

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Tahir Ahmad, lately called Tahir Ahmad Shauk, employed as Joint Director, J&K Forest Research Institute Jammu/Srinagar renounce, relinquish and abandon the use of my former name of Tahir Ahmad and in place thereof do assume the name of Tahir Ahmad Shauk and so that I may hereafter be called, known and distinguished not by my former name of Tahir Ahmad, but by my assumed name of Tahir Ahmad Shauk. I declare that I shall at all times hereafter in all records, deeds and writings and in all proceedings use and sign the name of Tahir Ahmad Shauk as my name in place of and in substitution for my former name of Tahir Ahmad. I hereby authorise and request all persons at all times hereafter to designate and address me by such assumed name of Tahir Ahmad Shauk.

NOTICE
It is to inform that the undersigned has lost the Migrant Ration Card (under Relief Category) consists of 2 souls & D form No. 035543, Data Form No. 33264 and R Card No. 31055 issued by Zonal Officer JKBOSE/45 for which the report has already been lodged in P/Sn Janipur. Any person who locates the above card may kindly submit it to Zonal Officer JKBOSE within period of seven days.
Kamal Krishen Kachroo
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NOTICE
This office has received an application from one Sri Bansil Lal Pandita, S/o of Late Sh. Mahesh Nath Pandita, Rio Plot No. 9, Sector No. 6, JDA (EWS) Colony Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu regarding the issuance of 'Legal Heir Certificate' and states that the following person(s) is/are the only surviving 'Legal Heir(s)' of Late Sh. Mahesh Nath Pandita: S/o Late Sh. Gopal Nath Pandita, who died on 15-06-2025, at TRT 3, Block D, Multi Camp Jammu and his/her name(s) is/are as under:-
S.No. Name(s) Age Relati-onship Married/Un-married
1. Roopavati Pandita 77yrs Wife Married
2. Bansil Lal Pandita 65yrs Son Married
3. Piaray Lal Pandita 54yrs Son Married
4. Smt. Vijay Khar 61yrs Daughter Married
Any person having any Objection in the above mentioned name(s) can file his/her objection personally or through any authorized person before office of the Tehsildar Jammu North within seven (07) days from the publication of the Notice, failing which it shall be presumed that there is no objection regarding the issuance of such 'Legal Heir Certificate'.

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STATE TIMES

APS Ratnuchak wins top honour at 10th National Skill Championship at IIT Delhi

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Demonstrating outstanding innovation and practical problem-solving skills, students of Army Public School (APS) Ratnuchak, Jammu secured first position at the 10th National Skill Championship held at IIT Delhi on March 21-22, 2026.
Their project, "RESQBAND - Built for Yatra, Designed for Rescue," stood out among entries for its real-world applicability and creative approach, earning high praise from the judges. The championship, organized by Makeintem in collaboration with Tryst, IIT Delhi, saw participation from 24

teams representing around 150 students from across the country.
On the opening day, all teams presented their ideas before an expert jury, with 14 teams advancing to the final round. In the finals, participants showcased comprehensive business plans and marketing strategies, intensifying the competition. Facing strong contenders from prestigious institutions including Delhi Public School, Varanasi; La Martiniere Girls' College, Lucknow; and Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani, the Army Public School Ratnuchak team distinguished itself through clarity of concept, effective execution, and confident presentation to clinch the top spot.
The winning team included Satyam Sharma (Class X), Mayank Singh (Class IX), Tanmay Sharma (Class VIII), and Ayushman Sahoo (Class VII). They were awarded a cash prize of Rs 25,000. The team's success was guided by mentors Vishal Sharma (TGT Science) and Vinay Salgotra (PRT Computer), whose support played a key role in shaping the project. This achievement highlights the school's dedication to nurturing innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurial skills, marking a significant milestone for Army Public School Ratnuchak.

Army conducts Agnipath scheme awareness lecture

STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: The Indian Army conducted an Agnipath Scheme awareness lecture for the youth of Katra, Reasi District to provide comprehensive guidance on opportunities to serve in the Armed Forces. During the session, participants were briefed on eligibility criteria, career pathways, training modules and benefits under the Agnipath Scheme. The lecture also offered a platform for aspiring candidates to raise queries, which were addressed in detail by Army personnel, ensuring clarity and understanding of the recruitment process.
The initiative aimed to inspire and motivate youth to consider the Armed Forces as a disciplined, honourable and fulfilling career option. Emphasising values of commitment, integrity and national service, the lecture sought to instil a sense of responsibility and patriotism among the young participants, encouraging them to contribute meaningfully to nation-building while exploring opportunities for personal and professional growth.

