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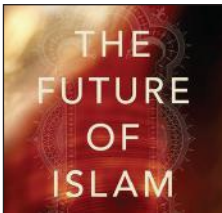
### PM PROMISED TO PROMOTE KASHMIRI HANDICRAFTS: KCCI

Two Days after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Kashmir Chamber Of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) held a Press Conference at the Chamber Office on Friday.

## P5 THINK

### WAY FORWARD FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR ISLAM, MUSLIMS AND THE WEST

Today Islam is the fastest-growing religion in Africa, Asia, Europe, and America. More than 1.5 billion Muslims are living in 56 majority Muslim populated countries worldwide and some significant minorities in Europe and



## P7 STATE

### SMART CITY PROJECT: LG LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF VARIOUS PROJECTS IN SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that his administration is taking effective steps to accelerate the mission for inclusive



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**Quote!**

First impressions are always unreliable

-Franz Kafka

## NEWS DIGEST

### J&K Logs Nine New Covid Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday reported nine fresh COVID-19 cases, raising its tally to 4,53,854, officials said. All the new infections were reported from the Kashmir division with Srinagar district recording eight cases and Anantnag district **More on P6**

### 2 Teen Girls Drown In Udhampur River

JAMMU- Two teenagers allegedly drowned while bathing in a river in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, officials said on Friday. The deceased Sushma Devi (14) and Pooja Devi (15) went to the river while returning from school in Kagote **More on P6**

### Govt Grants MoS Status To Andrabi

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday accorded sanction to the grant of status equivalent to Minister of State (MoS) to chairperson J&K Waqaf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi. Sanction is hereby accorded to the grant of status equivalent **More on P6**

### 4 Tourists Injured As Bus Overturns

SRINAGAR- At least four tourists were injured on Friday morning when the tempo vehicle they were travelling hit the protection wall and turned turtle at Dursuma area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, police said. An official said that three injured were discharged while one injured was referred to SKIMS Soura, reported news agency KNO. **More on P6**

## China Tried Hacking Ladakh Power Grid Systems Thrice: GoI

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: China launched "probing cyber attacks" on India's power grid in strategically located Ladakh thrice since December 2021 but did not succeed because safeguards were in place to thwart such intrusions, Union Power Minister R K Singh said on Thursday.

Amid reports of Chinese state-sponsored hackers targeting the power grid, the Ministry of External Affairs asserted India has systems in place to safeguard critical



**WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS.** There is a mechanism in place so that our critical infrastructure remains resilient in such cases...We have systems in place to safeguard critical infrastructure."

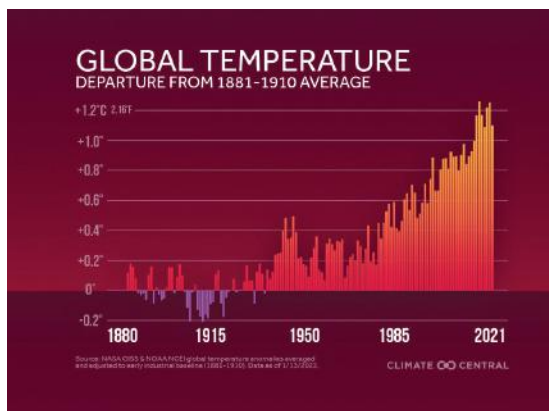
## Hot Spring: Kashmir Has Low Role And High Risk In Climate Change

Auqib Javed

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After receiving scanty snowfall this past winter, the 'summer in spring' has now prompted experts to assert that the valley has already passed into the feverish phase of climate change.

Behind the valley's unusual weather patterns, says climatologist Dr. Majid Farooq, are some sweeping global factors. "Events of climatic change, like early summer, will affect every corner of the world," said Dr. Majid,



Scientist and Coordinator at Government of Jammu and

Kashmir's Climate Change Centre.



Dr. Majid Farooq

"These things happen because global

temperature is increasing. I won't say it has nothing to do with the local issues like urbanization or industrialization, but overall it is a global phenomenon."

Already March 2022 was declared as the warmest month in Srinagar since 1892.

The overall mean temperature for the month was recorded 13.7°C as compared to the previous record of 13.65°C in year 2004.

"We've to design adaptation and mitigation strategies and prepare ourselves to overcome the

### Forest Fire Rages On In North, South Kashmir

Forests in north Kashmir's Bandipora and south Kashmir's Tral are up in flames with the forest department blaming the prevailing dry weather conditions for the fire. In Bandipora district, officials said, the fire is not only swallowing green gold, but **More on P6**

negative effects of global warming," Dr. Majid said.

In a candid chat with Kashmir Observer, the climatologist offers some expert insights into the changing weather patterns.

**Why's Kashmir suddenly witnessing some radical weather patterns?**

Well, the temperature is rising due to pumping of greenhouse **More on P6**

## Spurt In Militant Attacks

## DGP Calls For Stepped Up Anti-Militancy Ops

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Amid a spurt in militant attacks on government forces and non-locals in the Kashmir Valley, the Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh on Friday directed his officers to continue action against militants and their helpers, besides keeping suspicious elements under watch to foil their "ill designs aimed at disrupting normal lives of the people".

Singh made these remarks while chairing security review meetings with senior officers of police and CRPF in the twin districts of Pulwama and Shopian in south Kashmir, a police spokesperson said.

Singh was flanked by

Special DG CRPF Daljit Singh Chaudhary and IGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar.

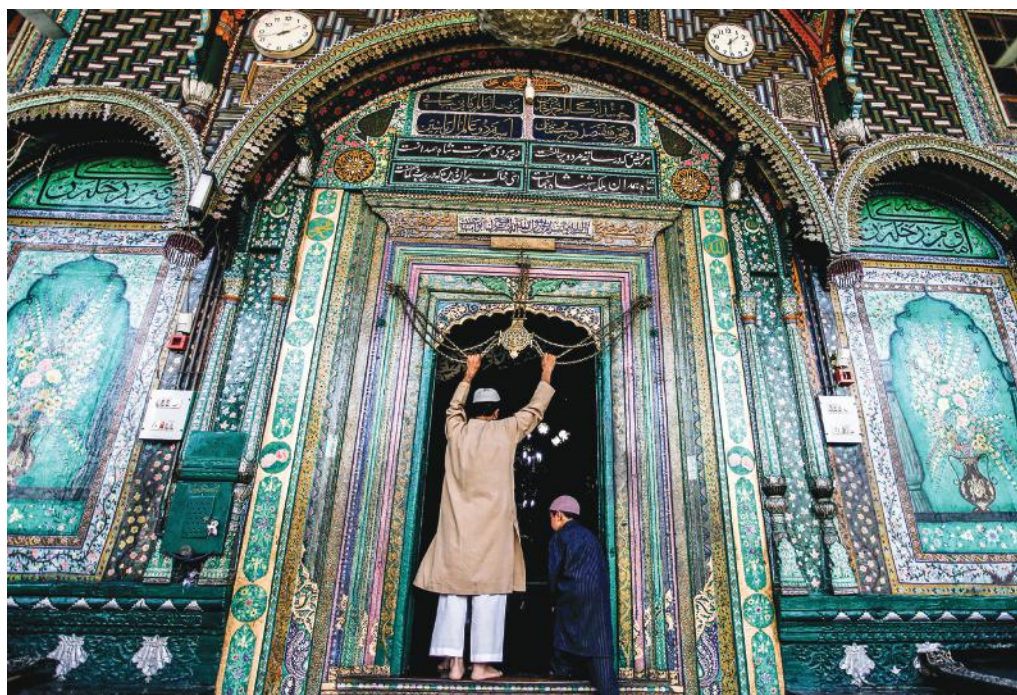
Highlighting the importance of people's role in prevailing scenario, Singh, according to the spokesperson, stressed upon the officers to evolve more effective mechanism and ensure public safety while dealing with the elements inimical to peace.

The DGP, he said, also stressed for strengthening communication within the forces at different levels to augment the security grids in their respective areas.

The spokesperson said that the DGP after obtaining the assessments of prevailing security situation and arising challenges, said that **More on P6**



**THE DGP DIRECTED THE OFFICERS** that the action against terrorists and their helpers must continue and all the suspicious elements be kept under check so as to foil their ill designs aimed at disrupting normal lives of the people."



A boy holds a pendulum and offers prayers at the entrance of the 13th century shrine of Mir Syed Ali Hamdani in the Old City of Srinagar on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

### Teacher Held For Thrashing Class 4 Student In Rajouri

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: A teacher has been arrested for severely beating a Class 4 student of a government school in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said.

The teacher, Nisar Ahmed, allegedly thrashed two girls in the school's classroom.

The incident had triggered anger and protests, prompting the administration to suspend him and order an inquiry, officials said.

The incident drew attention of the administration and police after it was highlighted on the social media. The teacher was arrested on Thursday and the investigation is on, official sources said.

"Today an information through reliable source was received at Police Station Budhal that a girl of Draman, studying in 4th class in **More on P6**

## PAK POWER PLAY

## Defiant Imran Khan Calls For Street Protests

**Says He Will Not Accept 'Imported Government'**

Press Trust Of India

ISLAMABAD: A defiant Imran Khan said on Friday that he will not accept any "imported government" in Pakistan as he expressed disappointment over the Supreme Court's verdict on the National Assembly deputy speaker's controversial



decision on the rejection of no-trust motion against him. In a live-address to the

nation ahead of the no-trust motion on Saturday, 69-year-old Khan asked his supporters to join him on the street on Sunday evening.

"I respect the Supreme Court and the judiciary, but the apex court should have looked at a threat letter before issuing its verdict, Khan said in his address perhaps last to the nation as the prime minister of the country.

Khan, who has effectively lost the majority in the 342-member house, repeated his allegations that a US diplomat threatened **More on P6**

### Panel To Probe Foreign Conspiracy Behind Toppling Imran Govt

The Pakistan government has set up a commission led by a retired Army officer to investigate the alleged foreign conspiracy behind the no-confidence motion against embattled Prime Minister Imran Khan, a senior minister said on Friday. The decision to constitute the commission was taken in the cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Khan, Minister for Information Fawad Chaudhry said. He said the government will present the contents of the threat letter. **More on P6**

## NIA Charges Woman, 24 Others In Militancy Case

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The NIA on Friday filed a charge sheet against 25 accused before a special court here for a conspiracy to recruit "hybrid terrorists" for Pakistan-based militant groups to carry out attacks in Jammu and Kashmir.

The case pertains to hatching a conspiracy, both on physical as well as cyberspace, for undertaking violent militant acts in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country, by cadres of Pakistan-based proscribed organisations like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr and their affiliates such as The Resistance Front (TRF), People Anti-Fascist Forces (PAFF) among others, a spokesperson of the NIA said.

Bashir Ahmed Peer, Imtiyaz Kundoo, Bilal Ahmed Mir, Owais Ahmed Dar, Tariq Ahmed Dar, Tariq Ahmed Bafanda, Mohd. Haneef Chairalu, Hanan Gulzar



Dar, Mateen Ahmed Bhat, Kamran Ashraf Reshi, Rayid Bashir, Mohd. Manan Dar, Zamin Adil Bhat, Hariis Nisar Langoo, Rouf Ahmad Bhat, Sobiya Aziz Mir, Amir Ahmad Gojree, Sadaat Amin Malik, Ishfaq Amin Wani, Rashid Muzafar Ganai, Nashir Ahmad Mir, Irfan Tariq Antoo, Suhail Ahmad Thokar, Adil Ahmad War and Arif Farooq Bhat have been named.

The accused, all residents of Jammu and Kashmir, have been charged with sections of the Indian Penal Code and the

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the NIA official said.

Investigation has unearthed a deep-rooted conspiracy of Pakistan-based proscribed organisations joining hands in form of a united group and shifting of their modus operandi by floating pseudo-offshoot outfits portrayed as indigenous resistance groups, in whose name "terrorist acts" are being committed with an intention to claim deniability at the international level, the spokesperson said.

After the abrogation of Article 370, this shift was discernible in claims of militant acts done in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) official said.

Many affiliate/offshoots outfits such as TRF, PAFF, United Liberation Front J&K ULF J&K, Muslim Janbaaz Force (MJF), Kashmir Janbaaz Force (KJF), Kashmir Tigers, Kashmir Fight, Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind, Kashmir Gaznavi **More on P6**

## Truck Mows Down 3 Protesters In Udhampur

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Three people, who were among those holding a protest demanding repair of drinking water supply pipes, were killed after a truck accidentally knocked them down in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Friday, officials said.

Three others were injured and they were shifted to the district hospital, they said.

The truck driver failed to negotiate a blind curve and ended up ramming into few of the people, who were staging a protest demanding that the pipes supplying drinking water to their hamlet in Chenani area be repaired, the officials mentioned.

According to them, the three injured people were receiving specialised treatment, but one of them was in

a critical condition, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Indu Chib said.

The district administration has ordered an inquiry into the incident, the officer said.

Meanwhile, three more people, including a woman were killed in a road accident that took place at Garani area of Udhampur district.

A police official said that the accident took place when a motorcycle JK02B 4739 moving on highway hit a divider causing injuries to all three riders.

"They all were shifted from the site of accident to Udhampur district hospital where they were declared as brought dead," police said. The deceased has been identified as Shanti Devi age (40) w/o Saleem; Saleem age (45) s/o Goga; Sameer Rinku (20) d/o Saleem all residents of Arnas in district Reasi. **More on P6**





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Scientists have found important insights into how SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, can lead to long-term pain, an advance that could lead to a potential therapy for the disorder. The experiments involved a hamster model of intranasal Covid-19 infection that closely reflects symptoms experienced by people.

"A significant number of people suffering from long Covid experience sensory abnormalities, including various forms of pain," said Randal Serafini, a PhD candidate at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in the US.

