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Railway Minister ...

started soon," he added.

On the Jammu-Srinagar Vande Bharat express, the railway minister called it a major landmark achievement which has become the lifeline of Jammu and Kashmir.

"This train service is a major landmark for people of Jammu and Kashmir. The prime minister inaugurated this train service between Katra and Kashmir last year. This train is very popular with 100% occupancy and has become a lifeline for Jammu and Kashmir," Vaishnaw said.

He said there was huge demand for increasing the passenger carrying capacity of the train.

"The eight coaches ran at 100 per cent occupancy and there was demand to increase the capacity. Now, it has been made a 20-coach train," he said.

The minister said train service benefited the people of Kashmir as it has been used for ferrying goods like cement, cars and bikes.

"I have been told that the prices of cement have dropped by Rs 50 (per bag). Around two crore kg (20,000 tons) of apples and other fruits have been transported through train to other parts of the country," he said.

Vaishnaw said the Vande Bharat Express between Jammu and Srinagar can operate in all weather conditions.

"We can run this train in minus 10 degree Celsius. You saw there was one foot snow last winter but the trains still operated. The design of this train incorporates all facilities and advanced features for passenger comfort, making it an all-weather train," he said.

The minister said this is the first time that a train is being operated at such a high altitude.

"This train will facilitate the easy movement of fruits, goods and all other items," he said.

'RPF commandos ...

flagged off the 20-coach train, which is expected to cut travel time between Jammu and Srinagar to five hours, here in the presence of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.

Talking to reporters, Pankaj Gangwar, principal chief security commissioner, Indian Railway Protection Force Service, said, "Today is the start of this service from Jammu. Its regular service will begin from May 2."

He said a comprehensive security grid has been put in place to protect the railway line as well as the Vande Bharat train.

"For initial security, we have deployed a 'one plus twenty' guard system. An inspector will lead the team, which also includes eight Railway Protection Force (RPF) commandos who will ensure security along the route," Gangwar said, adding that they are fully equipped with advanced weapons.

THE official said the railways will also operate a pilot vehicle ahead of the train for security purposes. "It will move in advance in the morning and address any shortcomings along the route," he said.

Furthermore, guard posts have been established at every 2 kilometres, manned by quick reaction teams consisting of Government Railway Police and civil police personnel.

"On receiving any information, they will immediately secure the affected area," he said.

On tunnel security, he explained that a tunnel control system is put in place, which is jointly managed by the engineering teams and the Government Railway Police.

"Sensors have been installed to detect any unusual activity -- whether fire or intrusion -- and they immediately trigger alarms. Both ends of the tunnels are guarded," he added.

Escape tunnels have been provided so that, in case of any emergency, stranded passengers can be evacuated safely.

"You will see that there is complete and robust security throughout the route. Moreover, the affection and support of the people of Kashmir itself serve as a strong assurance for the safety of this service," Gangwar said.

RPF commandos, popularly known as CORAS (commandos for railway safety), were deployed last year for security of Vande Bharat trains operating on the Katra-Srinagar rail link between the Kashmir Valley and Katra, the base camp of the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine.

The 327-kilometre railway line, constructed at a cost of around Rs 43,780 crore, includes 36 tunnels spanning 119 kilometres and consists of 943 bridges, the official said.

The project provides all-weather seamless rail connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country, aiming to transform regional mobility and boost socio-economic integration.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on June 6 last year, flagged off the first Vande Bharat train service between Katra and Srinagar, marking the first rail link between the Kashmir Valley and the Jammu region.

Omar seeks...

port for the union territory to boost trade and business.

"I want to congratulate and thank Vaishnaw and, through him, the central government, on behalf of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, for connecting Jammu with Kashmir through rail," Abdullah said while addressing a gathering during the flagging-off of the Vande Bharat train from the Jammu railway station.

Highlighting the railway connectivity's trade benefits, the CM said goods like cement and cars can be transported, giving a huge boost to business and trade.

