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CITY'S CIVIL SERVICE COACHING CENTRE FACES FEE HARASSMENT CHARGE

Shabir Ahmed Mir, a graduate from Budgam studying to become a civil servant, has accused "Ignited Minds" of harassment over pending fee installment. The said coaching centre is an uptown

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ABBA,**

I pray Allah has forgiven all your sins, little and big, accepted all your good deeds and I pray He has opened the wide doors of His Jannah for you. Years are passing and I miss you with each tick and tock of the clock. May be, the pain of losing loved ones



P7 STATE

J&K RECORDS 77% DEFICIENT RAINFALL SINCE MARCH

Jammu and Kashmir has recorded deficient rainfall since March this year, even as the upper reaches of the Union territory on Tuesday received light snowfall and



Quote!

Understanding a question is half an answer

- Socrates

NEWS DIGEST

J&K Logs Five Corona Cases

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Tuesday five fresh cases of novel Coronavirus while no fresh fatality was registered in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, three new cases of Covid-19 were detected in Jammu district **More on P6**

Heart Attack Kills Soldier

Srinagar: A soldier died on Tuesday after suffering a heart attack at his camp in North Kashmir's Bandipora district. 54-year-old Munna Ishai of Army's 26 RR felt unwell at his camp in Takri Pathkote area of the district following which he was taken to the **More on P6**

Train Crushes Man To Death

Jammu: A man was killed after he was hit by a train while crossing a railway track on the outskirts of Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, officials said on Tuesday. The incident took place near Ratnu Chak, the railway officials said. The identity of the deceased has **More on P6**

Two 'Militant Associates' Held In Budgam

Srinagar: The government forces on Tuesday arrested two alleged militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) from Central Kashmir's Budgam district, police said. Zahid Ahmad Sheikh and Sahil Bashir Dar, the two LeT militant associates were arrested by a joint team of police, army's 62RR and the **More on P6**

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HM Shah Orders Pro-Active Ops Against Militants

Asks UT Administration To Ensure Hassle-Free Amarnath Yatra



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday advocated pro-active coordinated counter-militancy operations in Jammu and Kashmir as he held three back-to-back meetings to review the situation there as well as arrangements for the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra and asked security forces to ensure zero cross-border infiltration to "wipe out terrorism" in the union territory.

The marathon meetings held by the home minister came in the backdrop of recent targeted killings in the valley which included a Kashmiri pandit Rahul Bhat, who was gunned down by militants last week.

During the meetings, which was attended by Lt Governor of JK Manoj Sinha, police chief Dibag Singh and other top central and union territory officials, Shah was informed that this year's 42-day-long yatra, beginning on June 30, will have a Radio Frequency Identification Card (RFID) for every pilgrim besides an insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh.

While Sinha was present in all the three meetings, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande attended the meetings to discuss the security situation in the union territory.

An official spokesman in a statement said the home minister directed security forces and the police to conduct

coordinated counter-militancy operations pro-actively.

The home minister said in order to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a prosperous and peaceful Jammu and Kashmir, security forces should ensure zero cross-border infiltration to "wipe out terrorism" in the union territory.

In another statement, the spokesman said the JK chief secretary informed the meeting that each pilgrim will be provided with a RFID and will be insured with Rs 5 lakh. Earlier, RFID was provided to vehicles only.

Shah said a "hassle-free" journey for the pilgrims is a priority of the Modi government and **More on P6**

India Rejects Pak Resolution On Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: India on Tuesday described as "farfetched" a resolution passed by the National Assembly of Pakistan on the delimitation exercise in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the neighbouring country has no locus standi to interfere in internal matters of India.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi categorically rejected the resolution and asked Islamabad to stop cross-border terrorism and shut down its "infrastructure of terrorism".

"We categorically reject the farfetched resolution passed by the National Assembly of Pakistan on the subject of the delimitation exercise in the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

"Pakistan has no locus standi to pronounce on or interfere in matters that are internal to India, including the Indian territories under Pakistan's illegal and forcible occupation," Bagchi added.