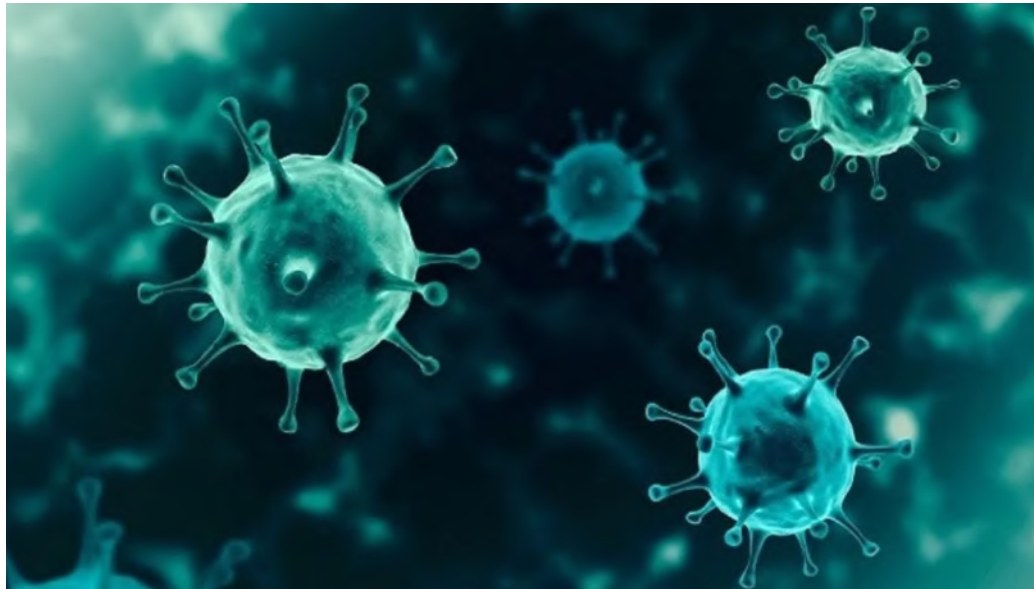
"We used RNA sequencing to get a snapshot of the biochemical changes SARS-CoV-2 triggers in a pain-transmitting structure called dorsal root ganglia," Serafini said. Using a hamster model of SARS-CoV-2 infection, the researchers found that infection left a gene expression signature in the dorsal root ganglia that remained even after the virus cleared. The signature matched gene expression patterns seen in pain caused by other conditions, they said.

The research was presented at the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics annual meeting held between April 2-5 in Philadelphia, US.

"Our findings could potentially lead to new therapies for patients suffering from acute and long COVID, as well as other pain conditions," said Serafini.

"Our study also shows that SARS-CoV-2 causes long-term effects on the body in drastically new ways, further underscoring why people should try to avoid being infected," the scientist said.

# How Covid-19 Can Cause Long-Term Pain Found



The researchers observed that SARS-CoV-2-infected hamsters showed a slight hypersensitivity to touch early after infection, which became more severe over time, up to 30 days.

They then performed similar experiments with the Influenza A virus to determine if other RNA viruses promote similar responses.

In contrast to SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A caused an early hypersensitivity that was more severe but

faded by four days post-infection, according to the researchers.

Analysis of gene expression patterns in the dorsal root ganglia showed that SARS-CoV-2 caused a more prominent change in expression levels of genes implicated in neuron-specific signalling processes compared to influenza, they said.

The researchers also found that four weeks after recovering from viral infection, flu-infected hamsters had no signs of long-term

hypersensitivity while SARS-CoV-2-infected hamsters showed worsened hypersensitivity, reflecting chronic pain.

The hamsters that recovered from SARS-CoV-2 had gene expression signatures similar to those seen in the dorsal root ganglia of mice affected by pain that was induced by inflammation or nerve injury.

The researchers also predicted that SARS-CoV-2 downregulates the activity of several previously identified pain regulators and

a protein called interleukin enhancer binding factor 3 (ILF3).

This downregulation occurs at times when pain behaviours in SARS-CoV-2-infected hamsters were very mild, despite heavy systemic inflammation, they said. The researchers hypothesised that mimicking the acute effects of ILF3 could serve as a new pain treatment strategy.

They administered a clinically tested anti-cancer drug that inhibits ILF3 activity, and found that it was very effective at treating pain in a mouse model of localised inflammation.

"We think therapeutic candidates derived from our gene expression data, such as ILF3 inhibitors, could potentially target pain mechanisms that are specific to Covid patients, both acutely and chronically," Serafini added.

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**از نیابت احمد**  
عنوان: مضمون درخواست منجانب: داخند بانو ورفان احمد شیخ والدہ محبوبہ بیگم ساکنہ ترکہ بڈ پورہ نسبت حصول RBA سرٹیفکیٹ تحت ایس آر آء 126/294

**اشتہار برادر آگاہی ہر خاص و عام**  
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل دفتر بدین میں زیر کاروائی ہے اس نسبت پجاری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ تفواالت ریکارڈ طلب کے لئے جس سے عہد ہوتا ہے کہ سائل نساکنہ ترکہ بڈ پورہ میں رہائش پذیر ہے سائل کی نمبر کی مہادت مدنی 7200 روپیہ ہے کہ منہ ذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے  
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03	ادریس تارین پسر	20 سال	زیر تعلیم	
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## HANFIA MEMORIAL INSTITUTE NOWGAM SHANGUS ANANTNAG

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## The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

### BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original Migration certificate of 10th & 12th under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Abilur Rashid  
Parentage Abdul Rashid Bhat  
R/O Aripanthan



### Details of Marks Certificate lost

Higher Secondary School Examination (class 12th)  
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Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Migration Certificate . 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.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary  
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## HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH

(Office of the Registrar Judicial, Srinagar)

WP(C) No.238/2022

CM No.643/2022

Gujar & Bakarwal Welfare Association V/S UT of J&K and Ors. through its President & Secretary.

### NOTICE UNDER ORDER 1 RULE 8 OF CPC

Whereas, one Mohammad Ibrahim Chichi Aged 70 Years S/o Boba Chichi R/o Kangan. Wuder. Ganderbal in the capacity as President Gujar & Bakarwal Welfare Association alongwith the Secretary of said association, through their counsel Shelkh Mushtaq, Advocate have filed the above title writ petition in the representative capacity on behalf of Gujar & Bakarwal Welfare Association, on the grounds that they and all the Gujar & Bakarwal Community of Kangan Ganderbal have common interest in the subject matter of the writ petition; that they are aggrieved of Order No DCG/ARA/Gh/3072-74 Dated 27.01.2022 issued by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, under and in terms of which, Tehsildar Kangan, Ganderbal has been directed to issue Schedule Tribe Category Certificate belonging to Shina Community in favour of the private respondent namely Abdul Gayoom Lone S/O Abdul Aziz Lone R/o Kangan, Ganderbal, that the said impugned order has been issued by the concerned authority without providing opportunity of hearing to them and without considering the objections tendered by them and that impugned order is operating adverse to their rights.

Whereas, the petitioners have sought for the following reliefs

- Writ of Certiorari:- for quashing the impugned Order No DCG/ARA/Gb/3072-74 Dated 27.01.2022 as being issued without jurisdiction and in violation of directions passed by the Hon'ble Court in OWP No 448/2002 and the mondate of Reservation Act, 2004 and the Rules thereof
- Writ of Mandamus: commanding upon the Respondent No.6 not to issue ST Certificate of belonging to Shina Community in favour of Private Respondent on the basis the impugned Order No DCG/ARA/Gb/3072-74 Dated 27.01.2022 The respondent no 6 may further be directed to follow the mandate of the Reservation Act 2004 and Rules thereof as also the circular issued in this behalf before considering the application for issuance of ST Certificate.
- Writ of Mandamus: commanding upon the respondents to implement the order passed by the Hon'ble High Court in OWP No 448/2002 for considering the applications for grant of Scheduled Tribe Category certificate of Members of Shina Tribe Community in different areas of Tehsil Kangan, in accordance with the Rule 21 of Reservation Rules of 2005
- Any other writ, order or direction as this Hon'ble Court deems just and proper to issue in favour of the petitioner and against the respondents

Whereas, Hon'ble Court, upon hearing the above titled matter on 17-02-2022, has been pleased to direct for issuance of notice under Order 1 Rule 8 CPC, to be got published in two daily newspapers having wide circulation in the concerned area.

Now, therefore, in compliance to the Hon'ble Court Order dated 17-02-2022, this publication notice under Order 1 Rule 8 CPC is hereby issued calling upon Gujar & Bakarwal Community of Kangan or any of them, to file their/his/her objections, if any, in the above titled matter.

Note that the matter is listed before Hon'ble Court on 13-04-2022

NO : 5082

Dated: 24 24-03-22

Sd/ Registrar Judicial, Srinagar

(Before the Hon'ble High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Srinagar)

WP(C) NO 2389/2022

(Writ petition Under Article 226)

(Subject matter pertains to District Ganderbal)

### In the case of:

Gujar & Bakarwal Welfare Association  
Through its president & Secretary  
1. Mohammad Ibrahim Chichi, Aged 70 years  
S/o Boba Chchi R/o Kangan, Wuder, Ganderbal (President)  
2. Haji Nizam-ud-din Bania, Aged 65 years  
S/o Shakoar Bania  
R/o Durdawdar Mammur Kangan Ganderbal,  
Kashmir. (Secretary

### Petitioners

V/S

- Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir through Commissioner/Secretary to Government Social Welfare Department, Civil Secretariat, Sriangar/Jammu.
- Commissioner/ Secretary to Reenue Department, Civil Secretariat, Sriangar/ Jammu.
- Divisional Commissioner Kashmir
- Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal.
- Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Ganderbal
- Tehsildar Kangan, Ganderbal
- Tehsildar Gund Gangan, Ganderbal.
- Abdul Qayoom Lone S/O Abdul Aziz Lone R/O Kangan, Ganderbal

### Respondents

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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, sealed tenders affixed with Rs 5/= revenue stamps each are invited from Reputed/Registered Printers for supply of Printing items during the financial year 2022-23 as and when required by this office. The detailed tender documents for the different items can be obtained from the office of under signed against a cash payment of RS 200/= (Two Hundred only) non-refundable within 5 days after the publication of this notice. The tenders must be accompanied with CDR of Rs 5000/= (Five Thousand only) for Print items drawn from any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank and Pledged to Convener District Health Society Ganderbal. Tenders without CDR will not be entertained. The tenders duly sealed, addressed to Chief Medical Officer Ganderbal can be deposited directly against proper receipt in the office of under signed within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Postal delay is not the responsibility of this office.

Chief Medical Officer  
Vice-Chairman District Health Society  
Ganderbal

DIPK-256/22





## Unauthorized loans CBK Files Charge Sheet Against Former Bank Employee

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Crime Branch Kashmir (CBK) on Friday said that it filed a charge-sheet before the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Kashmir Srinagar against a former bank employee for fraudulently and dishonestly raising unauthorized loans and using the amount so withdrawn for personal uses and share trading.

"The Crime Branch Kashmir received a complaint from Branch Head J&K Bank Residency Road Srinagar wherein it was stated that on the basis of Preliminary Enquiry conducted by the Bank, it has been established that one Zahoor Ahmad Khan S/o Ghulam Rasool R/o New Colony, Saida Kadal Srinagar, working as Associate Executive in the said Bank has dishonestly and fraudulently raised eight unauthorized loans against the deposits which do not exist in Bank records," a statement issued reads.

It added that these

loans were raised in the name of staff members, his brothers and sisters by the accused, who used the amount drawn therein for personnel use etc.

"Accordingly, in view of the circumstances Case FIR No. 06/2009 U/S 409, 420, 468, 471 RPC was registered in P/S CBK on 03.03.2009 and investigation was taken up. During the course of investigation, it was established that staff loan accounts have been opened fraudulently without completing prescribed formalities by the accused particularly in the name of his close relatives and colleagues through use of their user passwords without their knowledge deceitfully and dishonestly in the capacity of System manager and Advance manager of the said Branch due to flaws of the then newly introduced B2K software System and non-existence of message alert mechanism, which was exploited by accused to commit these fraudulent actions/trans-actions."



**BUDDING FAITH:** As fasting Muslims bow their heads in prostration, a young boy looks on during Friday prayers at Jamia Masjid. KO Photo Abid Bhat

## PM Promised To Promote Kashmiri Handicrafts: KCCI

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Two Days after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Kashmir Chamber Of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) held a Press Conference at the Chamber Office on Friday.

KCCI president Sheikh Ashiq briefed the media about the meeting they had with the Prime Minister.

Ashiq said the KCCI had been persistently pursuing meetings with Union Ministers in the last three years and the meeting with the Prime Minister was postponed because of Covid situation.

The meet, he said, was coordinated by the Wakf Board Chairperson Darakshan Andrabi.

"This wasn't just a meeting, we put forth issues of public interest before the Prime Minister" he said.

"Mr. Modi promised us to promote the Kashmiri Carpet. He acknowledged the Kashmiri carpet as a symbol of Kashmir".

"He took a picture with the

Kashmiri carpet and promised us to promote Kashmiri handicrafts in his personal capacity". He added.

"From Air connectivity to Highways, we talked to the Prime Minister on every issue"



He said we at KCCI want every business to run and not to close down.

Ashiq said that they put forth the issues of the public and business community before the Prime Minister.

He also said the issue of resumption of the Srinagar-Sharjah flight was also discussed with the Prime Minister.

Apart from other issues we sought soft loans for our young Entrepreneurs, he said.

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**S/O :- Abdul Aziz Kasana**  
**R/O:- Bakerwal Check Tanjlu**


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**Request for Dasti Quotes, for  
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J&K Bank Central stationery Deptt; Nowgam, has Extended the date of **Dasti Quotes dated 18.03.2022** for the supply of table stationery item i.e **"QR code standee"** from local vendors. The interested vendors can obtain Dasti Quote RFQ Document from central stationery Deptt; Nowgam during Business hours and can submit their **Quotes (Bids) upto 11 april 2022 till 17.00 hours** in a sealed envelope, addressed to **In Charge Central Stationery Department, Nowgam Bye Pass Srinagar.**

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Reference: - Notification No. 025-BOPEE of 2022 dated 13-03-2022.