"The speciality of this train is that it has not only enabled people like us to travel but has also facilitated the transport of goods such as cement. I was surpirsed to see Maruti cars being transported to Srinagar and fruits from Kashmir by rail," he said.

Abdullah also appealed to the railways minister to set up an inland port in Jammu and Kashmir to ease customs clearance for exporting goods from the union territory.

"I have a request for the railways minister, even as it does not pertain to his ministry, but since he has the goodwill, he can use that. I request that an inland port be set up in J-K. There is an urgent need for a dry port here so that we do not require customs clearance in other cities for our goods, which we want to export from here. The customs clearance should take place here in J-K, it will benefit our trade and business," the CM added.

Abdullah said that while he would raise the issue with the central government, he appealed to the union ministers, Vaishnaw and Jitendra Singh, and the MPs present there to take up the matter with the Centre.

"This inland port, dry port, will prove to be very beneficial for Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Talking about the significance of the railway connectivity between Srinagar and Jammu, the chief minister said the people of J-K had been waiting for it for many years.

"For so many years, we had been waiting to travel by train from Jammu to Srinagar. Now, there is no need for us to travel to Katra from Jammu and the other way around via road," he said.

Abdullah said he had never expected the railway line to become so popular that he would have to seek favours to reserve seats on the train.

"Thankfully, now it (train) has been changed from eight bogeys to 20 and while 500 passengers used to travel earlier, now 1400 people can travel via it. This is a huge thing for us," he added.

CM chairs ...

of government offices after reopening in Srinagar.

Sources said departments were directed to expedite execution of ongoing developmental works and strengthen coordination for timely completion of projects. The meeting also focused on administrative efficiency, tourism promotion, healthcare facilities and power supply management during the upcoming summer season.

The Ministers emphasised responsive governance and effective implementation of decisions aimed at improving public services across both Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

2 dead...

residents of Uttar Pradesh, they said.

Police have initiated an investigation to ascertain the cause of the explosion.

Officials said that preliminary findings suggest the blast occurred during welding and repair work on the steamer unit inside the factory premises.

The area was secured immediately after the incident, while forensic and safety teams inspected the site. Authorities are also examining whether standard industrial safety protocols were being followed at the facility.

Narcotics smuggling ...

threat that devastates our youth, weakens families, and undermines the very foundations of society.

We have decided that drug traffickers in Jammu Kashmir will be treated under the law the same way terrorists are. They are enemies of society, enemies of humanity and enemies of our youth. We are committed to wiping out this threat," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also stated that every drug smuggler, every local peddler, every member of a drug syndicate working to destroy society will be identified and put behind bars.

I give you my word: we will not rest until the networks spreading this poison are completely dismantled," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Lieutenant Governor observed that path to success in this campaign is demanding, and the challenge is significant. He said of the 100-day effort, 80 days remain and each day is now vital.

"Every moment must be used with purpose, and every citizen must take part in this Jan-Andolan. Together, we can make Jammu Kashmir a shining example for the nation: a society free from the burden of drug addiction," the Lieutenant Governor said.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor also underscored the importance of Jan-Bhagidari and said that this fight cannot rest on government machinery alone and society must actively participate.

"In the remaining 80 days, a whole-of-government effort must confront and dismantle the web of drug addiction. This requires a change in mindset. Sometimes people say this is not my problem. This attitude must change. Drug smugglers thrive on public indifference and silence. We must remember: a drug-free society is built by those who resist this menace even when they are not directly affected. Every family must recognize that prosperity is not measured by economic growth alone, but by the vigilant and responsible choices of its citizens," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted that with the public support, in just the last 20 days around 350 FIRs were registered and 440 drug traffickers were arrested. He also called upon schools, colleges, social organizations, and the media to join this campaign.

"When communities stay alert, they can resist infiltration. When society is vigilant, addiction cannot spread," the Lieutenant Governor said.