The spokesperson was responding to media queries regarding the resolution passed by the Pakistan National Assembly.

"It is regrettable that instead of putting their own house in order, the leadership in Pakistan continues to interfere in India's internal affairs **More on P6**

BLAST IN BARAMULLA

Employee Killed, 3 Injured In Wine Shop Attack



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A middle-aged man was killed on Tuesday and three others injured when unknown militants targeted a newly opened wine shop with a hand grenade in North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Unknown militants on Tuesday evening hurled a grenade at the wine shop in Dewan Bagh locality of the main town Baramulla that exploded with a bang, officials said. In the blast four employees of the liquor shop were injured.

The injured identified as Ranjit Singh and Govind Singh of Rajouri and Goverdan

Singh and Ravi Kumar of Kathua were removed to the hospital with splinter injuries. However, 50-year-old Ranjit Singh succumbed to his injuries later.

6 THE PILLION RIDER WEARING A BURKA WALKED TO THE window of the said wine shop and dropped a grenade inside the said wine shop through the porthole window and thereafter fled away on the bike from the spot."

A local news agency quoted an unnamed police officer saying that the attacker disguised himself as a buyer before lobbing the grenade. "Terrorists **More on P6**

Fully Prepared To Deal With Infiltration Along LoC: Army

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: A top army official on Tuesday said that Indian troops are fully alert along the Line of Control (LoC) to foil any infiltration bid, asserting that militant camps are still operational across the border.

"Our troops deployed on the LoC are fully alert. If any infiltration bid is made by the enemy, we will foil them 100 per cent," the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 16 Corps, Lt General Manjinder Singh, told reporters in Reasi on the sidelines of the unveiling of a sports calendar for 2022-2023.

The calendar has been jointly prepared by the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council in Reasi.

Lt Gen Singh further said that militant camps already existed across the border and they are still operational. "Their number increases and decreases depending upon the season", he added.

Replying to a question about the sports activity being



launched by the 16 Corps, he said that in keeping with the spirit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the Fit India Campaign, the sports calendar will provide an opportunity to the promising sports persons, especially those from the remote areas of the region, to get recognition and achieve greater laurels for the Union Territory.

"The Indian Army has always promoted sports and would continue to do so in future as well," he said

KPs Continue Protest For Sixth Straight Day IGP Asks Them To Be Patient, Not To Leave Valley

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Protests continued for the sixth day Tuesday in Kashmir over the killing of Kashmiri Pandit employee Rahul Bhat, even as a top police official assured the protesters a permanent peace will return to the valley soon as security forces will eliminate all terrorists "within one-and-a-half year".

Kashmir Zone Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar also urged the protesters to be patient and not get carried away by political parties".

The Kashmiri Pandit employees, who had returned to the valley under the Prime Minister's Employment package for the migrants, held protests at various places



including at migrant colony in Budgam and Anantnag.

Demanding justice for Bhat, they burnt the effigy symbolising the Jammu and Kashmir administration, and raised slogans against Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

At the protest sites, the air

resonated with the slogans such as "LG tum ek kaam karo, kursi chhodd aaraam karo (essentially asking the LG to resign)", "administration down down" and 'we want justice'. "Tum kitne Rahul maroge, har ghar se Rahul niklega (How many **More on P6**

KP Couples To Share Same Place Of Posting

The Divisional Administration Kashmir has framed a new policy for the Kashmiri Pandit employees working under the Prime Minister's Rehabilitation Package (PMRP) that entails same place of posting for the couples and no more remote area postings for the employees. The administration is also working on providing safe and secure accommodation to the employees. Divisional Commissioner Kashmir P K Pole told a local news agency KNO that in the wake of concerns **More on P6**

Civic Body Seeks Removal Of Loudspeakers In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) on Tuesday passed a resolution for the removal of loudspeakers and public address systems operating without permission from religious and public places, evoking criticism from the rival Congress.

