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NIGEEEN LAKE BLAZE: AWAITING COMPENSATION, FAMILIES FORCED TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES

Over two weeks elapsed since the devastating fire left seven families homeless, the houseboat owners along with their families continue to live under the open sky at Nigeen Lake,

THINK

WATCH FOR WISDOM: 5 ISLAMIC SERIES TO BINGE IN RAMAZAN

You know how Ramadan came early for us this year? Like spring, it made its pleasant arrival with an unapologetic swiftness. Now, it is that time of the year which calls for us to strengthen our faith. Ramadan has a spiritual flavour to it but it does not



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SEVERAL SANITATION WORKERS DETAINED DURING PROTEST IN JAMMU

Several sanitation workers were detained on Saturday after they staged a protest against the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) in support



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FIQAH HANAFIYA	7:06	4:31
FIQAH JAFARIYA	7:14	4:30

Quote!

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another

- Charles Dickens

NEWS DIGEST

LG Greet People On Easter

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday greeted the people on the eve of Easter. The Lt Governor in his message said, Jesus Christ's resurrection marks the triumph of truth and love over evil and hatred, and inspires us to follow the path of sacrifice and forgiveness. "On the auspicious

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4 Injured In LPG Cylinder Blast

SRINAGAR: At least four people, including a woman were injured on Saturday when an LPG cylinder exploded inside a house in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. Around 12:45 Saturday, an LPG cylinder exploded inside the house of Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani at

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Gujarati Tourist Dies Of Heart Attack

SRINAGAR: A tourist from Gujarat died of a suspected heart attack in the Ski resort Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, reports said Saturday. 65-year-old Bharatbhai Pareek, a resident of Jammagar, Gujarat on Friday evening complained of chest pain at a luxury hotel in Gulmarg where

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IED Defused In Rajouri

SRINAGAR: The government forces on Saturday recovered an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir. A police official said that police and Army launched a joint Cordon and Search Operation in the area in the early morning hours following some suspicious movement. A suspicious object was found alongside the road which turned out to

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MERGER OF GOVT SCHOOLS

Panel To Identify Officials Who Brought 'Disrepute' To Education Dept

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The education department has constituted zonal level committees in Srinagar to identify the officials who have brought disrepute to the department in view of the "devastating enrollment" in government schools which finally ended in merger of such institutions.

According to reports, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Srinagar in the second week of March ordered constitution of zonal level committees and directed them to identify the officials responsible for leaving buildings unattended for a long time which led to its dilapidated condition. "In the backdrop of the advisory issued by the Administrative

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Flames Of Honour For Muslim Saint In Kashmir



KO Photo | Abid Bhat

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Hundreds of Muslim villagers climbed a hill in South Kashmir to celebrate a 15th-century Sufi saint with flaming torches and mark the beginning of the paddy-sowing season.

The "zool" festival sees men, women and children climb around two kilometres to a cave shrine in Aishmuqam village dedicated to Zain-ud-Din Wali, where they light wooden torches or

Masha'les in his honour.

The torches traditionally use paddy grass dried from the previous year, while villagers who cannot climb the hill for age or illness light candles at home instead.

It was held for the first time in three years after a gap caused by the coronavirus pandemic, although numbers attending were reduced due to Ramadan, the ongoing Muslim holy month of fasting.

Legend has it that the saint, a prince from a Hindu

warrior caste originally named Zia Singh, repeatedly fell ill when he was a young boy until his mother brought him to Kashmir's patron Sufi saint Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Reshi after seeing the mystic in her dream.

When the prince recovered his mother gave the boy into his service.

The prince later embraced Islam while meditating in the cave on the mystic's orders and was renamed Zain-ud-Din Wali.

Little historical evidence remains for the story.

According to another legend, atop the hill the prince fought and vanquished a powerful demon who would devour a villager each day -- freeing the people from his curse, which had prevented farmers from going to the fields.

In another version, the festival marks the day villagers believe the prince entered the cave to meditate.

"This festival marks the new year for us

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Soldier Killed In Ongoing Anantnag Gunfight

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A soldier was killed on Saturday in an ongoing encounter with militants in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said.

Police and army's 19 RR launched a cordon and search operation in Watnar area of Kokernag on Saturday following inputs about the presence of militants in the village, officials said. When the joint team started advances, the officials said, militants hiding in the village opened fire upon them in a bid to escape from their dragnet.

"In the initial exchange of fire, a soldier was injured. He was rushed to the hospital, where he succumbed to injuries," the officials said.

He said that the joint forces retaliated to the militants firing triggering off a fierce encounter.

According to reports, additional forces were rushed to the gunfight spot to assist the joint team in carrying out the operation.

The joint forces, reports said, have also tightened the cordon to ensure that the militants don't flee from the village. However, the number of militants hoped up in the area was not known when the last reports came in.

Today's encounter comes two days after four Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants involved in rifle snatching and attacks on non-locals were killed by government

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Soldier Found Dead With Bullet Injury

A soldier died after being hit in the chin with a bullet under mysterious circumstances in Tangdhar area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Saturday. Official sources said that the soldier

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Hearing In Bitta Karate Case Deferred

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The hearing in application for reopening of trial against militant Farooq Ahmad Dar alias Bitta Karate in the murder case of Kashmir Pandit Satish Tickoo was deferred on Saturday as the judge was on leave. The hearing was deferred to May 10. Tickoo's family has moved



to the court requesting a status report on all first information reports (FIRs)

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With the increasing footfall of tourists in Kashmir Valley, the Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) have started deweeding Srinagar's Dal Lake on a massive scale. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

COMMUNAL VIOLENCE

13 Oppn Parties Question PMs Silence

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Leaders of 13 Opposition parties Saturday expressed deep concern over the recent incidents of hate speech and communal violence in the country, and urged people to maintain peace and harmony.

In a joint statement, the leaders including Congress president Sonia Gandhi, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, and her Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand counterparts M K Stalin and Hemant Soren, also raised concern over the manner in which issues relating to



food, dress, faith, festivals and language "are being deliberately used by the ruling establishment to polarise society". They also demanded

stringent punishment for the perpetrators of communal violence in the country.

"We are shocked at the silence of the Prime Minister, who has failed to speak against the words and actions of those who propagate bigotry and those who, by their words and actions, incite and provoke our society," they said in the joint statement.

"This silence is an eloquent testimony to the fact that such private armed mobs enjoy the luxury of official patronage."

Asserting their collective resolve to work together to strengthen the bonds of social harmony that

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WE ARE EXTREMELY ANGUISHED AT THE MANNER in which issues related to food, dress, faith, festivals and language are being deliberately used by sections of the ruling establishment to polarize our society."

Govt Official Caught With Bribe Money

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The sleuths of anti-corruption bureau (ACB) on Saturday arrested a works supervisor in the Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED) for accepting bribe to allow sub-contractor to execute work on behalf of the contractor.

Imtiyaz Ahmad Ghulam, Works Supervisor, Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED), Srinagar was caught by ACB's trap team while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs8,000 from a sub-contractor to allow him to execute work on behalf of the contractor, who was allotted a work by UEED, a Bureau spokesperson said Saturday.

Ghulam, he said, was arrested on the spot by the ACB team. The bribe money was

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MeT Predicts Fresh Rain Spell From April 20

SRINAGAR: The meteorological department on Saturday predicted a fresh spell of rainfall across Jammu and Kashmir from April 20, even as the night temperatures recorded increase in the Union Territory.

A MeT official here said that Srinagar recorded a low of 8.9°C against 7.0°C on the previous night. The temperature, he said, was 1.0°C above normal during this time of the year for the summer capital.

Qazigund recorded a low of 6.8°C against 4.8°C on the previous night. The temperature was above normal by 0.3°C for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said. Kokernag, also in south

Kashmir, recorded a low of 8.0°C against 5.3°C on the previous night. It was 1.5°C less than normal during this time of the season for the place, the official said.

Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of 2.6°C against 1.2°C last night. The temperature was 0.8°C below normal for the place, he said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 3.4°C against 1.8°C on the previous night, the official said. While 2.3°C is normal for the world famous skiing resort during this time of the season, the official said that the temperature was 1.1°C above normal for the place in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

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People Need To Rise Up Against Innocent Killings: Bukhari

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Apni Party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Saturday said the people of Jammu and Kashmir should stand up against innocent killings by militants as security forces alone cannot control it.

He also appealed to the youth of Kashmir to stay away from subversive elements who are the enemies of peace, tranquillity and development.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially those in the valley, have to stand up themselves (against innocent killings) as only security forces and police cannot



control it. We have to think that those getting killed are also Kashmiri and I openly admit that those killing them are also Kashmiri, Bukhari told reporters on the sidelines of a party function here.

Scores of young

activists joined the Apni Party in the presence of Bukhari at its headquarters and pledged to strengthen the party at the grassroots level.

Responding to a question about the latest killing of a sarpanch Manzoor Ahmad Bangroo by militants at Goshbug in the Pattan area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday, Bukhari asked what his fault was and said he was only trying to serve the people.

The gunmen behind the innocent killings are no more unidentified. The killers and at whose behest they are killing innocents are well known. It will not last for a long

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Many Indian Parents Prefer To Read Out To Kids Books They Liked In Childhood: OUP Study

Press Trust Of India

Many parents in India prefer to read their children books they enjoyed in their own childhood, rather than choosing newer titles, according to a new study by Oxford University Press (OUP). The survey, which gathered the views of 4,000 parents across India, the UK, Australia, Hong Kong and China, formed part of OUP's second annual 'Gift of Words' campaign, which aims to encourage parents, family, and friends to celebrate and share the power of language and reading, especially following a second year of disruption to education due to Covid. In the global study, almost four in 10 (37 per cent) parents said that they did not know how to find out what the latest books are, and almost half (47 per cent) prefer to re-read books to their child, rather than look for something new. It isn't just parents who favour familiar books: six in 10 (56 per cent) said their children preferred them to revisit the same books at story time, and half (48 per cent) of those whose children read independently said their children prefer to re-read books to themselves, according to the survey. The parents surveyed in India reflected a similar

sentiment. However, over 70 per cent of these parents preferred reading physical books to their children rather than audio books or websites. The research also revealed the power of reading in helping young people to make sense of the world around them. More than 75 per cent of parents surveyed in India, see reading to their child as an opportunity to discuss difficult or sensitive topics with them and 85 per cent look for books that teach their child about wider society or have a meaningful message at their heart. The top three reasons parents cited for reading to their child were building a love for learning and reading, improving literacy and vocabulary, and developing communication skills. Seventy eight per cent of parents surveyed in India said that reading to their child helps them to bond and connect, and 83 per cent wished they had more time to read to their child, the survey found. Both these results were significantly higher than their global counterparts, highlighting the importance placed by Indian parents on building strong reading habits for their children, OUP said. Similar to their global counterparts, parents surveyed in India cited the lack of sufficient



support materials for reading at home (10 per cent) as a reason that they don't read to their child. While nearly 14 per cent stated that they didn't know how to find out about the latest books.

Fifty per cent of the parents surveyed in India stated that reading for school discourages their children from reading for pleasure. When asked what their favourite book or author was to read to their child, parents named

classic stories from Enid Blyton and J K Rowling's Harry Potter series. The Panchatantra fable series also proved popular. Nigel Portwood, CEO of OUP, said about the study: "It's clear that more must be done to support parents in accessing materials for reading at home - including helping them to identify new titles that they can read alongside family favourites - to ensure that all children experience the benefits that reading has to offer." According to Sumanta Datta, managing director of OUP India, "The gaps in expected reading levels have become wider as a result of the pandemic. We at OUP are committed through our products and book titles to aid parents, teachers and children, overcome challenges and inculcate an inherent love for reading." OUP also put together a list of books that it recommends to parents, to help their children learn about wider society. Topics include diversity, acceptance, celebrating what makes individuals unique, friendship, caring for the environment, homelessness, love, and loss. These books are "The Pirate Mums", "The Perfect Fit", "Stella and the Seagull", "A Song in the Mist", "Everybody Has Feelings", "Max Takes a Stand", "The Soup Movement", "Bear Shaped" and "Everybody Worries".

Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir

Scholarship Name 1: Google PhD Fellowship India Program 2022

Description: Google PhD Fellowship India Program 2022 is an initiative of Google to support promising Ph.D. candidates of all backgrounds who seek to influence the future of technology.
Eligibility: Open for candidates enrolled in Ph.D. programme at an Indian University with an undergraduate/master's degree from an Indian University. The candidates must be professionals who are employed with a registered organization in India.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to USD 50K and other benefits
Last Date to Apply: 18-05-2022
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/OG7

Scholarship Name 2: Lady Meherbai D Tata Education Scholarship 2022

Description: Lady Meherbai D Tata Education Scholarship 2022 is an initiative by Tata Education Trust for Indian women graduates of reputed universities who wish to pursue higher education abroad in the specified fields.
Eligibility: Open for Indian women graduates from a reputed university who have a consistent and remarkable academic record. The applicants must have applied for admission or preferably secured admission to reputed universities or institutions in the United States, UK or Europe for the year 2022-2023 with relevant work experience of a minimum of 2 years.

Prizes & Rewards: Variable awards
Last Date to Apply: 02-05-2022
Application mode: via email only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/TET7

Scholarship Name 3: ICCR Scholarship for Indian Culture 2022-23

Description: ICCR Scholarship for Indian Culture 2022-23 is an initiative for students between 18-30 years of age by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India.

Eligibility: Open for candidates between 18-30 years of age who are pursuing the study of Indian Culture such as dance, music, theatre, performing art, sculpture, Indian languages, Indian cuisine, etc.

Prizes & Rewards: Variable awards
Last Date to Apply: 30-04-2022
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/ICS7



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR NOTICE



Where as a joint application has been received from owner Shri : Mohammad Yousuf Bhat S/o: Mohammad Sidiq Bhat R/o: Renipora Beerwah Budgam as Transferor) & Shri. Alijaz Hussain Gada S/o Ghulam Ahmad Gada R/o Khanda Chadoora Budgam .as Transferee) for transfer of Maxi Cab Carriage route permit No.664/CC/ Budgam vehicle No. JK04B -3815.

Now it is therefore notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit/vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport officer ARTO Budgam within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM. 205
Dated 16/04/2022

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Assistant Regional Transport Officer
Budgam Kashmir

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s QUTN Mills situated at Phase-I Sidco Industrial Estate Khunmoh , formally registered with DIC Srinagar under No. 01/003/08891/PMT/MSME dated 01.11.2015 for manufacture of corrugated Card Board Boxes have approached DIC Srinagar & J&K Sidco for grant of permission with regard to change of constitution to the extent of induction of two partners namely Mr Mohammad Rajab Reshi S/o Haji Ghulam Ahmad Reshi R/o Brane Nishat Srinagar and Mr Imtiyaz Rajab S/o Kh Mohammad Rajab Reshi R/o Brane Nishat Srinagar in terms of Partnership deed duly registered in the court of law on 4th June 2021 and Name & Style of the Unit from M/s QUTN Mills I/E Khunmoh to M/s Reshi Enterprises I/E Khunmoh.
General Manager District Industries Srinagar & J&K Sidco invites Objections if any from any individual/ persons/company/ financial institutions/ Department of State or Central Government or any other agency with regard to the said changes to reach General Manager DIC Srinagar & Estate Manager Sidco Industrial Estate Khunmoh within a period of (7) days from the date of publication of this notice in the News Paper. Objections received after stipulated time will not be entertained.

M/s QUTN Mills
Phase-I Industrial Estate Khunmoh

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Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SUMBAL

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (for Road work/bridges/Buildings)
TWO COVER SYSTEM (above Rs. 2.50 Crores)**

NIT No:- 06 of R&B Sumbal/2022-23 Dated:- 15-04-2022 (E-tendering)
For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on item rate basis/%age basis (as the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest Money	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Public Park at Markundal Sumbal.	331.29	5500.00	662580.00	06- Months	SMRDA	AAV Class Only

Position of AAA = Accorded by additional CEO, SMRDA Kashmir Divisional Commissioner Kmr's order No.02-ACDO/SMRDA/2021, Dated:-29-11-2021. Position of TS = Granted under Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Deptt. Kmr's No.CE(R&B)/K-TS/1192 of 2021-22, Dated:-26-03-2022.

1. The bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per above schedule:

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	15-04-2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	16-04-2022 from 10.00 A.M.
3	Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting	There shall be no physical pre-bid meeting. However the perspective bidders shall seek any clarification if required through mail within two days from 18-04-2022 upto 4.00 P.M. The Superintending Engineers Office shall reply to the queries if required through mail.
4	Bid submission Start Date	19/04/2022 from 10.00 A.M.
5	Bid Submission End Date	27/04/2022 upto 4.00 P.M.
6	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	28/04/2022 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Ganderbal/Bandipora.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. OM No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Ganderbal/Bandipora H.Q Ganderbal (Tender receiving Authority).

3. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

4. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Ganderbal/Bandipora H.Q Ganderbal (Tender receiving authority) within 15 days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond bid validity.

5. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @3% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.

6. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Engineering complex Ganderbal/Bandipora H.Q Ganderbal. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

8. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-
a) Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period issue of letter on intent.
c) In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process:

7.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

7.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-2.

7.5. Scanned copy of Cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Sumbal (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Superintending Engineer(R&B) Circle Ganderbal/Bandipora H.Q Ganderbal (Tender Receiving Authority) must be uploaded with the Technical bid documents for the work. After opening of financial bids, the lowest bidder shall submit the Performance Security in the form of CDR/ BG/FDR within 15 Days in the Office of the Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Ganderbal/Bandipora H.Q Ganderbal. Failure to do so shall render the lowest successful bidder nonresponsive. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD (earnest money) and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

8. Instruction to bidder (ITB)
All Bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualifying criteria/qualification information with the bids.

a. All bidders shall upload Copies of Original Documents defining constitution/Legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence Address.

b. All Bidders shall upload Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and Earnest Money/Bid Security.

c. All Bidders shall upload Valid Registration with renewal Valid GSTIN No. & Valid PAN No.

d. All Bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance Certificate/Acknowledge Receipt of GST Return Copy " FORM GSTR-3B" of the preceding Quarter/preceding Month to the issue of the NIT.

e. All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate from concerned Chief Engineer /Superintending Engineer of Enlistment Registration Card.
f. If verification is not done then it is mandatory to submit/Upload affidavit from First Class Judicial Magistrate regarding the Genuine/ness of the Contractor Card. The Bidders are subject to be disqualified if they have made misleading or false representation in the forms, statements, affidavits duly attested by Magistrate and attachments submitted in proof of the qualification requirement; and/or Record of poor performance such as Page 3 of 3 IPB/IAB abandoning the works, not properly completing the contract, inordinate delays in completion, litigation history, or financial failures etc.

9. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (Tender Inviting Authority). (The Date of Treasury Challan must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).

10. All bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

11. The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Ganderbal/Bandipora H.Q Ganderbal (Tender Receiving Authority) within 15 days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond bid validity. Bidders may contact office of the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Ganderbal/Bandipora H.Q Ganderbal or concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.

12. Bidders should quote in percentage below/the percentage above or at par at the bottom of the BOQ Percentage Template for the Work.

13. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate/percentage inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

14. The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work unless otherwise specified.

15. Financials "My Documents" area in their use on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

16. Defect Liability Period shall be 03 Years after date of completion.

17. All key construction material (i.e. cement, steel, bitumen, pipes etc) shall have to be arranged by the contractor strictly as per specifications with the approval of Engineer-in-Charge.

18. Qualification criteria for the work and other terms and conditions are contained in the bidding document available on Website.
No. R&B/SB/22/201-08.
Dated:-15-04-2022.

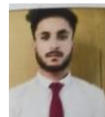
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Executive Engineer
R&B Division Sumbal

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

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The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th under Below mentioned particulars
Name : Saifullah Sidiq
S/o Mohammad Sidiq Bhat
R/o Pandithpora Payeen Kunzer



Details of Marks Certificate lost
Secondary School Examination (class 10th)
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Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the same before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is treated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary
Sub Office Magam

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My mother's name has been wrongly written in my passport as Mala Begum while her correct name is Mughali which needs to be rectified. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Farooq Ahmad Kumar (Passport Holder)

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Mock Drill For Flood Preparedness Held In Dal Lake

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The J&K State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), 1st Battalion, Kashmir on Saturday held a flood preparedness mock drill in Dal Lake.

The Mock drill was held in collaboration with National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and with the support of J&K State Emergency Operation Centre (JKSEOC), Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction and J&K Dragon Boat Association.

Speaking on the occasion, Firdous Iqbal, Commandant SDRF 1st Bn & Director Civil Defence J&K, said that the mock-drill has been organized to test the preparedness level of all the Response Teams, in the event of any flood like situation.

Piyooosh Routela, Executive Director Disaster Mitigation & Management Centre, Utrakhand also participated in the mock drill and appreciated the preparedness level of the

teams. The mock drill was conducted under the overall coordination of Rashad Khan, Deputy Commandant SDRF.

Firdous Iqbal also interacted with the J&K Dragon Boat team that won the Bronze Medal, in the recently concluded 9th National Dragon Boat Championship, at Alappuzha, Kerala.

Local inhabitants, particularly youth, living inside Dal Lake, actively participated in the Mock drill.

During the mock drill demonstration of boat collapse, rescue from drowning, boat rescue techniques and rescue from collapsed House Boat were also demonstrated. Emergency Rescue Methods & First Aid to be administered, for drowning cases was also demonstrated.

Those present on the occasion, included Er. Aamir Ali, Nodal Officer J&K SEOC, Dev Darshan, Deputy Commandant NDRF, Farooq Ahmed Bhat, Coach J&K Police Water Sports and J&K Dragon Boat Association.

Teenage Girl Dies After Falling From Terrace

Agencies

Srinagar: A teenage girl died after she slipped from the terrace of her house on Saturday. The incident occurred in Shaheen Mohalla, Noor Bagh area of Srinagar.

Local sources said that the 17 year old daughter of Bashir Ahmed Sheikh had a

fall from the terrace. She had probably gone to the terrace to collect some dried clothes.

Blood was oozing out from her nose and there were injuries on her head. She was immediately shifted to the SMHS Hospital where she succumbed to the injuries.

Police have registered a case in this regard. (KNT)

Nigeen Lake Blaze

Awaiting Compensation, Families Forced To Fend For Themselves

Agencies

Srinagar: Over two weeks elapsed since the devastating fire left seven families homeless, the houseboat owners along with their families continue to live under the open sky at Nigeen Lake, leaving them to lurch at large.

The houseboat owners said that many politicians including those at the helm of affairs visited them since the massive fire reduced their houseboats into ashes.

However, they said nobody has provided any relief to them so far, forcing them to live under the open sky. They said that they still live in the makeshift tents, provided to them by the Disaster Management.

The fire affected houseboat owners said that there is nothing substantial that has been given by the government after the massive blaze on April 04, 2022.

Adil Badyari, one of the affected fire victims, said that nothing has been given to them so far



while two families, who were living in the houseboats, are still spending their days and nights in the temporary tents.

Badyari, said that a local NGO has now come to the rescue of one among the two families and is constructing a hut for them, adding that the rest

of five houseboats owners, who were not residing there have also not been given any compensation so far.

Pertinently, seven houseboats and three wooden sheds were damaged in a blaze that broke out in Nigeen Lake. (KNO)

Tulip Garden To Shut For Visitors From April 18

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Tulip garden in Srinagar will shut for visitors on April 18. The flowers have started to shrink in view of the rise in temperatures, officials on Saturday said.

Director Floriculture Farooq Ahmed Rather said that the department has decided to close the garden for visitors on April 18. "The Tulip bloom has started to shrink in view of the rise in the temperatures. This year we had opened the garden earlier than

previous year. From March 23 to April 16, 3.5 lakh visitors including tourists and locals visited the garden," he said, adding that last year's figure was only 2.26 lakh. "This year, the footfall was all time high."

