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also present during the Call On. Addressing the delegation, he recalled the developmental transformation of J&K over the past decade under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He further observed that the aspirations of youth of Jammu and Kashmir have risen, with many excelling across diverse fields.

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of people. He also called for integration of public suggestions along with the feedback mechanism to make this campaign more impactful. Common public should also be encouraged to report the drug abuse cases, he said. The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; S.J.M Gillani, Special DG (Coordination); Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary Home; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Sarmad Hafeez, Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; V.K Birdi, IGP Kashmir; DIGs, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and other senior officials.

## Reservation for ...

He said that on April 16, Parliament will be convened to discuss and pass an important Bill that advances women's reservation. "To describe this merely as a legislative exercise would be an understatement. It is a reflection of the aspirations of crores of women across India," he said. The Budget Session of Parliament has been extended, and a special three-day sitting of the House has been convened on April 16 to 18 when the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam', more commonly known as Women Reservation Act, would be amended for its implementation from 2029 general elections.

It will ensure an increase in the number of Lok Sabha seats to 816, of which 273 will be reserved for women. The provision to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies was brought by amending the Constitution in 2023, but it will come into effect after the completion of the delimitation exercise on the basis of 2027 Census. Therefore, it is expected to come into force only in 2034 if the present law remains as it is. According to the broad contours available, the number of Lok Sabha seats would be increased from the present 543 to 816, with 273 seats reserved for women. The reservation will also be done on a 'vertical basis' with seats allocated for SCs and STs. The redrawing of the constituencies will be done on the basis of 2011 Census rather than the proposed 2027 Census. A similar exercise will be carried out for state assemblies where seats will be reserved on a pro-rata basis.

In the article, Modi said women constitute nearly half of India's population, their contributions to the nation are vast and invaluable and today, India is witnessing remarkable achievements by women across every field.

"From science and technology to entrepreneurship, from sports to the armed forces and from music to the arts, women are at the forefront of India's progress," he said.

The prime minister said that over the years, sustained efforts have been made to create an enabling environment for women's empowerment.

He said greater access to education, improved healthcare, enhanced financial inclusion and better access to basic amenities have strengthened the foundations of women's participation in economic and social life.

"Yet, their representation in the world of politics and legislative bodies has not always been commensurate with their role in society," he said.

Modi said this is particularly unfortunate because when women participate in administration and decision-making, they bring with them experiences and insights that enrich public discourse and improve the quality of governance.

He said that over the decades, there have been repeated efforts to provide women with their rightful place in democratic institutions by the previous governments. Committees were made, Bill drafts were introduced but they never saw the light of day.

"But the broad consensus has remained that women's representation in legislative bodies has to increase," he said.

The prime minister said that in September 2023, Parliament passed the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' with the same spirit of consensus.

"I consider it to be among the most special occasions of my life. This opportunity to ensure women's reservation also resonates deeply with the spirit of our Constitution. The makers of our Constitution envisioned a society where equality is both enshrined and realised in practice," he said.

Modi said strengthening women's participation in legislative institutions is an important step towards fulfilling that vision.

"It reflects our commitment to building a society where every citizen has an equal stake in shaping the nation's destiny.

"This is a moment that cannot be deferred any longer. Every delay in advancing women's representation is, in effect, a delay in strengthening the quality and inclusiveness of our democracy," he said.

The prime minister said that as the country approaches this historic Parliament sitting, "I appeal to all Members of Parliament, across party lines, to come together in support of this important step for the women of India."

"Let us seize this opportunity with a sense of responsibility and purpose. Let us act in a manner that reflects the highest traditions of our democracy," he said.

Modi said India has always shown that when it comes to matters of national importance, it can rise above differences and act with unity.

"This is one such moment. Let us move forward together and strengthen Constitutional values and empower our Nari Shakti for national progress," he said.

The prime minister said that for decades, the need for greater participation of women in legislative institutions has been acknowledged, discussed and reaffirmed.

