

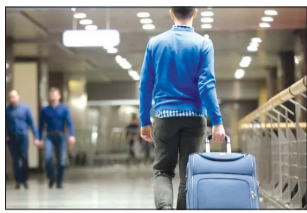


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Wisdom Quote!

"A smart person knows how to talk. A wise person knows when to be silent."
—Roy T. Bennett

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Mirza Waheed Awarded SA Grant



SRINAGAR: Kashmiri novelist Mirza Waheed is among 48 writers who have bagged a grant worth more than ₹ 1,82,03,820 from The Society of Authors. The grant is awarded to enable writers to complete works in progress including queer auto-fiction, forgotten histories, and books about post-colonial and the natural world. The grants totalling ₹185,750 will support writers by either buying them time to write or helping with research costs. For one writer, their grant represents the opportunity to follow "in my anarchist great-grandmother's footsteps" in Ireland and **More On P2**

Justice Bindal Appointed Acting CJ

SRINAGAR: President of India on Tuesday appointed Justice Rajesh Bindal as the acting chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

"In exercise of the power conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Justice Rajesh Bindal, senior-most Judge of Common High Court for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh, to perform the duties of the office of Chief Justice of that High Court with effect from 09th December, 2020 consequent upon the retirement of Kumari Justice Gita Mittal, Chief Justice, Common High Court for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh," reads an order by the President.

'Treat Pensioners With Respect: Govt Missive

SRINAGAR: The Director, Accounts and Treasuries, Kashmir on Tuesday issued necessary instructions for the Treasuries Officer of Kashmir division while dealing with pensioners.

As per a circular issued here, the Director instructed all Treasury Officers/officials to treat all pensioners with dignity and deal with them in a polite manner. He directed them to acknowledge documents submitted by the pensioners with receipt and proper stamp.

He also directed District Treasury Officers in respect of sub treasuries falling under his/her jurisdiction to take periodic review of pensioner grievances.

UK Gives 1st Doses Of Covid-19 Vaccine As World Watches

LONDON: British health authorities began rolling out the first doses of a widely tested and independently reviewed Covid-19 vaccine on Tuesday, starting a global immunisation programme that is expected to gain momentum as more serums win approval.

The first shot came early in the morning at one of a network of hospital hubs around the country where the initial phase of the United Kingdom programme will be rolled out on what has been dubbed "V-Day."

Public health officials are asking the public to be patient because only those who are most at risk from Covid-19 will be vaccinated in the early stages. Medical staff will contact people to arrange appointments, and most will have to wait until next year before there is enough vaccine to expand the programme.

"I think there's every chance that we will look back on [.. Tuesday] as marking a decisive turning point in the battle against coronavirus," said Simon Stevens, the chief executive officer of England's National Health Service.

The first recipient was grandmother Margaret Keenan, who turns 91 next week. She received the shot at University Hospital Coventry at 6:31am.



Keenan says she feels "so privileged to be the first person vaccinated against Covid-19." "It's the best early birthday present I could wish for because it means I can finally look forward

to spending time with my family and friends in the New Year after being on my own for most of the year," she said.

The first 800,000 doses are going to people over 80 who are either hospitalized or already have outpatient appointments scheduled, along with nursing home workers. Others will have to wait their turn.

Among those older Britons scheduled to get vaccinated is Hari Shukla, of Newcastle.

"When I received the telephone call, I was very excited I got the opportunity of joining in and taking part in that, he said. "So we are very very pleased and happy and excited as well.

Buckingham Palace refused to comment on reports that Queen Elizabeth II, 94, and her 99-year-old husband, Prince Philip, would be vaccinated as a public example of its safety.

"Our goal is totally to protect every member of the population, Her Majesty, of course, as well," Dr June Raine, chief executive of Britain's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, told the BBC. **More On P2**

J&K Reports 6 More Covid Deaths, 470 New Cases

OBSERVER MONITORING DESK

SRINAGAR: At least six more people died of coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday while 470 new cases, including nine security personnel and four minors were detected in the Union Territory, taking the number of people infected by the virus to 114038.

Among the victims, three each were from Kashmir and Jammu divisions, thus taking the fatality count to 1761, officials said Tuesday. In Valley, the three victims included a 70-year-old woman from Budgam, a 60-year-old man from Kupwara and a 72-year-old from Anantnag. In Jammu division, the three victims hailed from Doda, Kathua and Ramban districts.

With these deaths, the total fatality count in the Valley has reached 1133 and 628 in the Jammu region. Srinagar district with 427 deaths tops the list followed by Jammu (318), Baramulla (165), Budgam (104), Pulwama (86), Kupwara (86), Anantnag (81), Doda (58), Bandipora (55), Kulgam (52), Udhampur (52), Rajouri (50), Kathua (43), Ganderbal (40), Shopian (37), Samba (33), Poonch (22), Ramban (21), Kishtwar(20), and Reasi (10). **More On P2**

HC Asks CBI To File Action Taken Report

J&K Govt's Review Petition To Be Heard On Dec 11

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Tuesday asked the CBI to submit its Action Taken Report (ATR) in a sealed cover on the progress in cases registered to probe alleged irregularities in the Roshni Act and fixed December 11 for hearing a review petition by the Union Territory administration to review its earlier order in this case.

