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CHIEF SECRETARY INSPECTS CONSTRUCTION WORKS AT B&J, LD HOSPITAL

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday inspected progress on construction works being executed on Specialized Orthopaedic Unit at Bone and Joint Hospital and additional block

THINK

P5 MASJID AL-AQSA IN ISLAMIC HISTORY

Masjid al-Aqsa has a rich history. It is intimately linked with Prophetic history, not of one but numerous prophets. It was first built by the Prophet Ibrahim (as) years after he built the Ka'aba with his first son Ismail (as). Muslims have always been its true custodians despite illegal Zionist encroachments.



P7 STATE

POLICE COLLECT SAMPLES FROM SUSPECTED BLAST SITE IN JAMMU

Police have collected samples from Sunday's suspected blast site on the outskirts of the city and sent them to a forensic laboratory for analysis, officials said on



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FIQAH HANAFIYA	7:16	4:14
FIQAH JAFARIYA	7:23	4:12

Widom Quote!

Adventure is not outside man; it is inside
- George Eliot

NEWS DIGEST

J&K Logs Seven New Covid Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday recorded seven fresh Covid cases, taking the infection tally to 4,54,028 while no death due to disease was reported, officials said. Of the fresh cases, three were from Jammu and four from the Kashmir division of the Union Territory, they said. **More on P6**

Three OGWs Held In Kupwara: Police

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested three militant associates from Karnah village along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district. Mohd Amir, Nisar Ahmad, both residents of Hajitra and Kafeel Ahmad of Sudhpura village of Karnah were **More on P6**

Two Women Injured In Bear Attack

SRINAGAR: Two women were critically injured on Thursday after being attacked by a black bear in a remote village of Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir. Zarifa Begum and Sharifa Begum were attacked by a black bear near their house in the far flung Gagriyan village of Mandi tehsil **More on P6**

7 Persons Injured In Mughal Road Accident

SRINAGAR: At least seven persons were injured in a road accident in Dubjan along Mughal road on Thursday. Reports said that a Tempo (JK01S-2348) met with an accident in Dubjan on Mughal road resulting in injuries to seven persons. The injured persons were immediately shifted to District hospital Shopain with the help of police **More on P6**

2 Militants Killed In Overnight Pulwama Gunfight

Both Were Involved In Attacks On Migrant Workers: Police



File Photo

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two militants involved in attacks on migrant labourers were killed in an overnight encounter with government forces in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, police said Thursday.

Al-Badr militants Aijaz Hafiz of Dalipora and Shahid Ayoub of Dheeri Murrin in Pulwama were killed in an overnight encounter that broke out on Wednesday evening when

police, army's 44RR and CRPF launched a joint cordon and search operation in Mitrigam village of the district, a police spokesperson said Thursday.

As per police records, he said, both the killed militants were categorized and part of groups involved in a series of "terror crimes" including attacks on Police, security forces and "civilian atrocities". He said that both the killed militants were involved in series of recent attacks on outside **More on P6**

62 Militants Killed In 4 Months: IGP

The government forces have killed 62 militants, including 15 foreign nationals, of various outfits in encounters in the Kashmir valley so far this year, a top police officer said Thursday. While sharing the details with media, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said that due to enhanced Humint, Techint and focused operations the surviving rate of militants is drastically decreasing. **More on P6**

IN THE INITIAL EXCHANGE OF FIRE, one security force personnel received gunshot injuries. He was immediately evacuated to hospital for treatment of his injuries. However, the operation was halted to ensure safe evacuation of all the civilians trapped around the encounter site. Moreover, all due precautions were also taken to avoid any collateral damage."

IED Defused Along Highway In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: An improvised explosive device (IED), planted along a highway on the outskirts of Jammu by suspected militants, was detected and defused on Thursday, officials said. A police team reached the spot following information regarding a suspicious object found alongside the highway in the Sidhra area.

A police spokesperson said an explosive device was found there. The site was cordoned off and the device was destroyed **More on P6**

CAG Raps 56 Autonomous Bodies Over Accounts Audit

SMC Accounts Pending For Submission For 31 Years

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu Development Authority is among 56 autonomous bodies in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh that has not submitted accounts for audit for the past many decades, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has said, noting that the delay in finalisation of accounts

entails the possibility of "fraud" and "misappropriation".

The CAG pointed out that there is no feedback on the activities and financial performance of these bodies over the years.

"A total of 811 annual accounts of 56 autonomous bodies to be audited under Section 14 of the CAG's (DPC) Act 1971 were awaited from these autonomous bodies as on October 2019," it said in its latest report issued recently.

The CAG said the matter has been taken up with these bodies

and again for submission of annual accounts for audit.

The Jammu Development Authority (JDA) figures on top of all these bodies in terms of pendency of audit accounts, as its accounts for audit are awaited for past 46 years from 1972-73 to 2018-19, the report said.

This organisation is followed by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, whose accounts are pending for submission for 31 years from 1988-89 to 2018-19. While audit accounts of the Pollution **More on P6**

Redrawing J&K's Political Map

Delimitation Panel Set To Submit Report Next Week

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: A Delimitation Commission, mandated to redraw the assembly constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir, is set to submit its report to the government next week, sources said on Thursday.

The panel would also make public its "award" detailing the number of constituencies and their size by bringing out a gazettee notification after

the report is submitted to the government, the sources said.

While the report will be a much detailed document, the award will deal with basic details such as number of constituencies and their size, they pointed out.

The commission has proposed increasing the number of seats in the union territory from 83 to 90. Besides, there are 24 seats in Pakistan Controlled Kashmir (PCK) which continue to remain vacant. **More on P6**

Parties Slam Govt's Move To Disallow Prayers At Jamia

Decision Taken In View Of Security Inputs, Public Safety First: Div Com

Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR: Several mainstream parties on Thursday slammed Jammu and Kashmir administration for disallowing Shab-e-Qadr' and Jumat-ul-Vida' congregational prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid here, even as the authorities maintained that the decision was taken in view of public safety.

The decision to not hold the congregational prayers was conveyed to the Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid -- the managing body of the grand mosque on Wednesday night.

The government and police officials headed by a magistrate visited the Jamia Masjid premises after Iftar and conveyed to the Auqaf members that authorities have decided not to allow Jumat-ul-Vida



File Photo

congregational prayers on the last Friday of Ramadan and night-long prayers on Shab-e-Qadr at the Grand Mosque of Srinagar, a statement issued by the Auqaf said.

It said the managing body strongly denounces this decision of the authorities.

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) termed the administration's

directive as highly deplorable.

The authorities, according to reports, have asked the managing body of the Jamia Masjid, not to offer prayers on Shab-e-Qadar and Jumat-ul-Vida, the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan. The move will bar thousands of people from offering the congregational prayers inside the historic **More on P6**

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on Shab-e-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida. In a message of greetings, the LG observed that the festivity of the auspicious occasion provides an opportunity to seek almighty's blessings and forgiveness, be humble, charitable, and to work for **More on P6**

Govt Reinstates IAS Officer Shah Faesal

UPSC Topper Says Life Has Given Him Another 'Chance'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The government has accepted IAS officer Shah Faesal's application for withdrawing his resignation and reinstated him in service and his next posting would be announced soon, Home Ministry officials said here on Thursday.

Faesal, who submitted his resignation in January 2019 and floated the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement (JKPM) party, was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act immediately after the abrogation of special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

However, after his release, Faesal gave up on politics and started dropping hints of his willingness to rejoin government service. His resignation had not been accepted.

The doctor - turned



8 MONTHS OF MY LIFE (JAN 2019-AUG 2019)

created so much baggage that I was almost finished. While chasing a chimera, I lost almost everything that I had built over the years. Job. Friends. Reputation. Public goodwill. But I never lost hope. My idealism had let me down."

- bureaucrat formed his party to "revive democratic politics" in Jammu and Kashmir but his political career ended abruptly.

In an earlier interview with PTI, Faesal had said, "Soon after quitting (IAS), I realised that my innocuous act of dissent was being seen as an act of treason. It had done more **More on P6**

In the Name of Orphans — Shrill, Sympathy, Scam...

TABIAMASOODI, AL-MISDA MASOOM

His rhetoric and subsequent fundraising in a public bus began with the familiar pitch: "Help orphans, for they've no one to look after them. It'll be an eternal reward!"

But the purported noble act drew a sharp retort from an elderly man, "It's all fraud!"

The dismissive remark, however, didn't stop some fasting passengers to takeout their wallets and give the man some token amount. But most stood silent, grimacing over what they called the daily "bus buzz" in the name of orphans.

People roaming around in buses asking for donations can be seen throughout the year, but their number suddenly surges in Ramazan. These people tend

to tap on the emotional as well as religious nerves of the people and somehow they succeed in doing so. And Ramazan being the month of great charity and reward for Muslims mostly drives these destitution appeals.

"The other day a man boarded a public bus I was travelling in and began asking for money for orphans," Zarqa, a college student, says. "When he refused to leave my side, I got a bit uncomfortable and gave him a few bucks. But I didn't want to because I can't trust these people. I believe the administration should take stringent measures to ensure no frauds happen and that too in the name of orphans."

The orphan-centric charities aren't confined to public transport only. These days a 'screaming van' is making rounds of Sara Siraj' sold Srinagar home with



loudspeaker mounted atop—airing an emotional track.

"What's more annoying than this shrilling act is the sympathy these people create for orphans during this holy month," Sara, a techie by profession, says. "For

any civilized society, orphan or destitute management is an organized act handled with utmost proficiency and professionalism. But our Kashmiri men seeking alms for orphans make it look like some religious

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Apart from the car-dropped mendicants—as seen in the recent viral videos in Kashmir—pestering people on streets despite beggary being a banned act in Srinagar, some of these individuals in buses and the screaming vans are clearly having a field day in the blessed month. But the online debates

have lately brought them under a sharp scrutiny.

MoinUlIslam, Chairman of Raahat Manzil, is mindful of the growing public grouch about the sympathetic shrill created by the eloquent individuals in buses and the screaming vans.

"It's the religious and moral duty to be a source of sustenance for orphans, but it's also our responsibility to check the authenticity of the cases and claims," Moin, the orphanage head, told Kashmir Observer.

"There're cases of fraud but not all of them. Some people have cheated people in our names as well. Unfortunately, this opportunist lot grows during Ramazan—theholy month offering an exponential reward for a single good deed."

Not only Raahat Manzil, but J&K Yateem Trust has also complained of fraud in their name. However, to check the scam, these orphanages are now resorting to public awareness. The upshot of their media-run campaign is desirable, as most of the families now send their donations directly to orphanages.

"Since we've orphanages almost in every locality in Kashmir, it's better to send donations directly to them," says Mohammad Ashraf, a religious scholar from Bemina. "That way, we will **More on P6**



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Smartwatches, Fitness Bands Can Track Individual's Response To Covid Vax

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Wearable sensors, such as smartwatches and fitness bands, can reveal a person's physiological response to the Covid-19 vaccination, according to a study. The study, published in npj Digital Medicine, analysed sensor data on sleep, activity and heart rate from over 5,600 individuals. The findings showed that the average resting heart rate of participants significantly increased the day following vaccination, peaking two days post-vaccination, and returning to normal four days after the first dose and six days after the second. The effect appeared to be stronger after the second dose of the Moderna vaccine, compared to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, and more pronounced in younger individuals. This suggests that prior Covid infection was linked with a significantly higher resting heart rate increase after the first vaccine dose relative to those without prior infection. The increase is also consistent with an expected greater immune response for these individuals, the researchers said. "Investigating the physiological signals in the period around vaccination can help us better understand the variability of vaccine response between people, as well as the changes from an individual norm due to vaccination," said lead author Giorgio Quer, director of Artificial Intelligence at the Scripps Research Trans-



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lational Institute. "As these individual changes are due to a person's initial immune response to the vaccine, they can potentially help guide future vaccine development to optimise their efficacy and safety, and allow for more precise, individualised vaccine regimens," Quer added. The team drew their data from a larger project, called Digital Engagement and Tracking for Early Control and Treatment (DETECT) -- a mobile-app research platform that allows participants to share physiological and behavioural data gathered through a fitness band or

smartwatch, as well as manually entered symptoms, test results and vaccination status. The team analysed DETECT sensor data from two weeks before and after each vaccination dose. They compared post-vaccination changes to the participants' resting heart rate, sleep and activity levels, to their baselines. Findings also show that women experienced greater changes than men in resting heart rate in the five days following vaccination after the first dose, and that individuals under the age of 40 had higher changes in resting heart rate than

older individuals, but only after the second dose. Activity and sleep patterns appeared to be minimally affected by the first dose, but a significant decrease in activity and an increase in sleep relative to baseline were observed immediately after the second vaccine dose. "While the link between physiological response and immune response still requires further investigation, digital tracking could provide a novel way to identify individuals who may not be responding optimally to the vaccine," said Steven Steinhubl, Associate Professor at Scripps

