



## Malala's Shooter Flees From Pak Prison

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NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD: Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan's (TTP) spokesperson Ehsanullah Ehsan, who was responsible for shooting Malala Yousafzai and carrying out the Peshawar Army school terror attack, has escaped from an Army jail in Pakistan.

In an audio recording released on Thursday and shared via an online private messaging platform, Ehsanullah claimed that he has succeeded in escaping from jail on January 11.

Ehsanullah, also spokesperson of another dreaded group Jamaat ul Abrar, is responsible for several terror attacks in Pakistan and carried a bounty of \$1 million on his head.

In 2012, he shot Malala. She later went on to become the joint winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ehsanullah shot the then school girl, Malala, in the head for defying Taliban diktats and pursuing her education and highlighting atrocities of the militant outfit.

Ehsanullah is also a prime accused in the 2014 Army Public School (APS) Peshawar attack in which 134 school children and 15 staff members were killed.

He was also involved in the suicide bombing of Shiites in Rawalpindi and Karachi, killing nine foreign tourists and their guide in Gilgit-Baltistan area. Besides, the twin blasts targeting peace committee volunteers in Mohmand agency; suicide attack near the Wagah border and the 2016 bombing of an Easter gathering in a Lahore park that killed at least 75 people and injured more than 300.

In 2017, he surrendered before the Pakistan Army under "mysterious circumstances".

Soon after his surrender, a Pakistani TV channel was allowed to interview Ehsan who at the time claimed that he was working for India's external intelligence agency, Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW).

However, after three years in custody, Pakistani Army was yet to file a charge sheet against him, sources in Islamabad said.

Sources in Islamabad confirmed that the audio clipping was Ehsanullah's voice.

Speaking in Urdu, Ehsanullah claimed that he had followed law in the last three years but Pakistan's dishonest and corrupt institutions had deceived him and his family.



# Several Dev Projects Underway To Boost Power Scenario In JK: Secy PDD

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Power Development Department, M. Raju today said that several development projects are underway to boost power scenario across Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking to several delegations during public grievance camp here today, Raju said that people must come forward to list their grievances. He asked officials of the PDD to remain connected to people on the ground and address their issues on priority.

He said that Power Development Department (PDD) was undergoing major reforms to address shortcomings in power

sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that several projects are coming and some are being upgraded under Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP). He said that such measures would end the shortcomings of electricity in Kashmir valley, especially during winter season.

Divulging details about several other projects, he informed that major works are being executed by JKPTCL under Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP).

Raju said that the Government was taking all possible measures to provide hassle-free services to people. He said that good governance and efficient administration are vital for hassle-free and smooth public service delivery mechanism.

Raju hailed the role of officers for restoring the power supply across Kashmir valley during recent spells of snowfall. He said that officers must remain available to avoid any exigency. He said that several development projects were underway to bolster electricity scenario in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the day-long grievance camp, the Secretary met several deputations from across Kashmir and gave them patient hearing, assuring them that all their genuine issues would be looked into and addressed accordingly. He said that Government was doing its best to address all the grievances of people and also providing them with better service delivery.

## GMC conducts medical edu programme on Corona Virus

SRINAGAR: Principal and Dean Government Medical College, Srinagar, Prof Parviz Ahmad Shah today said that effective measures have been made at SHMS Hospital for sample collection and management of suspect cases of Corona Virus.

It was stated by the Principal during a medical education pro-

gramme conducted on Corona Virus at Government Medical College, Srinagar.

Hospital Administration, Resident Doctors of GMC Srinagar and associated hospitals attended the programme.

Assistant Prof. Community Medicine and Associate Prof Micro Biology department pre-

sented a detailed Power Point on the global scenario, epidemiology, surveillance, management and infection control measures related to the Virus.

Speaking on the occasion, the principal said that an isolation ward with adequate supply of PPE, masks and laboratory support has been set up at SHMS

Hospital.

While HOD Community medicine, Mohammad Saleem Khan has been designated as nodal officer to coronate with allied departments. GMC has developed SOP, guidelines for its associated hospitals regarding the Corona Virus infection.

### SHORT TAKES

#### H&ME orders engagement of faculty positions under SRO-24 of 2019

JAMMU: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has accorded sanction to the engagement of 28 faculty positions for Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu and its Super Specialty Hospitals (SSH) on academic arrangement under SRO-24 of 2019.

The appointments, to augment the deficiencies of human resource in the GMC, Jammu and the SSHs, have been made for a period of one year or till the posts get filled on regular basis.

Meanwhile, the Financial Commissioner, Health and Medical Education Department, Atal Dulloo said that the government move aims at to augment Medical Education faculty and strengthening the Health Care system.

