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PUBLIC NOTICE
 I, Uttam Singh S/O Sh Punjab Singh R/O Rehiyan Khanwal, Jammu intend to sell Plot No. 168 Sector No.1 in Housing Colony Channi Himmat Jammu to Smt. Nisha Mahajan W/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Mahajan R/o H. No. 300 Talab Khatikan Jammu. I have applied for NOC for Conveyance Deed for transfer of lease hold rights of above said plot. Objection, if any, may conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

NOTICE
 I, Fiaz Ahmad S/o Sheikh Sartaj Alam Gir R/o H.No 316, Jullakha Mohalla, near Govt Higher Secondary School, Jammu state that my daughter's name wrongly been written as Fatima instead of Fatima Fiaz in her 8th class School Records Studying at JK Public School, Mubarak Mandi, Jammu. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days.

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STATE TIMES

Shiv Sena demands abolition of Amarnath Yatra registration fee, submits memorandum to MP

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) has strongly demanded the immediate abolition of the registration fee for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Yatra 2026, scheduled to commence from July 1.
 In this regard, party's J&K State President Manish



Sahni submitted a formal memorandum to Member of Parliament Anil Desai in New Delhi, urging him to raise the issue in the forthcoming session of Parliament. Sahni appealed that the Central Government and the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, who is also the Chairman of the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, should be pressed to withdraw the registration fee imposed on pilgrims.
 Expressing concern, Sahni stated that the Shri Amarnath Yatra holds deep religious significance for millions of devotees of Lord Shiva and should not be treated as a means of revenue generation. He noted that prior to 2019, before the abrogation of Article 370, the registration fee was nominal at Rs 50, which has now been increased to Rs 150 for offline registration and Rs 250 for online registration.
 He further highlighted that pilgrims already incur substantial expenses on travel, accommodation, medical

examinations, and other essential arrangements during the Yatra. Imposing an additional registration fee, he said, places an unnecessary financial burden on devotees and reflects insensitivity towards their faith.
 Sahni also informed that MP Anil Desai assured him of taking up the matter strongly in Parliament and making all possible efforts to safeguard the interests of the pilgrims.
 In addition to the registration fee issue, Manish Sahni has also demanded complete exemption from toll tax during the Amarnath Yatra period. He emphasized that no toll should be collected from pilgrims traveling by road or from organizations providing langar (community food services).
 Calling it an avoidable burden on both devotion and humanitarian service, Sahni urged the authorities to grant immediate relief and facilitate a smooth and affordable pilgrimage experience for all devotees.

Platform sharing programme on child protection held in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The National Development Foundation (NDF) organized a Platform Sharing Programme to Strengthen the Child Protection Mechanism at Government High School, Jogwan, in collaboration with the School Education Department Jammu and in partnership with the HDFC Parivartan Programme, anchored by BharatCares.
 The programme aimed to raise awareness about child rights and strengthen child protection systems within schools and communities. Around 120 participants, including teachers, students, and community members,



Participants posing for a photograph with officials.

were sensitized on child safety, reporting mechanisms, and the collective responsibility of society in safeguarding children.
 The session also highlighted the importance of child protection in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, emphasizing the need to create safe and supportive environments for children.
 The programme commenced with a welcome address by Arundeep Singh, NDF team member, who briefed participants about the organization's initiatives. NDF Programme Officers Rohit Singh and Nisha

Pandita encouraged participants to remain vigilant, proactive, and committed to promoting child rights, ensuring that every child grows in a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment. The session also addressed the harmful effects of substance abuse, its impact on child well-being, and ways to overcome it through the positive spirit of sports.
 The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ajeet Raj, teacher at Government High School, Jogwan, who appreciated NDF's efforts in strengthening child protection mechanisms, particularly in the far-flung border areas of Jammu.