از ریاست زیر پورہ بااعلام غلامی الدین صاحب درجہ اول
مضمون درخواست: منسوب: سرودہ جان پورہ مبارک احمد خان ساکنہ زیر پورہ تحصیل ملن
بغرض حصول ایگنس برسر ملکیت

معاملہ کی نسبت پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے۔ جنکی رو سے سالک کا شوہر کسی مبارک احمد خان مورخہ 27/03/2022 کو فوت ہوا چکا ہے۔ مبارک احمد خان گھر پائیس میں ملازمت کرتا تھا اور دوران سرور میں فوت ہوا ہے۔ موتی کے اداکاران جائزہ کی تفصیل یوں ہیں۔

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06	عرفان احمد خان ولد مبارک احمد خان	پرہو موتی	زر تعلیم	08 سال	
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08	مسکان پتر مبارک احمد خان	ڈپٹر موتی	زر تعلیم	16 سال	
09	سائید پتر مبارک احمد خان	ڈپٹر موتی	زر تعلیم	14 سال	
10	شبیہہ ڈپٹر پتر مبارک احمد خان	ڈپٹر موتی (شادی)	گھر بیٹیکام	26 سال	

موتی کا تکرید 10 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ سرملکیت اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو دفتر پائیس سات دن کے اندر اندر پیش کریں۔ بعد از معیار گذارنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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بغرض حصول: ڈپٹر پتر ملکیت

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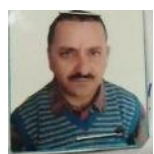
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The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education New Campus Bemina Srinagar Notice for General Public

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Sd/
Executive officer

No. Haj/2022/297/124/221
Dated: 27-04-2022

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir UT Office Of The Deputy Commissioner Budgam

Subject:- Conduct of Elections to District Gurdawara Prabandhak Committee in Jammu and Kashmir 2022-Preparation of Electoral Rolls thereof

NOTIFICATION

The Financial Commissioner Revenue, J&K Jammu has Issued the notification vide No:-FC-LS/GPC-08/III/2016(18114)/I-8 dated:- 26-04-2022, whereby he has notified the schedule for preparation of Electoral Rolls with reference to 01-04-2022 as the qualifying date, for the conduct of Elections of District Gurdawara Prabandhak Committees (DGPC).

S.No	Activity	Date/ period _
01.	Publication of Electoral Rolls under Rule 6 by the Election Authority (Draft Electoral Rolls)	28-04-2022
02.	Filing of claims and objections under Rule 7	28-04-2022 to 13-05-2022
03.	Disposal of claims and objections under Rule 7	13-05-2022 to 18-05-2022
04.	Publication of final Electoral Rolls under Rule 7	23-05-2022

The Sikh Community residing in Eleven (11) Sikh Gurdwara Constituencies of District Budgam are hereby informed through the medium of this Public Notice that draft Electoral Roll for Sikh Gurdawara Prabandhak Committee Constituencies of District Budgam will be available in the office of concerned Tehsildars, Block Development officers and also on the URL jkmonitoring.nic.in/sGPC for inspection/ calling claims and objections for inclusion of eligible voters who will attain 18 years age on 01-04-2022 in the existing DGPC Electoral roll, deletion of dead /shifted voters, corrections of particulars of Electors and Transpositions thereof from the date of 28-04-2022 onwards.

No:-ACR/Bud/GPC/Elec/2022/109-24
Dated:- 27-04-2022

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Elections Assistant Commissioner Revenue
Budgam

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Managing Body

A General body meeting of public English Medium School Veeri was held in presence of Ex. Chairman of the institution. Resolved that the affairs of said institution will be managed by the managing body, comprising seven members including some experts from the locality and some teachers working in this institute. The members of the managing body are as under:

S. no	Name of the member	Parentage	Residence	Qualification	Occupation	Designation
01	Mohd Yousuf Dar	Mohd Ahsan Dar	Veeri	B.A	Retired Govt. Employee	Chairman
02	Ab. Rehman Bhat	Ab. Gani Bhat	Veeri	Matric	Retired Govt. Employee	Secretary
03	Shugufta Manzoor	Manzoor Ahmad Bhat	Veeri	AP- Dupatyar	Private service	Principal
04	Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar	Gul Mohd Dar	Veeri	B.A	Business	Parent/Member
05	Shanu Shafi	Mohd Shafi Dar	Veeri	B.A	Private Service	Teacher/Member
06	Asif Ali Thowkroo	Ali Mohd Thowkroo	Veeri	Middle Pass	Business	Parent/Member
07	Gulzar Ahmad Ganie	Ab Khaliq Ganie	Veeri	B.A	Private Service	Teacher/Member

Note: Anybody having any objection in this regard he may contact to Director School Education within 7days. No objection shall be entertained after the said period.

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Chief Secretary Inspects Construction Works At B&J, LD Hospital

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday inspected progress on construction works being executed on Specialized Orthopaedic Unit at Bone and Joint Hospital and additional block of Lal Ded Maternity Hospital, Srinagar.

While inspecting the progress on construction of the Specialized Orthopaedic Unit at Barzulla, Chief Secretary directed the concerned officers to expedite the pace of progress on the project.

He directed the concerned engineers to keep a check on technical and quality parameters on a regular basis for effective implementation.

It is pertinent to mention

that the project has been taken up under the component "Critical Infrastructure" of JTFRP funded by the World Bank.

Taking stock of construction of an additional block at Lal Ded Maternity Hospital, the Chief Secretary directed for strict adherence to set time-lines while maintaining the quality standards.

He was informed that the state of the art hospital building will be constructed using the base isolation technique to make it withstand the earthquakes in the seismic zone V.

The technology is being used for the first time in construction of any public buildings in the valley. The building has been categorized as Green Building and is being designed



to achieve performance based on the international design standards. The hospital building will provide the latest medical equipment for the pre and

post-natal care.

Later, he paid a visit to wards of the LD Hospital and took stock of the medical facilities being made available to the

public there.

He was briefed by the Principal GMC Srinagar, Dr. Samia Rashid about the availability of patient care facilities

He directed the concerned officers to provide best and quality healthcare facilities to the ailing. He directed the health department's officials to take necessary measures for improving sanitation and patient care services at the hospital. Later, Mehta visited the Hari Parbat Fort and reviewed the facilities put in place for the visitors.

He asked the Director Tourism Kashmir, Dr G N Itoo, for upgrading of facilities in the religious spot to attract added tourist influx to the fort and sought redesigning of the approach stairways to the fort.

Govt Appoints Acid Attack Victim As Standing Counsel

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Government today appointed Advocate, Sehar Nazir, an acid attack victim, as Standing Counsel for District Srinagar.

An order vide No. 2156-JK (LD) of 2022 issued by Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, in this regard reads, "In a significant move towards ensuring em-

powerment of victims of crime against women and providing equal opportunities of Growth, Rehabilitation and Development to an acid attack victim and carving out a respectable place in a society, the Government has appointed Ms. Sehar Nazir, Advocate, an acid attack victim as Standing Counsel for defending Government cases before Subordinate Courts at Srinagar".

Shaan-e-Ramazan Programme Concludes At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A four-day Shaan-e-Ramadan talent-hunt programme concluded at the University of Kashmir on Thursday.

The programme was organised by the Department of Students Welfare (DSW) and was co-presented by Cemtec Cements and FIL Industries, while Red FM 93.5 was the Radio Partner of the event. Spectrum Advertising Services was its print partner and 'Al Murshid Graphics' the design partner.

Dean Academic Affairs Prof Farooq A Masoodi and Registrar Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir were the chief guest and guest of honour, respectively, at the valedictory ceremony and gave away prizes among the winners of five competitions held during the talent-hunt programme.

Prof Masoodi and Dr Nisar complimented the winners and participants who

came from different academic institutions in Kashmir, including University of Kashmir, Central University of Kashmir, IUST Awantipora, NIT Srinagar and several affiliated colleges of KU.

Five competitions including Husn-e-Qirat, Husn-e-Naat, Husn-e-Azaan, Contemporary Calligraphy and Traditional Calligraphy were held and the first five winners in each competition were awarded with prizes.

Dean Students Welfare Prof Raies A Qadri presented the welcome address and also expressed special thanks to the co-presenters and sponsors of the programme, which is an annual feature of the DSW. He also thanked the university administration for its support to the programmes conducted by DSW within and outside the university campus.

Cultural Officer KU Shahid Ali Khan conducted proceedings of the event.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

NIT No: 08/EE/JSD/Qazigund/487-99 of 2022-23 Dated 27/04/2022.

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders in single cover system on item rate basis are invited on item rate basis from registered PWD Contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules for the following works:-

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I	Providing water supply facilities to three (3) No. fountains at Dooru and Verinag of Municipal Committee Dooru. (Under Deposit Contribution Municipality)	0.05	"DEE"	07 days	50/=

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1. The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), terms & condition of contract can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the dates shown below:-

i	Download start date	27/04/2022 from 04.00 PM
ii	Download end date	09/05/2022 from 04.00 PM
iii	Bid submission start date	27/04/2022 from 04.00 PM
iv	Bid submission end date	09/05/2022 up to 04.00 PM
v	Bid opening date	10/05/2022 at 11.00 AM

2. Bids must be accompanied by bid security Declaration (Notarized) with seal/signature of bidder and cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan as shown against the each item advertised which should be credited to MH:0215-PHE Government Account as per the format devised / attached with this NIT. Besides, the NIT No. & item No. of the work/ name of work should be clearly written on the Treasury Challan.

3. It is mandatory upon the bidder to upload "Bidders Address Format" duly filled in under his seal and signature for future correspondence, which is attached with this NIT.

4. The bids shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Qazigund on above mentioned date in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present.

5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like Bid Security Declaration/Cost of Tender document in the form of Treasury Challan/PAN/GST Registration with latest return/Bidders Address Format /Registration card duly renewed with verification/Income Tax Return/Affidavit for correctness of bid. The technical hard copies of bidding documents are not necessary to deposit in the Divisional office as per standing Govt. instructions.

6. Instructions to Bidders (ITB):

All bidders shall include the following information and documents with their bids in soft form:-

- Scanned copies of Registration Card with renewal & verification
- Scanned copy of Bid Security Declaration (Notarized)
- Scanned copy of Treasury Challan
- Scanned copy of original Valid PAN
- Scanned copy of original GST Registration/GST acknowledgement receipt along with latest GST (3B) and GST (R1)
- Scanned copy of Income Tax Return (Assessment Year 2022-23)
- Bidder Address format
- Affidavit on E- Stamp Paper to this effect that:-
 - The documents/certificates etc. enclosed with the technical bid are genuine and have not been tampered or fabricated.
 - I have not been debarred or blacklisted by any Government/Semi Government (including Central and State) department.
 - I have not fallen into litigation with any Govt. or Semi-Govt. Department.
 - My tender /bid shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening of bid.
 - I accept if I withdraw or modify the bids during the period of bid validity, I shall be suspended for further tendering for the time deemed fit by the department.
- The information submitted with the tender is correct and nothing has been concealed and for any misrepresentation of facts, I shall be personally responsible and liable for action.
- I submit/upload documents for NIT Sl.No. _____ endorsed under No: _____ dated _____ for the work namely _____

NOTE: (Failure to produce/upload the above mentioned documents/affidavit herein above shall make the bid non-responsive)

- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
- The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days.
- As soon as the contract is fixed with the successful bidder, he has to enter into an agreement with the department. However, non-drawl of agreement will not prevent the contract from being enforced upon him.
- Departmental material like pipe & pipe specials shall be supplied departmentally.
- The contractor shall be debarred if:-
 - Any bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms & condition of the bid.
 - The successful contractor fails to execute an agreement with the department within 10 days after fixation of contract.
 - The successful bidder fails to start the work within one week from the date of fixation of contract/LOI whichever is earlier.
- Performance security in case of abnormally low bids, bid security, EMD, performance security shall be as per the Circular issued by the Finance Department No.A/MISC(2018)-3iii-895/J dated 22.12.2020.
- The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept/reject the bid without assigning any reason thereof.
- The successful bidder have to produce Bid Security/Earnest Money deposit @03% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG within three days from the date of online generating of comparative statement failing which, he shall be debarred from future participation of tenders in this office.
- Watch & ward of deptl. material issued for the work shall be exclusively the responsibility of the successful contractor/bidder & in the event of any loss/theft of the materials, the same shall be the responsibility of the bidder, the cost thereof shall be recovered from the bidder @ double the stock issue rates.
- Any kind of damage which may occur to any work during the course of execution due to natural calamities. shall be the responsibility of the bidder till the work is finally handed-over to the Department.
- The taxes viz. Income tax, Service tax/GST & Cess shall be deducted from the bidder's claims as per standing Govt. instructions.
- The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities). In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling item rate inclusive of all taxes & it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- The unit rates & prices shall quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of work unless otherwise specified.
- If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the BOQ, such item/items shall be deemed to be the part of the overall/total contract value and no rate shall be allowed for such item/items.
- The date of start of work shall be reckoned within one week from the date of issuance of LOI/Contract allotment as the case may be.
- In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty of the maximum 10% of the contract value shall be imposed upon the agency.
- No mobilization advance/equipment advance shall be paid.
- Anything of historical/significant value unexpectedly discovered on the site during execution of work shall be the property of the Government.
- It shall be mandatory for the executing agency/contractor to ensure safe and adequate supply of electricity required for all the workmen skilled/unskilled deployed at site of work. Besides, no labour below the age of 18 years should be engaged as per the Labour Law.
- Arrangements for sufficient sanitation facility at site be ensured by the executing agency/ contractor for all the workmen to be mobilized at site, besides, separate toilet facilities be provided for Female workers at the site of work.
- Suitable arrangements for supply of potable water at site for all the workmen skilled/unskilled be made by the agency/contractor just before the virtual start of execution at site.
- Insurance cover as admissible under rules shall be provided to all the workers skilled/unskilled deployed at site and the necessary premiums shall be borne by the executing agency/contractor itself.
- Other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form-25 double/Tender document.