Chief Justice Gita Mittal, who retired on Tuesday, and Justice Rajesh Bindal, appointed as the acting head, listed the case for Friday after allowing the

urgent hearing motion filed by the government through its additional advocate general (AAG) for preponement of the date in the now-scrapped Roshni Act.

"We are informed by Ms Monika Kohli that the report of the CBI is ready and she is filing it during the course of the day.

"We direct that any report by the CBI shall be filed in a sealed cover and presented to the Bench on the date of hearing in court," a two-page order of the court said while listing the case for December 11. **More On P2**

Mehbooba Placed Under House Arrest

SRINAGAR: Former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti was placed under house arrest at her Gupkar residence on Tuesday morning to prevent her from visiting hilly areas of Central Kashmir's Budgam district where nomadic Gujjar families are being evicted by the authorities. According to Iltija Mufti, her mother was scheduled to visit remote areas of Budgam district where scores of summer huts of Gujjar families **More On P2**

Snow, Rains Disrupt Life, Close Highways

SRINAGAR: Many areas across north Kashmir including the ski-resort of Gulmarg and Gurez valley received heavy snowfall for the second day on Tuesday, while the plains were lashed by rains.

MET Office said there would be a decrease in precipitation in the J&K from Wednesday.

Snowfall continued in many areas in the higher reaches of the valley on Tuesday with Gulmarg, in north Kashmir, recording about seven inches of fresh snowfall, officials said.

They said other areas like Gurez, Mughal Road and Zojilla axis on

Srinagar-Leh road also received fresh snowfall which was going on when the last reports came in.

The officials said most places in the plains of the valley received heavy rains which continued this morning.

The fresh snowfall and rains have led to the closure of the Srinagar-Leh road connecting the Kashmir valley with Ladakh as well as the Mughal Road the alternate road-link connecting the valley with the Jammu region, the officials said. The MET Office on Monday issued an "Orange Colour" weather **More On P2**

J&K Eyes Gulf Food Sector

20 Member Team Participating In India-UAE Summit



SRINAGAR: With an aim to promote its horticulture produce in the Middle East and tap the Gulf market, a 20-member delegation of businessmen and government officials from Jammu and Kashmir is participating in the UAE-India Food Security Summit 2020, starting Tuesday. Organised by the Consulate

General of India in Dubai in association with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and Invest India, the two-day event brings several key stakeholders from both the countries on one platform to share their experiences, deliberate on solutions and explore ways to further increase the collaboration **More On P2**

Families Of Kashmiri Men Detained In New Delhi Hold Protest

Accuse Delhi Police Of Arresting The Trio On "Flimsy Grounds"

SRINAGAR: The families of three Kashmiri men arrested in New Delhi on charges of militancy, held a protest here on Tuesday alleging their kin have been detained by the special cell of Delhi Police on "flimsy grounds".

Braving chill and heavy rains, the families of the three detained men, Reyaz Ahmed Rather and Shabir Ahmed Gofri, both residents

of Nasrullah Pora and Muhammad Ayoub Pathan of Gondhipora village of Budgam, assembled at Press Colony here on Tuesday and staged a protest over their arrest by the Delhi police on "coined charges".

Carrying placards, the family members, including women alleged that all the three men were not even remotely connected **More On P2**

All 5 Men In Police Custody For 4 Days

NEW DELHI: Five persons suspected to have militant links and arrested after an "encounter" here were remanded for custodial interrogation of four days by a Delhi Court on Tuesday. **More On P2**

