

Dr Bhan releases Mengi's 'Musings Unabated'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: At a simple but impressive function held at the Royal Auditorium, Amar Singh Club this evening, the former Director General J&K Police, Dr Ashok Bhan, released Er Lalit Mengi's second book 'Musings Unabated'.

'Musings Unabated' is continuation of his literary journey that began three years' ago with the launch of his maiden attempt, 'Musings of the Mind-During Corona Times'. The spellbinding 'Author's Note' sets the tone of his pleasing and characteristic writing style, prose in poetry. In the first chapter, he deals with human traits like patience, humility, maturity and magnanimity, value of speech, which he classifies as ornaments of human personality which give us an identity, an individuality, and have a lot of bearing on standing in society.

In the second chapter, the author gives an insight into nuances of life. He has brought forth social conflicts and our weaknesses as in More equal than equals and in Respect women bringing into limelight prejudices,



Former DGP, Dr Ashok Bhan and other dignitaries releasing Er Lalit Mengi's second book 'Musings Unabated' at Jammu on Thursday.

biases and inequalities in our caste ridden, patriarchal society. He has touched upon a wide variety of topics which have always been very relevant like Power of a compliment simple sounding though it has its own significance. The extent of his imagination and powerful writing skills, reflect in his poem on Love thy neighbour covering love-hate relationships between neighbours, right from next door to a neighbouring country.

Er Mengi being a lover of nature, through an exclusive chapter three of his book, has brought forth anthropogenic acts, disturbing ecological balance. There are highly

educative topics like Mountains- cry, Forest-I too have a soul and Global warming and climate change, an existential issue looming large before humanity. He has further expanded scope of his writing, and in chapter four, has brought into focus along with Yoga, India's proud heritage which has somehow remained elusive, yearning for its rightful place. It goes to the credit of the author that so many topics, each important, have been accommodated in the book, which is in simple lucid language.

Dr Ashok Bhan, complimented Er. Mengi for his commendable literary

accomplishment and said that he has shown way to other retirees how to utilise post-retirement time for creative work rather than indulging in fruitless adventures on What's App. Referring to Mengi's second musings, he said this book has covered a wide spectrum of contemporary issues. He said, Er Mengi has used a poetic style of narration to reflect his emotions and sentiments, showing ability as master in rhyme and rhythm which has soothing impact on the readers.

Lauding the author's sensibility for harmony, Dr Bhan said that he has expressed unambiguously

the need for making Bharat a colourful bouquet of multicultural nation. He said that the author's poetic concern on environmental degradation and other contemporary issues mirrored his musings. Recommending for reading this wonderful literary work of Er. Mengi, he said that the author has a penchant for producing more creative works.

K B Jandial, who was the guest of honour, also spoke on the occasion. He commented Mengi for his ability to transform thoughts across a wide spectrum into poetry, in a unique and pleasing style, that has become his brand. He also read out a few stanzas from the book.

Er J.B.S Johar presented a vote of thanks. The programme was anchored by Dr Twinkle Suri, Principal Govt. Degree college Samba. A large number of prominent personalities from different strata of the society including, literary, academicians, former civil servants, engineers and members of the Jammu's civil society attended the book release function.

Thousands visit shrine of Baba Chamliyal near IB in Samba



Devotees paying obeisance at Baba Chamliyal shrine.

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SAMBA/JAMMU: Nearly 30,000 devotees from Jammu and Kashmir and outside thronged the annual mela at the shrine of Baba Chamliyal near the International Border in the Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, officials said.

The shrine of Baba Dalip Singh Manhas, popularly known as Baba Chamliyal, was considered a symbol of Indo-Pakistan bonhomie in the past but the shrine did not host any delegation from Pakistan since June 2018 after four BSF personnel, including an assistant commandant, were killed in an unprovoked cross-border firing.

In accordance with the past

practice, Commandant of 101 battalion of the BSF Alkesh Kumar Sinha was the first to offer a 'chadar' at the grave of the saint in a pre-dawn function to mark the commencement of the annual mela.

"This is a 322-year-old shrine

and enjoys a lot of respect among the devotees. I reached the shrine Wednesday night to take part in the traditional prayers in the early hours of the day," the officer told reporters at the shrine.

"The district administration, shrine committee and the BSF is working together for the success of the mela," the officer said, adding that security has been beefed up along the border in view of the festival.