400 litres ...

police recovered approximately 5 litres of illicit liquor along with around 400 litres of lahan (raw material used for preparation of illegal liquor) from her possession.

The entire quantity of lahan was destroyed on the spot as per legal procedures, while the illicit liquor was seized.

In this regard, FIR No. 23/2026 under Section 48(a) of the Excise Act has been registered at Police Station Arnia, and further investigation is underway.

Police reiterate its commitment to curb illegal activities and urges the general public to cooperate and share information to help maintain law and order.

Police attach...

Munshi alias Pandit, son of Mahad Munshi and resident of Gulgam, Kupwara, was previously involved in FIR No. 309/2018 registered at Police Station Kupwara under Sections 8/21 of the NDPS Act.

During enquiry conducted under Chapter VA of the NDPS Act, it was established that the accused had amassed assets disproportionate to his known sources of income through illegal drug trafficking activities.

Further verification revealed that he owned a residential house at Gulgam, Kupwara, valued at approximately Rs 19.40 lakh. Accordingly, acting under Section 68F of the NDPS Act, the said residential property has been attached after it was prima facie found to have been acquired through proceeds of narcotic drug trafficking.

Police reiterated its firm resolve to eliminate the drug menace from the district and warned that stringent legal action, including attachment of illegally acquired properties, will continue against those engaged in narcotics trade.

LG, CM...

continues to illuminate humanity's journey toward spiritual salvation and lasting peace.

In a world of great change, we are reminded not only of the challenges before us but also of the immense strength that lies in our unity. On this auspicious festival, I pray that through solidarity and shared resolve, we may continue our steadfast journey toward the welfare of all humankind.

May the celebrations on Buddha Purnima awaken within us the resolve to walk the path of enlightenment shown by Lord Buddha, and inspire a collective pursuit of universal harmony and peace."

Meanwhile, CM Omar Abdullah today extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima.

In his message, the Chief Minister recalled the teachings of Gautama Buddha and said they continue to guide humanity towards the path of peace, compassion and non-violence.

He said that Buddha's message of love, tolerance and service to mankind is of timeless relevance and holds special significance in the present times, when the world seeks harmony and mutual understanding.

Highlighting the importance of communal harmony, he said that the occasion is an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to peaceful coexistence, brotherhood and respect for diversity.

The Chief Minister prayed for peace, prosperity and well-being of the people of Jammu & Kashmir and the entire country.

Govt transfers ...

while Gulzar Ahmad Dar has been appointed Additional District Development Commissioner, Kupwara. Ravi Shanker Sharma has been shifted as Special Secretary in the Agriculture Production Department.

Further, Reyaz Ahmad Wani has been posted as Director, Rural Development, Kashmir, and Mohammad Younis Malik as Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute. Subash Chander Chhibber has been posted as Special Secretary in the General Administration Department, while Khurshid Ahmad Sanai has been appointed Secretary, J&K Services Selection Board. Raj Kumar Katoch has been posted as Special Secretary in the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, and Rifat Kohli as Special Secretary in the Housing and Urban Development Department. Nagendra Singh Jamwal has been appointed Director, Floriculture, Jammu.

In another set of postings, Pankaj Raj Katoch has been posted as Director, Panchayati Raj, Pawan Kumar Sharma as Director, Geology and Mining, and Tassaduq Hussain Mir as Custodian General, J&K. Narinder Khajuria has been posted as Special Secretary in ARI and Trainings Department, while Shabir Hussain Bhat has been appointed Vice Chairman, Srinagar Development Authority. Ashwani Kumar Khajuria has been posted as Director, Hospitality and Protocol, and Suparj Parkash Rukwal as Special Secretary in the Tourism Department. Sham Lal has been appointed Additional Commissioner in the Divisional Commissioner's office, Jammu.