He said that to postpone action now would mean extending an imbalance that we already recognise and have the capacity to correct.

"At a time when India is moving forward with confidence and purpose, it is essential that our institutions reflect the aspirations of all citizens, especially those who form half our population," he said.

Modi said timely action will not only honour long-standing commitments but also ensure that the momentum of progress is sustained.

"This is truly a historic opportunity to make our democracy more representative, responsive and future-ready. This moment calls for collective action. It is not about any one government, party or individual," he said.

The prime minister said it is about the nation as a whole recognising the importance of this step and coming together to realise it.

He said it is what "we owe to our 'Nari Shakti' (women power) and that is why the passage of a bill for women's reservation should reflect the broadest possible consensus and be guided by the larger national interest.

"Such opportunities call upon us to act not for ourselves, but for future generations. They remind us that the true strength of a democracy lies in its ability to evolve and to become more inclusive over time," he said.

Modi said in the coming days, India will be immersed in a festive season, with celebrations taking place across the length and breadth of the nation.

He said the people of Assam will mark Rongali Bihu while Odisha will celebrate Maha Bishuba Pana Sankranti, in West Bengal, Poila Boishakh will usher in the Bengali New Year and in Kerala, Vishu will be observed with immense enthusiasm.

In Tamil Nadu, Puthandu will be celebrated, while in Punjab and other parts of northern India, it will be Baisakhi, which will usher in a spirit of hope as well as positivity, he said.

Furthermore, Modi said, on April 11, there will be the 200th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Phule and on April 14, India will pay homage to Babasaheb Ambedkar on Ambedkar Jayanti.

"I convey my best wishes to all those across India and the world who are marking these festivals. May these auspicious occasions bring happiness and prosperity to everyone's lives," he said.

## Govt committed ...

sincere efforts to stand "shoulder to shoulder" with the people, particularly those who have endured personal tragedies.

He remarked that while securing a government job is a moment of great pride and happiness, the circumstances under which these appointments are granted are deeply painful for the candidates.

"Some people get government jobs through examinations and interviews. But you have made a sacrifice far greater than any test. You have lost someone precious, someone who is no longer with you," he said, acknowledging the emotional weight carried by the beneficiaries.

The Chief Minister noted that no compensation can truly substitute the loss of a loved one, adding that if there would ever be a choice to make, no one would ever choose employment over the return of a departed family member.

Highlighting systemic reforms, the Chief Minister stated that the transition from SRO-43 to the Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme was aimed at addressing structural shortcomings and improving efficiency.

He acknowledged delays in processing such cases and assured that further efforts would be made to remove bottlenecks.

"Even today, there are gaps in the system which we will try to remove. We understand that delays in clearances and procedures add to your hardship. We will make every effort to simplify and expedite this process," he said.

Describing the situation faced by beneficiaries as a colossal loss, the Chief Minister stressed that forcing affected families to navigate cumbersome procedures would amount to injustice.

"After such a loss, if people are made to move from office to office, it is a grave injustice. We are committed to ending this," he asserted.

Congratulating the appointees, the Chief Minister described the occasion as the beginning of a new chapter in their lives and urged them to dedicate themselves to public service with honesty and integrity.

He reminded them that, unlike elected representatives whose tenure depends on public mandate, government employees have a long-term responsibility to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"From today till your retirement, you will serve the people. Always choose the difficult but correct path over the easy one," he advised.

He cautioned the new recruits against external influences and urged them to remain vigilant and committed to ethical conduct in their professional roles.

Reiterating the government's supportive stance, the Chief Minister encouraged beneficiaries to reach out to concerned authorities in case of any difficulty, assuring that their concerns would be addressed promptly.

Invoking faith and hope, he prayed for their success in fulfilling their responsibilities.

The Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of the Divisional Administration, particularly the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and his team, for facilitating the issuance of appointment orders and expressed hope that pending cases would be cleared expeditiously.

