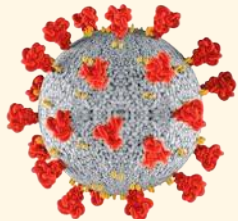


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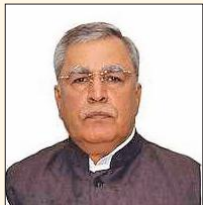
J&K REPORTS 53 NEW CORONAVIRUS CASES

Jammu and Kashmir registered 53 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus even as no fresh fatality was reported in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

P5 STATE

WOMEN MAKING NICHE FOR THEMSELVES IN PRESENT ERA: ADVISOR KHAN

Asserting that gender equality is not only a fundamental human right but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan on Tuesday said that the present era marked the biggest social change



P3 CITY

IASE COMMEMORATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Institute of Advance Studies in Education on Tuesday held celebrations on International Women's Day.



Invisible threads are the strongest ties
— Friedrich Nietzsche

NEWS DIGEST

Truck Driver Charred To Death

Qazigund- An unidentified truck driver was charred to death after his truck caught fire when it came in contact with a high-voltage electric wire at Shampora area of Qazigund in south Kashmir's Anantnag on Tuesday night, an official said. "A truck (PB29X-4153) on reaching Shampora area of Qazigund came in contact with a high-voltage wire near the electric transformer" a police officer said, as per news agency KNO. He said the driver was electrocuted eventually before the truck caught fire.

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Helpdesk Inaugurated At Srinagar Airport

Srinagar: A helpdesk to assist passengers was inaugurated at Srinagar International Airport on Tuesday on the occasion of International Women's Day. In a statement issued here, the director airport said that the staff at Helpdesk is specially selected for their polite nature, helpful attitude, and knowledge of airport operations. Our staff will also be very helpful to people with special abilities because we are training them in sign language. The inauguration of the Helpdesk

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7 Gamblers Arrested In Twin Raids

Srinagar: Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested 7 gamblers in twin raids in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Cops from police station Sheeri and Baramulla carried out raids at Pehliharan Sheeri and Bus Stand Baramulla following inputs about the gambling activities and apprehended 7 gamblers, a police spokesperson said Tuesday. Besides playing cards, he said, an amount of Rs 20,220 was recovered from the gamblers. "They have been shifted to respective police stations

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2 Khanyar Youth Held Over Sunday's Grenade Attack

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday arrested two youth for their alleged involvement in hurling a grenade at busy Amira Kadal marketplace here on Sunday that left two civilians dead and 36 others, including two policeman injured.

Mohd Bariq and Fazil Nabi, both residents of Koolipora locality of Khanyar were arrested by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by SP South Lakshay Sharma, on the basis of technical evidences like minute frame by frame analysis of the CCTV footages of scene of crime, footages of CCTVs in the city, Cell tower dump analysis, IP dump analysis, recreation of crime scene and by examination of some eye witnesses, a police spokesperson said Tuesday.

On Sunday, he said, a hand grenade was thrown towards a security vehicle that exploded and injured 38 people, including two civilians and two policemen Reyaz Ahmed and Jan Mohd. Two of the injured civilians Mohd Aslam Makhdoomi and Rafiya Nazir succumbed to their injuries at the hospital.



Militants Luring Youth To Lob Grenades: Army

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Militants are using youngsters to carry out grenade attacks in populated places in Kashmir as their networks are not being able to execute big strikes on security forces, a top Army officer said on Tuesday.

The remark of General officer Commanding (GoC) of the Srinagar-based 15 Corps, Lieutenant General D P Pandey, came in the backdrop of the grenade attack on Sunday at the Hari Singh High Street market here that killed two and injured 34 others.

Simultaneously, police filed a case FIR number 18/2022 under section 307 of IPC, sections 7/27 of Indian arms act, sections 16, 23 of Unlawful

activities prevention Act was registered at Shaheed Gunj Police station, the spokesperson said.

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India To Resume International Flights From Mar 27

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Centre has decided to resume scheduled international flight services in India from March 27 after a two-



year hiatus following a decline in coronavirus cases in the country, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) said on Tuesday.

Scheduled international flight services are suspended in India since March 23, 2020, due to the pandemic.

However, special international flights have been operating between India and 37 countries since July 2020 under air bubble arrangements.

"After deliberation with stakeholders and keeping in view the decline in the COVID-19 caseload, we have decided to resume international travel from March 27 onwards," Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said, adding that "with this step, I am confident the sector will reach new heights".

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COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Govt To Keep Schools, Colleges Under Scanner



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday directed the Covid-19 Control Room Kashmir to carry out comprehensive school and college visits across all the districts of the Valley to ensure strong health surveillance and monitoring amongst students and staff.

These directions were passed by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said.

He said that the Covid Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) monitoring teams were

framed on March 5, on the directions of Div Com and comprises of various levels of officers from Divisional Covid-19 Control Room Kashmir (DCCRK) viz. SSO Kashmir, Community Medicine Specialists besides Medical Officers from health department.

As per official statement issued by DCCRK, these monitoring teams have started carrying out comprehensive school and college visits across all the districts of Kashmir division.

"These teams were directed by the In-charge DCCRK; Tahir Ahmad Magray to keep a strong Public health surveillance

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WEATHER VAGARIES

JKPTCL To Install Snow Zone Towers To Prevent Losses

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In order to prevent the losses due to inclement weather conditions, the government is mulling to come up with snow zone towers at vulnerable places across Kashmir.

Last months, heavy snow caused major damage to power infrastructure, triggering power outages and incurring financial losses to power utility.

Reliable sources within Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited (JKPTCL) said that after facing losses, especially damage to the towers in recent snow, the department is considering installing snow zone towers that are stronger compared to the existing towers.

"The weather is changing and the untimely snowfall has always been witnessed heavy compared to the timely snowfall. The JKPTCL in order to ensure safety of its

infrastructure has been working to identify some vulnerable places where the snow zone towers would likely be erected," they said.

They added that given the huge cost of the snow zone tower, it would not be possible to erect these towers everywhere. This is why vulnerable spots will be identified to ensure that the damage to towers during inclement weather conditions is prevented in the future.

"Currently, engineers are working on it and hopefully the things will be resolved soon following which the work will be started," sources said.

Recently, Kulgam and some adjacent areas faced power paucity for nearly four days after Mirbazar and some other towers were damaged due to the snowfall. However, the losses due to the snowfall have not been assessed yet—(KNO)



KUPWARA SHOCKER!

Woman, Son Arrested For Abducting, Killing Minor

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday arrested a mother-son duo for allegedly abducting and killing a minor boy last month in Awoora area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

On February 15, eight-year-old Talib Hussain disappeared moments after he left his home in Awoora area of the district. The minor's disappearance had sent shock waves in his native village and elsewhere even triggering protests by the villagers.

On Tuesday, the minor's body was recovered from a forest area, ending over three week search by his family, villagers and



police.

Meanwhile, police issued a statement giving details that led to the recovery of body and how the case was cracked.

A police spokesperson said that since the disappearance of the boy, police

had been on toes and had been relentlessly carrying the searches to trace him. He said all water bodies, surrounding jungles and suspected places were searched by police using drones and sniffer dogs but no clue could be struck.

"A large number of suspects were also put to sustained questioning during the last three weeks," he said.

He said that after having explored all the possible angles and questioning of a large number of people in connection with the case, police finally was able to zero-in on the main suspect who after sustained questioning confessed to

the commission of crime and led to the recovery of the body of the victim.

"Police and even some prominent members from the civil society had also announced reward for anyone who would help in tracing the innocent child," the spokesperson said.

According to the spokesperson, the main accused in the case turned out to be Shahnaza Begum and her teenage son Aamir, neighbours of the victim.

"After the post-mortem, the body of Talib has been laid to rest in his ancestral graveyard today and investigations of the case have been taken ahead," he said.

PM Modi More Likely To Respond With Force To Pak Provocations: US Intel

Press Trust Of India

WASHINGTON: Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is more likely than in the past to respond with military force to any real or perceived Pakistani provocations, the American intelligence community has told the US Congress.

The annual threat assessment of the US Intelligence Community released by the Office of Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) also said that the "expanded military posture by both India and China along the disputed border elevates the risk of armed confrontation between two nuclear powers that might involve direct threats to US persons and interests and calls for US intervention."

"Crises between India and Pakistan are of particular concern because of

the risk- however low - of an escalatory cycle between two nuclear-armed states," it said.

"Pakistan has a long history of supporting anti-India militant groups; under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is more likely than in the past to respond with military force to perceived or real Pakistani provocations, and each side's perception of heightened tensions raises the risk of conflict, with violent unrest in Kashmir or a militant attack in India being potential flashpoints," it said.

The ODNI said that relations between New Delhi and Beijing will remain strained in the wake of the lethal clash in 2020, the most serious in decades.

"Previous standoffs have demonstrated that persistent low-level

friction on the Line of Actual Control has the potential to escalate swiftly, the report said.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries erupted following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas and both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

The tension escalated following a deadly clash in the Galwan Valley on June 15, 2020.

In its report, ODNI said Beijing sees increasingly competitive US China relations as part of an epochal geopolitical shift and views Washington's diplomatic, economic, and military measures against it as part of a broader US effort to prevent China's rise and undermine Communist Party rule.

