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NATIONAL

Important Announcement: Workers’ Convention – People’s Democratic Party (PDP)



Nazir Ahmad Sofi IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – WORKERS’ CONVENTION
People’s Democratic Party (PDP)

The People’s Democratic Party will hold a Workers’ Convention on Sunday, 25 October 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the residence of Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura, General Secretary

(Organisation) and Chairman of the Election Board.
All party workers from the Parent Wing, Youth Wing, and Women’s Wing are cordially invited to attend and participate wholeheartedly.

Your presence will demonstrate commitment, unity, and continued confidence in the party. Let us gather with renewed determination to strengthen our collective efforts for the party’s future.

Your participation matters. Your support strengthens our unity.
Let us stand together, united and committed.

NATIONAL

Attended a felicitation ceremony at Countryside Hotel



Nazir Ahmad Sofi Attended a felicitation ceremony at the Countryside Hotel in Nowgam, Srinagar, where former BJP Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary (Organisation), Shri Ashok Koul Ji, was honoured for his dedicated service, unwavering commitment, and invaluable contribution to the organization.

NATIONAL

National Conference Afraid of Defeat, Avoiding Panchayat Polls in J&K: LoP Sharma, BJP MLA



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NATIONAL

Dr. Yangchan Dolma, Newly Appointed Member of the National Commission for Minorities



Nazir Ahmad Sofi Dr. Yangchan Dolma, the newly appointed Member of the National Commission for Minorities representing the Buddhist community, assumed charge today. Joint Secretary Dr. Atya Nand welcomed her at the Commission’s office and extended his best wishes for her tenure.

NATIONAL

Chief Minister Chairs Comprehensive Review Meeting at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, to Assess Winter Preparedness Across Kashmir



Nazir Ahmad Sofi Chief Minister today chaired a comprehensive review meeting at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, to assess winter preparedness across Kashmir and Jammu Divisions. The review focused on snow-clearance arrangements, advance stocking of essential food supplies, fuel and medicines, and round-the-clock operational readiness of emergency services and control rooms. Emphasising proactive planning, seamless inter-departmental coordination and timely response, the Chief Minister directed all concerned departments to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply, maintain road connectivity and prioritise public safety and convenience throughout the winter season. Office of Chief Minister, J&K.

NATIONAL

Under the PM-KISAN Scheme, Completion of e-KYC Is Mandatory, Otherwise Installments May Be Stopped



Nazir Ahmad Sofi All those people who receive an installment of ₹2,000 under the PM-KISAN scheme are hereby informed that completing e-KYC is mandatory. Otherwise, their installments may be stopped. Therefore, please complete your e-KYC as soon as possible. All the farmers who are enlisted are hereby informed to complete e-KYC promptly. Contact me at 7051841376.

NATIONAL

Heartiest congratulations to Smt. Shagun Parihar on appointment as National Vice President, BJYM



Nazir Ahmad Sofi Headlines News Need News Kashmir

Heartiest congratulations to Smt. Shagun Parihar on her appointment as National Vice President of the BJP Youth Morcha (BJYM).

Need News Reporter: Mr. Nazir Hindustan

NATIONAL

J&K Govt orders Darbar move to Jammu on Oct 31; offices to reopen Nov 2



Nazir Ahmad Sofi The J&K government has ordered the Darbar to move to Jammu on October 31, with offices set to reopen on November 2.

NATIONAL

J&K CM Omar Abdullah approves doubling of MBBS, BDS interns' stipend to Rs 25,000

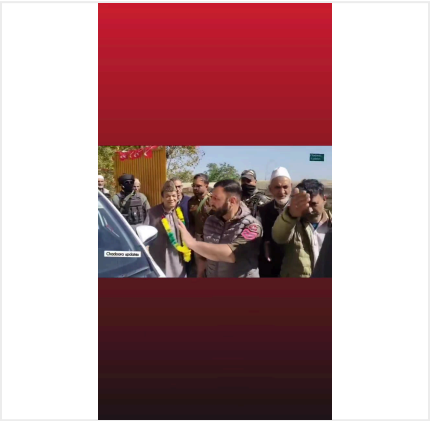


Nazir Ahmad Sofi J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has approved doubling the stipend for MBBS and BDS interns to Rs 25,000.