Shrine Committee head Charan Das expressed happiness over the peaceful conclusion of the annual mela and thanked local volunteers for their service over the past fortnight to meet the requirements of the visiting devotees.

JeM terrorist killed, 3 others trapped in Udhampur

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JAMMU: A terrorist of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit was killed in an encounter with security forces on Thursday, while three of his associates remained trapped in a forested area in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, officials said. The group of four terrorists was being tracked for a year: They were confronted by a joint search party of the army and police in the remote Bihali area of Basantgarh in the morning, they said.

According to officials, reinforcements have been rushed in and a massive search operation is going on despite bad weather. "In the ongoing operation by the Indian Army and the J&K Police, one terrorist has been

neutralised till now. Operation continues," a defence spokesperson said.

Operation Bihali comes a week ahead of the start of the annual Anarnath Yatra in the Kashmir Himalayas.

Inspector General of Police, Jammu range, Bhim Sen Tuti said contact was established with the terrorists at around 8.30 am.

"They are believed to be four in number and we have been tracking (this group) for the last one year," he told reporters on the sidelines of a function here. He said a search operation was going on despite foggy conditions, and the real picture would emerge once the weather improves.

Officials added that the trapped terrorists are members

of the Pakistan-based JeM and were found hiding near Karoor nullah by the joint search party led by the army's para commandos.

Earlier in the day, Jammu-based White Knight Corps of the Army said on X, "Based on specific intelligence, a joint operation was launched by Indian Army and J&K Police in the Bihali area of Basantgarh. Contact has been established with terrorists. The operation is currently in progress."

Besides, security forces conducted a search operation in the Purmandal area of Samba district late Wednesday following reports of suspicious activity. However, the operation concluded peacefully after nothing was found on the ground, officials said.

Being Human Clothing champions India's Global Future as Headline Sponsor at Oxford India Forum 2025



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JAMMU: Being Human Clothing is proud to have served as the Headline Sponsor for the Oxford India Forum 2025, one of the most prestigious student-led con-

ferences at the University of Oxford. Held at the University of Oxford, the forum brought together some of the brightest minds across disciplines to engage in meaningful dialogue on India's evolving global identity, placing purpose, compassion, and social impact at the heart of the conversation.

This partnership between Being Human Clothing and Oxford India Forum marked a powerful alignment between academia and philanthropy. As a foundation deeply committed to education, healthcare, and empowerment, Being Human amplified the forum's vision of fostering critical thought, inclusive dialogue, and cross-cultural collaboration. The support of a purpose-led brand added resonance to the discussions, which spanned public policy, entrepreneurship, the creative economy, and sustainability.

Being Human has long championed the six humane values of Love, Care, Share, Hope, Help & Joy leading to dignity, opportunity, and access-values that mirrored

the spirit of this year's Oxford India Forum. Held at the iconic Said Business School, the 2025 edition featured keynote addresses, panel sessions, and fireside chats with global leaders, policy experts, and emerging changemakers, all of whom reflected on the path ahead for India on the world stage.

Ayaan Agnihotri, Executive Director Being Human Clothing from Being Human shared during the event, "It has been an honor to support a forum that brings powerful minds together in service of a shared future. At Being Human, we believe that genesis of transformation is in knowledge, empathy, and dialogue-values that this forum embodies. What truly stood out to us was the diversity of thought and the sincerity with which every speaker approached the challenges and opportunities facing India today. Discussions across sectors, sustainability, innovation, or consumption reinforced our belief in changes are led by collaborative conversations with purpose and compassion. We're proud to stand alongside thought leaders who are not only asking the right questions but also shaping the answers."

With each session, the Oxford India Forum 2025 deepened its role as a platform for global exchange and thoughtful leadership. The collaboration with Being Human Clothing not only strengthened the forum's impact but also underscored the role of socially conscious partnerships in shaping India's global narrative.

Legislative panel assesses environmental issues across J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Legislative Committee on Environment of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly held a high-level review meeting at Assembly Complex here on Thursday to assess and examine the pressing environmental issues and challenges faced across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was presided over by Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami; Chairman of the Committee and attended by MLAs Peerzada Mohammad Syed, Rajiv Jasrotia, Peerzada Feroze Ahmad, Khurshid Ahmed, Mushtaq Ahmad Guroo, Irshad Rasool Kar and Darshan Kumar; members of the committee.