China uses coordinated,

whole-of-government tools to demonstrate strength and compel neighbours to acquiesce to Beijing's preferences, including its territorial and maritime claims and assertions of sovereignty over Taiwan, it said.

"Beijing will press Taiwan to move toward unification and will react to what it views as increased US Taiwan engagement. We expect that friction will grow as China continues to increase military activity around the island, and Taiwan's leaders resist Beijing's pressure for progress toward unification, it added.

China views Taiwan as a rebel province that should be reunified with the mainland, even by force.

China's control over Taiwan probably would disrupt global supply chains for semiconductor

chips because Taiwan dominates production, the report said.

In the South China Sea, Beijing will continue to use growing numbers of air, naval, and maritime law enforcement platforms to intimidate rival claimants and signal that China has effective control over contested areas. China is similarly pressuring Japan over contested areas in the East China Sea, the report said.

Beijing will continue to promote the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to expand China's economic, political, and military presence abroad.

China will adjust its approach to BRI in response to publicity and sustainability challenges and diversify project selection in an attempt to improve the initiative's brand and minimize international criticism, the report added.

Govt To Set Up 'Women Haat' In Every District



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday announced setting up of 'women haat' in every district of the union territory by next month.

On International Women's Day, Mehta also honoured women achievers of Jammu and Kashmir and launched women-oriented initiatives.

"Every district will have a Umeed women haat within a month," he said.

Wushu champion Sadia Tariq,

singer Sonali Dogra, founding chairperson, FICCI FLO J&K, Ritu Singh and entrepreneur Sana Masood were among those honoured.

3 'Militant Associates' Held In Pulwama

Srinagar: Three militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were arrested by government forces in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, police said Tuesday.

Amir Nazir Hazar, Suhail Ahmad Bhat and Nasir Hussain were arrested by a joint team of police, army's 55RR and the personnel of CRPF 182 battalion on

the basis of specific input, a police spokesperson said.

He said incriminating materials, including a grenade and 13 rounds of AK 47 were recovered from the possession of the trio associated with LeT.

During the preliminary investigation, the spokesperson said, it was revealed that the accused were acting as associates of militant Arif Hazar @ Rehan.

"Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Pulwama and further investigation is in progress," he added.



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Life May Actually Flash Before Your Eyes On Death - New Study

Holly Honderich | BBC

New data from a scientific "accident" has suggested that life may actually flash before our eyes as we die.

A team of scientists set out to measure the brainwaves of an 87-year-old patient who had developed epilepsy. But during the neurological recording, he suffered a fatal heart attack - offering an unexpected recording of a dying brain.

It revealed that in the 30 seconds before and after, the man's brainwaves followed the same patterns as dreaming or recalling memories.

Brain activity of this sort could suggest that a final "recall of life" may occur in a person's last moments, the team wrote in their study, published in *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience* on Tuesday.

Dr Ajmal Zemmar, a co-author of the study, said that what the team, then based in Vancouver, Canada, accidentally got, was the first-ever recording of a dying brain.

He told the BBC: "This was actually totally by chance, we did not plan to do this experiment or record these signals."

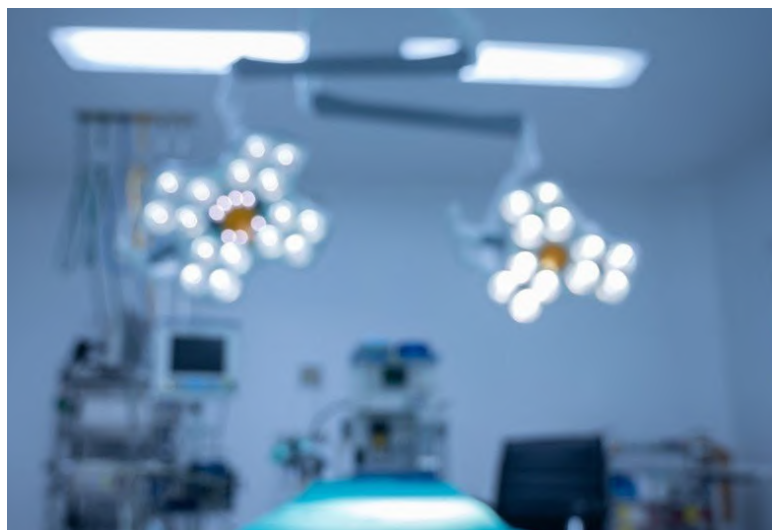
So will we get a glimpse back at time with loved ones and other happy memories? Dr Zemmar said it was impossible to tell.

"If I were to jump to the philosophical realm, I would speculate that if the brain did a flashback, it would probably like to remind you of good things, rather than the bad things," he said.

"But what's memorable would be different for every person."

Dr Zemmar, now a neurosurgeon at the University of Louisville, said in the 30 seconds before the patient's heart stopped supplying blood to the brain, his brainwaves followed the

same patterns as when we carry out high-cognitive demanding tasks, like concentrating, dreaming or recalling memories.



It continued 30 seconds after the patient's heart stopped beating - the point at which a patient is typically declared dead.

"This could possibly be a last recall of memories that we've experienced in life, and they replay through our brain in the last seconds before we die."

The study also raises questions about when, exactly, life ends - when the heart stops beating, or the brain stops functioning.

Dr Zemmar and his team have cautioned that broad conclusions can't be drawn from a study of one. The fact that the patient was epileptic, with a bleeding and swollen brain, complicates things further.

"I never felt comfortable to report one

case," Dr Zemmar said. And for years after the initial recording in 2016, he looked for similar cases to help strengthen the analysis but was un-

successful. But a 2013 study - carried out on healthy rats - may offer a clue.

In that analysis, US researchers reported high levels of brainwaves at the point of the death until 30 seconds after the rats' hearts stopped beating - just like the findings found in Dr Zemmar's epileptic patient.

The similarities between studies are "astounding", Dr Zemmar said. They now hope the publication of this one human case may open the door to other studies on the final moments of life.

"I think there's something mystical and spiritual about this whole near-death experience," Dr Zemmar said. "And findings like this - it's a moment that scientists lives for."

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL Govt. Model Higher Secondary School Chittergul Anantnag

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for information that the auction of 3 roomed single story old block at H.S School held on 10/02/2022 has been cancelled with immediate effect as the local Auqaf Committee raised issues regarding the open auction.

Principal

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Public Notice

I have lost all the documents of my vehicle bearing Regd no: 6385 . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the RTO Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri : Zahoor Ahmad Bhat S/o: Mohammad Ramzan Bhat R/o: Har-duwail Budgam (Transferor) of LMV

Ignis. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04F - 5791. Chasis number 268027 Engine no. 62102 Model 2020. in favour of Shri.. Bashir Ahmad Magray S/o. Mohammad Rajab Magray R/o Magraypora Khanda Budgam (Transferee) As well as HPA Cancellation with State Bank of India B/u Srinagar.

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper Kashmir Observer.

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.5976
Dated 08/03/2022

Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Farooq Ahmad Baba S/o: Abdul Samad Baba R/o: Dreygam Khansahib Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04D 2999 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J&K State Co-Operative Bank Ltd B/U Kremshore Budgam .

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.5975
Dated 08/03/2022

Assistant Regional Transport officer
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Syed Mohammad Hidayatullah S/o: Syed Mohammad Attiqullah R/o: Borwah Chadoora Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04E 5025 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S Mahindra & Mahindra Finance Ltd B/U Srinagar .

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.5979
Dated 08/03/2022

Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir

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Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr./Mrs Rayees Ahamd Paul S/O Mohammad Maqbool Paul R/O Trenz Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle LPT Truck - Regd. No. JK22A- 2492 (Commercial/ Non Commercial) covering under R/P

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And
Mr./ Mrs Tariq Ahamd Shah S/o Mohamad Munawar Shah R/o Trenz Shopian (Parti No 2nd) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank B/U Trenz Shopian and Endorsement of HPA with JK Bank B/o Trenz Shopian.

Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned .

No any representation/ objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

No : ARTO/Spn/1280
Dated 07-03-2022

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S/D Asst Regional
Transport Officer Shopian

Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr./ Mrs Zahoor Ahmad Sheikh S/o Ab Rasheed Sheikh R/o Pheeripora Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle SCARPIO Regd. No. JK22-

3114 (Commercial/ Non Commercial) covering under R/P NO: -----

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Mr./ Mrs Aiaz Ahamd Mir S/o Mohd Rafiq Mir R/O Botman Colony Bemina Srinagar (Parti No 2nd) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank B/U Trenz Shopian and Endorsement of HPA with JK Bank B/o Trenz Shopian.

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S/D Asst Regional
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

NOTICE

Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri : Sheikh Raashid Arshaid S/o: Sheikh Gh. Moh ud Din R/o: Green Avenue Colony Hyderpora (Transferor) of LMV Tata Indigo. Ve-

hicle bearing registration number JK04A - 4545. Chasis number DC6673 Engine no. PC4322 Model 2006. in favour of Shri.. Zahoor Ahmad Sheikh S/o. Ghulam Ahmad Sheikh R/o Nowpora Payeen (Transferee)

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper Kashmir Observer.