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Dated: 07-04-2022**

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از نیابت مٹن با اجلاس ایکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول  
مضمون درخواست منجانب: مصباح منظور دفتر منظور احمد وانی ساکنہ کرکٹو تحصیل مٹن ضلع انت  
ناگ بغرض حصول :- RBA سرٹیفکیٹ  
اشعار برمودا گاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکنہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈ ایئر سرٹیفکیٹ  
دفتر بذمیں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن  
ہے کہ ساکنہ کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	پیشہ	عمر	آمدنی
01	منظور احمد و ولد غلام حسن وانی	مزدوری	45 سال	=/8000
02	دلشادہ بانو زوجہ منظور احمد وانی	گھریلو کام	44 سال	
03	مصباح منظور دفتر منظور احمد وانی	زیر تعلیم	17 سال	
04	مونی منظور دفتر منظور احمد وانی	زیر تعلیم	15 سال	
05	غلام حسن وانی ولد رمضان وانی	عمر رسیدہ	13 سال	
06	سارہ بانو زوجہ غلام حسن	عمر رسیدہ		

اس طرح اس کا کنبہ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ ساکن کے کنبہ کی کل سالانہ زرعی وغیر زرعی آمدنی تقریباً ایک لاکھ روپیہ تک ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ مذکورہ کو حاصل کرنے میں اگر کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتہ کے دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ معیار گذرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

(تقریر الصدرا ایکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول)

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مضمون درخواست منجانب: بشیر احمد ولد عبداللہ گوجر ساکنہ آہو پانسن تحصیل شگل  
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ۔

اشعار برمودا گاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذمیں  
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کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام و ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	بشیر احمد ولد عبداللہ خان گوجر	48 سال	مزدوری	=/4000
2	زیتون بیگم زوجہ بشیر احمد	26 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	سجاد احمد ولد بشیر احمد خان گوجر	25 سال	مزدوری	
4	خالد احمد ولد بشیر احمد خان گوجر	22 سال	زیر تعلیم	
5	روہیلہ جان دختر بشیر احمد خان گوجر	18 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس طرح اس کا کنبہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ کنبہ زیر بحث کو دھڑا میں رقبہ تعداد دیا یلکناں از تقریباً 2500 روپیہ تک ہے۔ اس طرح سے کنبہ زیر بحث کی سالانہ آمدنی تقریباً 5,000 روپیہ تک ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ مذکورہ کو حاصل کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتہ کے دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ معیار گذرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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بغرض حصول :- RBA سرٹیفکیٹ  
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01	شبیر احمد ولد محمد شعبان بٹ	دا کا تداری	46 سال	=/10000
02	لکھوم بانو زوجہ شبیر احمد	گھریلو کام	39 سال	
03	ساحل شبیر ولد شبیر احمد	زیر تعلیم	17 سال	
04	سوزین شبیر ولد شبیر احمد	زیر تعلیم	12 سال	

اس طرح اس کا کنبہ 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ ساکن کے کنبہ کی کل سالانہ زرعی وغیر زرعی آمدنی تقریباً ایک لاکھ روپیہ تک ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ مذکورہ کو حاصل کرنے میں اگر کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ ایک ہفتہ کے دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ معیار گذرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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FAJR	4: 42
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ASR	5:07
Magrib	7:00
ISHA	8: 24

**This Day In History**

- 1691 - French troops occupy Mons
- 1772 - Philosopher and mathematician Jean-Baptiste Le Rond d'Alembert becomes permanent secretary of the French Academy of Sciences
- 1864 - Battle of Pleasant Hill LA, 2870 casualties
- 1869 - Hudson Bay Company cedes its territory to Canada
- 1917 - Battle of Arras begins
- 1928 - Turkey passes separation of church & state
- 1942 - Battle of Bataan; US-Filipino forces overwhelmed by Japanese at Bataan
- 1945 - Battleship Admiral Scheer sunk by RAF bombing in Kiel
- 1945 - Liberty ship at Bari Italy carrying aerial bombs explodes, kills 360
- 1947 - Atomic Energy Commission confirmed
- 1947 - Tornadoes striking West Texas & Oklahoma kill 169, injuring 1,300
- 1948 - Massacre at Deir Yassin.
- 1949 - UN International Court of Justice holds Albania responsible for incidents in Corfu Channel and awards Britain damages
- 1955 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site.
- 1959 - NASA names 1st 7 astronauts for Project Mercury
- 1960 - South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd survives an assassination attempt by David Pratt despite being twice shot in the face
- 1963 - Winston Churchill becomes 1st honorary US citizen
- 1967 - 1st Boeing 737 (a 100 series) makes its maiden flight
- 1972 - USSR & Iraq sign friendship treaty
- 1975 - 24 OECD members sign an agreement to establish a \$25 billion lending facility to provide assistance to industrial nations hurt by high oil prices
- 1976 - US & Russia agreed on size of nuclear tests for peaceful use
- 1977 - Communist party in Spain allowed legally after 40 years
- 1980 - Soyuz 35 carries 2 cosmonauts to Salyut 6
- 1983 - 6th Space Shuttle Mission-Challenger 1 returns to Earth
- 1988 - US imposes economic sanctions on Panama
- 1991 - Georgia SSR votes to secede from USSR
- 1992 - John Major elected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom after his Conservative Party wins the most votes in British electoral history
- 1994 - STS-59 (Endeavour) launches into orbit
- 1999 - Ibrahim Baré Maïnassara, President of Niger, is assassinated.
- 2002 - Funeral of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother at Westminster Abbey UK. More than a million people line the streets

**From KO Archives**

**War Of A Different Kind  
Breaks Out On LoC**

Observer News Service

KAMAN POST, (LOC) -India and Pakistan for a change engaged in a different game other than cricket on Thursday when the passengers from both the parts of divided Kashmir crossed sides at the Aman Sethu (Peace Bridge) here.

Besides the 49 passengers from – 19 from India and 30 km Pakistani part of Kashmir- a large number of media persons gathered from across the globe, leaders of some political parties and of course the soldiers saw the two countries lock horns -in a poster and banner battle.

"Pakistan se rishta kya...la-ilaha-il-Allah" read a huge hoarding erected just across LoC "Mazhab nahin Sikahat Apas Mein Bair Rakhna" countered a banner from India. Then there was one from j Pakistan which read, "We welcome our Kashmiri brethren".

"Every Step on April 7 will strengthen the bonds between India and Pakistan," was the Indian reply.

However Pakistan gavel an edge over India in display of flags. While the tri-colour was not at all seen at the last Indian military outpost, the green and white dominated the entire area: across the border. Hundreds of Pakistani and 'Azad Kashmiri flags were seen on the other side.

The other count where Pakistanis seem to have scored over India was the erection of a signboard indicating direction and distance to various cities. While the Indian sign showed the distance to Srinagar, the Pakistani one indicated direction to Islamabad, Jammu, Tehran and Makkah.

The Jammu and Kashmir government presented a memento to the passengers on board the "karvaan-e-aman (Caravan of Peace)" from India and also to those from Muzaffarabad. The wooden memento had carvings of two Kashmiris embracing each other. Bouquets were also presented to them.

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Twitter Talks



“How Many of You boys actually help your mum and sisters in the kitchen during Ramadan?”  
@Mariya

“Anxiety and depression are real. Please don't ignore your mental health. Seek medical intervention the same way you do for your physical health”  
@faisalbashiris

“Fire incidents have only multiplied in the past few weeks. The hard work of a lifetime is turning into ashes and there is not a whisper about what is happening? The silence follows and the survivors suffer”  
@kabir\_writes

ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Words Of War

It is familiar territory for the sub-continental neighbours to be locked in tensions and teetering on the brink of war. Aggressive posturing, tough talk, movement of troops, and worse, have all been seen before. As one side blows hot and cold by asserting that no one wanted war but all options were open, the other, naturally, commits itself to a befitting reply in case of a misadventure.

Ironically, the basic issue of bringing the Mumbai perpetrators to book takes a back seat as the antagonists calculate the risks in strikes and counter-strikes. By wisdom of hindsight, it is easy to say that the situation could have been handled better and in a much more productive way had the exigencies of domestic politics not governed the approach to the crisis.

The severe clobbering New Delhi has been giving Pakistan right from the start in full view and hearing of the world was bound to make Islamabad feel hurt and humiliated. Its retreat into a bristling, defensive shell, and rebounding accusations with combative denials, is characteristic of an already beleaguered entity being pushed to the wall. If the government in New Delhi has domestic compulsions in being seen to be taking action, if not actually acting, the regime in Islamabad is more hard pressed not to appear succumbing to outside pressure. After all, the Zardari dispensation's indulgent view of US forces targeting its territory has not exactly earned it popularity in Pakistan. And it is not the easiest of tasks to be waging a war in tribal areas in the face of growing resentment at home. Before going hammer and tongs at Islamabad, New Delhi would have done well to take the latter's sensitivities and vulnerabilities into account if it really wanted Pakistan to act meaningfully. By airing its demands openly for all the world to hear and asking for action that amounted, under the circumstances, to nothing less than abject capitulation, New Delhi has painted Islamabad into a corner, foreclosing any chances that there might have been of the latter cooperating substantively.

India had been wounded gravely – that is undeniable, but in the interest of the broader and all-important goal of getting the perpetrators collared, wiser counsel should have prevailed. Quiet, persuasive diplomacy, out of sight of the world, with available proof being presented convincingly, would have yielded better results as Pakistan would have been more amenable to India's requirements if approached with sensitivity and understanding. How could New Delhi not have sensed the acute susceptibility of its most important neighbour that is engaged in a highly unpopular military operation in the west and paying a heavy price in bloody terrorist reprisals?

War in the subcontinent would be the recourse of the insane as it entails mutually assured destruction; and having been mercifully recognized as such by both sides, it is incomprehensible that rhetoric has overtaken temperance. Even if the two sides limit themselves to tit-for-tat surgical strikes, nothing would have been achieved and much lost. Needless to say, the painstakingly built composite process would be one of the many casualties and it is doubtful it would ever take off again. Howsoever hemmed in Pakistan may feel, it has to be fair in addressing Indian concerns, and putting at rest the grievances the latter has. The current situation sorely demands an approach of understanding of each others concerns from both sides. Pakistan cannot ignore entirely the apprehensions voiced by India as it has itself suffered at the hands of rogue forces springing from its soil. In any case, it can put its point more effectively through established channels of communications between state rather than shouting over the fence.

Both neighbours need to get out of the trap of the chequered history of their relations. The temptation to play to the domestic galleries can spin out of control, and if, heavens forbid, it reaches the point of no return, it would be impossible even to pick up the pieces. Terrorism is not the exclusive preserve of any one nation, but both, India and Pakistan, have internal factors that have contributed to the growth of the scourge. New Delhi would win half the battle if it acknowledged that the excuse for attacks on it partly stems from the targeted violence on the minorities, including the Muslims, and that the slaughter in Mumbai in the nineties and later on in Gujarat constitute terrorism as much as the carnage in the Taj and the Trident. Islamabad, in its turn, cannot remain an idle spectator as extra-constitutional forces undermine the authority of the state, and even put the very existence of the nation in peril.

The article is an editorial from KO's archives and was originally published on June 12, 2010

The Energy Stalemate

What is it that is actually needed to ensure energy sufficiency of UT and how to achieve that state?

Amir Suhail Wani

The last one year and more has seen developments of all sorts crisscrossing the power sector and allied departments in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. From unbundling of GENCO, TRANSCO and DISCO to speculations about privatisation of power distribution and transmission, to the more recent identification of power sector by the government as one of the economically fertile sectors in J&K, the power sector has occupied headlines for all the good and bad reasons.

The scenario of the power sector in J&K is a complex one both from producer's as well as the consumer's end and the multiplicity of issues revolving around it, call for immediate attention.

From the explicit will and wish of the government to rope in private players into generation business, to unabated pilferage and the mammoth debt which PDD is incurring, all are issues of concern. From the consumer's end, the low power quality and low power supply, shutdowns at times when electricity is needed most and the erratic pattern of electric supply generally throughout the year and particularly during winters, are pressing issues and deserve immediate attention. The tussle between the service provider's and consumer's interests and the multifarious issues arising there-from border on economy, technology, governance and administration.

To smoothen these points of encounter and to arrive at optimal and economic solutions, measures both from government and public side are needed and these measures shall concern us in what follows.

At the very outset, one is beset with paradoxes of sorts. Let's look at these figures before we venture further. According to a report published by Economic Times, only 3,263.46 MW, about 20 percent of the identified potential of 16,475 MW and only about 16 percent of the estimated potential of 20,000 MW has been exploited until now which comprises 1,211.96 MW in the state sector, 2,009 MW in central sector and 42.5 MW in private sector. Another report by Livemint maintains that, “J&K leads in power losses in India ” with “a record aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) losses of 60.5%”.

Recently, UT Governor Manoj Sinha said that “at present we are purchasing electricity for Rs 6,000 crore but only getting revenue of Rs 2,600 crore. We are suffering a loss of Rs 3400 crore annually”. What do these numbers hint at? It is easy to infer that they describe the state of



The next major breakthrough is to be sought in upgrading the transmission and distribution networks. It is these networks, their uneconomical performance and outdated technologies and equipment they employ which leads to transmission and distribution losses. We will continue to suffer losses as long as we don't subject our transmission and distribution networks to upgradation

technical backwardness, burden on state treasury and persistence of outmoded transmission and distribution networks coupled to heavy pilferage.

Why is it that as of now, less than 20% of the total hydel potential has been explored despite the fact that the first hydropower plant in the UT was established in the last decade of the 19th century? More than a century has passed and we are yet to tap the untapped hydropower resources that lie scattered across the state, thereby reflecting the lack of fervour on part of the government to enhance, exploit and extend the presence of hydropower in our larger power scenario.

Recently, the LG headed administration expressed its intent to “harness the region's hydropower potential to make the union territory power surplus in the next five years”. But have not these promises and assurances struck our ears before?

What is it that is actually needed to ensure the energy sufficiency of the UT and how to achieve that state? Let's invoke simple arithmetic. The cost of installation of one MW of hydel-power is pegged around Rs. 10 Crore INR, according to prevalent techno-economic considerations. By that standard, how much amount will it take, for example, for installation of a 100MW hydel powerhouse?

