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**CS INAUGURATES SHANKARACHARYA** TREKKING TRAIL

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Thursday inaugurated 5.5 km gentle forest trek route around Shankaracharya hills, known as first learning ground for



#### **BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER (BPD)**

Borderline personality disorder (BPD) is a pattern of instability in personal relationships and self-image. People with BPD have a hard time recognizing and controlling their emotions. For both the individual with



#### INDIA EYE WHITEWASH AS DHAWAN **RETURNS TO ADD MORE FIREPOWER**

The returning Shikhar Dhawan will add more firepower to a ruthless India, who are faced with the problem of plenty, as they eye a clean sweep of West Indies in an



Quote!

What you are will show in what you do

-- Edison

# NEWS DIGIST

#### 3.8 Magnitude Earthquake Hits J&K

SRINAGAR: A 3.8 magnitude earthquake hit Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, but there were no reports of any damage or loss of life, officials said. Its epicentre was at a depth of 29 kilometres in Kel, Gilgit-Baltistan, and More on P6

#### 2-Way Traffic On **Highway Today**

SRINAGAR: Jammu-Srinagar highway, the only surface link connecting Kashmir valley with the outside world, shall remain open for both way traffic on Thursday, officials said. "On 11-02-2022, subject to fair weather and More on Pe

#### **Minor Girl Killed In Road Accident**

SRINAGAR: A minor girl from Srinagar was killed in a road accident in Awantipora area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Thursday. An official said that a vehicle bearing registration number JK18B-6101 met with an accident at Chersoo in More on P6

#### Covid: 86 New Cases In Ladakh

LEH: Ladakh reported 86 new Covid cases that took the infection tally to 27,148, officials said on Thursday. The number of active cases stands at 696 -- 476 in Leh and 220 in Kargil, they said. The Union Territory has recorded 226 Covid-related deaths -- 167 in Leh and 59 in

Kargil, they said. More on P6



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# **UP Elections** Begin: 60.17% Turnout In Phase 1



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**LUCKNOW:** As the first phase of the high octane elections for the 403-member Uttar Pradesh Assembly concluded on Thursday, the voter turnout for the Jat-dominant belt of western UP was recorded to be over 61%.

As per the Election Commission of India's Voter Turnout application, the total voter turnout for the first phase of the seven-phase polling was 61.57% at the end of the session.

The districts which recorded the highest voter turnout were Shamli with 69.42%, followed by Muzaffarnagar and Bulandsahar at 65.91% and 65.12% respectively.

The elections in Uttar Pradesh are considered as the semi-final before the general election of 2024. Polling closed at 6 pm following a one-hour extension because of Covid-19 protocols. The day passed off peacefully with minor technical snags in EVMs at some places, election officials said.

Additional Chief Election Officer (ACEO) B D Ram Tiwari said, "There were reports of a technical error in EVMs at some places." Those EVMs were being replaced

as the reports came in, he added. On the Samajwadi Party's allegation that poor voters were not allowed to exercise their franchise in Dundukheda village in the Kairana assembly constituency, Tiwari said the district magistrate concerned was asked

to look into the matter. Agra recorded 60.33 per cent polling, Aligarh 60.49 per cent, Baghpat 61.35 per cent, Bulandshahr 60.52 per cent, Gautam Buddh Nagar 56.73 per cent, Ghaziabad 54.77 per cent, Hapur 60.50 per cent, Mathura 63.28 per cent, Meerut 60.91 per cent, Muzaffarnagar 65.34 per cent and Shamli 69.42 per

cent, an EC report said.

During the 2017 assembly elections, 63.47 per cent polling was recorded in these constituencies, the report said.

As many as 623 candidates, including 73 women, are in the fray in the first phase, state EC officials said.

State ministers whose fate will be decided in this phase include Shrikant Sharma, Suresh Rana, Sandeep Singh, Kapil Dev Agarwal, Atul Garg and Chowdhury Lakshmi Narain.

In 2017, the BJP had bagged



# **Court Says, No Religious Dress Until Matter Is Resolved**

**Press Trust Of India** 

BENGALURU: The Karnataka High court hearing the Hijab issue on Thursday asked students not to insist on wearing any cloth on campuses of educational institutions which can instigate people, till the matter is resolved.

Posting the matter for Monday, the full court also said the educational institutions can resume classes for the students.

The three-judge full bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Justice J M Khazi and Justice Krishna S Dixit, which



was formed on Wednesday, also said it wants the matter to be resolved at the earliest but

till that time peace and tranquillity is to be maintained.
"Till the disposal of the the disposal of the matter, you people should not insist on wearing all these religious things," CJ Awasthi said.

"We will pass an order. Let the schools-colleges start. But till the matter is resolved, no student should insist on wearing religious dress", he said.

However, the petitioners' lawyer Devadatt Kamat requested the court to consider his objection that such an order will amount to suspension of his client's constitutional rights under article 25. "That will be a total affront to their rights," Kamat contended.

In response, Chief Justice Awasthi said the More on P6

**Coronavirus On Decline** 

## **J&K Logs Lowest Cases** In 33 Days

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir reported Thursday 547 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus, the lowest daily count in over a month, even as seven more people succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to the officials, Kashmir Valley reported 240 new cases of Coronavirus while 307 were registered in Jammu division on Thursday, taking the total number of people infected since the out-break of pandemic in J&K to

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 103 new cases of virus, Kupwara 28 More o

# **Govt, OYO Launch Home-Stay Initiative**



**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** To give a boost to the distressed tourism industry and turn the youth into start-up entrepreneurs in Jammu and Kashmir, hospitality tech firm OYO on Thursday partnered with the J&K administration to launch

a rural tourism initiative, 'Crown of Incredible India', across the Union Territory.

Under this collaborative approach, OYO will also partner with the government's 'Mission Youth' programme to open homestays across 75 villages to promote More on P6

### Govt **Transfers Four IAS Officers**

**JAMMU:** The Jammu and government on Thursday ordered transfer of four IAS officers in the civil administration.

According to an order issued to this effect, Abhishek Sharma, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Katra, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar Katra, has been transferred and posted as Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0.

Akshay Labroo, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Srinagar (West), has been transferred and posted as Mission Director, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0).

Faz ul Haseeb, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Dharmari, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Dharmari, Sub-Divisional

# **CISF Detains 3 Suspects At Jammu Airport**

**Agencies** 

**JAMMU:** The paramilitary Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personbnel on Thursday detained three suspects from Jammu Airport and handed them over to the police for further questioning.

Official sources said that CISF personnel apprehended three suspects at Jammu Airport after they produced fake Adhar Cards.

The trio were scheduled to board a plane bound for Leh. Sources added that all the three suspects who hail from Doda were handed over to police at Satwari Jammu.

They identified More on P6

Class XII Results Fallout

# **DSEK Seeks List Of Schools, Lecturers With Poor Performance**

**Agencies** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) on Thursday asked the Chief Education Officers to submit the details of government schools that have a recorded poor performance in recently announced annual regular results of 12th standard.

Top officials at Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) said that the Chief Education Officers (CEOs) in this regard have been asked to submit the list of such schools and teaching staff that did not perform well in the exams.



DSEK has said, "The annual regular result of Class 12th for session 2021-22 has been declared on February-08-2022 wherein it has been observed that some government schools have performed dismally."

"Even in some More on P6

### **Register On DGCA Platform Observer News Service** digitalsky.dgca.gov.in) and ob-

**Drone Operators Asked To** 

JAMMU: The Divisional Administration has issued a circular making it obligatory on all drone operators to register their 'drones' as per the Government's guidelines in view of the Drone Rules 2021, notified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The said Rules are applicable to all persons owning, possessing or engaged in leasing, operating, transferring or maintaining unmanned aircraft systems in India.

The circular issued by the Div Com reads, 'all persons operating an unmanned aircraft system shall have to compulsarily register themselves by making an application in Form D-2 on digital sky platform (www.

tain a Unique Identification Number (UIN). Rule 6 Part III provides that no unmanned aircraft shall be operated unless it conforms to a type certificate or is exempted from the requirement of a type certificate under these Rules.

Under the rules, the drones weighing less than or equal to 250 grams have been classified as nano while those weighing between 250 grams and 2 kilograms have been categorised 'micro'. Weighing between 2 kilograms and 25 kilograms would categorise the unmanned aircraft system under 'small' category and the rest weighing between 25 kilograms and More on P6

# **Govt Sets Deadline For E-Governance Initiatives On Single Platform**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir administration has set a timeline of May this year to launch various e-governance initiatives on a single platform towards promoting ease of living in the Union Territory.

Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday chaired a meeting to launch Digital JK, Digital Districts and Digital Panchayats campaign to bring in various e-governance initiatives on a single platform towards promoting ease of living in Jammu and Kashmir.

Administrative Secretaries of departments of Health & Medical Education, School Education, Revenue, Development, Food,



Supplies and Consumer Affairs and Information Technology

were present in the meeting. The Chief Secretary asked the IT consultants to work towards evolving an integrated 'Digital J&K, Digital Districts and Digital Panchayats' model in Mission mode by creating unified

platform to provide all government services by May 2022. Mehta maintained that more

than 200 government services offered by various departments will be brought online on a single platform with a provision for Single Sign-On (SSO) through first More on P6

# **NC Discusses Delimitation Panel's 2nd Draft Proposals**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**SRINAGAR:** National Conference on Thursday held a marathon meeting of the party's constituency in-charges in Kashmir to discuss the implications of the delimitation commission's second draft proposals.

NC vice president Omar Abdullah presided over a virtual meeting of the party's constituency in-charges to discuss the implications of the delimitation commission's second draft working papers and subsequently provide feedback to party MPs for the response that has to be submitted to the delimitation commission, a party spokesman said.

During the course of the meeting, the NC vice president

had a real-time interaction with the party constituency incharges, provincial and zonal presidents, he said.

The spokesman said the implications of the delimitation commission second draft report and the prevailing political climate were debated upon by the party functionaries.

During the six-hour long real-time interaction, the constituency in-charges of Kashmir province shared their appraisement with regards the delimitation draft working paper with the vice president, he said.

Interacting with the party functionaries, Omar encouraged everyone attending the meet to step up direct contact with people as well as keeping a close tab on the More on P6

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# **First Nasal Spray For Treating Adult Covid Patients Launched In India**

New Delhi: Mumbai based innovation-driven global pharma company Glenmark has launched Nitric Oxide Nasal Spray (FabiSpray) in India, in partnership with SaNOtize, for treatment of adult patients suffering from COVID-19. Glenmark received manufacturing and marketing approval from India's drug regulator, Drugs Controller General of India, for Nitric Oxide Nasal Spray as part of the accelerated approval process.

"Phase 3 trial in India met the key endpoints and demonstrated reduction of viral load of 94 per cent in 24 hours and 99 per cent in 48 hours. Nitric Oxide Nasal Spray (NONS) was safe and well-tolerated in COVID-19 patients. Glenmark to market NONS under the brand name FabiSpray," reads the official statement.

The company claims that when the Nitric Oxide Nasal is sprayed over nasal mucosa it acts as a physical and chemical barrier against the

"FabiSpray is designed to kill the COVID-19 virus in the upper airways. It has proven anti-microbial properties with a direct virucidal effect on SARS-CoV-2. NONS when sprayed over nasal mucosa acts as a physical and chemical barrier against the virus, preventing it from incubating and spreading to the lungs," the statement reads. Terming the spray an effective and safe antiviral treatment for COVID-19, Glenmark Pharmaceu-

**Press Trust Of India** 

fuel from biomass.