The reshuffle also includes district-level administrative changes, with Sukhdev Singh Samyal posted as Special Secretary in the Power Development Department and Pran Singh as Joint Financial Commissioner (Agrarian Reforms). Rakesh Kumar has been posted as Member, J&K Services Selection Board, while Khurshid Ahmad Shah has been appointed Vice Chairman, Lakes Conservation and Management Authority. Mohammad Ashraf Hakak has been posted as Director, Estates, Kashmir, and Ashish Kumar Gupta as Director, Disaster Management.

Further changes include Gulzar Ahmad Bhat being posted as Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Srinagar, and Nargis Suri as Special Secretary in the Higher Education Department. Deep Raj has been appointed Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Jammu, while Pardeep Singh has been posted as Managing Director, J&K Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation. Krishan Lal has been appointed Additional District Development Commissioner, Reasi, and Nazir Ahmad Mir as Additional District Development Commissioner, Bandipora. Shafiq Ahmed has been posted as Additional Secretary in the Agriculture Production Department, and Vir Krishan Dhar as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records, Udhampur.

At the mid and junior administrative levels, the government has issued detailed postings alongside transfers, assigning officers to specific departments and field positions across Jammu and Kashmir. According to the order, Jahangir Hashmi has been posted as Additional Registrar, Cooperatives, Kashmir, while Atul Sharma has been appointed Managing Director, J&K Minerals Limited. Khurshid Ahmad has been posted as OSD to Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, and Rita Mahajan as Additional Secretary in the Labour and Employment Department. Subah Mehta has been appointed Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Jammu, while Vinakshi Koul has been posted as Deputy Excise Commissioner (Accounts), Jammu. Neelam Khajuria has been posted as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (M&P), Jammu, and Inderjeet Singh as Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu.

Priyanka Bhat has been appointed Principal, Excise and Taxation Training Institute, Nagrota, while Anil Kumar Chandel has been posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical Education Department. Ajeet Singh has been appointed Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-I), Jammu, and Pradeep Singh Chib as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Enforcement), Samba. Ashima Sher has been posted as Joint Director, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development, while Atul Kumar has been appointed Additional Secretary in the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction. Avleen Kour Bali has been posted as Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People, and Sapna Kotwal as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Recovery), Jammu.

Vishwajeet has been posted as Additional Secretary in the J&K House, Chandigarh, while Kulbhushan Khajuria has been appointed Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation. Chander Parkash has been posted as Additional Secretary in the Jal Shakti Department, and Afq Ahmad as Additional Secretary in the Mining Department. Renu Kumar has been appointed Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (HQ), Jammu, while Zaheer Abbas Bhat has been posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (North), Udhampur. Naresh Kumar has been appointed Joint Director, Hospitality and Protocol, Jammu, and Naser Ali as Additional Secretary in the Youth Services and Sports Department. Amir Hussain has been posted as Additional Secretary in the Power Development Department, while Kusum Chib has been appointed Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Stamps), Jammu. Tinna Mahajan has been posted as Additional Secretary in the Youth Services and Sports Department.

Rizwan Asgar has been appointed Joint Transport Commissioner, Jammu, while Vikas Anand has been posted as Joint Registrar, Cooperatives (Audit), Jammu. Varinder Gupta has been appointed Additional Secretary in the Tribal Affairs Department, and Ajaz Ahmad Bhat as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Kupwara. Parvinder Kour has been posted as Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Jammu, while Umesh Sharma has been appointed Additional Secretary in the Labour and Employment Department. Mohamad Ashraf has been posted as General Manager, DIC Baramulla, and Abdul Qayume as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Bandipora.

Seheba Inayat has been posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Baramulla, while Abid Iqbal Malik has been appointed General Manager, DIC Srinagar. Vikas Sharma has been posted as Deputy Secretary in the Higher Education Department, and Hilal Ahmad Bhat as Deputy District Election Officer (DMO). Mohd Rafiq has been posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Rajouri, while Shabir Ahmad Hakak has been appointed Deputy Director, Rural Sanitation, Kashmir. Bashir Ahmad Padder has been posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Srinagar, and Sheetal Pandita as Deputy Secretary in the Information Department. Muzaffar Hussain Wani has been posted as Sub-Registrar, Kangan, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Ganderbal.