The Health Department has been directed to issue orders immediately, with a formal notification expected tomorrow as the holiday delayed issuance. Interns will receive an additional Rs 12,700 every month, marking a revision of over 103 per cent.

NATIONAL

J&K Assembly Speaker and Charar-i-Sharief MLA Abdul Rahim Rather holds public darbar



Nazir Ahmad Sofi J&K Assembly Speaker and Charar-i-Sharief MLA Abdul Rahim Rather held a public darbar in Ladeen, Chadoora, where he listened to public grievances and assured their redressal. He called for a thorough probe into attacks on Kashmiris in Punjab and strict legal action against those found involved.

NATIONAL

Sheikh Bashir, Senior BJP Leader and Former President BJP Minority Morcha, extends greetings on Dussehra and Ram Navami



Nazir Ahmad Sofi *(PRESS STATEMENT)*

Srinagar: Sheikh Bashir, Senior BJP Leader and Former President of the BJP Minority Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir, extends his warm greetings and heartfelt wishes to the people on the auspicious occasions of Dussehra and Ram Navami.

In his festive message, Sheikh Bashir wished peace, prosperity, happiness, and harmony for all. He emphasized the enduring values of truth, righteousness, courage, and justice symbolized by these sacred occasions, inspiring people to uphold moral values, strengthen mutual respect, and promote unity and brotherhood across society.

He further conveyed his hope that the blessings of Lord Shri Ram would bring happiness to every household and inspire everyone to work towards a peaceful, prosperous, and harmonious society.

CRIME

Crime Branch Jammu Kashmir warns of cyber slavery, calls for victim-centred measures



Last week, the Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir held a conference on the growing threat of cyber slavery and trafficking. Senior officials presented data showing a rapid increase in online recruitment and exploitation of vulnerable groups. The conference highlighted that criminals now lure victims using social media, encrypted messaging apps and fake job portals, making identification and rescue more difficult. Participants urged the state government to adopt a victim-centred policy that includes prompt legal aid, psychological counselling and rehabilitation programmes tailored to digital crime. They also recommended strengthening cyber surveillance and tightening oversight of online advertisements. The conference concluded with a pledge to enhance coordination among agencies, improve training for cyber-crime investigators and launch public awareness campaigns about signs of online exploitation.

WEATHER

Dry weather likely to persist in Jammu Kashmir until 23 October



A prolonged dry spell is expected to continue in Jammu and Kashmir, with the meteorological department forecasting negligible chances of rain until 23 October. This seasonal pattern is likely to affect both the plains and hilly areas of the federal territory. According to the forecast, skies will remain clear and humidity low during this period. Residents and tourists are advised to stay well hydrated and take precautions against dry air, which can aggravate respiratory and skin issues. Agricultural experts believe that the persistent dry weather could impact local farming, especially crops that require regular moisture. Farmers in the region have been monitoring soil moisture levels to manage irrigation needs effectively. The meteorological department continues to monitor seasonal systems, and any changes in the forecast will be communicated through official channels. Meanwhile, preparations are underway for up to seven days of dry, clear weather.

DEFENCE

Controlled detonation of grenade in Rajouri, Jammu Kashmir



In Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, security personnel neutralised a live grenade recovered by them through a controlled detonation. The operation was carried out by trained bomb disposal experts following standard safety procedures. Officials said the grenade was destroyed safely and no damage was caused to surrounding property. No injuries or fatalities resulted from the controlled detonation. The incident underscores the continuous vigilance of security forces in neutralising explosive materials in the region.

WEATHER

New rain and snowfall alert issued in Jammu Kashmir



The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an estimate of new rainfall and snowfall in the Jammu and Kashmir region. This weather update highlights the possibility of changes in patterns that are expected to affect various parts of the federal territory. As the new seasonal system advances, residents and travellers are advised to closely follow local weather updates. The estimate indicates that rainfall amounts will vary at different elevations, with lower areas likely to receive rain and higher mountainous zones likely to see snowfall. Local authorities are expected to remain alert to manage any potential disruptions caused by the upcoming seasonal system. The IMD report will serve as a critical guide for daily activities and travel planning over the next few days.

