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PREMIER SECTION

**MODI UNVEILS
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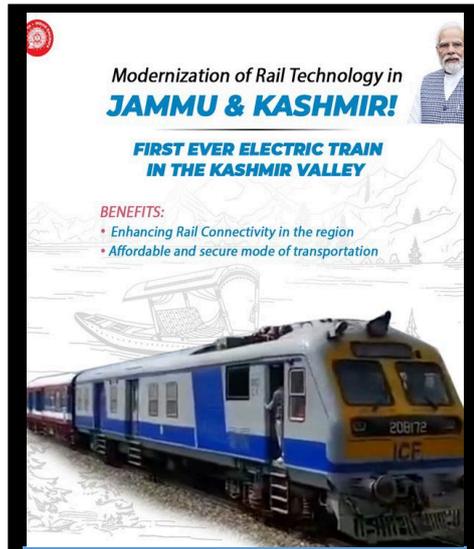
KASHMIR'S 1st ELECTRIC TRAIN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu Kashmir' beneficiary Nazim Zameer on March 7 in Srinagar. - NDTV

On 7 March 2024, PM Narendra Modi visited the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. This was his first visit to the region after August 2019 constitutional reforms. During this trip, he unveiled projects worth Rs. 5,000 crores at an event held in Srinagar to strengthen the agri-economy.

During the course of PM Modi's trip, his selfie and interaction with a local beekeeping entrepreneur, Nazim Nazir, went viral. The Prime Minister hailed Nazir's achievements, saying, 'We have heard about White Revolution and Green Revolution. But today, due to youngsters like Nazim, our Kashmir is witnessing a Sweet Revolution.'

Nazir spoke about his beekeeping journey that began in 2018 – 'I had kept two bee boxes on my terrace. After returning from school, I used to go to my terrace and take care of the bees...At first, I extracted 75 kg of honey. I sold this honey in my village and earned Rs. 60,000, my first earnings. My family was happy. I became very motivated...In 2023, I had 2000 bee boxes and sold over 5,000 kg honey.' Nazir employs more than 100 people. – India Today



In a historic feat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off an electric train for the first time on Baramulla-Srinagar-Banihal-Sangaldan rail link (which is 185.66km long). The Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) train will serve passengers between Sangaldan station and Baramulla station in the Kashmir valley. He also dedicated the new rail line between Banihal-Khari-Sumber and Sangaldan (48km). – Financial Express



Sachin Tendulkar enjoying snowfall with his daughter Sara Tendulkar and wife Anjali Tendulkar. (X/@sachin_rt)

Legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar recently visited Kashmir with his family for the first time.

He interacted with the locals and played gully cricket with them, demonstrating his renowned moves such as paddle sweep, leg glance, and straight dive.

Furthermore, he showered encouragement on the children who had gathered to interact with him and play cricket alongside a legend.

Tendulkar also visited the Aman Setu Bridge (the last point on the Line of Control) and engaged in discussions with soldiers stationed at the Kaman post.

During his Kashmir trip, he made an effort to reach out to local cricket bat manufacturers. One of them, Mohammad Shaheen Parray, owner of a manufacturing unit at Chursoo on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway, hosted Tendulkar.

In addition, he met Amir Hussain Lone, captain of Jammu and Kashmir's Para Cricket Team, whom he referred to as a 'hero' and gifted an autographed bat. He also praised Lone on social media, posting about their interaction – 'to Amir, the real hero. Keep inspiring! It was a pleasure meeting you.' – [Live Mint](#), [Telegraph India](#)

LEGEND SECTION

TENDULKAR ENJOYS GULLY CRICKET ON FIRST VISIT TO KASHMIR

BATTING INDUSTRY: LOFTED



Tendulkar stopped by a bat manufacturing unit in Charsoo and interacted with the workers. Since his visit, bat manufacturing owners in the vicinity claim that demand has dramatically soared and that they expected orders from every corner of the globe in the next few months.

Established around the time of India's independence, many Kashmiri bat manufacturing units started producing millions of willows.

But none could make it to the international market till 2021, when Omani and UAE players started using Kashmiri bats at the T20 World Cup. — [Deccan Herald](#)



The iconic romantic scene from 'Kashmir ki Kali' made the Dal Lake popular in the Indian popular imagination. The allure of Kashmir has always drawn film makers and cineaste to the irresistibly beautiful valley. – File Pic

Jammu and Kashmir administration has approved a new film policy with an aim to position the Union Territory as a hub of cinematic creativity and productivity, officials say.

Replacing the 2021 policy, the new government policy provides for granting of permission for shooting films and strives to create a nationally competitive infrastructure for film production, an official spokesperson said.

The J&K Administrative Council (AC) held a meeting under Lt.-Gov. Manoj Sinha on 14 March to approve the Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy-2024. The policy aims to position J&K as a hub of cinematic creativity.

The policy provides for time-bound administrative assistance, setting up of single window cells, facilitation for granting of permission for shooting films, package of financial assistance, promoting of government and non-government organizations associated with publicity of cinema and striving to create nationally competitive infrastructure for film making. It also provides for bodies like film development council, J&K film division, script screening committee, divisional location permission committee, film development fund and mechanism for branding and promotion by means of film festivals. — *The Deccan Herald*

SPOTLIGHT SECTION

PHOTOGENIC KASHMIR GETS UPGRADED CINEMA POLICY

'I AM NO MALALA': YANA MIR



Ms. Yana Mir, a Kashmiri journalist, was keynote speaker at an event organised by Jammu Kashmir Study Centre or JKSC (self-described as 'A think-tank dedicated to the study of Jammu and Kashmir') inside the British parliament recently. She went viral on social media for her remarks, 'I am not a Malala Yousafzai. Because I am free and I am safe in my country India, in my home in Kashmir which is part of India. I will never have to run away from my home country.' – *India Today*