The event was attended by Minister Javaid Ahmad Dar, Minister Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Commissioner Secretary General Administration Department M. Raju, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner SMC Fazlul Haseeb, MD KPDCI Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director SKICC Haris Ahmed Handoo, Director Tourism Kashmir Qamar Sajad, other senior officers, and a large gathering of beneficiaries along with their families.

Meanwhile, CM Abdullah today said that the government is planning to develop modern, well-planned housing colonies to decongest Srinagar city, emphasizing that providing dignified housing to the underprivileged is both a responsibility and a duty of the government. Addressing a large public gathering after inaugurating the Imam-ul-Asr Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmir (RA) Community Hall at Umerhair, Buchpora in Hazratbal constituency, the Chief Minister highlighted key developmental priorities of his government, including housing, healthcare, transport, and social welfare.

The multi-purpose community facility centre has been constructed at a cost of ₹3.17 crore, providing a dignified, accessible, and affordable venue for weddings, social functions, and community gatherings.

"As far as Srinagar city is concerned, it continues to face several challenges, particularly congestion in old city areas. In many homes, multiple families live together, placing immense pressure on limited space. Unless we develop new residential colonies, this situation will persist," he said.

"We are planning to develop modern, well-planned housing colonies, including provisions for affordable housing. This initiative is specifically aimed at those who lack the means to purchase land or construct homes. Providing dignified housing to such sections is not merely a responsibility—it is our duty," he added.

The Chief Minister also underlined the need to strengthen healthcare infrastructure by improving primary health centres, community health centres, and sub-district hospitals to reduce the burden on major hospitals.

Highlighting reforms in the transport sector, he said the introduction of free bus travel for women has been overwhelming success. "Today, a majority of passengers in public buses are women, which reflects the success of this initiative. Ensuring safe and accessible mobility for our mothers and sisters is our responsibility," he remarked.

Referring to welfare measures in the current budget, the Chief Minister said that promises made to the people are being fulfilled. "When we promised free LPG cylinders during the elections, it was mocked by many. Today, we have translated that promise into action, with six free gas cylinders to be provided to eligible families this year," he said, assuring that all manifesto commitments would be implemented with sincerity and accountability.

Congratulating MLA Hazratbal Salman Ali Sagar, the Chief Minister said the completion of the community hall reflects his dedication and perseverance. "This is not merely a building; it is a symbol of service, community spirit, and respect for our rich intellectual and spiritual heritage," he said.

The Chief Minister noted that the facility would serve as an affordable and dignified venue for social functions, especially for families who cannot afford private banquet halls. He said the centrally located hall is equipped with modern amenities, including a spacious hall, multiple rooms, dedicated spaces for bride and groom, essential facilities, and parking provisions.

He directed the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to prepare a comprehensive plan for further development of the surrounding area, including parking and landscaping, to enhance the utility and aesthetics of the complex.

Emphasizing youth empowerment, the Chief Minister called for the establishment of a library in the vicinity and assured full government support. He also stressed the need to dedicate a section of the proposed library to preserve and showcase the life and contributions of Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmiri (RA), so that future generations remain connected with his legacy.

"Together, we will continue to represent the Hazratbal constituency and address your concerns—be it related to SMC, LCMA, or any other department. We stand committed to your service," he assured.

Member of Legislative Assembly Khanyar Ali Mohammad Sagar, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Gurvinder Singh Oberoi, MLA Lal Chowk Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed (Pardesi), Commissioner SMC Fazlul Haseeb, senior officers, party functionaries and a large gathering of people were present on the occasion.

and it was accessible to everyone, free of charge," he said.

The National Conference leader said after the war, Iran seized the opportunity to impose a toll tax for passing through the Strait. "So, what exactly has been achieved?"

Abdullah also asked the US president to create fertile conditions so that the ceasefire holds.

He also somewhat concurred with the Congress's claim that the choice of Pakistan as mediator was the failure of India's foreign policy.

"I won't go into whether it was a failure or a success, but we have to accept that Pakistan did what others couldn't. I personally believe that our relations with Israel have become a bit of a weakness. Because, as I said, only Israel wants this war," he said.

