



P3 CITY

SMC COMMISSIONER REVIEWS ONGOING WORKS IN CITY

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P5 THINK

ELON MUSK'S BIG PURCHASE

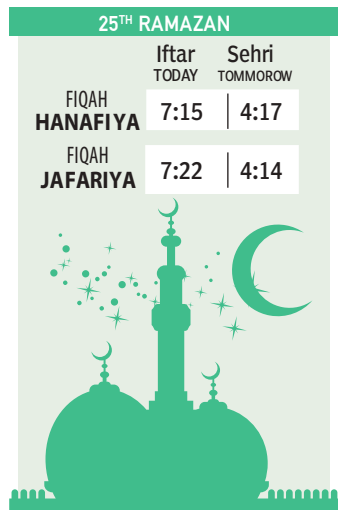
Twitter has been in the news a lot lately, albeit for the wrong reasons. Its stock growth has languished and the platform itself has largely remained the same since its founding in 2006. On April 14, 2022, Elon Musk, the world's richest person, made an offer to buy Twitter and take the public company private



P7 STATE

HOPE SC WILL REVERSE ALL LAWS APPLIED TO J&K: MEHBOOBA

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti hoped on Tuesday that the Supreme Court will not only stay the abrogation



Quote!

To go wrong in one's own way is better than to go right in someone else's - Fyodor Dostoyevsky

NEWS DIGEST

Jammu Logs 9 Covid Cases, Kashmir None

SRINAGAR: Nineteen of the 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir did not report any new Covid cases on Tuesday while Jammu saw nine, taking the infection tally in the Union Territory to 4,54,013, officials said here. There are 55 active COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir, while the number [More on P6](#)

Another Sarpanch Injured In Accident Dies

SRINAGAR: Another Sarpanch injured in Monday's collision between a bus and a tipper in Pattan area of Baramulla district, died at a hospital here on Tuesday, taking the death toll in the road accident to three. 56-year-old Sarpanch Abdul Jabbar of Lachipora [More on P6](#)

Cop Among Two Held For Drug Peddling

SRINAGAR: Two people, including a policeman were arrested with cash and contraband substances in central Kashmir's Budgam district. During patrolling at Nagam-Hayatpora road, a team from police station Chadoora intercepted an Alto car (JK04E-9628) with [More on P6](#)

Two Militants, 3 OGWs Arrested: Police

SRINAGAR: Security forces have arrested five alleged militants including three militant associates who were involved in killing of a panch in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Tuesday. A militant module of Hizbul Mujahideen was busted by arresting three militant associates involved [More on P6](#)

MHA Okays Whopping Rs 9120 Crore Security Expenditure For J&K



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Stating that a multi-pronged strategy was in place to curb infiltration in J&K, Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Tuesday said that it has approved a whopping Rs 9120 Crore for J&K under the security related expenditure in a bid to further strengthen the security apparatus.

The MHA also said that net infiltration was low compared to previous years as against 99 infiltration attempts made in 2020, net infiltration was estimated at 51 only.

"Militancy in J&K is intricately linked with infiltration of militants from across the border. As per reports, infiltration attempts and year 2014,

2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 were recorded as 222, 121, 371, 419, 328, 216, 99," reads the annual report of MHA for year 2020-21, released today.

The report states that net infiltration in these years was recorded at 65, 33, 119, 136, 143, 138, and 51.

The report reads that it has also approved the raising of five IR Battalions, two Border Battalions and two Women Battalions.

"The recruitment has already been completed for 5 IR Battalions. In order to further strengthen the security apparatus, the Government of India has provided Rs 9,120.69 crore (including 448.04 crore till 31.12.2020) to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir under [More on P6](#)

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Mughal Road To Reopen After 4 Months Today

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The historic Mughal road, connecting the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch in the Jammu region with south Kashmir's Shopian district, will be reopened for vehicular traffic on Wednesday after remaining closed for over four months due to heavy snowfall, officials said on Tuesday.

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Raghav Langer ordered the reopening of the road, which was cleared of snow by the Mechanical Engineering Department after a hectic road clearance operation, they said.

The officials said the department pressed its men and machines to clear the 84-km stretch [More on P6](#)

Cricket Controversy 3 Kashmiri Students Released After Six Months On Bail

Press Trust Of India

AGRA: Three Kashmiri students, who were booked under sedition and cyber militancy charges for allegedly celebrating Pakistani win in a cricket match last year, walked out of the district jail here after completing legal formalities, a students' association said on Tuesday.

The students, who were arrested in October last year, had secured bail on March 30 from the Allahabad High Court but were still languishing in jail due to the non-availability of the local guarantors, a high-security amount and police verification, it said.

On Monday, the three students

Militants Use Chilli Powder To Snatch CRPF Man's Rifle

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: In what seemed to be like a scene from a Bollywood movie, unidentified militants on Tuesday made an abortive bid to snatch a rifle of a CRPF jawan by throwing chilli powder in his eyes in South Kashmir.

The broad daylight attack took place at Reshi Bazar in the main town of Anantnag district around Tuesday afternoon. Unknown militants threw chilli powder at a CRPF personnel, who was performing duty at the gate of a Kashmiri Pandit family, reports said.

Under attack, the CRPF man raised an alarm following which his colleagues, including policemen present, rushed to the spot and foiled an attempt of militants who managed to flee from the spot.

According to CRPF, today's chilli attack on its men in Anantnag is the first of its kind in the recent past.

"The attack has failed miserably. And it's a [More on P6](#)

Grenade Lobbed On CRPF Bus In Kulgam

SRINAGAR: Militants on Tuesday lobbed a grenade on a bus carrying CRPF personnel in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir but there was no damage done, officials said.

The ultras hurled the grenade at the CRPF bus at Brazloo in Kulgam, the officials said.

They said the grenade landed and exploded on the roadside and did not cause any damage.



were released after the formalities were completed, Jammu Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) national spokesperson Nasir Khuehami said.

"The bail order from the Allahabad High Court was a

Second Real Estate Summit Likely To Be Held In August



LG Chairs Preliminary Meeting In Srinagar

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired a pre-event consultation meeting for the forthcoming real estate summit likely to be held in August this year.

The Lt Governor during the meeting asked the CREDAI and the concerned officers of the UT administration to explore all possibilities of providing affordable and quality housing infrastructure in J&K.

"We are making a systematic effort to improve our cities and the growth has opened up unprecedented opportunities. The effective measures should be aimed

at improving city services, creating robust urban infrastructure, and improving the system of public service delivery for quality living. Study the model of other cities to create affordable, inclusive, ecologically sustainable housing equipped with best

which is socially equitable.

During the meeting, he said, Boman Irani, President-elect, CREDAI briefed the chair on the vision and mission of the organization which endeavors in transforming the landscape of real estate across the country.

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essential basic services for common man," Sinha said.

The LG, as per the spokesperson further directed the officials to make the entire consultation process participatory with a focus on infrastructure

Irani, he said, maintained that the main aim of CREDAI is to serve the people by acting as a bridge in order to provide the common man with good quality affordable housing. "CREDAI is also [More on P6](#)

'Govt Giving Dedicated Push To Tourism Sector'

Jammu: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that his administration is giving a dedicated push to the tourism sector of the Union Territory, which has started witnessing significant growth in terms of increased number of tourists and creation of tourism related [More on P6](#)

Militancy Forced 64,827 KP Families To Leave Kashmir: MHA

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The outbreak of militancy forced 64,827 Kashmiri Pandit families to leave the Kashmir valley in the early 1990s and settle in Jammu, Delhi, and some other parts of the country, government has said.

According to the annual report of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for 2020-21, as many as 14,091 civilians and 5,356 security force personnel lost their lives to militancy in Jammu and Kashmir between the 1990s, when militancy first reared its head in the valley, and 2020.

"Militancy in Jammu and Kashmir is intricately linked with infiltration of militants from across the border," the report said.

Besides Kashmiri Pandits, militancy forced some Sikh and Muslim families too to migrate from Kashmir Valley to Jammu,

Delhi, and other parts of the country, it said.

Nearly 1,054 families from the hilly areas of Jammu migrated to Jammu plains, it said.

As per the records of registration available with the Relief and Migrant Commissioner, J&K, at present 43,618 registered Kashmiri migrant families are settled in Jammu, 19,338 families are settled in Delhi and NCR, and 1,995 families in a few other states and the UTs in the country, the report said.

With a view to resettle Kashmiri migrants in the valley, the MHA has approved 3,000 jobs in the J&K government under Prime Minister's Reconstruction Package - 2008, and an additional 3,000 jobs under the Prime Minister's Development Package - 2015 (PMDP-2015).

To house these [More on P6](#)

School In Baramulla Asks Staff To Avoid Hijab

'Avoid Hijab During School Hours So That Students Can Feel Comfortable'

Auguib Javeed

SRINAGAR: At a time when controversy over Hijab is refusing to die down in many states of the country, an Army-run school in North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Monday asked its staff to "avoid" wearing Hijab during the school hours.

The circular has been issued by the orders of the joint management committee, Dagger Parivaar School Baramulla, meant for specially-abled students. The school has a capacity to teach 150 children with

disabilities and presently around 70 are on the roll. The circular came a month after the High Court of Karnataka upheld a state government order that banned headscarves in classrooms.

In a circular, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, the Principal of the school has asked the staff to avoid Hijab so that students can feel "comfortable."

"Parivaar school is a place to learn and grow emotionally. As the staff of school, the main purpose is to provide the fullest possible development of each learner.

For the same, the trust must be established with the students to make them feel welcome, safe and happy. The staff is hereby instructed to avoid Hijab during school hours. So that students can feel comfortable and are [More on P6](#)

AMARNATH YATRA DGP Reviews Security Arrangements Along Banihal Highway

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Tuesday reviewed additional security measures being taken along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in view of the upcoming Amarnath pilgrimage, officials said.

The 43-day annual yatra is scheduled to start on June 30 from the twin routes traditional 48-km Nunwan in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal.

A police spokesperson said the DGP visited Ramban district and took stock of security preparedness at the upcoming 'yatri niwas' in [More on P6](#)

Chief Secy Directs PDD To Issue Statements On Outage

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday directed the Power Development Department (PDD) to issue statements explaining the reasons of outages and the actions taken by the department and share the same with social media and the Information Department.

Mehta made these remarks while chairing a meeting of Power Development and Jal Shakti departments at Civil Secretariat here to review power and water scenario in Jammu and Kashmir, an official spokesperson said.

The Chief Secretary, he said, was briefed about the power



scenario in the UT and the reasons for the short fall in power sector.