Chennai- Researchers at

the Indian Institute of Tech-

nology, Madras (IIT-M), on

Wednesday said artificial

intelligence tools were used

to study the production of

Computer simulations and

modelling studies can pro-

vide quicker insights that can

be used to build the process-

es and plants for biomass

'Gaining such understanding

through hands-on experi-

ments will be time-consum-

ing and expensive and as

such, computer simulations and modelling studies can

provide quicker insights into

processing, IIT Madras said.



learning skills so that they can

address some of the biggest

challenges before us, such

as developing zero-emission technologies to tackle climate

While models used across the

globe were to understand the

conversion of biomass into

fuels and chemicals, most

models take a long time to

become operational. Artifi-

cial intelligence tools such as

machine-earning can hasten

The IIT-M team used the ma-

chine-learning method called

recurrent neural networks to

study the reactions that occur

during the conversion of bio-

mass into energy dense syn-

gas (gasification of biomass)

the modelling processes.

change," Goval said.

ticals Ltd's Chief Commercial Officer Robert Crockart said "we are confident it will offer patients a much needed and timely therapy

option. "As a leading pharmaceutical player, it is important that we are an integral part of India's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. We are happy to receive regulatory approval for Nitric Oxide Nasal Spray (FabiSpray) and launch it in partnership with SaNOtize," he

Over the issue of clinical trials results. Dr. Monika Tandon, Senior VP and Head of Clinical Development in Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd. said,"The results from this Phase 3, double blind, placebo controlled trial are encouraging. Demonstration of reduction in the viral load has significant positive impact from a patient and community perspective. In the current scenario, with new emerging variants exhibiting high transmissibility, NONS provides a useful option in India's fight against COVID-19." "As per studies conducted in the Utah State University USA, NONS is proven to kill 99.9 per cent of SARS-Cov-2 virus including Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, and Epsilon variant within 2 minutes." She said.

Dr Srikanth Krishnamurthy one of the Principal Investigators of the study said, "I have had a chance to view the results of the study. Nitric Oxide Nasal Spray lowers the viral load and hastens RT-PCR negativity when used early in COVID 19 infection leading to recovery. Most importantly, viral load reduction with NONS has the potential to reduce the chain of transmission. Last but not the least, NONS being topical is safe and makes this therapeutic option very attractive".

**FabiSpray** is designed to kill the COVID-19 virus in the upper airways. It has proven antimicrobial properties with a direct virucidal effect on SARS-CoV-2. NONS when sprayed over nasal mucosa acts as a physical and chemical barrier against the virus, preventing it from incubating and spreading to the lungs

#### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

#### NOTICE



Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri: M/S Jehlum Construction Prop: Mir Danish R/o: Golpora Lasjan Budgam (Transferor) of LMV Maruti 800. Vehicle bearing



registration number JK04A - 6298. Chasis number 648021 Engine no. 72343 Model 2007. in favour of Shri.. Nazir Ahmad Dar S/o. Abdul Aziz Dar R/o Hadoorah, Alastang Ganderbal (Tranferee) as well as HPA cancellation with M/S J & K Bank B/U Lasjan is also required.

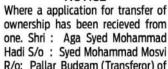
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No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.5709 Dated 10/02/2022

Assistant Regional Transport officer **Budgam Kashmir** 

#### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR NOTICE





one. Shri: Aga Syed Mohammad Hadi S/o : Syed Mohammad Mosvi R/o: Pallar Budgam (Transferor) of LMV Maruti Alto 800. Vehicle bear-

ing registration number JK04C- 7421. Chasis number 56387 Engine no. 40149 Model 2014. in favour of Shri.. Irshad Akbar Bhat S/o. Mohammad Akbar Bhat R/o Hakermullah Budgam (Tranferee) as well as HPA cancellation with M/S J & K Bank B/U Budgam is also required.

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# Government of Jammu & Kashmir

developing biomass conver- computing and machine- the release said.

Researchers at IIT-M Use AI Tools To

**Study Production Of Fuel From Biomass** 

sion processes," IIT-M said.

The research was led by assis-

tant professor Dr Himanshu

Goyal and professor Dr Niket S Kaisare, a press release said.

"With increasing environ-

mental concerns associated

with petroleum-derived fu-

els, biomass is the practical

solution not in the conven-

tional sense of directly burn-

ing wood, cow dung and coal,

but as a source of energy

Researchers all over the

world were finding methods

to extract fuel from biomass

such as wood, grass and

"There is an urgent need to

train the next-generation en-

gineers on high-performance

waste organic matter.

dense fuel," the release said.

# **Department Of Floriculture** Office Of The Floriculture Officer Anantnag

Email.anantnagflori@gmail

Short Term Tender Notice No:01 OF 2022 Dated:- 09-02-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT, sealed bid/offers affixed with revenue stamp worth Rs. 06/= are invited through speed /registered post only from the PWD/CPWD approved contractors on the prescribed tender form, for "Supply of Sweet Soil free from stones, pebbles and other unwanted substances including spreading rolling and levelling" at Mughal Garden Achabal. The Tender accompanied with CDR worth Rs 2000= (Rupees two thousand only) from any recognized Bank pledged to Floriculture Officer Anantnag, should reach to this office by or before 16-02-2022 upto 02:00 PM. Tender documents can be obtained from the office of undersigned by or before 15-02-2022 upto 4:00 PM against cash payment of Rs. 100/= (non-refundable). The tenders will be opened on the same day or next working day. However, in case of any eventuality, the tender issue date, receiving date & opening date will be the next working day without any change in schedule time. Terms & Conditions:-

- 1. The tenders are required to furnish the documentary evidence of their being approved contractor. The tenders received after the expiry of the due date and time shall not be accepted / entertained. The department will not be responsible for any postal delay.
- 2. The CDR pledged to Floriculture Officer Anantnag, latest GST clearance, PAN card, Registration with renewal should be placed in a separate envelop marked as "A", without which price bid will not beopened/entertained. 3. The bid offered should be legible quoted in words as well as figures without any correction/cut-
- ting/overwriting and placed in a separate envelop marked as "B". Errasions, overwriting, cuttings, if any, should be properly attested. Transparent tape should be pasted over quoted rates. Conditional Tenders will not be accepted or entertained. 5. The Tender opening committee reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning
- any reason thereof. 6. The tenderer should quote rates per "Cubic Meter" inclusive of carriages/ head load upto site of
- work and all applicable taxes/ services charges. 7. Tenderers should put in full name, address, signature and seal on each page of the price bid in token of having accepted all terms and conditions of the NIT as well as to authenticate the quoted
- 8. The supplies shall have to be completed within stipulated period from the date of placement of supply order and supplies not confirming to the tendered specifications shall be out rightly rejected. 9. Payment shall be released on completion of supply as per the terms and conditions of supply order subject to verification in respect of time, quality and quantity.
- 10. Condition(s) if any arise necessary at the time of opening of tender/bid the same will be reflected in supply order.
- 11. In case the successful tenderer fails to supply the material as per the terms and conditions of the supply order, his CDR will be forfeited without serving any notice and the material shall be arranged from any other source on the cost, risk and responsibility of the defaulter.
- 12. The dispute arising if any during the currency of contract, the decision of Director Floriculture Kashmir will be final and binding.

No-.FOA/FD/2888-92

Dated: 09022022

Sadaqat Ali DIPK-17860/21 Floriculture Officer Anantnag

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER **DEPARTMENT OF FLORICULTURE KASHMIR SRINAGAR**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS e-NIT No: 69 of 2021-22 Dated: 09.02.2022.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory, J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited

on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / down-

loaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below				
1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	09/02/2022 from 04:00 PM to 15/02/2022 up to 04:00 PM		
2.	Bid submission Start Date.	09/02/2022 from 04:30 PM		
3.	Bid submission End date	15/02/2022 up to 04:00 PM		
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	16/02/2022 at 02:00 PM		

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-Challan/copy of receipt from Treasury favouring of Executive Engineer, Floriculture Department Kashmir (Tender inviting authority) indicating name of work by crediting the requisite charges to the MH: 0406-02-112-Public Gardens (Floriculture Department Kashmir) in favour of Executive Engineer (Tender inviting authority)

All Bidders have to submit/upload Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest Money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form as per Annexure "A" below) The lst. Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/ within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after

The date and time of opening of technical Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov. in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Department of Floriculture Kashmir Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids. 6. The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, If:-

Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Any bid received beyond 15% above the advertisement cost of the work will be rejected. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per

Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of following necessary documents:-I. Tender document fee in the shape of Treasury Challan,

II. Registration,

III. Renewal of Registration (Current financial year) IV.Copy of GST Registration.

No: EE/FDK/3410-15

successful completion of work.

V. Copy of GST Clearance of Current financial year, VI. PAN Card.

VII.Bid Security Declaration. However, hard copy from the successful (first lowest) bidder shall be obtained on call. In case of clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

The successful contractor shall pursue and seek the material carriage permission himself from the concerned competent authority after obtaining the permission letter from the Divisional office. (If applicable)

Furthermore, the successful contractor shall also get the handover/takeover himself after completion of the desired work from the concerned Garden officer/F.O/A.F.O after obtaining handover/ takeover letter from the AEE concerned.

13. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

(Er.Jugal Kishore) **Executive Engineer** DIPK-17854/21 Department of Floriculture, KASHMIR

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# **Burglars Decamp With Cash From Dastgeer** Sahib (RA) Shrine

Syed Burhan

Srinagar: Burglars broke open a donation box at the venerated shrine of Hazrat Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA) in Khanyar area of Srinagar and decamped with an unknown amount of cash last night, officials said on Thursday.

Official sources said that burglars broke the donation box at the shrine of Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA), popularly known as 'Dastgeer Sahib' and decamped with the unknown amount of cash donated by the people.

A police officer confirmed the incident and said that a case has been registered and investigations have been

Meanwhile, three pistol-borne gun-men looted over Rs 1.59 lakhs from a petrol pump in Shopian district of south Kashmir while b

A police official said that 3 pistolborne persons forcibly took away cash of 159021 during night hours from a filling station at Harmain in southern Shopian district. He said a case has been registered and investigations taken up after a complaint was filed with the concerned

# **Burglary Case** Solved, Two Accused **Held In Sgr: Police**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday claimed to have solved a burglary case in which burglars on 03 February 2022 had stolen golden ornaments and cash from a house located in Khilafa Pora

A police spokesman in a statement said that a case under FIR number 03/2022 under section 454/380 IPC was registered in Police Station Khnayar and investigation was started.

During the investigation two suspects, Umer Gulzar Wadoo of Babapora Habakadal and Shakil Ahmad Shah of Kailashpora were questioned, who confessed to the commission of crime, police said.

They were arrested and stolen property including one Golden coin (Pound), two golden chains (01 big and one small . 02 Pendants, a pair of tops, a pair of earrings, a pair of rings and 02 Bangles were recovered on the instance of accused, police said, adding that the total value of the recovered jewellery amounts to Rs 3 lacs approximately.



Dozens of specially-abled persons staged a protest here on Thursday against the Social Welfare department over its alleged 'discriminatory' order barring many of them from applying in the recently advertised posts by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB). pic Abaid Bhat

# **CCIK Resents Imposition Of Property Tax In Cantonment Zone**

Srinagar:- The residents of Cantonment Badamibagh including areas like Palpora, Sonwar, Iqbal Colony, Indra Nagar, Shivpora and Batwara resented unilateral decisions of Cantonment **Authorities** 

According to a statement, The residents said many areas in the vicinity of cantonment installations were declared no construction zones They said no construc-

tion, repair or renovation is allowed within 500 yards from the vicinity of Cantonment

In this regard, two writ petitions are also pending before the High Court of J&K. The residents further alleged that the houses



have been served with attachment notices against property tax. cantonment zone.

Pertinently, many elected members of the Cantonment Board from the same areas, have unanimously rejected the proposal of charging house tax from the residents of the

Backing the demand of the residents of the Cantonment area, the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry Kashmir (CCIK)

Authorities to allow the construction in the area as many hotels and houses need to carry out repair

The CCIK President demanded that further the decision to impose the property tax may also be withdrawn.

Mohammad Afzal Parry, a Cantonment Board member, said the municipality doesn't charge the property tax which was repealed under urban immovable property tax act almost a decade back.

The residents appealed to the authorities to repeal the property tax as the population in the area is under financial strain and cannot in any way afford to pay such tax.(KNS)

# Srinagar Court Asks Waseem Rizvi To Appear Before It

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar:-- A local court here has summoned Jitendra Narayan Tvagi alias Waseem Rizvi for his alleged statement against Islam and Holy Quran.