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.5977
Dated 08/03/2022

Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir

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BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Suhail Ahmad Bhat
S/O Altaf Ahamd Bhat
R/O Shippora

Details of Marks Certificate lost
Secondary School Examination (class 10th)
Roll No 2422293 Session /Year Annual 2019

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

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BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original Migration certificate of 12th under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Amir Basheer Bhat
S/O Basheer Ahmad Bhat
R/o Gulab Dajji Kawarehama

Details of Marks Certificate lost
Secondary School Examination (class 12th)
Roll No 2408301 Session /Year Annual 2019

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Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir

Dr Shaima Majid
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Subject: - Notice.

Whereas, while posted as Medical Officer at D.H. Pulwama, you applied for 03 months child care leave W.e.f 05-08-2021, before Medical Superintendent D.H. Pulwama.

Whereas, Medical Superintendent D.H. Pulwama vide letter No: - Est/Ms/I746 dated: - 24-07-2021, recommended for sanction of only 60 days child care leave in your favour to this directorate.

Whereas, accordingly 60 days child care leave W.e.f 05-08-2021 was sanctioned in your favour vide this office order No: - 815-GZ of 2021 dated: -12-10-2021.

Whereas, Medical Superintendent D.H. Pulwama vide letter No: - MS/DH/Pul/5025 dated: - 23-02-2022 has reported that after availing the leave you have failed to report back to your duties thereby resorted to un-authorized absence.

Whereas, you should note that un-authorized absence from duties tantamount loss of appointment in terms of Article 128.

Now, therefore opportunity is given to you to report back for your duties at D.H. Pulwama within seven days from the date of issuance of notice, failing which it shall be presumed that you are not interested to serve the department anymore and action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against you for resorting to un-authorized absence.

Sd/

DIPK-19220/21

Director Health Services
Kashmir



DC Srinagar Chairs DLSCC Meeting

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Tuesday chaired a meeting of District Level Screening cum Coordination Committee (DLSCC) to decide cases of militancy affected persons here.

During the meeting, total 17 cases of victims of militancy-related incidents came up for discussion and after threadbare deliberations, the Deputy Commissioner sanctioned an amount of Rs 40 lakh in favour of the next of kin of Militancy victims under Death, Missing, Injured and Damaged cases of District Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said District Administration Srinagar shall ensure there is nil pendency of such cases requiring immediate relief to the people. He stressed on the concerned Officers to ensure speedy disposal of all such cases for timely clearance of the cases.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Fazlul Haseeb and other concerned officers.

Extortionist held with weapon in Srinagar

Agencies

Srinagar: Police on Tuesday arrested an extortionist in Srinagar and recovered a small weapon from his possession.

A police spokesman said that on receipt of specific information about extortion activities in the general area of Srinagar today. "One extortionist identified as Muzaffer Ahmad Rather, son of Muhammad Altaf Rather of Laloo Sheeshgaribagh Humhama Budgam was arrested with a small weapon from Shergarhi in Srinagar at about 5:30 PM."

"He was extorting money from persons by instilling fear in them due to possession of this small weapon with him. A case under FIR number 31/2022 has been registered in P.S Shergarhi under relevant sections of IPC and Arms act," police said, adding that further investigation in the case is underway.

IASE Commemorates International Women's Day

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The Institute of Advance Studies in Education on Tuesday held celebration on International Women's Day.

The International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March every year to celebrate the progress made towards achieving gender equality and women empowerment.

A daylong programme was held at the college auditorium in which students and the faculty of the college took part.

The opening session started with the recitation of the College tarana by the college students.

The inaugural address was presented by the Principal of the College, Prof Ruhi Jan Kanth. She emphasized on the importance of commemorating the day and acknowledging the positive role women play in everyone's lives.



"We live in a patriarchal setup and there is a need to end the culture of patriarchy and misogyny" she said. She also underscored the need to appreciate women in their daily lives and acknowledge their contribution.

"The role of women is often neglected which should not happen" she added.

During the course of the

programme the students of the college undertook an oath to end the gender stereotypes prevalent in our society.

Dr Shaheen Akhtar, presented a keynote address and raised concern about the women health and the steps that needed to be taken in this regard.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dr Tabassum Maqbool and Dr Nuzhat Nasreen was Rapporteur for the session.

A poster competition on the theme Mother-First School of the Child was also held in which many students participated.

In order to appreciate women the celebrations will go on for a week, the college Principal said.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER DISTRICT INDUSTRIES CENTRE SRINAGAR

ORDER No.167-Dev of 2022
Dated. 05-03-2022

Subject: - Permission for Change of line of Activity.

In consideration of the application dated. 19-02-2022 alongwith project report submitted by the unit holder which does not reflect any additional / diminished requirement of land for the proposed line of activity, in light of approval vide letter No.DI&C/Dev/48th APCC-II/2022/4737-50 dated: 31-01-2022, change in pollution category from Green to Green (ref no: JKPC/DO/SGR/22/45-46 dated: 22/02/2022), NOC from J&K SICOP vide No.SICOP/DM/1E-Zkt/21-22/717 dated. 24-02-2022 and given that the nature of activity is compatible with the nature of estate, sanction is hereby accorded for change of line of activity from cold storage to "Grinding of plastic scrap and compression of PVC pet bottles (small Scale) (On Provisional Basis), subject to production of, Supplementary lease deed, CTE from JK PCB, PAC/NOC from JK PDD, SFC, J&K Bank, SBI of the concerned area in favour of M/S Kahkashan Cold Storage I/E Zainakote, Srinagar provisionally registered with this office under No. 01/03/35390/Prov/MSME dt. 11.08.2015". This order however is subject to fulfillment of the conditions as stipulated above and the promoter must ensure that the new proposed line of activity be taken to production stage up to the Extended time period that is 30th June 2022.

The other contents shall remain unchanged.

No: DIC/Dev/2022/2806-09

Dated. 05-03-2022
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General Manager District Industries
Centre Srinagar

The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th) under Roll No.: 121004271 Session: Annual Reg Year 2021 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent, my Mother's Name has been recorded with the Board as Arsheeda Begum while as actual Mother's Name is Shaheena Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bemina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

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از نیابت رہبر پورہ با اجلاس نائب تحصیلدار علی الدین بٹ صاحب

درخواست منجانب - موسیٰ پورہ و رابہ پورہ دختران ٹیپورا احمد خان ساکنہ رہبر پورہ تحصیل مٹن

بغرض حصول - RBA سر تقی

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نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	ٹیپورا احمد خان ولد غلام نبی خان	48 سال	ملازمت	LPC
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3	صوبیہ دختر ٹیپورا احمد خان	18 سال	زیر تعلیم	
4	رابیہ ٹیپورا دختر ٹیپورا احمد خان	15 سال	زیر تعلیم	
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اس طرح ساکنان کا کہنا ہے کہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ اور ساکنان کے کہنے میں ایک سرکاری ملازم موجود ہے۔

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از نیابت دیگام با اجلاس نائب تحصیلدار دیگام

مضمون درخواست منجانب: شعیب احمد درزی ولد عبدالسلام درزی ساکنہ پورہ تحصیل و ضلع اننت

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کا کہنا ہے کہ

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	سال آمدنی
01	عبدالسلام درزی ولد غلام نبی الدین	65 سال	ریٹائر ملازم	LPC
02	ایمنہ یافوزہ زوجہ عبدالسلام درزی	60 سال	گھریلو کام	
03	محمد الیاس درزی ولد عبدالسلام درزی	39 سال	ملازمت	LPC
04	رونی جان زوجہ محمد الیاس درزی	35 سال	گھریلو کام	
05	عبدالصمد درزی ولد محمد الیاس درزی	12 سال	زیر تعلیم	
06	عبدالصمد درزی ولد محمد الیاس درزی	09 سال	زیر تعلیم	
07	عبدالمجید درزی ولد محمد الیاس درزی	07 سال	زیر تعلیم	
08	شعیب احمد درزی ولد عبدالسلام درزی	33 سال	زیر تعلیم	

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Press Release



To recognise the contribution and significance of women in various fields, the students of AGS, Ziran celebrated Women's day on March 08 with great passion and enthusiasm. Celebration began with a movie being shown on Women Empowerment followed by speeches given by both the students and teachers wherein both the students and the teachers recognised the role and importance of women in life's various domains, acknowledging various career options now available for women to excel in and inspired the audience to show strength and perseverance in their lives. The celebration highlighted the theme of International Women's Empowerment Day 2022 that is "Gender Equality today for a sustainable tomorrow". The event culminated with a drawing competition for students of class Vth to VIIIth wherein the students actively participated and showcased their talent and creativity.