"It was informed in the meeting that to mitigate shortfall in Jammu and Kashmir the Centre has allocated additional power to Jammu and Kashmir to meet the demand," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the Chief Secretary

directed the PDD to take immediate measures to provide adequate power supply during Iftar' and sehri timings. He also directed them to reach out to the people and explain the reasons for the short fall in power supply.

Mehta, he said, also stated that people will understand if they are given factual position saying that [More on P6](#)

Elon Musk Buys Twitter For \$44bn

Agencies

New York: The board of Twitter has agreed to a \$44bn (£34.5bn) takeover offer from the billionaire Elon Musk.

Mr Musk, who made the shock bid less than two weeks ago, said Twitter had "tremendous potential" that he would unlock.

He also called for a series of changes from relaxing its content restrictions to eradicating fake accounts. The firm initially rebuffed Mr Musk's bid, but it will now ask shareholders to vote to approve the deal.

Mr Musk is the world's richest person, according to Forbes magazine, with an estimated net worth of \$273.6bn mostly due to his shareholding in electric vehicle maker Tesla which [More on P6](#)

Prostate Cancer Linked To Bacteria, Raising Hope Of New Test And Treatment

The Conversation

Every year, around 12,000 men in the UK die from prostate cancer, but many more die with prostate cancer than from it. So knowing whether the disease is going to advance rapidly or not is important for knowing who to treat.

Our latest study, published in European Urology Oncology, sheds some light on understanding which cancers will progress rapidly and aggressively and which won't. Part of the answer lies with five types of bacteria.

For some years, we have known that pathogens (bacteria and viruses) can cause cancer. We know, for example, that *Helicobacter pylori* is associated with stomach cancer and that the human papillomavirus (HPV) can cause cervical cancer. There is also growing evidence that the bacteria *Fusobacterium nucleatum* is associated with colorectal cancer.

Here at Norwich Medical School, along with our colleagues at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, the Quadram Institute, the Quadram Institute, and others, we have identified five types (genera) of bacteria linked to aggressive prostate cancer. These are *Anaerococcus*, *Peptoniphilus*, *Porphyromonas*, *Fenollaria* and *Fusobacterium*. We call these the anaerobic bacteria biomarkers set, or ABBS.

Bacteria genera are further subdivided into species. And here we found four entirely new species of bacteria, three of which are linked to the genera associated with aggressive prostate cancer. We named two of the new bacteria species after two of the study's funders: *Porphyromonas bobii*, after the Bob Champion Cancer Trust and *Varibaculum prostatecancerukia*, after Prostate Cancer



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UK. We examined prostate tissue and urine samples from over 600 men with and without prostate cancer, and when any of the five specific anaerobic bacteria (bacteria that can grow in the absence of oxygen) were detected in patient samples, it was associated with more rapid progression of cancer to aggressive disease. Indeed, men who had one or more of the bacteria were nearly three times more likely to see their early stage cancer progress to advanced disease, compared with men who had none of the bacteria in their urine or prostate. We also discovered possible

mechanisms of how these bacteria may be linked to cancer, including potential effects on the metabolism of the host human cells.

Towards a better test

Current tests for prostate cancer, such as the PSA test and a biopsy, are not always able to predict which cancers will be harmful. We hope that a new test that looks for the ABBS group of bacteria will be better able to detect and screen for potentially aggressive prostate cancer. The new test will be similar to the tests developed to detect *Helicobacter pylori* associated with stomach cancer or HPV linked to cervical cancer.

Together with our colleagues, we are currently working on this. We are planning to develop robust, rapid tests to detect the five signature bacteria and to investigate new treatment options to remove these bacteria from the urinary tract, bladder and prostate. Despite our exciting discovery, there are still important questions to answer, such as, are the bacteria causing prostate cancer? If so, how? Also, can we use treatment options to eradicate the bacteria to prevent the development of aggressive disease? Hopefully, we will have answers to these questions soon.

اطلاع عام

ہر خاص و عام کو بذریعہ اشتہار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ میری Band Saw لائسنس زیر نمبر 0317/pty/CF-Sgr/2013/Freshy تاریخ 06-06-2013 کہیں گم ہوگئی ہے اگر کسی نے اٹھائی ہو تو برائے مہربانی نیچے دئے ہوئے پتہ پر واپس کریں۔ بصورت دیگر اسکی ڈپلیکیٹ نکالنی مطلوب ہے۔ اس بارے میں اگر کسی کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندر اندر Chief Conservator Officer سرینگر کے دفتر میں پیش کریں۔ بعد از میعاد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

انجناڈ احمد ذار ولد عبدالاحد ذار ساکن چچون ڈگام فون 7780864649۔

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my passport bearing No: B2687062 as Mohamme Yasin Lone S/o Wali Mohammed Lone while my correct name s Mohd Yaseen Lone S/o Wali Mohd Lone which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the Passport office of Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohd Yaseen Lone S/o Wali Mohd Lone

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The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 357541

Class : 10th

Year & Session : Bi-Annual 2002

Registration No: B-97-59032-3120

Name : Javid Ahmad Dar

Father's Name: Ab Rehman Dar

Date Of Birth: 19-02-1983

R/o Haigam Sopore

According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

(Besides the above referred "Qualification Certificate bearing No: 1105677 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)/B/KD/2022

Dated 26-04-2022

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Assistant Secretary
Certificates, KD.

The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 327209

Class : 10th

Year & Session : Annual Regular 2003

Registration No: 02BM3069115

Name : Parvaiz Ahmad Shah

Father's Name: Wali Mohammad Shah

Date Of Birth: 05-03-1988

R/o Haigam Sopore

According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

(Besides the above referred "Qualification Certificate bearing No: 1807082 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)/B/KD/2022

Dated 26-04-2022

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Assistant Secretary
Certificates, KD.

Public Notice

I have applied for the registration of my Handloom Unit situated at Batapora under name and style "Baaghi Gull Pashmn Kan-shawal ". If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Assistant Director Handloom Budgam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Tanveer Ahmad
R/o Batapora Kanihama

bmg

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR NOTICE

Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. M/s : Alamdar Automobiles R/o: Naraspora Budgam (Transferor) of Scooty. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04D -7059. Chasis number 66443 Engine no.13112 Model 2017. In favour of Shri. Sajjad Ahmad S/o. Bashir Ahmad Najar R/o Fateh Kadal Narparistan Tity tots Hindu High School Srinagar (Tranferee)

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

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.719

Dated 26/04/2022

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Assistant Regional Transport officer
Budgam Kashmir



OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION, PULWAMA
email : xenphepulwama@gmail.com



از دفتر ایکزیکیٹیو انجینئر (جل شکتی) پی ایچ ای۔ ڈویژن پلوامہ

CORRIGENDUM-II

Sub:- E-NIT S. No. 03/PHEP of 2022-23
Reference:- Published under this office No. PHEP/216-26
Dated. 19-04-2022

Due to typical error the works published at S. No. 3 & 4 under Annexure-I of the above-mentioned E-NIT are hereby retendered with the following details.

S. No	Name of Water Supply Scheme	Description of work	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated cost (in Lacs)	Time of completion (Days)	Class of Contractor
1.	Achgoze Khaidar	Construction of intake works, 0.15 lac gallons capacity clear water sump, chain link fencing around structures, Shale Chamber Construction of 0.25 lac gallons RCC S.R. Approach path, laying and fitting of G.I/D.I pipes, including installation of 209 FHTCs for WSS Achgoze Khaidar (J.M)	Pulwama	94.23	180	AAY
2.	Tenghar Payer	Construction of 0.60 lac gallons RCC S.R. Chain link fencing around structures, Approach path, Development of premises, laying and fitting of G.I/D.I pipes, installation of 143 FHTCs for WSS Tenghar Payer (J.M)	Pulwama	98.58	180	AAY

Rest will remain unchanged

No:-PHEP/ 352-62
Dated:- 25-04-2022

DIPK-1137/22

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Pulwama

Office of The Regional Transport Officer Kashmir NOTICE



Whereas, a joint application has been received from Abdul Aziz Dar S/o Mohammad Ramzan Dar R/o Garden Lane Chanapora Sgr (Transferor) and Shri Rayees Ahmad Rather S/o Mohammad Ismail Rather R/o



Wadi Mohalla Chatterhama Sgr (Transferee) for transfer of Tata Sumo carriage route Permit No 4611/MC Covering Vehicle No JK01L- 5013.

Now, therefore, it is notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit / vehicle shall be filled in writing in the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir.

Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer. Seller and purchaser identified by the authorized representatives of M/S N-K-T-CO Namely Farooq Ahamd

NOJK-RTOK 1024
Dated: 26/04/2022
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Sd/-
Regional Transport Office,
Kashmir

Office of The Regional Transport Officer Kashmir NOTICE



Whereas, a joint application has been received from Irshad Ahamd Pandit S/o Ghulam Ahamd Pandit R/o Barah Pather Batmaloo (Transferor) and Shri Abdul Rashid Beigh S/o Ali Mohd Beigh R/o Makdood Pora Nowhera Sgr (Transferee) for trans-



fer of Maxi Cab carriage route Permit No 24 /MC Covering Vehicle No JK01G- 6618

Now, therefore, it is notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit / vehicle shall be filled in writing in the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir.

Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer. Seller and purchaser identified by the authorized representatives of M/S Sukhnag Transport Compnay Namely Jamshed Ahamd

NOJK-RTOK 1299
Dated: 26/04/2022
Pko

Sd/-
Regional Transport Office,
Kashmir



Fire Damages Residential Houses In Kani Mazar, Nawa Kadal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A massive fire broke out at Kani Mazar area of Nawa Kadal on Tuesday evening, officials said.

Officials said that fire broke out from a residential

house on Tuesday evening and quickly spread to other structures as well.

Locals said that the gas cylinder explosion had also taken place.

Fire was not doused off when the report was filed.

Auqaf Jamia Masjid Announces Prayer Timings For Shab-e-Qadr

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A meeting of the leading members and senior officials of Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar was held on Tuesday.

The meeting reviewed the arrangements for providing all possible facilities to

the worshippers and pilgrims coming to the Jama Masjid for Shab-e-Qadr and Jumma-tul-Vida.

It was stated that according to the schedule, Isha prayers will be offered on the occasion of Shab-e-Qadr at 10:30 pm and Jumma-tul-Vida prayers at 2:15 pm, In Sha Allah.

SMC Commissioner Reviews Ongoing Works In City

Agencies

Srinagar: Commissioner SMC Athar Amir Khan on Tuesday held a detailed review meeting with the Works Division of SMC to review ongoing works.