"The endeavor of the government is to provide affordable and quality health care to the people of Jammu and Kashmir by ensuring zero out of pocket expenses," he added.

#### Grievance Redressal mechanism set up to check unethical practices by doctors in government sector

JAMMU: Government of Jammu and Kashmir has ordered setting up of Grievance Redressal Mechanism for looking into the complaints regarding professional misconduct/unethical practices by the doctors working in Government sector.

As per a Government Order, a three Level mechanism has been put in place, starting from the District and Sub-District Level, wherein a Nodal Officer shall be nominated by the Directorate, Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir and the Director, Indian System of Medicine, J&K, Jammu.

At the Government Medical colleges and Dental colleges, the Nodal Officers shall be nominated by the respective colleges. The OSD, Health and Medical Education Department, has been nominated as the Incharge in the Administrative Department, who shall coordinate with all the nodal officers.

The main aim of setting up of the Grievance Mechanism is to look into the grievances pertaining to the unethical practices and profession misconduct of doctors working in the government sector.

A monthly status report shall be sought by the Incharge Grievance Cell regarding unethical practices and professional misconduct lodged in the UT.

It has also been decided that the grievance redressal centre 104 being established by the NHM, J&K shall also be integrated in the Grievance Redressal Mechanism.

The name and telephone numbers or nodal officers and Incharge grievance redressal/cell in the Administrative Department shall be circulated and published through print and electronic media.

## Prescription audit to start in all hospitals of JK soon

JAMMU: Health and Medical Education Department (H&ME) has accorded sanction for the constitution of prescription audit committees at the Government Health Institutions across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The prescription audit committee will be formed at the Government Medical College, district and sub-district levels.

The prescription committees would keep a check on the prescriptions given by the doctors and to contain the reported unethical practices by some health care professionals.

According to a government order, at the Government Medical College Level, the Medical Superintendent of the concerned hospital shall be the chairman of the committee, while the Assistant/Associated Professor Pharmacology along with the RMO/Sr.CMO shall be the members.

Similarly, at the District Hospi-



tal Level, the Medical Superintendent would act as the chairman and District Immunization Officer/DHO along with the Sr. Medical Officer, nominated by the Chief Medical Officer, shall be the members.

At the Block level, the BMO shall be the Chairman along with two Sr. MOs nominated by the Chief Medical Officer. The terms of references of the prescription audit committees have also been

notified.

The HODs (Principals) of Government Medical Colleges, Director Health Services Jammu/Kashmir, Director, ISM, J&K shall nominate nodal officers in their respective institutions. The nodal officers so nominated shall at random collect photocopies of at least 1% (one percent) of the prescriptions on daily basis written by the Government Doctors in the OPDs. These prescriptions collected by

the Nodal officers shall be scrutinized by the Prescription Audit committees to check whether the prescription are written legibly in Capital Letters with the name of the doctors, his/her signatures and registration number, generic drugs are prescribed and preference given to the drugs which are available free in the Hospital supplies, unnecessary diagnostics test are not prescribed and patients are not referred to private clinics/specialists without requirement and whether drugs are prescribed in contravention to the provision of Drug and Cosmetics Act and Regulations.

It shall be again ensured by the prescription audit committee that fortnightly reports are sent to the HODs. HODs shall prepare a comprehensive monthly report along with their recommendation highlighting the actionable points, which shall be submitted to Administrative Department.

## Justice Magray for speedy disposal of backlog cases



SRINAGAR: Justice Ali Mohammad Magray, Judge, J&K High Court, today visited District Court Complex Srinagar and asked the judicial officials to clear the backlog of more than 10 years and treat the matter as a top priority.

He impressed upon the judicial officers posted at district headquarters Srinagar to dispose the old cases in speedy manner on a weekly basis.

Justice Magray asked the offi-

cials to send progress reports regularly so that proper records are maintained regarding the cases. He emphasized upon the judges to adopt information technology particularly in the criminal justice system and asked the officials to make use of video conferencing invariably to reach out to undertrials.

While highlighting the duties of judicial officers, he said that the standard of judicial conduct of judicial officers has to be very high in

order to encourage the confidence of litigant public. He stressed upon the fact that in case any officer faces any problem while dealing with the cases on judicial front, the matter should be brought to his notice immediately.

Justice Magray also interacted with the judges individually and also received firsthand information regarding the pendency and disposal of cases. He said that he expects every judicial officer to

work with dedication and impartiality so that the faith of people in the judicial system is reinforced.

On his arrival, Justice Magray was received by Principal District and Sessions Judge Srinagar Abdul Rashid Malik. He briefed Justice Magray about the works being taken up by district judiciary at district headquarters and steps taken by the judges for the quick disposal of old civil and criminal cases.

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