"Prima facie case for issuance of process for the offences punishable under sections 153A, 295A, 505 of Indian Penal Code is made out against the accused (Tyagi).

As such, in the first instance let a summons be issued to the accused calling upon him to appear before this Court and answer the allegations leveled against him

in the instant complaint," Second Additional Munsiff, Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Srinagar, Shahber Ayaz, said in an order and put up the complaint for further proceedings on 25 March 2022.

Former UP Shia Waqf Board chairman, Tyagi last year converted to Hinduism. The complainant-Danish Hassan Dar, a resident of Srinagar, through his counsel Advocate Amir Masoodi in his plea submitted that Tyagi "outraged, attacked and tarnished his religious feelings" by his statement in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh made a statement on 6 December

2021 that "Islam was a group or organization and that the Holy Book of Muslims Quran is a false and frivolous literature which has no basis at all.'

"The use of these unconstitutional statements clearly depicts his essence of negativity towards the Muslim majority of the Republic of India," the complainant said, adding, "The accused (Tyagi) has outraged, attacked and tarnished the religious feelings of complainant by virtue of his the above mentioned statements which cannot be overlooked and ignored before the Mechanism of law." (GNS)

# Fire Damages House at **Botraj Colony**

**Observer News Service** 

rinagar: A three storied house suffered major damages caused by a fire incident at Botraj Colony, Kathi Darwaza. The officials of the fire and emergency department rushed to the spot and helped avert the fire.

Locals said the house belonging to Raja Mohammad Ali caught fire and the house has been damaged beyond repair.

They also appreciated the efforts of the fire and emergency department which helped prevent fire in the congested downtown locality and appealed to the administration to provide relief to the affected family.

# **Mayor Inspects Facilities** At Astaanpora Shrine

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar February 10: Mayor Srinagar Junaid Azim Mattu on Thursday visited Astanpora shrine at Rawalpora to take stock of various basic facilities including sanitation, water supply electricity and other basic amenities for upcoming URS.

He was accompanied by Executive Engineer Left River Works, Executive

Engineer Jal Shakti, Executive Engineer R&B City Roads, Executive Engineer Drainage Executive Engineer I&FC and Executive Engineer PDD.

While taking review of various functions it was noticed that a canal at site was not in better condition and required immediate cleaning.

Mattu passed on directions to Executive Engineer I&FC to go for proper cleaning and Sanitization of Canal at site.

Mattu also passed on directions to PDD for replacement of damaged

electrical poles with the new ones. Mayor on the occasion directed the concerned to provide regular wa-



ter supply and extensive sanitation services during the URS days.

On his visit to several other adjoining areas of Rawalpora and its Drainage system, Mr Mattu has asked the concerned to prepare DPR for Drainage Network of the said area.

از نیابت هرده شوره ضمون درخواست منجانب: \_عاصف بوسف ولدمجر بوسف وانی ساکنه تر کیه بطه یوره بغرض حصول RBA سرٹفیکیٹ تحت ایس آرآ و126 اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔

معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سابل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول RBA سرٹفکیٹ دفتر ہذامیں پیش کیا ہے۔اس بارے میں عملہ فیلڈ سے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا جس سےعیاں ہے کہ سامل کا کنبہ دھ ھذا میں گزشتہ بندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پذیر ہے سائل کی مہانہ آمدنی 20000 ہے اور سایل کا کنبہ بذیل ہے۔

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	گھر بلوکام	50سال	جبينه بيكم زوجه محمد يوسف	02
	مزدوری	26سال	عا قب يوسف پسر	03
	گھر بلوکام	25	آصيه يوسف دختر	04
	زرتعليم	24	عاصف یوسف پسر	05
	زرتعليم	20	صبريينه بانودختر	06
	زرتعليم	17	آفرينه اختر دختر	07

اس کےعلاہ اورکوئی افراد کنمیز نہیں بتلایا گیاہے ۔ لہذاز پر بحث سرٹفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوکوئی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ سات دن کے اندراندرا نیااعتراض معہ وجوہات پیش کرے۔میعاد گذرنے بعد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

درخواست منجانب فاروق احمد بث ولدمحمه سلطان بئ ساكنه برزوژن تخصيل لربری بمراد حصولRBA سر نفیی منجق دختر زینت فاروق تحت سی ار

اشتهار بمرادآ گاهی هرخاص وعام معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر بیس درخوست سائل دفتر بنرامیس زیرکار وائی ہےاس نسبت

پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ نقوالات ریکارڈ طلب کے گئے جس سے عہاں ہوتاہے کہ سائل سائلہ برزہ وثن میں رہائش پذیرہے۔ کمنیہ کی سالانہ آمدنی 72000 ہے۔ 72000 ہے کمنبہ بذیل افراد پرمشمل ہے فاروق احدیث و سربره 48 زمینداری 6000 آمدنی

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Sgr-Jammu highway - ( Open ) Mughal Road - (Closed) Srinagar-Leh-(Closed)



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# **This Day In History**

1922 - US intervention army leaves Honduras 1943 - US General Eisenhower selected to command the allied armies in Europe; British General Montgomery not best pleased.

1944 - German troops reconquer Aprilia, Italy

1945 - 1st gas turbine propeller-driven airplane flight tested, Downey, CA.

1945 - Yalta agreement signed by FDR, Churchill & Stalin 1946 - World War II: Operation Deadlight ends after scuttling 116 of 156 captured U-boats.

1953 - USSR breaks diplomatic relations with Israel 1956 - British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean deny working as spies for Soviet Russia after reappearing in the Soviet Union after going missing 5

years earlier 1964 - Greek & Turks begin fighting in Limassol, Cyprus 1964 - Taiwan drops diplomatic relations with France 1968 - Israeli-Jordan border fight

1970 - Japan becomes 4th nation to put a satellite (Os-

1971 - US, UK, USSR, others sign Seabed Treaty outlaw-

ing nuclear weapons 1973 - 1st one-day international for Pakistan & NZ

1974 - Titan-Centaur rocket test launch fails.

1974 - Henry Kissinger unveils Nixon Administration's seven-point "Project Independence" plan to make the

U.S. energy independent 1974 - Libya nationalizes three US oil companies that had not agreed to 51 percent nationalization in Sep-

1975 - Margaret Thatcher defeats Edward Heath for leadership of the British Conservative Party

1978 - China lifts a ban on Aristotle, Shakespeare, & 1979 - Iran's premier Bakhtiar resigns, Ayatollah Kho-

1984 - 10th space shuttle mission (41-B)-Challenger

4-returns to Earth 1985 - King Hussein of Jordan & PLO leader Arafat sign

1990 - Nelson Mandela released after 27 years impris-

onment in South Africa. 1991 - UNPO, Unrepresented Nations & People Org

forms in Hague Neth.

1994 - Space shuttle STS-60 (Discovery 18), lands 1995 - Space shuttle STS-63 (Discovery 19), lands

2008 - In East Timor, assassination attempts were made on Xanana Gusmao and Jose Ramos-Horta. Both

2011 - Egyptian Revolution culminates in the resignation of Hosni Mubarak and the transfer of power to the

Supreme Military Council after 18 days of protests. 2012 - Israeli Air Force conducts four air strikes in Gaza

# From KO Archives

# Police detect 150 fake finance companies in JK

Jammu: The crime branch of Jammu and Kashmir police has detected 150 finance companies operat-ing in the state allegedly without any registration from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). These have de-frauded gullible depositors to the tune of Rs 80 crore. Cases have been registered against 40 such allegedly fake companies, mostly in Jammu involving over 200 accused.

Disclosing this to Kash¬mir Observer, the inspector general of police, crime and railways, Masood Chaudhary, said over 99 per cent or the companies were fake and had defrauded people mostly from rural areas in the name of higher interest on their deposits. Most of these operators are be-lieved to have gone abroad along with their families while some of them have declared themselves bankrupt and closed down their companies.

Chaudhary said the cases were registered on receipt of complaints from the affected people. A spe-cial team of sen-ior police offi-cials, headed by the deputy inspector gen-eral (DIG) of police, crime and railways, Prem Kumar, has been constituted to investigate the cases. He said some of the accused have been apprehended while some more were likely to be arrested

In the absence of more stringent laws, Chaudhary said, police were finding it difficult to intervene in the matter. It can take action only after a formal com-plaint is received. Some of the accused had defrauded the depositors to the tune of Rs  $10\ \mathrm{crore}$  to Rs  $15\ \mathrm{crore}$  . He said some special teams had been rushed to places like Mumbai and other major cities across the country to apprehend the culprits.

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#### KO VIEW

# New Regional Geopolitics

India on Wednesday rejected references to Jammu and Kashmir in a China-Pakistan joint statement and called on the two countries not to interfere in India's internal affairs or to alter the status quo in areas illegally occupied by Pakistan in an obvious reference to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor passing through Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

The response from India came three days after China and Pakistan issued the joint statement following a meeting between President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Imran Khan in Beijing on February 6. The statement opposed "any unilateral actions" in Jammu and Kashmir in an apparent reference to India's 2019 decision to withdraw the semi-autonomous status of the region.

India reiterated that "the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh have been, are and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India. "We expect the parties concerned not to interfere in matters that are internal affairs of India," external affairs ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

China-Pakistan statement and response to it from New Delhi have come in the context of a new great game that has started begun between America and China. On the other hand, there is a growing congruence between China and Pakistan in their approach to the regional problems. The China Pakistan Economic Corridor has aligned the interests of the two countries. And this alliance is something that has made New Delhi uncomfortable. India has opposed the CPEC on the ground that it passes through the Pakistan Administered Kashmir which India says belongs to it by virtue of the accession treaty signed by Maharaja Hari Singh.

On the other hand, Washington's priorities with India are no longer regional in their nature but their scope is the larger geopolitics. In recent years, the US-India engagement has also been about the remaking of the global power equation with India not only being recognized as a global power in its own right but also as a countervailing force to China, the world's No 2. It goes without saying that India's 1.3 billion population with a value addition of a burgeoning middle class has become an ultimate attraction for the west.

The US exit from Afghanistan is at the heart of this changing geo-political map of the region. It has made regional alignments more complicated. But the US new policy hardly takes on board this complexity. The only way that this destabilizing situation can be effectively tackled is for the regional powers including India and Pakistan to get together and find a comprehensive solution to the region's problems. But it has to be a solution that also addresses the core concerns of the neighbouring countries and takes care of their interests.

## OTHER OPINON

# The Ukraine Conundrum

ussia and the West continue to jostle over Ukraine. Eerily reminiscent of the geopolitical tussle during the Cold War, major powers are busy competing over the future of Ukraine while the voice of Ukrainians has become marginal. Ukraine has become the battleground that is likely to shape the future security architecture of Europe. The tension between the West and Russia is, therefore, much more profound than simply the fate of Ukraine. It is the future of the geopolitical mapping of Europe that is at stake in the game of brinkmanship that the world is witnessing.

There are claims from Washington that Russia has established 70 per cent of the military build-up it needs to launch a full-scale invasion of Ukraine and that as many as 50,000 civilians and up to 25,000 Ukrainian soldiers might get killed in the eventuality of an invasion. Russia has dismissed such reports as "[m]adness and scaremongering". Ukraine, too, has been downplaying the Russian military build-up.

Diplomatic channels, however, continue to work with two key European leaders, France's President Emmanuel Macron and the German chancellor, Olaf Scholz, reaching out to both Moscow and Kiev in a bid to calm the tensions. Macron has called for a "new balance" to protect European states and satisfy Russia, underlining that it is legitimate for Russia to raise its own security concerns. France has been calling for a reset in Europe's ties with Russia for some time now and has been asking the European Union to reach out to Moscow independently of Washington. But with NATO relying largely on American hard power and the differences within the EU on how to move forward, the capacity of Brussels to influence ground realities remains largely confined to diplomacy.