During the course of meeting Commissioner SMC Athar Amir directed to expedite the progress of works and ensure their timely completion. "The beautification plan of the city on a broader spectrum and its proper zone wise imple-

mentation was also reviewed in the meeting."

It was stated that the beautification plan will be taken on a broader scale in which all the Government structures including offices, buildings, residential places, complexes and private properties including residential houses, markets and other vital places will undergo facade uplifting, painting of rooftops and uplifting of shops and main markets in the City.



Women took to the streets in Haft Chinar area of the city on Tuesday to protest electricity shortages and installation of smart meters by the PDD. KO Photo Abid Bhat.

IGNOU Regional Centre Celebrates 35th Convocation Ceremony

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre Srinagar celebrated its 35th Convocation ceremony at Tagore Hall on Tuesday. The function was celebrated at national level and simultaneously the 35th convocation organized by IGNOU's 32 regional centers across the country.

The Guest of Honour for IGNOU RC Srinagar programme was Director, National Institute of Technology Srinagar (NIT) Prof. Rakesh Sehgal

and as a chief speaker of the function graced by Director General of Jammu & Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration & Rural Development (IMPARD) Senior IAS officer Shri Saurabh Bhagat.

Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar Dr. Kamlesh Meena formally welcomed the guests by presenting bouquets and mementos and formally welcomed the guests.

The Chief Speaker Saurabh Bhagat enlightened the role of IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar in

Kashmir valley for giving the higher education opportunity to the common masses, youngsters of Kashmir valley and women and girls. The Director General of IMPARD mentioned the work and efforts of IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar, under the leadership of Regional Director RC Srinagar Dr. Kamlesh Meena by speaking that Dr Meena has carried out the mandate of the University for imparting higher education at door steps with the view to democratize the higher education among the masses of Kashmir valley.

SKUAST-K To Hold Conference On Regenerative Medicine

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir in association with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and the University of Kashmir is organizing a two-day international conference on 'Recent Advances in Biomedical Sciences and Regenerative Medicine (RABSRM 2022) on 6th and 7th May.

The conference is being organized as part of the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) programme, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India. It is aimed at improv-

ing the research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions.

The Department of Science and Technology, GoI & World Bank-ICAR funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project for the institutional development of SKUAST-K are also supporting the event.

Department of Biological Sciences and Bioengineering, IIT Kanpur, Division of Animal Biotechnology, SKUAST-K and Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovations, KU are jointly organising the event to be held at SKUAST-K, Shalimar campus and KU campus, Hazratbal respectively.

Subject: Grant of Registration of the proposed travel unit the name & Style" M/s Babar travels" situated at chadoora.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, I Zahoor Ahmad Sheikh S/O Mohd Ashraf Sheikh R/O Bugam Batapora Tehsil Chadoora, District Budgam, Kashmir Intends To Apply In The Department Of Tourism For Registration Of My Proposed Travel Unit Under The Name And Style "M/S BABAR TRAVELS" Situated At Chadoora, Kashmir Under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I Will Submit State Subject/ Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate Of Five Years, Character Certificate, Bank Statement, Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed Duly Attested By Sub Registrar, Printing Material, Photograph Of The Unit And Two Passport Size Photographs To The Department Of Tourism As Per Prescribed Checklist Prior To Registration Of My Unit As An Excursion Agency.

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5	شاد احمد موچی ولد نذر احمد موچی	20 سال	زیر تعلیم	
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Internship / Apprenticeship (SELECTION) NOTIFICATION NO. 01 OF 2022

It is notified for information of all the concerned that based upon the performance in the Written Aptitude Test, the applicants bearing following Roll Numbers have been provisionally selected for Internship / Apprenticeship for a period of six months as Technical & Administrative Interns:

Technical Interns: 102008, 102065, 102001, 103033, 102045, 103017, 102055, 103002, 102052, 102020, 102063, 103018, 102031, 103040, 102034, 103016, 102050, 102058, 103006, 103023, 103029, 103025, 103041, 102033, 102054, 102018, 102015.

Administrative Interns: 101069, 101032, 101055, 101035, 101052, 101075, 101016, 101084, 101067, 103042, 101079, 101013, 101064, 101005, 101081, 103020, 103031, 103054, 101002, 101053, 103015, 103050, 101007, 103034, 101090, 101040, 103005, 103056, 101054, 103047, 101018, 101042, 103057, 101006, 101010, 103055.

WAITING LIST of Technical Interns: 102016, 102061, 102011, 102037, 102049, 102062, 102040, 102035, 102022, 102056, 102004, 102028, 102032, 102051.

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Provisionally selected Interns / Apprentices are hereby informed to report to the Office of the undersigned on any working day by or before 5th of May 2022 (Thursday) (except on Gazetted Holidays, Saturdays & Sundays) along with the original documents/ copies thereof for completion of selection formalities, failing which the Offer letter shall be issued in favour of the next candidate(s) in order of merit in the waiting list.
- The selection of the applicant is strictly provisional and subject to the fulfilment of eligibility criteria as determined and fixed by the university and also on production of DoB, Qualifying Exam Degree Certificate, and Adhaar Card. In case of any discrepancy found at any point of time, the University reserves the right to cancel the engagement without assigning any reason thereof.
- The engagement is purely on Internship / Apprenticeship basis subject to the satisfactory performance in various academic and administrative assignments to be given during the training period and does not constitute any form of employment in the University.
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- 1296 - Battle of Dunbar: The Scots are defeated by Edward I of England.
- 1518 Treaty of St Truiden: anti-French Trapdoors/Bourgondisch covenant
- 1522- Battle of La Bicocca: a combined French and Venetian was decisively defeated by a Spanish-Imperial and Papal army
- 1522 Battle at Bicacca: Charles I & Pope Adrianus VI beat France
- 1526- Mughal King Babur beats sultan of Delhi
- 1650 - The Battle of Carbisdale: Royalist army under Marquess of Montrose invades mainland Scotland from Orkney; defeated by a Covenantan army.
- 1662- Netherlands & France sign military covenant
- 1805 - US Marines attack shores of Tripoli
- 1861- US President Abraham Lincoln suspends writ of habeas corpus (US Civil War)
- 1863 - Battle of Streight's raid: Tuscumbia to Cedar Bluff, AL
- 1865 - Steamboat "SS Sultana" explodes in the Mississippi River, killing up to 1,800 of the 2,427 passengers in the greatest maritime disaster in United States history. Most were paroled Union POWs on their way home.
- 1890- French troops under Capt Archinard occupy Oussebougu West Sudan
- 1909- Sultan of Turkey Abdul Hamid II is overthrown
- 1911 - Following the resignation and death of William P. Frye, a compromise is reached to rotate the office of President pro tempore (for the time being) of the United States Senate.
- 1911- Indian passive resistance is suspended when Gen. J.C. Smuts enters into negotiations with Mahatma Gandhi.
- 1915-Counterattack launched by Turkish forces under the command of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk against allied troops
- 1941- German troops occupy Athens, Greece
- 1942- Belgian Jews are forced to wear stars
- 1943- Soviet Union breaks contact with Polish government exiled in London
- 1945-Italian partisans capture Benito Mussolini at Dongo (Lake Como)
- 1945- World War II: The Völkischer Beobachter, the newspaper of the Nazi Party, ceases publication.
- 1946- 1st radar installed aboard a commercial ship
- 1951- Mohammed Mossadeq chosen as premier of Persia

From KO Archives

India, Pak Have Achieved 'Breakthrough': Musharraf

Islamabad - India and Pakistan have achieved a "breakthrough" in their peace process and have "clearly resolved" to move towards a "final settlement" of the Kashmir problem, President Pervez Musharraf has said.

"My talks (in New Delhi) with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yielded positive results and led to a joint statement which reflected a clear resolve to address all issues and a resolve to move towards a final settlement at the Kashmir issue," the president said in an interview with state-run APP news agency.

"A breakthrough has been achieved in the peace process between the two countries," the president said.

"Prime Minister Singh has unambiguously expressed the resolve to solve all issues, including Kashmir, as also stated in the joint statement."

"The Indian prime minister also committed himself to resolving all disputes at the "multi-lateral forum of the Asian-African Summit in Jakarta when he said we want to resolve all issues in an amicable manner," the president said. He said he was hopeful of progress towards a fair resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. "I am optimistic - there is sincerity as it has been accepted that all issues should be addressed- we have to address the Kashmir issue."

Musharraf said the general environment between Pakistan and India had improved "substantially" after his visit.

Musharraf, who also watched the final India-Pakistan one-day cricket match in New Delhi April 17 before his talks with Manmohan Singh, said he was pleased with Pakistan's victory in the series. The president said he told UN Secretary General Kofi Annan during a meeting on the sidelines of the Jakarta summit that the expansion of the Security Council should be only in the non-permanent category.

India is bidding for a seat in an expanded Security Council. Pakistan has made known its opposition to India's candidature. (IANS) (Kashmir Observer, 27 April, 2005)

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Saving
Congress party

After the recent defeats in five state elections, Congress is facing an existential crisis and is, for once, looking for ways to resurrect itself. And it is to this end that the party was in talks with election strategist Prashant Kishor to chart a path for a return to the national centre stage. The party held several meetings with Kishor and wanted him to join in a senior capacity. But Kishor declined the offer at the last minute. But the poll strategist has called for transformational changes within the party and resolution of leadership issues if it wanted to bounce back as a credible challenger to the BJP. Would Kishor be able to do anything about it while staying outside the party? As of now, it would be anybody's guess. But the truth is that Congress is now in dire straits. The party despite its claim to being India's pre-eminent secular party has never posed an ideological challenge to prime minister Narendra Modi. Neither in Gujarat where the party has successively failed to wrest the state from the BJP nor in the rest of the country. The BJP has now acquired a true national profile and Congress is shrinking by the day.

This is such a sorry state of affairs for a party which ruled India for over fifty years after independence. It is now finding it difficult to even win state elections. For example, it was not even in the distant reckoning in the recent all-important election in Uttar Pradesh. And its chances look slim in the upcoming state polls this year. This is why a breakaway group led by Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma and calling itself G-23 is demanding serious reforms in the party. But this has split the Congress down the middle with Gandhi family supporters and opponents at loggerheads with each other. However, G23's rebellion marks a break from the passivity of the last eight years with the party apparently seeming to have resigned to its current lot. But it won't also be easy to elect a non-Gandhi president. And the party has its own reasons for this: a Gandhi not being at the helm will run the risk of breaking the party up. Also, in the present circumstances, Congress doesn't boast of many a mass leader - albeit, there are many senior politicians who can be worthy successors to Gandhi. Gandhi's term at the helm has shown that he is not just up to the task.