Commissioner Secretary, Forests, Ecology and Environment, Sheetal Nanda; Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandita; PCCF J&K, Chairman Pollution Control Committee; Director

Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing and other senior officers of department also attended the meeting. Speaking during the meeting, Chairman of the Committee, M.Y Tarigami, highlighted that Jammu and Kashmir is very sensitive in terms of environment and nature and therefore we need to collectively work for strengthening our grass-roots-level awareness and community involvement for various conservation initiatives. "The ecological balance of Jammu and Kashmir is very fragile. We must act decisively to protect our forests, rivers and biodiversity for future generations", M.Y Tarigami stated.

Underlining several critical issues of environmental degradation, the Chairman of the Committee emphasized on the department to conduct routine checks on industries and industrial estates and assess whether they are operating under established norms and regulations. He also asked them

to keep vigil on operations of stone crushers across the UT and take appropriate measures for reducing their impact on river banks and river beds.

While speaking on waste management and other issues, M.Y Tarigami called upon the officers of the department to organise regular awareness campaigns in schools and colleges across Jammu and Kashmir regarding waste management techniques and environmental protection. He asked the officers to utilise the services of environmental experts and activists, NGOs, scientists and other groups for protection and preservation of environment across UT.

During the meeting, the members of Committee voiced deep concern over growing environmental degradation in several regions like illegal deforestation, pollution of water bodies and improper waste management practices. They also expressed displeasure over

pollution due to unregulated mining activities and non-functioning of several Sewage Treatment Plants across UT. The members emphasized on the critical need for sustainable development and called for urgent, coordinated action by government departments and enforcement agencies for environmental preservation and protection.

During the meeting, the Committee resolved to monitor the implementation of key environmental regulations more rigorously. It underscored the importance of strict compliance with the Environment regulations and rules.

The Committee also called for enhancing real-time monitoring of environment through digital tools and bolstering inter-departmental coordination. They also asked the officers to conduct regular field visits, engage with stakeholders and locals to gather first hand information regarding environmental concerns.

NOTICE

That I intend to gift Plot No.642, Sector-3, in Housing Colony Channi Himmat Jammu to my son Rajesh Langleh S/o Sh. Kalash Chander R/o 642/3, Channi Himmat Jammu. I have applied for transfer of leasehold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, 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.

Name:- Kalash Chander
S/o Beli Ram
R/o 642/3, Channi Himmat Jammu

NOTICE

This office has received an application from Devinder Nath Khajuria S/o Bishamber Nath Khajuria R/o H.No.120-A, Subhash Nagar, Jammu regarding legal heir certificate and state that only the following persons are legal heirs of Lt. Sh. Bishamber Nath Khajuria namely as under:
1. Santosh Khajuria - Wife,
2. Naninder Khajuria - Son,
3. Devinder Nath Khajuria - Son
Any person having objection in the mentioned names can file his/her objection personally or through any authorized person before Office of the Tehsildar Jammu within seven days from the publication of this notice failing which it shall be presumed that there is no objection regarding legal heir certificate.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Notice Inviting Tender
Sr. DEE/TRS/LDH acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 2025-26-02. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date **21.07.2025 at 15.00 Hrs.** only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders and any such manual offer received shall not be considered. Bidders are allowed to make payments against this tender towards cost of tender document and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDRs etc. are not allowed.

Tender No.	Name of work	App Cost (₹)	Cost of Tender form (₹)	Date & time of submission of tender	Earnest Money/Bid Security (₹)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
2025-26-02	Annual maintenance contract (AMC) for two years of EOT cranes with stand by spares installed in Electric loco shed, Ludhiana	₹ 6193355.03/-	0/-	Upto 21.07.2025 15:00 Hrs	123900/-	24 Months	21.07.2025 at or after 15:30 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Notice No. 230-Elect/TRS/LDH/WC/EOT Crane/OT/2025-26/02
Dated: 26.06.2025

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Notice Inviting Tender
Sr. DEE/TR/JAT acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date **21.07.2025 at 15.00 Hrs.** only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered.

Tender No.	Name of work	App Cost (₹)	Cost of Tender form (₹)	Date & time of submission of tender	Earnest Money # (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
416A-TRD-JAT-2025-26	TRD work in c/w Construction of Rail Level Goods Platform with covered shed, Merchant room, approach road & full length new goods line at Pampore (PMPE) Railway Station on BAH-L-BRML section under ADEN/BDGM.	₹ 38,46,990.31/-	NIL	Upto 21.07.2025 15:00 Hrs	76,900/-	Six (06) Months	21.07.2025 at or after 15:30 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

Note: # Tenderer(s) may please note that offers received without Bid Security either in cash through e-payment gateway or as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents (as per Annexure-21) valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period will be considered as incomplete & invalid offer and for which contractor shall have no claim on Railway.