Simple algebra reveals it to be Rs 1,000 Crore INR. The cost will escalate in accordance with the size of the plant and here lies the first challenge. For an economic deficit state like ours, with state treasury already under various pressures, the question remains whether the state could afford its ventures into large scale hydel projects on its own? And our previous experience has revealed that it can't.

Anytime, the state conceives of higher order projects, it faces off the hard challenge of the economy which obliges it to extend its bowl to the centre and once the centre jumps in, the projects end up in central monopoly, much like what happened to projects like Uri I and II. This leads us back to square one on how to assure self-sufficiency.

The Government has recently been working on small hydel power and captive power plants and inviting private players into the fair play but this itself comes at the risk of increased cost per MW, thereby affecting the consumer preference and energy consumption patterns. The way out of this dilemma is to strike a balance and to chalk a midway between unrestrained centralisation and unwanted privatisation. Privatisation of generation front in terms of engaging private players in small hydel power projects and captive power seems a viable option only as long as it doesn't disturb the existing tariff structure and doesn't put the consumer under unnecessary burden. Assistance can also be had from central agencies on the precondition that they don't hijack these indigenous power plants. An understanding can be reached between the centre and states and conditions can be arrived at which assure that states'

rights are properly guarded and any attempt to hijack and takeover these projects is strictly met out by the law.

The next major breakthrough is to be sought in upgrading the transmission and distribution networks. It is these networks, their uneconomical performance and outdated technologies and equipment they employ which leads to transmission and distribution losses. We will continue to suffer losses as long as we don't subject our transmission and distribution networks to upgradation.

Yet another face of the same coin is that the pilferage is to be effectively plugged which calls for patrolling by PDD field staff and intermittent inspections. Lest these pilferages and electricity thefts by illegal means of hooking are checked and choked, the prospect of effective transformation of the electricity sector remains bleak. A step has been initiated in this direction by installing smart metres in some areas and the accompanying networking has been claimed to reduce losses and eliminate pilferages. But the persistent complaint that has been accompanying this move is that the tariffs are too high to be affordable by the populace at large. So, a middle ground has to be reached and the interests, both of service provider and consumers are to be taken into consideration. It is only in reaching this middle ground that the impasse can be broken and optimization achieved.

There are some essentials to be learnt and followed by us as consumers. Our ways of energy utilization are both unscientific and uneconomical. Engineering practices teach us that utilizing electricity for heating purposes is the most uneconomical and least desired method of electricity utilization. But in our day to day lives, we use electricity not only for essential heating purposes, but also for purposes like heating huge water tanks, which are later ridiculously left to cool down. Heating gadgets, which consume energy in kilowatts, are left operative even when not needed. To use electric bulbs during the daytime is a common spectre, notwithstanding the cumulative energy losses these practices incur. All these steps are to be taken in unison by the energy producers (Government) and energy consumers (People) to take our state out of the present electricity morass.

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Hybrid Workspace: What Works As The Workplace

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As India Inc braces itself for return to office, employees, specially in sectors like IT, consulting, etc, have been demanding continuation of 'work from home' (WFH). A recent survey by CIEL HR Services found that of close to 2,000 employees in 600 companies, 67% were even ready to quit jobs if denied the WFH option.

With the pandemic came the world's biggest-ever workplace experiment. The immediate popular verdict was: remote working works, and has benefits too. Soon enough, WFH gave way to WfA (work from anywhere). Companies, of course, expected WFH to yield to a return-to-office regime once the infections seemed to be abating—only, the second Covid surge soon negated any such plans. When large cities faced reverse migration, smaller ones offered more space at less expense. Many opted for professional co-working spaces, for WfA. With links enabling companies and people to engage beyond geographies, WFH/WfA was not just location-agnostic, but also cheaper and greener too.

Notwithstanding its benign effects, WFH in most cases was viewed as a temporary fix. Defining WFH as “home-based teleworking as a temporary alternative working arrangement”, the ILO estimated around 18% of workers worldwide engaged in occupations suitable for WFH with requisite infrastructure. Those working in plants, warehouses, supply chains, or in hospitality businesses, etc. perforce needed to be physically present. Terming remote work an “aberration”, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan Chase, etc got counted among the most ardent supporters of the status quo ante. For many, prolonged work from home, missing the buzz of the

office and spontaneous interactions with colleagues with occasional light banter, tends to create stress.

Meetings on Zoom or Teams can't provide energy, warmth and understanding that physical get-togethers do. Recreating social connectivity, that enables people to be collaboratively productive, is not easy in virtual and hybrid settings. Technology is vital, but not enough. Apple co-founder Steve Jobs had said, “Technology alone is not enough. It's technology married with the liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields the results that make our hearts sing”.

Many tech CEOs fret that strict return-to-office mandates will put off restless software engineers, warn that employees will jump ship if rules are too restrictive. A growing trend indicates employees want more choices on when and from where to work. While most are keen to attend office, especially for collaborative work, they want flexible and fewer workdays. Employer expectations appear in line with the seismic shift in employees' thinking. Tata Steel intends to continue with its “Agile Working Model”, enabling WfA for employees; even those based at designated locations can work from home.

The pandemic's disproportionate impact on women, in terms of increased unemployment and domestic responsibilities, makes WFH

a favoured option. The flexibility of location and work schedules would indeed attract more women. TeamLease reports a 25-37% increase in the number of women applying for jobs and getting employed in IT, e-com, healthcare, retail, knowledge process outsourcing, pharma, automotive—it is likely that the WFH has played no small role in this.

A Mint-Bain India survey of some 105 CEOs found less than one-third thinking of remote work to be the present and not the future. According to a report on India's job market, The Pandemic and White Collar Migration, 67% of the country's large and 70% of mid-size firms would not continue remote working, post the pandemic—asserting the credo that culture outweighs convenience. In contrast, BCG's recent Workplace of the Future survey found 60% of employees wanting flexibility in where and/or when they work, autonomy to decide WfO (work in office) or WFH. The new workplace will perforce be modular and agile, online as well as offline, multi-locational, facilitating collaboration and productivity.

As Peter Drucker often maintained, an organisation must evolve strategy that enables it to derive results in an uncertain environment; corporates are re-imagining the new future of work, to be future-ready. Today, the fusion of business and technology unfolds immense new

possibilities; collaborative virtual workspaces are becoming a new normal; companies are embracing hybridisation as never before. Citing studies, PepsiCo maintains employers who offer flexible work see a 15% rise in productivity, 31% less absenteeism, and 10% less turnover.

“Remote” work wouldn't mean that all or most employees always work from home; employees may split their time between home and the workplace. As the recent PepsiCo policy under ‘Work that Works’ delineates, company managements can choose what work can be done remotely, and what needs to be done in offices. Like Mercedes-Benz India opting for a hybrid model with 50% of non-production staff on campus, Tata Consultancy Services is transitioning into a 25X25 hybrid mode with no more than 25% of its associates working from an office at any given time, spending no more than 25% of their time in the office.

With change now happening so rapidly, it gets tough to predict what the deep future may hold. Paul McDonald of consulting firm Robert Half anticipates that employers will be more open to flexible work formats, including combining time at the office and working from home, workers having the flexibility of working from home and going to office occasionally for team planning, capability building, and social connect.

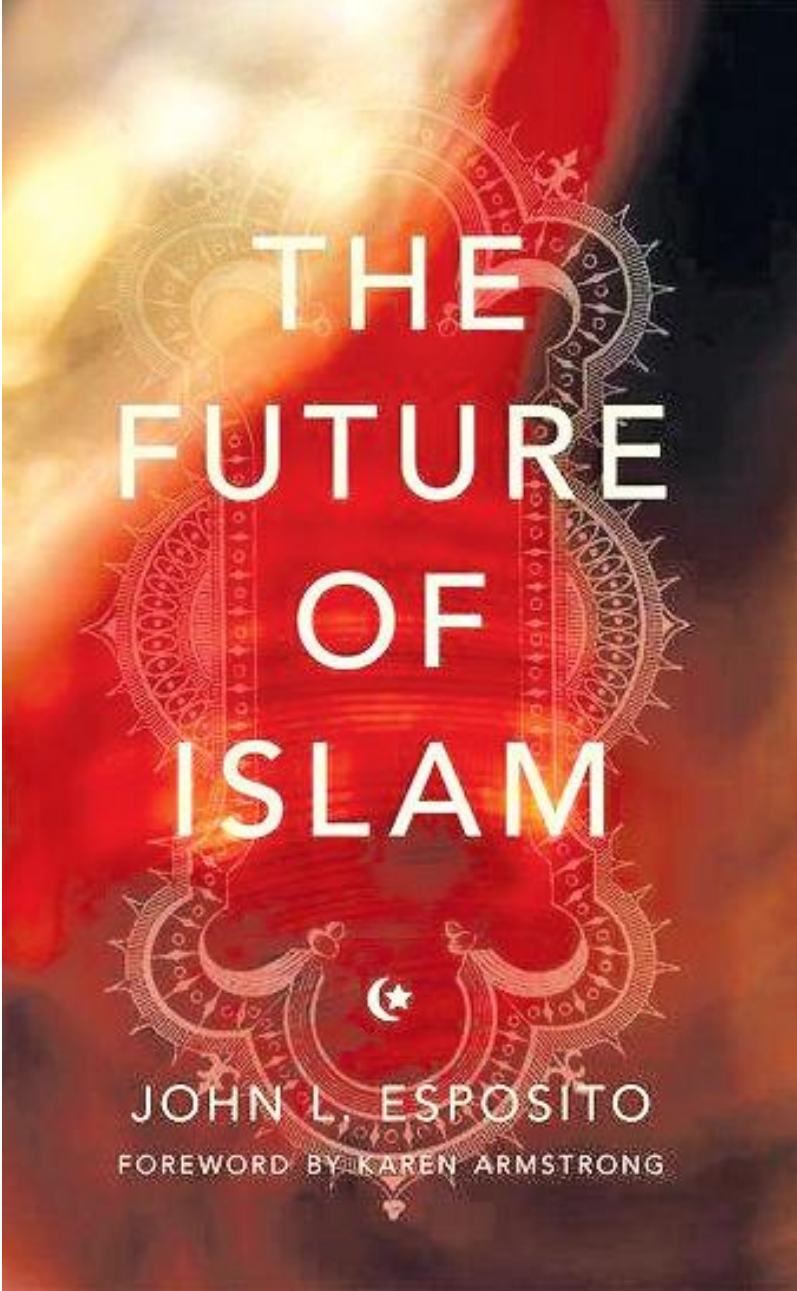
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# For A Better Future For Islam, Muslims And West

Reading John L. Esposito's 'The Future of Islam'

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## Tauseef Ahmad Parray

‘The Future of Islam’ is an insightful and perceptive work proposing the way forward for a better future for Islam, Muslims and the West

Today Islam is the fastest-growing religion in Africa, Asia, Europe, and America. More than 1.5 billion Muslims are living in 56 majority Muslim populated countries worldwide and some significant minorities in Europe and America (where it is second and third-largest and fastest-growing religion respectively). That is, presently, Islam is more dispersed around the globe, and its capitals and major cities cover a global expanse from Cairo to Jakarta in the Muslim world and from New York and Los Angeles to Paris, London, and Berlin in the West.

But, at the same time, over two decades (21 years) have passed since the tragic events of 9/11, but still many speak of—and still believe in—the ‘clash of civilizations,’ ‘What went wrong?’ or ‘Why do they hate us?’ At the same time, there are a number of questions raised and asked about Islam, as if everything good is related to the other part of the question and as if whatever is wrong, is part of Islam.

Professor John L. Esposito (Georgetown University, USA)—who is regarded as one of the most important and influential leading scholars of Islam and the Muslim politics—in this new edition of The Future of Islam (Forwarded by Karen Armstrong) seeks to understand the “struggle for reform in Islam to “explore the religious, cultural, and political diversity of Muslims facing daunting challenges in Muslim countries and the West, to clarify the debate and dynamism of Islamic reform, to examine the attempt to combat religious extremism and terrorism, and to look into the future of Muslim-West relations” (p. 3).

For Esposito, from 1970s especially, “Islam and Muslim politics have moved from offstage to center stage” and thus one witnesses “an explosion of interest in and coverage of Islam” (p.4), because the topic of Islam and of Muslims is political as well as religious, and Islam is “not only a faith... [but] also an ideology and worldview that informs Muslim politics and society” (p. 4). The Future of Islam, in this direction, is about “all of our future”, because, as Esposito puts it: “Islam and Muslims today are integral players in global history. They are part of the mosaic of American and European societies. In a world in which we often succumb to the dichotomy between ‘us’ and ‘them’, we are challenged to transcend (though not deny) our differences, affirm our common humanity, and realize that ‘we’, whether we like it or not, are interconnected and co-dependent, the co-creators of our societies and our world” (p. 5).

Through this book, Esposito wants to tell the story about “how we got to where we are and what we need to understand and do to create... ‘a new way forward’” (p. 6). Divided into four main chapters, the book is preceded by Foreword (by Karen Armstrong, pp. ix-xi), Preface (pp. xvi-xviii) and Introduction (pp. 3-9), and is followed by a precise but perceptive 5-page Conclusion (pp. 195-9).

Chapter 1, “The Many faces of Islam and Muslims” (pp.10-55) provides a brief introduction of Islam and Muslims, and of Islam in/and the West. Esposito, here, clearly points out that while we commonly speak of “Islam”, in fact “many Islams or interpretations of Islam exist”, and the images and the realities of Islam and the Muslims are multiple and diverse: religio-culturally as well as politico-economically (p.11). He also highlights the fact that Islam, like other faiths, has historically been a “source not only of compassion, morality, and virtue but also of terror, injustice, and oppression.” (p.12)

Chapter 2, “God in Politics” (pp.56-87) provides the background and the context for understanding political Islam, the role of religion in politics and society, and its impact on Muslim societies and the West. Esposito here examines the reassertion of Islam in Muslim politics and society, looking at its impact and global implications, seeking to answer various questions, like what is political Islam? Are all Islamic movements a threat? For him, Muslims today face twofold challenge of religious and political reform, both of which are integral to the development of Muslim communities and the marginalization and containment of religious extremism and terrorism, and thus the ongoing challenge is “to formulate and implement doctrinal and educational reforms (in schools, madrasas, and universities) that more effectively respond to the challenges of globalization in the twenty-first century with its need for all religious faiths to emphasize inclusive rather than exclusive theologies, theologies that foster mutual understanding, respect, and religious pluralism” (pp.86-7).