37th District Kishtwar Volleyball Championship begins Spikers Kishtwar Club, Drabshalla Spikers win opening ties



STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR, Mar 22: The 37th District Volleyball Championship commenced today at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Kishtwar, under the aegis of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council.
The championship was formally inaugurated by chief guest Ishan Gupta, who declared the event open in the presence of dignitaries including Naib Tehsildar Nisar Ahmed, along with the principal and staff members of the host school.
Despite inclement weather conditions, including snowfall in the upper reaches of the Sinthan Top area, the opening day witnessed an encouraging response and high enthusiasm among players and spectators alike.

Organising Secretary Saleem informed that six men's teams from across the district are participating in the championship. He added that the championship aims to identify and nurture volleyball talent among youth while promoting sports as a means to steer them away from drug abuse.
In the opening matches, Spikers Kishtwar Club defeated Kangaroo Volleyball Club Chamoti in straight sets with a scoreline of 26-24, 25-19 (2-0). In the second match, Drabshalla Spikers secured victory against KIC Junior in a closely contested game with scores of 25-15, 20-25, and 15-11 (2-1).
The event marks a significant initiative to promote sports culture and youth engagement in the district, with more matches scheduled in the coming days.

SBI Mutual Fund files draft papers with SEBI for IPO

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: SBI Mutual Fund, the country's largest fund house, on Thursday filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator SEBI to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO).
The proposed maiden public offering is entirely an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 20.37 crore equity shares, with no fresh issue component, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).
The offering will see promoters, State Bank of India (SBI) and Amundi India Holding, pare their stakes.
SBI Funds Management Ltd is a joint venture between SBI and Paris-based Amundi, holding 61.98 per cent and 36.40 per cent stake, respectively.
The company is the country's largest asset management firm, with quarterly average assets under management (QAAUM) of nearly Rs 12.5 lakh crore as of December 2025.
SBI Mutual Fund, sponsored by SBI and established in 1987, was the first non-UTI mutual fund in India.
A consortium of merchant bankers has been appointed to manage the issue, including Kotak Mahindra Capital, Axis Capital, BofA Securities India, HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India), ICICI Securities, Jefferies India, JM Financial, Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors and SBI Capital Markets.

Expose any anti-people stance of J&K government: BJP to its Jammu MLAs



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday directed its MLAs here to remain proactive in highlighting people's concerns and also expose any anti-people stance of the Jammu and Kashmir government.
This directive was communicated during a meeting convened by J-K BJP President and MP Sat Sharma, along with General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul, at the party headquarters in Jammu, a spokesperson said.
During his address, Sharma stressed that the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir requires a vigilant and committed approach and asked legislators to 'forcefully expose any anti-people stance of the government' while ensuring accountability at every level.
Additionally, Sharma urged MLAs to pressure the National Conference (NC)-led government to fully commit to policies that promote public welfare without bias towards any region, ensuring equal development and justice for all areas and social groups.
He assured that the BJP would continue to act as a constructive yet assertive opposition to guarantee that the government remains responsive to the needs of the people.
In his address, Koul stressed the importance of coordinated efforts and organisational discipline among party legislators. He said MLAs must work in close coordination with the party organisation to effectively raise public issues, particularly those related to development, governance and basic amenities.
Koul also asked legislators to share the outcomes of the party's training camps in their respective constituencies.
Senior leaders, including S S Salathia and Pawan Gupta, led discussions in which MLAs shared feedback and concerns regarding issues faced by people across different regions.

Jammu Rural police organizes Volleyball Tournament under CAP

Tiger Club Nagrota wins men's trophy, Ramnagar Club lifts women's title

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Volleyball Tournament organised by Jammu (Rural) Police under the aegis of Civic Action Programme 2025-26 concluded at Higher Secondary School, Kandoli, Nagrota.
The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 14 teams representing the districts of Jammu, Samba, and Udhampur, and attracted a large gathering of local spectators.
In the morning, SP Rural Jammu, Brijesh Sharma, inaugurated the tournament as the Chief Guest. SDPO Nagrota, along with other



SP Rural Jammu, Brijesh Sharma shaking hand with players.
officers of the Rural Zone, was also present on the occasion. Members of the media fraternity and prominent local citizens attended the closing ceremony.
The men's final match was played between Tiger Club

Nagrota and Jammu Club, with Tiger Club Nagrota emerging as champions after defeating Jammu Club. In the women's category, Ramnagar Club emerged victorious by defeating Krishna Warriors. The winning and runner-up teams were awarded cash prizes, trophies, and sports accessories by SDPO Nagrota.
Speaking on the occasion, SDPO Nagrota highlighted that J&K Police remains committed to engaging youth through sports and other constructive initiatives to steer them away from drug abuse and social evils.
The event received widespread appreciation from the local community, especially the youth, who lauded the efforts of the police in promoting positive and healthy activities across Jammu district and adjoining areas.

