

KU extends last date for admission to 05 year integrated UG-PG & 04 year B. Tech programmes

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SRINAGAR: The University of Kashmir (KU) has extended the last date for submission of online application forms for various Undergraduate and UG-PG Integrated Programmes. The extension has been granted in view of requests received from several aspirants who could not apply within the earlier notified schedule due to various reasons. As per the revised notification, candidates can now submit their online applications till 26-05-2025. The admission deadline has been extended for the following programmes: 5-Year Integrated UG-PG Programmes in BA-LLB (Honors), Data Science & Artificial Intelligence, BSc-MSc Electronics, BSc-MSc Phys-



ics, BSc-MSc Energy Studies, BA-MA Arabic, BSc-MSc Botany; 4-Year Undergraduate Programme through Design Your Own Degree (DYD) mode; 4-Year B.Tech Programmes; 4-Year BPA and B. Music Programmes under Music and Fine Arts; 4-Year B.Tech in Computer Science Engineering with specialization in Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security (IoT, Zakura Campus); and

4-Year B.Tech in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (North Campus, Baramulla). The University has advised all interested candidates to make use of this final opportunity and complete their online application process by the extended date. For detailed information and updates, applicants are requested to visit the University's official website.

Hakeem Yaseen urges centre, seeks urgent relief package for devastated orchardists and families

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SRINAGAR: In the wake of the catastrophic windstorm that ravaged large parts of the Kashmir Valley, Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Front (PDF) President and former minister Hakeem Muhammad Yaseen has issued a fervent appeal to the government to declare the calamity a National Disaster, citing unprecedented damage to both livelihoods and lives. Terming the situation as "an economic and humanitarian catastrophe of grave proportions," Yaseen said over 80 percent of apple orchards—the backbone of Kashmir's rural economy—stand destroyed, with thousands of families staring at financial ruin. "This is not merely a weather event—it is a disaster of national scale. Traditional survey methods will only deepen despair. The government must act swiftly, decisively, and compassionately," he said in an urgent statement on Monday. Yaseen stressed that this is the time to abandon red-tape and in-

ertia. "This devastation demands fast-track assessments, direct compensation, and a comprehensive special relief package. Growers have lost hope. Their saplings, their trees, their years of labor—all lie shattered. If this is not declared a national disaster, what is?" he asked. The former minister also highlighted the plight of ordinary families, stating that hundreds of residential houses across the Valley have suffered serious structural damage. From flying rooftops to shattered windows and collapsed hoardings, entire neighborhoods have been left exposed to the elements. "People are homeless, helpless, and hopeless. The state must not look away. Compensation must be provided immediately and without bureaucratic delays," Yaseen demanded. He urged Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to personally approach Union Home Minister Amit Shah and present a joint memorandum urging the Centre to declare



the event a National Disaster under the Disaster Management Act. "This is not a political moment—it is a moment of truth for governance. The people of Kashmir need united leadership, not procedural apathy." Yaseen also pointed to the crippling impact on tourism, saying the sector—already struggling—has

now been dealt another blow as the storm uprooted infrastructure and discouraged visitors. "Kashmir cannot afford silence from Delhi. We need solidarity, not sympathy," he said. Hakeem said that in Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam, and other districts, tin sheets, debris, and hoardings turned deadly, injuring many and damaging vehicles and homes. Apple nurseries in Pulwama's Karewa belt, orchards in Tangmarg and Baramulla, and public infrastructure in Kupwara, Ganderbal, and Bandipora have suffered massive losses. "The power grid has been crippled, with dozens of transformers and electric poles destroyed, while water supply systems have collapsed in multiple areas due to damaged pumping stations and filtration plants," he said. Yaseen said this is a test of leadership; Kashmir bleeds today—its orchards, its homes, its children. The government must rise to the occasion. Anything less than a national-level response will be an unforgivable betrayal, he added.