It is now clear that the wave of Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains alive and kicking. After a few reverses here and there over the last seven years, the PM Modi's appeal has only grown stronger. He looks favourite to win many more Assembly polls, more so, the upcoming election in several states unless Congress and wider opposition gets its act right. That is, if no credible opposition emerges from the shadows in the near future, a prospect that looks bleak. In the words of Kishor, Mamata Banerjee retained West Bengal because she got into the pit and fought, unlike Congress which displays a singular lack of willingness to fight. Would Congress be able to do it, only time will tell.

OTHER OPINION

A Cost to Pay

The problem, however, comes when inflation isn't demand-led. Data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy shows the unemployment rate in March at 7.6 per cent. That's rather high, given a simultaneous fall in the labour participation rate (LPR) to 39.5 per cent. If even a shrunken labour force is struggling to find employment, it's hardly indicative of a tightening job market. The RBI's latest survey of the manufacturing sector shows the overall capacity utilisation by reporting companies at 72.4 per cent for October-December. Although the highest in 10 quarters, it is below the long-term average of 75 per cent from 2008-09 to 2018-19. If anything, it points to recovery from a deep slowdown that began in 2019-20. And the recovery isn't strong enough to induce overheating — unlike in the US, which had a 3.6 per cent unemployment rate on an LPR of 62.4 per cent in March. Also, the fact that annual wholesale inflation in March, at 14.55 per cent, was more than double the 6.95 per cent rate at retail level suggests limited pricing power with firms: Current demand conditions aren't allowing them to fully pass on the higher costs at producer level to consumers.

What most countries, including India, are experiencing today is “supply-shock” inflation. There have been too many supply chain disruptions over the last two years, caused first by the Covid-triggered lockdowns and now the Russia-Ukraine war. Coming one after another, they have proved to be persistent than transitory, resulting in what economists term as a leftward shift in the aggregate supply curve and driving up prices for the same or even lower levels of demand. Those critical of the RBI, for being “behind the curve”, should know there's little that central banks can do about inflation caused by supply-side factors. If interest rates are a cost themselves, wouldn't hiking risk worsen inflation by impeding supply? And how does cooling something that isn't hot help really? Policymakers can, perhaps, draw more lessons from the stagflation decade of the 1970s. Then too, it was supply shocks from geopolitics that defied simple technocratic solutions. Simply put, there are limits to how much interest rates can be increased.

Indian Express

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

After a long wait, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir has finally decided to constitute the State Consumer Commission. The Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department on April 15th 2022 issued a notification on the orders of Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for constituting Jammu & Kashmir State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. The notification under SO No: 176 reads:

“In exercise of powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 42 of Consumer Protection Act of 2019, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir hereby establishes the Jammu & Kashmir State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, to be known as state commission, for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir”

Pertinently, Kashmir Observer has been doing dedicated advocacy over the constitution of State and District Consumer Commission for a year now.

Constitution of District Commissions

Last year, J&K Government issued an advertisement for the vacant post of president in the proposed State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (SCDRC). The advertisement, issued by the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, invited applications from retired or serving high court judges for the post. The application window closed on 18 March but the State Commission is still inoperative.

The administration had not even managed to constitute one district commission, until recently, after Kashmir Observer exposed this major lapse of the Government in January this year. It is then that the Government began constituting District Commissions.

Through an official notification dated 17th March 2022, the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department (FCS & CA) vide SO Nos:100, 101, 102, 102.103 and 104 constituted around six district consumer commissions for Jammu, Srinagar, Budgam, Anantnag, Kathua and Rajouri.

In the Jammu district, Mr Pawan Dev Kotwal (Retired District & Sessions Judge) has been appointed as President. Ms Heema Chowdhary and Maheep Gupta have been appointed as members of the district commission. Mr Gowher Husain Mir has been appointed as Member of Consumer Commission Anantnag. The Chairman and another member is yet to be appointed. Ms Rukhsana Farooq and Mr Noorul Ameen have been appointed as members of District Consumer Commission Budgam. Ms Rohini Parmar has been appointed as Member District Consumer Commission Rajouri. Ms Farah Deeba and Ms Sahab Munshi have been appointed as members of Srinagar District Consumer Commission.

However, the details about these appointments have not been given wide publicity in the media. Except the Retired District & Sessions Judge Mr Pawan Dev Kotwal who has been appointed as Chairman District Consumer Commission Jammu, the profile and experience of other members of the district commissions is not known to people.

Consumer Protection Act Background

Soon after the abrogation, around 800 central laws were extended to Jammu and Kashmir under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. Effective 31 October 2019, the Central Consumer Protection Act, 1986, was extended to the newly-carved Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Jammu and Kashmir had its own Consumer Protection Act, which came into force in 1987 and under it, a state commission and district forums were operational. The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs directed shutting down all the existing consumer forums in an order issued in October 2019. As a result, from 31 October 2019 onwards, the 1987 state law became redundant after 24 years of being in action and the central Consumer Protection Act, 1986, took its place.

Pertinently, on 9 August 2019, the Centre repealed the 1986 central Act as well and replaced it with the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. The rules for the new Act were framed by the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and issued on 15 July 2020.

This new central law, though it has been extended to Jammu and Kashmir, is still not operational. The result is that consumers across Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh are facing numerous difficulties.

Jago Grahak Jago

Make State Consumer
Commission Operational



To make the Consumer Protection Act 2019 operational, State Commission should be constituted not only on papers but President and members of this commission should be appointed soon, so that all the pending cases are heard and new cases are also listed for hearings”

Ever since the state and district consumer forums were shut down in the erstwhile state, there has been chaos and confusion among consumers whose cases were pending before these bodies. Since the abrogation, their cases have been eating dust in different offices of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs departments. Aggrieved consumers with new grievances have also been deprived of their rights under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. They have no institution to which they can take their grievances. Even as District Commissions have been constituted, the Government is not creating any awareness among people for them to approach these commissions.

The fundamental issue is that the repealed law from the former state—the Consumer Protection Act, 1987—was similar to the central act of 1986. Jammu and Kashmir had also established institutions under it. Until 5 August 2019, the state had strong consumer rights movements, but the abrogation has changed the situation completely. However, once again, things are back on track as the notification for constitution of the State Commission has been issued. However, the appointment process should be transparent and it should be publicised.

What is Consumer Protection Act 2019 ?

The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 which was enacted around 3 years back ostensibly widens the scope of consumer rights and covers e-commerce, direct-selling, tele-shopping, multi-level marketing, and other forms of commerce in the digital age.

Technically, it came into force on 20 July 2020 in the country. The 1986 law is now no more in operation. The new act is aimed to revamp the settlement and administration process through stricter penalties. The pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Forum increased to Rs. 1 crore and the state forum to Rs. 10 crore. For unfair contracts claims, where the consideration does not exceed Rs. 10 crore, the pecuniary jurisdiction of the National Commission for claims exceeds Rs. 10 crore.

Importantly, misleading advertisements have been made actionable under the new law, including advertisements, notices, circulars, labels, wrappers, invoices or other documents in a variety of physical and digital formats. It also provides for Consumer Mediation Cells attached to District and State Commissions.

Clubbing of District Commissions

Section 28 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, says the state government shall set up a District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (DCDRC) in each district. It also says the state government may establish more than one district commission in a district. Every district commission is to have a president and no fewer than two members, and more members prescribed in consultation with the central government.

On 22 February 2022, the government of Jammu and Kashmir issued an order to establish ten district commissions instead of twenty. It clubbed two to three districts across Jammu and Kashmir, which violates the 2019 Act. The Anantnag District Commission will also have jurisdiction over Shopian, Kulgam and Pulwama. The Baramulla commission will look after Bandipora too. Doda will have jurisdiction over Kishtwar, Kathua over Samba, Rajouri over

Poonch, Srinagar over Ganderbal and Udhampur over Reasi and Ramban.

The order of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department misquotes Section 32 of the 2019 Act, which allows district officials to take charge of other districts in certain circumstances. This section never allowed the government to club districts together. The exact provision is, “If... there is a vacancy in the office of the president or member of a District Commission, the State Government may, by notification, direct—(a) any other District Commission specified in that notification to exercise the jurisdiction in respect of that district also; or (b) the president or a member of any other District Commission specified in that notification to exercise the powers and discharge the functions of the president or member of that District Commission also.”

When there are no district commissions operational under the new law and all the vacancies of the twenty district commissions are still empty, how can the government invoke Section 32 and fill only ten posts and club the other ten districts with neighbouring districts?

A need to club the district officials arises in case a president or member of a district commission passes away, resigns or is removed by the government. The law never says the government can club the districts when no district commission is operational.

If there is a vacancy of president or a member of commission in a district, the government may empower the president or member of another district to function there as a stop-gap arrangement.

Ten commissions have been created by the government but none is functional and no incumbent is in office. The question of entrusting charge of one president or one member of a district to another district does not arise. The government must appoint as many commissions as the number of districts in J&K.

Conclusion

In order to make the Consumer Protection Act 2019 operational, the State Commission should be constituted not only on papers but the President and members of this commission should be appointed soon, so that all the pending cases are heard and new cases are also listed for hearings. Merit should be the only consideration during these appointments and the entire appointment process should be made public through local electronic, print and social media. The credentials and experience of all the members appointed to District Consumer Commissions should also be made public. The Government must hold mass awareness on Consumer Protection Act 2019 so that people start coming forward with their complaints before the District Commissions which are almost operational now. The members and presidents be appointed in all the district commissions and clubbing two to three districts together can be avoided as this goes against the consumer protection legislation.

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

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Curb Domestic Violence

THE National Crime Record Bureau data have pointed out that the number of cases registered under section 498A of IPC for ‘cruelty by husband or his relatives’ recorded an increase of 21.3 per cent in 2019 compared with 2018. Moreover,

the number of cases registered under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence (PWDV) Act reflected a decline of 4.5 per cent in 2019 over 2018. The reasons for the under-reporting of cases were personnel, societal, and institutional. The Parliamentary Committee on

Home Affairs has recommended that the Home Ministry advise states and union territories to conduct sensitization and briefings of ground-level officials dealing with the PWDV Act so that women facing domestic violence could be better equipped to access justice. The

awareness programs at the grass-root level, fast-track courts, and rehabilitation facilities can be helpful in curbing domestic violence.