Maximin Gorkie has been appointed Chief Sports Officer, J&K Sports Council, while Moksha Dogra has been posted as Deputy Director (PR), Jammu. Mirza Shahid Ali Beigh has been appointed Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs, Kashmir, and Hakim Riyaz-ul-Haq as Deputy Secretary in the School Education Department. Ajay Salan has been posted as Deputy Director, Estates, Jammu, while Chander Kant Bhagat has been placed at the disposal of the Mining Department for posting as DMO. Asif Amin Chandel has been posted as Assistant Commissioner in the Directorate of Disaster Management, and Shahzad Noor-ul-Ain as Assistant Commissioner, Survey and Land Records, J&K.

Ibad-ur-Rehman has been posted as Deputy Director (Administration), Handicrafts, while Sanjay Pandita has been appointed Deputy Director, IMPARD, Jammu. Arshid Qadir Bhat has been posted as Deputy District Election Officer, Ganderbal, and Sakhi Mohd Khan as Deputy Secretary in the Social Welfare Department. Javid Iqbal Bhat has been appointed Deputy Secretary in the Revenue Department, while Arshad Hussain Ganai has been posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Pulwama. Suhayb Ahmad Wani has been appointed Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Bandipora, while Samir Singh has been posted as Sub-Registrar, Kathua.

Naveed Hussain Badroo and Javaid Ahmad Malik have been placed at the disposal of the Mining Department for posting as District Mineral Officers. Deep Nove Kour has been posted as Deputy Secretary in the School Education Department, while Abdul Majeed Rather has been appointed Deputy Secretary in the J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examinations. Qaiser Mehmood has been posted as Deputy Secretary in the ARI and Trainings Department, while Anissa Nabi has been appointed Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu. Neha Bakshi has been posted as Deputy Secretary in the Health and Medical Education Department, and Tahira Tabasum as Deputy Director, Handicrafts, Kashmir.

Sanam Mansoor has been posted as Director, Tourism, Kashmir, while Kavita Pandoh has been appointed Sub-Registrar, Jammu (North). Sunil Sharma has been placed at the disposal of the Mining Department for posting as District Mineral Officer, while Arjumand Yaqoob has been appointed Deputy Director, Handloom and Handicrafts, Kashmir. Tahir Ahmad Magray has been posted as Secretary, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, and Parul Khajuria as Deputy Secretary in the Transport Department. Ghulam Rasool Mir has been posted as Deputy District Election Officer, Shopian, while Ghulam Mohammad Khan has been appointed Deputy Director, Estates, Srinagar.

Abdul Rashid Sheikh has been posted as Block Development Officer, Kupwara, and Sushil Kumar Mattoo as Deputy Director (Administration), Handloom Department, Jammu. Abdul Rashid Ganaie has been appointed Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Kupwara, while Mohd Akbar Wani has been posted as Deputy District Election Officer, Srinagar. Ibraham Raj has been appointed Deputy Secretary in the School Education Department, and Mukesh Sharma as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Reasi. Mohammad Zubair Lattoo has been posted as Deputy Director, Information (HQ), Srinagar, while Muazzam Ali has been appointed Deputy Director, Estates, Kashmir.

Mohd Azhar Lone has been posted as Sub-Registrar, Chadoora, Indu Jamwal as Assistant Commissioner in State Taxes, Jammu, and Wakeel Ahmad Bhat as General Manager, Medical Supplies Corporation, Jammu. Parvez Ahmad Bhat has been posted as Deputy Secretary in the Public Works (R&B) Department, while Aamir Ayaz Rather has been appointed Deputy Commissioner (South), Jammu Municipal Corporation. Shafqat Ali has been posted as Deputy Secretary in the Jal Shakti Department, and Abdul Rashid Raina as Deputy Director, Tourism, Kashmir.