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S. No	Name of the PIA	Date of Counselling	Timings	Course Name/Trade	Course Duration	Minimum Education Eligibility	Venue/Address	Panchayati Ward	Block	District
1	Learnnet Skills Limited	07-12-2020	11 AM	Self Employed Tailor	04 months	Middle	Learnnet Institute of Skills Khawaja Bagh Baramulla	Baramulla	Wagoora, Singhpora	Baramulla
2	Learnnet Skills Limited	07-12-2020	11 AM	Food and Beverages-Service Steward	05 months	10th	C/o Shivalik College of Education, Near 35 RR Army Gate	Shiv Nagar	Udhampur	Udhampur
3	Indus Weld Tech Charitable Trust	07-12-2020	12 PM	Metal Inert Gas/Metal Active Gas(MIG/MAG) And Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG)	07 months	10th / 12th	Eleverton study circle, Madina Complex Opposite PNB Bank	Ganderbal	Ganderbal	Ganderbal
4	Syadwad Jain Educational And Social Trust	07-12-2020	11:30 AM	Assistant Electrician CCTV Installation Technician Hospitality Assistant Healthcare Multipurpose worker	6 months	10th	Panchayat ghar sangaldan	Sangaldan	Block A Sangaldan	Ramban
5	SLC Education Society	08-12-2020	12:00 Noon	Hospitality Assistant Food & Beverages Services Chef, BPO	11months/7months 11months/ 7 months	8th	Panchayat Ghar,Domana	Domana	Bhalwal	Jammu
6	Rooman Technologies Pvt Ltd	08-12-2020	11 AM	BFSI - Banking, financial Services and Insurance	6 months	12th	Rooman Technologies, Friends Complex, Anand Nagar , Bohri, 180002	Jammu	Jammu	Jammu
7	Intelligence Manpower Services Pvt. Ltd	08-12-2020	12:00 Noon	Domestic CRM Non-voice	05 months	10th	Panchyat Ghar	Thanda Pani	Assar	Doda
8	ITRC Technologies Pvt. Ltd	09-12-2020	11:30 AM	Retail Sales Associate	03 months	10th	ITRC Skill Development Centre Patangarah Road, Near Veterinary Hospital,	Ward No 04	Chenani	Udhampur
9	Learnnet Skills Limited	11-12-2020	11 AM	Self Employed Tailor	04 months	Middle	Learnnet Institute of Skills 4th Floor ASH Mail Budgam	Budgam	Budgam	Budgam
10	Learnnet Skills Limited	11-12-2020	11 AM	Retail -Trainee Associate	03 months	10th	C/o Mother Teresa Convent Hr. See School Dharmam, Near Radha Krishna Temple, Gurah Kalyal	Gurah Kalyal-B	Mandli	Kathua (Bilawar)
11	ICA Edu Skills Pvt. Ltd	11-12-2020	11 AM	Departmental Manager	7.5 months	12th	ICA, 3rd Floor, Super Bazar, City Chowk Jammu	Corporation	Jammu	Jammu
12	Indus Weld Tech Charitable Trust	14-12-2020	12:00 Noon	Metal Inert Gas/Metal Active Gas(MIG/MAG) And Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG)	07 months	10th / 12th	Jetking Information technology computer institute, Ahmad Complex, Near Masjid Mosque	Baramulla	Baramulla	Baramulla
13	Quess Corp	14-12-2020	12:30 PM	1. Data Entry Operator 2.Retail Sales Associate	6 months / 03 months	10th	Seva Charalla Panchayat Ghar Nera Government School	Charalla	Charalla	Doda
14	Syadwad Jain Educational And Social Trust	14-12-2020	11:30 AM	1. Assistant Electrician 2. CCTV Installation Technician 3. Hospitality Assistant 4. Healthcare multipurpose worker	6 months	10th	Panchayat Ghar Phagla Tehsil Surankote	Phagla	Lassana	Poonch
15	Terrier Security Services	14-12-2020	12:30 PM	1. Data Entry Operator 2. Unarmed security guard	6 months/4 months	10th / 12th	Seva Charalla Panchayat Ghar Nera Government School	Charalla	Charalla	Doda
16	Don Bosco Tech Society	15-12-2020	11:00 AM	Food & Beverages-Service Steward	6 Months	10th	Himayat Training Centre Poonch, Kanuiyan, Opposite VJS Hotel,Poonch	Kanuiyan	Poonch	Poonch
17	ManpowerGroup Services India Pvt Ltd	15-12-2020	11:00 AM	Retail Departmental Manager	8.5 Months	10th / 12th	Village office near Shiv Farm Resort seela Reasi	Reasi	Reasi	Reasi
18	Fidelis Corporate Solutions Pvt. Ltd	16-12-2020	12:00 Noon	Technical Support Executive-Voice	4 months	12th	Aishmuqaam		Mattan	Anantnag
19	Terrier Security Services	16-12-2020	11:30 AM	1. Data Entry Operator 2. Unarmed security guard	6 months/4 months	10th / 12th	16 - Haji Mohalla, Saidakadal	Srinagar	Srinagar	Srinagar
20	TeamLease Services Ltd	16-12-2020	1:00 PM	Food and Beverages	7 months	10th / 12th	Heri payeen	Trehgam	Kupwara	Kupwara
21	Terrier Security Services	17-12-2020	12:00 Noon	1. Data Entry Operator 2. Unarmed security guard	6 months/4 months	10th / 12th	Adnan College, Shuhama, Ganderbal	Shuhama	Ganderbal	Ganderbal
22	ManpowerGroup Services India Pvt Ltd	17-12-2020	11:00 AM	Retail Departmental Manager	8.5 Months	10th / 12th	Panchayat Ghar Gharhi Udhampur	Rehambal	Udhampur	Udhampur
23	ICA Edu Skills Pvt. Ltd	18-12-2020	11:00 AM	Departmental Manager	7.5 months	12th	ICA, 3rd Floor, Super Bazar, City Chowk Jammu		Jammu	Jammu

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