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Elon Musk's Big Purchase

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Twitter has been in the news a lot lately, albeit for the wrong reasons. Its stock growth has languished and the platform itself has largely remained the same since its founding in 2006. On April 14, 2022, Elon Musk, the world's richest person, made an offer to buy Twitter and take the public company private. In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Musk stated, "I invested in Twitter as I believe in its potential to be the platform for free speech around the globe, and I believe free speech is a societal imperative for a functioning democracy." As a researcher of social media platforms, I find that Musk's potential ownership of Twitter and his stated reasons for buying the company raise important issues. Those issues stem from the nature of the social media platform and what sets it apart from others.

WHAT MAKES TWITTER UNIQUE Twitter occupies a unique niche. Its short chunks of text and threading foster real-time conversations among thousands of people, which makes it popular with celebrities, media personalities and politicians alike. Social media analysts talk about the half-life of content on a plat-

form, meaning the time it takes for a piece of content to reach 50% of its total lifetime engagement, usually measured in number of views or popularity based metrics. The average half life of a tweet is about 20 minutes, compared to five hours for Facebook posts, 20 hours for Instagram posts, 24 hours for LinkedIn posts and 20 days for YouTube videos. The much shorter half life illustrates the central role Twitter has come to occupy in driving real-time conversations as events unfold. Twitter's ability to shape real-time discourse, as well as the ease with which data, including geo-tagged data, can be gathered from Twitter has made it a gold mine for researchers to analyze a variety of societal phenomena, ranging from public health to politics. Twitter data has been used to predict asthma-related emergency department visits, measure public epidemic awareness, and model wildfire smoke dispersion. Tweets that are part of a conversation are shown in chronological order, and, even though much of a tweet's engagement is frontloaded, the Twitter archive provides instant and complete access to every public Tweet. This positions Twitter as a historical chronicler of record and a de facto fact checker.

CHANGES ON MUSK'S MIND

A crucial issue is how Musk's ownership of Twitter, and private control of social media platforms generally, affect the broader public well-being. In a series of deleted tweets, Musk made several suggestions about how to change Twitter, including adding an edit button for tweets and granting automatic verification marks to premium users. There is no experimental evidence about how an edit button would change information transmission on Twitter. However, it's possible to extrapolate from previous research that analyzed deleted tweets. There are numerous ways to retrieve deleted tweets, which allows researchers to study them. While advertising ecosystem involving multiple technologies wielded by ad networks, social media companies and publishers. Advertising is the primary revenue source for Twitter.



Musk's vision is to generate revenue for Twitter from subscriptions rather than advertising. Without having to worry about attracting and retaining advertisers, Twitter would have less pressure to focus on content moderation. This would make Twitter a sort of freewheeling opinion site for paying subscribers. Twitter has been aggressive in using content moderation in its attempts to address disinformation. Musk's description of a platform free from content moderation issues is troubling in light of the algorithmic harms caused by social media platforms. Research has shown a host of these harms, such as algorithms that assign gender to users, potential inaccuracies and biases in algorithms used to glean information from these platforms, and the impact on those looking for health information online. Testimony by Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen and recent regulatory efforts such as the online safety bill unveiled in the U.K. show there is broad public concern about the role played by technology platforms in shaping popular discourse and public opinion. Musk's potential bid for Twitter highlights a whole host of regulatory concerns. Because of Musk's other businesses, Twitter's ability to influence public opinion in the sensitive industries of aviation and the automobile industry would automatically create a conflict of interest, not to mention affecting the disclosure of material information necessary for shareholders. Musk has already been accused of delaying disclosure of his ownership stake in Twitter. Twitter's own algorithmic bias bounty challenge concluded that there needs to be a community-led approach to build better algorithms. A very creative exercise developed by the MIT Media Lab asks middle schoolers to re-imagine the YouTube platform with ethics in mind. Perhaps it's time to ask Twitter to do the same, whoever owns and manages the company.

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Reclaiming the Question

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You wake up one day to find yourself in an ornate and decorated room. You have no recollection of who you are or how you got there. From the moment you are conscious, you are beset by a relentless curiosity: Who am I? Why am I here? You are attempting to make sense of the situation that you find yourself in. The aim of this metaphor is to illustrate an elemental fact: as humans, we find ourselves in an existential situation. We find ourselves participating in a reality – the cosmos – that is not our own making. We are, as Martin Heidegger put it, thrown into the world. As such, we are essentially constituted by a dynamic consciousness that is driven towards meaning in order to obtain insight into reality and its ultimate grounds. The search for ultimate grounds emerges because as humans, although we have a number of concerns (e.g., familial, financial, political, etc.), our ultimate concern is, and ought to be, our existential situation that is embodied in two questions: where-from? And, where-to? However, as with the wonder and curiosity that animates our childhood, this existential curiosity can wane and be replaced. This is all the more true in a secular world, or what Marcel calls a "broken world" wherein human beings are reduced to what is worldly: functions through their occupation, social status, and the tradition of the forefathers. [1] What is lost in a broken world is the human being as "the Question," whose primordial fidelity is to the spirit of inquiry. In a world wrought by consumerism and imagery, it is becoming all the more difficult to reclaim what is essential to our very being in order to reflect on our existential situation. The perfunctory repetition of tasks, consumption, and communication in the everyday world submerges the consciousness into what the Qur'an calls *al-ghafla* which literally means "absence of a thing from the mind," "forgetfulness" and "intentional neglect." [2] Throughout the Qur'an, God "describes the situation in which people do not deny Him – they even acknowledge that he "rule and regulates all that exists" – but



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still they are not conscious of Him." [3] The Qur'an notes that this was the very first tribulation of the Adamic man (Q 20:115) The word *ghafla* correlates directly to the Qur'anic term of "man" which is *insaan*. The Arabic word for man is *insaan*, one of the roots of which is *nisyan* which means to forget. *Ghafla* is that state wherein an-*nisyan* becomes a ruling principle, that is, it becomes a condition or state of being. As such, in the state of *ghafla*, Man loses his concern with existential questions and takes up mundane concerns that divert him from what is existential. How does the Qur'an make sense of this intentional neglect, despite the fact that the world abounds with signs that evoke within human beings a sense of wonder? The Qur'an thematically distinguishes between two

modes of being-in-the-world: between the world-as-*dunyā* and the world-as-*ālam*, which differ in consciousness or perception. The former refers to the world of objects, wherein things serve as an instrumental function for the *nafs*. The latter refers to the world of signs wherein things point to an origin, to a cosmos, and their absolute origin, God. The *dunyā* is a closed world. The *ālam* is open to that which is beyond itself. The *dunyā*, whose Arabic root means that which is "close" and "lowly," is brought "near and veils the experience and consciousness of man." [4] This results in the alienation of man from his primordial self (and its ontological exigence) and from God. The Arabic word used for alienation is *b'ud* which also means "distance." The *dunyā* then becomes an expanding distance between

the self and God. It occupies and creates "spaces" of diversion. The Qur'an was revealed to liberate the human being from this state of alienation by evoking consciousness, making the human being aware of their existential situation. "The immediate purpose of the Qur'an in this reflective observation of Nature is to awaken in man the consciousness of that of which Nature is regarded a symbol." [5] Hence, the awakening subject, through a transformative perception, makes the passage from the *dunyā* to *al-ālam* or the cosmos *al-Sabuni* defines as "the universe is the name of all beings other than Allah because it is a sign for his existence of the Maker [Allah]." [6] The Qur'an does this through *at-tadhakkur*, which means to remember or to recall. The Qur'an does not draw our attention to what is beyond our re-

ality but to what is immediately present and what they reveal. The Danish philosopher, Søren Kierkegaard, refers to this as "recognition": "But what is recognition? It is surely not merely a question of seeing something for the second time. Nor does it imply a whole series of encounters. Recognition means knowing something as that with which we are already acquainted" ... "Recognition always implies that we have come to know something more authentically than we were able to do when caught up in our first encounter with it. Recognition elicits the permanent from the transient." [7] Muslim scholars referred to recognition as *nazar*, meaning, insightful seeing, "the ordering of matters known in such a way as to arrive at matters previously unknown." [8] Through *tadhakkur* as recognition, the Qur'an releases the human from the tension between the contingency of their being in the world and the desire for insight, or their ultimate concern. The Qur'an does not deposit information into the mind but begins by opening the mind through the evocation of existential awareness. The Qur'an draws our attention to both the "written book" (*al-kitab al-mastur*) and the "visual book" (*al-kitab al-manzur*)

wherein the former refers to the Qur'an itself and the latter refers to the cosmos. The world that is used for "verse" is *ayah* which refers to both the uttered letters of the Qur'an as well as the signs in the cosmos, "We will show them our signs on the horizons and in their very selves until it becomes clear to them that it is the truth" (Q 41: 53). These are verses and/or signs that are meant to be read which in turn signifies an active relationship of disclosure between consciousness and the signs of God, "investigate (*unzuru*) all that is in the heavens and earth" (Q 10:101). The act of seeing is not reducible to a sensory capacity but designates a way of being. Hence, the Qur'an distinguishes between *basar* and *basirah*, the former referring to mere "sight" whereas the latter refers to "insight." *Basirah* is a way of seeing that culminates in recognition. As such, the Qur'an not only radically transforms the relationship between man and God but also between man, nature and the cosmos. Works Cited [1] Marcel, Gabriel, The Philosophy of Existentialism, translated by Marjorie Matelli, New York: Citadel, 1995 [2] Lane, Edward William. Arabic-English Lexicon, London: Williams & Norgate, 1863 [3] Bouguenaya, Yamina. Living with Genuine Tawhid: Witnessing the Signs of God through Quranic Guidance. Receiving Nur Publications, 2016. [4] Al-Attas, Syed Muhammad Naquib. Prolegomena to the Metaphysics of Islam. Penerbit UTM Press, 2014. [5] Ozturk, Sevcin. Becoming a Genuine Muslim: Kierkegaard and Muhammad Iqbal. Routledge, 2018. [6] Davutoglu, Ahmet. "Islamic Paradigm: Tawhid and Ontological Differentiation." Alternative Paradigms: The Impact of Islamic and Western Weltanschauungen on Political Theory. 1st ed. Lanham: U of America, 1994. [7] Han, Byung-Chul. The Disappearance of Rituals. Polity Press, 2020 [8] Brown, Jihad Hashim. "Metaphysical Dimensions of Muslim Environmental Consciousness." Tabah Essays Series,(3) (2013)

Man Held For Duping Widow Of Rs 50K For Securing Son's Release

SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday arrested a man for allegedly duping an elderly woman of Rs 50000 for securing the release of her son arrested in a militancy-related case in January last year.