Addressing the critical questions and issues in Islamic reform, Chapter 3, “Islam Needs a Reformation” (pp. 88-141), looks at the roots of reform and the extent to which it continues today from Egypt to Indonesia as a broad array of Muslim religious leaders and intellectual, men and women, traditionalist and more modern-oriented reformists, discuss and debate in a dynamic process of reinterpretation and reform. He presents the views of a globally and intellectually diverse group of reformers—like Tariq Ramadan, Amr Khaled, Sheikh Ali Goma’a, Mustafa Ceric, Yusuf al-Qaradawi, Nurcholish Majidid, Timothy Winter, Far-

hat Hashemi, Amina Wadud, Heba Raouf, and Abdullah Gymnastiar—working and speaking out on issues of religious and political reform. In the beginning of this chapter, Esposito ardently argues that the questions “Is Islam capable of reform?” and “Are there Islamic reformers?” are not only “strange, [but] even absurd” (pp. 88-9) because the issue is not “whether there will be change but rather how much and what kind” of change is needed and necessary. For him, given the human nature and dynamic historical and social context of a religion, “change [in interpretation] is inevitable” (p. 89).

It is in this context (of this message) that Karen Armstrong (in her Foreword) has pointed out and appropriately emphasized that there are many “reformers” in the present Muslim world, who like Martin Luther (1483-1556) articulate, by challenging the common Western view of Islam, an important trend in Muslim thinking, which, on one side, “does not clearly regard a literal interpretation of scripture as normative”; and on the other, regards “self-criticism as creative, necessary and religious imperative”. “abhors terrorism and violence” and is anxious to initiate a “gender jihad” (p. x).

Esposito argues that although these intellectuals have addressed the “role of Islam in contemporary society” (p. 89), but a major challenge for all these reformers is the “importance of linking, of showing continuity, between proposed changes and long-held Islamic beliefs and traditions”, and thus “The legitimacy of Islamic reformist thought, its acceptance or rejection, hinges on its perceived Islamic character and authenticity. Therefore, the “how” is as important as the “what”; the process of change (methodology) is often as important as the actual reforms themselves” (p. 94).

Moreover, in Chapter 4, “America and the Muslim World: Building a New Way” (pp. 142-194), Esposito makes an analysis of the challenges of Islamophobia, failed American foreign and domestic policies, the roles of militant Christian Zionists and the media, and the continued threat posed by religious extremism and terrorism. It also throws light on interfaith and inter-civilizational dialogue and such initiatives as the Amman Message and “A Common Word” (pp. 186-191) as well as at the role of public diplomacy in new paradigm to rebuild America’s image and role in the Muslim world. Appreciating the conviction of Esposito’s present book, Armstrong in her Foreword supports this view also when she argues that the “future of Islam does not simply depend on the effectiveness of a few Muslim reformers but that the United States and Europe also have a major role to play” (p. xi).

Finally, in the “Conclusion”, Es-

posito makes the following key and important arguments, and it is not necessary that one should agree with his presumptions.

1. In the 21st century, Muslims—throughout the world—stand at “major crossroads”, as they face a world of multiple modernities, and thus struggle with living and practicing their “faith in a rapidly changing world”(p.195);
2. Reform-minded Muslims—equipped to reinterpret Islamic sources and traditions to meet the challenges of modernization and development, leadership and ideology, democratization, pluralism, and foreign policy—are articulating a “progressive, constructive Islamic framework” (p. 195);
3. The fundamental problem for the development and long-term stability in the Arab and Muslim worlds “is not the religion of Islam or Islamic movements but the struggle between authoritarianism and pluralism” (p.196);
4. The future of Islam and Muslim-West relations remains a key political and religious issue; and that inter-civilizational dialogue is not only a prerogative of religious leaders and scholars but is now “a priority for policymakers and corporate leaders” and is “the agenda for international organizations” (p.198);
5. It is necessary to recognize that the Children of Abraham are part of, not only the Judeo-Christian heritage, but of a rich Judeo-Christian-Islamic history and tradition; therefore, steps should be taken—and efforts be made—to hook up this “missing link”, for the “peoples of America, Europe, and the Muslim world have many shared values, dreams and aspirations” (pp.198-9)

The book ends with this striking (inspiring and perceptive) message: “The future of Islam and Muslims is inextricably linked to all of humanity. All of our futures will depend on working together for good governance, for freedom of religion, speech, and assembly, and for economic and educational advancement” (p.199).

In sum, The Future of Islam is very insightful, perceptive, and comprehensive work that proposes the way forward for a better future for Islam, Muslims and the West. It is highly recommended for all those interested in knowing about the past, present, and future of Islam and the Muslims, and of the Muslim-West relations.

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# The Powerful History of Zakat



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Each year, Allah presents us with an opportunity to purify our hearts and wealth through fasting and Zakat. Our deen has been formed in a way where we are given endless opportunities to reflect, turn to Allah and contribute to our communities through an array of practices, with Zakat being a key element.

Zakat is also the third pillar of our faith. The importance of community is embedded into the five pillars that we strive to uphold in our daily lives. After we have affirmed our belief in Allah as One, we are strongly recommended to offer our obligatory prayers in congregation. The Prophet ﷺ said, “The reward of the prayer in congregation is twenty seven times greater (than that of a prayer offered by a person alone).” [Bukhari]

After this, we are obliged to give back to our communities and better the world through Zakat. In this article, we take a deep dive into the history of Zakat, how it changed the communities it was implemented in and how the world, as we know it today, can still be changed for the better through the power of Zakat.

## THE POWER OF ZAKAT

Zakat literally means “to cleanse”. Through Zakat, our wealth is purified, increased and blessed. The Prophet ﷺ said:

“Whoever pays the Zakat on his wealth will have its evil removed from him.” [Ibn Khuzaimah and at-Tabarani]

The evils are removed from our wealth, our sins are forgiven, we are rewarded for our obedience to Allah and when we trust Allah to provide for us, we can never be disappointed.

“And He (Allah) will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine. And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice

him.” (Qur’an 65:3)

While Zakat is a means to get closer to Allah and invite barakah into our lives, its effects reach even further than us as individuals.

There are two types of Zakat that we are obligated to pay annually if we have the means to do so. Zakat Al Fitr is paid at the end of Ramadan and must reach its recipients on the day of Eid. Zakat Al Mal is paid annually on 2.5% of your net wealth.

This way, Allah ensures the redistribution of wealth so that it reaches our Muslim brothers and sisters who truly need it. In the Qur’an, Allah reminds us that our community also has a right over our wealth, that when we have the ability to alleviate the suffering of others with our financial support, then we are not only recommended but obligated to do so.

## THE HISTORY OF ZAKAT

Historically, the concept of Zakat was seen as a financial system amongst Muslims that ensured every single member of the Muslim community was looked after. It was established in 2 A.H., shortly after the Prophet ﷺ migrated to Madinah.

Soon after, Zakat was made obligatory with the revelation of an ayah from Surah Al Taubah. Allah said: “Take, (O, Muhammad), from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase, and invoke [Allah’s blessings] upon them. Indeed, your invocations are reassurance for them.” (Qur’an 9:103)

Before this, charity had only been highly recommended. With the enjoinder of Zakat, a new system of collection and distribution of wealth was implemented by the Prophet ﷺ in the city of Madinah and people were employed to ensure the smooth running of these systems. Zakat was one of the most important catalysts in making Madinah a thriving, prosperous city

focused on adhering to the rules of Allah and ensuring the welfare of every single member of the community.

Allah also explained the benefits of Zakat in Surah Baqarah, He revealed: “And establish prayer and give zakat, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves – you will find it with Allah.” – (Qur’an 2:110)

Zakat has actually completely transformed society in the past. In 98 AH, Umar ibn Abdul Aziz, 8th Ummayyad Khalifah and one of the most renowned leaders of Islam organised a strict collection and distribution of Zakat. Within two years of his rule, the state was in such prosperity that they were unable to find anyone within the rule of Umar ibn Abdul Aziz who was eligible for Zakat!

If Zakat was implemented at a global scale, with everyone in the entire world giving 2.5% of their wealth to those in need, world poverty could end altogether. Even if it is not that simple, it helps to remember that at the end of the day, we will be asked only about what we did to help where we are obligated and we will be rewarded for our intentions and efforts and the positive changes brought about in the world through our Zakat and voluntary charity.

## ZAKAT AND RAMADAN

Since good deeds are multiplied by 70 in the last ten days of Ramadan and the Prophet (ﷺ) is said to have been his most generous during this month, many people calculate their Zakat year to start in Ramadan.

Connecting with our communities is a need instilled in our hearts, an obligation set by Allah and a right our Muslim brothers and sisters have over us. By following the guidelines that Allah sent down with our beloved Prophet ﷺ, we can earn His love, His shade and the companionship of the Prophet ﷺ all while contribut-



## Ex-J&K Minister, Ex MLA Join Kejriwal Party

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** In a boost to the Aam Aadmi Party's plan to strengthen its base in Jammu and Kashmir, a former state minister, an ex-MLA and a former Congress leader joined the party here on Friday.

Along with them, more than hundred local leaders including village heads, block development council (BDC) members and district development council (DDC) members also joined the party.

They were officially inducted into the AAP by Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Environment Minister Gopal Rai in the presence of Durgesh Pathak, in-charge of party's political affairs in Jammu and Kashmir, and other leaders at the party headquarters.

Former Jammu and Kashmir minister Yash Paul Kundal, ex-legislator Balwant Singh Mankotia, DDC member Taranjit Singh Tony and former Congress leader Surinder Singh Shingari were among the prominent faces who joined the Arvind Kejriwal-led party.

Tony had defeated former BJP minister Sham Lal Choudhary in the DDC election in Suchetgarh constituency in 2020.

The joining of these leaders was seen as a shot in the arms of the AAP with the party

working with an increased focus to expand its base in Jammu and Kashmir, with an eye on the assembly elections expected to be held in the Union territory after completion of the ongoing delimitation exercise.

According to sources, Kejriwal is likely to visit Jammu and Kashmir soon.

"By joining the Aam Aadmi Party in such a large number, you have sent out a message of 'inquilab' (revolution) to the central government. You have announced that Jammu and Kashmir wants change," senior AAP leader Rai said while addressing the newly inducted leaders from the Union territory.

He asked the AAP's state unit leaders including those newly inducted to start work to expand the party's base across Jammu and Kashmir "in such a way that we bring 'in-quitlab' in Jammu and Kashmir as well."

Rai said a large number of people from various states are joining the AAP as "a new fragrance" has spread across the country after formation of the AAP's government in Punjab.

"You all strengthen the party. And, I promise you on behalf of AAP national convener Kejriwal that the work, being done in Delhi (by AAP government), will be done in Jammu and Kashmir as well," Rai said.

## CS Reviews Implementation Of Bharat Net In J&K

Internet Connectivity Extended To Schools, Hospitals, CSCs

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday chaired a meeting to review progress on implementation of Bharat Net scheme in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, GM BSNL Srinagar, GM BBM, Srinagar while as Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Secretary IT, GM BSNL Jammu, GM BBM Jammu and others participated online.

While chairing the meeting, CS directed the officers to expedite the process for implementation of Bharat Net scheme in the UT so that all the Gram Panchayats are provided broadband connectivity within the shortest possible time frame.

Under the ambitious Bharat Net Programme, Government of India has envisaged to provide broadband connectivity to all gram panchayats throughout the country.

While reviewing implementation of Bharat broadband scheme in rural parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Secretary was informed that Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) Connectivity has

been provided to all 427 GPs planned under Phase-I in 13 blocks of JKUT. Besides, 673 GPs have been connected through V sat in remote areas of all the districts under Phase I.

Dr Mehta said that all the 427 panchayats, which have been connected through OFC, can have multiple connections and will extend Internet facility to a school, nearest hospital and a CSC centre (which can work from gram panchayat).

Emphasizing the importance of digital inclusion at the grass roots level, CS impressed upon the concerned to ensure that net enabled gram panchayats function properly so that they could be used as hubs to connect youth clubs, anganwadi centres and other important public sector installations for awareness campaigns on government schemes.

He said that all the gram panchayats should be maintained well in all respects and the VLV should take adequate steps for its proper maintenance. He directed the concerned officers to iron out all the difficulties on this account maintaining that all panchayats should have a power connection. He cautioned the officers of any laxity in proper functioning of gram panchayats.

He asked the concerned to verify the functionality and efficiency of internet facilities already established in 1092 gram panchayats by holding interactions with the officers either through video conferences or google meet on regular basis.

Chief Secretary also directed the concerned to work in close coordination so that phase second of Bharati Broadband Scheme progresses smoothly under which rest of the gram panchayats in JK would be provided internet connectivity.

Secretary IT gave a detailed presentation about the progress on Bharatnet project Phase 1 saying that several initiatives have been taken up to improve the performance of BharatNet project. She informed that satisfactory VCs were arranged in 39 GPs including those connected with V-Sats. She added that physical verification of 267 V-Sat sites has been done to ascertain their working.

She said that initiatives are being taken up to improve the performance of BharatNet project. She informed that as a preparatory measure for smooth implementation of Phase-II of the project, relevant information has been sought from RDD in advance.

## Parmar Calls Upon JKML For Exploration Of Mineral Extraction Possibilities In J&K



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Principal Secretary, Irrigation & Flood Control (I&FC) and Mining Department, Ashok Kumar Parmar on Friday chaired the 61st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of J&K Minerals Limited (JKML).

The meeting was attended by Sushma Chauhan, Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring Department; Vikram Gupta, Managing Director, JKML; Zia-ur-Rehman, Financial Advisor / CAO, JKML; Mir Irfan, Company Secretary and other officers and officials of the Corporation.