Perhaps if India's government wasn't so close to Israel, it could have done what Pakistan did, he said.

"I think, and this is my personal opinion, that we couldn't play this role because our relations with Israel are too close. Now, the ceasefire that happened was good; if Pakistan played a role in it, then so be it," he added.

On the Women's Reservation Bill, Abdullah said the government and the BJP need to come clean on what was wrong with the previous bill already passed by the Parliament.

"First and foremost, it needs to be explained why a new bill is needed for a bill that had already been passed. Nobody is answering that question. We are all for women's reservation. But, if I understand correctly, we had been told that women's reservation would follow the Census and the delimitation. What has changed?" he said.

The chief minister said the previous women's reservation bill was brought by the same government and was not inherited from the previous governments.

Abdullah said the Urban Local Body elections in J-K would be held at an "appropriate" time.

Asked about the CAG report that revealed the disappearance of 315 water bodies and lakes, and shrinking of 205 in the Union Territory, Abdullah said it was so because of urbanisation, pressures on land, and climate change.

"While some of these things are within our control, some are a fallout of a wider problem. But yes, I think we need to be more conscious of the damage that we are doing," he said.

"Why don't we use less plastic bags? I mean, is it going to take a government order banning the use of plastic bags completely for us to wake up to this problem? As a concerned citizen, what stops me from carrying a bag from home for shopping? Why do I have to take a plastic bag to the shops?" he added.

Earlier, Abdullah distributed 90 appointment letters under the provisions of the old SRO 43 – the Compassionate Appointment Scheme – and its replacement, the Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (RAS).

Abdullah said these appointments were not a favour upon anyone. "Some of our valued colleagues passed away during their period of service; this scheme was implemented specifically to ensure that their families do not face hardship and that their households can continue to function smoothly," he said.

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along with the prescribed fee of Rs 150 per permit.

For this process, the board has issued the list of doctors and institutions authorised to issue compulsory health certificates in 37 states and union territories, it said.

The designated bank branches will verify the authenticity and validity of the CHC before issuing the system-generated yatra permit, which will specify the chosen route – Baital or Pahalgam.

The permit will also bear the date on which the pilgrim is allowed to cross the access control gates at Dornel (Baital axis) or Chandanwari (Pahalgam axis), it said.

According to the procedure, registration for a particular yatra date will close seven days in advance. Banks have also been directed to set up adequate help desks, conduct staff training, and undertake publicity campaigns to facilitate smooth registration, it said.

The Shrine Board has advised pilgrims to ensure correct Aadhaar and mobile details during registration and follow all prescribed procedures for a hassle-free pilgrimage.

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He said, "15 per cent of our effort was on managing the disinformation campaign."

He cautioned, however, that key challenges remain, particularly in synchronising operations across strategic, operational and tactical levels and addressing the growing prevalence of hybrid or grey-zone warfare.

"These are typically below the conventional military threshold, with the goal to exploit adversary vulnerability," he said, adding that non-kinetic operations are increasingly taking precedence.

"Operation Sindoore was India's most powerful tool of progression towards domain jointness. But we need to achieve domain integration and fusion," he said.

The Chief of Army Staff said his visualisation of MDO is not of six domains operating in parallel but all of them "in constant dynamic interaction where the weight shifts and the lead changes".

The Army chief stressed that modern warfare is no longer confined to geographical boundaries or single-service dominance, but is instead defined by continuous interaction across domains, stakeholders and levels of conflict.

"We are living through a dispersed, undeclared, multi-theatre, multi-domain war of our times. The question is not whether domains interact, it is how the interface is orchestrated across the battle space," he said.

General Dwivedi drew a distinction between land domain and land forces, explaining that while the former refers to the operational space, the latter represents the actors, comprising all six domains—land, air, maritime, cyber, space and cognitive—operating in a shared environment.

He underlined that these domains are no longer siloed but function through dynamic synergy.