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This Day In History

- 1628- Sweden & Denmark sign defense treaty against Duke of Wallenstein
- 1648- Beginning of the 18 day battle of Zhovti Vody in Ukraine - Polish King Casimir eventually defeated by Cossacks
- 1661-Chinese Ming dynasty occupies Taiwan
- 1670- Pope Clemens X elected
- 1672 -Franco-Dutch War: Louis XIV of France invades the Netherlands.
- 1707- English and Scottish parliaments accept Act of Union; creates the United Kingdom of Great Britain (comes into being 1st May
- 1781- French fleet occupies Tobago during American War of Independence
- 1813- 1st US Rubber patent granted to Jacob F Hummel
- 1852- 1st edition of Peter Roget's Thesaurus published
- 1853- Comet C/1853 G1 (Schweizer) approaches within 0.0839 AUs of Earth
- 1856 -Peace between Britain & Russia following the Crimean War
- 1922-1st official Intl Weightlifting Federation Champ (Tallinn, Estonia)
- 1926 -France & US reach accord on repayment of WW I
- 1930- Telephone connection Britain-Australia goes into service
- 1942- Japanese troop march into Lashio, cut off Burma Road
- 1945-Japanese army evacuates Rangoon
- 1945- Terms of surrender of German armies in Italy signed
- 1945- Venice & Mestre were captured by the Allies
- 1946- 28 former Japanese leaders indicted in Tokyo as war criminals
- 1953- The first U.S. experimental 3D-TV broadcast showed an episode of Space Patrol on Los Angeles ABC affiliate KECA-TV.
- 1957- 1st military nuclear power plant dedicated, Fort Belvoir Va

From KO Archives

Rebels In Possession Of Latest Weapons

Anti-Aircraft Gun Recovered From Arms Dump

Srinagar- That the separatist guerrillas in Kashmir were in possession of heavy and deadly weapons once again, came to light when police recovered an anti-aircraft gun along with other accessories and arrested three militants during various anti-militancy operations in Kashmir since last evening.

Meanwhile, militants gunned down two persons including a surrendered militant, detonated an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) wounding five persons and made an abortive attempt to blow up a security picket in the valley, an official spokesman said here.

In a major breakthrough, police assisted by the security forces recovered an anti-aircraft gun with a barrel, a body base plate, a tripod stand, a cleaning road set and 49 rounds of ammunition during search Operations in Kanthpora forest area in frontier district of Kupwara in north Kashmir last night.

Although no one was arrested during the operation, efforts were on to nab the militants who had dumped the weapons in the village. The seizure of the gun gives credence to the reports that militants, of late had managed to procure heavy weapons into the border state to carry-out theft operations, in a big way.

"It speaks volumes about the designs of Pakistan to destabilize the state", a senior police official said. This was for the third time that such type of deadly weapon was seized by the security forces in the state during the last six months.

The spokesman said body of surrendered militant, Bashir Ahmad Guroo, who was kidnapped by gunmen was recovered from village Mantrigam in Bandipora area of Baramulla district last evening. Guroo was abducted by militants on Saturday from his Dardpora residence and was missing since then, he said. He said militants struck in Bandipora chowk yesterday by exploding a lands-mine wounding five persons. The injured who include Zahoor Ahmad, a special police officer and constable Abdul Rashid of local police, were shifted to hospital for treatment. Militants also shot dead one, Mehda Chopan at Larow-Jaggar village of Tral in Pulwama district of south Kashmir last evening.

Some persons, travelling in a Maruti car while chasing an Ambassador car, fired few shots towards it at Solina in Srinagar last evening. One stray bullet hit a lady, Mehbooba rendering her injured.

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K O V I E W

Polls this year?

Delimitation Commission has reportedly finalized its report on the reconfiguration of assembly and parliamentary constituencies of J&K and may submit its final report to the Union Law Ministry by May 2. The Commission is expected to incorporate certain suggestions and slightly tweak its recommendations in response to some objections. But at the same time, the Commission reportedly is expected to largely stick to its earlier draft proposals.

Earlier in April, the Commission had held separate public sittings in Jammu and Srinagar and heard objections and suggestions from delegations of people, political parties and civil society members to its draft proposals. Following this, the Commission had indicated that it would include some of the suggestions in its final report.

Headed by Justice (retired) Ranjana Prakash Desai, the Commission was set up on March 6, 2020 with one year term. However in the wake of COVID pandemic, its term was extended on March 6, 2021 for another one year. The Commission has proposed an increase of seven assembly segments, six in Jammu and one in Kashmir division. It has palso roposed reserving sixteen constituencies. out of 90 assembly segments: 43 in the Jammu division and 47 in the Kashmir division.

The number of Parliamentary constituencies, which was earlier three for Kashmir and two for Jammu hasn't been changed.- although their boundaries have been altered and in the case of one constituency, South Kashmir, much more drastically: it now straddles Kashmir and Jammu divisions, extending right from Anantnag in Kashmir to Rajouri in Jammu.

The submission of the Commission's report will clear the decks for Assembly elections in the Union Territory. There is a possibility that J&K could see elections later this year. The political parties are already getting into an election mode. The National Conference Working President Omar Abdullah has made a case for the PAGD jointly contesting the polls to keep away, what he said, "the BJP and its B and C teams." The PDP led by Mehbooba Mufti also appears to be favourable to this proposal.

Elections, in turn, will shift the discourse towards the grant of statehood. However, the centre has already made it clear that statehood would be granted only after an elected government is formed, staying short of giving a timeframe. So, this could take a longer time than expected. For now, however, the people would be happy if elections are held at the earliest. An elected government would be in a better position to understand and address the local grievances and issues.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Unemployed Indians

In 2020-21, at the peak of the economic distress, the number of households that worked under the scheme had risen to 7.55 crore. While that figure declined to 7.26 crore in the subsequent year, it remains considerably higher than the pre-pandemic level, indicating perhaps the continuing absence of alternatives. This growing divergence between the demand and supply of jobs manifests in a myriad of ways — from louder demands for reservation in the public sector by various caste groups, and for including the private sector in its ambit, to state governments exploring ways to ensure job quotas for locals. All this is indicative of a wide and deepening anxiety over employment prospects.

The deterioration in the employment scenario can be tracked at many levels. One, over the years, there has been a sharp fall in the labour force participation rate in India. Data from CMIE suggests that the labour force participation rate has fallen to around 40 per cent. For comparable countries, it is significantly higher. This decline suggests that despite India's young population, many have simply opted out of the labour force, perhaps feeling let down by the absence of remunerative, productive jobs. The situation is even more dire for women who had a considerably lower participation rate to begin with. India's female labour force participation is not only lower than the global average, but also lower than countries like Bangladesh. Two, even as the unemployment rate has declined from the highs observed during the initial phase of the pandemic, it remains elevated, suggesting that among those looking for jobs, those unable to find jobs remains high. Three, the unemployment rate is higher among the younger and more educated. As per the periodic labour force surveys, the unemployment rate is higher among those in the 15-29 age group (22.5 per cent in September 2019), and those educated up to at least the secondary level (11 per cent). Four, while there are signs of increasing formalisation as indicated by the EPFO data, a substantial share of the labour force continues to remain employed in the informal sector, lacking a safety net.

While successive governments have taken steps to address the issue, the jobs crisis is in large part the result of the absence of a labour intensive manufacturing sector which can not only absorb the millions entering the labour force each year, but also those moving out of agriculture. For a country of the young, in the midst of a demographic transition, the employment problem is perhaps the most formidable challenge before the government.

Indian Express

Mindful Fridays

Parenting, Silent Treatment and Emotional Abuse

Wasim Kakroo

We have all experienced silent treatment from our parents and loved ones at some point during our childhood. You may have even given it to someone at some time in your life. Silent treatment, whether in a parent-child relationship or a love relationship, is thought to be the most harmless way of punishing another person. Because it does not entail physical or verbal abuse, it is considered to be a non-violent type of punishment.

But we don't realize how silent treatment can harm a person's mental and emotional health, especially children who are still trying to make sense of the world and need someone to depend upon. Consider the difficulty they may confront, if they are in distress and have no one to talk to or express it to. How vulnerable do you think they might feel in such a situation?

Furthermore, it may cause long-term damage to your relationship with your child. In this article we will discuss what ill effects it can cause to the mental health of your child who receives the silent treatment and what can be done to replenish the damage.

What is Silent Treatment?

When a person refuses to talk or communicate with another person, this is known as silent treatment. This strategy is frequently used as a form of punishment to get to a person and make them realize their error.

Here are some examples of how silent treatment can be practiced.

- Refusing to talk or communicate in any way
- Avoiding confrontation or any form of discussion
- Ignoring and dismissing issues between parents and child
- Withholding love and affection and treating the child coldly

Why do Parents use this strategy?

There could be a variety of reasons why parents treat their children in this manner. But mostly, it's to teach their children a lesson without resorting to physical violence or yelling to do so. However, following are a few more reasons why parents may subject their children to the silent treatment.

- When confronted with a problem
- When they are requested to keep and respect boundaries
- When children disobey their parents and do something they don't want them to do.
- When children refuse to listen or say 'NO'

Furthermore, parents with narcissistic qualities are more likely to utilize silent treatment because they want things to go their way and can't accept defiance. In addition, parents might be emotionally immature at times. They may employ silent treatment as a way out if they want to avoid disagreements or addressing uncomfortable questions.

What effect does it have on a growing child or a teen?

Young children are at a stage in their lives where they have a lot of questions and are interested in almost everything that happens around them. Kids are still learning, which is why they look to their parents for support and guidance at difficult times.

Imagine kids being completely shut out by their parents. We can understand when the only person they trust in the world does not respond to them, they can feel uneasy, nervous, and stressed.

Ignoring children on purpose can make them feel abandoned, rejected, and alone, which is the opposite of how they want to be treated when they are young. They may also feel isolated and unwanted as a result of this. According to studies, experiencing rejection on a regular basis might lower a person's self-esteem and confidence. When done by someone close to them, such as a parent, the effect of silent treatment gets amplified.



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Is this a kind of emotional abuse?

Abuse can take many forms. While some are obvious, others are concealed behind nonverbal gestures.

Silent treatment is classified as emotional abuse. It has no bodily implications, but it can have a significant impact on a person's emotional well-being.

Rejection, ostracization, and feeling unwelcome can hurt the psyche in a variety of ways, causing insecurity, stress, and anxiety. Relationships must have an equal distribution of affection, regardless of who is involved. Silent treatment throws off the equilibrium, causing one person to feel in charge while the other loses control and strives to repair the relationship.

Furthermore, the silent treatment harms those who are most vulnerable, such as children. It's a type of temporary abandonment in which children don't feel loved or supported. Experts feel it's also a manipulative technique that forces the child to alter or improve even if they aren't ready.

What effects can silent treatment from parents have upon the adult life of such a child?

If either of your parents gave you "the silent treatment" when they weren't happy with you, it could be affecting your adult life in ways you don't realise. Withholding love and attention from children, ignoring them, or excluding them from their company is a common coping strategy, and it appears to be harmless. However, the long-term damage that goes unnoticed might fundamentally alter the adult that child becomes. Such children can show the following characteristics when they grow into adults:

- You are triggered more easily than others when someone does not reply to you.
- You're sensitive to being ignored.
- You rely on people to feel good about yourself.
- You have deep-seated feelings of unworthiness or inadequacy.
- To feel good, you need other people's approval.
- You can feel jealous, even if it doesn't make sense.
- You appear to be needy.
- You put too much pressure on yourself.
- You may feel insecure in a relationship or at work.

- You're concerned about what others might think of you.
- You're a people-pleasing type of person.
- You're afraid to ask for what you want because you're afraid of being rejected.
- You take it personally when someone does not respond or speak with you.
- You tend to be attracted towards people who are emotionally detached or narcissistic.

What should parents do instead of using the silent treatment on their children?