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This Day In History

- 1862 - USS Monitor and CSS Merrimack battle in Hampton Roads
- 1889 - Battle at Gallabat (Metema): Mahdi's beat Abyssinian emperor John IV.
- 1891 - Great
- 1891 - Great Blizzard of 1891 begins in England (lasts until 13th March; 200 people and 6,000 animals killed).
- 1893 - Congo cannibals killed thousands of Arabs
- 1907 - 1st involuntary sterilization law enacted, Indiana.
- 1916 - Germany declares war against Portugal.
- 1925 - Pink's War, the first RAF operation conducted independently of the Army or Navy, begins.
- 1935 - Adolf Hitler announces the creation of a new air force.
- 1942 - Construction of the Alaska Highway began
- 1945 - 334 US B-29 Superfortresses attack Tokyo with 120,000 fire bombs
- 1945 - Japanese proclaim "independence" of Indo-China.
- 1961 - Soviet flight Sputnik 9 carries and returns a dog named Chernushka (Blackie), frogs and a guinea pig from orbit
- 1962 - Egyptian Pres Nasser declares Gaza belongs to Palestinians.
- 1962 - US advisors in South-Vietnam join the fight
- 1975 - Construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System begins.
- 1986 - NASA announces searchers found remains of Challenger astronauts.
- 1986 - Soviet probe Vega 2 flies by Halley's Comet at 8,030 km
- 1989 - Soviet Union officially submits to jurisdiction of the World Court.
- 1991- US 70th manned space mission STS 39 (Discovery 12) launches into orbit
- 1994 - IRA launch 1st of 3 mortar attacks on London's Heathrow Airport.
- 2006 - Liquid water is discovered on Enceladus, the sixth largest moon of Saturn.
- 2007 - The US Justice Department releases an internal audit that found that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had acted illegally in its use of the USA Patriot Act to secretly obtain personal information about US citizens.
- 2011 - Space Shuttle Discovery makes its final landing after 39 flights.
- 2013 - 19 people are killed in two suicide bombings in Kabul, Afghanistan

From KO Archives

BJP Ready To Forget 370, Ayodhya

NEW DELHI: Agonising uncertainty over formation of the new government at the Centre continued today with Congress and United Front dithering on a re-union to jointly advance their claim and BJP hoping to ultimately benefit from their external contradiction.

The Front convener and Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu, who has reportedly strong reservations on the United Front supporting a coalition headed by Congress cancelled his visit to New Delhi.

The Telugu Desam party leader is likely to come only tomorrow as the next move by the Congress on government formation becomes known after its working committee meeting.

A report from Hyderabad stated that wide-ranging consultations undertaken by Naidu with the party leaders and its 12 newly elected Lok Sabha members had thrown up only two options: Either to extend conditional support to BJP or to abstain from voting in the house to maintain equidistance from both BJP and Congress.

Meanwhile, BJP is said to have decided to put on back burner contentious issues like Ayodhya, Article 370 and uniform civil code while formulating a national agenda that would form the basis for running a BJP-led coalition government at the centre.

Since the party had not been able to secure a clear majority on its own, it was felt that these issues should be kept aside so as to carry along its allies, particularly AIADMK, Trinamool Congress and Samata Party, who have strong reservation on these, the sources said.

A committee will be constituted for this purpose with members from all the major coalition partners after the meeting with the allies tomorrow.

The idea to have a national agenda instead of a common minimum programme was suggested at an informal meeting of office bearers-yesterday as several members expressed their reservation against having a CMP as this experiment had not worked during the United Front government. The national agenda would be more effective in having a consensus among coalition partners in running the government with the focus being on tackling some of the pressing social and economic issues confronting the Nation, the sources said.

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Hellhole Kashmir

The life of 18-year-old Rafiya Nazir from Hazratbal was snuffed out along with that of an elderly man in a grenade attack at Amira Kadal on Sunday. Rafiya had just passed her 12th class examination with 93 percent marks and her father Nazir Ahmad Tinda dreamed of her becoming a doctor. Tragically, this was not to be. Rafiya was snatched away by the long-running violence in the Valley which has so far claimed thousands of lives and reduced them to mere statistics. She was in Lal Chowk shopping with her mother and sister when a grenade exploded close to them, killing a 79 year old man on the spot and injuring 33 others. Rafiya's mother and sister also sustained splinter injuries.

Unfortunately, the killings like these in Kashmir even struggle to become news in a world riven by unprecedented violence. On March 5, 57 worshippers were killed and over 100 wounded when a blast ripped through a mosque in Pakistan's Peshawar. And nobody would pay attention to Kashmir at a time when a full-scale war is ongoing in Ukraine with Russia on one side and the entire west led by the US on the other. And which, if no urgent measures are taken to defuse the crisis, is threatening to escalate into a third world war.

As for condemnations of the killings in Kashmir, it has become a ritual now. And by Kashmir standards, if we start condemning all deaths, it will become a full-time job for any person or an organization. For then we have to do it everyday, twice a day with all the killings happening around us. The condemnations will also be selective, depending on which side of the ideological divide you are on. The issue, however, is not the condemnation, the issue is what do we do about the situation that leads to everyday killings. But nobody will talk about that.

Such a muddled situation makes opinions and positions in Kashmir an inherently fraught affair. And hypocritical too. The union government is not helping the matters by refusing to engage Kashmiris politically. The last several years have witnessed an exclusively security-centric approach towards Kashmir. The objective has been to eliminate insurgency by attempting to kill all the militants within a specific timeframe. Viewed from that perspective, the security agencies have been exceptionally successful over the last two years. It is expected that the killings of the militants at this rate could drastically reduce their number. This, in turn, is expected to alter the political dynamics in Valley and usher in peace.

But the deeper factors underpinning the current state of affairs will linger on and can be expected to create conditions for yet another phase of violence and unrest. This has been the case over the past three decades. The militancy has gone through its crests and troughs but has never been wiped out. And same has been the case with the public unrest. The future looks uncertain in Kashmir. And things are unlikely to look up unless New Delhi fundamentally changes its approach to the situation and moves away from a security-centric approach to one of empathy and engagement. And until that happens Rafiyas will continue to die a day in and day out.

OTHER OPINION

Oh Baby

Cricket – the men's version of the game – has for long defined all-rounder to mean someone who bats and bowls with proficiency. None of them have ever had to think of a baby-break in their careers, or feeding times and anxiety about who's looking after the infant while they pile wickets and runs. Pakistan women's captain Bismah Maroof had to not just factor in all that, but also consider if she could afford a travelling nanny for her eight-month-old baby Fatima, when she resumed captaincy of the team ahead of the World Cup. Since she couldn't, she wrapped up the baby, pram in tow, and went to New Zealand to do her job as the nation's captain. Things on the field might not have gone to plan, a 107-run-defeat ensued despite triggering a mini collapse, but rivals India were left weak-kneed as they gathered around Baby Fatima post-match. Selfies followed.

India and Pakistan cricketers have always maintained cordial relations on the sidelines of their face-off. Even politicians on both sides are aware that cricketers carry an aura which glows brighter than narrow nationalistic spiels. But what melted a million hearts on Sunday was the viral videos of Indians with Baby Fatima from the Bay Oval – and a shared pride that a woman from the subcontinent was going ahead and resuming her playing career, in cricket, no less, after childbirth.

Cricket dressing rooms – often associated with male cricketers punching glasses and breaking doors and flinging bats in frustration – can now be places for baby babble after a game well played. Male cricketers have flaunted their babies at retirements and at landmark games. Women's cricket has kept it authentic, bringing the baby to work in a country where the Prime Minister has pretty much taken hers to Parliament, and then putting in a hard day at play.

The Indian Express

Raj Bhavan's Probe Into
PM Ujjwala Scam

RTI Helps Complainant To Get The Matter Investigated At Highest Level



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

Finally, Raj Bhavan has taken cognizance of irregularities in PM's Ujjwala Yojna in J&K particularly in district Budgam. The Lt Governor's Secretariat recently directed the Commissioner Secretary to Govt Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS & CA) to probe the matter and submit the report within 3 days. For more than a year, several complaints had been pouring in from different areas of J&K particularly in the upper reaches of Budgam district where people were looted by LPG companies. People had to pay money for Ujjwala LPG cylinders and stoves which otherwise were to be given free of cost.

Taking cognizance of a complaint filed by an RTI activist Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, a resident of Batwoder Surasyar Chadoora in district Budgam, the LG's Secretariat directed the Commissioner Secretary FCS & CA to get the matter enquired thoroughly. He has also been asked to submit the report to LGs Secretariat by March 3rd 2022.

Background

LG Manoj Sinha in his monthly radio programme Awam ki Awaz had spoken about the PM's Ujjwala Yojna in his Awam ki Awaz programme on Nov 21st 2021.

Mushtaq had brought the matter into the notice of LG Sinha by writing to him a detailed letter. LG highlighted this issue in the Awam ki Awaz radio broadcast and assured Mushtaq a probe into the issue.

After a month, when Mushtaq didn't hear anything from Raj Bhavan, he filed an application under Right to Information Act (RTI) in LG's Secretariat to know about the status of his complaint which was discussed by Lt Governor during Awam ki Awaz programme.

Information Sought

On December 21st 2021, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone filed an application under RTI Act seeking details of action taken by LG's office on his complaint. The RTI application reads as :

During Awam ki Awaz programme dated Nov 21st Hon'ble LG Shri Manoj Sinha spoke about PM Ujjwala Yojna. I had sent a complaint to him on the issue as there is a lot of misappropriation of funds and corruption. I would like to seek following information in this regard:

- Has your office made any formal communication with LPG companies or Govt on the issue of PM's Ujjwala Yojna which is marred by large scale corruption in J&K especially District Budgam ?
- Kindly provide a copy of the letter that has gone from Raj Bhavan to concerned officers for investigating the issue.

- Has any response been received by Raj Bhavan in this case ? Please provide the certified copies of the letters received in this regard
- Has Raj Bhavan directed Govt or Deputy Commissioners to upload a list of PM's Ujjwala beneficiaries on the official websites ?