This decision comes after Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra implemented a similar order.

Narotam Sharma, corporator of Ward 3, introduced a resolution in the House meeting of JMC seeking directions to the district magistrate to remove loudspeakers and public address systems that are being operated in banquet and community halls, mosques, temples, gurdwaras, churches and other religious shrines without permission.

As per the resolution, the Jammu district magistrate is required to ensure that no such devices are played within the JMC Jurisdiction **More on P6**

J&K Has Second Lowest Coverage Under Health Insurance

14% Households Across UT Have Just One Member Covered

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: Government of India's recently released health report has shown a worrying percentage of health insurance coverage in Jammu and Kashmir, as only 14 percent of households in the region are covered under a registered health insurance, which still remains far from satisfactory.

Despite, the central Government's flagship Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna

(AB-Pmjay) which has been an indication of the impact of a better health care access in India, J&K has the second worst coverage of households under a health insurance across India, the report revealed.

The latest survey—NFHS-5—which provides data by socio-economic and other background characteristics that remains useful for policy formulation and effective programme implementation, was released by Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in Vadodra, Gujarat, on May 5.

As per the report, after Andaman & Nicobar where the percentage of "households with at least one member covered by a health insurance" was recorded at 1.8 percent, J&K has the second lowest percentage of



such households as only 14 percent households have at least one family member who is covered under a health insurance.

However, besides being the second lowest across India, J&K still lacks behind 27 percent than the national average of

such cases, which itself reveals J&K's drastic hesitancy towards having health insurance.

A superficial look at the data

A SUPERFICIAL LOOK AT THE DATA BY KASHMIR OBSERVER REVEALS

that in NFHS-3 (2005-2006) the percentage of households which had health insurance was 4.9 percent which had come down to 4.3 percent in NFHS-4 (2015-16). However, the percentage turned out better in the latest NFHS survey by more than 9 percent.

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As per NFHS, the health insurance coverage in J&K among both men & women was 13.8 percent where rate for men was recorded at 10.9 percent while for women,

the rate stood at 2.3 percent.

However, bringing forth the details about the hesitancy towards having health insurance, NFHS noted that 45.5 percent have not acquired the insurance because of the long waiting time. "42.6 percent had not acquired insurance due to poor quality, 40.8 percent ignored it due to lack of nearby facility, 16.4 percent hadn't witnessed a convenient facility time, 8.9 percent usually don't **More on P6**



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Heatwaves, Floods And Heavy Rain

India Battling Climate Change And It Is Getting Worse, Warn Experts

Press Trust Of India

The spectre of climate change is here to stay and even worsen, say climate scientists as searing winds blow across swathes of north India, including New Delhi where temperatures have crossed 49 degrees Celsius, and flash floods ravage parts of the northeast.

A day after two weather stations in Delhi saw temperatures of more than 49 degrees Celsius and neighbouring Gurgaon registered 48 degrees Celsius, the highest since May 1966, experts on Monday analysed the incidence of extreme weather events and sounded a dire warning.

"With increasing temperatures as a result of global warming in South Asia and the consequent exceeding levels of heat and humidity, it is predicted that we will have more intense, longer and frequent heat waves in India," environmentalist and climate scientist Shakil Ahmad Romshoo told PTI in a phone interview from Srinagar. According to the University of Kashmir professor, one indicator of climate change is the increasing frequency of climate extremes. A heat wave, he said, is a climate extreme and a direct indicator of climate change.

"Over the last few decades, global warming has been on an accelerated pace and its marks can be seen in any single day of global weather since the 2000s. Generation Z has never lived a day without feeling the influence of global warming," added Roxy Mathew Koll from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Pune. The national capital recorded its second hottest April this year since 1951 with a



monthly average maximum temperature of 40.2 degrees Celsius. Other north Indian states, including the hill areas of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, also recorded temperatures way above the normal level this season.