Rather thanked people and tourists for visiting the garden in large numbers. He, however, urged tourists to explore the beauty of other gardens of Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir.

This year, 1.5 million Tulips and various varieties of flowers

were in full bloom at the garden that mesmerized the visitors. The tourism department had put on display the famous food cuisine of Kashmir-Wazwan and various varieties of Kashmir's traditional bread besides kehwa, in a bid to woo tourists. This year, Kashmir is witnessing record number of tourist arrivals for the first time in the past over a decade. In March month of this year, 1.80 lakh tourists visited Kashmir, which is the highest ever in the past ten years.

DC Reviews Progress Of Works Under NABARD

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Saturday chaired a meeting of Officers at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, to review the progress of developmental works being executed under NABARD and SAMAGRA SHIKSHA for year 2022-23 in the district.

During the meeting, a detailed discussion was held with regard to

physical and financial progress of the works taken up under NABARD component by R&B, PHE and Health Departments in congruence with the developmental needs of the district.

The meeting also held deliberations to review the progress and present status of works taken up under SAMAGRA SHIKSHA for infrastructure upgradation of Government Schools in Srinagar District.

SAD DEMISE



We inform you the sad demise of Mohammad Afzal Khan s/o Late Abdul Gani Khan r/o Namchibal Fateh Kadal who passed away on 16 4 2022 at 10 am. Now his Rashmi Chahrum will be observed inshallah on 19 04 2022 at 10am at Malik Angan Fateh Kadal

Bereaved Family

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I have applied for the issuance Excursion Agency/Tour and Travel Agency licences named on "WE TECH TRAVELZ" from Department Of Tourism Government Of Jammu And Kashmir, if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the Department of Tourism within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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- 1895 - Treaty of Shimonoseki is signed ending the First Sino-Japanese War (1894-95)
- 1930 - Abkhazian ASSR forms in Georgian SSR
- 1932 - Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia ends slavery
- 1939 - Stalin signs British-France-Russian anti-Nazi pact
- 1941 - World War II: The Kingdom of Yugoslavia surrenders to Germany.
- 1945 - German occupiers flood Wieringermeer, Netherlands
- 1945 - Benito Mussolini flees from Salò to Milan
- 1945 - US troops land in central Mindanao, 1946 - Syria declares independence from French administration
- 1967 - Surveyor 3 launched; soft lands on Moon, April 20.
- 1970 - Apollo 13 limps back safely, Beech-built oxygen tank no help
- 1971 - Egypt, Libya & Syria form federation (FAR)
- 1979 - Four Royal Ulster Constabulary officers are killed by a Provisional Irish Republican Army van bomb in Bessbrook, County Armagh; the bomb is believed to be the largest PIRA bomb used up to that point.
- 1982 - Proclamation of the Constitution Act by Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau
- 1986 - IBM produces 1st megabit-chip
- 1986 - Netherlands & Scilly Islands sign peace treaty (war of 1651)
- 1987 - Julius Erving becomes 3rd NBA player to score 30,000 points
- 1987 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakhstan/Semipalatinsk USSR
- 1988 - Ethiopian Belayneh Densimo runs world record marathon (2:06:50)
- 1989 - 93rd Boston Marathon: Abebe Mekonen of Ethiopia 1st man in 2:09:06 and Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway 1st woman in 2:24:33
- 1989 - Polish labor union granted legal status

From KO Archives

Next Bus From Uri?

Govt says threat less if passengers travel on their own to 'safer' Uri

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR - The authorities are considering running the second bus to Muzaffarabad from border town of Uri instead of Srinagar in view of security considerations, official sources said here today.

The idea to run the bus from Uri was discussed during a meeting of the concerned authorities as the town is "much safer" being situated in a high-sanitised zone and having virtually zero militant presence, they said.

Passengers will have to reach Uri of their own raising fears about their safety.

Public circles say if the threat perception was the reason behind government's purported rethink then in that case passengers will become more vulnerable to attacks by groups opposed to the service than they were earlier.

Official sources said other major reason for restricting the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad service to Uri - Muzaffarabad is security costs which would come down drastically in the latter case.

Militant groups AI Nasireen, Al Arifeen. Save Kashmir Movement and Farzandan-e-Millat which claimed responsibility for the attack on the tourist reception centre, have reportedly issued a threat to passengers of the second bus loo.

List of passengers swapped

As the authorities mulled running the second, Muzaffarabad-bound bus from Uri instead of Srinagar India and Pakistan today exchanged list of prospective travelers for the bus

Which will roll out on April 21.

"We have handed over the list of 47 passengers from Pakistan-controlled Kashmir who have been given clearance to travel (to Srinagar) on the bus." Regional Passport Officer John S Shilshi said.

Shilshi who returned here from Uri after exchanging the list, said the Pakistani side had cleared 32 passengers to travel on the second bus from the Indian side.

A maximum of 30 passengers from each side would board the bus as agreed between Indian and Pakistani authorities, he said. (Kashmir Observer, 17 April, 2005)

از نیابت ہر وہ شورہ اجلاس ارشاد احمد ملک

مضمون درخواست تجانب: عبدالرشید گنائی ولد غلام احمد گنائی ساکنہ ترکہ بلہ پورہ

بغرض حصول RBA تفکیک تحت ایس آر 126، اشتہار برآمد آگاہی بر خاص وعام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول RBA تفکیک دفتر بذ میں پیش کیا ہے۔ اس بارے میں تمل فیلڈ سے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا تئدہ ہذا میں گزشتہ پندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پذیر ہے۔ ساکنہ کی مہاشادنی ہے۔ اور سائل کا تئدہ بذیل ہے۔

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	پوشہ بیگم زوجہ عبدالرشید	30 سال	گھریلو کام	
04	ندیم احمد پسر عبدل رشید	05	زیر تعلیم	
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1. At "Appendix B" Serial No 8

Please read :

Time of completion: Works to be executed under this framework contract are generally of urgent nature. Time of completion of work shall be specified in individual work orders based on approximate time allowed for completion of works given below.

- Repairs to 60 KVA to 100 KVA HT Transformer 05 days
- Repairs to 100 KVA to 350 KVA HT Transformer 07 days
- Repairs to above 350 KVA HT Transformer 08 days

Instead of :

Time of completion: Works to be executed under this framework contract are generally of urgent nature. Time of completion of work shall be specified in individual work orders based on approximate time allowed for completion of works given below.

- Rewinding of 3-ph motors: > 100 HP – 10 days; < 100 HP – 05 days
- Rewinding of complete autotransformer coil (rating > 250HP) – maximum 07 days
- Troubleshooting and rectification of starter/ crane faults, with replacement of minor items like timers, O/L relays, control wirings, etc. – 03 days
- Replacement of contactors/ switchgear or accessories thereof – 05 days
- For other or partial works, time allowed shall be calculated proportional to above stated works.

2. At "Instructions for Bidders " Serial No iii

Please read :

Experience certificate: contractors shall have to fulfill the criteria of satisfactory execution of Electrical repair maintenance works (as given in the bid document) as under:

Electrical repair & maintenance works costing not less than Rs 6.00 lacs in last 03 years OR Electrical repair & allied works costing not less than Rs. 5.00 lacs in last 03 years

Instead of :

Experience certificate: contractors shall have to fulfill the criteria of satisfactory execution of electrical repair-maintenance works (as given in the bid document) as under:

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3. At "Instructions for Bidders " Serial No i

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Pious Pronouncements

It has taken seven years of unmitigated disasters to squeeze a grudging admission from one wing of the “anti-terror” coalition that the phrase “war on terror” was mistaken and misleading.

Let there be no mistake, these belated pangs of conscience are not driven by one million Iraqis dead, or casualties, collateral and otherwise, in Afghanistan. Nor even by the fact of coalition forces sinking deeper and deeper into conflicts that show no signs of ending. Apparently, the ignominy of a possible Vietnam-like exit is being sought to be couched in terms of “different strategies” to tackle the “varied” roots of terrorism. Or else, even the limitless resources of the world powers have been found wanting in sustaining massive wars fought for decades on multiple fronts. The repercussions of the economic meltdown originating from the west appear to be by far the more credible reason for the apparent rethink. Given the record and the response of the US and the UK to terrorism not involving their lands - a phenomenon which these countries had all the time in the world to study and analyze - one shudders to think what the new strategies might entail, especially for countries that have been reeling under the scourge long before it began visiting hallowed shores. Having largely insulated their countries and interests from inimical acts, the powers can now have the temerity to turn around and say that it was all a mistake, a fact obvious to lesser mortals right at the outset.

Having, for long decades, shored up bloodthirsty tyrants, supported dictators, undermined democracies, toppled lawfully elected governments, subverted sovereignties, and engineered assassinations, the world powers now expect their new-found love for “championing the rule of law, not subordinating it” to be taken hook, line and sinker by nations that have fallen prey, time and again, to the their so-called strategic interests. In making these comments, the British foreign secretary has picked up another soft foreign policy target to make a pious call for the resolution of the Kashmir issue, but issued a hasty modification when New Delhi bristled at the “unsolicited advice.” The worthy minister could have spared himself the discomfort of a far from polite rebuff had his government and its predecessors not been so abjectly enamored of, for example, the depredations and excesses of successive Israeli regimes in Palestine. Britain cannot be oblivious to the trust deficit it suffers among Muslims in particular, and the lack of moral authority it suffers in the wider world in general, on account of its interest-oriented support or opposition to any issue. One cannot be faulted for taking the British foreign secretary’s sympathetic remarks on Kashmir as a thinly-disguised attempt at throwing more confusion into the badly alienated, and outraged, Muslim world. Had it been otherwise, he would not have been presiding over the British foreign policy of unqualified and tacit support to the Israeli carnage in Gaza. He would have used his highly publicized article in distancing the British government from the one-sided war in Palestine and unequivocally condemned the Israeli aggression and occupation. He would have issued an unambiguous diktat for Israel to abide by the numerous UN resolutions, including those pertaining to borders, and made a compelling argument for Tel Aviv to accept an international status for Jerusalem, a city sacred for three mighty faiths. Then indeed, could his pronouncements on Kashmir have carried a moral gravity difficult for New Delhi to dismiss so lightly. One cannot expect oneself to be taken seriously on one grave issue when one is so cavalier and callous about another, far more urgent, issue that has assumed the dimensions of a human catastrophe. Is it any wonder then that after having been caught in a compromising position on more than one count, the world powers find their calls rebounding unheeded from an expanding club of delinquents. International justice cannot be administered selectively, particularly when both the issues in context - incidentally among the major sources of global trouble - bear the unmistakable stamp of British and US origins.

If it requires impudence of a very high order from an active collaborator in global inequity to talk of Kashmir when the Muslim world is aghast at the complicity of world powers in the Gaza carnage, it requires naivety of an equally high degree to regard these pronouncements as some sort of victory. Naivety, perhaps is too mild a word to describe the abjectness of making the legitimacy of the will of a people contingent upon the quirks of confirmed offenders. The propensity of leaders here to evaluate the course of events in Kashmir by the throw-away remarks of aberrant powers is ample indication that they are yet to come of age.

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

Prophetic Ambedkar and
India’s Current Foreign Policy

The Legacy of Dr Ambedkar’s Thoughts on Indian Foreign Policy

Haris Rashid and Anuraag Khaund

Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar or B.R. Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasaheb by a significant section of the Indian masses, is widely remembered and respected for his role in drafting the Indian Constitution as well as his life-long crusade for the rights and dignity of the marginalized sections such as lower castes and untouchables through leading movements such as Mahad Satyagraha in 1927. However, less known and often ignored are Dr Ambedkar’s ideas regarding international relations and the path to be followed by India’s foreign policy. As we celebrate this legendary icon’s 131st birth anniversary in 2022, the article is aimed at highlighting Babasaheb’s views on India’s international affairs and their relevance in contemporary times.