Special Secretary intervenes

When Mushtaq didn't receive any information within stipulated time from the Public Information Officer Pankaj Bagotra (Additional Secretary

THERE ARE SEVERAL videos on social media which prove that indigent people in J&K have been looted, especially in Budgam district. Local news channels have exposed it as well. Newspapers have been writing about it but the government is least bothered to even investigate this matter

), he filed first appeal before Mr Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Special Secretary who is the designated First Appellate Authority (FAA).

The FAA called Mushtaq for an online hearing through Zoom on February 25th 2022. The PIO was also present during the hearing.

Before the appeal hearing, the Special Secretary ensured Mushtaq was given a better audience. The Raj Bhavan officials called him several times

POOR PEOPLE ARE being scammed by LPG companies and their dealers not only in J&K but at the national level as well

a few days before hearing to make sure he had better internet connectivity.

The FAA (Special Secretary) told Mushtaq during the hearing that he would write a letter to the General Administration Department (GAD) and Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department. The officer finally made a fresh communication with Food Department and asked the Commissioner Secretary on behalf of Lt Governor to probe into the issue. A report was sought within 3 days only.

No Probe Initiated

There are several videos on social media which prove that indigent people in J&K have been looted, especially in Budgam district. Local news channels have exposed it as well. Newspapers have been writing about it but the government is least bothered to even investigate this matter. The matter had to be taken up at the highest level (Raj Bhavan). This author has been uploading all the videos and newspaper articles about the Ujjwala scam on social media. The Deputy Commissioner of Budgam is aware of all this as his official Twitter handle was tagged by me several times about this.

However, unfortunately, he has not even asked an SHO of the area to file an FIR on the issue. Is this good governance ?

Poor people are being scammed by LPG companies and their dealers not only in J&K but at the national level as well.

In August 2019, Uttar Pradesh Police had also exposed a scam involving this scheme in the Balrampur district, and later that year the Comptroller and Auditor General of India unearthed a massive scam under this scheme as well. This needs a CBI inquiry across all states.

Earlier this year, free ration meant for the poor under the PM Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna was looted, and it was reported by Kashmir Observer and I exposed this in my weekly programme Inkishaf as well. That matter, too, is yet to be probed by the Deputy Commissioner Budgam.

Mushtaq had filed complaints at various forums. He was assured of action but till date not even an FIR has been filed against the culprits who took money from poor people for Ujjwala LPG gas which is to be given free of cost to BPL families. The Assistant Director Food Budgam also got the matter verified after being directed by LGs grievance cell but that report was also not made public.

Conclusion

PM Ujjwala scheme is marred by large scale corruption in Jammu & Kashmir.

In Budgam district Mushtaq and his colleagues went to several villages to see whether beneficiaries have received the subsidized gas or not but on the ground they were told that people had to pay money (Rs 2000 to 4000) for it. As the matter has now been taken up by Raj Bhavan directly with administrative department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs department, it is hoped that culprits will be brought to justice soon.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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WE live in a society in which merit is considered to be purely related to an individuals talent and hard work, it is important to understand that meritocracy is a product of privilege and anybody can fetch a good merit if given the proper guidance and equipped with adequate resources. As long we turn a blind eye to this basic fact we can never lift our population out of poverty, achieve great miles and harness our societies true potential. It is important to establish a level

playing field where everyone gets an equal opportunity to explore their interests and hone their skills. The government has to reach out to people and apprise them about the importance of education.

Investing on educating the youth will have countless benefits for the society. It is necessary that the government incentivises people to enrol their children in schools and higher educational institutes and ensures that the quality education is imparted to the students by certified teachers professors. In Kashmir, the past several years have

dented the education system quite badly especially for the underprivileged, the provision of quality education was disrupted by the political crises and the outbreak of the Covid was a final nail in the coffin. This period has witnessed a high drop out rate especially among girls. According to the the Ministry of education report the drop out rate among secondary and elementary education levels has increased to 16.6 % and 3.7% from 2019 to 2020. One primary reason for the dropout rate can be attributed to bias for boys' education

which prevails in our society. The remedy for correcting this problem is to provide the girls with the necessary resources to continue their education. The government should subsidise the provision of books or give them at a free cost, this may seem insignificant but this is an impediment for many in our society. We should ensure that no child is bereft of education because of the lack of capital.

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AI and Cybersecurity Arms Race

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The average business receives 10,000 alerts every day from the various software tools it uses to monitor for intruders, malware and other threats. Cybersecurity staff often find themselves inundated with data they need to sort through to manage their cyber defenses.

The stakes are high. Cyberattacks are increasing and affect thousands of organizations and millions of people in the U.S. alone.

These challenges underscore the need for better ways to stem the tide of cyber-breaches. Artificial intelligence is particularly well suited to finding patterns in huge amounts of data. As a researcher who studies AI and cybersecurity, I find that AI is emerging as a much-needed tool in the cybersecurity toolkit.

Helping humans

There are two main ways AI is bolstering cybersecurity. First, AI can help automate many tasks that a human analyst would often handle manually. These include automatically detecting unknown workstations, servers, code repositories and other hardware and software on a network. It can also determine how best to allocate security defenses. These are data-intensive tasks, and AI has the potential to sift through terabytes of data much more efficiently and effectively than a human could ever do.

Second, AI can help detect patterns within large quantities of data that human analysts can't see. For example, AI could detect the key linguistic patterns of hackers posting emerging threats in the dark web and alert analysts.

More specifically, AI-enabled analytics can help discern the jargon and code words hackers develop to refer to their new tools, techniques and procedures. One example is using the name Mirai to mean botnet. Hackers developed the term to hide the botnet topic from law enforcement and cyberthreat intelligence professionals.

AI has already seen some early successes in cybersecurity. Increasingly, companies such as FireEye, Microsoft and Google are developing innovative AI approaches to detect malware, stymie phishing campaigns and monitor the spread of disinformation. One notable success is Microsoft's Cyber Signals program that uses AI to analyze 24 trillion security signals, 40 nation-state



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groups and 140 hacker groups to produce cyber-threat intelligence for C-level executives.

Federal funding agencies such as the Department of Defense and the National Science Foundation recognize the potential of AI for cybersecurity and have invested tens of millions of dollars to develop advanced AI tools for extracting insights from data generated from the dark web and open-source software platforms such as GitHub, a global software development code repository where hackers, too, can share code.

Downsides of AI

Despite the significant benefits of AI for cybersecurity, cybersecurity professionals have questions and concerns about AI's role. Companies might be thinking about replacing their human analysts with AI systems, but might be worried about how much they can trust automated systems. It's also not clear whether and how the well-documented AI problems of bias, fairness, transparency and ethics will emerge in AI-based cybersecurity systems.

Also, AI is useful not only for cybersecurity professionals trying to turn the tide against cyberattacks, but also for malicious hackers. Attackers are using methods like reinforcement learning and generative adversarial networks, which generate new content or software based on limited examples, to produce new types of cyberattacks that can evade cyber defenses.

Researchers and cybersecurity professionals are still learning all the ways malicious hackers are using AI.

The road ahead

Looking forward, there is significant room for growth for AI in cybersecurity. In particular, the predictions AI systems make based on the patterns they identify will help analysts respond to emerging threats. AI is an intriguing tool that could help stem the tide of cyberattacks and, with careful cultivation, could become a required tool for the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

The current pace of innovation in AI, however, indicates that fully automated cyber battles between AI attackers and AI defenders is likely years away.

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When therapist Lizandra Leigertwood's friend asked to borrow a large sum of money, she immediately had an answer in mind: no. But instead, she said yes. This hurt both her and the relationship.

"Eventually, by me not having healthy boundaries, it caused the friendship to become strained," said Leigertwood, a therapist with New Frame Counselling & Psychotherapy. "Not only did I not receive back the loan, I became resentful. That wasn't just down to my friend not being a very good friend — part of the problem was down to me not communicating or asserting my boundaries."

This is one of several behaviors that can cause us to be mad at (or even hate) ourselves. Here are some other sneaky actions impeding your ability to feel self-love, as well as steps to take afterward.

Self-sabotaging

Directly disrespecting our personal boundaries is only one way in which we self-sabotage.

"For example, we might be getting over an ex and starting to feel good about ourselves, but then end up sleeping with them, leaving us once again reeling from the pain of the original breakup," said Hannah Beckett-Pratt, a psychotherapist with WellSpace Counselling. "Or, we might be close to a promotion at work, but go out the night before a big presentation and fail to impress when it counts. A very common form of self-sabotage is procrastination."

If you've had these experiences before, you know how easy it is to give in to those temptations and think it'll be fine. But then, when the results are bad, we (understandably) feel upset.

The fix: Think about what the thoughts and emotions underlying your self-sabotaging behaviors are.

"Often, sneaky behaviors hint at much deeper negative core beliefs, such as 'I'm not enough' or 'I'll never succeed in life,'" Beckett-Pratt said. "Even though these aren't nice, they are familiar and we keep them so by unconsciously confirming them through sneaky behaviors."

She suggested keeping an open mind and "experimenting" with new behaviors, "rather than criticizing and setting rules for ourselves, which we likely will rebel against, leading us back to self-sabotage." Those new behaviors are usually ones that are more helpful in the long run.