National Seminar on Media and Indian Knowledge Tradition concludes at CUJ



CUJ faculty with dignitaries and participating students.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The two-day National Seminar on "Role of Media in Promoting Indian Knowledge Tradition," organized by the Department of Mass Communication and New Media, Central University of Jammu (CUJ), concluded today at the Swami Vivekananda Auditorium, Aryabhata Building. The seminar was held under the guidance and patronage of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain and witnessed enthusiastic academic participation from across the country.
 A total of 80 research papers were presented during the seminar, reflecting strong scholarly engagement with the theme.
 In his presidential address during the valedictory session, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Prof. Ashwini Kumar Nanda highlighted the depth and richness of the Indian Knowledge Tradition, describing it as a vast repository developed over thousands of years. He emphasized the critical role of media in disseminating this

knowledge to society and noted that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has provided renewed focus on Indian Knowledge Systems.
 Chief Guest Dr. Dilip Kumar, Regional Director of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Jammu, remarked that Indian Knowledge Tradition emphasizes deep engagement with knowledge. He stated that "one who is immersed in knowledge is truly Indian," adding that media has transformed the world into a global village while playing a vital role in preserving cultural heritage. He expressed confidence that India will continue to be a global knowledge leader.
 Delivering the valedictory address, Sanjeev Sharma, Programme Executive at All India Radio, Jammu, highlighted that media acts as a bridge between generations in transmitting knowledge traditions. He underlined the importance of radio in reaching remote areas and contributing to societal development.
 Co-Convenor Dr. Umesh

Kumar presented the seminar report, informing that 108 abstracts were received, out of which 80 papers were selected and presented across nine sessions, including two offline and seven online sessions.
 The session was conducted by postgraduate students Mahi Charak and Swati Suman, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Seminar Convener Prof. Paramveer Singh. Faculty member Pushpalata formally welcomed the guests.
 The event was attended by Head of Department Dr. Abhay S.D. Rajput, Prof. Bharat Bhushan, Dr. Rashid Ali, Dr. Shashikant Mishra, Dr. Ratnesk Kumar Yadav, Dr. Vandana Sharma, Dr. Anita, along with research scholars from Central University of Kashmir and students from the Departments of Hindi and Mass Communication.
 On the occasion, a book titled "Vritti Chitra Nirman" authored by Prof. Paramveer Singh was also released, offering valuable insights into documentary filmmaking.

GMC Srinagar sets benchmark with NABL Accreditation for Biochemistry Lab

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a major development, the Biochemistry Diagnostic Laboratory, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar & Associated SMHS Hospital has secured accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) in accordance with the international standard ISO 15189:2022.
 NABL, a constituent board of the Quality Council of India, certifies laboratories for quality and technical competence, ensuring accurate and reliable diagnostic services.
 The accreditation, granted for a period of four years till 2030 covers an extensive scope of routine and advanced biochemical and immunological investigations, including blood glucose, electrolytes, renal function tests, Liver Function Tests (LFT), Kidney Function Tests (KFT), glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c), lipid profile, thyroid function tests, enzyme assays, advanced hormone assays, tumor (cancer) markers, and other specialized parameters, all validated as per international standards.
 Prof. Iffat Hassan,

Principal/Dean, Govt Medical College Srinagar appreciated the efforts of the faculty and laboratory staff of the department of Biochemistry and emphasized continued commitment to high-quality diagnostic services.
 Head, Department of Biochemistry, Prof. Sabiya Majid stated that this is the first large Government sector laboratory in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to achieve NABL accreditation of this scale and it reflects the dedicated teamwork of faculty and technical staff, making the laboratory a path-breaker in delivering quality diagnostic services in the region.
 The Biochemistry Lab is a state-of-the-art fully automated facility equipped with advanced machinery, testing equipment, and robotic intervention, enabling it to conduct approximately 30 lakh tests annually with accuracy and efficiency. The lab's quality management system and technical competence were key factors in securing the accreditation. GMC Srinagar reaffirms its commitment to maintaining and expanding its NABL-accredited scope in line with global best practices.