POLITICS

J&K Govt Assigns Extra Duties to Four District Information Officers



The Jammu and Kashmir government announced on Thursday that it will assign additional charges to four district information officers across the state. The decision aims to strengthen the department’s outreach and improve coordination between district administrations and the public.

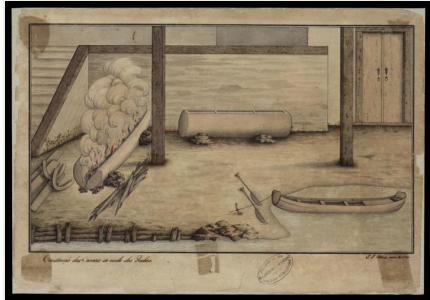
The officers, who are currently serving in their respective districts, will take on expanded duties that include overseeing media relations, coordinating public information campaigns, and ensuring timely dissemination of government policies. The move is part of a broader effort to enhance transparency and responsiveness in local governance.

Officials say the new responsibilities will help streamline communication channels and enable quicker dissemination of information to citizens. The appointments are effective immediately and will be monitored for impact on service delivery.

The government’s move comes amid growing demand for better public engagement and accountability at the district level. It is expected to improve the efficiency of information dissemination across Jammu and Kashmir.

BUSINESS

Contractors Demand Fair Fund Distribution and Release of Pending Payments



Construction contractors across the country have raised concerns about the current allocation of project funds, stating that the distribution has been uneven and has left many pending payments unsettled. The contractors claim that delays in fund disbursement are affecting project timelines and the financial stability of their firms.

In response, they have collectively appealed to relevant government departments and funding agencies to review the allocation mechanisms and expedite the release of outstanding dues. The demand emphasizes the need for a transparent and fair process that ensures all contractors receive their rightful share promptly.

Industry observers note that such grievances, if unaddressed, could lead to broader disruptions in the construction sector, potentially impacting infrastructure development and employment. Authorities have been urged to engage with contractor representatives to resolve the issue and restore confidence in the funding system.

The contractors have also highlighted the importance of establishing clear guidelines for future fund distribution to prevent similar disputes. They are awaiting a formal response from the concerned ministries and financial bodies.

Until a resolution is reached, the contractors have indicated they may consider further collective actions to press for their demands.

NATIONAL

Jammu Railway Division establishes integrated control office



The Jammu Railway Division, a key unit of Indian Railways' Northern Zone, has expressed its intention to establish an integrated control office in Jammu. This move aims to streamline operations by centralizing the monitoring of train running, signaling, and maintenance activities.

Officials stated that the new office will be equipped with an advanced traffic management system, enabling real-time data sharing between all stations and field teams. The integration of control functions is expected to reduce delays, improve safety standards, and enhance the efficiency of both passenger and freight transport.

The project is planned to commence by the end of this year, with construction and equipment procurement processes already underway. The railway said the integrated control office will align with Indian Railways' broader modernization program.

Local passengers and commercial users have welcomed the development, viewing it as a significant step toward making rail connectivity in the Jammu region more reliable.

POLITICS

Additional responsibilities assigned to four district information officers



The government has announced that four district information officers will be assigned additional responsibilities.

These officers will now coordinate additional tasks such as media outreach, public relations, and the timely release of information.

The decision aims to streamline communication between district administration and the public and to enhance transparency.

The officers will undertake these new responsibilities while continuing their existing duties.

AUTOMOBILE

25-year-old rider dies in motorcycle accident in North Kashmir



A 25-year-old rider died in a motorcycle accident in a remote part of North Kashmir, officials said.

The accident occurred in the northern part of Jammu and Kashmir, but the exact location has not yet been made public.

Police investigators are examining the accident site and will release further information once the investigation is complete. The incident highlights growing concerns about road safety in the region, where heavy traffic and difficult terrain often lead to fatal accidents.