Lying by omission or commission

We may lie to others either outright (by commission) or by leaving out crucial information (by omission). This could in-



clude lying about where we're going or what we're doing, or secretly engaging in an unhealthy habit.

"It can often lead us to feeling shame and guilt, and hate for ourselves that we do them or feel the ways we feel that lead to the behaviors," said Cassandra Fallon, a therapist and regional clinic director at Thriveworks in Colorado Springs.

The fix: If you're tired of doing this, Fallon recommended seeking support.

"When we do catch ourselves, getting help is a great first step, either from those around us, self-exploration, or seeking out a personal coach, mentor or mental health professional," she said. "Some of us may even seek out time with our best friends to help us figure out what is triggering our behavior, fears [and] stressors. Feeling self-loathing or self-hate can mean that we need [to] explore the people we have in our lives [and] the ways we are living our lives."

Negative self-talk

With all the diet talk and self-help

content out there, negative self-talk can weasel its way in before we notice it. You might say cruel things to yourself about your intelligence, appearance or talents. You may feel a constant, urgent need to "better" yourself.

"We say things to ourselves that we wouldn't dream of saying aloud to another person," said Leigertwood. "Negative self-talk can be incredibly insidious and can lurk beneath everyday thoughts. People generally don't want to think that they hate themselves, but treating themselves poorly isn't an act of self-love."

The fix: Leigertwood recommended keeping a journal or mood diary to help you stay aware of this negative talk. Once you recognize the thoughts, challenge them so you have a more balanced view.

"When you actively practice self-compassion through self-care practices and self-kindness, it can help you shift your negative self-talk into more nurturing and soothing statements," she said.

Behaviors or choices that don't align

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with who you are

Have you ever done something and then thought, "This isn't me"? That's an incongruent behavior.

"Incongruence refers to when our behaviors are somewhat different to our internal experiences; they do not reflect our true thoughts and feelings," Beckett-Pratt said.

An example she gave is when you have a secret affair despite knowing it's unsustainable and harmful. "Such behaviors distance us from our true selves and ultimately leave us feeling lost, lonely, frustrated and unfulfilled," she added.

So if acting these ways makes us feel so bad, why do we engage in them? "Fear underlies most sneaky behaviors, whether that is fear of failing, or even a fear of succeeding in living and being how we truly want," Beckett-Pratt continued.

Additionally, we sometimes feel pressured to act a certain way because of a holiday or pop culture. "Instead of considering what health means to us and

the best way to achieve it within our current lifestyle, we just leap on the latest diet trend and then blame and shame ourselves a couple of weeks later when we can't sustain it," she said.

Leigertwood's experience saying "yes" when she meant "no" is another example. She explained why we might fall into that trap, saying, "We think that by saying 'yes' when we mean 'no' that we are being kind, but it's really being particularly unkind to ourselves. When we treat ourselves poorly, it can open the door for others to do the same."

The fix: When you notice you've engaged in this kind of behavior, be compassionate with yourself — which is easier said than done, I know! — and try to do better next time.

"If your incongruence appears as people-pleasing, experiment with putting your own needs first," Beckett-Pratt suggested. "When a friend asks where you'd like to eat, choose somewhere instead of saying you don't mind."

After, focus on how the outcome made you feel, and if that's a feeling you want to have again. This can encourage you to make healthy changes.

If not-people-pleasing is difficult for you, she recommended asking people to hold you accountable, letting them know your struggles and goals.

Leigertwood recommended listening to your body and emotions. When you feel angry or resentful, you know your behavior needs to change.

"Give yourself some time to reflect before you respond with an answer. Even if it means telling people that you'll get back to them later once you've had a chance to think," she said. "This can give you the space you need to tune into whether you're genuine about your 'yes.'"

Practicing self-love in these ways can be tricky and we'll mess up. That's OK! Just remember it's important to practice self-compassion as best you can throughout it all. As author Lori Deschene said, "We can't hate ourselves into a version of ourselves we can love."

Beckett-Pratt reminds us self-love isn't just a daily pill to take. "Real self-love requires consistent and deliberate commitment to congruence and self-awareness over a long period of time; it is the antithesis of sneaky behavior."

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Militants Luring Youth

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of an International Women's Day function here, he appealed to people to rise up against militant networks to stop such incidents.

"It was a very cowardice act, where-in women and men were going about their daily business and shopping, and you throw a grenade in which you lose two people and many are injured. I think it is condemnable," he said when asked about the attack at the market.

The lieutenant general said, "Having realised that they are not able to do major difference to security parameters, the people who are propagating and the nexus that is trying to push militancy in Kashmir, are using so-called hybrid militant, young men, to lob grenades, especially in populated areas".

It is only possible to control "such grenade attacks or such mindless killings when society rises up against the nexus", he said.

On the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan completing a year and the situation at the Line of Control (LoC), Lt Gen Pandey said the situation at the LoC is "absolutely good".

"It is absolutely fine. The people are enjoying their daily routine. I think it is a great, great thing which has happened, especially for the people of border areas like Uri, Keran, Tangdhar, who were suffering due to ceasefire violations," he said.

The commander said the enemy used to deliberately target buildings, houses, schools and farms of people on this side.

"This one year has been a good time for them (people residing in border areas), wherein children have been able to go to school, people have been able to go to their respective businesses, their farms, and there is progress, which has come to border areas. I think life is much, much better for the people there (now)," he said.

The commander also said that women of the Kashmir Valley, who

otherwise were pushed to the wall in the past, have started coming to the forefront, helping in preventing boys from treading the wrong path.

2 Khanyar Youth Held

He said Section 302 of IPC and sections 3,4 of explosive substances act were added to this case after the death of the two civilians.

Giving more details that led to the arrest of the two youth, the spokesperson said that due to the "heinous nature" of the case and due to the panic it created among the general public, SSP Srinagar Rakesh Balwal constituted a 7-member SIT headed by SP South to investigate the grenade attack.

"The SIT employed modern means of investigation and based on the technical evidences like minute frame by frame analysis of the CCTV footages of scene of crime, footages of CCTVs in the whole of Srinagar city, Cell Tower dump analysis, IP dump analysis, recreation of crime scene and by examination of some eye witnesses," he said.

Based on these, the spokesperson said that SIT was able to identify two accused who came on a two wheeler without number-plate to commit this crime and fled on the same vehicle after committing the militant act.

During the intense analysis of the CCTV trail in Srinagar city, he said, the route adopted by both accused was located back to one neighbourhood in Khanyar.

He said the first accused Mohd Bariq was arrested from Khanyar and his initial examination led to the arrest of second accused Fazil Nabi. He said that the two wheeler used in this grenade attack was also seized by SIT.

The accused, as per the spokesperson had carried out the attack on the directions of active militants in Kashmir valley.

"The plan was to attack the parked security vehicle but due to grenade throwing from a moving two-wheeler,

the target was missed and grenade exploded in an adjacent crowded area where many road-side vendors and buyers were busy in routine works," he said.

Further, the spokesperson said that it was also found that this particular area was chosen due to the omnipresent chaos and turbulent traffic in this stretch of area due to unorganised vendors and stalls on the road.

He recalled two other grenade attacks in the area on January 25 and August 10 last year.

"Further investigation is underway and is in full swing in this case," the spokesperson said, adding "This act of grenade throwing created terror, panic and anguish among the masses in whole of Srinagar city."

The spokesperson also urged all commercial establishments and shops to install CCTV cameras inside and outside their establishments, as per advisory issued by DC Srinagar, they said.

"This will act as strong deterrence to all the anti-social elements, who think of committing such atrocious crimes," he added.

Govt To Keep Schools

system mechanism in place so that a risk assessment of Covid-19 infection is done in these schools on routine basis till the disease enters an endemic stage of this current pandemic," the statement said.

"These teams shall be visiting public as well as private schools in their monitoring districts and will submit first hand reports from these educational institutions regarding the implementation of CAB and SOPs to the Divisional Administration," it added.

The statement further read that all the district administrators were also directed by the Divisional Administration to keep strong robust surveillance mechanisms intact in their districts so that these institutions function in a hassle free manner

as they have been reopened after a gap of two years.

"It was given out that the Divisional Administration has also directed school authorities to follow CAB all the time within their schools so that the administration is able to continue its decision regarding reopening of schools in a very smooth way," the handout read.

"Meanwhile, any school showing derailment in following the set SOPs, CAB shall warrant strict action from the administration," it added.

India To Resume

Air bubble arrangements will also stand revoked thereafter, he said.

In an air bubble arrangement formed between two nations, carriers of each country are allowed to operate limited number of international flights to other's territory with specific restrictions.

Just 3,993 fresh coronavirus infections -- the lowest in 662 days -- were recorded in India on Tuesday, according to the Union health ministry.

In a statement, the MoCA said that international operations from March 27 will be subject to strict adherence to Union health ministry guidelines that were issued on February 10.

"After having recognised the increased vaccination coverage across the globe and in consultation with stakeholders, the Government of India has decided to resume scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India from March 27, 2022, i.e. start of summer schedule 2022," it said.

The suspension of scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India, thus, stands extended only up to 23:59 hrs (Indian standard time) on March 26, 2022, and air bubble arrangements shall accordingly be extended to this extent only, the MoCA said.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had on November 26, 2021, announced that India will

resume scheduled international passenger flights from December 15, 2021.