While north India battled high temperatures, parts of Kerala and Lakshadweep islands saw heavy rainfall on Sunday. Besides, the weather office sounded a red alert across five districts in Kerala. And in the east, Assam's Dima Hasao district has been hit by flash floods and massive landslides at several places, snapping rail and road links.

According to Indian Meteorological Department data, the average maximum tem-

perature over northwest and central India for April this year has been the highest in 122 years.

A 4.5 to 6.4-degree departure from normal is considered to declare a heat wave and over 6.4-degree departure for a severe heat wave.

Regardless of local weather interactions, Koli explained, the root cause for increase in such events in the India-Pakistan region is global warming due to human-made carbon emissions.

"March 2022 was India's hottest March in recorded history (1901-2022). The temperatures were high in entire India, especially the northwest regions that underwent a heat wave. Temperatures continued to run significantly above normal in April 2022

over large parts of India, excluding south India," Koll told PTI in an email interview. The Earth's average temperature has increased by 1.2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, said global climate change expert Harjeet Singh.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report released in 2021 warned that rising temperatures will lead to increased incidence of heat waves, longer warm seasons and shorter cold seasons, Singh, senior advisor, Climate Action Network-International (CAN-I), told PTI over phone.

The experts added that climate change is not only raising temperatures and making India's heatwaves hotter, but also changing weather patterns that further drive dangerous weather extremes. The low pressure anomaly caused by the weather event known as La Nina over the Indian subcontinent has been inviting westerly winds and the blast of hot air from the Middle East into India.

"The north-south pressure pattern has been persisting over India, with La Nina extending its stay over the Pacific. This has definitely impacted the weather over India, which has been seen even during 1998-2000 when La Nina had persisted for three years," said Raghu Murtugudde, professor, department of atmospheric and oceanic science, University of Maryland, US.

"We did see some strange weather activities this year as well which include dust-storms over Mumbai, early deep depressions out of which one even became feeble cyclone and the heatwaves... all part of this weird and extended persistence of La Nina," Murtugudde said.

Antibiotics May Cause Deadly Fungal Infections In Hospitalised Patients

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Patients prescribed antibiotics in hospitals to prevent sepsis and other bacterial infections are at increased risk of developing a life-threatening fungal infection called candidiasis because of disruption to the immune system in the gut, a new study warned.

Gut microbiomes are generally known to carry genetically encoded strategies to survive contact with antibiotics. But the study, led by researchers from the University of Birmingham in the UK and the US National Institutes of Health, discovered that antibiotics disrupt the immune system in the intestines, meaning that fungal infections become poorly controlled in that area.

The team also found that where fungal infections developed, gut bacteria were also able to escape, leading to the additional risk of bacterial infection.

While the study, published in Cell Host and Microbe, demonstrated the potential for immune-boosting drugs, the researchers said their work also highlights how antibiotics can have additional effects on our bodies that affect how we fight infection and disease.

This in turn underscores the importance of careful stewardship of available antibiotics. "We knew that antibiotics make fungal infections worse, but the discovery that bacterial co-

infections can also develop through these interactions in the gut was surprising. These factors can add up to a complicated clinical situation - and by understanding these underlying causes, doctors will be better able to treat these patients effectively," said lead author Dr Rebecca Drummond, fungal immunologist at Birmingham.

In the study, the team used mice treated with a broad-spectrum antibiotic cocktail and then infected these animals with Candida albicans, the most common fungus that causes invasive candidiasis in humans. They found that although infected mice had increased mortality, this was caused by infection in the intestine, rather than in the kidneys or other organs.

In a further step, the team pinpointed what parts of the immune system were missing from the gut after antibiotic treatment, and then added these back into the mice using immune-boosting drugs similar to those used in humans. They found this approach helped reduce the severity of the fungal infection.

The researchers followed up the experiment by studying hospital records, where they were able to show that similar co-infections might occur in humans after they have been treated with antibiotics.