On the other side, Russia's relationship with China is strengthening with the two galvanizing their partnership to take on the West. Vladimir Putin's visit to Beijing to attend the Winter Olympics made him the first leader of a major global power to meet the Chinese president, Xi Jinping, in person in the last two years. During the visit, the two leaders issued a joint statement which expansively described their bilateral relationship: "Friendship between [Russia and China] has no limits, there are no 'forbidden' areas of cooperation." In the statement, there were accusations against NATO for espousing a Cold War ideology, concerns about the AUKUS pact involving Australia, the UK and the US as well as Moscow's support for Beijing's One China policy, reiterating its opposition to "any forms of independence of Taiwan". There was support for enhancing Russia-China economic ties, including a gas deal involving Gazprom to increase exports to China from 38 billion to 48 billion cubic metres a year. While Ukraine was not mentioned, the two nations made their intent amply clear: "Russia and China stand against attempts by external forces to undermine security and stability in their common adjacent regions, intend to counter interference by outside forces in the internal affairs of sovereign countries under any pretext... and will increase cooperation in the aforementioned areas."

reas. Telegraph India

# **Left Behind**

# Precarious Primary School Education In Kashmir

**Muhammad Tahir** 

CHOOL-going children in Kashmir have been badly affected by the triple lockdown. Nearly 2 million kids have missed around two years of formal schooling. Following the revocation of Article 370 on 5 August 2019, curfew, communication blockade and hartal kept schools closed for many weeks. In spring 2020, schools in Kashmir were closed due the first wave of Covid-19 pandemic. Then the so-called 'second wave' (of Covid-19) struck and schools were again closed under Government Order No. 91-Edu of 2021, dated 04.04.2021.

Although teaching switched to online mode globally, Kashmiri students and teachers faced internet issues. Authorities restored high-speed 4G Internet only in February 2021, after a 550 days ban. According to BBC News (23 June 2021) "students from more than 150 villages in the area [Kashmir] have had no access to online lessons."

The triple lockdown is a unique context which has created a uniquely challenging situation for Kashmiri students, particularly from the economically weaker sections who lack resources to navigate the crisis. Prolonged school closures and continuous disruption during the formative years of primary education is especially concerning, because students lose out on developing basic cognitive (and acquiring) other skills.

Specific context of Kashmir as a site of a protracted armed conflict makes the crisis all the more serious. Because prolonged disruption of studies of children could potentially add to the dynamics that have a bearing on the mental health of Kashmiri children, and in turn on the political situation in the region. Amit Sen, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, visited Kashmir during the 2019 military lockdown and later wrote in his article 'A Childhood Denied' (Indian Express, 31 Jan 2020) that "Children and adolescents who could access mental health services, were reporting all kinds of abuse (physical, sexual and emotional) and nightly raids by security forces — as corroborated through reports from other members of our group who had visited villages and towns in different districts - which had created an atmosphere of terror and panic amongst young people and their families. They shared experiences of paralysing fear, acute anxiety, panic attacks, depressive-dissociative symptoms, post traumatic symptoms, suicidal tendencies and severe anger outbursts. There was a marked increase in psychological distress in 70 per cent (as estimated through a recent survey by mental health professionals in the Valley) of the population. Professionals working on the ground expressed concern about the aftermath of this imbroglio and feared that the trauma suffered by thousands of people will become evident in the months and years to come."

Sen argued that "repetitive, violent trauma in endemic war zones can be deeply damaging for the community, especially children and adolescents, who could be scarred for life, and pass on their fear and anger to generations that follow. They don't need to be tutored or indoctrinated to form extreme attitudes and prejudices."

According Dr Majid Shafi, a clinical psychiatrist based in Srinagar, "Almost every parent of kids and teenagers in Kashmir is complaining these days about increased behavioural issues in their children." Dr Shafi's assessment is that there is an increase in symptoms such as "a feeling of hopelessness, anxiety, mood disorders, and a decline in academic performance" (as quoted by Majid Maqbool in The Conversationalist, 15 July 2021).

About 90% of the children of government primary schools belong to Below Poverty Line (BPL) category, including tribal and other backward categories. So, generally students of government primary schools come from weaker socio-economic backgrounds - labour class, auto-rickshaw drivers, agricultural labourers, slum-dwellers, tribal and other BPL families. In comparison, most students of private schools in Kashmir come from middle- and high-income families. This economic disparity affects the outcome in terms of who gets better education or in the present context of an unprecedented health crisis, who manages to receive sufficient classes and get to participate in relatively better (alternative) learning processes. A positive aspect of online teaching has been that the process became a learning experience for parents as well. A parent whose kid studies in a private school in Pampore said about online classes that "It is not only kids who are learning, but us parents also have learnt so many things - like writing techniques, activities, pronunciation etc." But this is a privilege that most government school students' parents do not have because they are from working-class backgrounds.

While government schools started online teaching classes around the same time the private schools did, they were less successful than private schools. Main reasons for this are lack of parental guidance, lack of smartphones, and poor internet connectivity (because rural areas in Kashmir usually have patchy internet). Other reasons could be related to psychological issues, such a lack of motivation among students due to the physic crisic But that peads to be prepared upgravely

chronic crisis. But that needs to be properly researched. Keeping in view the limitation of online teaching in the context of Kashmir, Directorate of School Education Kashmir started 'community classes', which have been somewhat successful. Community classes are taken in open air, usually in the school grounds or in commons closer to the school, with students kept at a 2-meter distance from each other. Classes run from 8-10 AM.

According to India Blooms News Service (17 July



2021), both government and private school students have benefited from the community-class initiative. By mid-July, around 1,80,407 students from government schools attended community-classes, while 6270 private school students also participated in the community classes in the same period. Top three districts for community class participation are: Anantnag (42,579), Baramulla (39,032), and Pulwama (20,634). It is claimed that around 30,000 government school teachers are engaged in community-class initiatives.

However, the School Education Department Kashmir treats community classes as "a parallel hybrid learning exercise to supplement the existing Learning Management System (LMS)." That means community-classes cannot replace the online mode of teaching, which is, seemingly, a more preferable alternative for the department. As the official circular (quoted by Greater Kashmir, 30 June 2021) makes clear: "The community school should be prioritised for those children who are not connected through online classes and should in no way be considered an alternative to online classes. Online classes should continue for the connected children through Learning Man-

acquired basic cognitive skills, so they can manage on their own. However, primary class students are learning, and prolonged closure of schools has taken away their crucial formative years of basic learning

agement System (LMS) or Real Time Video Conferencing Apps or conference calls and other digital platforms."

However, in effect, community classes have replaced online mode of teaching. Because community classes are relatively more effective than online teaching. At least, this is what teachers from District Pulwama told me. A Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) from one of the Tehsils of the district told me that "Primary schools were badly hit by the pandemic lock down due to having a delicate lot of learners prone to infection. Due to non-availability of Internet facilities and Android phones with the children, the online teaching could not be held for most of the lock down period. However, it took a measure time with parent's cooperation to make things available but almost only 10 to 20% of students. However, community teaching was of great support."

Although community-classes have been relatively successful, problems still persist. Some of these problems precede the crisis. Firstly, most government primary schools do not have their own grounds. So, they are forced to rent nearby orchards or private properties to conduct their classes. State land abutting many govt schools (that could be transferred to the school department) have been encroached upon by locals. Cooperation from students is mixed, many don't attend community classes regularly. Only some parents cooperate, most do not actively involve themselves in their kid's education, because they are from the working-class. Two hours (8-10 AM) are not sufficient to cover everything. Teachers told me that they can give lessons, but they cannot check homework and conduct other activities. School Department is working with the Health Department and their focus is on managing Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, some schools are facing staff shortage because some of their teachers have been assigned non-academic duties, such as Covid-19 pandemic related surveillance. Most schools have just 3-4 rooms, and lack toilets. Teachers and masters are forced to partition rooms with thin plywood. Noise from one class disturbs others. In some rural schools, there are only fewer teachers for a large number of students, while there are many teachers for a fewer lot of students in some urban areas.

In terms of problems, a ZEO said that "primary

schools...are in dire need of furniture with proper seating arrangement. The schools need Internet facilities with all other modern gadgets required for primary teaching. The primary school teachers need specialised training from time to time and explore visits to the advanced and well performing schools in and out-side union territory to get well equipped with knowledge and skills. The primary schools need school-maids for proper watch and ward, sanitation, health & hygiene of the students."

If Kashmir wants to catch up with others, and improve its future human resource, the above-mentioned problems must be immediately addressed through a comprehensive policy backed up substantial investment plan. A silver-lining in this crisis has been that there weren't many drop outs in government schools. In fact, some private school students switched to being government schools (although this was due to the financial crunch brought by the triple lockdown).

Many experts advocate blended learning, but primary stakeholders must be brought on board and a policy must be formulated after receiving their feedback. Parents of govt primary school students seem to be unsatisfied with online mode of teaching. Father of a govt primary school student from Awantipora, a laborer by profession, told me that "I am not satisfied with online teaching; these kids keep their mics mute and do other stuff than listening to their teachers. I kept my phone at home but my son would play the Free Fire game on it rather than attend his classes. I prefer face to face classes where teachers will at least keep him under discipline." A government school teacher from Awantipora told me, "It (alternative teaching) is just a compensatory thing, to keep students engaged." These views were echoed by some other teachers. A government school teacher from Pampore told me that "We started community classes in 2020, but it was moderately successful. There is marginal engagement of parents in the process, not all students join. We have a roll of 85 students, we have just 3 rooms. We have seven teachers out of which three are on Covid-duty." These are important views, and must be considered during policy formulations.

I have focused on primary school students, because in comparison to higher secondary school students they are affected more. Students of higher secondary schools have already acquired basic cognitive skills, so they can manage on their own. However, primary class students are learning, and prolonged closure of schools has taken away their crucial formative years of basic learning. Also, schools have been 'informally' asked schools not to fail students. Students who were in Grade 3 in 2019, were promoted to Grade 4 in 2020 and, most probably will be promoted to Grade 5 in 2021. But, since they have not covered the entire syllabus of the previous two classes, they cannot be expected to have the required prior training/skills to be able to read or adequately understand the syllabus and texts of the class they have not progressed to in a normal way. As a rough analogy, they are like entry level swimmers who must first learn how to properly enter and exit a pool but instead they are being asked to do 50 yards of swimming with different strokes in a local stream without sufficient aid and support.

Furthermore, higher secondary school students can get resources/materials from the internet and photostat shops or from private coaching centres. For primary students there are far fewer options. There are far more coaching centres catering to the high school students than primary school students in Kashmir. During the winter of 2020, private coaching centres worked normally in almost all districts of Kashmir. Therefore, I think the 'triple lockdown' has affected the primary school students more than high school students. But this is a question that requires to be explored through empirical research.

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# **Trollers Are Sinners**

ecently, 12th class results were declared in Kashmir. While the usual "girls outshine boys" news flashed on our screens — there was an unexpected flow of hate directed towards some students.

Following interviews with news channels, one of the state toppers was trolled shamelessly for her choice of clothes. The comments that were present all across the web did not merely moral police her, some were open calls to threat.

It is disappointing to see that our society has some elements that are hellbent at bringing women down and discouraging them.

However, we must not be blindsighted by the hate given how it is the same society where it is young girls who have done brilliant in exams.

People should know that they are no more than criminals, thugs and trollers when they mindlessly abuse women online or participate in an unproductive shaming enterprise directed towards a young girl. To the many, "This is not Islam" comments,

I say, trolling, online abuse, online threats are certainly not islamic.

Our women have the minds to make the best of their journeys. We must have faith in them and stand with them as they excel and go on to make great contributions in the field of education.

Hurmat Gul

# AKE A NOTE OF YOUR RESPONSES. MAKE A NOTE OF WHAT

happens when you try anything new. What exactly did you do? How did you feel throughout the event? After that, how did you feel? What did you do if things didn't go as planned? Do you believe you'll be able to take on greater responsibilities in the future?

# **Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD)**

# Find Your Way Through It

**Wasim Kakroo** 

orderline personality disorder (BPD) is a pattern of instability in personal relationships and self-image. People with BPD have a hard time recognizing and controlling their emotions.

For both the individual with the disorder and their loved ones, dealing with this disorder can be difficult. If you or someone you care about suffers from Borderline Personality Disorder, there are certain strategies you can use to cope.