Regarding China, Dr Ambedkar was quite critical and even prophetic of the pitfalls of the Nehruvian view of Sino-Indian ties as being marked by brotherly relations and love as encapsulated in the then popular slogan Hindi Chini Bhai Bhai (Indian- Chinese are brothers). He correctly emphasized the strategic value of Tibet as a buffer zone between India and China and the close link between Indian security and Tibet’s independence when he stated that “by letting China take control over Lhasa (Tibetan Capital) the Prime Minister has in a way helped the Chinese to bring their armies on the Indian borders. Any victor who annexes Kashmir can directly reach Pathankot, and I know it for sure that he can reach the Prime Minister’s House also.” It is no wonder that conflicts such as the 1962 border war or the recent clashes in Galwan since 2020 have made foreign policy thinkers and the Indian strategic community realise and revisit the value of an independent or de-militarized Tibetan plateau critical for peaceful borders. In addition, the naivety of the Nehruvian approach to China was further highlighted by Dr Ambedkar when he claimed the fallacy of the Panchsheel Agreement of 1954 between India and China by stating that “I am indeed surprised that our Hon’ble Prime Minister is taking this ‘Panchsheel’ seriously... If Shri Mao had even an iota of faith in Panchsheel (both the agreement as well as the Buddhist code) he would have treated the Buddhists in his country in a different manner”. Related to this criticism was the realisation by Dr Ambedkar of the realist maxim of power triumphing over morality when he stated that “Panchsheel (The Buddhist code of five principles) has no place in politics. The truth inherent in Panchsheel is that Morality is forever changing. There is nothing called Morality. You can abide by your promises in accordance with today’s Morality and by the same propriety you may violate your own promise simply because tomorrow’s morality will have different demands”. Here, Ambedkar was comparing the idealism inherent in Nehruvian policy to Mao’s realpolitik in the sense that while India believed that China would abide by the Panchsheel or the morality of respecting the sentiments of a brotherly nation, the latter’s realist and power-driven and aggressive intentions were made clear by the fact of its assault on Tibetan Buddhist culture which violated a key tenet of the Panchsheel Agreement and earlier assurances of autonomy made to Tibetans as well as to India of respecting Tibet’s unique character and not overtly militarising it (this can also be seen as violation of two principles of the Panchsheel Buddhist code not telling untruth and abstaining from destruction and stealing). At the same, Dr Ambedkar’s warnings regarding the fragility of morality and agreements in international politics subject to realist calculations came to the fore during the subsequent border skirmishes and the recent standoff in Ladakh since 2020 which were in contravention to earlier border agreements and confidence building measures (CBMs) of 1993, 1996, 2003 and 2013.

Ambedkar was also a strong critic of Nehru’s non-alignment policy. In a statement before the House, explaining his resignation from the Cabinet in 1951, he disclosed that there were two reasons



While Ambedkar’s criticism of Nehru’s non-alignment might have been proved wrong till now, his warning on Kashmir becoming a permanent issue for India’s foreign policy has been proved right. On the “quarrel” with Pakistan, Ambedkar argued that it had become a part of India’s foreign policy. He asserted that there were two issues which disturbed relations with Pakistan- East Bengal and Kashmir. He was of the opinion that India should pay more attention to East Bengal than the “unreal issue” of Kashmir

behind his resignation- treatment accorded to Scheduled Castes and the dissatisfaction with the foreign policy of the government. He criticized Nehru’s foreign policy as being detrimental to India’s national interests and bemoaned that in a stark contrast to the eve of independence when every country was India’s friend, in 1951 it was alienated

therefore, India should join them against the Communist Bloc. On 8th November, 1952 while addressing the students of Lucknow University he remarked, “Nehru’s foreign policy has remained unsuccessful in strengthening India India would now have to make a choice between Pro-Democratic America and Western countries or countries

like China or Russia where the system of dictatorship is prevailing.” (Isn’t it similar to the situation faced by India currently regarding the Ukraine crisis whether to stand with the US-led NATO or maintain close ties with Russia and China?). Since India was located next to the two ideologically expansionary communist states, Ambedkar had advised Nehru to “reconsider” his policy on the South East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO) and join it in order to place India firmly on the side of democracy. Ambedkar’s anxiety behind this argument for aligning with the US was perhaps also coming from the fact that Pakistan was growing closer to the US and the two countries were cooperating in the defence sector. In 1952, When Ambedkar came back to India after receiving an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Columbia university, he said that the US was more inclined towards Pakistan as the general public in the US was “more impressed by Pakistan and her policies than India.” It was an astute analysis as Pakistan would later join SEATO as well as the Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) in 1954 and 1955 respectively.

Today India seems to be doing good in international relations because of its legacy of non-alignment. Both the US and Russia take India into their foreign policy equations and India has successfully preserved its strategic autonomy till now. India’s strategic autonomy can be gauged by the fact that India had civil-nuclear agreements with the Soviet Union since the 1960s and when the US sanctioned India after the Operation Smiling Buddha in 1974, Russia agreed to supply heavy water for its nuclear plants. After the 2005 signing of the civil-nuclear agreement with the US, India has pacts with 14 countries in civil-nuclear energy that include Russia as well as the US. Even these days when faced with the question of choosing sides on the Ukraine-Russia issue, India has remained non-aligned and despite sanctions on Russia, it continues to import cheaper oil from the country and maintains healthy relations with the US as well. Even though there has been criticism of India’s non-alignment in this case, it will be seen how much pressure India can resist.

While Ambedkar’s criticism of Nehru’s non-alignment might have been proved wrong till now, his warning on Kashmir becoming a permanent issue for India’s foreign policy has been proved right. On the “quarrel” with Pakistan, Ambedkar argued that it had become a part of India’s foreign policy. He asserted that there were two issues which disturbed relations with Pakistan- East Bengal and Kashmir. He was of the opinion that India should

pay more attention to East Bengal than the “unreal issue” of Kashmir. He went on to suggest a solution to the Kashmir problem. He suggested that it should be partitioned along the communal lines just like the rest of India. The Hindu and the Bhuddist majority parts (Jammu and Ladakh) would go to India while the Muslim majority part (Kashmir valley) would go to Pakistan. Alternatively, he suggested that the region should be divided into three parts and plebiscite should only be held in the valley so that the Hindu and the Bhuddist majority parts are not forcibly dragged into Pakistan. Although, in the current context, which has been witness to several significant and historic changes since 1950s Ambedkar’s policy might appear untenable and unimaginable, yet it is worth pondering how India-Pakistan relations vis a vis the situation of Kashmir would have turned about in an alternative universe where Dr Ambedkar’s solution was followed.

Finally, in his last and unfinished work Buddha or Karl Marx Dr Ambedkar highlights the ‘strategic’ nature of Buddhist non-violence (Ahimsa) by quoting Buddha’s advice to Sinha Senapati, the commander of the forces of the kingdom of Vaishali. As per Buddha “A man who fights for justice and safety cannot be accused of Ahimsa. If all the means of maintaining peace have failed then the responsibility for Himsa (violence) falls on him who starts war. One must never surrender to evil powers. War there may be. But it must not be for selfish ends...”. If one observes, since 1947 most of the conventional warfare engaged by India have been defensive in nature and in accordance with Buddha’s advice, it has taken up arms only when other methods of peaceful diplomacy and negotiation had failed to bring about peace. Currently this strategic nature of non-violence or defensive violence is also reflected in its ‘No First Use’ nuclear policy. One can say that it is this adherence to strategic ‘non-violence’ that has played a huge role in defining India’s image as a responsible power and reliable ally for major powers such as the US, EU and Russia- a legacy of Buddha propounded by Dr Ambedkar in the 20th century and practised by Mauryan emperor Ashoka whose jayanti was celebrated on 9 April almost a week before Dr Ambedkar’s.

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WATCH FOR WISDOM

5 Islamic Series to Binge in Ramazan



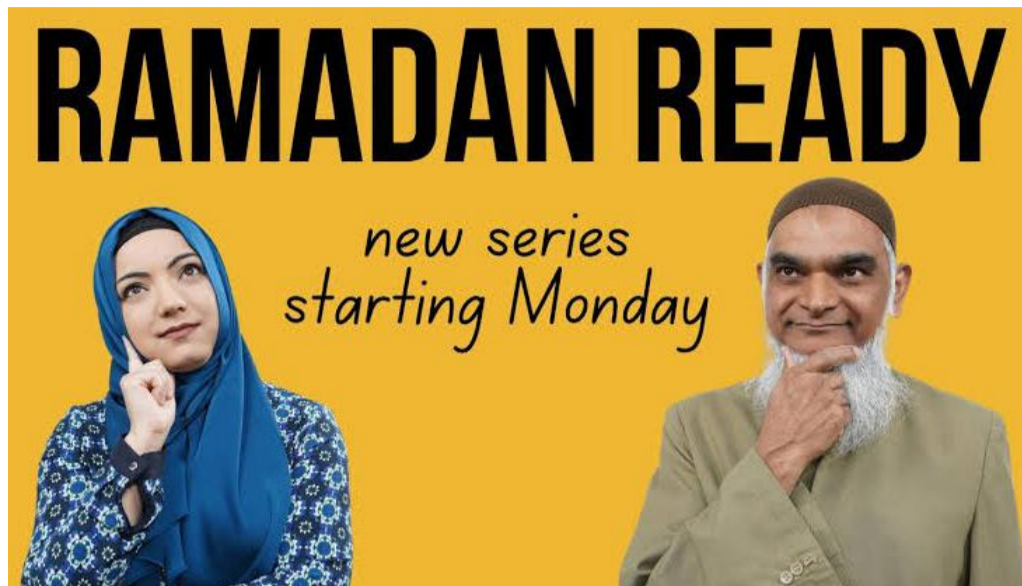
Sarah Koul

You know how Ramazan came early for us this year? Like spring, it made its pleasant arrival with an unapologetic swiftness. Now, it is that time of the year which calls for us to strengthen our faith.

Ramazan has a spiritual flavour to it but it does not come on its own – the trick lies in seeking it. This spiritual month is unordinary and thus should be lived unlike the other 11 months of the year. If we stick to our ordinary routines of the materialistic world, then we will not be able to make the best out of this blessed month.

We all spend our time engaged in our daily work and usually forget the amount of barakah this holy month carries, when each one of our good deeds is rewarded 70 times more than normal.

So, in order to prepare yourself and engage more with faith and introspect more into the knowledge of islam, you can watch some Islamic series which are easily available for everyone to watch on YouTube. Unlike Erugrul and Kurulus Osman, of course, these series will help you meaningfully engage with Ramazan, provide you with the knowledge of our faith and make sure you make the best out of it by imparting the ways and means of ibadah. Here are some YouTube series which you can binge watch daily to stay in the Ramazan spirit.



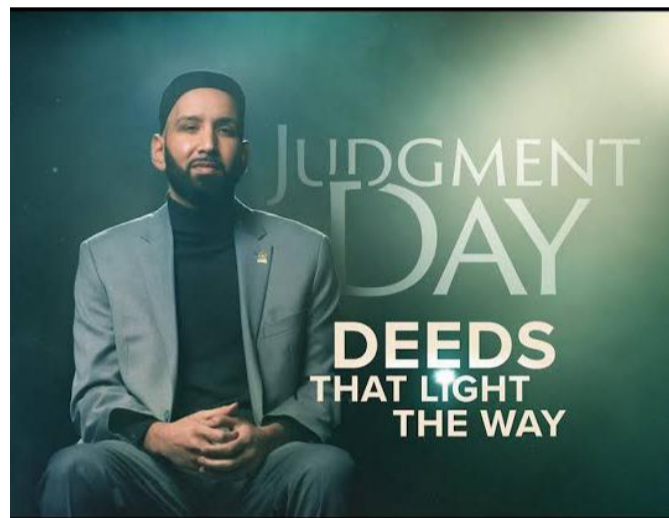
1. "Ramadan Ready" by Let the Quran Speak

This series is aimed at answering all the questions and clearing your doubts about faith and belief. It provides trusted explanations to very general queries regarding the holy month. Basic questions about the essence and meaning of fasting such as how fasting works and how to prepare for Ramazan.