An estimated 1.2 million people worldwide died in 2019 from antibiotic-resistant infections, and this number is predicted to increase ten-fold by 2050.

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

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

Name : Muneer Majeed
S/o Ab Majeed Dar
R/o Russu)



Details of Marks Certificate lost
Secondary School Examination (class 10th)
Roll No 2403241 Session /Year Annual / Reg. 2018
Higher Secondary School Examination (class12th)
Roll No 32409231 Session /Year Annual . 2020

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

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D/o Gullam Mohammad Ganie
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Details of Marks Certificate lost
Higher Secondary School Examination (class12th)
Roll No 2406210 Session /Year Annual . 2018

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

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NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

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Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir

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Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir

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Minor Girl Kidnapped, Sexually Assaulted In Malbagh

Juvenile Among 3 Accused Held: Police

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir police on Tuesday arrested three persons including a juvenile for allegedly kidnapping and sexually assaulting a minor girl in Malbagh area of Soura in Srinagar outskirts.

Police said that three persons kidnapped a minor girl from Taqdeer Park Hazratbal and sexually assaulted her at a rented house at Malbagh.

Soon after receiving the information, officials at Police Station Nigeen registered a case under FIR number 57/2022 under section 363-342-354/IPC and started investigation.

The trio were arrested by police while

the victim was shifted to hospital for medical checkup.

Meanwhile, police in a tweet said that two persons involved in the act were arrested while the juvenile was apprehended.

“Three accused including one Juvenile apprehended for kidnapping and sexually assaulting a minor girl in Malbagh, Soura. The girl was kidnapped from Hazratbal area and taken to Malbagh by these accused. Case registered under relevant sections of POCSO and IPC act at Nigeen PS,” Srinagar Police tweeted.

“Juvenile has been lodged in Observation home at Harwan, while other two adult accused have been arrested and lodged in lock-up of Nigeen Police station,” police tweeted. (KNO)

Police Arrests 3 Gamblers, Recovers Stake Money

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Police on Tuesday arrested three gamblers in Rawatpora Baghat area of Srinagar and recovered stake money from their possession.

As per the statement issued by the Police, acting on a specific information Police Station Saddar raided a gambling site at Rawatpora Baghat and apprehended three gamblers identified as Nazir Ahmad Parray

of Rawatpora, Hakeem Mushtaq Ahmad of Nati-porr and Manzoor Ahmad Chat Shah Faisal colony soura and recovered stake money of Rs 53000 and plying cards from them.

In this regard Case FIR. NO 50/22 U/S 13 gambling act stands registered in Police Station Saddar, statement reads.

This is a continuation of efforts of Srinagar Police to curb the social crimes and immoral activities, it added



Dressed in traditional Kashmiri attire, a tourist couple takes a selfie at City's Nishat Garden on Tuesday. KO Photo Abid Bhat

City's Civil Service Coaching Centre Faces Fee Harassment Charge

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Shabir Ahmed Mir, a graduate from Budgam studying to become a civil servant, has accused “Ignited Minds” of harassment over pending fee installment.

The said coaching centre is an uptown Srinagar-based Institute offering preparatory courses for civil service examinations.

For civil services examinations, the Institute has a norm of accepting fees within two installments. But after Shabir's request, it agreed to take the fee in three segments.

Shabir was entitled to pay an amount of Rs 78,000 in three installments, of which he paid Rs 32,000 as first installment. After attending classes for a month, Shabir was told to pay another installment.

“I failed to pay the second in-

stallment in time and that is when the harassment started,” Shabir told Kashmir Observer.

Due to financial restrictions, he sought more time to pay the fee but he said his request was denied.

“On 16th April, I was called out of the class for not paying the fee on time,” he said.

Let down by what Shabir calls “marginalizing behavior” of the Institute he did not feel like studying at the Institute anymore.

However, talking to Kashmir Observer, Ignited Minds Director Waseem Raja denied the accusations and said that students are entitled to pay a fee within two installments.