10th J&K UT Softball Championship to be held in Jammu from March 29

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council is set to organize the 10th J&K UT Softball Championship 2025-26 at the Football Ground of Government Gandhi Memorial Science College, Jammu, from March 29 to March 31, 2026.
The championship will feature competitions across multiple categories, including Sub-Junior (Under-15 Boys & Girls), Junior (Under-18 Boys & Girls), and Senior (Men & Women), providing a platform for young and senior players to

showcase their talent at the Union Territory level.
All participating districts have been advised to coordinate with their respective coaches for team confirmation. The organizers have informed that basic playing equipment will be provided by the Sports Council to ensure smooth conduct of the tournament.
As per the schedule, teams from the Kashmir Division as well as Udhampur, Doda, and Reasi districts are required to report at Jammu by March 28, 2026, before 4:00 PM. Meanwhile, teams from Jammu and Samba districts have been instructed to report directly at the venue on March 29, 2026, by or before 8:00 AM.
The championship is being organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Softball Association and is fully sponsored by the Sports Council.
The event is expected to witness enthusiastic participation from teams across the Union Territory and will play a significant role in promoting softball and encouraging sports culture among youth in Jammu & Kashmir.
CM condoles demise of father of MLA Payare Lal Sharma
STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of the father of Payare Lal Sharma, MLA from Inderal.
In his condolence message, the Chief Minister extended his heartfelt sympathies to Sharma and his family during this difficult time. He described the loss as irreparable and prayed for strength and courage for the bereaved family to bear the grief.
The Chief Minister also prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Kanyathon 2026 draws 1,000 runners in Jammu, promotes anti-drug message



DIG JSK Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma flagging off runners.
STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The University of Jammu witnessed a massive turnout as over 1,000 participants joined Kanyathon - Jammu 2026, spreading a strong message of "Say Yes to Life, No to Drugs" while promoting girl-child empowerment.
The event was organised by the Centre for Developmental Education (CDE) in association with Lalitaditya Sports Education and Health Organisation (LSEHO), with support from the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Excise & Taxation Department, and the University of Jammu.
The run was flagged off by Shiv Kumar Sharma, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range. Addressing the participants, he highlighted the strength and leadership of women in society and encouraged young girls to move forward with confidence and determination.
Participants included students, women, police personnel, and citizens from different walks of life. The event created an energetic and united atmosphere, reflecting a shared commit-

India tour to test Australia as CA unveil gruelling 2026-27 schedule

AGENCIE
WELLINGTON: Cricket Australia on Sunday unveiled its 2026-27 international calendar with a packed itinerary leaving little turnaround time ahead of the marquee Border-Gavaskar Trophy in India, expected to begin in mid or late-January.
The five-Test away series against India next year is set to be a decisive phase in an unprecedented and taxing schedule for Pat Cummins' ageing side.
Australia are slated to play 10 Tests in a 14-week window between December and March, making it one of the most demanding stretches in their history.
The home season will commence in August 2026, with two Tests against Bangladesh and conclude in March 2027 with a day-night spectacle at the MCG - the 150th anniversary Test against England.
The home series against New Zealand has been squeezed into a window of just over four weeks, while Australia's tour of South Africa later this year runs until the end of October, followed by an eight-match white-ball series against England in November.
"That Border-Gavaskar Trophy tour, a final frontier for the likes of Cummins, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Nathan Lyon, who have never won a series in India, will



also be a quick-fire campaign given CA's anniversary Test begins back in Melbourne on March 11," CA said in a statement.
"The call to hold back all three of Starc, Cummins and Hazlewood from at least the first few rounds of the soon-to-begin IPL shows CA is wary of getting their trio to the finishing line of the intense 2026-27 run," it added.
Australia's Test schedule
August: Two Tests vs Bangladesh (home)
October: Three Tests vs South Africa (away)
December-January: Four Tests vs New Zealand (home)
January-March: Five Tests vs India (away)
March 11-15: 150th anniversary Test vs England (home)
June: WTC final (if qualified, England)
June-August: Five Tests vs England (away).