Silent treatment, as innocent as it may appear, is just as deadly, especially when children are involved. Instead of turning to such activities, educate yourself on how harmful it is.

Communication is the most effective technique to settle any relationship issue. If you're angry with your child because of their behavior, tell them instead of giving them silent treatment. Explain why it was wrong and how they can improve as humans. If they make a mistake, assist them in learning from it. Giving them the silent treatment will only make them feel worse, not better.

In addition, children frequently learn from their parents' actions. And because you choose to give them silent treatment, there's a chance that they'll refuse to face confrontations in the future and continue to employ the same strategy, which is detrimental to their personal growth. However, it is of immense importance to refrain from using the silent treatment and instead parents are advised to invest in healthy communications.

Therapy for Silent Treatment

Someone who has repeatedly experienced the silent treatment from parents, family members, or other individuals may benefit from individual therapy to help rebuild self-esteem. In some cases, trauma healing techniques such as eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) can help someone who has experienced silent treatment as a child or teenager.

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Don't Put a Price on Brides

THERE are several consequences of the dowry system prevailing in our society. Firstly, the dowry system prevents women from getting married when they want to and this delays their chances of getting married. When poor parents somehow manage to arrange some dowry from whatever they can afford, the thirst of greed never ends and divorce is not the option for the poor. For a girl, it turns the festivity and charm of married life into hell. Behind feel good pictures of brides dolled up, there are years and years of a parent's earning that they could have easily invested in something meaningful but they didn't have the choice to do that.

If we talk about Kashmir, dowry includes cash, furniture, copper

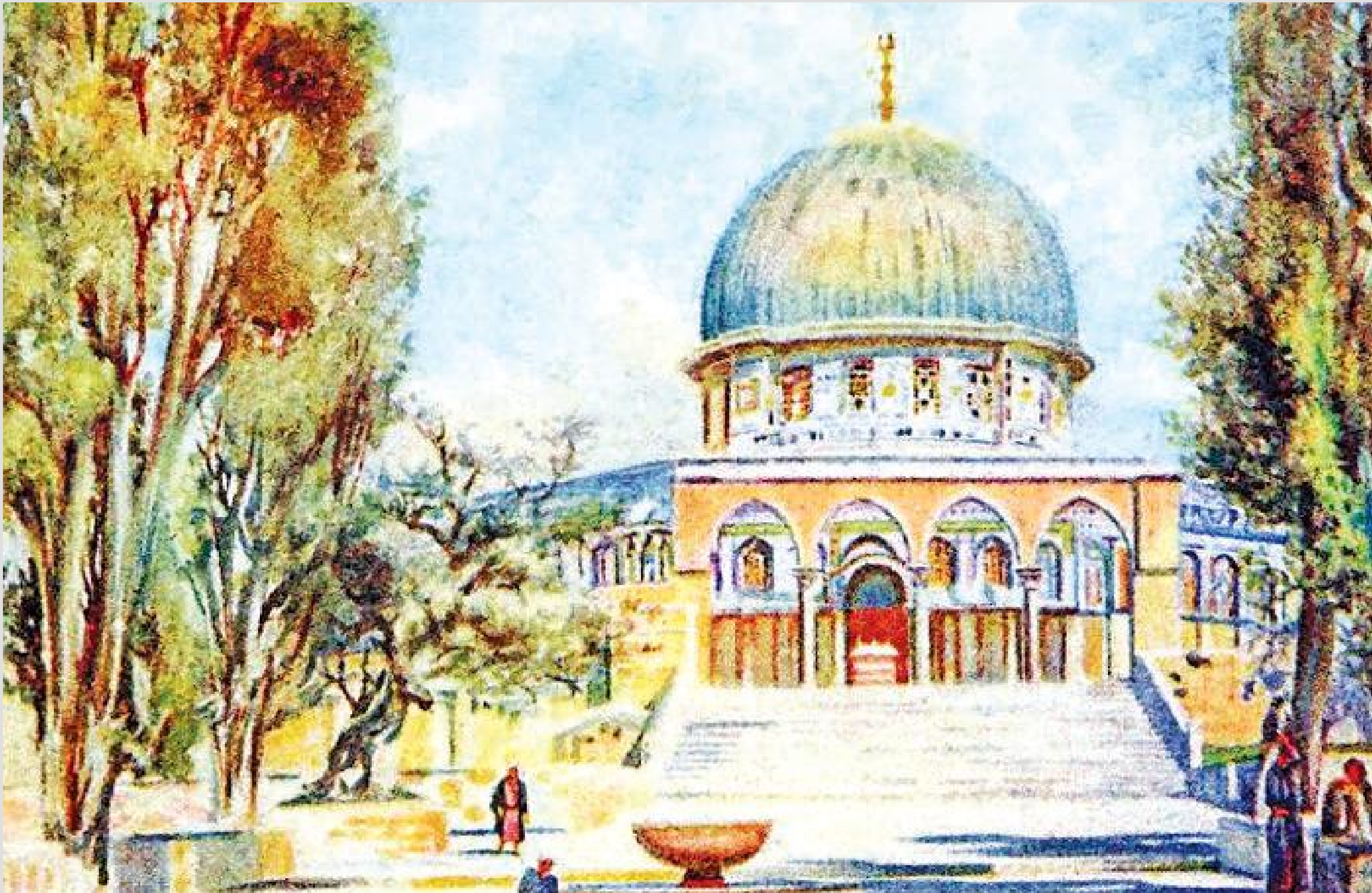
utensils, crockery, clothes, electronic items, gold and many more things. A girl is supposed to carry everything to her new home. From needle to iron to beddings, every small and big thing for her use. As if her in-laws don't have such things. This age old culture of dowry once used to be a voluntary action of giving gifts to in-laws and now it has turned into a compulsory thing. To be honest, as a Gen Z kid I not only used to believe but also used to make others believe that there is nothing like dowry demand, harassment, abuse and other evils related to girls now. It is only until very recently that the same thing happened to a girl very close to me. That incident not only shook me but also made me see our society for what it is.

Nothing has really changed over the years other than the tactics used to harass girls on the pretext of dowry. First it used to be open demand for the dowry but now as times have changed, in-laws choose to say no to the dowry before the wedding for societal impression but deep down still have high expectations for dowry. When their expectations aren't met, they use different tactics to torture a girl. Mental torture, verbal abuse, isolation, humiliation, work load, nasty comments are a few psychological abuses inflicted on a daughter-in-law that usually go unnoticed unlike physical torture.

This menace is not confined to only one part of the region. Every other day we get to hear such heart wrenching news from different parts

of the valley. In 2018, a Sikh girl was tortured to such an extent over dowry that she hanged herself to death in the Chanapora area of Srinagar. Recently, a Muslim girl from Bandipora was murdered over dowry. So, any particular religion, location, gender or relation has no role to play here. There are thousands of such examples where girls either choose to kill themselves or were killed by in-laws. Evil Culture of violence over dowry within four walls is alarming and needs to be dealt with strictly. Otherwise, the day isn't too far when such things will become a new normal in Kashmir.

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Masjid al-Aqsa in Islamic history

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Masjid al-Aqsa has a rich history. It is intimately linked with Prophetic history, not of one but numerous prophets. It was first built by the Prophet Ibrahim (as) years after he built the Ka'aba with his first son Ismail (as). Muslims have always been its true custodians despite illegal Zionist encroachments.

Glorified by He [Allah] who transported His servant [Muhammad (saws)] by night from Masjid al-Haram to Masjid al-Aqsa whose surroundings He has blessed, so that We may show him of Our [Allah's] signs... (Al-Qur'an: 17:01).

Masjid al-Aqsa holds immense significance in Islamic religious tradition as well as history. It is known as the first qibla of Muslims—the direction toward which Muslims face to offer their salat—as well as the third holiest site in Islam. It is built on the site where the noble Messenger (saws) led all the earlier Prophets in prayer when he was transported by night from Masjid al-Haram before his miraj (ascension to Heaven) to the point referred to in the Qur'an as Sidrat al-Muntaha (53:10-16).

In contemporary history, it has become a contested place because the Zionists claim it is built on the site where their first and second temples originally existed. A great deal of myth is interwoven into this narrative despite the fact that the temple was destroyed repeatedly by invading forces. The Babylonian king Bakhtnashr (Nebuchadnezzar) attacked Jerusalem in 587 BC and destroyed the temple (Beytel). The Israelites were enslaved and suffered greatly for more than 70 years.

There were several phases of rebuilding and destruction of the temple the last being the Romans' destruction of it in 70 CE. No trace of the temple has ever existed. While the some hardcore Zionists are currently trying to encroach on the Haram al-Sharif (the noble Sanctuary) and are even demanding the right to worship there, Rabbinical law prohibits Jews from setting foot on the Temple Mount for fear of desecrating the "holy of Holies" in Jewish religious tradition. There is in fact a board erected near the Haram al-Sharif that houses both the Masjid al-Aqsa as well as Dome of the Rock and numerous madrassas and other smaller structures, prohibiting Jewish trespassing of the Haram al-Sharif.

Let us first consider who built Masjid al-Aqsa: was it the father-and-son Prophets Daud and Prophet Sulayman (as), as claimed by the Zionists, or built even earlier? We know from the Qur'an (2:127-128) that the father and son Prophets, Ibrahim and Ismail (as) built the Ka'aba in conformity with the command of Allah. The Ka'aba in Makkah is the first House of worship for Allah on earth. Prophet Ibrahim (as) had settled his first son Ismail (as) and his mother, Hajar (as) there, again according to the command of Allah.

Prophet Ibrahim (as), however, did not live in Makkah; he lived in Palestine in the place that takes its name from him: al-Khalil (Hebron). Is it conceivable that Prophet Ibrahim (as) would build a place of worship in Makkah

but not have a place of worship in Jerusalem that is right next to Hebron? As the Patriarch of all the Prophets of Allah, Ibrahim (as) also built a place of worship in Jerusalem. This came to be known as Beteyel (meaning the House of Allah in Hebrew).

When Ibrahim's (as) second son Is'haq (Isaac) was born and grew up in Hebron, he would go to worship in Beteyel. Interestingly, Is'haq (as) who was also a noble Prophet of Allah, also prayed in the Ka'aba in Makkah and performed the Hajj pilgrimage there together with his father (Ibrahim (as) and brother (Ismail (as), again according to the commands of Allah. It was Ibrahim (as) that named Beteyel as Masjid al-Aqsa—the farthest mosque—in deference to the Ka 'aba, from which it was located far away to the northwest.

Yaqub (as), known in the Bible as Jacob who was the son of Is'haq (as), was also a noble Prophet who opened Beteyel as a place of worship for all those that accepted the One true God, Allah. Naturally in the land of Palestine many other tribes resided. The land takes its name from the Philistines, the people that lived there. Among the other tribes were the Moabites and Hittites. The latter tribe was the one to which the mother of Sulayman (as) belonged. It needs recalling that Ibrahim (as) was born in Ur (present-day Iraq) and was forced into exile because of the oppression and persecution he faced at the hands of the tyrant Nimrood. After a long journey, Ibrahim (as) finally settled in al-Khalil (Palestine).

Prophetic history takes many turns and it is no different with the Prophets from the lineage of Ibrahim (as). Prophet Yusuf (as) [Joseph] was greatly loved by his father Yaqub (as). This created huge jealousy among his step-brothers who plotted to kill him but finally decided to throw him a well.

He was rescued from the well and sold into slavery ending in Egypt where the ruler employed him. The ruler's wife had a crush on him because Yusuf (as) was a very handsome young man but Allah protected him from committing sin and despite being innocent, he ended up in prison where he spent many years. When he was finally released, the king appointed him to the important post of the kingdom's treasury and he became the de facto ruler of Egypt. The story of Yusuf (as) is narrated in exquisite detail in the noble Qur'an in the surah by the same name (Surah Yusuf).

Once Yusuf (as) had attained power in Egypt, he invited his family—father, mothers and brothers—to live with him in Egypt. They readily accepted the offer as narrated in the chapter on Genesis 46 in the Torah. No one from Yaqub's (as) family was left to take care of Beteyel/Masjid al-Aqsa. Thus, he gave charge of the masjid to the local inhabitants, the Palestinians. The children of Yaqub (as), referred to as Bani Israel in the noble Qur'an lived in Egypt for more than 400 years. There was never a hint that they should return to Palestine to reclaim ownership/custodianship of Masjid al-Aqsa.

Many generations later, the Bani Israel were taken as slaves by the pharaohs and it was not until Allah raised Musa (as) [Moses]

among them that he led them out of slavery and across the Red Sea into the Sinai Peninsula. When Allah ordered them to enter Palestine, they refused, incurring Allah's wrath to wander in the desert for 40 years. During this time, Musa (as) died and Allah raised another Prophet, Daud (as) who was a soldier in the army of Saul. Because of his courage, Daud (as) was made king and entered Palestine to establish his kingdom there.