3. "Reconnecting with Revelation" by Mufti Menk

Join the leading global Islamic scholar and motivational speaker Dr. Mufti Ismail Menk as he goes through different verses of the Quran that will help you to reconnect with Allah throughout the holy month. The Quran is the epitome of knowledge and many of us tend to recite the holy book often but how many of us try to contemplate and understand the essence of it?



4. "Judgement day: Deeds that Light the Way" by Yaqeen Institute

Intended to remind the viewers that the life of this world is quickly departing and the life of the hereafter if quickly approaching, it aims at teaching us about the ways and means to adopt to make our hereafter more successful and beautiful. 'Deeds that Light the Way' is a self-explanatory phrase that explains the purpose of the series; to make everyone familiar with deeds to perform that could light up our grave and the life hereafter.



2. "The Manners of the Believers - Ramadan" by Yasir Qadhi

This series by prominent scholar Sheikh Yasir imparts the importance of noble manners that a believer must possess and also guides you towards becoming a man/women of character as prescribed by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Follow the series to learn more about how having a pure character is a major aspect of islam. It is a sunnah to present an embracing and respectful behaviour to everyone.



5. "Counsel and Healing" by Bayinnah Institute

The series comprises verses from the holy Quran, detailed and explained to counsel you throughout your path of belief. And to help you heal by highlighting the beautiful promises of almighty Allah mentioned in the holy book, to give us hope and strengthen our faith.

Here's How You Can Have a Productive Ramazan



Sarah Koul

Ramazan is the most precious month in the Islamic calendar. The gates of hell are shut and gates of heaven are thrown open and every believer is showered with a multitude of blessings for each of their good deeds. At the core, it is the opportunity for each muslim to connect to their spiritual sense by giving up all scripturally forbidden and restricted desires of the world.

When we fast, we do not only refrain from eating but from all forms of materialistic consumption, and what is spirituality if not the lack of desire for worldly ease? We may give up feeding our bodies but we start feeding our soul which relies and thrives upon the remembrance of our creator. This month of barakah which satiates the quench of our soul, must be lived exceptionally by drowning oneself in Ibadah and engaging in good deeds to benefit in this world and the hereafter.

It is the month of spiritual cleansing and purification for us. We should try to increase our worship, good deeds and acts of charity so that we

POUNDERING OVER HADITH AND MEMORISING



are able to benefit from the immense blessings of Ramazan and seek salvation. Here are some ways you can make your Ramazan more productive and engage more with your deen than duniya.

JOURNALING

Make a journal consisting of goals and aims you want to achieve on a daily basis. For example, list out a few duas you want to repeat throughout the day, or set a goal of how many pages of the Quran you ought to complete. You can list your tasks you want to perform throughout the day and keep a check on your progress through your journal.



MEAL PREP IN ADVANCE

Women mostly have to spend more of their time in the kitchen preparing meals for iftaar and suhoor. You should help or prepare the meals in advance during the morning hours so that you can spend the rest of your day engaged in worship.

COMPLETING THE QURAN WITH TRANSLATION

The main purpose of the Quran is to guide us through every aspect of life. It is not just a book meant to be recited on a daily basis, it preaches us about almost everything encompassing life and hereafter. The Quran is meant to

teach how we ought to spend our lives preparing for the hereafter, it is filled with guidance and knowledge and must not only be recited but also understood.

POUNDERING OVER HADITH AND MEMORISING

Hadiths are the valuable sayings of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) which teach us the noble way of life. They are a major source of religious law and moral guidance, second only to the authority of the Quran, the holy book of Islam. You can spare a few minutes of your time remembering hadiths that shape our lives.



definitely increase your love for him. Love of the Prophet is what differentiates the believers in the perfection of belief. You can read about resources available on Prophet's Seerah on Kashmir Observer's article, "Indulge in Milad Spirit"

TAJWEED COURSES

Get enrolled in a tajweed program - so that you inculcate a better understanding of the Arabic language and read the Quran flawlessly without any doubts.

CONNECT AT TAHAJJUD

Pray tahajjud everyday - Praying tahajjud provides us with inner strength and mental peace. "Be vigilant in standing up [in prayer] at night, for it was the practice of the pious before you. It is a means of gaining proximity to Allah Ta'ala, expiation for transgressions and a barrier from sins." (Tirmidhi) Ramazan is the most convenient time to offer your tahajjud prayers, you can wake up minutes prior to suhoor to pray and beg to Allah for this part of the night guarantees almighty's mercy and blessings upon you.

RSS Leader Killed In Palakkad, Second Political Murder Within 24 Hours In Kerala

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Palakkad: Kerala on Saturday witnessed a second political murder within a span of 24 hours in Palakkad district, where an RSS leader was hacked to death in the afternoon by a bike-borne gang, which the police suspect as a retaliation to the murder of a PFI leader the previous day.

S K Srinivasan (45), a former district leader and office-bearer of RSS, was attacked by a six-member gang at his motorbike shop in Melamuri near here, police said.

The incident occurred less than 24 hours after a Popular Front of India (PFI) leader was killed in a village near here, allegedly by the RSS.

While the BJP and the opposition Congress trained their guns on the ruling Left government saying the incident point at the worsening law and order situation in the state, the district administration on Saturday issued prohibitory orders till April 20.

ADGP (Law and Order) Vijay Sakhare will camp at Palakkad town to coordinate the investigation while three companies of Kerala Armed Police have reached the district to maintain the security.

Following the RSS leader's murder, locals have closed shops in the nearby areas and the police have increased the security. The CCTV visuals from the nearby shops, which was aired by TV channels, show



the assailants riding three motorbikes reaching the shop and three of them attacking Srinivasan.

A massive manhunt has been launched by the police to nab the culprits who fled the scene after committing the murder of the RSS leader.

Meanwhile, the police have warned that stern action will be taken against those who try to incite communal tension through social media in the backdrop of Palakkad murders.

The state police chief has given instruction to monitor social media activity in the state to control the spread of any fake news that may incite communal tensions.

Earlier in the day, the opposition Congress came down heavily on the Left government alleging that the increasing number of communal and political murders

happening in the state nowadays was a result of communal appeasement being done by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

The BJP also attacked the Left government and said the law and order situation in the state has been deteriorating even while the Home Ministry was handled by the Chief Minister himself.

Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly V D Satheesan said the police force have become mute spectators of violence and murders with people living under fear as there is no protection for their life and property.

However, the DYFI, the youth wing of the CPI(M), said the back-to-back murders were part of the RSS-SDPI plan to create riots and communal unrest in the state.

"The people of the state need to understand the attempts to create communal divide and

must reject the attempts of communal polarisation," DYFI said in a statement.

SDPI is the political offshoot of the PFI.

CPI(M) District Secretary E N Suresh Babu said the RSS and the SDPI were trying to create and spread unrest in Palakkad district.

"The BJP state chief (K Surendran) visited Palakkad two days before the SDPI worker was killed. The involvement of the top leadership of the BJP must be probed. Both the murders must be probed and the culprits must be brought to justice. The RSS and SDPI workers are roaming around with intention to create riots in the state," the CPI(M) said.

Union Minister V Muraleedharan, in a statement, said the murder of the RSS worker in broad daylight was the latest example of the deteriorating law and order situation in Kerala.

"The law and order situation is worsening in the state. It's worrying that in a state where the Chief Minister himself is handling the Home Ministry, the police department is in shambles," Muraleedharan said.

BJP state chief Surendran, who met the media in Thiruvananthapuram, alleged that the state government and the police were "facilitating terrorists to kill people".

"It was the failure on part of the police that resulted in the Alappuzha and Palakkad incidents. Police was not cautious enough and this led to

the murder of the RSS worker," Surendran said.

Meanwhile, police on Saturday took into custody four RSS workers in connection with the murder of Subair the previous day.

Subair, 43, was hacked to death at Elappully in the district while he was returning home along with his father after offering prayers in a mosque on Friday afternoon.

The body of the PFI leader was handed over to his relatives after conducting an autopsy at the District General hospital here. Subair's body was taken to his native place to conduct the last rites with a large number of SDPI and PFI activists accompanying it. Subair was murdered allegedly by RSS workers yesterday, five months after a local Sangh Parivar leader was murdered in the same area allegedly by SDPI activists.

Police also have found the car in which the assailants of Subair fled after the crime. Several people have been questioned by the police in connection with the PFI leader's murder.

The PFI on Friday had alleged that it was the RSS which was behind the killing of its leader. Police suspect that the attack on the RSS leader was a retaliation.

The back-to-back killings involving BJP/RSS and SDPI/PFI is the second such incident in the past few months in Kerala.

Earlier, in December last year in Alappuzha, a leader of SDPI and a leader of BJP were murdered within 24 hours.

Clashes During Hanuman Jayanti Procession In Delhi's Jahangirpuri, Several Policemen Injured

NEW DELHI: Clashes broke out between two communities during a Hanuman Jayanti procession in northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri area on Saturday, leaving several police personnel injured.

Police said there was stone-pelting and some vehicles were also torched in the violence that occurred at around 6 PM. Additional police forces have been rushed to Jahangirpuri and other communally sensitive areas.

Delhi Police PRO Anyesh Roy told PTI that it was a traditional procession taken out on Hanuman Jayanti every year.

"When the procession reached Kushal Cinema, a clash broke out between two communities. Stones were also pelted," Roy said.

"The police deployed with the procession intervened and brought the situation under control but because of the stone pelting, some policemen were injured and were taken to hospital for treatment.

"The situation is under control. All senior officers are on the spot. Since it is a sensitive area, additional police forces have been made available," he said.

According to the information so far, around 5-6 police personnel and a couple of civilians have been injured, said an official.

In a purported video of the incident, several people could be seen pelting stones during the procession. Some are seen brandishing swords on a street while others were

hurling abuses and a police siren could also be heard in the background.

PTI could not independently check the authenticity of the video.

Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana said that strict action will be taken against rioters and requested citizens not to pay heed to rumours and fake news on social media.

"In today's incident in NW District, the situation is under control. Adequate additional force has been deployed in Jahangirpuri and other sensitive areas.

"Senior officers have been asked to remain in the field and closely supervise the law & order situation & undertake patrolling," Asthana tweeted.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also spoke to the Commissioner of Police and Special Commissioner (law and order) and directed them to take all necessary action following the violence, sources said.

The Delhi Police has also apprised the top functionaries of the Union Home Ministry about the situation.

The home ministry is keeping a close watch on the situation and gave necessary directions to the Delhi Police, the sources said. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that the incident is extremely condemnable and appealed to all to maintain peace.

He said the Lieutenant Governor has assured him that all steps are being to ensure peace and that guilty will not be spared.

Prashant Kishor wants to join Cong, briefs party's top brass on strategy for 2024

NEW DELHI: With the Congress reeling from a string of defeats, poll strategist Prashant Kishor on Saturday gave a detailed presentation to its top brass at a meeting chaired by Sonia Gandhi on the way forward for 2024 general elections, while expressing readiness to join the party.

AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said a decision on Kishor's suggestions, including on whether he will join the party, will be known in a week. There had been intense speculation in the past too on the possibility of Kishor joining the Congress including before the recent assembly polls.

Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Mallikarjun Kharge and other senior party leaders were present at the four-hour meeting at the Congress president's 10, Janpath residence that discussed the party's strategy for the upcoming assembly polls and the next Lok Sabha election.

According to sources, Kishor told the select gathering that

he is ready to join the Congress "without any expectations" and does not want anything but his plan should be implemented to help strengthen the party at the grassroots level.

Venugopal told reporters after the meeting that a group will be set up to discuss the suggestions.

"Prashant Kishor has made a detailed presentation for the 2024 election strategy. It needs some detailed discussion and the Congress president will set up a small group to discuss this entire presentation. That group will submit a report within a week's time for a final decision," Venugopal said.

Asked whether Kishor will join the party or will be its strategist, he said all the details will be known within a week.

Sources said Kishor gave his long-term strategy for the Congress' revival before the top party leadership.

With an eye on the 2024 general elections, he is understood to have told the leadership to focus on 365-370 parliamentary



seats alone and strengthen its base in these constituencies.