Just a day later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the civil aviation Ministry and the DGCA to review its decision in wake of rising concerns over COVID-19 variant Omicron.

On December 1, 2021, the DGCA revoked its November 26 decision without saying how long the suspension of scheduled international flights will continue.

Truck Driver Charred

Later, the Fire and emergency services personnel rushed to the scene on information and extinguished the fire. However, the vehicle was gutted and the driver was charred to death. "We have not yet identified the truck driver. We will inform his family once we will identify him," said the police officer.

The truck driver's body was sent to the emergency hospital Qazigund for post-mortem by police.

Helpdesk Inaugurated

on the special occasion of the International Women's Day is the icing on the cake," he said.

He said that with this they have also added 16 jobs at the airport, thereby contributing to the economic development of Srinagar.

7 Gamblers Arrested

where they remain in custody," the spokesperson said.

"Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective Police Stations and further investigation has been initiated," he added.

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Soldier Goes Missing From Budgam, Family Seeks Help

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The family members of an Army soldier of JAKLI from Khag area of central Kashmir's Budgam who went missing on Monday evening have sought help to trace him.

A family member according to a local news agency KDC said Sameer Ahmad Malla son of Mohammad Yaqoob Mall, a resident of Lokripora Khag area went missing on Monday evening.

"We tried to contact him but his phone was off following which his friends and relatives were contacted. But all efforts to trace him failed," he said

If he has committed any mistake, will tell him to resign but return him back, he said adding that "He was on leave since 19 February as his wife has given birth to their second baby just a week ago."

His mother, wife and sister

appealed to everyone that if he is with anyone, return him on humanitarian grounds as he is father of two kids.

Sameer Malla- a resident of Lokipora in Tehsil Khag of Central Kashmir's Budgam district was recruited as a driver into J&K's Territorial Army in 2017.

Pertinently, Police in Srinagar had investigated his role after he allegedly transported Major Leetul Gogoi and a local girl to the Srinagar hotel in his private car back in 2018.

The report quoted a police official confirming the incident and saying massive efforts are on to locate his whereabouts.

"Many areas were searched today, Police is trying their best to locate him but couldn't find any clue about his whereabouts so far," the official said, adding that the last location of the soldier was Khag area at around 0400 hours.

Apni Party Aims To Bring New Political Discourse In J&K: Mir

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Apni Party senior vice-president Ghulam Hassan Mir on Tuesday said his party aims to bring a new political discourse in militancy-hit Jammu and Kashmir to guide the people to peace, prosperity and development.

Mir, a former minister, was speaking to reporters here on the second foundation day of the party.

"It was on this day that conscious politicians (from different parties) came together under the leadership of Altaf Bukhari and laid the foundation of this party to show a bright light to the people who were reeling in darkness and facing a situation of despondency," he said, referring to the abrogation of the special status of the erstwhile state and its bifurcation into two union territories.

"We want our youth to come out of the situation of hopelessness and write a bright future for themselves," Mir said, adding that as the world was observing the International Women's Day, his party seeks educational,

economical, political and social empowerment of women.

The Apni Party reiterates its demand to provide reservation to women in the Assembly and Parliament, he said.

On allegations that the Apni party is the 'B-team' of the BJP, Mir said his party has its own stand and viewpoint. "We have denounced the BJP for what it has done to Jammu and Kashmir. We believe it (abrogation of special status) was totally wrong and akin to playing with the sentiments of the people."

Mir said the Apni party will continue to condemn it and "when we will get the public support, we will put a new system in place".

On whether his party was open to an alliance with the BJP or any other party ahead of the Assembly elections, he said all traditional political parties have pushed Jammu and Kashmir to the verge of destruction.

"We are here with new and right politics, a new approach and our aim is to bring new political discourse in Jammu and Kashmir," Mir added.

Dr Farooq Chairs DISHA Meeting In Ganderbal

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Member Parliament (MP), Srinagar, Dr Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday visited Ganderbal to review the progress achieved under different centrally sponsored schemes, other developmental programmes being implemented in the district at a meeting of District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee, (DISHA) of District Ganderbal held in the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat, here.

Vice-Chairperson DDC Ganderbal, Bilal Ahmad, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Kritika Jyotsna, SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar, Additional District Development Commissioner, Khurshid Ahmad Shah, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Farooq Ahmad Baba, CPO, ACD, SDM Kangan, ACR besides BDC Chairpersons and all other district and sectoral Officers were present in the meeting.

At the outset, CPO Ganderbal gave a detailed overview of the developmental scenario and progress achieved under different ongoing schemes in the district through a PowerPoint presentation.

During the meeting, the MP took a comprehensive review of various schemes department wise including, Health, Education, PDD, RDD, PWD, PHE, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and other departments. While reviewing the progress on various ongoing development projects, the MP said that the aim of holding the DISHA meeting was to have firsthand appraisal about the implementation of various schemes and to assess the developmental requirements in the district.

On the occasion, the MP sought feedback from BDCs regarding the developmental activities in their areas and enquired about developmental needs in their blocks. He assured them that all their genu-

ine demands shall be taken up for consideration.

Reviewing the education sector, the MP said that education sector has suffered the most in last two years due to Covid pandemic and asked the Education department to make strategic plan to make-over the academic losses suffered due to the closure of educational institutions during Covid-19 pandemic besides Covid protocols shall be followed strictly in all schools.

While interacting with the district officers, he stressed for timely completion of all developmental projects and ensuring a prompt and efficient public delivery mechanism in the district.

Replying to the demands raised by the BDCs, Dr Abdullah sought their cooperation and emphasized to work in tandem with District Administration for overall prosperity and development of people in the district.

While discussing the achievements of Agriculture and Horticulture in the district, the MP asked the department to take all measures to ensure the quality and genuine insecticides, pesticides and fertilizers is made available to the farming community besides awareness shall be generated regarding the latest technological methods in agriculture and its allied sectors to boom the economy of the farmer community.

The MP asked the SSP Ganderbal to take strict measures against the drug menace in the district to save youth from hazardous effects of the drug abuse in the district.

While appreciating the District Administration for its achievements in various sectors, the MP asked the officers to work with more dedication and zeal so that the benefits of welfare schemes reach to the genuine beneficiaries especially living in far flung areas of the district.

J&K Reports 53 New Coronavirus Cases

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir registered 53 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus even as no fresh fatality was reported in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, Kashmir Valley detected 32 new cases of Covid-19 while the remaining 21 were registered in different districts of Jammu division, taking the number of people infected since the onset of pandemic in J&K to 453323.

In the Valley, officials said,

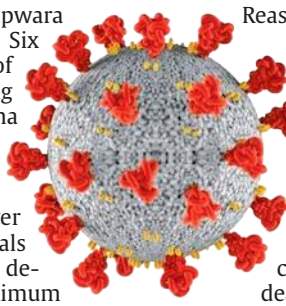
Srinagar reported the highest 14 new cases of Coronavirus, Baramulla 11, Kupwara 6 and Kulgam 1. Six other districts of Valley, including Budgam, Pulwama registered no new cases of Covid-19.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu detected a maximum of 14 fresh cases of virus, Doda, Poonch and Ramban 3 each and Rajouri 1. No cases of infection were reported from

five districts of Udhampur, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar and Reasi.

Moreover, the officials said, 58 Covid-19 patients—32 from Jammu and 26 from Valley—recovered during the time.

Also, the officials said that the death toll in the pandemic remained unchanged at 4749 in J&K as no fresh fatality was reported during the last 24 hours.



Congress Stages Protest Against Price Rise, Unemployment

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Congress and its women wing on Tuesday held a protest here on International Women's Day, alleging that the central government has failed to control the rise in prices of essential commodities and ensure women's safety.

The party's protest march, from the Indira Chowk to the Raj Bhawan, was, however, stopped by police, which had put up barricades.

All India Congress Committee (AICC) Jammu and Kashmir affairs in-charge Rajani Patil, AICC spokesperson Alka Lamba and Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief G A Mir were among the demonstrators who raised the slogan "Ladki hun, lad sakti hun", which was coined by Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls.

Patil lashed out at the BJP government at the Centre, saying it had failed to fulfil its promise of ensuring security of women. "What has happened in different parts of the country against women under the BJP regime is shameful," she said while addressing the demonstrators.

On issues of price rise and unemployment, including in Jammu and Kashmir, the Congress MP said that the Narendra Modi government has utterly failed to bring prices of essentials under control.

"The common people are suffering due to unprecedented prices of essential commodities and unreasonable taxes. Women are the worst sufferers under the BJP regime," Patil said.

Jammu and Kashmir tops in unemployment in the country and the educated youth are frustrated due to wrong policies of the government, she alleged. Lakhs of educated youngsters

are without jobs in Jammu and Kashmir while daily wagers and need-based, contractual and other temporary employees are protesting for regularisation, Patil said.

She said that it was the Congress that had guaranteed 33 per cent reservation to women in the three tiers of the Panchayati Raj system in the country. The party stands committed to the rights and empowerment of women, Patil said.

The Congress leader claimed that the people of Jammu and Kashmir lost their rights and are deprived of democracy after abrogation of its statehood.

The statehood of Jammu and Kashmir should be reinstated and early elections be held to restore democracy, she said.