The Managing Director placed the annual financial statements of the corporation before the Board which were in arrears for many years. The performance during the FY 2021-22 was also discussed and the board agreed that despite the COVID-19 crisis the performance had been satisfactory.

The meeting was told that

the Corporation was always functioning during this period to deliver much needed raw material to the mineral based industries in UT of J&K.

It was given out that the Corporation for the first time ventured into minor mineral exploitation and operationalized four minor mineral blocks in Jammu region. And it was informed that it has led to increased cash flow, besides acting as a nodal agency for supply of construction material like Sand, boulders, nalla muck / RBM etc for various prestigious projects of UT of J&K.

While appreciating the efforts of the management for making the corporation more vibrant, the Principal Secretary desired that possibilities of further mineral extraction in Jammu & Kashmir be explored by the Corporation. This will help to develop the mineral based Industries in the UT of J&K and creating more employment in the region, he added.

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### Hot Spring: Kashmir

gases from industries, vehicular emissions and livestock.

But relatively, in a global context, the contribution of Kashmir to climate change is nearly negligible. However, the impact of climate change on Kashmir is marginally high.

We're now witnessing dry winters and missing spring season and we call it climate variability.

### But how's climate variability different from climate change?

If there's less snow in one season and more in other, we call it climate variability not climate change.

But if weather pattern changes, say over the last three decades, then we can call it a climate change.

### So, should Kashmir brace up for a hotter summer after Jammu lately broke the 76-year record with 37.3 degrees Celsius?

These are events of climatic change and every area will be affected.

These things happen because global temperature is increasing. I won't say it has nothing to do with the local issues like urbanization or industrialization, but overall it's a global phenomenon.

### What can we do to overcome these impacts?

We've to design adaptation and mitigation strategies and prepare ourselves to overcome the negative effects of global warming.

In this regard, the global negotiations are on, like the recent COP-26, to regulate the more greenhouse gas producing countries for switching over to alternate renewable sources of energy.

### Forest Fire Rages

is also producing a huge amount of black smoke and pollution, much to the inconvenience of the people living around the forest ranges. The officials said that dozens of incidents of forest fire have taken place at multiple locations and hundreds of trees have burnt during the last several days.

"Yesterday evening the fire started in compartment number 108 and 109 of Khuihama forests in Bandipora. Since then, the fire was raging and authorities pressed men and machinery into service to douse the fire," the official said, adding that damage will be assessed once the fire is controlled completely.

Residents of many villages in Bandipora including Aythmullah, Ajar, Sonarwani, Madar, Greenland Colony and Arampora have complained that they are facing difficulties as there seems to be no end to the forest fire.

On April 2, a massive fire was also reported in compartment No 144 in Mulkihama area falling under Ajas forest range of Bandipora during which three forest officials were injured while dousing fire. The fire was brought under control two days later leaving thousands of trees damaged.

Similarly, last week, a major fire caused severe damage in Khayar forests in the district where the fire was raging for about three days.

While terming dry weather as a cause of rising fire incidents, Divisional forest officer (DFO), Bandipora Shabir Ahmad said that there is no serious loss in the forest areas while multiple

teams would keep a watch on these areas.

Meanwhile, in the last few weeks, major fire incidents have been reported from different areas in Tral-Khrew forests causing damage to green gold.

Fire incidents have been reported in Pastuna Arupal and Shahjan forests recently while fire is yet to be controlled in Arupal forests.

Experts believe that frequent fires at large scale cause air pollution, affect water of streams, threaten biodiversity and spoil the aesthetics of an area.

Whenever fire erupts, mostly only casual labourers are being sent to douse the flames while permanent staff and other officials watch the scenes from safe zones, they said.

Mainly, they said that such incidents would occur in autumn but this time because of dry and hot weather in spring, many incidents have been reported in the Valley.

Official sources said that despite using dozens of employees of different departments and local youth on volunteer basis to douse fire in Arupal forests, it hasn't been fully controlled yet.

An official told a local news agency KNO the fire is yet to be controlled fully and blames dry weather for the cause of the fire.

He said that because of dry weather, a spark can trigger fire.

He added that men and machinery are on job to control fire.

### DGP Calls For

"masters of terror across the border and their puppets" in J&K are desperate to disturb the prevailing peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh, he said, further stated that the "cowardly attacks" on innocent civilians and forces shows the frustration of militant handlers to disrupt the peace and order in J&K.

"The DGP directed the officers that the action against terrorists and their helpers must continue and all the suspicious elements be kept under check so as to foil their ill designs aimed at disrupting normal lives of the people," he said.

The DGP, according to the spokesperson directed the officers to strengthen and augment the security grids in their respective areas for the safety and security of the people.

"He said that the role and cooperation of people in the prevailing peace scenario is highly commendable and stressed upon officers to evolve more effective mechanisms to ensure public safety while dealing with the elements inimical to peace and perpetrators of terror violence," he said.

Singh, he said, also asserted that the police, security forces and people have to work together to defeat saboteurs and enemies of peace and stressed on the importance of maintaining close synergy between the forces to meet the security challenges.

According to the spokesperson, the DGP stressed upon the officers to ensure high alertness and preparedness to thwart the mischievous attempts of anti national elements.

Singh, he said, maintained that militant outfits are attempting to create a sense of fear and terror among the general public and stressed upon the officers to remain extra vigilant and alert so that their "evil attempts" are foiled.

"He also stressed on strengthening of Naka check points and plugging the gaps with strict security measures

so that no room is available to the enemies of peace," he said.

The DGP, according to the spokesperson also stressed for night patrolling of sensitive areas to keep the militants and their associates under check.

"The district SSSP and their counterparts apprised the DGP regarding the security situation and measures put in place for the safety and security of the people in the areas under their command," he added.

### Teacher Held

government middle school, was severely beaten by a teacher in the class room," a police officer had earlier said.

Following the information, an FIR was lodged under section 342 (wrongful confinement), 352 (assault), 323 (causing hurt), and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code and section 23 of the Juvenile Justice Act, he had said.

Taking strict of the matter, Rajouri Additional Deputy Commissioner Sachin Dev Singh ordered suspension of the teacher. The matter is under probe.

### Defiant Imran Khan

regime change in Pakistan.

In a landmark 5-0 verdict, a five-member bench headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial on Thursday unanimously struck down the deputy speaker's ruling on the rejection of the no-confidence motion against Khan and ordered restoration of the National Assembly, saying the prime minister's move to dissolve Parliament and call early elections was "unconstitutional".

The court also ordered the speaker of the lower house to call the session of the national assembly on April 9 at 10 am (local time) to organise a no-confidence vote. It ordered the election of the new prime minister if the no-confidence motion succeeded.

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Now Khan faces the possibility of being the first prime minister in Pakistan's history to be voted out in a no-confidence motion.

The cricketer-turned politician came to power in 2018 with promises to create a Naya Pakistan' but miserably failed to address the basic problem of keeping the prices of commodities in control. The current term of the National Assembly was to end in August, 2023.

No Pakistani prime minister has ever completed a full five-year term in office

### Panel To Probe Foreign

which purportedly contains "evidence" of a foreign conspiracy hatched to oust Prime Minister Khan in the National Assembly on Saturday.

Chaudhry said the commission will be headed by Lieutenant General (ret'd) Tariq Khan.

The commission will investigate where the conspiracy was hatched and who were the local handlers of the conspiracy to topple the government, he said.

"We have evidence of eight dissident provincial lawmakers being in contact with foreign dignitaries. The commission will look at a connection between local handlers and regime change," he

said.

The retired Army officer, however, has refused to head the government's commission that was formed to probe the "threat letter" allegedly sent from the United States, Geo News reported, citing sources within the officer's family.

The sources said that the Lt Gen (ret'd) Khan has conveyed his decision to the government, the report said.

The reason for his refusal to head the probe was not given.

But Dunya News reported that his refusal was due to personal reasons.

Whatever the motivation for declining the nomination, it is a big setback for the embattled prime minister who is fighting to save his rule.

The decision to form a commission was taken a day after the Supreme Court struck down National Assembly Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri's controversial move to dismiss a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Khan, citing a national security threat, in a major blow to the cricketer-turned-politician who is now likely to face a no-trust vote on Saturday in Parliament after the ruling.

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It is believed that the move to form the commission could be another attempt by the government to subvert the no-confidence motion on Saturday to determine the fate of Prime Minister Khan as directed by the apex court.

Chaudhry also criticised the court's verdict, saying that the top court should have seen the material which convinced the deputy speaker to reject the no-confidence motion.

The decision is against the spirit of division of powers among various institutions and it has weakened the supremacy of parliament, he said.

The National Assembly's session for voting on the no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan will take place at 10:30am on Saturday in line with the Supreme Court's order, Geo News reported.

In the National Assembly's (NA) agenda issued Friday, voting on the no-confidence motion is at the fourth position in the six-point agenda.

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### Pak Court Gives

Terrorism Department of Punjab Police, a court official told PTI.

In the 21/2019 and 99/2021 cases, he was sentenced for 15.5 years and 16.5 years, respectively, the official added.

The court also imposed a fine of PKR 340,000 on Saeed.

He was brought to the court from

the Kot Lakhpat Jail in Lahore where he has been imprisoned since 2019 under strict security, the official said.

Saeed, a UN-designated terrorist on whom the US has placed a USD 10 million bounty, was arrested in July 2019 in the terror financing cases.

Saeed-led JuD is the front organisation for the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) which India blames for carrying out the 2008 Mumbai attack that killed 166 people, including six Americans.

The US Department of the Treasury has designated Saeed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist.

The global terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is instrumental in pushing Pakistan to take measures against terrorists.

Pakistan has been on the grey list' of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) since June 2018 for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing, and was given a plan of action to complete it by October 2019.

Since then, the country continues to be on that list due to its failure to comply with the FATF mandates.

Pakistan has so far avoided being on the black list with the help of close allies like China, Turkey and Malaysia.

The FATF is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

### China Tried Hacking

here, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "We have seen the reports. There is a mechanism in place so that our critical infrastructure remains resilient in such cases...We have systems in place to safeguard critical infrastructure."

Responding to a question by journalists, Bagchi, however, added cryptically, "I don't have any information that we have raised the issue with China."

Speaking on the sidelines of a clean energy ministerial meet in the national capital, Power Minister R K Singh acknowledged attempts were made by China, but added India's defences against such intrusions were strong.

"Our defence against cyber attack is strong. These were probing attacks in December, January and February. They did not succeed. But we are aware," he said.

The minister also said action was taken way back in 2018 against suspected cyber attacks on the country's power supply system.

"We had put protocols in place. Those protocols are working and we are strengthening those protocols every day. So, our cyber defence against cyber attack is strong. We are confident about that," Singh asserted.

Meanwhile, in Beijing, Chinese government denied reports that its hackers targeted the Indian power grid in Ladakh.

"We have noted the relevant reports," China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said at a media briefing on Thursday.

He was responding to a query about a report by private intelligence firm 'Recorded Future' on Wednesday that claimed suspected Chinese hackers targeted the Indian power grid in an apparent espionage campaign.

"As I repeated many times, we firmly oppose and crack down on all forms of hacking activities. We will never encourage, support or condone such

activities," he said.

### NIA Charges Woman

Force among others had suddenly mushroomed, laying claims to various militant acts, the spokesperson said.

"All these pseudo-outfits are in fact offshoots/rechristened versions of proscribed terrorist organisations based in Pakistan and have been floated under a deep-rooted conspiracy to portray terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir as home-grown insurgency," the NIA official said.

A well-organised propaganda machinery operating on cyberspace through various websites, blogs, social media handles, closed channels on encrypted communication platforms wherein concocted and skewed narrative is presented to impressionable and Pakistan-based nodes have been used to radicalise youth, the spokesperson said.

All this media propaganda of different outfits was epicentred around common nodes operating from Pakistan, the NIA official said.

A key element of aforementioned conspiracy was inducting new cadres in form of "hybrid terrorists" belonging to various walks of life, who could use their cover to remain rooted in the society and simultaneously carry out instructions of their terrorist handlers, the spokesperson said.

While acting as an overground worker, they were also found indulging in militant actions such as grenade lobbing, undertaking lone attacks on vulnerable targets, arson among others, the NIA official said.

The investigation has also revealed a clear shift in the strategy of militant organisation towards targeted killings of minorities, civilians, migrants, government officials and unguarded security personnel, the official said, adding that further investigation into the case continues.

### J&K Logs Nine

one case, they said.

Eighteen of the 20 districts in the union territory did not report any fresh cases, the officials said.

There are 134 active cases in the UT, while the number of recoveries has reached 448,970, the officials said.

The COVID-19 death toll in Jammu and Kashmir stands at 4,750 as no fresh fatality was reported in the last 24 hours, they said.

### 2 Teen Girls

area on Thursday, they said.

The girls slipped into the deeper side of the river and eventually got drowned. Their bodies were recovered by the villagers, the officials said.

### Govt Grants MoS

to Minister of State (MoS) in favour of Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqaf Board, reads an order issued on Friday. The order states that the Hospitality & Protocol Department shall make necessary insertion in the J&K Warrant of Precedence with the approval of Competent Authority.

### 4 Tourists Injured

The injured have been identified as Vinod Waski S/o Ganesh (40) referred to SKIMS, Soura; Kartik Pujari S/o Guddu; Jatinder Sai S/o Rajinder Sai; Sanjeet Rai S/o Nand Rai.

All the injured belong to the state of Jharkhand.



## J&K Adds 1900MVA Transmission Capacity In Year 2022

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** While marching towards realizing the dream of providing 24x7 power supply to its consumers the Power Development Department (PDD) has been successful in adding about 1900 MVA transmission capacity to its kitty in the year 2022 alone, an official spokesperson said Friday.

He said that the unprecedented achievements in power generation, transmission & distribution sectors in the last year have completely overhauled J&K's power infrastructure which remained dilapidated for several decades.

"This reflects the remarkable progress attained by the UT in the power sector. The total transmission capacity on March 31, 2021, was 9153 MVA and in one-year the capacity reached 11016 MVA," he said.

"With the focused intervention the UT government is working to make Jammu and Kashmir power surplus in the next four years as the electricity generation capacity in the union territory is set to be doubled in the coming three years," he added.