Kishor suggested that the party contest alone in a few state assembly elections where it is strong and has remained either

on the top or in the second position in previous elections.

He also told the leadership to start afresh in states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Odisha.

Kishor, who has held several

rounds of meetings with the top Congress leadership, is also learnt to have made suggestions on the upcoming assembly elections including the induction of Naresh Patel, a Patidar leader in

Gujarat.

The poll strategist had earlier joined the JD(U) but was expelled in January 2020 over his stand on the Citizenship Amendment Act. He had been roped in by the Trinamool Congress, the DMK and the Aam Aadmi Party in their assembly election campaigns.

The Congress leaders also discussed the current political situation at the meeting, sources said.

Those who attended the meeting included Venugopal, Ambika Soni, Digvijaya Singh, Ajay Maken and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

The Congress has been grappling with repeated election defeats in the last two general elections and many state assembly elections and is desperate to turn a corner.

The party is not only facing a series of desertions ever since its electoral graph has taken a downturn, but the brewing internal conflict between the old guard and the new generation for leadership roles has also

taken its toll.

The G-23, a grouping of some party leaders who have been critical of the leadership and demanded an organisational overhaul, did not react to the proposed induction of Kishor.

However, a section of a party that has been critical of the decision-making process is sceptical about the move, with some leaders even saying that the leadership is now "outsourcing" its work.

The G-23 leaders had become vocal again after the party's defeat in five states and have lately raised the issue of collective leadership.

The party is working out ways and means for its revival and is set to hold a 'Chintan Shivir', most likely in Rajasthan, soon for a brainstorming session to help devise means for strengthening the organisation.

The party's organisational polls are underway and ostensibly decks are being cleared for Rahul Gandhi to take over the party once again by August this year.

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Flames Of Honour

because this is when we start our sowing season," said villager Muzaffar Ahmad at the ceremony Friday.

"We offer prayers to the saint here and our prayers do come true. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the festival with us," (AFP)

Soldier Killed

forces in the neighbouring Shopian district on Thursday.

Aaqib Farooq Thoker, Waseem Ahmed Thoker, both resident of Heffkhuri and Farooq Ahmad Bhat and Shooqan Ahmad Mir, both resident of Sughan in Shopian district, according to the police were categorized militants and part of groups involved in several cases including attacks on Police, security forces and "civilian atrocities".

Soldier Found Dead

identified as Arun Sharma of 209 field regiment army, deployed at Narpot Tangdhar, was found dead with bullet injury in chin. They said that it was not known immediately if the soldier was hit accidentally or committed suicide by his service rifle. "Bullet is missing from service weapon but investigations are underway if the bullet was fired deliberately or went off accidentally," they added.

Hearing In Bitta

registered against Dar.

The matter was earlier heard on March 30 when the court issued a notice to the J-K government.

13 Oppn Parties

"defined and enriched India for centuries", the Opposition leaders said, "We reiterate our commitment to combat and confront the poisonous ideologies which are attempting to entrench divisiveness in our society."

"We appeal to all sections of the

people to maintain peace and foil the sinister objective of those who wish to sharpen communal polarisation. We call upon all our party units across the country to independently and jointly work for maintaining peace and harmony, they said in the joint appeal.

Incidents of communal violence were reported from some parts of the country on the occasion of Ram Navami on April 10.

There have also been sharp divisions over the Hijab row in Karnataka and some other parts of the country and violence on the JNU campus over serving of non-veg food in the hostel mess on Ram Navami.

"We are extremely anguished at the manner in which issues related to food, dress, faith, festivals and language are being deliberately used by sections of the ruling establishment to polarize our society," the statement said.

"We are extremely concerned with the growing incidents of hate speech in the country by people, who appear to have official patronage and against whom no meaningful and strong action is being taken," they said in their joint statement.

On the recent incidents of communal violence, they said, "We are deeply concerned, as reports indicate that there is a sinister pattern in the areas where these incidents have occurred. Incendiary hate speeches preceded the aggressive armed religious processions unleashing communal violence."

They also expressed pain at the manner in which social media and the audio-visual platforms "are being misused with official patronage to spread hatred and prejudice".

The Opposition leaders said they reiterate their firm conviction that the country will prosper only if it respects, accommodates and celebrates its many diversities in full measure.

Signatories to the joint statement also include: Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, Communist Party of India general secretary D Raja, All India Forward Bloc general secretary Debabrata Biswas, Revolutionary Socialist Party general secretary Manoj Bhattacharya, IUML general secretary P K Kunhalikutty, and Communist Party of India(ML)-Liberation general secretary Dipanker Bhattacharya.

Govt Official Caught

also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses. "Further investigation into the case is on," the ACB spokesperson said.

Giving more details about the case, he said that the anti-graft body received a written complaint alleging that the Supervisor was demanding a bribe from the complainant to allow him continue with the work on behalf of the contractor.

Upon receiving the instant complaint, he said, prima facie offence U/S 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 was found made out.

"Consequently, case FIR No. 16/2022 was registered at P/S ACB Srinagar and investigation taken up," he added.

Panel To Identify

been instrumental to merge such schools where the enrollment warned after their regulation," it reads.

Earlier, the Deputy Secretary to government, Umesh Sharma in an official advisory has said that he was directed to request to investigate and inquire and fix responsibility on the officials who have brought the department to disrepute by devastating the enrollment in schools.

"That finally ended in merging of

such schools and turned the valuable assets and infrastructure into abandoned buildings especially in respect of those RREts who have been instrumental to merge such schools where the enrollment waned after their regularization; shall be treated as per law for such acts," reads the advisory.

CEO Srinagar wasn't available to comment on the current status of the matter

People Need To Rise

time, he said.

He said the people of Kashmir have tolerated a lot over the past three decades of violence as a result of which graveyards are full of youngsters.

I appeal to the youth to stay away from the subversive elements. Both who are killing and who are getting killed are our own. The time will come when these subversive elements will not be able to walk, he said.

Bukhari said the situation in Kashmir is peaceful and there is no spurt in the killings by militants.

The violence is going on in Kashmir since 1990 and there are people who are enemies of peace. We are living in a sensitive region sharing borders with Pakistan and China, the Apni Party leader said.

He said stone pelting has ended in Kashmir over the past three years and the credit for it goes to the people, especially the youth who have controlled their emotions.

Likewise, the people need to rise up against innocent killings and when they will, there will be no such killings.

In response to another question, he said we have lot of hopes with the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Jammu and Kashmir.

We are hopeful that our statehood will be restored, Other Backward Classes to get 27 per cent reservation,

job package for unemployed youth we should take full advantage of his visit and also press for regularisation of daily wagers who are working in different government departments for the past many decades, he said.

Meanwhile, J-K BJP president Ravinder Raina said militants are frustrated by the successful anti-militancy operations and are indulging in cowardly acts at the behest of Pakistan.

Bangroo was killed at a time when he was supposed to break his fast in the sacred month of Ramadan. They (terrorists) and Pakistan are the enemies of Kashmiris and Islam, he told reporters outside his official residence here.

He said Pakistan does not want peace and development in Kashmir.

The militants involved in the killings will not be spared. They will have to pay for their sins, the BJP leader said.

MeT Predicts Fresh

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of 6.6°C against 6.4°C on the previous night. The temperature was above normal by 0.3°C, the official said.

Jammu recorded a low of 20.8°C against 19.2°C on the previous night, the official said. The temperature was 0.9°C above normal for J&K's winter capital which received traces of rain during the time, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 8.4°C, Batote 11.3°C while Bhaderwah had a low of 8.0°C, the official said. While dry is in store for now, the weatherman has already forecast possibility of light to moderate rains on April 19-20.

"A spell of rain/thunderstorm is likely during April 20-22nd which will cause rain at most places of Kashmir and at scattered places of Jammu (mainly during 20-21)." (GNS)

LG Greet People

occasion of Easter, I convey my greetings and good wishes to all, and in particular, my Christian brothers and sisters in J&K. It is a day of hope, peace and a new beginning. Let us follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and dedicate ourselves to the service of the weak and downtrodden," Lt Governor said.

4 Injured In LPG

Wani Mohalla in Mughalpora area of the border district leaving as many as four people injured, reports said. The injured included Wani's son Tufail Ahmad, Naseema Begum, Ghulam Hassan Wani, and Ghulam Mohidin Mir, all residents.

Soon after the LPG cylinder blast, a team of police and fire services department personnel rushed to the village and contained the flames. Though the kitchen of the house suffered substantial damage, the rest of the house was saved by the timely effort of firefighters.

Gujarati Tourist

he was staying, reports said. Pareek was immediately shifted from the hotel to Primary Health Centre (PHC) Gulmarg where doctors declared him dead on his arrival.

The body will be shifted to the mortuary of SMHS Srinagar, the officer said, adding that further legal course of action and formalities will follow. (KDC)

IED Defused

be an IED during examination, the official said. A Bomb Squad of police destroyed the object through a controlled explosion at a safer location, he said.

A case has been registered and further investigations have been started," the officials added. (GNS)

President MC Baramulla Tawseef Raina Loses Trust Vote

Agencies

BARAMULLA: Tawseef Ahmad Raina, President Municipal Council Baramulla on Saturday lost no-confidence motion that was moved against him by councilors recently.

Officials said that a floor test was conducted in which 17 councilors took part while ten chose to stay away from the process.

The officials said that out of

17 councilors, ten went against Tawseef Raina, while one was absent. "Last week, 12 councilors moved the no-confidence motion against the incumbent president Raina promoting authorities to conduct floor test," they said.

Raina was elected chairman Municipal Council Baramulla last year after defeating his opponent Mudasir Tantray by a margin of four votes—(KNO)

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Archives, Archaeology & Museums Dept To Hold Exhibitions

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As part of World Heritage Day celebration, the department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums is going to organize exhibitions at SPS Museum, Lal Mandi Srinagar on the theme "Recent Findings/Recoveries" and another at Art Museum Stone Building Old Secretariat Srinagar on the theme "Rare Manuscripts" on April 18.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures"

The department has made a fervent appeal to the heads of educational institutions to visit these venues along with their students. There will be no entry fee for students as well as general public.

The students by visiting these special exhibitions will get awareness about the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

Seminar Held In Budgam On Poet Mehjoor's Death Anniversary



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: On the 70th death anniversary of famous Kashmiri poet, Mehjoor, on 16th of April 2022, a one day seminar on the theme "Different Dimensions of Mehjoor's Poetry" was held at GDC Khanshib, here on Saturday.

Dr. Syed Tanvir Indrabi, Principal of the institution, in his inaugural address informed the audience that the poet had served in the Khanshib region as revenue official. Dr. Indrabi dwelt on the multitude of influences on Kashmir's Wordsworth (Mehjoor) who revolutionized the traditional aspects of nazm and ghazal in the region.

He further said, "Famous poets of the sub-continent Rabindranath Tagore and Dr. Iqbal appreciated his works. Mehjoor remained passionate, optimistic and deeply imbued into the lap of nature while the sub-continent was engulfed in the tragedy of partition."

Indrabi said, 'Mehjoor laid emphasis on peace, harmony & prosperity and his writings reached a wider audience through the beautiful voice of Kashmiri singer Ghulam Hassan Sofi. Young students should take inspiration from the poet's life and literary work'.

Dr. Shabir Ahmad, Assistant Professor of Kashmiri at the college, provided a detailed overview on Mehjoor's life and poetry. Dr. Bashir Ahmad Dar (Gamgeen) threw some light on the revolutionary aspects of Mehjoor's life; a craving for socio-economic equality, welfare of peasants and communal harmony.

The programme was moderated by Dr. Shabir Ahmad and Prof. Ishfaq Ahmad presented the vote of thanks.

The seminar was attended by the faculty members, students and other staff of the college.

Several Sanitation Workers Detained During Protest In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Several sanitation workers were detained on Saturday after they staged a protest against the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) in support of their demands including regularisation of their service here, officials said.