“In case of Shabir, we agreed to take a fee within three installments as requested by Nazir who happened to be faculty member at the Institute,” Waseem said.

“The student not only failed to pay the fee on time but also misbe-

haved with the faculty members at the Institute and his brother threatened me with severe consequences.”

Waseem said he reported the issue at Police Station Baghat. In charge SHO Police Station Baghat Mukhtar Ahmad told Kashmir Observer that he talked to both the parties and the issue has been resolved amicably.

“The Institute has agreed to give more time to Shabir to pay the fee, no further action is needed,” the SHO told Kashmir Observer.

Meanwhile, another student, Adil Rasheed from Khan Sahab Budgam said that he paid an amount of Rs 80,000 as fee for a year and was denied a refund by the Institute.

“I was not satisfied with the level of teaching, so I requested them to change the faculty or refund the fee, they denied both,” said Adil, who is no longer interested in joining classes at the Institute.

LCMA Conducts Demolition Drive In Various City Areas

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Enforcement Wing of Lake Conservation & Management Authority On Tuesday conducted a demolition drive in the areas of Doud Mohalla, Ishber Upper Side, Hakim Mohalla Lal Bazar and Nigeen.

During the drive, the structures erected illegally were demolished on the spot.

Meanwhile, LCMA has directed the public residing within the LDA jurisdiction not to go for any sort of illegal con-



structions or encroachments.

“The Enforcement wing will continue with demolition of illegal constructions, removal of encroachments”, the statement issued by LCMA said.

Moreover, LCMA also directed the Tipper and Load carried owners not to carry or ferry any construction material in the prohibited area of Dal and Nigeen Lakes without getting proper permission.

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LCMA urged the locals residing in the LCMA Jurisdiction to apply for online building permission through LCMA online official website.

Attributing Pollens Of Russian Poplar Trees For Allergies Misconception: Health Experts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Senior Health Experts of Valley including Dr Naveed Nazir, Dr Taha from SKIMS, Community Health Expert Dr Salim unanimously refuted the popular misconception to blame poplar trees for allergy like throat infection, cough, itchy eyes and runny noses. They said that the actual fluffy particles seen in the air are actually massive particles and they don't cause allergies of such concern. However, it could be a carrier of some of the other pollen and fungal infections that cause allergic reactions. They said it is very important to make people aware that cotton seeds of female poplars do not induce any allergic conditions in humans.

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As Mariupol falls

As the Russia-Ukraine war is due to complete its third month, there are no signs that it will wind down anytime soon. In the latest development, Russia has strengthened its control over the besieged city of Mariupol. Ukraine has confirmed that hundreds of its fighters trapped for more than two months in Mariupol's Azovstal steelworks have been evacuated. Russia, on the other hand, said that 265 Ukrainian soldiers, including several dozen wounded troops, surrendered. Does this change anything fundamentally on the war front in Ukraine? Not necessarily. It is apparent now that Kremlin's war effort has stalled or remarkably slowed down in recent weeks after the NATO-backed Ukrainian Army put up stiff resistance to Russian advances. The capital Kyiv still remains out of bounds for Moscow. Russia has now focussed more on the East and South of Ukraine but the gains it is making are still very feeble. So, the war is likely to frag on. The stakes for Russia and NATO are too big to be seen as losing the war. Russian president Putin has already signalled, that he is prepared to use nuclear weapons. And the west, on the other hand, is not ready to blink.

But for the west or the US-led world order, the Russian invasion of Ukraine is nothing short of an existential challenge. Even a negotiated settlement let alone the Russian victory will re-order the world and shift the balance of power away from the US. So, for the west, the war basically is not about Ukraine, at stake is its own dominance of the world.

Meanwhile, the war is causing a humanitarian catastrophe in Ukraine. Millions of people have fled the country and they are painting a horrible picture of the state of affairs prevailing back home. Considering that the west has shown no sign of backing down let alone make calls for negotiations to address mutual concerns, the war is looking set to continue.