It was Sulayman (as) who rebuilt the temple (Masjid al-Aqsa) with the support and help of the indigenous people, principally the Palestinians. The father-son rule, however, lasted a total of 73 years. Thereafter, his sons divided the kingdom and power once again slipped from their hands. A chain of Prophets emerged among their progeny but the Bani Israel were always argumentative and refused to abide by the teachings of the Prophets. The Qur'an narrates that they killed many of their prophets among them Zakariya (as) as well as his son Yahya (as).

As mentioned earlier, the Babylonian king

That is where the situation stands today: Masjid al-Aqsa, indeed the entire Haram al-Sharif is under Zionist occupation and threat of destruction. Even while Muslims throughout their history provided sanctuary to the Jewish people after they suffered persecution elsewhere, the Zionists have turned out to be the worst kinds of oppressors in history

Bakhtnashr (Nebuchadnezzar) laid siege to Jerusalem and took over the city and Palestine in 587 BC. He destroyed the temple/Masjid al-Aqsa and enslaved all the people. This story is narrated in detail in the Bible in Kings 2 Chapters 24 and 25. The Torah also says that the Israelites were enslaved in both the Nile (Egypt) and in the Euphrates (by the Babylonians).

The Persian King Cyrus the Great rescued the Bani Israel after seventy years of slavery in Babylon. He also permitted them to return to Palestine from where the Babylonians had

driven them out. The Persian Empire faced a rival in the Roman Empire and constant battles occurred between them. In the year 70 CE, the Romans captured Jerusalem and destroyed the temple one more time. Barely 65 years later in what is referred to as the Bar Kokhba revolt, the Romans massacred the Bani Israel and even dug out the foundations of the temple in the year 135 CE. By now, the Romans had accepted Christianity as their religion and their enmity toward the Jews intensified as killers of Prophet Isa (as) [Jesus].

The Romans, however, faced a constant threat from the Persians and in the year 614 CE, the latter took control of Jerusalem from the Romans. In Makkah where the noble Messenger (saws) had started his mission of propagating Islam, the mushriks made fun of Muslims because the fire-worshipping Zoroastrians had vanquished the Christian Romans. The Qur'an narrates this in the opening ayats of Surah al-Rum in which Allah (swt) says that not only the Romans but Muslims too would be victorious within a period of less than 10 years.

Given the plight of Muslims at the time—their numbers were small and they faced great persecution—the Makkah mushriks made great fun of the Qur'anic ayats but Allah's Word came true—as it was bound to—within the stipulated timeframe and not only the Romans defeated their Persian rivals but the Muslims also triumphed over their Makkah foes in the Battle of Badr.

It is also pertinent to note that when Muslims migrated from Makkah to Madinah, for the first 17 months, they faced toward Masjid al-Aqsa in their salat. It was during dhuhr salat in the second year of the hijrah that Allah's revelation about the change of qibla from Masjid al-Aqsa in Jerusalem to Masjid al-Haram in Makkah came. This is narrated in the Quran (2:142-43). The masjid in Madinah where the Prophet (saws) was leading the Muslims in salat is today called Masjid Qiblatain (Masjid of the two qiblas).

Jerusalem, however, came into Muslim possession only during the Khilafah of Umar (ra) in the year 638 CE. The Christian Patriarch, Sophronius had insisted that he would hand over the keys of Jerusalem only to the ruler of Muslims. The second Khalifah Umar was on a campaign in the Golan Heights and when word reached him, he hurried to Jerusalem to take possession of the keys without causing any bloodshed in the city.

When he entered the city, Umar (ra) located the place where the noble Messenger (saws) had led all the Prophets in prayer before his ascension of Heaven on his mi'raj. After cleansing the place thoroughly, he led the Muslims in prayer and a makeshift mosque was erected there. This simple structure later developed into what is called Masjid al-Aqsa today and has been in Muslim possession ever since.

There is also another more impressive structure that emerged on the Haram al-Sharif. This is called the Dome of the Rock and has a huge gold dome. The Ummayyad ruler Abdul Malik built this about 50 years later over the rock where the Heavenly steed, the Buraq was

tethered when the Prophet (saws) led the other Prophets in prayer. After mounting the Buraq that started to ascend, the rock followed. The Angel Jibrail (as) asked the noble Messenger (saws) to order the rock from rising.

The noble Messenger (saws) put his foot on the rock ordering it to stop. To this day, there is a footprint on the rock and it remains suspended except for very thin metal rods underneath it. This is the place where the Dome of the Rock Mosque exists.

The Muslims lost Masjid al-Aqsa and Jerusalem to the Crusaders in the year 1099 CE. Muslim rulers surrounding Palestine had become corrupt, much like the rulers today and had lost the will to defend Islam or Muslims. It was not until another 88 years before Salahuddin Ayyubi liberated Masjid al-Aqsa and Jerusalem from the clutches of the Crusaders.

Unfortunately the decline in Muslim rule and corruption in their ranks has led to the loss of Masjid al-Aqsa one more time. It occurred in several phases. When the Ottoman Empire was defeated and dismembered, the British colonialists took control of Palestine and in typical colonial style started to disburse Muslim lands to others. The Europeans had never tolerated the Jews in their midst; the frequent pogroms against them being a constant reminder of the intolerance of the Europeans. In 1918, when Britain occupied Palestine, they conspired to hand it over to the Jews—actually the Zionists—as a permanent homeland totally ignoring the rights of the indigenous Palestinian people. At the time the Zionist state was created in Palestine in 1948, more than 60 percent of Palestinian land was handed over to the Zionists. The rest was grabbed by the Zionists in 1967 together with East Jerusalem that houses the Masjid al-Aqsa as well as the Dome of the Rock.

That is where the situation stands today: Masjid al-Aqsa, indeed the entire Haram al-Sharif is under Zionist occupation and threat of destruction. Even while Muslims throughout their history provided sanctuary to the Jewish people after they suffered persecution elsewhere, the Zionists have turned out to be the worst kinds of oppressors in history. They act with impunity and are extremely hostile toward the indigenous Palestinian people. Heavily armed, they shoot at the slightest pretext and have no regard for Palestinian life.

The corrupt Muslim rulers are totally subservient to the imperialists and Zionists. Reposing hope in them to rescue the Muslims is a waste of time. It would require a figure like Salahuddin Ayyubi to rise among the Muslims to liberate Masjid al-Aqsa and Palestine from another group of Crusaders, this time of the Zionist variety.

Until then, Muslims can pray and prepare for that day. A good starting point would be to become better informed about their history that seems to have been largely forgotten.

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Referendum Only Practical Solution to Palestinian Issue: Iran

Agencies

Tehran: Iran Thursday reiterated its demand for a referendum with the participation of all the genuine residents of erstwhile Palestinian territories calling it the only practical and democratic solution for the determination of the destiny and future of Palestine.

While many initiatives have been proposed to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, such as the two-state solution or the so-called 'Deal of the Century', the Islamic Republic is calling for a referendum that allows all original residents of Palestinian territories to decide their fate.

Since the start of the holy month of Ramadan, tensions between Palestinians and Israelis have been running high, as Israeli forces have stepped up raids on al-Aqsa Mosque, assaulting Muslim worshippers inside prayer halls and providing protection to the Israeli settlers desecrating Islam's third holiest site.



Observers warn that the escalating tensions in the occupied old city of al-Quds could lead to another full-scale conflict between Palestinian resistance forces and Israel.

This event is held ahead of International Quds Day, a global pro-Palestine rally that takes place every year on the last Friday of the month of Ramadan. The occasion seeks to bring the Palestinian

cause to light with the hope to mobilize a global action against Israel's continuous violation of Palestinians' rights. Meanwhile the Middle East was preparing to bash Israel on Quds Day.

In Gaza, the Islamic Jihad group's armed wing launched Jenin aerial drones on the eve of Quds Day. In a video released by the group, a Jenin drone can be seen dropping an explosive device on an Israeli military jeep in September 2019. The group's military commander Abu Hamza vowed that the organization alongside other resistance groups will one day turn Israel into a "mass of fire and flame." He further told Israel not to meddle with the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

"Violating the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Islamic holy sites in Palestine [will lead to] opening new and wide fronts against the enemy entity. The geography of the coming battle will transcend the borders of Palestine," Abu Hamza said in a statement.

Mahindra & Mahindra Deliver Over 500 Bolero Pik-Ups In J&K Under 'Project Mumkin'

Agencies

Srinagar: Mahindra & Mahindra has announced the handover of over 500 Bolero Pik-up vehicles in Jammu and Kashmir under the 'Project Mumkin'.



Mumkin' is a customized livelihood generation program by the J&K administration. The Mission Youth J&K and the Vehicle Manufacturers are providing financial assistance to the youth in the region to acquire new small commercial vehicles to create avenues for sustainable livelihood.

By participating in 'Project Mumkin' M&M supports the J&K youth with entrepreneurship opportunities to earn a livelihood, promote business ownership and strengthen their trade practices.

Bolero Pik-ups have been the market leader for over two decades with their unique product offering and value proposition.

Mission Youth, J&K is implementing the Scheme and is offering a special incentive of Rs.80,000 or 10% of the on-road price of the small commercial vehicle (whichever is lower). Additionally, the vehicle manufacturer is offering a discount, matching the incentive as contributed by Mission Youth, J&K. The move will help revive the Agri produce-daily needs market as these vehicles are primarily used for intercity goods transportation.

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2 Militants Killed

labourers in Pulwama.

Giving details, the spokesperson said that Hafiz was involved in firing upon migrant workers Sonu Sharma of Pathankote at Yadder, Mohammad Akram of Binjor UP at Arihal and Wishwajeet Kumar of Banka Bihar at Circular Road Gangoo in the Pulwama district.

Hafiz, he said, was also involved in firing upon bank guard namely Ab Hamid Wani of Tahab and Sarpanch Gh Nabi Kumar at Arihal.

Besides, the spokesperson said that Hafiz was instrumental in recruiting his killed associate Shahid Ayoub into militant ranks.

Ayoub, he said, was involved in firing upon two outside labourers Patlashwar Kumar and Joko Choudary, both residents of Bihar at Lajoroa Pulwama.

Before joining militant ranks, Ayoub, according to the spokesperson, was working as a militant associate & was involved in several other "terror crimes".

Divulging the details of overnight encounter, the spokesperson said that the hiding militants opened fire upon the search team when they started proceeding towards the suspected spot.

"In the initial exchange of fire, one security force personnel received gunshot injuries. He was immediately evacuated to hospital for treatment of his injuries. However, the operation was halted to ensure safe evacuation of all the civilians trapped around the encounter site. Moreover, all due precautions were also taken to avoid any collateral damage," he said.

After evacuation of civilians was done, the spokesperson said, the operation was resumed and in the exchange of fire both militants were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter.

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition were recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," he said.

"In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated. People are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," he added.

The spokesperson quoted IGP Kashmir terming the operation as a big success and congratulating the joint forces for neutralizing the militants involved in the recent attacks on outside labourers.

62 Militants Killed

During the current year, he said, 62 militants have been killed in various encounters so far.

Among them, he said, 39 were linked with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) 15 with Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) six with Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and two with Al-Badr.

The killed militants include 47 locals and 15 foreign nationals.

"IGP Kashmir once again reiterates his appeal to all misguided youth who have joined terror folds to shun the path of terrorism and return to mainstream. He also appealed to the parents & elders of these terrorists to plead their wards to shun this reckless path of violence," a police spokesperson said Thursday.

Need To Prepare

there would be a need for us to prepare for short swift wars as well as be ready for a long drawn standoff akin to what we are seeing in eastern Ladakh," the Chief of Air Staff said at the seminar.

India and China have been locked in a bitter faceoff at certain friction points in eastern Ladakh for nearly two years though the two sides carried out disengagement of troops from a number of areas following a series of military and diplomatic talks.

Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari said the recent experiences of the Indian Air Force (IAF) as well as evolving geopolitical scenario mandates it to be operationally and logistically responsive at all times.

"The current geopolitical situation necessitates Indian Air Force to prepare for intense and small duration operations at a short notice. This new paradigm of high-intensity operations, coupled with minimal build-up time would require major changes in terms of

operational logistics," he said.

Though he did not specifically elaborate on the geopolitical situation, the comments are seen as a reference to the Russia-Ukraine conflict and its possible implications.

The IAF Chief said logistics support in such a scenario would be extremely challenging considering the fact that the force has a fairly vast and diversified inventory.

In his address, he said there will be a need to cater for "resources bridging" and transportation for such contingencies.

"A focused action plan needs to be developed for indigenisation of all critical components in order to achieve the nation's mandate of 'Atma-Nirbharta' (self-reliance)," he said.

Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari said logistics have been identified as a critical tool for the nation's economic progress, noting that there would be a need to cater for resource bridging and transportation to deal with contingencies.

"Only a commander who understands logistics can push the military machine to the limits without risking a total breakdown," the IAF Chief said.

He also pitched for formalising an "integrated road and rail management plan and exploring the feasibility of increased containerisation and use of civilian wide-bodied aircraft."