The spokesperson said that as already elucidated by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha number of times that J&K was able to harness only 3,500 MW of electricity in the last 70 years, but the power generation capacity in the UT is set to be doubled in the next three years and trebled in seven years.

"To address the current power deficit, we have initiated a large-scale capacity augmentation programme. In the 70 years, J-K was able to harness only 3500 MW, and now generation capacity is set to be doubled in three years and tripled in seven years" he said recently while inaugurating several projects of the department.

Moreover, he said, the Transmission and Distribution projects worth Rs 2000 crore are being completed and an additional amount of Rs 6000 crore has been allocated by the central government to strengthen the Sub-Transmission and Distribution network across the UT.

To provide quality electricity to all citizens and businesses, the spokesperson said, augmented facilities will address the important need of the growing economy. Since August 2019, 3806 MVA has been added to the total capacity as compared to the 8394 MVA capacity achieved in seven decades.

The government is planning to invest Rs12,000 cr for capacity augmentation and upgrading the transmission & distribution systems to remove all supply constraints, and strengthening electrification assets, an official said.

"Electricity will be delivered through underground wires in the capital cities of Jammu & Srinagar," he added. It is pertinent to mention that Rs 5000 cr investment in system strengthening has yielded impressive outcomes in power distribution.

According to the statistics provided by the power department, 226 substations of 33/11Kv capacity were installed or augmented besides the installation of 6702 distribution transformers. "The distribution network is being strengthened as 2243 CKM HT Lines were laid, 5253 CKM LT lines were laid last year" revealed the officer. He said that with augmentation work on 21 Sub-stations completed last year and another 21 completed by 31 March 2022 the power scenario in the UT is going to change for better.

The decade long overdue upgradation of power infrastructure which was ignored by successive regimes is being done in a sustained manner. According to a senior official, the present administration is eliminating the legacy of delays and all the languishing projects hanging for long are being completed in a record time.

The J&K Power Development Department is setting new standards in project planning and execution. These measures will not only resolve the power crises during peak season but will also open a host of employment opportunities by meeting the growing demand for the opening of new industries in the UT.

## Kulgam Admin Establishes Library For Civil Service Aspirants

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** To provide best opportunities to the civil services aspirants of the district, the District Administration Kulgam established a well equipped library cum reading room at district headquarter, here.

This Library was thrown open on Friday for the aspirants.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat said that there is a lot of enthusiasm among the youth to take up civil services as a career and District Administration has

taken this initiative to provide these aspirants best possible support to prepare for these exams.

He also said that the government's policies have always been pro-youth, and Youth need to come forward, participate wholeheartedly to make their District and UT proud.

It is worth mentioning here that a page on Facebook "Civil Service Examination Library cum Reading Room Kulgam" has been created which will update the aspirants on a daily basis regarding current affairs and other study material required.

## 3 Motor Vehicle Inspectors Attached With RTO Jammu

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Government on Friday attached three Motor Vehicle Inspectors of Motor Vehicles Department in the office of Regional Transport Officer, Jammu with immediate effect, till further orders.

According to an order by Hirdesh Kumar (IAS) Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Transport Department, the MVIs include Asif Amin Chalkoo, work-

ing in the O/o ARTO, Anantnag, Manzoor Ahmad Qurashi, also working in the O/o ARTO, Anantnag, and Hakeem Shahid Mehboob, working in the O/o ARTO, Ganderbal.

The government order follows registration of Case (FIR No. 04/2021) police station Anti Corruption Bureau, Anantnag under section 7 of the PC Act, 1988 and Section 120-B IPC against officers/officials of ARTO Office Anantnag and Ganderbal.

## Sansar Tulip Garden Reopens To Public

Press Trust Of India

**SANASAR (RAMBAN):** Set against the backdrop of picturesque hills, the tulip garden at Sanasar in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district has reopened to visitors, marking the beginning of a new tourist season in the Union Territory.

District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson Shamshad Shan and Deputy Commissioner of Ramban Mussarat Islam were present at the occasion as Jammu's first tulip garden at Sanasar, developed by the Floriculture Department in 2018,

reopened on Thursday.

"With an aim to promote tourism in the district, the floriculture department in collaboration with Ramban district administration reopened the tulip garden at Sanasar (to public), marking the beginning of a new tourist season," Director Floriculture, Jatinder Singh, said.

This year, the government expanded the tulip garden and included additional 5 acres land provided by the Patnitop Development Authority (PDA) to the department at Sanasar, DDC Chairperson Shan said.

### SMART CITY PROJECT

## LG Lays Foundation Stone Of Various Projects In Srinagar

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that his administration is taking effective steps to accelerate the mission for inclusive and sustainable growth in the cities.

He made these remarks after laying foundation stone for various Smart City projects in Srinagar.

According to an official spokesperson, the LG said that the new projects, once completed will strengthen urban infrastructure, improve city services, public aesthetics, ease of living, and will provide a clean and sustainable environment for the citizens.

"Srinagar smart city project has been structured with a clear focus on improved urban governance and unlocking of latent creativity and vitality of this historical city," Sinha said.

"We are taking effective steps to accelerate the mission for inclusive and sustainable growth in the cities," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the LG issued explicit directions to the concerned officials to ensure completion of projects within the stipulated timelines.



The projects include construction of Traditional Souq Market and Craft Centre at Batamalo being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 31.22 crores; improvement and upgradation of Batamalo-Qamarwari Road at the cost of Rs. 14.61 crores and Batamalo-Mominabad Road costing Rs. 10.24 crores, besides Rs. 25.46 crores worth Gole Market-Karan Nagar Road Redevelopment project.

The spokesperson said that it was informed that the Traditional Souq Market and Craft Centre at Batamalo will include retail facility for handicrafts, dry fruits, spices and other special items of the Kashmir valley, besides dedicated plaza for cultural activities, exhibitions, separate organised vending zone and other related activities.

Improvement and upgradation of Batamalo-Qamarwari Road and Batamalo-Mominabad Road will feature citizen-centric development works.

Further, the Gole Market-Karan Nagar Road Redevelopment project will include several features like Central public plaza for social activities, multi-utility zone, on-street parking bays, etc.

Later on, the Lieutenant Governor also flagged off 107 door-to-door segregated waste collection vehicles boosting the carrying capacity and enhancing the reach of ULBs for better civic sanitation. He also dedicated new fire-water tenders and other specialized firefighting equipment for public use on the occasion.

## 2022 To Be The Year Of Academic Excellence: Kansal

Says NEP To Be Implemented, NAAC Accreditation To Be Ensured

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Higher education department should strive to make the current year the year of academic excellence, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Rohit Kansal said Friday.

He was chairing a review meeting with principals of Degree Colleges of Kashmir division at Government College for Women, M A Road, Srinagar.

Special Secretary Higher Education Department, Rakesh Badyal, Director Colleges, Professor Yasmeen Ashai, Nodal Principal, Kashmir division colleges, Dr. Khurshid Ahmad Khan and Principals of all degree colleges of Kashmir Division attended the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary shared his vision of giving a fillip to higher education sector of J&K. He listed out the priority areas including academics, research, innovation and collaboration to improve quality of education in colleges.

Referring to relevance and importance of New Education Policy 2020, Principal Secretary instructed the principals to ensure its implementation in letter and spirit. He added that in the spirit of the NEP, the colleges should strive towards quality and employability. He also informed that while admissions for the current session would be shortly initiated by the universities and colleges, the academic calendar throughout J&K would be made uniform and synchronized with the national calendar.

Principal Secretary stressed on enhancing the employability of college pass outs in line with NEP-2020. He said colleges have to act as real agents of change and the success of NEP 2020 depends on how well they implement it at the ground level.

He said, as envisaged by NEP, the curriculum must include basic arts, humanities, languages, literature, culture and values in addition to science and mathematics to develop all aspects and capabilities of learners.

Principal Secretary said the main thrust of NEP is to end fragmentation of higher education by transforming higher education institutions into large multidisciplinary universities, colleges, and knowledge hubs.

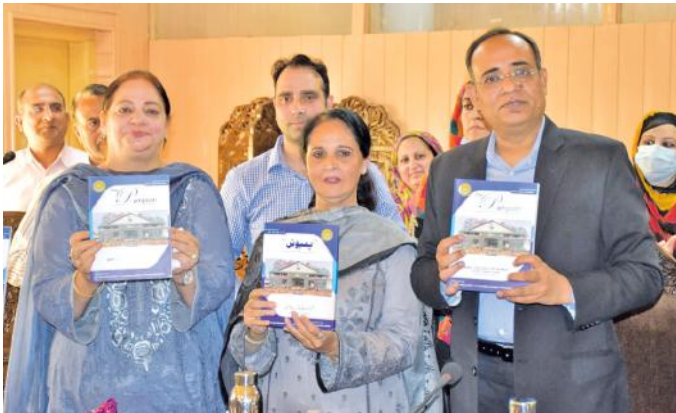
He exhorted upon the college authorities to give equal emphasis on teaching and research. He said research ecosystem can be improved and enhanced through a holistic and multidisciplinary education approach. He added that the colleges need to enable and encourage high-quality multidisciplinary/cross-disciplinary research.

He referred to decision of the UT administration of ensuring that all higher education institutions move progressively towards greater autonomy. He said all the degree colleges would apply for accreditation or provisional registration (PAC) under the NAAC framework this year.

Principal Secretary said research and teaching collaborations and faculty and student exchanges with reputed foreign institutions will be facilitated through mutually beneficial and relevant MOUs.

He said student feedback shall be solicited online to ensure valuable input at regular intervals to ensure efficiency in working of the colleges.

He emphasized the need for revitalization of the career counselling cells of the colleges and directed that each college should ensure workshops and lectures by professionals to guide the students in the placement process. He also advised the colleges to encourage and



guide the students to access higher learning and research opportunities not just in the rest of the country but reputed institutions overseas too.

### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE DIVISION, HANDWARA

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### شوکت حسین آخون کی فاتحہ خوانی

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## 35 Architectural, Heritage Sites In J&K To Be Revived



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Executive Committee's meeting for the revival, restoration and conservation of the architectural heritage of J&K UT was held on Friday in the meeting hall at Civil Secretariat Srinagar under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta.

The meeting was attended by Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Tourism; Rahul Pandey, Director at Archives, Archeology, and Museums; Chief Town Planner Kashmir and various other officials/officers attended the meeting through VC.

At the outset, Rahul Pandey Director at Archives, Archeology, and Museums briefed the committee about the mandate of the scheme highlighting the objectives of the scheme and the progress made on the scheme so far. He also presented before the committee the DPRs of 35 sites — to be executed in the first leg of the scheme. Out of these 35 sites, 17 are based out of Kashmir Division and 18 sites are from Jammu Division.

A multi-dimensional approach for the revival of these 35 sites has been taken into consideration which involves the inclusion of some additional developmental components: landscaping, approach path, directional & informational boards, public amenities, clean-drinking water facility, facade-lighting, boundary wall, etc. over and above the structural component. The overall and component-wise financial breakup of the DPRs was also presented before the committee.

While reviewing the progress, CS said that the restoration of the heritage and architectural sites of J&K is a priority of the government and coordinated

efforts have to be taken up to restore the sites to their original positions. He directed the officers/officials to formulate and finalise short, medium, and long term plans for revival, restoration, preservation, and maintenance of architectural and heritage sites of J&K. He said that the short term plans should be immediately executed which include components like landscape, approach road, lighting, information boards, public amenities and the rest of the things that fall under long term plan will automatically follow.

He said that the heritage sites should be made a happening place for the people in consultation with the stakeholders as per the approved action plan and said that once people will start visiting the places it will create ripple effects. He added that the whole exercise is apparently aimed at preserving religious, heritage, and cultural sites in Jammu and Kashmir to which the multitude pay obeisance and these sites represent the composite culture of J&K.

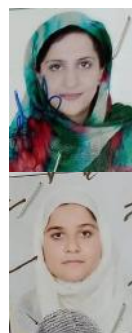
After a comprehensive presentation and detailed discussion, the Executive Committee has given its approval for the execution of all the 35 projects. The committee has also approved the hiring of heritage consultancy services for efficient and expedited execution of the projects. In the next meeting of the committee, the Department of Archives, Archeology, and Museums in consultation with the respective District Administrations shall take up additional heritage sites. As per the directions of the CS, the attempt is to revive/restore/maintain 150 sites in total comprising 75 Sufi sites and 75 other heritage sites of varied cultural, religious, and historical importance.

### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER

BUDGAM KASHMIR

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Mrs : Shadab  
D/o: Javid Ahmad Makhdoomi  
R/o: New Friends Enclave Humhama Budgam (Transferor) of LMV Alto-800. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04C-1300. Chasis number 90207 Engine no. 78283 Model 2013. In favour of Shri.. Zanish Mehraj S/o. Mehraj ud Din Sheikh R/o Bemina Bilal Colony Srinagar (Transferee) N o w 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 officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.  
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Shri : Mohammad Maqbool Sheikh  
S/o: Bashir Ahamd Ahmad Sheikh  
R/o: Kral Nawa Beerwah Budgam (Transferor) of LMV Alto-K10. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04D-5956. Chasis number 19877 Engine no. 17142 Model 2017. In favour of Shri.. Bashir Ahmad Khaki S/o. Gh Mohd Khaki R/o 225 Lal Nagar Chanapora Srinagar (Transferee) as well as HPA cancellation with M/S Mahindra & Mahindra Fin Ser B/U Bemina. 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 officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .  
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.106 Assistant Regional Transport officer  
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Shri : Bashir Ahmad Shiekh  
C/o: Abdul Gani Bhat  
R/o: Pathzanigam Qumroo Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04G 1857 for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/S J & K Bank B/U Hardupanzoo . 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 officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .  
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## Rohit Urges MI To Show Desperation & Hunger

Press Trust of India

**PUNE:** Not one to blame individuals for the team's poor show, Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma has called on his teammates to show little "desperation and hunger" to cross the finishing line in the upcoming games after suffering their third successive loss in the IPL here.