Russia too has shown no signs of being mellowed by the sanctions. But the war so far seems to have not gone according to Putin's calculations. Russia appears far from taking control of Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. West has, meanwhile, armed Ukrainian forces with the latest weaponry which is believed to be mainly responsible for halting Russian campaign

West has also been cautious not to join the war directly, so as not to expand the conflict which could culminate in a nuclear exchange, a frightening scenario that could bring about doomsday for the world. This makes it urgent for the world powers to climb down from their hubris and work together to find a way out of the ongoing war.

OTHER OPINION

Data protection bill: Decoding the penalty clause

Srikant Parthasarathy and Amirthalakshmi R

This, by far, defeats the key principle of being citizen-oriented toward data protection as the government would like to decide on "sensitive data" and whether it should be stored or discarded. The construction of PDPB and the recommendations from the joint parliamentary committee suggest that effectively regulating "data" and, thereby, regulating "privacy" is the government's job and cannot be left to data controllers.

This leads to an important question: Would the government have the capacity to handle requests on a minute-to-minute basis from the data controllers?

This arrangement also puts the data principal in a risk zone. While the data principal may think that certain data may be classified, the queuing at the government's IT desk may jeopardise the benefit of the doubt to the data principal, hence making them susceptible to unauthorised data access by third parties. Second, such legislation, rather than safeguarding the citizen, operates in a mechanism where the government has a transparent film to look at what is being entered in the data owner's device as this information would be shared with the government until the issue of what private data is, effectively settled.

Last, this creates an arduous amount of burden on any company, which by any form or means is collecting data from a data owner to transition the compliance with the standards set out. While the transition is an overhaul, a step-by-step approach toward this transition would be worthwhile.

India has over a billion smartphones and thousands of applications that use and collect data. Therefore, all the companies must transition to the new norms immediately and provide opt-in or opt-out for the user. This effectively means that consumers or the data owners must decide to opt in or opt out about the data they intend to share with the application. The scenario is fatal for a user, who may share the data for quicker access but may realise the folly after the consequential effect. This is one piece of legislation that India should get right by all means, lest we legalise snooping and profiling by the government.

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Abir Kopty

American Media's Meddling

All of Palestine has united in shock this week to mourn the killing of iconic Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. But amid our grief, we are forced to witness how western media outlets, yet again, are failing us.

When a Palestinian is killed by Israeli forces, the act is always described in passive terms. We just die on our own; no one kills us. Sometime, we die as collateral damage in "clashes", with no context given as to how the altercation broke out or the power imbalance at play.

Then comes the automatic adoption of Israeli talking points, which are always manipulative. Israel's strategy is to immediately deny responsibility, then to cast doubt on Palestinian testimonies, laying the groundwork for the assertion that there are "two versions" of the story. The media then repeats this uncritically.

On the day Abu Akleh was executed, I listened to the BBC World Service for a couple of hours. The reporter parroted the Israeli talking point that she was killed by Palestinian gunfire, then noted that Palestinians had said she was killed by Israeli fire. The report also included Israel's assertion that it had called on the Palestinian Authority (PA) to conduct a joint investigation, but the offer was refused. The PA initially denied having been contacted by Israeli authorities, but the media continued to report what Israel had said.

Most international media adopted the same lines, almost as though they had written their pieces collaboratively on a joint Google doc.

While being sure to air all of Israel's talking points, however, western media failed to give the same consideration to the Palestinian side. On Thursday, the PA explained why it had refused to participate in an investigation alongside Israel, seeking instead to probe

the matter independently. Palestinians have every reason to distrust Israel, which habitually uses such investigations to bury cases - but western media do not appear to care about this vital context.

Digging deeper

The skewed coverage continued even during Abu Akleh's funeral. After Israeli forces attacked Palestinian mourners, with live footage showing a deliberate and unprovoked

killing, are not accepted without further validation from Israeli rights groups such as B'Tselem or news sources such as Haaretz.