Highlighting various aspects of military preparedness, the IAF Chief observed that the way forward would be to have a serviceability-linked inventory management system.

"To address issues like availability of spares, I feel we need to re-evaluate demand forecasting methods and stocking philosophies. The way forward will be to have a serviceability-linked inventory management system," he said.

"Flexible stocking policies with modern forecasting techniques would help in demand sensing and prepositioning of items at bases. We must also review our procurement strategies in order to reduce lead time for supplies and preempt problems of supply chain obsolescence," the IAF Chief said.

India relies heavily on Russia for the supply of military hardware including spares.

There have been apprehensions in the military establishment about the possibility of inordinate delays in the supply of critical spares and other equipment by Russia in view of its conflict in Ukraine.

Air Chief marshal Chaudhari said to standardise logistical functions and provide a blueprint for the future, there was a need to look at a vision document for operational logistics that would define the foundational precincts of logistics support in the IAF during combat.

He said logistics have also been identified as one of the key drivers for ease of doing business and making Indian supply chains globally competitive.

"Therefore, logisticians of tomorrow must possess a scientific and analytical mindset in order to resolve complex problems of aerospace power sustenance. This edifice can only be built through a focus on training," he added.

Parties Slam

mosque, alliance spokesperson M Y Tarigami said.

Since it amounts to direct interference in the people's religious matters, the move is unacceptable and reprehensible, he said.

Tarigami said the PAGD urges the administration to reconsider its decision forthwith and allow the people to offer the prayers.

He said Jamia Masjid is a historic place and people have deep devotion to it. Such moves tantamount to hurting the religious sentiments of the people, he said.

National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah termed the ban on congregational prayers at Jamia Masjid as unfortunate, saying the administration by its actions was proving that the situation in Kashmir was far from normal and contrary to what it has been claiming.

That is unfortunate. They say that the situation is almost normal. If it is normal, then why no permission to Shab Qadr and Jumait-ul-Vida (prayers) in Jamia Masjid?, he told reporters here.

He alleged that the government was either creating an artificial normalcy or selling an impression of normalcy in the rest of the country by suppressing the people here.

"Normalcy does not come by way of tourism only. The proof of normalcy is by having people live normal lives. Not having the prayers is evidence of an abnormal situation, and not normalcy. The government, if not by its words, then by its actions, is proving that the situation in Kashmir is far from normal", Omar said.

However when contacted, Kashmir's Divisional Commissioner, Pandurang K. Pole told Kashmir Observer that the decision to bar prayers at Grand Mosque was taken in view of the "security inputs"

"We can't share what the inputs were but you know what happened there two weeks ago," Pole said.

He further said the safety and security of the public is foremost important for the government and all measures will be taken to ensure it.

"I respect the sentiments of people but ultimately their safety and security is important. We made it known to all, including management of the mosque two days in advance," Pole added.

Earlier media reports quoting police said, "Traditionally, last Friday of Ramazan is a huge congregation and it can easily spiral into an Azadi protest. It would be difficult for us to manage such a huge congregation. The decision to disallow the prayers was taken as they did not want to take any chances."

The Grand Mosque of Srinagar was opened for prayers only last month after remaining shut for years following abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 and pandemic.

A group of young men had raised the Azadi slogans inside the mosque last month prompting police to arrest 13 of them on "sedition" charges. Police later said it was preparing a Public Safety Act (PSA) dossier against them and may book more people.

LG Greets People

the greater good of humankind, an official spokesperson said Thursday.

"I pray that the auspicious occasions bring peace and prosperity in the UT and happiness in the lives of all", Sinha said.

Delimitation Panel

For the first time, nine seats have been proposed for Scheduled Tribes.

The panel has also proposed six additional seats for Jammu and one for Kashmir.

As of now, the Kashmir division has 46 seats and Jammu division 37.

The last delimitation panel took seven years to give its award in 1995 while this commission took little over two years to complete its task despite the coronavirus pandemic, a functionary pointed out.

Formed in March 2020, the panel was granted a one-year extension last year.

Headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai, it has Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and the state election commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir as its ex-officio members.

In February, it was given a two-month extension to complete its task. Its term was to otherwise end on March 6.

Govt Reinstates

harm than benefit and my act had discouraged a lot of civil services aspirants and my colleagues felt betrayed. It upset me a lot."

Home Ministry officials said that Faesal's plea for withdrawal of resignation had been accepted and his next posting would be announced soon.

The Home Ministry, which is the cadre controlling authority for the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre, had asked for an opinion of the Jammu and Kashmir administration about his plea for withdrawal of resignation.

After getting reports from all quarters besides the Department of Personnel and Training, the department looking after the IAS, it was decided to accept his plea and was subsequently reinstated earlier this month, the officials said.

Hailing from the remote village of Lolab in north Kashmir, Faesal, whose father was killed by militants in 2002, had topped the UPSC examination in 2009. He was detained at Delhi airport on the intervening night of August 14-15, 2019, and sent back to Srinagar and placed under detention. He was booked under the

draconian Public Safety Act in February 2020 which was revoked four months later.

Faesal, who was the first UPSC topper from Jammu and Kashmir, had on Wednesday dropped hints about his return to the government service.

In a series of tweets, he spoke about his idealism letting him down in 2019 when he resigned from the government service to join politics.

"8 months of my life (Jan 2019-Aug 2019) created so much baggage that I was almost finished. While chasing a chimera, I lost almost everything that I had built over the years. Job. Friends. Reputation. Public goodwill. But I never lost hope. My idealism had let me down," he said.

"But I had faith in myself. That I would undo the mistakes I had made. That life would give me another chance. A part of me is exhausted with the memory of those 8 months and wants to erase that legacy. Much of it is already gone. Time will mop off the rest in believe," he added.

Though Faesal did not spell out what he meant by "another chance", speculation has been rife here over the past one year that he might return to the government service either as an IAS officer or in some advisory role to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Just thought of sharing that life is beautiful. It is always worth giving ourselves another chance. Setbacks make us stronger. And there is an amazing world beyond the shadows of the past. I turn 39 next month. And I'm really excited to start all over again," he tweeted.

CAG Raps 56

Control Board are pending for 24 years from 1996-96 to 2018-19, the same of Srinagar Development Authority (SDA), Jammu Urban Development Agency (JUDA) and Tourism development Authority Gulmarg is pending for 20, 20 and 19 years, respectively, it said.

As per the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (DPC) Act 1971, the autonomous bodies come under the audit purview and are required to submit the annual accounts to audit before June 30 every year.

The CAG report said in respect of 10 autonomous bodies, which were to render annual accounts to audit body, 84 accounts were not rendered for the period ranging between one to 24 years.

The report pointed out that the audit of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, and the LAHDC, Kargil, has been entrusted to the CAG of India.

"LAHDC, Leh has failed to submit accounts for audit since its inception i.e. 1995-96, although substantial sums are being released to the Council and unspent balances at the end of the year remain credited in a non-lapsable fund in the public account of the state," the report said.

It further noted that the same is the position in respect of LAHDC, Kargil, which came into existence in 2004-05 and the accounts are in arrears since its inception.

The Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPAA) too has not submitted the accounts for audit since its inception, i.e. November 2009, the report said.

Similarly, SKUAST, Kashmir, SKUAST, Jammu, EPF Board, Srinagar, KVIB, BOCWWB and SLSA have also not submitted their accounts for audit for the period ranging between one to nine years, it said.

"Non-submission and delay in submission of accounts by these bodies receiving substantial funding from the state budget is a serious financial irregularity persisting for years," the CAG said.

It said the delay in finalisation of accounts carries the risk of financial irregularities going undetected and entails the possibility of fraud and misappropriation.

"This has also deprived the state legislature the opportunity to get feedback on their activities and financial performance," it added.

The government may take up the matter with these bodies for timely preparation and submission of accounts, the CAG said.

IED Defused

through a controlled mechanism by the bomb squad.

An investigation into the matter was underway, the spokesperson said.

The recovery of the IED came days after two

Pakistani militants of the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) were killed in an encounter with government forces in Jalandabad on the outskirts of Jammu on Friday. A CISF officer was killed and nine security personnel were injured in the gunfight.

On Sunday, a powerful blast took place creating a big crater in Bishnah, about 17 km from Palli where Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended an event on that day.

In the Name

spare these destitute-managing institutes from roaming on streets and facing slurs. And fraudsters won't get any chance to cheat and con people in the name of orphans."

But apart from awareness and direct donations, some people are using internet to disseminate information against these frauds. "With these small tech-based initiatives," says Noor-Us-Sama, a Srinagarite, "we can help save our society from such sins."

However, in the current scenario—where one bad fish can make the entire pond dirty—the genuine cases are often left empty-handed.

"I give these men in buses and those driving these screaming vans money but my heart is not completely there," says Furqan, a resident of Nowgam.

"There is this constant thought that what if my money is going into something which is harmful to the society but at the same time I think what if it's genuine. I don't want to withhold the money thinking maybe someone will benefit from it."

At the end of the day, people always have apprehensions about the genuineness of these cases. "I simply can't refrain myself when they ask for the orphans," says Hoorain, a daily commuter in Srinagar.

"I believe everyone has to answer for their own deeds in front of their creator. So if some people are frauds, they will be held accountable for their deeds."

J&K Logs Seven

Jammu district recorded the highest of three cases. Seventeen of the total 20 districts in the Union territory did not report any fresh case.

The union territory has 65 active cases while 4,49,212 people have recovered from the disease, the officials said.

The death toll stood at 4,751.

The officials said there were 51 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory and no fresh case was reported since Wednesday evening.

Three OGWs Held

arrested by a police team led by SHO police station Karnah on the basis of specific information about a militant associate module involved in smuggling of arms & ammunition from across the LoC to be made available to the militants involved in spreading "terror activities" in the Valley, a police spokesperson said.

During questioning, he said, the trio revealed that they are involved in smuggling of arms & ammunition from across the LoC to further make it available to the active militants operating in the Valley.

"On their disclosure, so far 01 Chinese pistol alongwith a magazine and 14 live cartridges have been recovered. The investigation is going on," the spokesperson said.

Accordingly, he said, a case vide FIR No. 32/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation into the matter is in progress.

Two Women

on Thursday morning, reports said. Under attack, the women raised an alarm following which the villagers came out to their rescue and chased away the beast.

Both the injured women sustained multiple injuries in the surprise attack. They were shifted to the hospital for treatment.

7 Persons Injured

and locals, they said.

The injured persons include Muryam (6) daughter of Mohammad Reyaz, Saima Kounser (15) daughter of late Zameer Awaan, Naweed Awaan (13) son of late Zameer Awaan, Sofia Akhter (12) daughter of Mohammad Younis Awaan, Amjid Khan (15) son of Mohammad Younis Awaan, Mohammad Yousuf Khan (60) son of Shakeel Ahmad Khan and Shakeela Begum.

Chief Secretary Reviews Functioning Of H&P Dept



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the functioning of Hospitality & Protocol (H&P) department at Civil Secretariat here.

At the outset, Commissioner Secretary, H&P, Talat Parvez Rohella gave an overview of the department and informed the Chief Secretary about the main activities being carried out by H&P department in the Jammu and Kashmir as well across the country.

During the meeting, a detailed presentation was presented by Commissioner Secretary, H&P on organizational structure, functional profile, annual financial statement, properties/assets of the department lying inside and outside the UT, various activities of H&P, major achievements, action plan for further developing the infrastructure and other important issues.

With regard to the infrastructure of the department, the meeting was told that it is running a considerable number of structures in and outside the vicinity of Srinagar and Jammu cities.

The meeting was also informed about the ongoing and works to be taken up during the current year including renovation/up-gradation of various existing properties at these places so that guest houses would be equipped with modern facilities for the convenience of the visitors.

The meeting also gave details about the various deliverables like Completion of extension project of Circuit House Srinagar, Completion of Guest House at Jammu and Completion of extension project of circuit House Jammu.

It was also given out in the meeting that the construction of additional accommodation (G+3) at Circuit House Canal Road Jammu will be completed by June

2022, Face-lifting of Convention Centre Canal Road Jammu will be completed by September 2022 and other works like Display cum strong room at H&P Stores Gupkar Srinagar, Construction of additional accommodation at circuit house Church lane Sonwar and Construction of additional accommodation adjacent to State Guest House Canal Road Jammu will be completed by December 2022.

Speaking during the meeting, Chief Secretary fixed timelines for each of the project and said that timelines have to be adhered strictly. He impressed upon the officers that quality needs to be ensured while taking up construction/renovation works. He also directed the department to check the utilities of the guest houses on daily basis to ensure that everything is working properly.

Dr. Mehta also called for ensuring quality of services to the visitors at Guest Houses/Circuit Houses and other places of the department. He also directed for improvements in the aesthetics of the Convention Centre Jammu and improvements in the gallery so that it wears a festive look.

With regard to assets of the department outside the state, the meeting was provided with the details of properties at New Delhi and other cities including Mumbai, Chandigarh and Amritsar under the control of Resident Commission.