No. 416A-TRD-JAT-2025-26 Dated: 26.06.2025

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No:-56-2025-26-ADEN-JUC Date: 25.06.2025 Sr.DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date: **17/07/2025 up to 15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Packet System

Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
24.06.2025	03.07.2025	17.07.2025/15:00 Hrs.

S.No.: 1 Tender No. 56-2025-26-ADEN-JUC

Details of Tender: Upgradation/Improvement of Kartarpur (KRE) Goods shed under ADEN/JUC.

Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
5,68,18,779.86/-	4,34,100.00/-	60 Days	06 Months

Similar nature of work: "Any civil work other than track work"

Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/J&K acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works/services listed below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make online payments against these tenders. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Bidding System	Date of Uploading tenders	Bid Closing Date/Time	Date and Time of Opening E-Tender
Open	Single packet System	25.06.2025	16.07.2025 at 15:00 Hrs.	16.07.2025 at 15:30 Hrs.

SN	Tender Number	Details of Tender	Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of completion
1	02-2025-LAundry-JAT	Setting up of infrastructure for linen management facilities at JAT Coaching Depot.	Rs 2,46,43,018.54/-	Rs 2,73,200/-	45 Days	180 days

For more details, please log on to www.ireps.gov.in

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TRAVELTIME!

Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM

Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE

11078 Jhelum Express

Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi

12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express

Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi

12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express

Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi

Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)

Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM

Fare:

Chair Car (CC): 715

Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320

Booking: Available on IRCTC

Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)

Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar

Fare:

Chair Car (CC): 660

Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270

Booking: Available on IRCTC

HELPLINE

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Fault Repair	198
Local Assistance	199
Trunk Booking	180
Trunk Assistance	181
International Trunk Booking	2447952, 2577951, 2573638
Billing Complaints	2543896, 2548415
Billing Complaints Computerize	1955
Change No. Announcement	1951
Gandhi Nagar Exchange	2451953, 2430953

HOSPITALS

Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291
Psychiatry and Disease Hospital	2577444
Ambulance Rajouri	257147, 257084, 257357
Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637
Emergency	2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012
Dental Hospital	2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar	2430041
Emergency	2431740
Child Hospital	2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital	262270

AMBULANCES

Indian Red Cross Society	2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248

FIRE STATIONS

Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2547705
City	2544263
Canal	2554064
Roop Nagar	2597522
Gangyal	2480026
Bar Brahmana	220020
Akhnor	252481
Kathua	234313
Samba	243280
Katra	232451
Udhampur	270897
Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82
Police Exchange	2547621-22, 2547624
Civil Defence Control Room	2549100, 2548645, 2544920
Civil Defence	2548645, 2549100, 2544920
Hot Line	383

TOURISM

Tourist Officer, Airport	2431917
Tourist Officer, Railway Station	2430078
Tourist Reception Centre	2579554

BUS SERVICES

JKSRTC General Manager	2435262
JKSRTC Bus Stand	2577475
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service	2576562
Punjab Roadways	2542782

WATER SUPPLY

Company Bagh	2542582
Parade	2544979
Bakshi Nagar	2543557
Panjthirhi	2547501
Narwal	2430031

ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS

Canal	2554147, 2554199
Parade	2542289, 2543398
Nanak Nagar	2430776
Gandhi Nagar	2430180
Shastri Nagar	2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258
Satwari	2452816

FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)

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CIVIC SERVICES

Municipality	2547846, 2542192
Health Officer	2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal	2547440

FIND CINEMA

MAA

PVR KC JAMMU 1:55 PM / 11:05 PM

WAVE ONEMOVIE JAMMU 12:05PM / 05:35PM / 10:45PM

SITARE ZAMEEN PAR HINDI

WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU

10:15AM / 1:25 PM / 4:35PM / 7:45PM / 10:55PM

PVR KC JAMMU

10:40AM / 1:10PM / 04:25 PM / 07:40PM / 10:55PM

Housefull 5

Aprsa Hospitality& entertainment (aprsa multiplex)

10:40 AM / 12:45PM / 03:45 PM / 6:45PM