Elaborating on the evolving battlefield, General Dwivedi noted that MDO has transformed warfare into a layered, three-dimensional construct.

"In MDO, the battlefield is no longer a line on a map. It's a 3D—cyber effects shaping the cognitive space, space assets cueing targets, and electronic warfare contesting every frequency simultaneously," he said.

He emphasised that commanders must develop cross-domain situational awareness from the tactical to strategic level.

Highlighting the operational significance of integration, General Dwivedi referred to Operation Sindoore as a "defining case study".

"It was a ground intelligence network coupled with cyber and EW (electronic warfare) inputs that gave the joint army-air force targeting, while the navy's repositioning shaped the strategic calculus simultaneously. No single domain decided the operation," General Dwivedi added.

He described such mutually enabling actions as the essence of MDO. The Army Chief observed that while domains like cyber, space and cognitive operations benefit from centralised control, land warfare continues to rely on decentralised execution, creating a complex and adaptive system that must be aligned through central intent and technological integration.

On capability development, he said the Indian Army is transitioning steadily from concept to execution under a structured transformation roadmap.

He pointed to dedicated MDO war-gaming exercises since 2024 and the joint doctrine issued in August 2025 as milestones that have provided a unified operational framework across the three services for the first time.

General Dwivedi detailed several structural reforms underway, including the operationalisation of integrated battle groups, Rudra brigades, drone units, electronic warfare formations and cyber operations nodes.

He further underscored the importance of the "three Is"—integration, informatisation and intelligentisation—driven by technology but anchored in human decision-making.

"The human must remain in the loop exercising the judgment," he asserted.

The Army Chief emphasised the need for leadership transformation in the digital age.

"Commanders must evolve into techno-commanders, to build a force that does not know where one domain ends and another begins," he said.

Outlining the future roadmap, he identified "six Ds" shaping the MDO environment—dispersion, democratisation and diffusion among them—leading to imperatives such as diversification of assets, delegation of command and distributed response.

He called for a shift from "domain silos to domain fusion", describing a six-stage progression from domain purity to complete integration.

## 315 lakes ...

518 lakes," the report stated.

The CAG strongly recommended a series of measures for effective conservation and management of lakes in Jammu and Kashmir, stressing the need for a structured and time-bound approach.

It said this large-scale shrinkage has resulted in loss of flora and fauna, disruption of ecological services, and adverse impacts on water, food and biodiversity.

It also said the reduction in lake area has contributed to climate insecurity and was one of the factors behind the devastating Jammu and Kashmir floods in September 2014, highlighting that lakes act as natural flood buffers.

Jammu and Kashmir, endowed with 697 natural lakes spread across 20 districts in two divisions, holds immense ecological and socio-economic significance, it said. These include 185 major lakes larger than five hectares, such as the Wular Lake, the largest freshwater lake in India, along with several other prominent water bodies.

The audit report revealed that 150 lakes recorded an increase in area by 538.22 hectares, while 29 lakes remained unchanged. However, it pointed out that the reasons behind the increase in lake areas were neither analysed nor monitored by the departments concerned.

Of the disappeared lakes, 80 fell under the jurisdiction of the forest department, while 235 were under the revenue and agriculture departments.

Among the 203 lakes that recorded shrinkage, 63 have lost more than 50 per cent of their area, putting them at high risk of extinction, it added.

The CAG attributed the disappearance and degradation of lakes primarily to changes in land use within lake bodies and their catchment areas, along with deforestation, climate change and unregulated human activities.

The audit, which covered 63 sampled lakes accounting for 87 per cent of the total lake area, used satellite imagery, remote sensing data and field verification to assess spatio-temporal changes. It found that some lakes had nearly dried up, while others such as Khushal Sar and Anchar were undergoing severe degradation.

"A questionnaire-based survey on 63 test-checked lakes was also undertaken by audit. Further, audit utilised the satellite images of the lakes provided by ecology, environment and remote sensing department (EE&RSD) to analyse the spatio-temporal changes in lakes", it said.