The workers, including women, gathered under the banner of Civil Safaikaramchari Union near Press Club in the heart of the city and tried to march

towards the main road when police initiated the action, the officials said.

They said over 12 workers, including their leader Rinku Gill, were whisked away in police vehicles to the nearby police station, where they were briefly detained.

We were assured of the fulfilment of our long pending demands within one month after our last meeting with the government at civil secretariat on February 28. The government is

only making false promises but we are determined in our struggle for our genuine demands, Gill said.

The union is demanding regularisation of the services of those workers who have completed seven to 13 years and better work atmosphere and safety equipment.

We are setting a deadline of 72 hours for the fulfilment of our genuine demands, otherwise we will intensify our struggle from Monday, Gill said.

Counseling Task Force Setup For Ensuring Well-Being Of Students In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: In order to undertake sustainable quality interventions for ensuring mental health, child protection and career development of students, Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) on Saturday nominated teaching staff having relevant qualification (Psychology) and experience as district and zonal counselling coordinators.

Twenty members of teaching staff having relevant qualifications have been nominated as district counselling coordinators and district counselors

whereas 98 staff members have been nominated as zonal counselling coordinators for coordinating counseling activities in the field besides attending to their routine school duties, an official said.

He said they would implement the guidelines of Manodharan', an initiative of the Union Education Ministry for ensuring mental health well-being of the students.

They would also oversee the implementation of the counseling activity calendar issued by DSEJ covering diverse topics like psychological first aid, mental health, drug abuse,

child protection, career counselling, psychosocial issues, the official added.

The COVID-19 pandemic enormously increased the psychosocial and mental health needs of individuals, particularly school students, he said, adding the new education policy also lays emphasis on guidance and counseling of school students.

Director School Education Jammu Ravi Shankar Sharma hoped for better handling of stakeholders' mental health issues by these counselors and said that further training will also be imparted to them so as to polish their counseling skills.

LG Releases Book By Kumar Nirmalendu

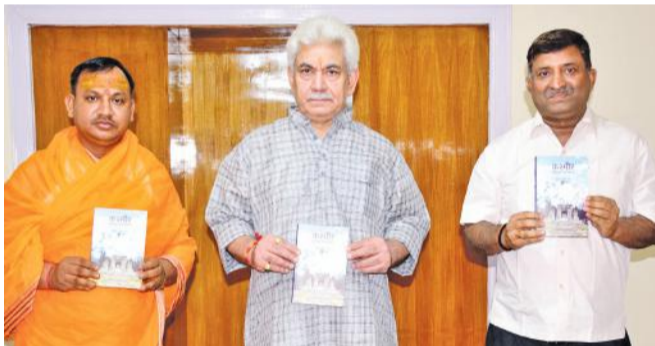
Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today released a book titled "Kashmir- Itihas aur Parampara" written by Kumar Nirmalendu, at the Raj Bhavan.

The book on Kashmir's history and traditions presents a detailed account on the various historical and mythological aspects of the region from the Mahabharata times.

It also covers the untouched aspects of Kashmir's history; ancient traditions and culture; ancient and medieval political situation; socio-economic conditions, besides religious and social landscape.

It was informed that various sources including Neelmat Purana; Rajatarangini by Kalhana, Jonaraja, Shrivara, Prajya-



abhata, Shuka, and accounts of foreign travelers including Hiuen-Tsang and Al-Beruni were objectively used for an in-depth and accurate explanation for the readers.

The Lt Governor lauded the efforts of the writer in presenting research and evidence based authentic account on the his-

tory and culture of Kashmir. The book provides a comprehensive view with new facts and insights to the readers, he said.

He congratulated the writer and wished him success for his notable effort.

Sant Patti Baba from Varanasi was also present during the Book Launch.

4 Drug Peddlers, Thief Booked Under PSA In Kupwara

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police in Kupwara have booked 04 drug peddlers & a notorious thief under public safety act (PSA) after obtaining necessary sanction from the authorities, a police spokesperson said Saturday.

In a series of actions, he said, police have seized huge quantity of contraband substances from the possession of four notorious drug peddlers identified as Ashiq Hussain Mir @Ashiq Codeine son of Ghulam Oaudir Mir resident of Muqam Shahwali Drugmulla, Majid Rehman Khan son of Abdul Rehman Khan resident of Gundsnah Hyhama, Gh Nabi Lone (Naba) son of Ali Mond Lone resident of Sarbal Mohalla Guzriyal Kralpora and Atta Mod Khan @Raja son of Amanullah Khan a resident of Halmatpora Check Kupwara.

Accordingly, cases were registered at

different Police stations and the accused were arrested. Subsequently, the cases were duly processed and after obtaining sanctions from the concerned authorities, the arrested drug peddlers were detained under Public Safety Act.

Moreover a notorious thief namely Danish Manzoor Zargar @Chota Don son of Manzoor Ahmad Zargar a resident of Tikker Kupwara was today detained under Public Safety Act by Kupwara Police after obtaining sanctions from the concerned authorities for his unrelenting criminal acts of burglary and theft. He was involved in various cases of burglary and theft in the district.

Our consistent actions against anti-social elements should reassure the community members that we are making continuous efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of inimical elements.

DC Bandipora Reviews Arrangements For Tribals Migration



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad on Saturday took review of arrangements to facilitate the annual migration of tribal population.

The meeting held threadbare discussions on various issues related to annual migration of tribal population and the required interventions of Civil, Police and Army authorities for hassle free movement.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the District Administration Bandipora has already released a survey report providing a reliable database of Migratory Tribal population which will help to identify problems faced by the Tribals during migration period and the necessary interventions of the concerned departments.

The DC asked the concerned SHOs of Bandipora, Aragam, Pethkoot and Sumbal to register the tribal population passing through their police station. He urged them to register all the details related to the number of persons, livestock details as well as licensed weapon details.

He asked the DSHO and CAHO Bandipora to establish necessary medical camps at various places for ensuring vaccination and other medical support to the animals in addition to the camps in pastures.

The DC also asked CMO Bandipora to establish medical camps in consultation with DSHO for providing necessary medical support to the tribal population.

He asked the CEO B'pora to ensure proper functioning of mobile schools. He also asked Assistant Director Food to ensure adequate provision of Ration to the tribal population.

Dr. Owais said, all the necessary arrangements are put in place to ensure hassle free and smooth movement of migratory tribal population besides providing all necessary facilities.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Bandipora Ali Afsar Khan, Commanding Officer 14RR, Representatives of 26 AR, 13RR, Joint Director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad, SDM Gurez, CMO Bandipora, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO) Bandipora, District Sheep Husbandry Officer Bandipora (DSHO), Assistant Director Food, DySP HQ Bandipora and other concerned officers.

535 Ponds Renovated In Udhampur

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has redeveloped and renovated 535 ponds in Udhampur district of the Union Territory.

The information was provided by district officers to the Commissioner secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Sanjeev Verma, during his visit to Udhampur to review the progress of development projects.

Verma asked the officers to also focus on the rejuvenation of water bodies with the involve-

ment of panchayat members and NGOs.

"A total of 535 ponds have been developed and renovated so far," an officer told him.

Verma directed the officers to consider the area-wise population for the development of ponds, including the Jagannoo pond.

He stressed on intensifying plantation drives, besides encouraging potential and high-yielding vegetation in the district.

He also directed the officers to provide 2,000 saplings to every panchayat for plantation.

BUDGET 2022-23

Rs 1584.25 Cr Grants Sanctioned To PRIs, ULBs; DDCs

Govt's Objective Is To Provide Transparent, Responsive; Accountable Governance To Citizens

Observer News Service

JAMMU: After successful implementation of 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, and conduct of Panchayat/Urban Local Body, District Development Council & Block Development Council elections, the main focus of the Government is to empower these Local Body Institutions with 3Fs (Funds, Functions and Functionaries).

The Government is providing Rs 1,000 crore as grant to 4290 Gram Panchayats, Rs.200 crore to 20 District Development Councils (DDCs) @ Rs 10 crore to each DDC, Rs 71.25 crore to 285 Block Development Councils (BDCs) @ Rs 25 Lakh to each Block Development Council (BDC) and Rs 313 crore to 30 Urban Local Bodies for initiating developmental activities in rural and urban areas.

27 functions have been transferred to Panchayats and functions of 7 departments to Urban Local Bodies and nearly Rs 1,727.50 crore have been devolved under MGNREGA, 14th Finance Commission, Midday Meal Scheme and Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) to the Panchayats. Rs 1,455.62 crore have been devolved to Urban Local Bodies in last two years, besides 1,889 Panchayat Accounts Assistants have been recruited.

The objective of the gov-

ernment is to provide transparent, responsive and accountable governance for which the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is focusing on unique initiatives of "Back to Village", "My Town My Pride", "Jan-Abhiyan" & "Block Divas" for bringing government programmes and initiatives at the door steps of the people.

A massive public outreach programme was conducted last year across Jammu and Kashmir with as many as 73 Union Ministers and various Parliament Committees visited all the districts for public interactions and gathered grass-root level feedback on government policies. Interactions were held with representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, other important stakeholders from trade, industry etc., over a period of two months which is expected to improve governance and implementation of various developmental schemes and initiatives.

The introduction of principles of financial prudence, transparency and zero tolerance to corruption have revolutionized the project implementation and enhanced financial inclusion and social equity.


Several important reforms have been undertaken to ensure transparency and accountability in the administration. Today a fear-free, corruption-free system of governance has been estab-

lished through a paperless, faceless procedural framework.

No work is allotted without following tendering process and without having Administrative Approval/ Technical sanction. No bill is passed without geo-tagging of photographs through PROOF (Photographic Record of On-site Facility) application and physical verification of works. Every single penny is now spent for the welfare of the people.

With the help of "EMPOWERMENT" (Enabling Monitoring & Public Overview of Works being Executed and Resources for Meaningful Transparency)/JANBAGHIDARI (janbaghidari.nic.in) an Information Technology enabled programme, the common citizens of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir can overview works/projects being implemented in their areas and become a partner in the process of development.

Union Territory of J&K has become the first among States/Union Territories in the country to have District Good Governance Index for assessing the efficiency of public delivery system at district level. This index is expected to foster transparency and accountability in the basic unit of governance and fulfil the aspirations of citizens. Best practices are being identified in each district for replication in others.



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Subject: Conduct of J&K Combined Competitive (Mains) Examination -2021 - Postponement thereof.

NOTICE

DATED: 16.04.2022

It is for the information of all concerned candidates appearing in the J&K Combined Competitive (Mains) Examination -2021, that the Optional Paper-II scheduled to be held on 17.04.2022 (Sunday) is hereby re-scheduled and shall now be held on 18.04.2022(Monday), The time and venue of examination shall remain the same.

No:- PSC/Exam/ KAS (M)/2021 (Anil Sharma), JKAS
Dated : 16.04.2022 Controller of Examinations
DIPK-622/22 J&K Public Service Commission

CONDOLENCE

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the demise of Mohammad Afzal Khan S/o Late Abdul Gani Khan R/o Namchibal Fateh Kadal Srinagar. He left for heavenly abode on Saturday, 16, August 2022 at 10AM. His Rasmi Chahrum will be held on Tuesday, 19, August 2022 at 10AM at their graveyard Malik Angan Fateh Kadal Srinagar.



BEREAVED FAMILY

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Subject: SITC of new Hydrant Landing valves along with allied works at Super Specialty Hospital, Srinagar.

References: This office NIT no: MHCHD/TS / 2021-22/ 360 /e-tendering_dt: 10.03.2022

CANCELLATION

In view of repeated no response, the above referred e-NIT is here by cancelled and shall be issued afresh shortly.

No: MHCHD/TS/412-15 Sd/-
Dated: 15-04-2022 Executive Engineer, MHCHD,
DIPK-573/22 Srinagar

Rajouri Hosts 'My Youth My Pride' Event In Badminton

Taekwondo, Boxing & Volleyball to follow



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Moving from one border town to another, 'My Youth My Pride' initiative of J&K Sports Council on Saturday reached Rajouri and Shadipora, Bandipora in Kashmir division.