Chief Secretary directed for fencing of the properties of the department at Amritsar and said that all the issues with regard to properties at Prithviraj Road needs to be sorted out within six months.

Various issues pertaining to the department like updation of recruitment rules, referral of vacancies and others were also discussed briefly and decisions were taken in the meeting accordingly.

Principal Secretary SED Chairs Maiden Meeting Of J&K SCERT

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Principal Secretary, School Education Department (SED), Bishwajit Kumar Singh on Thursday chaired first meeting of executive committee of J&K State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT).

Director SCERT, Professor Veena Pandita and other executive members including Director School Education Jammu, Dr Ravi Shanker Sharma, Director School Education Kashmir, Iftikhar Hussain Chauhan, Director Finance SED, Surinder Kumar, Joint Director SCERT Jammu along with eminent educationists, Head and Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Jammu, Professor Renu Nanda, Former Director School Education, Mohammad Rafi and Special Invitee, Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, J&K, Engineer Deep Raj Kanethia.

Director gave a detailed presentation regarding present status of establishment of J&K SCERT, major achievements and initiatives of SCERT, status of NISHTHA training programme,

webinars on NEP 2020 organized by SCERT J&K, review and revision of History textbooks developed by JKBOSE of classes 6th to 10th, Content Enrichment Trainings, Development Process of State Curriculum Frameworks (SCFs), NIPUN Bharat Mission in J&K (Katha Shilp), Padhe Bharat Scheme (100 days reading campaign), INSPIRE awards 2020-21.

The meeting had detailed deliberations on prescribed agenda points of the meeting.

Principal Secretary, who is also chairman executive committee SCERT appreciated the Council for timely accomplishment of set targets. He asked the SCERT and DIETs to take services of DIET faculty for mentoring the schools after proper need analysis besides organizing science modeling events at zonal level to motivate the students for increased participation and registration in INSPIRE awards.

The Committee members also put forth several suggestions envisaging further streamlining of functioning of SCERT.

Police Collect Samples From Suspected Blast Site In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Police have collected samples from Sunday's suspected blast site on the outskirts of the city and sent them to a forensic laboratory for analysis, officials said on Thursday.

A suspected blast took place in an open field in Lalian village of Bishnah town, about 17 kilometres away from the venue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally at Palli village on Sunday.



A team of police officials carrying a suspected blast site.

ried out an inspection of the suspected blast site and took samples, the officials said.

An officer said, "Once the report is received from the forensic lab, we will come to know about the nature of the blast."

The blast had taken place barely a few hours before the prime minister's visit to Palli village.

Earlier, Police had said they are suspecting it to be a lightning strike or a meteorite.

A big crater was formed due to the blast at the site.

Health Dept Set For A Major Overhaul Employees With 5 Years At One Place To Be Transferred

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government has decided to transfer all non-gazetted employees of the health department who have completed five years at a single place followed by employees who have completed more than two years at a single place.

The Health and Medical Education Department has in this regard informed directors of the department of both divisions about the authorisation of

the administrative department under certain manners.

"I am directed to refer to your letter Nos. DHS-3/Adm/18786 dated 30.03.2022 & DSHK/Adm/476 dated 28.01.2022, regarding the subject cited above and to convey authorization of the Administrative Department for effecting the transfers of non-gazetted staff of your respective Directorates/subordinate offices as per the following manners," reads the authority letter issued by Javid Ahmad Malik, under secretary

to Government to directors of Health Services Jammu and Srinagar.

"In the first phase, the transfers of the staff who have completed five years of service at one place and thereafter the staff who have completed more than two years," it read.

"All the transfers shall be effected strictly as per the calendar for transfer, prescribed in the transfer policy notified vide Government Order No. 948-JK(GAD) of 2020 dated 15.10.2020," it added—(KNO)

TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCAM

ACB Charges 13 Employees After 14 Years

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Anti Corruption Bureau has produced chargesheet against thirteen employees including four former General Managers of DIC Kupwara in a 14-year-old case involving alleged misappropriation of transport subsidy. Three of the employees against whom chargesheet has been filed have died since.

The charge-sheet was produced in case (FIR No. 07/2008) police station VoK (now ACB) under investigation with police station ACB Central, J&K, Jammu against accused public servants namely Abdul Hamid Bhat, the then GM DIC Kupwara, Fayaz Ahmed Shafie, the then GM DIC Kupwara, Mohammad Ashraf Janwari the then GM DIC Kupwara, Masood Karim the then Manager Development DIC Kupwara, Abdul Gani Kirmani IPO DIC Kupwara, A A Khan (now deceased) IPO DIC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Mir the then Block Investigator DIC Kupwara, Zahoor Ahmad Shah the then Manager Accounts J&K Bank Barzulla

Branch Srinagar, Aijaz Ahmad Kitab the then Manager Accounts J&K Bank Solina Branch Srinagar, Feroz Ahmed Lone, A K Lone (deceased), Mohammad Maqbool Unit Holders and private person and A Q Lone (deceased) in the Court of Special Judge Anti Corruption, Baramulla.

The instant case was registered on the outcome of the verification conducted by the then Vigilance Organization Kashmir into the allegations pertaining to misappropriation of transport subsidy by the officials of District Industrial Centre Kupwara in league with the SSI unit holders, the ACB said in a statement to GNS. "Pursuant to the conspiracy that was hatched the DIC officials had issued factually incorrect verification/consumption certificates etc to facilitate the fraudulent withdrawal of transport subsidy by the unit holders amounting to lakhs of rupees."

The investigation conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau has revealed that the DIC officials of Kupwara had processed

the transport subsidy claims of the unit holders in 1996-97 based upon the fake documents submitted by them and had then put up the same through an Agenda Note to the Directorate of Industries and Commerce before the State Level Committee for sanction of the claims, it said. However, the ACB said investigation has revealed that no proper verification has been carried out regarding the veracity of the Subsidy claims of the unit holders by the then officials of DIC Kupwara while processing the claims.

"On the strength of facts and circumstances together with cogent evidence brought on record, the investigation has established commission of offence u/s 5(1)(c) and 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) of the JK PC Act Svt. 2006 and u/s 120- B r/w 468 and 471 RPC as proved against the above said accused public servants, the charge sheet of the case was produced before the Court of Special Judge Anti-corruption Court, Baramulla on 27.04.2022 for judicial determination."

NC's Women Wing Holds Protest Over Power Crisis In J&K

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference's women's wing on Thursday took out a protest march here against the deepening power crisis in Jammu and Kashmir, saying people are seeing no relief from unscheduled outages. The protest was led by the party's women's wing resident Shameema Firdous.

Holding placards, the protesters demanded relief from the unscheduled power cuts and steady water supply.

Our people are hankering for power, particularly at Iftar and Sehri hours. People don't remember having seen such power shortages in their lifetime, especially in summers," one of the protesters said. Normal life has been crippled and ongoing Ramzan fervour has been dampened due to the worsening crisis, the NC activists said.

Bilal Mukhtar Assumes Charge As DD Info Dept Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Bilal Mukhtar on Thursday assumed charge as Deputy Director Information (PR) Kashmir in presence of senior officers of the divisional office.

Prior to his posting as Deputy Director (PR) Kashmir, Bilal has worked as Assistant Commissioner Development Srinagar and Ganderbal besides holding various positions in the administration.

After assuming charge, the incumbent Deputy Director had a brief meeting with the officials. He also inspected various sections of the DDIPR. Earlier, he was briefed by the Section Officer about the functioning of the associated sections including PR Section, Divisional Newsroom and Photo Unit.

Seeking cooperation from the officials working in the different sections, the Deputy Director asked them to work with added zeal and dedication besides being punctual in their duties.

BSF Orders Special Airlift For Jawan Getting Married

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The BSF flew a special helicopter sortie on Thursday to airlift a jawan deployed at a remote post along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir so that he could get home, about 2,500 km away in Odisha, in time for his wedding.

Posted at a high-altitude post in the Machil sector along the LoC, 30-year-old Constable Narayana Behera's wedding is scheduled to take place on May 2, a senior Border Security Force officer said.

As the LoC post is snow-bound and its road link with the Kashmir Valley is currently inaccessible, a military air sortie is the only available mode of transportation for troops deployed at these locations, he said.

The parents of the jawan recently got in touch with his unit commanders, expressing apprehension that their son might not be able to make it for his wedding. They were worried as all the arrangements had been made for the said date, the officer said.

The matter was brought to the knowledge of BSF Inspector General (Kashmir frontier) Raja Babu Singh. He ordered that a Cheetah helicopter of the force stationed in Srinagar should lift Behera immediately, he said.

The helicopter picked up Behera early Thursday and brought him to Srinagar. He is now on the way to his home in Adipur village in Dhenkanal district of Odisha.

IG Singh said he approved the air sortie as the welfare of troops was his "first and foremost priority."

Seminar On Zakat And Fasting Held At IUST

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: Mantaqi Centre for Science and Society at Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST) Awantipora organized a one-day Seminar on the institution of 'Zakat and Fasts: Socio Religious and Scientific Perspective' to create an awareness about this religious provision for the well-being of the society.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, who was the Chief Guest on this occasion noted that the ultimate reason of fasting was to be a good human being and have basic good human qualities and etiquettes.

"At IUST, we promote education in the fields of Sciences, Technology and Social Science but as Muslims we have a responsibility towards the Islamic aspect of education as well," he said. He also talked about university Centre's like Habba Khatoon Centre for Kashmiri Language and Literature, Centre for Spiritual Studies, etc., which were instrumental in this direction.

Prof Romshoo highlighted the various socio-religious and scientific benefits of the institution of roza and zakat explained its significance in the contemporary world. "The United Nations has also started Zakat fund post Middle east wars. "As we know, our Islamic Sharia asks us to give Zakat but the issue has been the absence of an organized and transparent system for it To support students facing financial difficulties, we at IUST have started an organized and transparent Student Aid Fund, which also values the human dignity properly," VC IUST added.

Prominent religious speaker and Principal Madinatul Uloom Hazratbal Srinagar, Prof Mohd Tayyab Kamili while referring to various saints and their sayings deliberated upon the significance of fasting and Zakat during the sacred month of Ramadan and said, "Fasting develops Taqwa in Muslims and compels us to be better humans as the month of Ramadan was filled with blessings (Barakat) and Sabr as well. We should be a source of blessings for even non-Muslims as we know we can offer Zakat to them as well and help irrespective of their religion and social identity."

Director of Unani and Panchkarma Hospital Srinagar, Dr Nasir Ahmad Hakim discussed few researches and studies and noted how fasting cured Cancer, A.L.S, Diabetes, Heart Attack, Neurological diseases, Genetic Disorders and Auto immune Disorder, and such other incurable diseases.

Registrar IUST Prof. Naseer Iqbal mentioned the importance of this seminar in view of social, scientific and religious significance of Fasting and Zakat and how one remains away from wrongdoings and follow the path of righteousness in the Holy month of Ramadan.

Earlier, Director Mantaqi Centre for Science and Society Pirzada Amin welcomed the speakers and expressed his appreciation for everyone at the University for this seminar, which impart beneficial knowledge based on Islamic and Scientific education. The Deans, HODs, and Students of IUST and Mantaqi Higher School were also present in the event.

Tanishq Organizes Exclusive Event For Customers In Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Tanishq India's largest jewellery retail brand from the house of Tata held a memorable evening for its customers on the occasion of celebrating the holy month of Ramzan at Taj Vivanta, here.

The exclusive event was an enjoyable evening for the customers with an engaging session on diamonds and Diamond promises by Tanishq. The event was followed by Iftaar and dinner.

Customers were spoilt for choice with jewellery pieces from the best Diamond collections this season from Tanishq. Diamond jewellery pieces are the perfect addition to every woman's jewellery trousseau box.



Tanishq has a set of guidelines and principles, known as the 'Tanishq Diamond Promises', which they abide by. The company has pledged to keep 6 sparkling precious promises that it has made to its consumers— Tanishq, India's most-loved jewellery brand from the TATA Group, has been synonymous with superior craftsmanship, exclusive designs and guaranteed product

quality for over two decades.

It has built for itself the enviable reputation of being the only jewellery brand in the country that strives to understand the Indian woman and provide her with jewellery that meets her traditional and contemporary aspirations and desires. The Tanishq retail chain currently spreads across 360+ exclusive boutiques in more than 200 cities.

Announcement (Under the MCI Ethics & Regulations 6,1)

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SUPER SPECIALITY OPD AT: Kashmir Clinics

CONSULTANT	SPECIALITY	DATE & TIME
Dr. Sameer Kaul	Sr.Consultant- Clinical Oncology	7TH MAY .11:00 AM TO 03:00 PM 8TH MAY .02:30 PM TO 05:00 PM
Dr. Sudheer Tyagi	Sr.Consultant- Neuro Surgery	7TH MAY .11:00 AM TO 03:00 PM
Dr.Sandeep Guleria	Sr.Consultant Kidney Transplant Surgeon	7TH MAY .11:00 AM TO 03:00 PM
Dr. Syed Uzair	Consultant Gastroenterology, Hepatology & therapeutic Endoscopy	7TH MAY .11:00 AM TO 03:00 PM
Dr. Arun Prasad	Senior.GI, Bariatric & Robotic Surgeon.	7TH MAY .10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

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DEMISE

Prof M Abdullah Lone, former Professor of English and Principal GDC for Women, Baramulla left for heavenly abode on **Thursday 28, April 2022. (26th Ramazan, 1443)** He was laid to rest at Sanatnagar graveyard.