Pay attention to your emotions. The inability to perceive, define, and label one's emotions is a typical problem among people with BPD. Slowing down and thinking about what you're feeling during an emotional event can help you learn to control your emotions.

Throughout the day, try "checking in" with yourself many times. Take a short pause from work, for example, to close your eyes and "try to get connected" with your body and emotions. Take note of whether you are physically tense or achy. Note whether you've been thinking or feeling about anything for a long time. Keeping track of how you're feeling can help you in learning to recognize and control your emotions.

Put efforts to be as definite as possible. Instead of thinking, "I'm so angry I can't handle it!" try identifying where you believe the emotion is coming from: "I feel angry because I was late to work because I got delayed in traffic."

When you're thinking about your emotions, try not to pass judgment on them. For example, refrain from telling oneself things like "I'm angry right now. Why am I angry all the time? It is not good to be angry." Instead, focus solely on identifying the emotion without passing judgment, such as "I am angry because it was hurtful that my friend was late."

Determine the difference between primary and secondary emotions. Learning to identify all of the emotions you might experience in a particular situation is a crucial step toward regulation of emotions. People with BPD frequently feel overwhelmed by a whirlwind of emotions. Take a moment to distinguish between what you're feeling right now and what else you might be feeling.

Your first emotion can be anger, if your friend, for example, forgot that you were having lunch together today. This would be the primary emotion.

There's a chance that the anger is accompanied by other emotions. For example, you can be feeling hurt because your friend has forgotten about you. You may be worried that this is a sign that your friend doesn't care about you. You can feel ashamed, as if you don't deserve to be remembered by your pals. All of these feelings are secondary.

Understanding where your emotions come from can help you learn to control them.

Be habitual of positive self-talk. Challenge negative attitudes and patterns with positive self-talk as one approach to handle your reactions in a more healthy way. It may take some time to feel at ease doing this, but it is beneficial. Positive self-talk has been demonstrated to help you feel more alert, enhance your concentration, and reduce anxiety.

Remind yourself that you deserve respect and love. Make it a fun to look for qualities in oneself that you like, such as competency, kindness, imagination, and so on. When you find yourself feeling down about yourself, remind yourself of these good aspects.

Remind yourself that bad things happen to everyone at some point, and that they are only transitory. For example, if your coach critiqued your cricket practice performance, remind yourself that this is not typical of your performances in the past or future. Instead of dwelling on what went wrong in the past, concentrate on what you can do better next time.

This will make you feel that you can control over your actions, instead of feeling like you are being ill-treated by someone else

Negative thoughts should be reframed in a positive light. If you didn't perform well on a test, for example, your initial thinking might be, "I'm such a loser. I'm worthless, and I'll fail this class." This isn't helpful, and it's also not fair to you. Instead, consider what you can gain from the experience: "I didn't do as well on this exam as I had planned." I can talk to my



professor about my weak points and how to study more effectively for the upcoming exam

Before reacting to others, take a moment to check in with yourself. Anger or despair are common reactions for people with BPD. For example, if a friend did something to make you feel sad, your immediate reaction might be to go into a rage and threaten the other him/her. Instead, spend some time getting to know yourself and identifying your emotions. Then, in a nonthreatening manner, try to explain them to the other individual.

If a friend came late for lunch, for example, your first emotion might be anger. You might want to scream at them and demand to know why they were so disrespectful to you.

Make a mental note of your emotions. How are you feeling right now? Is there a primary emotion, and if so, what are the secondary emotions? You may be feeling angry, but you may also be feeling fear since you believe the reason behind your friend's being late because they don't care about you.

Ask the person why they were late in a calm voice, without being judgmental or without threatening them. Make statements that are "I"-centered. Consider the following scenario: "I'm feeling disappointed that you were late for our lunch. What caused you to be so late?" You'll most likely discover that your friend's tardiness was due to some reason, such as traffic or unable to find car keys. You obviously might not want to sound like you're blaming the other person, so use "I" sentences. They will feel less defensive and more open as a result of this.

You can learn to moderate your responses to other people by reminding yourself to examine your feelings and not jump to conclusions.

Delineate your feelings in detail. Associating physical symptoms with the emotional states in which you typically experience them is a good start. Learning to recognize your physical as well as emotional feelings might help you better articulate and comprehend your emotions.

For example, you might get a sinking sensation in the pit of your stomach in specific situations but have no idea what it means. Consider the feelings you're having the next time you have that sinking. This sinking sensation could be linked to anxiety.

Once you recognize that the sinking sensation in your stomach is anxiety, you will begin to feel more in control of the sensation rather than as if it is controlling you.

**Learn Self-relaxing techniques.** When you're in a tumultuous situation, learning self-relaxing activities might help you stay calm. These are activities you can do to comfort and treat yourself with kindness and care.

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bath. Physical warmth has been shown to have a calming impact on many people.

other individual

Try relaxing yourself by self-touch. By generating oxytocin, touching yourself in a loving, relaxing manner can help you relax and decrease stress. Try crossing your arms over your chest and gently squeezing yourself. Put your palm over your heart and note how your skin warms, your heart beats, and your chest rises and falls as you breathe. Take a few moments to tell yourself that you are lovely and deserving.

Put efforts to Increase your tolerance for ambiguity or distress. The ability to tolerate an unpleasant emotion without reacting to it inappropriately is known as emotional tolerance. This skill can be developed by being familiar with your emotions and progressively exposing yourself to novel or uncertain events in a safe atmosphere.

Throughout the day, keep a journal in which you record whenever you feel uncertain, anxious, or fearful. Make a note of the circumstance you were in when you felt this way, as well as how you dealt with it at that

time.

**Train yourself in tolerating uncertainty.** Begin by putting yourself in small, safe situations. For example, at a new restaurant, you could order a meal you've never eaten before. The meal may or may not be enjoyable for you, but that isn't the point. You will have proven to yourself that you are capable of dealing with uncertainty on your own. As you gain confidence, you can gradually progress to more challenging scenarios.

Make a note of your responses. Make a note of what happens when you try anything new. What exactly did you do? How did you feel throughout the event? After that, how did you feel? What did you do if things didn't go as planned? Do you believe you'll be able to take on greater responsibilities in the future?

**Try practicing having unpleasant experiences.** Your therapist might give you activities to help you learn to cope with unpleasant feelings. The following are some things you can perform on your own:

Hold an ice cube in your hand until the negative emotion subsides. Concentrate on the feel of the ice cube in your hand. Take note of how it intensifies at first, then fades away. Emotions behave in the same way.

Consider an ocean wave. Consider how

it rises till it crests and then sinks. Remind yourself

that emotions build and then subside, much like waves. **Do some** 

exercise on a regular basis. Exercise can help you feel stressed, less anxious, or depressed. This is because physical activity causes your body to release endorphins, which are natural "feel-good" chemicals. Even moderate activity, such as walking or gardening, has been shown to have these effects.

Maintain a regular schedule. Because one of the features of BPD is instability, sticking to a regular routine for things like meal times and sleep might be beneficial. BPD symptoms can be exacerbated by blood sugar fluctuations or sleep deprivation.

Ask someone to remind you

if you have problems remembering to take care of yourself, such as forgetting to eat meals or not going to bed at a healthy time

**Keep your ambitions in check.** It takes time and practice to deal with any disorder. In a few days, you won't see a complete revolution. Allowing yourself to become discouraged is a bad idea. Remember that you can only do your best, and that's enough. It's important to remember that your symptoms will improve with time, not in an overnight.

Consult a psychologist/therapist. For persons with BPD, therapy is one of the most important sources of help. A trained therapist's assistance and direction can make a major difference in BPD therapy and recovery. Therapy can provide a secure environment in which you can begin to work through your relationship and trust issues, as well as "try on" new coping skills.

Although there are various types of therapy that can be used to treat BPD, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, or DBT, has the best track record.

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) is a therapeutic modality designed exclusively for patients with BPD. It has a proven track record of success. DBT teaches persons with BPD how to control their emotions, improve frustration tolerance, gain mindfulness skills, identify and label their emotions, and strengthen psychosocial skills in order to engage with others.

Schema-focused therapy is another common treatment. CBT techniques are combined with strategies from other therapy modalities in this form of treatment. It focuses on assisting people with BPD in reorganizing or restructuring their views and experiences in order to help them develop a stable self-image.

Medical/psychiatric help: Despite the

Medical/psychiatric help: Despite the fact that many patients with BPD take medication, there is little evidence that it is effective. Furthermore, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the United States has not approved any drugs for the treatment of BPD. This isn't to say that medicine isn't useful—especially if you have co-occurring issues like depression or anxiety—but it's not a cure for BPD per se. Therapy is far more beneficial in the case of BPD.

Your doctor may, however, prescribe medicine if:

You've been given a diagnosis of BPD as

depression or bipolar disorder. You suffer from extreme anxiety or have

panic episodes

You start having strange, paranoid thoughts or hallucinating.

You're having suicide thoughts or are at risk of hurting yourself or others.

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# **Refresher Courses Keep Trainers Abreast With Latest Techniques: Alok Kumar**



E-launches Training **Prog, Bats For Making** It Annual Feature

**Observer News Service** 

IAMMU: Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Alok Kumar, on Thursday advocated refresher courses as integral towards keeping trainers, coaches and teachers abreast with latest skills and techniques of sports world.

To remain updated with the latest know how of games in order to perform their jobs in a befitting manner, it is im-perative to involve the field staff of the Department of Youth Services and Sports in such courses", maintained the Principal Secretary.

Principal Secretary was addressing a gathering after e-launching a training programme for field staff including PETs, PEMS and REKs at the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports.

Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanfar Ali and other senior officers of the department were present on the occasion.

A total of 764 trainers drawn

from 186 zones of 20 districts of J&K are taking part in this month long refresher course who will be imparted training in the disciplines of Taekwondo, Sqay, Fencing, Archery, Hockey and Soft Tennis by a panel of experts mostly from the department.

The expert panel of repersons including Atul Pangotra, Virander Singh and Gursharan (Taekwondo), Ujjwal Gupta and Shefali Gupta (Fencing), Pankaj Spolia and Khajuria (Sqay) besides Vishal Malhotra and Indu Bhushan (Soft Tennis) were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Alok Kumar said such programmes are essential for helping trainers gain knowledge and wisdom to further add to their skills for larger interest of sportspersons of the UT. He asked the concerned authorities to make sure that this orientation programme is

He appreciated the Director Sports for involving a good number of trainers and trainees in this programme which would immensely help towards pro-

# India Eye Whitewash As Dhawan Returns To **Add More Firepower**

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: The returning Shikhar Dhawan will add more firepower to a ruthless India, who are faced with the problem of plenty, as they eye a clean sweep of West Indies in an inconsequential third ODI here on

Hosts India head into the final match of the series after having ticked almost all the boxes in the first two games, which they won comfortably.

Senior opener Dhawan was among the four players, including a reserve bowler, who had tested positive for COVID-19 just four days ahead of the start of the ODI leg. But now that the southpaw is

back, the Indian team could be forced to make few changes to its winning combination. In his absence, the team management opened with Ishan Kishan in the first game and the

flamboyant Rishabh Pant in the second. After his side's 44-run win in the second game on Wednesday, India skipper Rohit Sharma made it clear that Dhawan will be back for the last match of the ODI series.

This means that vice-captain KL Rahul would continue to bat in the middle-order along with former skipper Virat Kohli whose search for his 71st international hundred continues.

The hosts, who were restricted to 237 for nine in the second game, would be keen to post a big score if they again bat first. Skipper Rohit failed in the

last game but it is common knowledge that he can take on any attack on his day, and so is the case with Dhawan. In all probability, all-rounder

Deepak Hooda would have to make way for Dhawan in the playing XI.

The Indian bowlers dished out a clinical show in the two preceding matches, dismissing their opponents for 176 and 193, respectively.

And with the series sealed, the Indian team management can afford to make few changes and give opportunities to new

So, either left-arm orthodox spinner Kuldeep Yadav, who is making a comeback after recovering from an injury, or young leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi could get a look-in.

This means ther Yuzvendra Chahal or Washington Sundar could be rested to make way for one of their teammates.