Mohd Raiyaz has been appointed Deputy Secretary in the Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, while Mohammad Yousuf Ganaie has been posted as District Social Welfare Officer, Srinagar. Anil Kumar has been appointed Assistant Director, Estates, Jammu, and Mohd Ashraf Wani as Under Secretary in the Skill Development Department. Rehana Tabassum has been placed at the disposal of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, while Indu Sakshi has been posted as Functional Manager, DIC Samba.

Yasir Arafat Choudhary has been placed at the disposal of the Tribal Affairs Department, Waqar Talib has been posted as Under Secretary in the Power Development Department, and Tahir Mohi-ud-din Wani has been placed at the disposal of the Tribal Affairs Department. Suninder Jeet Kour has been placed at the disposal of the Labour and Employment Department, while Lateef Hussain has been appointed Administrative Officer, Government Medical College, Anantnag. Prateek Panjathia has been placed at the disposal of the Finance Department for posting as ETO/STO, and Abdul Raqib Bhat has been placed at the disposal of the Information Department.

Himanshi Gupta has been placed at the disposal of the Hospitality and Protocol Department, while Rohit Kashyap has been posted as Administrative Officer, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Society, Jammu. Virender Kumar has been appointed Nodal Officer in the office of CEO, Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, and Ashiq Rafiq Malik has been placed at the disposal of the Transport Department. Mohd Naseem has been posted as Under Secretary in the Housing and Urban Development Department, while Aamir Bashir Runyal has been placed at the disposal of the Industries and Commerce Department.

Ghulam Rasool Mir has been placed at the disposal of the J&K Sports Council, Basharat Mehmood at the disposal of the Social Welfare Department, Komal Sharma has been posted as Under Secretary in the Health and Medical Education Department, and Ridhima Sharma as Under Secretary in the Finance Department. Madhur Anand has been appointed Assistant Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu, while Burhan Hussain has been posted as Under Secretary in the Chief Minister's Secretariat.

Namrita Bhan has been placed at the disposal of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants), Sonabar Altaf has been posted as Deputy Registrar, Induscos, Kashmir, and Ubaid Ul Khazir has been placed at the disposal of the Finance Department. Swati Gupta has been placed at the disposal of the J&K Sports Council, while Pankaj Kumar has been posted as Administrative Officer, Government Medical College, Kathua. Mohd Iqbal Daing has been placed at the disposal of the Transport Department, and Maheer Thakur has been appointed Additional Private Secretary to the Deputy Chief Minister.

Nawaz Sharief has been placed at the disposal of the Transport Department, Mushtaq Ahmad Khan has been posted as Under Secretary in the Mining Department, and Khalil Ahmed has been placed at the disposal of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department. Mir Mudasir Gul has been placed at the disposal of the Finance Department, while Muneer Hussain has been placed at the disposal of the Labour and Employment Department. Vivek Rattan has been posted as Under Secretary in the General Administration Department, and Rajinder Kumar as Administrative Officer, J&K Services Selection Board. Ratandeep Sharma has been placed at the disposal of the Finance Department for posting as ETO/STO.

Further, completing the list of postings, the order specifies that Nidhi Kalia has been transferred and her services placed at the disposal of the Finance Department for posting as ETO/STO. Feroz Ahmad Sher, Under Secretary in the Science and Technology Department, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the School Education Department. Mohan Singh (177), Under Secretary in the Health and Medical Education Department, has been shifted and posted as Under Secretary in the School Education Department.

Similarly, Nehal Pandit, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Doda, has been transferred and his services placed at the disposal of the Finance Department for posting as ETO/STO, while Hanan Shawl, CDPO, Kalakote, has been transferred and posted as Administrative Officer, Government Medical College, Rajouri.

Nepal Airlines ...

cartographic inaccuracies regarding international boundaries that do not reflect the official stance of Nepal or Nepal Airlines," it posted on X.

"We have immediately removed the post and are conducting an internal review to ensure our materials meet the highest standards of accuracy.