Lamba also attacked the Centre on issues of women security, price rise and unemployment.

She alleged that the administration did not allow this peaceful protest march to take place.

Jal Shakti Dept Daily Wagers Stage Protest For Regularisation

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Hundreds of daily wagers of the Jal Shakti department on Tuesday staged a protest near the residence of Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina here to press for their long-pending demands, including regularisation.

The workers, under the banner of Public Health Engineering (PHE) employees, assembled in Gandhi Nagar and marched towards the residence of Raina, who assured them that Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha was sensitive towards their issues

and was taking necessary steps to address them.

Over 60,000 daily wagers, casual labourers and other workers are working in various departments over the past two decades and are regularly holding protests in both Jammu and Srinagar for regularisation of their jobs, minimum wages and release of pending wages.

The protesters reached Raina's residence and staged a peaceful demonstration.

The BJP leader assured the protesters that he would arrange a meeting between them and Sinha.

Ravi Hans, one of the leaders of the protest, said, "We want a meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his visit to Jammu to discuss our issues."

Responding to Hans, Raina said he and his party always stood with the PHE employees in support of their genuine demands.

"We will continue our support for you. We have already raised the demand for implementation of the Minimum Wages Act with the government in Delhi as we believe that it will mitigate the suffering of the workers till their regularisation," he said.

175 Revenue Officials To Undergo Capacity Building Training

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole along with Director General, J&K IMPARD, Saurabh Bhagat on Tuesday inaugurated a Workshop Series on "Disaster Preparedness, Revenue Courts, Digitization & Other Revenue Matters" here at IMPARD Srinagar.

The Training Series is being organized jointly by Centre for Disaster Management, J&K IMPARD and J&K Government.

During his inaugural address, Div. Com informed the participants that Revenue Department is required to implement more laws than all the other departments put together. Therefore, he said, the officers of the Revenue Department need more intensive training.

He shared his experience as Deputy Commissioner while in Maharashtra, where it is a routine to conduct 3-day residential Training Courses for Revenue Officers to teach them all Revenue related laws.

He said this training builds their capacity to implement Revenue laws efficiently. He said that an officer deployed in a District should know about his area of jurisdiction and the laws he is required to implement in two months.

"This is possible only through intensive training", he added.

He further said that a training workshop is the best mode of imparting training to officers

because an officer learns better through Peer Learning which includes interaction with his peers through cross-talk. He advised the participants to do intensive cross-talk to benefit from this Training Series to the fullest extent.

The Capacity building intensive training was attended by 175 revenue officers while equal number of Officers attended through Webcast mode.

Div Com said that remaining around 3000 Subordinate Revenue Officers from Patwari to Naib Tehsildar have to undergo online Self Certification Course from IMPA Portal in a month.

Director General, J&K IMPARD, while throwing open the Conference, thanked the Divisional Commissioner for his Department's support in organising this series of Training Events. He also thanked Commissioner Secretary, Revenue Department, Vijay Kumar Bidhuria, who was present in the Workshop online. Besides, he also thanked Aziz Ahmad, the Nodal Officer for the present Workshop.

During his address, DG IMPARD, said that since the re-organization in 2019 of the erstwhile J&K State into Union Territory, there has been a complete change in the rules.

"Almost all the rules in the Revenue sphere have changed and officers need to be acquainted with new laws", he emphasized.

He said that the emphasis laid by Lt. Governor on Trans-

parency, Good Governance, and Grievance Redressal, and the need to mainstreaming J&K with Indian laws, the responsibility of J&K IMPARD in the field of training has increased manifold.

"In this backdrop, the J&K IMPARD enlisted the support of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, in implementing e-Office in IMPARD itself, and in devising intensive training modules for the functionaries of J&K Government", he added.

He particularly mentioned Right to Information (RTI), LMS (Learning Management System), JKAS Probationary Officers Training Batch-2019, Land Revenue Records Digitization, Orientation Training on Grievance Redressal, Training for functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), Skill Development, Disaster Management, Pradhan Mantri's Flagship Schemes, Secretariat Assistants Training Courses (SATC) and Knowledge Management System which includes recording lecture content, both video and textual, and uploading it on website where from it could be downloaded by interested persons.

The DG highlighted that IMPARD has this Financial Year 90 Senior JKAS Officers for mid-career training at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Masoorie & Utrakkhand; and gave SATC training to 3000 frontline functionaries.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Women Making Niche For Themselves In Present Era: Advisor Khan

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Asserting that gender equality is not only a fundamental human right but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world,

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan on Tuesday said that the present era marked the biggest social change due to removal of inequality among genders which gave due recognition to women of our country.

Advisor made these remarks while addressing a large gathering of womenfolk on the occasion of International Women's Day at Tagore Hall here.

Advisor said that for any progressive society, it's imperative that women get ample space to express themselves as they form the cornerstone of households.

He said that the whole world will prosper when nations and organizations work to ensure that every woman is given the same opportunities to grow and progress.

Highlighting this year's theme of International Women's Day 'Breaking the Bias', Advisor Farooq Khan said that the time has gone when there used to be bias against women. He added that the world which used to be male dominated has now changed and the women are making a niche for themselves in today's modern times and gaining their fair share of power in all fields of life.

Elucidating contribution of J&K in different fields, Advisor Khan said that women from J&K are making a significant impact in different fields with their persistent and constructive efforts of nation building.

Advisor said that women have raised the honour of J&K as well as country across the globe in the fields of business, sports, education, agriculture, engineering, innovation and medical field.

Advisor Khan on the occasion also lauded Rakshanda Mehak from Jammu who clinched bronze medal in World Deaf Judo Championship held at Paris Versailles, France. He also praised the Wheel Chair Basketball player Insha Bashir for making the country proud.

He added that women are beacon of light for our society and no one can stop them from realizing their dreams adding that they will be the face of 'Naya J&K and Naya Bharat'.

Speaking on the occasion, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, said that the world is changing and women are taking up every field and making their contribution at all levels and the government has initiated several schemes for women empowerment.

In her welcome address, Mission Director, ICPS, Shabnam Shah Kamill said that this country has a long history of women emancipation.

On the occasion, artists from Firdous Dramatic Club performed a skit on the theme of day highlighting the bias against women besides artists from Sonzal Art Cultural Organization also mesmerized the audiences with their colorful performances.

Later, Advisor Khan felicitated 10th, 12th class meritorious girl students, girl sports persons, businesswomen and several women welfare officers on the occasion.

2 Soldiers Injured As Vehicle Rolls Into Field

SRINAGAR: Two soldiers were on Tuesday injured after a vehicle they were traveling in met with an accident at Aragam village of North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

Officials said that an army vehicle carrying Army person-

nel skidded off the road and crashed into a field at Aragam village of the district, reported news agency KNO.

They said that two soldiers were injured in the accident, who were shifted to a nearby health centre for treatment.

Militant Associate Held In Baramulla: Police

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested a militant associate and recovered arms and ammunition from his possession in Nadihal area of Rafiabad in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

In a statement, a police spokesman said that on the basis of specific information regarding the movement of ANEs yesterday, Sopore police along with 32 RR and 92 BN CRPF launched a joint CASO in Nadihal area of sub division Rafiabad.

"During search operation, one

militant associate was intercepted," police said, adding that the apprehended person on preliminary questioning disclosed his identity as Firdous Ahmad Wani, son of Ghulam Muhammad of Check Seri Pattan and on his personal search, one AK 56 alongwith magazine and 30 live rounds were recovered.

"In this context, a case under FIR number 16/2022 under section 7/25 Indian Arms Act, 13, 18, 38 UA(P) Act stands registered in Police Station Panzalla and investigation has been taken up," police said.

Patient Given Expired Glucose At Shopian Hospital

Nurse suspended, investigation taken up: BMO

Agencies

SRINAGAR: An expired glucose was administered to a patient in the emergency ward of Sub District Hospital in Kella area of south Kashmir's Shopian.

The family members alleged that a paramedic had callously administered expired glucose to Soni Jan, wife of Aarif Ahmad resident of Ringward on Monday Following the incident, they

staged a protest on Tuesday.

They demanded action against the staff members involved in injecting expired dextrose to their patient.

Block Medical Officer Kella Dr Zazar admitted that a nurse administered an expired dextrose to a patient and the said staffer has been suspended.

He said an enquiry committee has been constituted to investigate the matter—(KNO)

IAF Airlifts 146 Stranded Passengers Between J&K, Ladakh

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Indian Air Force and state-run helicopter service provider Pawan Hans on Tuesday airlifted together a total of 146 people stranded at various places in J&K and Ladakh and flew them to their destinations, officials said. The IAF's AN-32 Kargil Courier transported 111 people while Mi-172 Pawan Hans helicopter flew 35 to their destinations.

As many as 41 people were flown from Jammu to Kargil and 12 from

Kargil to Jammu, they said. Similarly, AN-32 aircraft flew 16 people from Kargil to Srinagar and 42 from Srinagar to Kargil, they said. The Mi-172 Pawan Hans helicopter transported 32 from Srinagar to Kargil and three from Leh to Kargil. The IAF has been operating C-17, C-130 and AN-32 aircraft regularly to airlift stranded passengers in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh due to the closure of the 434-km Srinagar-Leh national highway owing to heavy snowfall in January.

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