The mourning will be for **three days only** at their **Sanatnager Srinagar residence; House No 128, Lane 5.**

BEREAVED

Dr Wasim Abdullah Lone (Son)
Mr Khurshid Ahmad Lone (Brother)
Dr Irfan Abdullah (Son in Law)

PBKS Aim To Stifle KL Rahul In Game Against LSG



Press Trust of India

PUNE: Punjab Kings would be keen to put brakes on Lucknow Super Giants skipper KL Rahul's rollicking batting form and notch up a win when the two sides clash in an IPL game here on Friday.

Lucknow are currently in fourth spot, having five wins and three losses from eight games, while Punjab are at sixth with four wins and as many losses.

Lucknow beat Mumbai Indians by 36 runs in their last game, while Punjab come into the game after defeating Chennai Super Kings by 11 runs.

Rahul has been in sublime form at the top of order and has already hit two hundreds—both against Mumbai Indians—and a fifty-plus score this season.

With 368 runs, he is the second highest run-getter so far this season, just behind Rajasthan Royals' Jos Buttler and has been the batting mainstay for his team.

Punjab's balanced bowling attack, led by South African pacer Kasigo Rabada, would be keen to put the brakes on the stylish right-handed batter.

Leg-spinner Chahar is the leading wicket taker for Punjab with 10 scalps but he would

need to step up even more to help his team's cause.

In the batting department, opener Shikhar Dhawan, who hit an unbeaten 88 in Punjab's previous match, is back among the runs and that is a big plus.

But the form of skipper Mayank Agarwal is a cause of concern. He has blown hot and cold with the willow, having a single fifty-plus score in the seven matches this season.

For Lucknow, captain Rahul needs support from other batters, including his opening partner Quinton De Kock, who failed in the game against Mumbai as he was dismissed for 10.

De Kock, who has scored 225 runs so far, has not done full justice to his potential and needs to fire on all cylinders and add weight to the LSG batting.

The bowling department has also fared well, with Sri Lankan pacer Dushmantha Chameera and Holder right on the money so far. The duo have shared 14 wickets among them and will need to continue with their good work to stop the attacking Punjab batting line-up.

The eight overs of spinners Krunal Pandya and Ravi Bishnoi can also become crucial and change the fate of a match.

I Had Self-Belief In My Batting: Rashid Khan

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Hitting three sixes in four balls, including the match-winning maximum from the final delivery, is a stupendous achievement for any batter but Afghan star Rashid Khan says he has the self-belief to execute such performances after working on his batting in the last two years.

Rashid (31 off just 11 balls), known more for his match-winning leg-spin bowling, pulled off a heist as he struck three sixes from four balls, bowled by pacer Marco Jansen, to hand Gujarat Titans a thrilling five-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad on Wednesday night.

His partner Rahul Tewatia (40 not out off 21 balls) had hit a six from the first ball and ran a single after the Titans needed 22 runs from the final over while chasing a stiff 196 for a win.

"The feeling is good...you just have it in mind to go out there and have the self-belief, keep my shape strong, and hit it," Rashid said after his batting heroics. "I was happy to do it against them (former club Sunrisers Hyderabad), but I was just trying to play my game and have the belief in my batting which I've been working on the last two years."



Asked what transpired between him and Tewatia during the final over, Rashid said, "When it was 22 left, I just told Tewatia that we have given 25 in the last over with our best bowler (Lockie Ferguson). We just have to have that belief in ourselves."

"If we have one missed ball, don't think about it and don't panic. Just stay strong and we need to finish it or get as close as possible because it might help us with the run rate."

"But as long as we have that belief, anything is possible. Just stay there, keep your shape, and hit it strong. So that was our plan and luckily we had those four sixes."

England Appoint Ben Stokes As Test Team Captain

Agencies

LONDON: Ben Stokes was appointed as captain of England's Test cricket team on Thursday, taking on the high-pressure role just a few months after returning from a long spell away from the game to protect his mental health.

The all-rounder was the only credible option to replace Joe Root, who quit his position which he had held for five years two weeks ago with England having only won one of its last 17 Test matches.

It is the first big decision by Rob Key, the former England batsman who was recently hired as managing director of men's cricket in England in a turbulent period for the national team that is currently without a head coach.

Key said he was sure Stokes was ready to shoulder the burden of the captaincy despite missing most of 2021 to focus on his well-being and also recover from two finger operations. It could mean Stokes plays fewer one-day and Twenty20 internationals, though.

'Path-Breaking Initiatives Making J&K Powerhouse Of Sports': J&K Admin

J&K bagged 72 gold, 90 silver and 145 bronze medals in 14 sports disciplines in 2020-21

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government is taking various initiatives to create world-class infrastructure and introduced new policies to make J&K a powerhouse of sports.

An official said that the Youth of J&K are immensely talented and deserve more opportunities and exposure to display their talent.

We are committed to extending all possible support to the local sportspersons who strive hard to make J&K and the nation proud in different sports disciplines, an official of J&K administration remarked.

"The J&K Government is taking ground-breaking initiatives for creating world-class infrastructure, implementing new policies to make J&K the Power House of sports," he said.

The concerned department plans activities throughout the year while infrastructure work is already going on a massive scale. The sports policy is not merely focusing on activities like Cricket, Football but is now giving importance to popular activities like Volleyball, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Water Sports and Winter Sports as well which were ignored in the past.

The development of sports infrastructure which started after the abrogation of Article 370 is bringing ground-breaking change to the sports arena of J&K.

Notably, Union Sports Minister, Kiren Rijiju, e-inaugurated a multi-sports facility sports excellence centre at Hira Nagar dedicated to former Union Minister late Arun



Jaitley. The centre is coming up at an allocated cost of Rs 200 Crore fund under the PMDP scheme for sports structure revamp.

In a major departure from the past, J&K Administration focuses on quality sports facilities and training not only in Srinagar and Jammu cities but across the UT.

Earlier, focus was on the twin cities of Srinagar and Jammu. Every district is equipped with top-level Indoor Stadiums besides Outdoor stadiums are coming in every District and even at block levels, Panchayat levels.

The administration is also working to prepare youth of J&K for big events like Asian Games and Olympics. Earlier J&K had no requisite infrastructure, training and coaches for bigger international events. UT administration is targeting those disciplines in which Olympic level athletes can be produced.

According to official figures, the medal tally of J&K at National level competitions in 2020-21 in 14 disciplines was 72 gold, 90 silver and 145 bronze medals. Skier Arif Khan who hails from a small village of Goiwara in Hajibal, Tangmarg in Kashmir valley has achieved the unique distinction of being India's sole representative at the Beijing

Winter Olympics. He is also the first athlete from the country to win direct quota spots in two different Winter Olympics events.

It is worth mentioning that during Khelo India Winter Games, Union Sports Minister announced the centre of excellence for the Winter Games to be set up in Gulmarg. The centre is being established keeping in view the potential and environment of J&K in winter sports.

Pertinently, the first-ever sports policy has been notified and adopted for the promotion of sports in the Union Territory. Besides, monetary incentives, it envisages the provision of government jobs for sportspersons who secure medals in national and international competitions.

The sports policy reflects the concern and keenness of the current dispensation, led by LG Manoj Sinha, towards encouraging sports at both rural and urban levels while ensuring the engagement of all.

The endeavour is to facilitate players of Jammu and Kashmir in getting ample sporting experience throughout the year besides extending opportunities for adequate exposure to youth outside the Union Territory.

Chief Secretary Inspects SK Stadium, Sonwar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, on Thursday visited SK Stadium Sonwar to inspect the ground and other requisite facilities.

Chief Secretary was accompanied by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz, Commissioner, SMC, Athar Aamir Khan and other officers.

During the inspection, Chief Secretary directed the officers to develop a comprehensive plan for development of the stadium in all respects. He said that sports development is top priority of the govern-

ment and all necessary measures for up gradation of sports infrastructure need to be followed in letter and spirit.

He expressed dismay over dilapidated surroundings of the stadium and asked the officers to properly maintain the environs of this vital sports facility with focus on development of facade of the stadium.

Taking a detailed round of the stadium, Chief Secretary stressed upon the concerned officers to expedite pace of works on beautification of the stadium so that it is completed within the stipulated time frame.

He also directed the concerned officers to increase sports activities

in the stadium saying that it should be brimming with sports activities throughout the year.

Later, Chief Secretary visited Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor stadium and took stock of progress on sports infrastructure development works.

Chief Secretary directed the concerned officers to ensure that all quality parameters are taken care of during execution of all works there.

'Pray For Our Muslim Brothers & Sisters In India': Mesut Ozil

Agencies

Former Real Madrid and Arsenal star Mesut Ozil took to Twitter on Thursday, 28 April, to condemn the alleged human rights violations against the minority Muslim community in India, calling it "shameful," and urging fans to "break the silence."

The German professional footballer wrote on Twitter, "Praying during the holy night of Lailat al-Qadr for the safety and well-being of our Muslim brothers and sisters in India. Let's spread awareness to this shameful situation! What is happening to the human rights in the so-called largest democracy in the world? #BreakTheSilence"

Ozil a German international midfielder is currently playing with Turkish giants, Fenerbahce. The German had helped his country win the World Cup in 2014.

In December 2019, the footballer had posted a poem on social media condemning China's alleged persecution of Uighurs, a Turkic-speaking Muslim minority. His then club, Arsenal, publicly distanced itself from the player's sentiments. The player was subsequently removed from Konami's eFootball Pro Evolution Soccer (PES) 2020 computer



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game in China.

In February this year, when the hijab row was at its peak in Karnataka, France and Manchester United player Paul Pogba had shared a video on Instagram of mobs donning saffron scarves heckling hijab-wearing Muslim women in educational institutes. The visual, shared by the World Cup winning footballer as an Instagram story, was captioned, "Hindutva mobs continue to harass Muslim girls wearing Hijab to college in India."

I Will Bowl Above 155 Kmph One Day: Umran Malik

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Young pace sensation Umran Malik says he would want to cross the 155kmph speed mark one day but his main focus remains on bowling at the right areas as he claimed his maiden five-wicket haul in the IPL here.

The 22-year-old from Jammu took Sunrisers Hyderabad on the verge of a win with figures of 5/25 before Rahul Tewatia and Rashid Khan pulled off a heist for Gujarat Titans by hitting four sixes in the final over to win the match by five wickets.

Though his efforts went for a losing cause, Umran was rightly adjudged the player of the match for his fiery spell of fast bowling, one of the finest in IPL history.

"The idea was to bowl fast and maintain length and plan the wickets. Like I dismissed Hardik bhai with a bouncer and shuffled up (Wriddhiman) Saha and bowled him out with a yorker," Malik said after the match on Wednesday night.

"I tried to mix my bowling, and target the wickets as it is a small ground. Otherwise our bowling has done well."

Asked if he still fancies touching the 155kmph mark, he said: "I just want to bowl at the right areas and good wickets and if I



have to bowl above 155mph, God willing, I will do one day." Malik has been clocking in excess of 150 kmph consistently throughout the season and has picked up 15 wickets in eight matches at 15.93 average.

Introduced into the attack as late as the eighth over, Malik bowled devastatingly quick deliveries to scythe through the Gujarat Titans top-order, becoming the first IPL bowler to pick up all the first five wickets of an innings.

He rattled Shubman Gill's off stump for his first wicket, before removing Hardik Pandya with a combination of pace and bounce.

Next, he produced a perfect 153 kmph thunderbolt yorker to smash the wickets of Wriddhiman Saha, before cleaning up both David Miller and Abhinav Manohar to sign off with a five-for.

Take Umran To England For One-Off Test, Limited-Overs Series: Gavaskar

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: The legendary Sunil Gavaskar has pitched for young pace sensation Umran Malik's inclusion in the Indian team for the upcoming England tour following his stunning five-wicket haul against Gujarat Titans in the IPL here.

The 22-year-old Sunrisers Hyderabad pacer from Jammu produced one of the most fiery spells of fast bowling in the IPL history, snapping five wickets for 25 runs on Wednesday night. But his breathtaking effort

went in vain as Rashid Khan (31 not out off 11 balls) and Rahul Tewatia (40 not out in 21 balls) scored 56 from the last four overs, including 22 from the final six deliveries, to take the Titans home in a last-ball thriller.

"The next for him, I think is the Indian team," former India skipper Gavaskar said during his commentary after the game.

"He might not play in the XI because India have got Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Umesh Yadav. So, he might not play."

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