Also, Madhya Pradesh pacer Avesh Khan has been waiting in the wings, and the team management might also give him a

With pacer Prasidh Krishna taking four wickets in an excellent second game and Shardul Thakur also among the wickets, it is highly unlikely that the duo would be dropped.

So if Avesh is included, probably Mohammed Siraj would have to make way.

Meanwhile, the West Indies, who have already conceded the series, would be looking to put up an improvised show with the bat and regain some lost

# **Roundup Of Olympic Gold Medals From** Thursday, Feb. 10

**AGENCIES** 

BEIJING: A roundup of gold medals from Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Beijing Games:

**ALPINE SKIING** 

**MEN'S COMBINED** 

Austrian skier Johannes Strolz won the Olympic gold medal in the Alpine combined race 34 years after his father did the same.

The 29-year-old Strolz was fourth fastest after the downhill run but he was half a second quicker than anyone else in the slalom. He edged first-run leader Aleksander Aamodt Kilde of Norway by 0.58 seconds. Jack Crawford of Canada took bronze.

The combined adds the times from one downhill run and one slalom run.

Strolz's father won gold in combined at the 1988 Calgary Olympics. Hubert Strolz also won silver in the giant slalom that year.

Kilde won his second medal of the Beijing Games. He also took bronze in the super-G on Tuesday.

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING** WOMEN'S 10KM CLASSIC

Norwegian cross-country skier Therese Johaug won gold in the 10-kilometer classic race at the Beijing Olympics. It was her second gold of the Games — she won the women's 15-kilometer cross-country skiathlon on Saturday.

Johaug glided around the cold, windy course in 28 minutes, 6.3 seconds. As she watched others come in with slower times, realizing the gold was hers, she shouted and howled, throwing her head back and pumping her arms in the air. Finland's Kerttu Niskanen

was ahead of Johaug at the 8.6-kilometer mark but crossed the finish line just 0.4 seconds behind the Norwegian. Krista Parmakoski of Finland secured the bronze 31.5 seconds back.

Natalia Nepryaeva of Russia threatened Parmakoski's time but crossed the line 31.6 seconds behind Johaug.

Olympic Beijing

10-kilometer (6.2-mile) cross country race was in the classic ski style. Ninety-eight women went off at 30-second intervals to ski two laps on a 5-kilometer course.

The 10K race alternates between classic and freestyle, or skate, every Olympic cycle, so the Pyeongchang event was freestyle and the 2014 Sochi Games were classic.

**FIGURE SKATING MEN'S INDIVIDUAL** 

Figure skater Nathan Chen won gold, joining an exclusive club of U.S. Olympic champions in the sport and capping a fouryear journey that started after his medal hopes were dashed

at the Pyeongchang Games. The 22-year-old's win in Beijing makes him the seventh U.S. men's skater to step atop the podium. Chen delivered a rousing performance of his "Rocketman" free skate, drawing cheers from the limited crowd of spectators.

Japan's Yuma Kagiyama and Shoma Uno won silver and bronze, respectively.

Long-time rival Yuzuru Hanyu, the two-time defending Olympic champion from Japan, came into the free skate with a deficit so great that not even his planned quad axel in the free skate would've made up for it. He finished in fourth place after falling in his attempt to become the first figure skater to land the quad axel in competition.

#### FREESTYLE SKIING **MIXED TEAM AERIALS**

The Americans won gold in the Olympics' first mixed team aerials event, giving the U.S. its first medals in the freestyle skiing discipline in a dozen years. The trio of Ashley Caldwell,

Christopher Lillis and Justin Schoenefeld each earned their first Winter Games medals. Lillis' back double full-fulldouble full was given the highest score of any trick in the finals, and the U.S. title was assured when Schoenefeld followed with a clean back double full-full-full.

made an annual feature.

motion of quality sports in J&K.

# Kabaddi Match Held At Indoor Sports Complex Bajwani, Tral

**Observer News Service** 

**PULWAMA:** District Administration in collaboration with DYS&SO on Thursday organized a Kabaddi Match under the banner of YSS CUP at Indoor Sports Complex Bajwani Tral, here.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Tral, Shabir Ahmad Raina who was the Chief Guest on the occasion inaugurated the match.

The ADC said that sports not only makes youth physically and mentally fit but also helps in keeping them away from drug menace that has become a great threat to the society in present times. He asserted that the government is fully sensitive to the issue and realizes the significance of sports in ensuring a healthy citizenry.

# **Someone Else Took Credit For** Decisions I Took In Australia: Rahane

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** He was a central figure in India's epic turnaround during the 2020-21 tour of Australia but stand-in captain of that series Ajinkya Rahane says "someone else took the credit" for decisions he made to resurrect the team after the nightmarish 36 all out in the Adelaide Test.

As regular captain Virat Kohli flew out of Australia, leaving in his wake the disappointment of the humiliating loss in the opener at Adelaide, Rahane took over the reins in the most difficult of circumstances.

What followed was one of the



most incredible turnarounds seen in Test history as India rebounded to win the second match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground by eight wickets, with Rahane leading the fight-back with a magnificent hundred.

"I know what I've done there. I don't need to tell anyone. That's not my nature to go and take credit. Yes, there were some things that I took

the decisions on the field or in the dressing room but someone else took the credit for it," Rahane said in an episode of 'Backstage With Boria'. "(What was) important for

me was that we won the series. That was a historical series and for me, that was really special."

Rahane did not take any names but his comments could well be a veiled attack on the then head coach Ravi Shastri, who was widely acclaimed for the team's performance and dominated the media space for being the architect of the turnaround given that the dressing room resembled a hospital ward at one point.

# CONTD. FROM **FRONT PAGE**

## **UP Elections**

in the region, while the Samajwadi Party and the BSP had got two seats each. One seat had gone to the Rashtriya Lok Dal. PTI

## **Court Says, No**

arrangement is only for a few days till the matter is resolved and asked him to cooperate.

On Wednesday, Justice Dixit, who was hearing the case, referred the case to Justice Awasthi's consideration with a view that a larger bench may look into the case.

The Hijab row started in December end when a few students started coming to the government preuniversity college in Udupi wearing Hijab. To protest against it, some Hindu students turned up wearing saffron scarves. The row spread to other educational institutions in different parts of the State, and the protests took a violent turn at some place earlier this week, prompting the government on Tuesday to declare three days holiday for the

#### institutions. **J&K Logs Lowest**

Budgam 22, Baramulla 16. Pulwama 17, Anantnag 11, Bandipora 15, Ganderbal 19, Kulgam 8 and

Shopian. In the winter capital, officials said Jammu detected a maximum of 176 new cases of Coronavirus, Ramban 39, Doda 22, Kathua 17, Udhampur 13, Rajouri 9, Samba 12, Kishtwar 12,

Poonch 4, and Reasi 3. Besides, they said, 2258 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time— 662 from Jammu Division and 1596

from Kashmir. Also, the officials said that four more people died of Coronavirus related complications in Jammu division and three others in Kashmir Valley, raising the death toll in the pandemic to 4739 in J&K-2320 in Jammu and 2419 in Kashmir.

## **Govt, OYO Launch**

entrepreneurship and create selfemployment opportunities, officials

"The J&K government and...OYO Group launched rural homestay under project 'Crown of Incredible India' to encourage micro-entrepreneurs in the villages. It will revitalise local art and crafts and redevelopment of rural areas," a senior official

J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoi

Sinha, who launched the initiative along with OYO founder and Group CEO Ritesh Agarwal at Raj Bhawan here, said, "Rural homestays in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra have started to rival conventional tourism. Having the most beautiful locales in the country, J&K is determined to catch up. This partnership marks the start of a new chapter." He said that OYO has made a great start to onboard J&K's rural homestays on their platform. "Our mission youth department

has identified 75 villages under the tourist village network. They will partner with OYO, not just to generate jobs, but to improve the local economy and infrastructure. "Those youth in this programme,

who want to start their homestays,

we will support them through an

incentive of Rs 50,000 each," Sinha He further added that J&K is today the 6th largest tourist destination in India in terms of tourist influx and

has created both jobs and revenue. "In August-November 2021, J&K witnessed 52 lakh tourists, which is growing by the day.

"With this project, OYO plans to start with 20 homestays immediately of which 10 are already live. OYO will ensure that 200 of our homestays are on their platform by December," he

Sinha added that this will provide both national and international tourists, the opportunity to experience and live the culture and tradition of JK. "We will be able to create the most well developed rural tourism circuit," he said.

OYO founder and Group CEO Ritesh Agarwal said, "We, at OYO, are thrilled to be a part of the unique tourism opportunities in Jammu & Kashmir, and are excited to welcome travellers visiting the state for unique stay experience at these homestays." Agarwal said OYO is proud to extend our partnership with the Jammu & Kashmir government to generate economic and employment opportunities in the district. The 'Crown of Incredible India' will enable socioeconomic development helping people become Atmanirbhar, he added.

"As the country celebrates Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, 75 glorious years of progressive India, we at OYO renew our commitment to strengthen tourism for the benefit of local communities," the CEO said. OYO in J&K is a key player in the tourism ecosystem and has over 140 hotels and homes creating over 500 direct and indirect employment opportunities.

The J&K tourism village network, under the aegis of 'Mission Youth', will start with 75 villages to boost the local economy by encouraging community entrepreneurship as 200 homestays are planned in one year in Udhampur, Srinagar, Jammu, Anantnag, Doda and other underpenetrated districts.

The Mission Youth initiative of the J&K government provides a platform to the local youth under multiple schemes and it offers financial assistance, last-mile infrastructure and accessibility to promote sustainable livelihood, officials said.

The J&K government under the Mission Youth will support 500 youth for establishing homestay, and Rs 50,000 financial assistance per homestay will be provided for refurbishment. The venture will help in building a tourist infrastructure of world standards in rural J&K, they

The homestay owners in Jammu & Kashmir are primarily engaged in agricultural activities making it a key source of their income, they said.

"This includes apple, saffron, corn and walnut cultivation, one of the mainstays of Jammu & Kashmir's economy. Many have had to migrate to cities in search of livelihoods," he

## **Govt Transfers**

Mahore and Sub-Registrar, Mahore, has been transferred and posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, against an available vacancy. He shall also hold the additional charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Urban Development Agency, Kashmir, till further orders.

awaiting Shyambir, of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu vice Ghan Shyam Singh, who has been asked to report to GAD for further adjustment. **CISF Detains** 

the trio as Yasir Hussain Malik of Kotli Doda, Parvender Kumar of Doda and Muhammad Rafi, a resident of Kulhan Doda. (KNT) **DSEK Seeks List** 

cases zero percent results have

been recorded which is a matter

of grave concern and needs to be

addressed immediately by fixing responsibility and also taking all remedial measures so that such a situation

is not repeated in future," DSEK said. The top officials in this regard have asked the CEOs to submit the details of such schools having low pass percentage and list of the teaching staff respectively within three days.

zero pass percentage has been re-

corded, along with details of lecturers including Head of the institutions." DSEK said. It also said that the details of lecturers having zero percent result in their respective subject shall be

submitted besides the list of lecturers having below 20 percent result in

"Submit the list of schools where

their respective subject shall also be submitted—(KNO) **Drone Operators** 

150 kilograms fall under 'medium'

category. The Rules provide for creation of an interactive airspace map with Red, Yellow & Green Zones on the digital sky platform by the Central Govt. Whereas, prior permission from concerned ATC Authority is required for operating a UAV in Yellow Zone and only the Central Govt can allow for unmanned aircraft system operations in Red Zone. Drones can be operated in the Green Zones with upto 200 feet in an area between lateral distance of 08 to 12 kms from

the perimeter of an Airport. The circular further reads that before any unmanned aircraft system operation, a remote pilot has to mandatorily verify the digital sky platform for any notification or restriction applicable in the intended area of operation.

The Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and rules would apply mutatis mutandis to the third party insurance of such an aircraft system . \*The Drone Rules also provide for penalties for its violation which would be considered cognisable and non compoundable offence under CrPC. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply for the provision of the Rules shall be liable to be penalised under section 10A of the Aircraft Act, 1934, the order fur-

The Div Com has impressed upon all intended operators of unmanned aircraft systems to strictly ensure the compliance of the Drone Rules. The details of the same need to be shared with the office of the concerned District Magistrate & nearest Police

thers reads.