BJP organizes training camp at Baderwah under Prashikshan Mahabhiyan 2026

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary, Baldev Singh Billawaria, addressed a training camp organized under the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan 2026 at Dakbanglow Baderwah of Bhalara Chinta Mandal.
 Baldev Singh Billawaria was the chief speaker on the occasion.
 Among others present were former DDC Dhanatar Singh, District General Secretary Sanjay Kumar Saraf, Mandal President Satish Bhagat, former Mandal President Behari Lal Sharma, and other senior party leaders and workers.
 While addressing the camp, Billawaria emphasized the crucial role of the Prashikshan Mahabhiyan in strengthening the party at the grassroots level.
 He stated that such training programs are essential to equip party activists with ideological clarity, organizational skills, and a deeper understanding of the party's vision and policies.

He added that well-trained workers are the backbone of any strong organization.
 Highlighting the importance of public outreach, Billawaria urged party activists to maintain constant coordination with the masses and remain accessible to address their concerns. He said that BJP workers must act as a bridge between the government and the people, ensuring that the benefits of various welfare schemes reach every deserving individual.
 Elaborating on the party's organizational framework, Billawaria said that BJP functions with discipline, dedication, and a clear structure, where every worker has a defined role and responsibility.
 He reiterated that the party has always followed the guiding principle of placing the nation first, organization second, and self last.
 BJP activists live for the society and the nation, and work with a vision to serve people selflessly, he said, asking the cadre to remain committed to the ideals of service, nationalism, and good governance.

7-Day Scientific Training for Beekeepers culminates at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Directorate of Agriculture Kashmir today successfully concluded a comprehensive seven-day training program on Scientific Beekeeping for beekeepers from the Kashmir Division.
 The valedictory function was held at the Agriculture Complex, Lalmandi, Srinagar.
 The training program, which commenced on March 13, 2026, was inaugurated by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah. It was designed to promote beekeeping as a sustainable livelihood option and to equip participants, both existing and aspiring beekeepers, with modern, scientific techniques in apiculture.
 The sessions covered critical topics including colony management, disease prevention and control, advanced honey extraction methods, value addition to live products, and strategies to enhance pollination services for improved yields in horticultural and oilseed crops. The program formed part of the department's



broader initiative to strengthen beekeeping practices across the Kashmir Valley, thereby boosting honey production, supporting rural employment, and contributing to agricultural sustainability through better pollination. During the valedictory ceremony, Joint Director Inputs, Sohan Singh distributed certificates of participation among the enthusiastic beekeepers who successfully completed the training. Participants shared their feedback, expressing gratitude to the Directorate of Agriculture Kashmir for organizing such an informative and practical program. They highlighted how the sessions provided valuable insights into scientific methods that would help them improve hive productivity, manage colonies more effectively, and increase their income through enhanced beekeeping practices. The concluding event underscored the department's commitment to capacity building and empowering local beekeepers with knowledge aligned with contemporary apicultural advancements.

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Subject: Admission to B.E./B.Tech. Engineering Courses-2026 in the Govt./Pvt. Engineering Colleges/Institutions of the UT of J&K: Inviting online applications thereof.

NOTIFICATION No. 044-BOPEE of 2026
 Dated 18-03-2026

Online Applications are invited from the eligible candidates who are desirous to appear in the Common Entrance Test for admission to B.E./B.Tech. Engineering Courses-2026 in the Govt./Pvt. Colleges/Institutions of the UT of J&K for the academic session 2026. The selection of the candidates shall be governed by the J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examinations Act, 2002 and the Rules and Regulations there under; the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 as amended vide J&K Reorganization Act, 2019 and the Rules there under as amended vide SRO-518 of 2019 dated 02-09-2019, S.O. 249 dated 23-07-2021, S.O. 277 of 2021 dated 13-08-2021 and S.O.176 of 2024 dated 15th March, 2024 read with S.O. 305 dated 21-05-2024 subject to further amendments, if any, made by the competent authority, from time to time and guidelines as contained in the Electronic Information Brochure-2026.