Local officials have urged motorcycle riders to exercise caution and adhere to speed limits while traveling in North Kashmir.

TECHNOLOGY

Jammu and Kashmir government and PNB to implement CBDC in PDS



The Jammu and Kashmir government has decided to implement Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in the state's Public Distribution System (PDS) in collaboration with Punjab National Bank. This step aims to digitize subsidy payments and facilitate the distribution of essential commodities.

CBDC, the digital form of the Indian rupee issued by the Reserve Bank of India, is being piloted in several states as a measure to increase transparency and reduce leakage in welfare schemes. Its integration into the PDS is expected to speed up transactions and enable better tracking of beneficiary entitlements.

The detailed implementation plan, timeline, and technical platforms to be used are currently being finalized by both parties. Officials said a pilot will be conducted in a few districts in the initial phase, with plans to expand it across the state based on the results.

EDUCATION

Centre approves Rs 475.41 crore for upgrading 10 ITIs in Jammu and Kashmir; Sunil Sharma praises PM



The central government has approved a budget of Rs 475.41 crore for the modernization of ten Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in Jammu and Kashmir. The funds are intended to upgrade the institutes to meet modern industrial standards and improve the quality of vocational education.

Under the scheme, each ITI will be provided with the latest equipment, advanced laboratories, and improved training infrastructure, enabling students to be taught market-relevant skills. Officials believe this will enhance the employability of local youth and foster the development of skilled human resources in the state.

Union Minister Sunil Sharma praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's prioritization of skill development following the approval. He stated that the funding demonstrates the government's commitment to creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The responsibility for implementation has been assigned to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, which will work in coordination with the state's vocational education department. Work is expected to begin in the next financial quarter.

EDUCATION

Medical interns in Jammu and Kashmir go on strike over stipend dispute



Medical interns in Jammu and Kashmir have gone on strike over unresolved issues related to their stipends. This move reflects the ongoing conflict between trainee doctors and the administration over financial dues.

The strike aims to draw the administration's attention to the demand for the timely disbursement of pending payments. Interns believe these payments are essential for their sustenance and professional focus.

The incident highlights the tense situation in the region's medical sector, where trainee doctors are demanding prompt action from the relevant departments to resolve their financial claims.

POLITICS

LG Sinha and CM Omar welcomed people at Davesa



LG Sinha and CM Omar were present at a public event, welcoming the people on the occasion of Davesa. Both leaders addressed the crowd, emphasizing the significance of the festival and wishing unity and prosperity for the region. Thousands of people attended the program, enjoying cultural performances and traditional celebrations.

EDUCATION

Jammu & Kashmir government approves increase in salaries of medical and dental interns



The Jammu and Kashmir government has officially approved an increase in the monthly salaries of medical and dental interns across all public hospitals in the state. The decision, announced by the health department, aims to provide interns with a more competitive pay package. The new salary structure will take effect from the next fiscal year, with the exact figures to be detailed in an upcoming notification. Officials say the raise is part of a broader effort to attract and retain skilled interns within the region's health system. Spokespersons from the health ministry explained that the increase will ease the financial burden on interns who undergo long and demanding training programs. The move aligns with similar initiatives in other Indian states, intended to improve incentives in medical education. The government has instructed hospital managers to adjust budgets and ensure timely disbursement of the revised salaries. Interns and professional bodies have welcomed the decision, noting that it could enhance the quality of patient care in public facilities.

EDUCATION

J&K Medical Interns Press for Official Stipend Increase Order



Medical interns across Jammu and Kashmir have collectively called for a formal written order confirming the recent stipend hike announced for their training period. The interns argue that a documented order is essential to ensure transparency and timely disbursement of the increased allowance.

The demand was voiced through a coordinated statement circulated among hospitals and medical colleges in the region. Interns contend that verbal assurances have led to confusion and delays, and a written directive would provide legal clarity for both the trainees and the paying authorities.

As of now, the health department and hospital administrations have not issued the requested order. The interns have warned that continued ambiguity may affect morale and the smooth functioning of medical services during the internship year. The issue is being closely monitored by local media, including Kashmir Life.