"Acting swiftly on a complaint filed by one woman, Baramulla Police arrested one fraudster namely Mohammad Shafi Bhat son of Ghulm Mohammad Bhat of Iqbal colony Old Town Baramulla and recovered an amount of Rs 50000 from his possession which he had taken from complainant for release of his son namely Shabir Ahmad Teli of Bangla Bag Baramulla from police custody who was arrested by Police on 07/01/2021 in case FIR No218/2020 under section

7/25 Arms Act 18 19 20 39 ULA(P) Act," a police officer said. Teli is presently lodged in District Jail Rajouri.

"The complainant in her complaint has stated that the fraudster has not helped in any way in releasing her son," he said, adding, "Later the fraudster has issued fake cheques in favour of the complainant (woman) which got bounced thus duped and cheated this widow and poverty ridden 80 year old woman without any courtesy."

The officer said Bhat was posing as social activist as he remains very active on social media, giving an impression of being a responsible citizen "with intent to target gullible masses."

SRL Diagnostics Launches Laboratory In Anantnag



million population in Anantnag as well as sub districts and cities in South Kashmir. The facility was inaugurated by Mr. Hilal Ahmed Shah, the Chairman of Municipal Council at Anantnag. Through its efficient logistics and information technology systems, SRL is well placed to offer specialized and super

specialized tests to patients in J&K.

Mr. Anand K, Chief Executive Officer, SRL Diagnostics said "SRL has built a strong laboratory and patient service network across Jammu & Kashmir. We currently operate 4labs and over 100 collection centers. This launch is in line with our

strategy of strengthening our presence in our priority markets. The new laboratory in Anantnag will help provide a quicker turn-around time to the citizens. We have also strengthened our home visit services for the benefit of our patients."

The advanced laboratory spread over 1600 Sqft has multiple laboratory divisions including Hematology, Biochemistry, Clinical pathology, Serology and Microbiology. The Laboratory is located at SRL Diagnostics, Al Ahad Health care Research & Development, GMC Road, Ganjiwara, Anantnag (Kashmir) 192101. Customers can easily book tests by calling 80804 44255 or through the SRL website or mobile app.

"The pandemic has highlighted the importance of accurate lab insights in early diagnosis, disease management and for the maintenance of overall good health. Our teams are trained to offer the utmost customer convenience and we are committed to provide high quality testing and reports to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir. We plan to add two more labs in Samba and Rajouri." Mr. Anand. K further added.

With the addition of this new laboratory, SRL now has a network of 4 and over 100 collection centres across Jammu & Kashmir. SRL Diagnostics endeavours to be the first choice of laboratory for patients, doctors and hospitals across its network.

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MHA Okays

the Security Related Expenditure (Police) scheme since its inception," the report reads.

It said that the security situation in J&K is monitored and regularly reviewed by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Army, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and other security agencies.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) also monitors the security situation closely and continuously in tandem with all the above agencies and the Ministry of Defence," the report adds.

It states that the multi-pronged approach to contain cross-border infiltration also includes multi-tiered deployment along the international Border / Line of Control, border fencing, improved intelligence and operational coordination, equipping Security Forces with advanced weapons.

The MHA said that under UDAAN scheme 2018 under which 48,598 candidates were selected for training, 44,387 candidates had joined training, 38,942 had completed training and 24,193 candidates were offered jobs and 18,698 candidates employed in the Corporate Sector.

"Now the rural and urban youth including school dropouts are being imparted job-oriented training in various sectors such as ITES, Sales and Customer Service and Hospitality etc. under the 'HIMAYAT' scheme being run by the Ministry of Rural Development for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh regions. In order to step up efforts under HIMAYAT, Phase-II of the scheme is being implemented under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), 2015," the MHA said.

"The initial period of 5 years has been extended up to 2022 and the total outlay has been increased to 1,781.66 crore. As per the approved Action Plan for 2019-22, the target is to train 1,43,299 youths in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. Under this Scheme up to December, 2020, 15,377 candidates have been trained, 6,397 youths are undergoing training and 6,609 youth have received employment. Bharat Darshan/ Watan-Ko Jano Programme 14.13 In order to provide exposure to the youth about the social and cultural diversity of India and also to show them the cultural and socioeconomic developments taking place in other parts of the country, Bharat Darshan/ Watan Ko Jano Program was organized virtually on various social media platforms considering precautions for COVID-19. 14.14 In view of the prevalent situation due to COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, funds have been provided to CAPFs, J&K Police and the Government of J&K for conducting Medical Camps, Veterinary Camps for distributing COVID Kits in UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh," it added (KNO)

Militants Use Chilli

clear sign that the insurgency is significantly tailing off. The available data paints a very clear image of the falling militant recruitment rate. Several proscribed outfits have now grown frustrated with the intensified anti-insurgency operations," CRPF spokesperson, Junaid Khan told Kashmir Observer.

"Their cadres have diminished, they have no weapons & firearms left to fight, their nefarious means to recruit local youth has been crippled by armed forces and subsequently, to vent out their anguish, they've now resorted to brainwashing and forcing a few youngsters, who are also known as hybrid militants, into carrying out such attacks against CRPF personnel who are posted as the first line of security in Kashmir," he added.

The spokesperson further said that there's absolutely no way that militants will let peace prevail in the Valley. He said that the CRPF personnel stationed at various junctions across Kashmir are there to maintain law and order but taking advantage of a certain group's resentment, these militants feel emboldened and try to disrupt peace.

"See, chilli is something which anyone can carry with himself and it becomes very difficult for jawans to identify a lone criminal among the herd. However, we're always alert. This can easily be derived from today's attack as the attacker's bid to snatch CRPF personnel's weapon was foiled by other alert troopers. This attack is quite visibly an outcome of various militant organizations' failed bid to disrupt peace in Kashmir," Khan said.

Interestingly, the chilli attack by militants on CRPF personnel comes at a time when the security agencies have flagged concerns over the use of hi-tech gadgets by militants to escape from the cordon and search operations.

According to a recent report by PTI, fifteen signatures of Iridium satellite phones, used by the US-led allied forces in Afghanistan, and Wi-Fi-enabled thermal imagery devices that help a militant to escape security cordons especially during night have been found in the militancy-hit Kashmir Valley.

Second Real Estate

engaged in imparting knowledge, town planning, data-based studies, Skilling and welfare of construction workers, Irani added.

According to the spokesperson, Principal Secretary, H&UDD Dheeraj Gupta, gave a power point presentation on easing the regulatory framework, incentivizing the policy framework

for real-estate developers.

"He also informed the chair about the progress on MoUs signed by the UT Government with private players and experts in various sectors including Films, Hospitality, Infrastructure development, etc," he added.

Pertinently, the first-ever Real Estate Summit in J&K was held in the month of December last year at Jammu, and various MoUs were signed for the urban transformation of the UT.

Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta, Commissioners of JMC and SMC; Vice-Chairmen of Development Authorities of J&K, besides team from the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) including the members of its Elected Council, President and Vice Presidents, Office-bearers of LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue (LEAD) and Town Planning Consultants participated in the meeting, in person and through virtual mode, here at Civil Secretariat.

Govt Giving

infrastructure and facilities.

Sinha made these remarks while interacting with a delegation of Jammu-Kashmir & Ladakh Chapter of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) at Raj Bhavan here on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said.

The delegation, he said, apprised the LG about the endeavours of their organization towards women empowerment, digital literacy, promotion of startups, and creating awareness on environmental protection and conservation.

The spokesperson said that the delegation led by Chairperson of the FLO JKL, Ritu Singh expressed their gratitude towards Prime Minister and the LG administration for continuously providing an enabling environment for rapid development in J&K.

"They also expressed gratitude for a number of entrepreneurial and livelihood generation schemes started by the UT government for providing job opportunities to the youth and women in particular," he said.

During the interaction, he said, the delegation members also presented various initiatives on promoting Jammu city as a preferred tourist destination, besides their views on other matters pertaining to public welfare in general. He said that the delegation discussed on the promotion of local Street Food Tourism and recycling of waste from the Tawi river and temples through sustainable measures.

While interacting with the members of the delegation, the spokesperson said that the LG appreciated the efforts of the organization dedicated to upliftment of the women in the society and public service.

"The Lt Governor observed that the UT administration is giving a dedicated push to the tourism sector of J&K, which has started witnessing significant growth in terms of increased number of tourists and creation of tourism related infrastructure and facilities," he said.

The LG, he said, assured the visiting delegation that the genuine points presented by them would be taken into consideration for incorporating them in the policies and decision making process.

Mughal Road

from Buzliar in Poonch to Shopian and managed to clear the road about two weeks ago but a decision for its reopening was delayed to ensure that the road is safe for the commuters.

Quoting the order of the divisional commissioner, they said the road shall be open for regular traffic from April 27.

The commuters have been asked to follow the traffic advisories issued by the traffic police authorities from time to time for smooth movement and regulation of heavy motor vehicles and light motor vehicles, they said.

There has been persistent demand from the locals for the early reopening of the Mughal road, an alternate road link between Kashmir and Jammu which usually remains closed for several months during the winter.

A delegation of panchayat members met the divisional commissioner here on Monday and raised the demand for the early reopening of the road for the benefit of the public, including the nomadic population who are moving from higher reaches in search of greener pastures for their cattle in the valley, the officials said.

The road was closed for vehicular traffic on December 23 last year after the high-altitude areas including Peer Ki Gali along the Mughal road experienced heavy snowfall.

The 270-km Jammu-Srinagar highway is the only all-weather road connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country, while Anantnag in south Kashmir and Kishtwar in the Jammu region is connected through Sinthan top and the road was also reopened for traffic last week.

3 Kashmiri Students

in RBS Engineering College under the PM Special Scholarship Scheme for the students of J-K, were arrested on October 28 last year for allegedly posting a WhatsApp status praising Pakistan players after their victory against India in a T20 cricket match.

An FIR under Indian Penal Code sections 124A (sedition), 153A (promoting enmity between groups) and 505(1)(b) (cause fear or alarm to the public) and section 66F (cyber terrorism) of the Information Technology Act was registered by Agra police against the three students.

The engineering students were also chased by the right-wing activists after their court hearing last year. However, the Agra Police escorted and took them safely back to its custody.

Khuehmi said, "Our motive as students association is always safeguarding the rights and reasonable interests of students, besides reminding them of their duties as law-abiding citizens." After local lawyers had refused to fight the case of three students, a lawyer from Mathura, Madhuvan Dutt Chaturvedi, represented them in the court.