In Rajouri, a Badminton event was conducted in which a good number of players participated. Javed Chowhan, Councillor was the Chief Guest and many other officials and spectators were also present in large numbers.

Meanwhile in the Kashmir division, events in the disciplines of Kabaddi, Badminton and Thang-Ta were held at Indoor Hall in Shadipora, Bandipora. More than 270 participants were part of the event.

Divisional Sports Kashmir, Nuzhat Farooq presided over the function as Chief Guest.

Hilal Ahmad, Incharge TRC Synthetic Turf and many other officials from Sports Council were also present on the occasion.

While interacting with the athletes and others present at the venue, the chief guest said that, Sports Council is in the process of expanding its footprints across the J&K so as to bring more and more athletes under its fold. She also asked all present to take up games and sports for physical and mental well being.

To a query from one of the participants that whether My Youth My Pride shall be a yearly affair henceforth, she responded in af-

firmative. She also assured that more events in different games shall be held in Shadipora during the months to follow.

In the ongoing Springfield Cricket Tournament being held in Nanil Cricket Field, MIE Akura and Seer-XI registered wins.

In Saturday's fixture, the first match of the day was played between Seer-XI and Sports Club Seer.

Seer XI after winning the toss decided to bat and set a target of 172 for the opponents. Shakir Zahoor was the top scorer, piling up 54 runs for the team. Aijaz and Aaqib also chipped in with cameos of 25 and 27 respectively.

In response Sports Club Seer failed to chase the target and fell short by 12 runs.

Shakir Zahoor for his performance was declared man of the match.

Meanwhile, in the Youth Football League being played at Gani Memorial Stadium Srinagar, SCFA triumphed over Chanapora Football Academy by 2-0.

With this win SCFA became the third team to confirm their place in the final round of the League which shall commence from the next week.

Though Saahil and Feroz were the goal scorers, man of the match went to Sahil for exhibiting exceptional game skills besides scoring a goal.

The last match of the qualifying round is slated between Sore FA and SCFA Bandipora.

Umran Malik's Role Is To Run In & Express Himself: SRH Coach Moody

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Sunrisers Hyderabad speedster Umran Malik has been the talk of the town for his lightening fast deliveries and head coach Tom Moody said the young Jammu and Kashmir player has been given the license "to run in and express himself" with the ball.

The 22-year-old from Srinagar has consistently bowled deliveries clocking 145 to 150 km per hour this IPL. He bowled the fastest delivery in IPL history with the one clocking 153.1 km/hour against Chennai Super Kings on Saturday.

But he has leaked quite a lot of runs too -- 173 in five matches so far for five wickets at an economy of 9.61.

But Moody is not worried, saying "there is going to be a higher economy" due to his style of bowling.

"At the end of the day, when you are bowling 150 kmph in this format, you don't expect you are not going to go for runs. He goes for a lot of runs behind the wicket. But it's not like he is getting smashed down the ground or through the covers," Moody said.

"So you have got to accept that his style of bowling, there's going to be a higher economy to that. And his role is to run in and express himself and be himself," the coach said at the post-match conference after his side's seven-wicket victory over Kolkata Knight Riders on Friday.



"We accept he is going to go for runs, because of the nature of how he bowls but what we want to see from him is the return in terms of wickets," Moody added.

Sunrisers bowling coach Dale Steyn was seen jumping off his seat at the team dug-out, clenching his fists and celebrating the yorker that Umran Malik bowled at the speed of above 148 kmph to dismiss KKR captain Shreyas Iyer.

"There is a lot of planning that goes on with any sort of match-up against any opponent. I think the emotion that was shown in the dug-out was more about the joy for a young fast bowler getting such an important wicket for us," Moody said.

"Umran has been embraced by the franchise. He is an exciting cricketer, there's no ques-

tion about that. Everyone enjoys watching him bowl. He bowled particularly well (against KKR). He stuck to his plans and we were quite meticulous trying to help him understand his role. He got his reward for that, which is great."

The youngster, who was retained by the team for Rs 4 crores, ahead of the IPL mega auction earlier this year, was quite economical against KKR, conceding just 27 runs from his quota of four overs with two wickets.

"He (Umran) is clearly still at the beginning of his journey. He is learning every single day and having the likes of Dale Steyn around him is an enormous boost for him because he is learning so much on the go.

"We try to build a plan and a field around that and help him develop as a young fast bowler."

SRH Eye 4th Win On The Trot, Run Into PBKS

Press Trust of India

NAVI MUMBAI: A resurgent Sunrisers Hyderabad would look to extend their three-match winning streak but have their task cut out against Punjab Kings, when the two sides square off in an IPL game here on Sunday.

Among a bunch of teams on six points each, both SRH and PBKS will go all out to snap the two crucial points to nose ahead in the race for play-offs.

Sunrisers began their campaign with two defeats but bounced back with three successive wins -- against Chennai Super Kings, Gujarat Titans and Kolkata Knight Riders -- and look good for more, going by the trend of their improving performance.

Punjab Kings had a morale-boosting 12-run win over Mumbai Indians in their last outing and the Sunrisers would certainly know that the Mayank Agarwal-led side, who are in the third spot, would be a tough team to beat.

All the three wins for the Sunrisers came while chasing and they have found a new hero each time. Openers Abhishek Sharma and skipper Kane Williamson, after playing match-winning knocks against CSK and Gujarat Titans respectively, had a failure against KKR.

But with a wide range of shots at his disposal, left-handed Sharma would be aiming to give an



aggressive start.

Rahul, Pooran and Markaram will have to once again shoulder responsibility in the middle-order. But they are up against a strong and varied Punjab attack led by South African speedster Kagiso Rabada, who has been right on the money.

Rabad would, however, need support from Vaibhav Arora, who bled 43 runs against Mumbai Indians, and the fast improving Arshdeep Singh.

The Sunrisers pacers showed why they were among the best in the business in their previous match. Marco Jansen, T Natarajan, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Umran Malik shared seven wickets among them against KKR and did the bulk of damage.

For Punjab, the biggest development is that the flamboyant opener Shikhar Dhawan is back among the runs.

Dhawan, who smashed 70 against MI, and Mayank Agarwal will have to once again give the side a solid start.

The middle-order has hard-hitters in Johnny Bairstow, Liam Livingstone, Jitesh Sharma, Shahrukh Khan and Odean Smith, and one of the batters will need to take responsibility if the top-order falters. Being an afternoon game, dew would not be a factor but an intriguing battle is in store.

PAK To Host NZ, ENG Cricket Teams Over Next 12 Months



Press Trust of India

LAHORE: Pakistan will host five men's and women's teams over the next 12 months as PCB announced the international calendar on Friday.

The Pakistan men's team is scheduled to play seven Tests, 17 ODIs and a minimum of 25 T20Is in the next 12 months while the women's team participate in the ICC Women's Championship, ICC U19 and T20 World Cups and Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

The PCB confirmed that West Indies, England and New Zealand men's sides will tour Pakistan twice each in the next 12 months while Sri Lanka and Ireland women will visit Pakistan in May/June and October/November.

New Zealand and England had withdrawn from Pakistan tours last year. The back-to-back international cricket will be in addition

to the 2022-23 domestic cricket season, which will run concurrently with the international season.

The Pakistan men's team is scheduled to play seven ICC World Test Championship fixtures against three opponents -- Sri Lanka (2), England (3) and New Zealand (2) -- while the 12 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League ODI matches will be versus West Indies, Sri Lanka, Netherlands and New Zealand (three each).

In the shortest format of the game, Pakistan men's side will feature in the ACC Asia Cup T20 in August/September and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Australia 2022 from October 15 to November 15.

Outside the two main events, Pakistan's other T20Is will be against England (seven), West Indies (three) and New Zealand (five). New Zealand, in addition to the five ODIs in April 2023, will also play five T20Is.

'Ben Stokes Obvious Choice To Lead England Test Team'

Press Trust of India

LONDON: Star all-rounder Ben Stokes has a "smart cricket brain" and is the "obvious" choice to take over as England Test captain following the exit of Joe Root, according to former captains Michael Vaughan and Nasser Hussain.

Root on Friday stepped down from captaincy, ending his five-year tenure after facing criticism following England's 0-4 Ashes defeat against Australia and 0-1 series loss to West Indies. "I don't see anyone else who could take the position and be guaranteed of their place in the side," Vaughan told the BBC.

"In Ben Stokes, you have clearly got someone who has got a smart cricket brain, he's going to give it everything, he is certainly going to have the respect of the players around him," Hussain, who led England from 1999-2003, also backed Stokes to take over as Test captain.

"For me the obvious candidate is Ben Stokes. (He) Stokes has done some phenomenal things as a cricketer and has a very smart cricket brain. He showed that in World Cup



final, he showed that at Headingley...He showed that when he's taken over occasionally from Joe Root," Hussain was quoted as saying in skysports.com.

"The difficult thing for Stokes is the point I made about the toll it takes on you as a captain. You have to be in the right place mentally and physically," he said. Hussain, however, said Stuart Broad could also be an option in case Stokes is not up for it.

"If Stokes is not in the right place, then short-term Stuart Broad has an excellent cricket brain, is a real fighter, a real competitor, and he's got a point to prove after what's happened in the last few months and we know what Broad is like when he's got a point to prove.

District Level U-19 Chess C'ship Held At Shopian



Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Shopian on Saturday conducted Inter School District level Chess competitions for U-19 Boys & Girls at Mini Secretariat, here.

The students from different

institutions of the district participated with full enthusiasm.

Earlier, I/C activity Riyaz Ahmad Wachkoo inaugurated the championship.

The officers and officials of District Youth Services and Sports Office Shopian were present at the event.

DC Kulgam Inaugurates Playfield At Pranhal Village



Announces additional 10 lac for development of this playfield

Observer News Service

KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner, (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Saturday inaugurated a newly developed playfield at village Pranhal. The playground has been established at an estimated cost of Rs. 13 lacs, by the Rural Development Department.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the District Administration is committed to provide better sports related facilities, infrastruc-

ture to youth and has already developed playfields in all 178 panchayats of the district.

He added that these playfields will provide a platform to the local youth to showcase their talent. He also highlighted other youth engagement initiatives which have been taken by the District Administration.

The DC also announced an additional amount of Rs.10 lac for further development of this playfield at Pranhal.

Among others, ACR, ACD, ACP, BDO and other officers were present on the occasion, besides Sarpanch Pranhal, locals, and a good number of players and sports lovers were present on the occasion.

Test Of Wits For New Captains As CSK Take On GT

Press Trust of India

PUNE: It will be a test of wits between two new captains in Ravindra Jadeja and Hardik Pandya when defending champions Chennai Super Kings clash with debutants Gujarat Titans in an IPL game here on Sunday.

Known for their all-round skills, both Jadeja and Pandya have served Indian cricket well and the duo will be engaged in a battle of tactical supremacy on Sunday with both teams looking to continue their momentum after wins in their previous matches.

While Jadeja was elevated to the captaincy role by CSK, Pandya was roped in as the leader of the Titans after Mumbai Indians didn't retain the gifted all-rounder as he struggled with his fitness.

Pandya has given the newcomers a rollicking start with four wins in five games. The Titans are headed into the match after bouncing back from their only loss to Sunrisers Hyderabad with a 37-run win over Rajasthan Royals on Thursday.

Jadeja, on the other hand, has endured a tough initial phase with the team losing their first four matches before opening account



with a 23-run win over Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Bowling has been a major concern for CSK but the former champions produced a better show against RCB with the spin duo of Maheesh Theekshana and skipper Jadeja running riot with seven wickets between them in their last match.

The Titans, however, boast of a formidable bowling line-up with New Zealand speedster Lockie Ferguson (8 wickets), India quick Mohammed Shami (7) and Pandya (4) himself all capable of taking wickets and putting the opposition under the pump.

With six wickets so far, Afghanistan spinner Rashid Khan too has done the job of squeezing the run flow.

In the batting department, Pandya and opener Shubman Gill, with two fifties each, have been among the runs but Matthew Wade's form has been a concern.

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