The report also highlighted institutional and administrative gaps, noting that despite being mandated since 1989, the forest department had not prepared comprehensive conservation and management plans for 255 lakes under its jurisdiction. The report cited lack of technical manpower and infrastructure as key constraints.

The CAG observed that conservation efforts were limited to only six lakes – Dal Wular, Hokersar, Manasbal, Surinsar and Mansar – while no structured programmes existed for the remaining 691 lakes.

It further pointed out the absence of a dedicated legal framework for lake conservation, with only fragmented provisions existing under various laws and policies. "Multiple agencies handling lake management have also led to lack of coordination and accountability," the report said.

Recommending urgent action, the CAG called for enactment of a comprehensive law for conservation and management of lakes and the establishment of a centralised, specialised authority to ensure coordinated efforts.

It also stressed the need for enhanced funding, scientific planning, and deployment of experts including hydrologists, ecologists and GIS specialists.

The report suggested strengthening sewage treatment, preventing encroachments, regulating construction around lakes, and launching public awareness campaigns to safeguard these critical ecosystems.

Emphasising that lake conservation is a scientific and multi-disciplinary process, the CAG urged the government to adopt a holistic approach to restore and preserve the fragile lake ecosystems in Jammu and Kashmir.

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It said that Generic lake management activities such as survey, categorisation, sewage treatment, flushing etc need to be planned and carried out in a time-bound manner.

CAG recommended that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir increase its budgetary allocation for the conservation and management of lakes, highlighting the need for greater financial commitment to protect these vital natural resources.

## Mata Sukrala's ...

musical opera 'Mata Sukrala Ki Kahani' depicting the revered legend of Mata Sukrala Devi at Abhinav Theatre Jammu.

The event, organised by Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan, and J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages (JKAACL), encapsulates Goddess Sukrala's timeless message of true devotion remains incomplete without righteous action, while action devoid of devotion loses its essence.

"Truth, faith in the Divine, and love for our motherland bind us together. Mata Sukrala's grace and our common heritage spur nation-building efforts. Duggar Culture's lively stories, arts, and folk practices carry timeless wisdom from elders to youth," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that when we revitalize these traditions through various artistic mediums, we are not merely reminiscing about the past; we are making an investment in the future. By breathing new life into traditional values, we are preparing the younger generation to lead with a strong moral and cultural compass, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the paramount challenge today is viewing nation-building solely as governmental duty.

"Nation-building is a collective responsibility. Aware citizens guide a nation's path because indifference undermines even the mightiest systems. So, awaken your sense of duty and I firmly believe culture will anchor our identity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that our ancient culture embodies bravery, togetherness, devotion, and responsibility. "Reviving it through diverse art forms honors history while fueling the future, reigniting principles for young people to carry forward," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that vibrant culture molds how we think, understand, and live.

"India's rich and diverse traditions with distinct charm and insight, held together by mutual respect forms our essence and unity. This spirit turns attention from personal gain to giving back to the society and building a developed nation," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

Dr. M.L. Dogra, Chairman & Founder, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan; Dr. Vijay Kumar Magotra, Managing Director, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan; Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary Culture, senior officials and people in large number attended the musical opera.

Yudhvir Sethi, Satish Kumar Sharma and Devyani Rana, Members of Legislative Assembly; Padma Shri Dr S P Varma, Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri, Padma Shri Balwant Thakur, Ashok Bhan, former DGP and prominent citizens were also present.

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## Traffic restored ...

Traffic police cleared over 900 vehicles after clearing landslides at Shalgarhi, Bamihal, Digidol, Khooni Nallah, Karol Bridge and Chanderkote areas of Ramban district.

Authorities said traffic is being regulated in a phased manner to avoid congestion and ensure safety of commuters on vulnerable stretches. Commuters have been advised to follow traffic advisories and avoid unnecessary travel during adverse weather conditions. Road maintenance teams remain deployed at critical points to monitor fresh slides, while emergency services have been kept on standby along the highway corridor.