Govt committed towards strengthening grassroots welfare infrastructure across J&K: Sakina

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today visited Madri Meherban Welfare Institute Miskeen Bagh and reviewed the functioning of the institution. Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Director Finance Social Welfare department, District Social Welfare officer Srinagar and other senior officers of the department accompanied the Minister during the visit. On the occasion, the trustees and staff of the institute briefed the Minister about the services being provided by the institute to orphans, Tribal students, economically disadvantaged children, destitute women and other needy people. Engaging with the trustees, staff and beneficiaries of the institute



on the occasion, the Minister highlighted that this centre has been

serving as a vital support centre from last many decades to people

in need. Appreciating the selfless efforts of the institute, the Minister highlighted the commitment of Omar Abdullah led Government towards inclusive growth and upliftment of underprivileged communities. "Institutions like Madri Meherban embody the spirit of compassion and resilience. Government is firm to support such institutions so that no underprivileged individual is left behind," Sakeena stated. The Minister further highlighted that the Government is committed towards strengthening grassroots welfare infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir for the welfare of common masses. She assured the institute of full support of Government in addressing operational challenges, adding that the genuine issues and concerns faced by the institute will be addressed promptly.

Tanvir Sadiq calls on CM Omar Abdullah

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SRINAGAR: J&K National Conference Chief Spokesperson and MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq Monday met Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar to address urgent needs within his constituency and the larger Srinagar district. In the meeting, Sadiq raised the issue of allocating new fire stations in Zadibal constituency and the urgent need to augment infrastructure including macadamisation of roads throughout the city. Specifically, Sadiq requested the immediate allocation of fire stations in New Colony Lal Bazar, Bharr Bagwanpora, and Mir Behri Dal (Nagaland Ground) to improve response times to frequent fire incidents in the area. He also emphasized the urgent need



for the Housing and Urban Development Department to authorize and commence road resurfacing (macadamization) work in Srinagar. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah assured Sadiq of the government's commitment to addressing these critical

issues promptly. He reiterated the government's full support for Srinagar's development initiatives, highlighting the importance of improvements to drainage, healthcare, sanitation, road connectivity, and transportation.

Shantmanu chairs awareness event on self, civil defence

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GANDERBAL: In a remarkable initiative aimed at fostering student safety, resilience and civic responsibility, the NSS Unit of Government Degree College Ganderbal, in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education & Sports, organized a one day awareness programme on Self and Civil Defence. The initiative was designed to impart essential self-defence techniques and civil preparedness skills, enabling the participants to respond effectively to emergencies and contribute proactively towards community safety. Additional Chief Secretary, Education, Shantmanu was the chief guest on the occasion while Director Colleges, Professor Sheikh Aijaz Bashir, Director Colleges was the guest of honour. The ACS commended the college administration for its proactive role in cultivating life saving skills and nurturing a culture of safety, awareness and community responsibility among the students. The programme began with an eloquent welcome address by Dr. Shabana Aslam, Convener, Sports Committee, who expressed heartfelt appreciation for the overwhelming student participation and the enthusiastic support



extended by the faculty. On the occasion, Principal Professor Fouzia Fatima underscored the critical relevance of civil defence education in today's world. She lauded the students for their confident and commendable performance, which reflected their deepening sense of civic responsibility and commitment to personal growth. Dr. Jamsheeda Akhter, HOD Urdu and NSS Program officer-1 presented vote of thanks.

The event witnessed active participation from the college faculty and students, with a strong display of enthusiasm and commitment towards the cause of self-defence and community safety. The appreciation extended by the Additional Chief Secretary and Director Colleges has served as a source of encouragement for the institution to further intensify such student-centric and community-oriented initiatives.

Awareness Program under mission yuva held across Panchayats in Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL: The District Employment & Counselling Centre (DECC), Ganderbal, today organised a comprehensive Awareness Program under Mission YUVA across various Panchayats like Gutlibagh, Frav Haknaar, Tulmula A, Search, Darend, Gund, Goniwan in the Ganderbal district of Central Kashmir. The initiative aimed at spreading awareness about the objectives and benefits of Mission YUVA, a youth-centric employment and empowerment initiative launched by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. Participants were briefed about the mission's key features, eligibility criteria, and the step-by-step application process. A special focus was laid on the usage of the Mission YUVA mobile application, enabling seamless access to opportunities for skill development, entrepreneurship,

and career guidance. The awareness camps witnessed enthusiastic participation from local youth, PRI members, and community stakeholders. Block Development Officer (BDO) Gund was also present and appreciated the efforts of DECC in reaching out to the grassroots level. Officials from the DECC emphasised the importance of such outreach programs in empowering rural youth and connecting them with various government schemes and career opportunities. Today's programme was organised in the Multipurpose hall, BDO office, Gund, and Panchayat Ghar, Poshkar Kangan. The initiative is part of the government's ongoing efforts to boost youth engagement, skill development, and employment generation across Jammu & Kashmir. Concerned YUVA DOOTS were also present in said programmes.

