures.

tral to this vision is empower-

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 Thipsay, 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 nationbuilding. "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

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 empower-

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.

ment of women across

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

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, Rubeena, 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 Padao 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 Mushtag 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-Bakerwal 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 govern-

### 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.

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 eduand leadership roles in driving lasting progress. He called for united DIG North Kashmir, in efforts from all sectors of society to eliminate

> ment 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

> obstacles and create

a culture of fairness,

respect and empower-

women in education, employment and leadership roles

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 insti-

In his welcome

address, MD Mission

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talva. Maiid Khalil Drabu

said that this day is cel-

ebrated to honour the

incredible achievements

of women and acknowl-

edge 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

A short film on dif-

ferent schemes oper-

ated by Social Welfare

department regarding

empowering women and

transforming lives was

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tution of our country.

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 decisionmaking 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 govern-

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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

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 onbudget 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

#### In Assembly, MLAs **question allot**ment 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 mara-

thon, 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

#### **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

#### of BRO

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 Inter-

national 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.