India U-23 squad for Tri-Nation friendlies in Arunachal Pradesh announced

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India Under-23 men's football team head coach Naushad Moosa on Sunday named a 24-member squad for the upcoming Tri-Nation Friendlies in Arunachal Pradesh.
The tournament, featuring the U-23 sides of India, Bhutan and Tajikistan, will be played at the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium in Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh, from March 25-31.
Bhutan and Tajikistan will clash in the opening fixture on March 25, while India will begin their campaign against Bhutan on March 28 and face Tajikistan on March 31.
All matches are scheduled to kick off at 7pm.
This will be only the second international football tournament to be staged in Arunachal Pradesh, following the SAFF U-19 Championship in 2025.
India U-23 squad
Goalkeepers: Dipesh Chauhan, Mohanraj K, Priyansh Dubey.
Defenders: Dippendu Biswas, Harsh Palande, Pramveer, Ricky Meetei Haobam, Ronney Kharbudon, Sanatomba Singh Yanglem, Subham Bhattacharya.
Midfielders: Ebindas Yesudasana, Lahremthuanga Fanai, Lalrinliana Hnamte, Macaront Louis Nickson, Mohammed Sanan K, Shivaldo Singh Chingangbam, Tomba Singh Haobam, Vinith Venkatesh, Zothanpuia.
Forwards: Adison Singh Thokchom, Lalthankima, Muhammad Ajsal, Suhail Ahmad Bhat, Thoi Singh Huidrom.

Spinners shine as South Africa beats New Zealand by 19 runs to level the T20 series at 2-2

AGENCIE
WELLINGTON: New Zealand foundered against South Africa's spinners as the Proteas won the fourth Twenty20 by 19 runs Sunday to level the five-match series at 2-2.
Connor Esterhuizen made a maiden half-century from 33 balls as South Africa scored 164-5 after choosing to bat. Esterhuizen eventually was out for 57 and his innings made the difference between the teams.
New Zealand was ahead at 63-2 after the powerplay with Tim Robinson making 32 from 22 balls at the top of the order. But left-arm pacer Nelan Subrayen took 2-13 on debut and Keshav Maharaj took 2-22 to cut through the New Zealand middle

order and turn the match in South Africa's favor.
Dane Cleaver made 26 from 16 balls, returning to the New Zealand lineup after almost three years. He was looking dangerous when he was beaten and bowled by a Subrayen delivery. Bevon Jacobs was also bowled by Subrayen when the ball dipped under his bat.
Jimmy Neesham (10) was dropped twice then caught in the same over from Otniel Baartman, who took 2-30 from four overs. Maharaj removed Nick Kelly (16) and Cole McConchie (10) as the spinners pinned down the New Zealand batters by varying their pace and flight.
"I thought a total of 164 was about par, maybe a bit below par," New Zealand cap-

tain Jimmy Neesham said. "We certainly had a chance going into the second half of the game.
"A few average options and poor execution and we came out on the wrong side of it."
New Zealand's already depleted lineup was further reduced by the loss of Tom Latham to injury and Devon Conway, Mitchell Santner and Lockie Ferguson for the last two matches of the series.
Esterhuizen rallied South Africa after it had lost Wiaan Mulder to the second ball of its innings, a maiden bowled by Kyle Jamieson.
The right-hander hit a six and a four from the third over, a six and four in the fourth over, a six and two fours among 17 runs in the fifth over, keeping the South Africa run-rate up. South Africa was 50-1 after the powerplay, its best start of the series so far.
Esterhuizen reached his half-century in the 10th over with a boundary from Ben Sears, the sixth four of his innings that also included three sixes.
"I just tried to keep it as simple as possible to be honest," Esterhuizen said. "I didn't have much time to think about it because I was out there straight away.
"So I just tried to stick to a game plan and it came off tonight."
Esterhuizen looked set to go big when he was brilliantly caught by Katene Clarke on debut, running in and diving forward from deep square leg. Tony de Zorzi, who was the quiet partner in an 81-run stand with Esterhuizen for the second wicket, was out next over for 23 from 21 balls.
Rubin Hermann and Dian Forrester put on 38 for the fourth wicket, keeping the South Africa total ticking over. Forrester made 19 from 14 balls before being trapped lbw by a yorker from Zak Foulkes.
Hermann made an unbeaten 28 from 25 balls, Jason Smith scored 19 from 15 and George Linde added 14 from eight but New Zealand reined in South Africa's scoring a little at the death. Only 43 runs came from the last five overs and Sears allowed only one run from the bat in the final over.
The deciding match is at Christchurch on Wednesday.