Five-time champions MI has endured a disappointing start to the season, losing their first three matches against Delhi Capitals, Rajasthan Royals and Kolkata Knight Riders.

"We seriously cannot be blaming individuals here. It's all of us. We win together, we lose together. That is as simple as that for me," Rohit said in a passionate speech in the dressing room after the game against KKR.

"I think slight desperation is required from each one of us. That desperation is very, very, very important when we play, especially in this tournament. Because opposition are different, they come up with different plans all the time. We just need to stay ahead of them. We just need to stay on top of them."

"And the only way we can do that is by having that slight hunger and that desperation on the field - with the bat, with the ball," he added.

The three losses, notwith-



standing, the skipper said there is still plenty of time for MI to make a turnaround in the 10-team tournament.

"There's no point in putting our heads down at this point, because it's still early days. Still early days. And I feel that, in these three games that we've played, we've shown some character. It's just that collectively, all 11 of us inside - whoever goes inside - need to come together."

"That's all. Let's keep our heads up. I don't think we need to look down and start worrying about things. Honestly, we don't need to worry about things," Rohit said.

MI will play Sunrisers Hyderabad in their next IPL game here on Saturday.

## Mumbai Needs To Fire In Unison Against Bangalore



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**PUNE:** More than the individual brilliance, Mumbai Indians need to fire as a unit if they have to effect a turnaround as they gear up to clash with Royal Challengers Bangalore in an IPL match in Pune on Saturday.

Mumbai Indians are enduring a poor beginning to the season as they have lost their first three games to remain point-less in the tournament so far.

MI lost by four wickets to Delhi Capitals before suffering a 23-run and five-wicket defeat at the hands of Rajasthan Royals and Kolkata Knight Riders respectively.

It is imperative for Mumbai that their skipper Rohit gets some run under his belt. He has managed 41, 10 and 3 in the

first three games.

Kieron Pollard, who made a 5-ball unbeaten 22-run cameo in the last match, is always a threat for rival bowling attack.

While MI's batting has been sorted to some extent, it is the team's bowling which needs to do better.

While its domestic bowlers — Basil Thampi and Murugan Ashwin — need to step up, it is the performance of its foreign recruits Australian Daniel Sams and Tymal Mills which is a cause of concern.

Jasprit Bumrah, who has been MI's best bowler, too went for runs against KKR.

RCB, on the other hand, have registered two wins from three games and are looking good after starting the season on a losing note.

RCB, led by South African Faf du Plessis, lost to Punjab Kings by five wickets in their opener before registering back-to-back wins over KKR (by 3 wickets) and Rajasthan Royals (4 wickets).

Du Plessis looked in good touch along side Dinesh Karthik and Shabaz Ahmed, but the team would be hoping that Virat Kohli gets back to runs.

RCB's batting unit will receive a big boost in the form of Glenn Maxwell, who is available for selection against MI.

On the bowling front, Sri Lankan spinner Wanindu Hasaranga has been impressive, while the likes of David Willey and Harshal Patel would have to do well to restrict MI.

MI also would be looking for some consistency from Mohammed Siraj and Akash Deep.

## Need To Rectify Losing Wickets In Bunch: DC Captain Pant



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**NAVI MUMBAI:** Delhi Capitals captain Rishabh Pant says his team needs to quickly sort out the "pattern" of losing wickets in a bunch and play less dot balls in the middle overs to turn things around after suffering successive defeats in the IPL.

Capitals opened their IPL season with a win over formidable Mumbai Indians but slumped to two consecutive defeats to Gujarat Titans and Lucknow Super Giants.

"As a batting unit, we have to find ways to improve ourselves. In the last two-three matches, we are seeing a pattern, we need to work not to lose wickets in a bunch and play less dot balls in the middle overs," Pant said.

"If we work on these going forward in the tournament we can do well," he said at the post-

match conference after his side lost to LSG by six wickets here on Thursday.

"(Mitchell) Marsh was (to be) in the first playing eleven but due to international commitment and he had injury (during training in Pakistan ahead of Australia's white-ball series there) and he could not come. Obviously, we are missing him."

Delhi Capitals failed to capitalise after opener Prithvi Shaw's sizzling knock of 61 off 31 balls, losing three wickets in three overs for just seven runs, to eventually end their innings at 149 for 3.

"Just like in the first two matches we lost two-three wickets together, in succession in two-three overs and that had put pressure."

"But I and Sarfaraz tried to build a partnership and in the last match Avesh (Khan) and (Jason) Holder bowled really good two-three overs in the end. So we could not get away with 10 extra runs."

Pant remained not out on 39 off 36 balls with the help of three fours and two sixes.

Asked if he found difficult to clear the ropes, Pant said, "Some day bowlers are going to have a good day and that was one of those good days."

"In the first innings, the ball was stopping more because there was no dew and so they (LSG) could capitalise on that and that was why we were 10 runs short in the end."

## Focus On Gaikwad As CSK Face SRH In Battle Of Strugglers

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**NAVI MUMBAI:** Battling poor form, opener Rituraj Gaikwad will be under the scanner when strugglers Chennai Super Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad face off in the IPL here on Saturday, looking to register their first win.

Three successive losses have put new skipper Ravindra Jadeja under immense pressure and he would hope his teammates can script a turnaround against the Sunrisers, who too are smarting from two reverses.

One of the most decorated teams in the history of the IPL, CSK have endured a tough season so far, with the team struggling on multiple fronts, especially batting.

Gaikwad, last edition's leading scorer, has struggled with his footwork and his

scores of 0, 1, 1 has put CSK under pressure at the top.

The Maharashtra batter, who had scored 635 runs across 16 matches in 2021, will look to find his rhythm against Sunrisers. The good thing for Gaikwad is that he has the backing of his captain.

Skipper Jadeja, too, will need to give a better account of himself, even as 'de facto' captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni looks to keep guiding the team.

In bowling, all-rounder Dwayne Bravo, IPL's leading wicket-taker, has been the most successful bowler for CSK as he returned with three

wickets against PBKS.

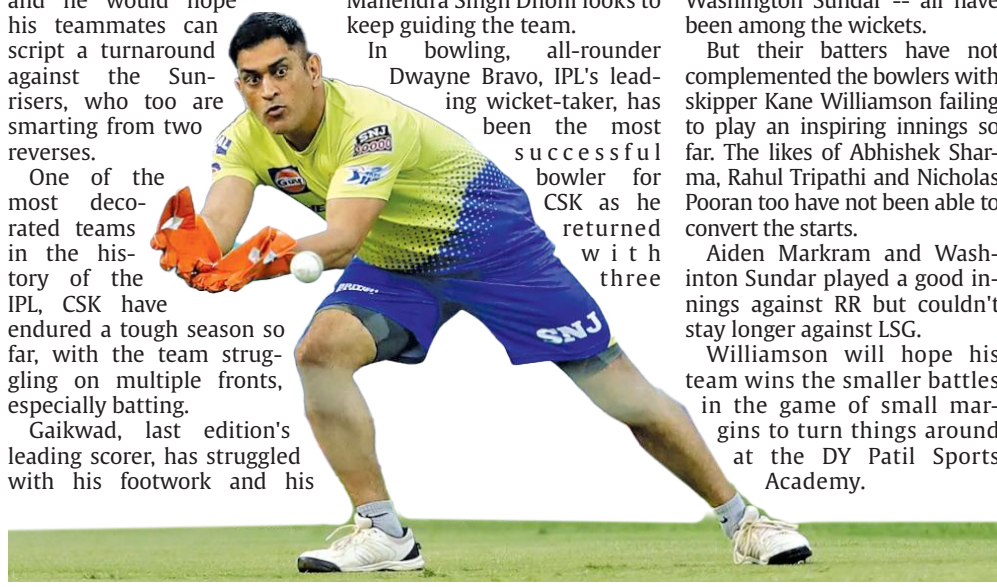
The Sunrisers have failed to chase down targets on two occasions, resulting in a 61-run loss against Rajasthan Royals and a 12-run defeat at the hands of new entrants Lucknow Super Giants.

Among the bowlers -- pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar, T Natarajan, Umran Malik, foreign recruit Romario Shepherd and spinner Washington Sundar -- all have been among the wickets.

But their batters have not complemented the bowlers with skipper Kane Williamson failing to play an inspiring innings so far. The likes of Abhishek Sharma, Rahul Tripathi and Nicholas Pooran too have not been able to convert the starts.

Aiden Markram and Washington Sundar played a good innings against RR but couldn't stay longer against LSG.

Williamson will hope his team wins the smaller battles in the game of small margins to turn things around at the DY Patil Sports Academy.



## Chelsea Tops UEFA List Of Clubs Getting Paid From Euro 2020

Agencies

**NYON:** Chelsea got 5.1 million euros (\$5.55 million) from European Championship revenues for releasing players to their national teams, UEFA said Friday.

UEFA had a fund of 200 million euros (\$217.5 million) to pay clubs a daily rate per player involved in the Euro 2020 tournament and qualifying, plus Nations League games since 2018.

The list of payments was announced one day after UEFA approved an increased total of 240 million euros (\$261 million) for clubs whose players are called up to national teams through the Euro 2024 tournament in Germany.

English clubs collectively earned 47 million euros (\$51.1 million) — almost one-quarter of the total amount allocated for UEFA national team games from 2018-21. A total of 18 different English clubs each earned more than 1 million euros (\$1.1 million), with Chelsea getting the most.

Chelsea had players involved to the end of Euro 2020. Jorginho and Emerson Palmieri were in the Italy team that beat England in the final. Mason Mount, Reese James and Ben Chilwell



were on the losing side.

Manchester City was next highest earner with 4.5 million euros (\$4.9 million). Juventus got more than 3.8 million euros (\$4.1 million).

Atalanta, with more than 2.9 million euros (\$3.15 million), ranked higher than Barcelona. After Ukraine reached the quarterfinals, Dynamo Kyiv got more than 2.5 million euros (\$2.7 million).

UEFA said 697 clubs from its 55 member federations received payments.

Italian clubs collectively got

27.5 million (\$29.9 million), slightly less than their German counterparts. Clubs in Denmark got less than 2.7 million euros (\$2.9 million) despite the national team reaching the Euro 2020 semifinals.

UEFA said it allocated 140 million euros (\$152 million) to be shared by clubs releasing players for the Euro 2024 tournament. The other 100 million euros (\$109 million) will be distributed according to call-ups for two editions of the Nations League and Euro 2024 qualifying games.

## Ukrainian Football Club Shakhtar To Start Peace-Themed Tour

Agencies

**KYIV:** Ukrainian soccer club Shakhtar Donetsk will play a series of charity games on a government-backed "Global Tour for Peace" that will raise money for the country's military in the war against Russia.

The depleted squad has gathered in Turkey to prepare for Saturday's opening match against Greek league leader Olympiakos. The games will also raise money for Ukrainian refugees displaced by the war.

"Football diplomacy will help us involve millions of fans around the world in assisting Ukraine, which is really important," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said Friday. "By this charity tour, we will continue attracting the world's attention to Russian aggression against Ukraine and raise more funds for the Ukrainian army."

Shakhtar is also set to play Fenerbahce, Hajduk Split and Lechia Gdansk, with other opponents still to be confirmed.

Football clubs around Europe have been offering to play games against Ukrainian clubs and host youth players after soccer in the country was shut down when Russia invaded in February.

Olympiakos has advertised the game as "Football For Peace — Stop war in Ukraine." Tickets



for the match in Pireaus cost 10 euros (\$10.90).

"This shall be the opening match in a series of friendlies the Ukrainian outfit is going to play against top clubs in Europe and the U.S.," the defending Greek champions said.

Shakhtar has not played a competitive game since mid-December. On Feb. 26, the league leaders were scheduled to resume the domestic season after a winter break. But two days before their game at Metalist Kharkiv, Russia launched its military invasion and Ukrainian soccer stopped.

Shakhtar typically provides several players to the Ukrainian national team, which was unable to play a World Cup qualifying playoff match against Scotland

## India To Play Warm-Up Games Ahead Of England Series



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**NEW DELHI:** India will take on Derbyshire and Northamptonshire in two T20 warm-up fixtures ahead of their white-ball series against England in July. The two matches will be played against on July 1 and 3 respectively.

However, both the games will clash with the postponed fifth and final Test between India and England, which was suspended due to a COVID-19 outbreak last year. The Test, which was called off after COVID-19 cases were reported in the Indian contingent, will be held from July 1-5

at Edgbaston, Birmingham, India lead the series 2-1.

"India will travel to The Incora County Ground to face Derbyshire in a Twenty20 Tour Fixture on Friday 1 July (7pm start). The number-one ranked T20 side in the world will continue their ICC Twenty20 World Cup preparations against a Derbyshire side," Derbyshire announced on its website.

India and England are scheduled to play three T20Is, starting July 7, before taking on each other in as many ODIs from July 12.

India are also slated to play Ireland in two T20Is, on June 26 and 28, respectively.

## 'Main Issue With Football In India Is League Structure'



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**KOLKATA:** All India Football Federation (AIFF) general secretary Kushal Das on Friday said that the main issue with football in the country is the lack of a robust league structure.

The Indian men's football league system consists of three divisions (Indian Super League, I-league and I-League 2nd Division), besides the Indian Women's League (IWL).

Currently ranked 106th in the FIFA chart, the men's national team is aiming to qualify for its second successive AFC Asian Cup finals and are clubbed with Afghanistan (150), Cambodia (171) Hong Kong (147) in Group D for the qualifiers in June.

"... It's such a popular sport, easy to play, still India is far from where it should be and that's a very valid question. I think the

main issue with football in India is the league structure," Das said at the launch of 'International Sports Expo' here.

India kicked off the I-league in 2007 while countries like Japan and South Korea had started much before, and Das conceded that India was late on that front too.

ISL is now the country's top league, with the I-League pushed down in the hierarchy.

"We are trying to put that structure in place, which is happening, we have now the ISL, of course the duration of ISL needs to be increased. Hopefully going forward next year, we would have a structure where football will be played for six-eight months and at all levels."

"Not just the senior level, it has to be at the U13, U15, U18 boys and girls, and that is what we need to establish, hopefully it will happen," Das signed off.