Important Information

1. Receipt of Online Application Forms: w.e.f. 19-03-2026.
2. Last date for filling in the Online Application Forms: 01-04-2026.
3. Fee Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) to be paid online through National Credit Card/Debit Card /Net Banking.
4. Date of Entrance Test to be announced later.
5. The candidates, in their own interests, are advised to go through the e-Information Brochure before filling out the Online Application Forms. The Board shall not be responsible for any act of omission or commission in filling in the Online Application Form by candidates. It shall be presumed that the candidate has gone through the information contained in the Information Brochure and has agreed to follow the conditions contained therein. No candidate can claim any alteration in conditions which have been incorporated in the Information Brochure and notified in advance. Any wrong information filled in by the candidate during submission of the Online Application Form shall be the sole responsibility of the candidate concerned, and the Form is likely to be rejected.
6. The candidates are further advised to remain in touch with the BOPEE website www.jkbopee.gov.in. The Board does not undertake any responsibility for any delay caused in the publication of Notices/Notifications in the Print Media (newspapers) as delay, if any, in such publication(s) is not within the control of the Board, notwithstanding that the Board notifies the same on the official website and for publication simultaneously on the date of issue of the said notifications/notices etc.
7. The entrance examination shall be conducted in offline mode.

Help Desk:
 Applicants can also contact the J&K BOPEE Help Desk during office hours, on working days only, by phone. 0194-2433590 & 0191-2479157 or e-mail: at helpdesk@jkbopee@gmail.com /soe@jkbopee@gmail.com for any assistance/guidance in this regard within the prescribed last date.

Eligibility

- i) have passed 10+2 or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics as compulsory subjects having 45% marks as prescribed by the AICTE taken together for Open Merit Category candidates, including EWS category and 40% marks for the reserved category candidates belonging to SC/ST-I/ST-II/ RBA/ALC/IB/OBC;
- ii) Should be a Domicile of UT of J&K/UT of Ladakh.
- iii) The candidates appearing/appeared in the qualifying examinations are also eligible to apply and appear in the Entrance Test, but they must upload/submit the qualifying examination certificate within the prescribed date to be notified separately. Further, such candidates must pass their qualifying examination as per the above eligibility on or before the issuance of the Provisional Selection List, otherwise their candidature shall be deemed to be cancelled without any notice.

NOTES:

- I) The sports category candidates must indicate their sports category on the Application Form. They are also required to submit their Sports Certificate(s) in the office of the Secretary, J&K Sports Council, to determine their sports points, which shall later be officially forwarded by the Council to the BOPEE. The BOPEE, however, shall not be responsible for the non-inclusion of any candidate in the list forwarded by the Sports Council or any delay on their part for submission of sports points to the BOPEE.
- II) The candidates having more than one reserved category certificate can get the benefit of only one category indicated and uploaded along with the Application Form, which in no case shall be changed afterwards.
- III) The CDP category candidates are advised to write their priority (01-08) in the online Application form issued by the competent authority.
- IV) The candidate(s) who shall fill wrong category in his/her own Online Application Form during submission of the same shall be considered for selection against the category filled by him/her during the Online Application, unless rectified by the Board after the representation submitted by the candidate(s) physically at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar before issuance of Provisional Selection List.
- V) The Entrance Examination shall be conducted at Jammu/ Srinagar/ Doda/ Rajouri/ Anantnag/ Baramulla/ Leh Centres simultaneously, if need arises or as may be decided by the Board in the matter.
- VI) The online submitted Application Form is purely provisional and is liable to be cancelled at any stage, subject to the final verification of the documents by the college/institution, and even at any stage where such a document is proved to be fake/false.
- VII) The seats in the Govt./Pvt. Institutions shall be filled only if the Board receives approval of such Institutions from the Competent / Regulatory Authority.
- VIII) The filling up of online forms and appearing in the Common Entrance Test shall not confer any right to such candidates for admission to these courses unless the eligibility is verified by the Board or Institutions where the candidate is provisionally selected.

No. BOPEE-Exam/11/2026(7654408) E & O E
 Dated 18-03-2026
 DIP/J-4372-P/25 Dt. 19-03-26
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 (Prof. Gurvinder Raj Verma)
 Controller of Examinations,
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