Militancy Forced

6,000 Kashmiri migrant employees in the valley, construction of 6,000 transit accommodations at an outlay of Rs 920 crore has also been approved by the MHA.

Under the scheme, 1,025 flats have been completed or "substantially completed" and 1,488 are under construction.

The report said that a total of 2,546 militancy incidents sponsored by Pakistan took place in Jammu and Kashmir from 2014 to 2020, in which 481 security personnel, 215 civilians, and 1,216 militants were killed.

There were 1,776 infiltration attempts from across the border to Jammu and Kashmir between 2014 and 2020, of which 685 were successful.

The annual report said under the PMDP-2015, financial assistance of Rs 5.50 lakh is also being disbursed to the 36,384 families which were displaced from Pakistan-controlled Jammu and Kashmir (PcJK), Chhamb, and Niabat and had settled in Jammu and Kashmir.

The central government has approved a similar financial assistance for inclusion of those Displaced Persons (DP) families. Out of the 5,300 DP families of PcJK, 1,947 initially had opted to move outside the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, but later returned and settled there.

A total of Rs 1,371.13 crore has been disbursed to 31,670 beneficiaries till December 31, 2020.

Financial assistance of Rs 5.5 lakh per family has also been approved by the government of India with an outlay of Rs 317.02 crore for 5,764 families of West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs), who had migrated from several areas of West Pakistan in the aftermath of the partition of 1947 and settled in different parts of the Jammu region, the report said.

School In Baramulla

forthcoming to interact with teachers and staff," the circular said.

The Dagger Parivaar School in north Kashmir's Baramulla district which caters specifically to physically challenged children is run by the Indian Army in collaboration with a Pune based NGO—Indrani Balan Foundation.

The letter is doing rounds on social media and has evoked strong reaction among the netizens.

However, an Army official told Kashmir Observer that some "miscreants" were blowing the issue out of proportion.

"Let me tell you the circular was not on Hijab but for Niqab (veil). You need to understand that the students in the school are specially-abled children, who need significant physical interaction," the official said.

A teacher from the school told Kashmir Observer that the circular was issued against one female teacher only, who prefers to come to the school wearing a veil.

He further said army doesn't believe in such discrimination.

DGP Reviews

Chanderkote and the transit camp in Banihal areas en-route the national highway.

He also reviewed the present security scenario of the district in a meeting with the officers from civil administration, army, CRPF and district police officers at Chanderkote, the spokesperson said.

Interacting with the officers, the DGP emphasized that local and highway security grids need to be fully geared up at all levels and joint efforts of all security forces must continue to ensure that inimical elements are not given any space to disturb peace.

He also discussed the traffic management on the national highway with the traffic wing officers, the spokesperson said.

The police chief stressed the need to enhance the functioning of model check points and said working with devotion and dedication in the right direction has to continue for the peace and stability of the Union Territory.

He directed for better coordination among all the agencies for the smooth conduct of the yatra. Later the DGP visited Banihal to review security arrangements of the transit camp for the Yatris.

He also reviewed the security measures put in place at the newly-commissioned Navyug tunnel, connecting Banihal in Jammu with Qazigund

in south Kashmir.

He drove through to the other side and inspected police and CAPF deployments on either side, the official added.

Chief Secy Directs

consumers should be informed of the facts through print and electronic media.

"Chief Secretary directed the PDD officers to issue statements explaining the reasons of outages and the actions taken by the department and the same should be shared with social media and Information Department," the spokesperson said.

Mehta, he said, also asked the Power Development Department (PDD) to expedite installation of meters in rural areas and directed that the meters, spared from areas where smart metering is completed, should be installed in rural areas without any delay.

"He directed the officers to submit an action taken report within a week on the installation of 16000 meters that have been spared due to installation of smart meters," he said.

According to the spokesperson, Mehta also directed the PDD and Jal Shakti departments to work in a coordinated manner so that water supply does not get affected due to outages as Jal Shakti schemes are power dependent. He said that dedicated feeders to PHE should be maintained well so that essential services do not suffer. He directed the officers to maintain adequate water supply to the people and take prompt action on the issues faced by the public.

Elon Musk Buys

he runs. He also leads the aerospace firm SpaceX. "Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated," Mr Musk said in a statement announcing the deal.

"I also want to make Twitter better than ever by enhancing the product with new features, making the algorithms open source to increase trust, defeating the spam bots, and authenticating all humans," he added.

"Twitter has tremendous potential - I look forward to working with the company and the community of users to unlock it."

The move comes as Twitter faces growing pressure from politicians and regulators over the content that appears on its platform. It has drawn critics from left and right over its efforts to mediate misinformation on the platform.

In one of its most high-profile moves, last year it banned former US President Donald Trump, perhaps its most powerful user, citing the risk of "incitement of violence".

At the time Mr Musk observed: "A lot of people are going to be super unhappy with West Coast high tech as the de facto arbiter of free speech."

News of the takeover has been cheered by the right in the US, although Mr Trump on Monday told Fox News he had no plans to re-join the platform.

The White House declined to comment on the takeover but spokesperson Jen Psaki told reporters: "No matter who owns or runs Twitter, the president has long been concerned about the power of large social media platforms."

On Twitter, MP Julian Knight, chairman of the UK's Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee, called the deal an "extraordinary development in the world of social media".

"It will be interesting to see how a privately owned Twitter (run by a man who is an absolutist over free speech) will react to global moves to regulate."

BBC environment analyst Roger Harrabin says scientists are nervous about the potential impact of the takeover on the climate debate.

He notes that Twitter announced last week it would ban advertisements that deny the scientific consensus on the climate crisis, with the firm admitting that misleading information can undermine efforts to protect the planet.

Controversial history

Mr Musk, who has more than 80 million followers on Twitter, has a controversial history on the platform himself.

In 2018 US financial regulators accused him of misleading Tesla investors with his tweets, claims that were resolved in a \$40 million settlement and that Mr Musk continues to deny.

And in 2019 he was hit with a defamation suit - which he successfully defeated - after calling a diver involved in rescuing schoolboys in Thailand "pedo guy" on the platform.

On Monday, Mr Musk, who has been known to clash with journalists and block critics, suggested that he saw Twitter as a forum for debate.

"I hope that even my worst critics remain on Twitter, because that is what free speech means," he wrote just hours before the deal was announced.

Can Musk turn Twitter around?

As part of the takeover, which is expected to close later this year, Twitter's shares will be delisted and it will be taken private.

Mr Musk has suggested this will give him freedom to make the changes he wants to the business.

Among other ideas, he has suggested allowing

longer posts and introducing the ability to edit them after they have been published.

Twitter shares on Monday closed more than 5% higher after the deal was announced.

But the price remained lower than Mr Musk's \$54.20 per share offer, a sign that Wall Street believes he is overpaying for the firm.

Mr Musk has said he doesn't "care about the economics" of the purchase. However, he will take on a company with a chequered record of financial performance.

Despite its influence, Twitter has rarely turned a profit and user growth, particularly in the US, has slowed.

The company, founded in 2004, ended 2021 with \$5bn in revenue and 217 million daily users globally - a fraction of the figures claimed by other platforms such as Facebook.

Bret Taylor, chair of Twitter's board, said it had fully assessed Mr Musk's offer and it was "the best path forward for Twitter's stockholders".

It is not clear who will lead the company moving forward. Twitter is currently led by Parag Agrawal, who took over from co-founder and former boss Jack Dorsey last November.

But in his offer document, Mr Musk told Twitter's board: "I don't have confidence in management."

Mr Agrawal told employees on Monday that the future of Twitter is uncertain.

"Once the deal closes, we don't know which direction the platform will go," he said, according to the Reuters news agency.

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of recoveries has reached 4,49,207, they said. The COVID-19 death toll stands at 4,751 as no fresh fatality was reported in the last 24 hours.

Officials said there are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory.

Another Sarpanch

Baramulla, succumbed to his injuries at SKIMS Srinagar hospital taking the toll of dead persons to 3 including two Sarpanches and a driver.

On Monday evening, the SRTC bus, enroute to Baramulla with PRLs on board, crashed into a tipper resulting in on the spot death of a Sarpanch identified as Fayaz Ahmad Bhat of Gulgam Kupwara, and injuries to six others.

Late night, the driver of the bus identified as Abdul Qayoom Shah also succumbed to his injuries.

Cop Among Two

two people on board, a police spokesperson said Tuesday. During searches, he said, 69 kg of poppy straw and cash amount of Rs55000, believed to be proceeds of narcotic crime were recovered from their possession.

The spokesperson identified the accused as Mohammad Ayoub Beigh of Nowhar Chadoora and Nazir Ahmed Sheikh of Tangnar Chadoora.

"They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Besides, vehicle used in the commission of crime was also seized," he said.

Accordingly, the spokesperson said that a case vide FIR No. 69/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Chadoora and further investigation has been set into motion.

According to reports, Beigh is working in the Police department and is currently posted at district police Line (DPL) Budgam

Two Militants,

in the case pertaining to the killing of a panch Mohammad Yaqoob Dar in March this year, a police spokesman said.

He said the weapon used in the killing of the Panch -- a pistol -- and two grenades were recovered from their possession.

During the course of investigation, the spokesman said it was learnt that an active militant of Hizbul, Farooq Ahmad Bhat, had received directions from militant handlers based in Pakistan to target the members of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Kulgam.

"On their directions, he identified the target and further gave directions accordingly to active terrorist Raja Nadeem Rather to execute the terror act with the support of their associates -- Nasser Ahmad Wani, Adil Manzoor Rather and Majid Rather," the spokesman added.

During investigation, involvement of one more person -- Idrees Ahmad Dar -- has surfaced. He is still at large and has reportedly joined the militant ranks.

Meanwhile, two Jaish-e-Mohammad militants were arrested from Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Acting on a tip off, security forces established a mobile check point at Hanjiveera in Pattan area of Baramulla district in the early hours, the officials said.

"During the searches, two suspects were apprehended and two pistols, and two chinese grenades were recovered from their possession," the officials said.

The duo were identified as Aqib Mohammad Mir and Danish Ahad Dar, affiliated with Jaish outfit, they said.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

NCERT's Team Visits Kashmir To Seek Feedback



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A team from the National Council of Education and Training (NCERT), New Delhi, comprising Prof Anita Nuna and Dr R K Sharma Tuesday interacted with diverse stakeholders at a consultative meet on State Curriculum Framework (SCF) held at the auditorium of Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) at Bemina here.