Dr Langer further said that there have been instances in the past, when 'enemy drones' have posed a threat to the national security and it is therefore imperative for all to observe the code in order to ensure safety and security of the vital installations like airports, international border/LoC, army installations etc

# **Govt Sets Deadline**

registration which will go a long way in assisting the public to avail multiple government services by us-

ing their unique digital IDs. Mehta entrusted upon the concerned Departments to undertake major procedure simplifications across departments by doing away with unnecessary compliance burden and use of technological interventions to further streamline the

service delivery. All the services will be delivered through State Data Centre (SDC) and all the existing services will also be shifted on the SDC to ensure coherence and seamless integration, he added.

The chief secretary also directed that the services may be delivered in three languages i.e., English, Hindi and Urdu with Voice-to-Text conversion and document extraction facilities.

Services will be end-to-end digitized and documents will be issued and delivered to the applicant online via 'Digi Locker' without any human interference. Finally, efforts should be made to ensure that all the services will be available on 'UMANG' platform, he said.

## **NC Discusses**

evolving political situation in their respective constituencies, the NC spokesman said.

## 3.8 Magnitude

tremors were felt in Jammu and Kashmir around 12.45 pm, they said. This is the second quake felt in Jammu and Kashmir in the last five

A quake of magnitude 5.7 hit on

2-Way Traffic better road

# February 5.

conditions LMVs(passenger)/private cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar highway viz Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa," a traffic department official here said. adding, "TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the traffic."

He said cut off for LMVs/private cars from Nagrota (Jammu) will be at 0700 hours to 1200 hours, from Jakheni (Udhampur) at 0800 hours to 1300 hours and from Navyug Tunnel (Qazigund side) 0800 hours to 1300 hours "(subject to change depending on the road position then)'

He said no vehicle shall be allowed before and after cut off timings.

Regarding HMVs/Load carriers, he said, "subject to fair weather and better road conditions, they shall be allowed from NAVYUG Tunnel (Qazigund side) towards Jammu after assessing the traffic situation on highway." He said TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the highway.

Meanwhile, Mughal Road, connecting Shopian with Poonch and Rajouri districts, remained closed for vehicular movement in view of snow accumulation at Peer Ki Gali.

Also, Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri road remained shut for vehicular movement in view of snow accumulation on Zoji la axis and has been closed till further orders. Kishtwar-Sinthan road also remained closed in view of snow accumulation, the traffic department official said.

## **Minor Girl Killed**

Awantipora area in which a minor girl received critical injuries.

He said that the girl was shifted to a nearby hospital, however, she succumbed to her injuries, according to news agency KNO.

He identified the deceased minor girl as Tauba Jan, daughter of Dr Majid Sheikh of Soura Srinagar.

He further added that police have taken up investigation of the

#### incident. Covid: 86 New

No death was reported on Wednesday, officials said.

As many as 163 patients -- 98 in Leh and 65 in Kargil -- were cured and discharged from hospitals, taking the overall recoveries to 26,226, they said.

Of the new cases, 63 were from Leh and 23 from Kargil district, officials

A total of 1,244 sample reports were found negative in Ladakh, they

# All J&K Colleges To Get **NAAC Accreditation: Kansal**

Student feedback, Academic Audit to be introduced in all colleges



**Observer News Service** 

**JAMMU:** The focus of Higher Education must be the quality of learning and teaching. To this end, all colleges would get themselves evaluated and accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) within the shortest possible time. Besides, an academic audit to determine the quality of academic input, need for course or options revision and modernization of syllabus must be introduced in all colleges.

This was instructed by the Principal Secretary Higher Education Department, Rohit Kansal who was chairing a meeting of Principals of colleges of Jammu Division here today. He said that with the introduction of the New Education Policy NEP 2020, the spoke model and expert assisfocus had moved to quality education, flexibility in curriculum and globalization of outlook.

In his message to the prinstructure was important for any institution, the true aim of an institute of higher learning was to impart a humanistic, modern and high quality education. He financial expenditures under asked the Principals to intro- Capex for the current financial duce regular systems of pupil feedback and added that the feedback of the educators would of infrastructure and other projform an important part of their ects in these colleges. He took a evaluation. The Principal Sec- serious view of projects which retary instructed the principals had been completed and handto adopt technological tools like ed over but not yet put to use Enterprise Resource Planning because of pending issues such

**MoU Inked Between IUST** 

& Industrial Association

Lassipora Pulwama

**Observer News Service** 

LASSIPORA: The Centre for Inno-

vation and Entrepreneurship De-

velopment (CIED), Islamic Uni-

versity of Science and Technology

(IUST) Awantipora and the Indus-

trial Association Lassipora (IAL)

inked an MOU to collaborate on

skill development, entrepreneur-

multi-industry internship op-

portunities as well as to assist

small and medium-sized enter-

prises in the Lassipora Industrial

and upgrade their businesses

Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof.

called this MOU yet another land-

of IUST's academia industry part-

demia and industry to collabo-

which now number over 400.

The purpose of this Indus-

try-Academia collaboration is a skill-oriented and market-driv-

to provide IUST students with en educational ecosystem in the

Estate in Pulwama, to innovate industry-driven open elective

Shakil A. Romshoo, who was collaborations internships and

the Chief Guest on the occasion trainings for the IUST students,

mark achievement in the journey a strong technological partner-

nership and said, "Challenges in Intelligence, machine learning,

the implementation of National Internet of Things (IOT), and

Education Policy-2020 provide other areas, that can help busi-

an opportunity for both aca- ness enterprises identify their

rate in skilling the students and global open market economy.

ship and innovation.

ment Systems (LMS).

He also said that colleges would be given greater flexibility and autonomy, they too would need to strive hard to achieve quality standards and learning outcomes. He also assured that conditions for utilisation of Local Funds would be made more flexible.

During the course of the

meeting, the Principal Secretary informed all about the implementation of New Education Policy-2020 from academic session 2022-23 onwards. He also informed about the new Bachelor in Vocational Skills (B. Voc) degree. Besides, colleges would now be encouraged to exchange knowledge and expertise globally. Innovation and incubation would be fostered in a hub and tance and guidance would be provided by the universities and other premier institutes such as the IIT-Jammu, IIM-Jammu and cipals, the Principal Secretary others. Startup competitions stressed that while good infra- and research would be given special attention under the NEP-

2020, he added. Earlier, the Principal Secretary reviewed the physical and year of the various degree colleges. He also reviewed status (ERP) and Learning Manage- as water supply and electricity.

would inter alia help MSME's by

making use of IUST's initiatives

for the promotion of innovation,

incubation, entrepreneurship, re-

Prof. Romshoo announced dur-

ing the MoU signing ceremony

that Academia-Industrial Coun-

cil will be established at IUST

with representation from the

industry leadership and that the

Council will help in establishing

university, which will be in sync

with the National Educational

Policy-2020. Furthermore, he

stated that CIED-IUST will launch

Dean Academic Affairs, Prof.

A.H. Moon, while emphasizing

also stressed the importance of

ship in the areas of Artificial

relevance in the ever-changing

courses in the university.

search and development."

# LG Launches QR Code Based **Mechanism For Certification, Labeling Of J&K Carpets**

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today launched QR Code based mechanism, which is first of its kind in the country, for certification and labeling of

handmade carpets of J&K. With the QR-based application, customers can check & verify authenticity and other requisite details of carpets produced in Jammu Kashmir UT.

The Lt Governor observed that J&K Handicrafts are repository of India's creative traditions that is serving as a cultural expression for centuries. This creative tradition is strikingly visible in handmade carpets with intricate designs & subtle shades.

With the help of modern technology, we will be able to standardize uniqueness of handmade carpets & boost exports of J&K's carpet industry in the international market, he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also felicitated UT's awardees of Handicrafts & Handloom.

"I truly admire the painstaking work of all the craftsmen and carpet weavers. Government is providing training & financial support to strengthen the priceless artistic and cultural heritage of I&K UT", he said.

The Lt Governor said that J&K has a unique identity in the global market for handloom and handicraft products. He noted that the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology has taken several important steps for GI certification, being exported from Jammu and testing, labeling and training to promote Kashmiri carpets.



Incentive Scheme. Under this scheme, incentive of 10% of the total volume of GI certified Handicrafts and Handloom products exported to any country, with maximum reimbursement upto Rs. Five crores, shall be provided to eligible exporters registered with Department of Handicrafts and Handloom", he added.

The Department of Handicrafts & Handloom and Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Srinagar shall launch a massive awareness & promotional campaign within and outside the UT to popularize GI of Hand-knotted carpets so that its demand gains popularity across the globe, the Lt Governor said.

It was informed that a project has also been completed in association with NIFT Srinagar on innovative and economical packaging of handicraft products.

The Lt Governor further ob-Kashmir to at least 25 countries. In 2020-21, carpets worth Rs 115 "Government of Jammu and crore were exported to Germany, Kashmir has introduced Export Rs 34 crore worth to USA, Rs 36 ent on the occasion.

Crore to UAE and Rs 22 crore to Netherlands.

Earlier, Sh. Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary to J&K Government, Industries & Commerce Department briefed the chair about the key features of the QR Code based GI Application.

Sh Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director, Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir gave a powerpoint presentation on the background and present scenario of the handmade carpet industry of Jammu Kashmir, and latest initiatives made by the UT administration to promote it.

Ms. Anoo Malhotra, Director, Industries and Commerce, Jammu; Sh Zubair Ahmad, Director, IICT Srinagar; Dr. Javid Ahmad Wani, Director, NIFT Srinagar; Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director, Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu; Sh Sheikh Ashiq, President, KCCI; Sh Firdous Ahmad Bhat, Chairserved that presently carpets are man and Sh Maharaj Krishan Bhat, Vice Chairman, Kashmir Carpet Cluster Development Organization, besides other officers and awardees were pres-

and Commerce Department and with first ever Real Estate Sum-Hadrian and JK Housing Board & mit, J&K will have a multiplier Central Government Employees effect in terms of investment, Welfare Housing Organization. employment, GDP etc. As part of the the MoU, the NARin various skills of construc-

# J&K Real Estate Summit, 2021: A Door Open For Development

**Observer News Service** 

one of the most globally recognized sectors of development. The growth of this sector is well complemented by the growth in the corporate environment and well as urban and semi urban accommodations.

The construction industry ranks third among the 14 maindirect and induced effects in Real Estate sector has four sub sectors like housing, retail, hospitality and commercial.

In India, the real estate sector is the second highest employment generator, after the agriculture sector. It is also expected that this sector will incur more Non-resident Indian (NRI) in-US \$1 trillion in market size by 2030, up from US \$200 billion in 2021 and contribute 13% of the country's GDP by 2025.

In an historic development, the government of Jammu and Kashmir government recently organised J&K Real Estate Summit (I&KRES), 2021 for the development of real estate sector as J&K in terms of employment and well as establishment of housing and commercial projects here. The summit was organized by the Union Ministry for housing and urban affairs in collaboration with the J&K government.

During the summit, MoUs were exchanged between NAR-DECO National and NARDECO J&K chapter, NARDECO LEAD, NARDECO & NARDECO & J&K Housing and Urban Development Department, JK Industries mir. The LG highlighted that plumbing, masonry, carpentry and other similar skills

During this remarkable event tate development.

in the history of J&K, 39 agreements worth Rs 18300 crores SRINAGAR: Real estate sector is with real estate developers for construction of housing and commercial projects in were signed.

Several captions of Indian Inc from residential, retail, comthe demand for office space as mercial space, entertainment industry, tourism & hospitality, logistics & warehousing and financial institutions attended the summit. The summit witjor sectors in terms of direct, nessed the signing of 20 MoUs for development of housing all sectors of the economy. The projects, 7 others for commercial, 4 for hospitality, 3 for Infratech, 3 for films and entertainment and 2 for finance related projects. Some of the major real estate companies like Signature Global, Samyak Group, Raunak Group, Hiranandani Constructions for housing projects. Chalet Hotels limited signed and vestment, both in short term MoU for hospitality, Raheja and long term. Real estate sec- Developers, Goel Ganga, GHP tor in India is expected to reach Group and Shree Naman Group signed for housing projects during the summit.