Dr. Farooq condoles with district President Kulgam on his bereavement

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah today extended heartfelt condolences to Party's District President Kulgam Safdar Ali Khan on the passing of his sister (wife of Muhammad Shafi Khan R/O Kulgam). In his condolence message, Dr. Farooq extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved household including Block Secretary Liaqat Ali Khan and prayed for fortitude to them to bear the inconsolable loss. He also prayed for peace to the departed soul in the highest echelons of Jannat. Among others Party's General Secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar; Addl GS Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamal, Advisor to HCM Nasir Aslam Wani, Treasurer Shammil Oberoi, Chief Spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq, Advisor to President Mushtaq Guroo, Advisor to VP Mudassar Shahmiri, Senior leaders Sakina Itoo, Dr. Bashir Veeri, State Spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar, Provincial President Showkat Mir, YNC Provincial President Mir Mushtaq have also extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

Police conducts cyber awareness programme at Sopore Law College

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SOPORE: Police in Sopore today conducted a Cyber Awareness Programme at Sopore Law College to educate students and faculty about emerging cyber threats and the importance of digital safety. The session was led by SDPO Sopore, Shri Sarfaraz Ahmad, who emphasized the growing relevance of cyber laws and the role of legal professionals in combating cybercrime. Key topics included cyber hygiene, online frauds, social media safety, cyberbullying, phishing, and relevant legal provisions. Interactive discussions and real-life case studies enriched the session, which saw active participation from students and staff. The college management appreciated the initiative



and requested more such engagements. Police remains committed to pro-

moting cyber awareness and building a digitally safe community.

Langate Town gets long-awaited water supply project approved: AIP

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SRINAGAR: Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) on Sunday welcomed the floating of the tender for the Water Supply Scheme for Langate Town under AMRUT 2.0, terming it a major victory for the people of Langate town and a result of unwavering public service commitment. In a statement issued to KNS, AIP Spokesperson Inam Un Nabi said: "The tendering of this vital 7490 lakh water supply project for Langate town is a direct result of the firm and fearless leadership of AIP founder and incarcerated Member of Parliament, Er. Rashid, who, despite being on interim bail from Tihar Jail, convened a high-level meeting with the Chief Engineer of the Public

Health Engineering (PHE) Department to ensure this long-standing demand of the people of Langate was not delayed any further. "Later, MLA Langate Sheikh Khursheed pursued the matter with dedication, ensuring that the proposal advanced through all procedural hurdles and culminated in the publication of the e-tender on May 17," he added. Inam further emphasized the pivotal grassroots role played by Advocate Shahanwaaz, former Chairman of the Municipal Committee Langate. The party expressed gratitude to the people of Langate for their patience and resilience and reiterated its resolve to fight for development, dignity and the democratic rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Police busts immoral trafficking racket in Baramulla; 4 arrested

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BARAMULLA: In a significant operation, Police have successfully busted an immoral trafficking racket operating in the Barzulla Kunzer area of Baramulla district. Acting on specific and credible intelligence, the police conducted a swift and well-coordinated raid leading to the arrest of four individuals, including a woman, involved in immoral trafficking activities. The arrested individuals have been identified as Ab Ahad Waza son of Ab Khaliq Waza resident of Utikoo Sheikhpora, Mohd Abdullah Waza son of Ghulam Mohiuddin Waza resident of Barzulla Kunzer, Bilal Ahmad Bhat son of Ghulam Rasool Bhat resident of Bam-



roda, presently residing at Utikoo and one lady (name withheld). A case vide FIR No. 37/2025 has been registered at Police Station Kunzer under relevant sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (PITA). Further investigation is underway to identify and dismantle

any larger network linked to this operation. Police reiterates its commitment to maintaining law and order and taking strict action against all forms of social evils. Citizens are urged to stay vigilant and report any such illegal activities to the nearest police station for prompt action.