"We deeply value our strong relationships with our neighbours and friends in the region and regret any offense the post has caused," the airline added.

The controversy erupted after social media users pointed out that the airline's route map incorrectly depicted Jammu and Kashmir outside India's boundaries. The post triggered sharp criticism from several Indian users, prompting the airline to remove the content within hours.

Nepal Airlines said corrective measures have been initiated and officials are reviewing internal content approval mechanisms to prevent similar incidents in future.

DGP Prabhat...

opportunity to sharpen their skills and strengthen their tactical knowledge.

He also underlined the importance of mental and physical fitness in ensuring successful operational outcomes.

Senior officers briefed the DGP about ongoing training modules, including counter-insurgency drills, survival techniques and tactical response exercises in difficult terrain.

Officials said the programme is designed to prepare officers for emerging security challenges and improve coordination during anti-terror operations.

DGP also inspected infrastructure and interacted with instructors regarding modern training requirements and operational preparedness.

Farooq tells ...

it was a "big blow" to efforts of rekindling brotherhood in the region. However, it also brought the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the streets in protest. This was, Abdullah said, a clear signal to Pakistan that terror was being rejected.

The pain was not felt only by the families who lost their dear ones but also by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

"They (people) came out on the streets without anybody asking them to do so... they came out voluntarily and said this is not us we're not part of it," Abdullah said, recalling the scenes of protest after the attack last April.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially those from the Valley, had sent a stern message to Pakistan that violence must end, he added.

"I hope our neighbour realised we will never favour terrorism and we will never be part of any such war in the future. This is not us. We are not animals. We are peace loving people and we want peace to prevail. Enough is enough... call it a day," he added.

In his view, the greatest threat facing the youth in Jammu and Kashmir today is no longer militancy but a rampant drug epidemic "eating the vitals" of not only the union territory but the nation.

Expressing deep regret that some locals are involved in the trade for monetary gain, Abdullah said he favoured a crackdown so severe that "no one dares to continue this menace".

"No religion preaches drug abuse," he said and added that the fight against narcotics cannot be the government's responsibility alone.

"This menace has to be fought by every parent and every citizen," he said, calling for a united national front to eradicate the crisis forever.

A former Union minister in Manmohan Singh's UPA-II government, Abdullah, who represented India at the United Nations in early 1990s, said wars are no solution and increases problems rather than solving them.

Global conflicts like the continuing Russia-Ukraine war and the West Asia one between Iran-US and Israel only skyrocket inflation and deepen poverty worldwide. "Look at Europe today. Prosperous countries are facing tremendous problems. America itself is in no good way because of this war."

Three Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists opened fire at tourists in Pahalgam's Baisaran meadow on April 22 last year killing 25 tourists and a local pony operator who had attempted to save them.

FIR filed...

Urdu very well makes sense, in addition to other reasons. Worth a watch," Mufti wrote, uploading Geelani's video.

On Tuesday, Mufti had also led her party's protest against the removal of Urdu language as a prerequisite for recruitment in the Revenue Department.

The cyber wing on Thursday registered a case under Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita against unidentified persons for uploading the video and glorifying separatist content.

They said an investigation has been taken up.

Meanwhile, former Srinagar Mayor Junaid Azim Mattu condemned the registration of the FIR and demanded its revocation.

"I strongly and unequivocally condemn the FIR against PDP leader Iltija Mufti. I might not agree with the video and the individual in the video or what he says, but an FIR is an overkill and must be withdrawn, especially given the context in which it was posted," Mattu said on X.

Centre approves...

secondary levels. It also commended the overall financial and physical progress achieved by Jammu and Kashmir under the scheme.

The Ministry of Education, Government of India, assured continued support for effective implementation of the plans in the coming years. At present, the PM SHRI scheme is being implemented in 396 schools across J&K, mostly at the high and higher secondary levels.

The officials also clarified that reports in certain sections of the media about meagre expenditure under the scheme are false.