A cross section of educationists, teacher educators, resource persons, representatives from Social Welfare Department, parents and neo-literates attended the event jointly convened by State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) and JKBOSE.

"The inclusion of local flavour in the curriculum would help cast aside rigidity and exclusivity," Prof Anita Nuna, former head, Department of Curriculum Studies, NCERT, New Delhi, said.

"The National Education Policy 2020 has been designed in a manner that it allows—thorough discussions and consultative meetings with the stakeholders—the inclusion of the local flavour, value systems, socio-economic backgrounds and the best practices of any state or UT before the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) is given a shape."

Earlier NCERT, she said, was routinely tasked with the preparation of the curriculum without such consultative meetings.

"It's for the first time that a bottom-up procedure has been adopted to frame the national curriculum based on several novel concepts such as competency-based education, experiential learning, flexibility, creative and critical thinking etc," Prof Anita said. "All these features have been included in the NEP 2020 so that a holistic development of a child is brought about."

The objective of the NEP 2020, she added, is to give rise to a

knowledge-based society with justice and equitability as its hallmarks so that India emerges as a global superpower.

Elaborating on the strategy, Dr R K Sharma, Assistant Professor, NCERT-RIE, Ajmer, said the SCFs would be the subsets of the NCF.

"In the initial instance, all states and UTs will prepare their State Curriculum Frameworks (SCFs) passing through the process of District Level Consultations (DLC), mobile app survey and development of position papers by the State Focus Groups in 25 areas/themes identified as per the NEP, 2020," she said. "These draft SCFs will provide inputs to the development of NCFs."

Four NCFs, he said, have been laid out by the NEP 2020 on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), School Education (SE), Teacher Education (TE) and Adult Education (AE) have been laid out by the NEP 2020.

Academic Officer, SCERT, G H Reshi and Deputy Director, JKBOSE, Dr Arif Jan who have been appointed as nodal officers for SCF, had put in place all the arrangements of the event.

"In all 70 questions—40 for School Education, 10 each for ECCE, Adult Education and Teacher Education—were prepared by the NCERT," Reshi said. "Accordingly, we distributed the questions among five groups."

The responses, he said, will be formed into a single report and sent to the NCERT for their perusal.

Dr Arif Jan apprised the gathering of the mobile app survey, district level consultations and the development of position papers.

"Around 3414 mobile app surveys, 70 district level consultations have so far been conducted in this regard," he said. "Work on the development of 25 position papers is under progress and those will soon be uploaded on NCF tech platform."

Industry Body Wants Jammu Promoted As Tourist Destination

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A delegation of women's wing of industry body FICCI on Tuesday urged Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to promote Jammu as a major tourist destination.

The Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh chapter of FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) said its delegation led by chairperson Ritu Singh called on the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) at the Raj Bhavan here.

During the interaction, the delegation members presented various initiatives on promoting Jammu city as a preferred tourist destination and shared their views on other matters pertaining to public welfare.

Promotion of local street food tourism and recycling of waste from the Tawi river and temples through sustainable measures were also part of the discussion.

The L-G said that his administration is giving special focus on the tourism sector of J&K, and the region has started witnessing significant growth in terms of increased number of tourists

and creation of tourism-related infrastructure.

The members also expressed their gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the administration of the Union Territory for providing an enabling environment to ensure rapid development in J&K.

The delegation apprised the L-G about FLO's efforts towards women empowerment, digital literacy, promotion of startups and creating awareness on environment protection.

Kritika Khanna, vertical head for the specially-abled cell, shared her concerns about the sector regarding the challenges faced by the differently-abled.

The L-G assured the women delegation that his administration will consider incorporating FLO's suggestions in policies and decision-making process.

ARTICLE-370 ABROGATION

Hope SC Will Reverse All Laws Applied To J&K: Mehbooba

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti hoped on Tuesday that the Supreme Court will not only stay the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, but reverse all the laws extended to Jammu and Kashmir after the special status of the erstwhile state was repealed.

"A state robbed of its legal and constitutional special status was cleaved into two and disempowered. Yet it took SC 3 years to list



the case. Hope the Hon'ble court stays not only revocation of Article 370 but also reverses all the illegal laws brought in," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief

minister said in a tweet.

Mufti's reaction came against the backdrop of the Supreme Court agreeing to list after the summer vacation a bunch of petitions challenging the repeal of Jammu and Kashmir's special status and its bifurcation into Union territories.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre abrogated the provisions of Article 370 and bifurcated the erstwhile state into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

People Aghast Over Worst-Ever' Power, Water Crisis

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Irked by unscheduled power cuts and shortage of drinking water, people on Tuesday staged protests in different parts of the city with Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) warning that the consumers will stop paying bills if the crisis is not resolved forthwith.

The industrialists also expressed grave concern over the alleged failure of the administration to provide electricity to the industrial estates and said the unit holders are planning to go for single shift work which might lead to retrenchment of the staff.

Over the past 10 days, we are faced with the worst-ever electricity and water crisis contrary to the repeated assurances by the administration people are approaching us and are contemplating to stop paying their bills which is a right decision given the situation, JCCI president Arun Gupta told reporters here.

Gupta, who was also flanked by president Bari Brahmana Industrial Association Lalit Mahajan and office bearers of the JCCI, urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to take all possible steps to provide round-the-clock power supply to bail out industry and common households from the crisis.

Mahjan said the power crisis has caused huge losses to the unit holders.

In view of the unscheduled power cuts, the industrialists are planning to go for single shift work which will lead to retrenchment of the staff at a time when unemployment is on rise, he said.

Suggesting the administration to go for purchase of power like the governments in the past to overcome the crisis, the JCCI president said the silence of the administration over the crisis is beyond the tolerance of the people who are reeling under rising mercury.

Earlier, a group of Shiv Sena Dogra Front activists led by its pres-



ident Ashok Gupta staged a protest in the heart of the city to protest against the power and water crisis.

Carrying empty utensils and buckets, the protesters chanted slogans in support of the demand for uninterrupted power and water supply.

The situation is very bad due to unscheduled power cuts and non-availability of water, Gupta said, requesting personal intervention of the Lt Governor to provide relief to the public.

Protests against water and electricity departments were also reported from over a dozen places in the city including Talab Tillo, Sidhra, Janipur, Trikuta Nagar and Paloda.

The protesters briefly blocked the roads demanding restoration of water supply and an end to unscheduled power cuts.

We have raised the issue of acute water shortage with the concerned department time and again but no action is being taken which is very unfortunate, a resident of Waliabad locality of Sidhra said.

Jammu Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta said the first priority of the corporation is to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply to the consumers.

We are aware of the problems and are making steps As far as the water crisis are concerned, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) will work with the Public Health Engineering department to ensure water supply to every household in the city, he said.

There are shortcomings which are being taken care of. Lakhs of gallons of water is leaked and wasted, while the water lifting pumps have not been upgraded for the past two

Languishing Projects Linked To Google Earth

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Delayed infrastructure projects that have been taken up for completion by the Lieutenant Governor administration have been linked with Google Earth for real time monitoring, officials said on Tuesday.

As many as 1,239 projects involving investment of Rs 1,748.65 crore have attained physical completion in the union territory during the last financial year, they said.

Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Atal Dulloo, held a review meeting of Jammu & Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (JKIDFC). A total of 2,357 projects have

been approved for funding under JKIDFC for an amount of Rs 7,110.78 crore and out of which 1,239 projects for an amount of Rs 1,748.65 crore have attained physical completion.

"Till date disbursements to the tune of Rs 2,270.08 crore for 1923 projects were made out of the total Rs 2,500 crore loan taken from different financial institutions and nationalized banks", Dulloo, who is also Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the corporation, said.

The CMD was also briefed about the incorporation of linking every project approved under JKIDFC with Google Earth for real time monitoring which is readily available for public viewing on the official website of JKIDFC.

Prophet's Seerah: GDC Sogam Organises Quiz Competition



Observer News Service

KUPWARA: A one-day quiz competition on the "Noble Life (Seerah) of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)" was organized by the government degree college Sogam here on Monday.

The Quiz was jointly organized by the Departments of Islamic Studies and English in collaboration with Debates and Seminar Committee (D&SC) of the College.

The Convener of the Quiz was Dr Tauseef Ahmad Parray (AP, Islamic Studies; Convener, D&SC) and Coordinator was Prof. Ishfaq Hussain Bhat (AP, English; Member, D&SC).

The Event started with Recitation of the Quranic verses followed by the Naat by Ms Iqra Mushtaq and Ms Raziya Bashir, respectively.

In his Welcome Address, the worthy Principal and Patron of the event, highlighted the importance of organizing programs of this type so that to create awareness among the students and to bring forth their talent.

The Quiz was moderated by Prof. Ishfaq Hussain Bhat and was supported by Prof. Sajad Ahmad (AP, English; Co-Convener, D&SC).

In this Quiz, six (6) teams of 5 members each of the College participated. Among these four (4) consisted of female students—and were named as Hz. Khadijah (RA), Hz. Ayesha (RA), Hz. Fatima (RA) and Hz. Hafsa (RA)—and two (2) of male students, namely Hz. Abu Bakr (RA) and Hz. Umar (RA).

Prof(s) Qaiser Bashir (AP, EVS), Javid Hassain (AP, Urdu) and Mohd. Rafi (AP, Economics) acted as the Scorers while as Prof. Mehbooba Bano (Asso. Prof., Political Science) and Dr Mushtaq Ahmad (AP, Kashmiri) acted as the jury members for the Quiz.

In total, each team was asked eleven (11) questions of ten (10) points each in three (3) Rounds. The teams who performed well and bagged Winner and Runner-Up positions were Team Hz. Abu Bakr (RA) and Hz. Hafsa (RA). The participants of the Winner team included Peer Jafar, Danish Bashir, Shafaqat Amin (all from 5th Sem) Saqib Sarwar and Danish Fayaz Tantry (2nd and 3rd Sem respectively) and the participants of the Runner-Up team included Iqra Mushtaq, Adfar Farooq, Nahida Bashir, Ruqaya Mushtaq and Sehrish Lone (all from 3rd Sem).

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1	Date of uploading of bid document/ bid submission Ends	07-05-2022
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All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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With profound grief, we inform the demise of our father Abdul Aziz Lone S/o Late Noor-ud-din Lone R/o Butshah Mohalla, Sikh Bagh, Srinagar has passed away on (23rd of Ramadhan 1443) 25th April 2022 (Monday). May Almighty Allah grant Jannat-ul-Firdous to the departed soul. 'Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raajio un'



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