During the summit, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Gol, Hardeep Singh Puri remarked that real estate being the second largest employer in the country, with the multiplier effect will create innumerable opportunities in investments. He also launched 'Auction of Assets Portal' Affordable Rental Housing Complexes Scheme at Sunjwan, Jammu, J&K RERA Portal, Housing schemes and J&K Housing Mission Portal during the summit.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha called the occasion as "historic" adding it was a major step towards the transformation of the entire Jammu and Kash-

In brief, organising of first DECO will train 10000 workers ever Real Estate Summit will unlock and explore new opportion industry - like electrical, tunities in untapped locations of Jammu and Kashmir which hold huge potential for real es-

# **Chief Secretary Inaugurates Shankaracharya Trekking Trail**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Thursday inaugurated 5.5 km gentle forest trek route around Shankaracharya hills, known as first learning ground for hiking enthusiasts in Srinagar. Pertinently, the Shankaracha-

rya 360 degree trekking trail offers a 360-degree view of Srinagar city and the surrounding landscapes.

king is emerging as a potential adventure tourism in Jammu and Kashmir and asked the department to optimally utilize their men and machinery towards tapping the same. He asked the officers for ensuring all requisite basic amenities besides signages, sitting benches and viewpoints along this trail to facilitate the trekkers without disturbing or affecting the aesthetic wealth and environment of the area. He also asked free form plastics and other wastage.

Chief Secretary also interacted with the trekkers and enquired them about the equipments and other logistics being made available to them by the authorities.

He said that trekking in Jammu and Kashmir provides a el of water at the conservation closer peep into the culture of mountain dwellers as one en- for strenuous efforts to get rid joys the rugged mountains, lush of plastics there besides enand breathtaking scenic views.

Commissioner,

Kashmir, P K Pole, Princi-

Divisional



J&K FOREST DEPARTMENT

for keeping the trekking routes companied the Chief Secretary during his visit. Chief Secretary also vis-

ited the Hokarsar Wetland Conservation Reserve and reviewed progress on conservation works being executed on Ramsar site. He directed for initiating measures towards maintaining at least 3 feet levreserve all the time. He asked ment and the habitat of bird species.

pal Chief Conservator Forests number of bird species visiting (PCCF), Deputy Commissioner, the place saying that facilities mous Lake.

Srinagar and other officers ac- should also be put in place for convenience of visitors.

Later, Chief Secretary visited Dal Lake and launched modern machine with latest technological interventions in a bid to speed up cleaning operations of

Highlighting the significance of Dal in Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Secretary said that it is the second largest lake in the Union Territory which is integral to culture, tourism and recreation in Kashmir and is fagreen meadows, diverse forests suring proper care of environ- mously known as the "Jewel in the crown of Kashmir". He said that all efforts are being made He also enquired about the towards complete extraction of unwanted weeds from the fa-

# **JKBOSE Rejects Allegation About 'Unfair' 30% Concession Application In 12th Class Exam** Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** J&K Board of School Education on Thursday rejected fair evaluation', alleging that as "mere fancy and whimsical" they have not been granted the the allegations of "unfair" appli- 30% relaxation while evaluating cation of 30% marks concession their answer scripts. offered to the 12th standard students due to covid-19 pandemic

who have scored less than 30% marks regarding stripping off the suffered by students due to COconcession announced by BOSE is mere concoction of confusion and bad rumors,"said Joint Secretary BOSE, Aijaz Ahmad Hakak.

"The marks exhibited on marks certificates and shown on Internet are derived after the sultant concession of 30 percent application of all the relaxation was offered. Marks obtained by measures and criteria. What the candidates allege is mere fancy and whimsical," he said.

He said the facts can be proved by means of obtaining the Xerox of answer scripts. "Every confusion and allegation leveled shall be put to bay once the Xerox is obtained and actual marks obtained by the candidates get revealed accordingly," he said, adding, "The system devised for tabulation of result is uniform for all the candidates irrespective of the marks scored and once the candidates gets the of their answer papers. required pass percentage he or she is declared passed or otherwise as the case may be."

Earlier, a group of students who were declared unsuccess- 36% marks. (GNS)

ful by the Board in the recent declared class 12th examination accused authorities of 'un-

The IKBOSE had as 30 percent relaxation in the syllabus for 10th to 12th class an-"Allegations by some candidates nual regular-2021 examination following the academic losses VID-19 pandemic.

The students were required to attempt 70 percent marks from the question paper which was to be treated as 100 percent for result computation, thereby a restudents who attempt less than 70 percent from the question paper were to be raised proportionately. For subjects having no practical course, a student was required to attempt questions with a total of 70 marks out of 100. However, for subjects having both theory and practical components, the concession applied to theory part only.

The unsuccessful group of students alleged that 30% relaxations were not awarded to them during evaluation process The Students had alleged that

the 30% relaxation criteria has been applied to only those students who obtained more than

# **Gang Of Stolen Vehicle Sellers Busted In Gbl, 5 Held: Police**

**Observer News Service** 

GANDERBAL: Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday claimed to have busted a gang of stolen vehicle sellers and recovered five stolen vehicles in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

A police spokesman in a statement, Ganderbal Police busted a gang of stolen vehicle sellers and recovered five stolen vehicles, which were stolen from various parts of the country.

stolen vehicles were also recovered from their possession in the jurisdic-

tion of Police Post Shadipora." To give impetus in the ongoing in-

under FIR number 231/2021 under relevant sections of law. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ganderbal. Nikhil Borkar constituted a special team headed by DO Police Post Shadipora under the supervision of DySP Hgrs. Ganderbal. The said team succeeded in the re-

covery of five stolen vehicles with the arrest of five accused persons, police said and identified the arrested persons as Riyaz Ahmad, son of Rajan of Gander-"The whole gang was arrested and bal, Riyaz Ahmad Rather, son of Abdul Gani Rather of Nasrullapora Budgam, Showkat Ahmad Bland, son of Habibullah of Bijbihara Anantnag, Bilal Ahmad Danga, son of Bashir Ahmad of Dangvestigation in the vehicle theft case mohalla Wakoora, Sakhi Rather, son of registered at Police Station Ganderbal Ghulam Rasool Rather of Wakoora,

# **Samoon Reviews Progress** Achieved Under SDD

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, today chaired a meeting to review progress achieved under different components of SDD including fast track recruitment, languishing projects and up gradation of institutes.

Director Skill Development Department, Sudershan Kumar, Additional Secretary ARI and Training Department, Syed Muried Hussaian, Additional Secretary ARI & Training Department, Sunaina Sharma, Secretary JKSSB, Sachin Jamwal, Executive Director, J&K PCC, Pardeep Kumar Sharma, Additional Secretary SDD, Rakesh Basotra, Secretary BOTE, Firdose Isso, Joint Director Planning SDD, Sapna Slathia and other concerned officers were present in the meeting while officers from Kashmir division participated online.

# Dir Agri Inaugurates Hi-Tech **Poly House At Handwara**

**Observer News Service** 

KUPWARA: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal Thursday visited different areas of Kupwara district and also inaugurated a hi-tech poly house at Handwara.

On the occasion, the Director formally initiated the sowing operations of different vegetable crops in the poly house and was briefed by the concerned technical officers regarding the latest seedling production techniques that would be provided to the farmers by using the hi-tech poly house technology.

Addressing a large gathering

of farmers including a number of tribal farmers, the Director reiterated the Department's commitment to reach to the farmers of far flung areas. He instructed the officers to continue organizing awareness/ training programmes regarding different schemes and flagship programmes being implemented by the department for the development and prosperity

of farmers of the region. He said our goal is that every farmer on the field gets benefited by the schemes and flagship programmes of the department and contribute to the progress and prosperity of the agriculture sector in the region.

# 109 Passengers Of **Kargil Airlifted Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** Kargil Courier Service Thursday airlifted 109 passengers. According to Chief Coordinator for Kargil Courier Service, Aamir Ali, AN-32 Air lifted 105 passengers, 37 from Jammu to Kargil, 31 from Srinagar to Kargil, 19 from Kargil to Srinagar and 18 from Kargil to Jammu. Besides, Mi-17 Pawan Hans helicopter airlifted 4 passengers, including one patient, from Kargil to Jammu.

He said that on 11th February, subject to fair weather two sorties have been planned between Kargil and



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# CONGRATULATIONS

Kashmir Harvard Hr. Sec. Educational Institute congratulates all the students of Class 12th for their exemplary performance in annual examinations conducted by the Board of School Education (BOSE), and the competent team of teachers for their pure and unrelenting tenacity. We are thankful to all the parents for their unflinching support and steadfast belief in us! We wish our students the very best for all new ventures, that life has in store for them!

# MERIT LIST OF CLASS 12TH - YEAR 2021-22

























NAME OF THE STUDENT







# LIST OF DISTINCTION HOLDERS

NAME OF THE STUDENT	MARKS
FAIZ SHABIR NAQASH	478
MAARIA BASHIR	477
HAFSA MANZOOR	476
SHAIYANA MANZOOR	476
ZAID NISAR SHEIKH	476
MALIHA WAHID	475
HURMAT-UL-ZEHRA	475
SANNA ZAFFAR	475
NASHWA ANJUM	473
PAAMIRAH	473
TAMANA MUBARAK	473
MISBA MUZAFFAR	465
MAHIA TARIQ	463
BASEERAT NAZIR	461
SABBA JAN	461
MUNAZZA SHAFI	457
IRQAH AJAZ	456
SABIYA MUKHTAR	455
MOHAMMAD ALLIYAS	455
HEEBA RIYAZ	454
HIBA	454
MADIHA	453
ZARMEEN SHAFIQ	453
AZHA	451

8 8	TABEEN YOUSUF KHANDA
77	ABSAR JAVEED
76	MUSKAN MUKHTAR GANA
76	BASIT AHMAD KUCHAY
76	FAIZAN FAYAZ
75	BISMA BASHIR
75	LIABA SARFARAZ MALIK
75	NIHAD TARIQ
73	RIZWAN MUSHTAQ
73	DUHA
73	FARHANA BASHIR
55	NUMAIR NAZIR
3	NAIMA BASHIR
61	ABIROO JAN
51	MUJTABA JAVEED BHAT
57	ABU BAKER
56	GHAIZAH
55	SADIYA
55	MOHAMMAD EISA
i 4	MOHAMMAD MUSSA
<b>i</b> 4	HASEEB MUBEEN
3	TOOBA MUZAFFAR KHAN
3	SADIA BASHIR

SHAHID TARIQ

MARKS	NAME OF THE STUDENT	MARKS
450	QAZI KAWSAR MANZOOR	424
448	SALIM SAJAD	422
446	ABRAR HUSSAIN WANI	420
446	PEER IZAM ULL NABI MAKHDOOMI	419
446	ABDUL WASI WANI	416
445	FURQAAN AIJAZ	416
445	HUZAIF QAYOOM KHAN	415
445	SUHAIL RIYAZ	413
445	MOHAMMAD ALI SHAH	412
443	MOHAMMAD RIZWAN KHAN	409
437	TUBA ZAHOOR	407
437	ABINA ARSHAD	407
436	ILYAS MAQSOOD	405
435	ZUHAIB BASHIR	405
435	ADEEBA MANZOOR	401
434	MUSHARID AHMAD SHEIKH	400
433	HUZAIF MEHRAJ	393
433	GAZI ALI KHAN	389
430	SAIFAN SHABIR	388
430	MUHAMMAD USMAN NAJAR	381
429	FURQAN HUSSAIN LATOO	379
428	AMAAD ASMAT KHAN	375
427	MOHAMMAD ZAID	375
425	AUSAF AHMAD	371

TOTAL STUDENTS APPEARED: 119 TOTAL NO. OF DISTINCTIONS: 74

TOTAL NO. OF POSITIONS: 15 TOTAL NO. OF 1ST DIVISIONS: 30

SD/