Even then, when the western media can no longer avoid exposing Israel's lies, they may add a few lines to their stories here and there - but when the integrity of these stories is truly crucial, in the hours immediately following these types of events, reporters habitually stick to Israel's propaganda.

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assault, major news outlets disingenuously wrote about "clashes" erupting, or "violence breaking out".

Indeed, most western media outlets draw from a standard playbook. Rather than digging deeper to find the truth and to challenge Israeli statements, reporters instead help Israel to shroud events in ambiguity. And no matter what comes next - even if the next story includes a line about the Palestinian response - the first impression has already been set.

In Abu Akleh's case, little effort was needed to debunk the Israeli version of events. She was accompanied by several other journalists whose testimony aligned. They all said the same thing: Abu Akleh was targeted by an Israeli sniper. Unfortunately, it would seem that the words of Palestinian journalists are not sufficiently credible for western media.

This double standard exposes the complicity of western media in covering up Israeli crimes

Testimony from journalists such as Shatha Hanaysha, who was next to Abu Akleh when she died; Ali al-Samoudi, who was also shot and wounded in the incident; and Mujahid al-Saadi, who also witnessed the

This, in turn, sticks in the minds of their readers and viewers.

When it comes to the Russia-Ukraine war, we do not see such hesitancy to put the responsibility where it lies. When journalists are killed in Ukraine, reports from western media immediately cite Russian shelling. Ukrainian sources and journalists are considered credible enough to quote on their own, and a Russian response is not needed, nor are there calls for an investigation to determine who was at fault.

This double standard exposes the complicity of western media in covering up Israeli crimes. Ending this complicity would not require much - just for international media to treat Palestinians, including journalists, with the respect they have earned.

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Worsening Smokers

It pains to note that India ranks second in the number of cigarette smokers worldwide as per the recent report released by the International Commission to Reignite the Fight Against Smoking. For long, tobacco has been one of the leading causes of deaths in India. Statistics reveal that everyday around 3,200 persons in India under 18 smoke their first cigarette, and approximately 2,100 young adults become daily smokers. It also says that nine out of ten lung cancers are caused by cigarette smoking. ('Adventures in Archives' - "Defeating smoking",

May 15).

Smoking affects the stomach-lining and intestines, and creates severe digestive problems. The smoke that goes in contains not only nicotine, but also soot (carbon particles) that is deposited on the walls of lungs. This reduces the capacity to breathe to a great extent and ultimately leads to diseases such as emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Tar, which is a residue of burnt cigarette paper, is a carcinogen. This can lead to cancer of lungs and oesophagus. However much the thrust is on this anti-social practice, hardened smokers are re-

luctant to shun this pernicious habit.

There is a perceived notion among smokers that smoking keeps them brisk all through the day. On the contrary, cigarette smoking does make one lazy, as it affects the area of the brain responsible for motivation. Some of the ways by which the habit of smoking can be restricted are: a) constant publicity blitz against smoking should be organized in metros and class-II towns, b) total ban on sale of cigarettes and other tobacco-related products in the vicinity of educational institutions, hospitals and worship places, c) catchy slogans

like, "Quitters always win - Winners always quit" and "desist from running the white train in your lips" can be put up in high traffic areas, besides being regularly carried in print and electronic media.

Cigarette smoking, no doubt, is a clear social menace, and if the smokers are unconcerned of their own health, let them at least not harm the health of non-smokers. Do not the non-smokers have every right to demand clean air?

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13.05.2022 Abba,

Arbeena Altaf Bhat

I pray Allah[®] has forgiven all your sins, little and big, accepted all your good deeds and I pray He [®] has opened the wide doors of His Jannah for you. Years are passing and I miss you with each tick and tock of the clock. May be, the pain of losing loved ones never fades. It keeps visiting each day, each night, each season and each festive and it reminds us that in this Dunya we're mere travellers.

Abba, you were to me a part that after having you severed, there is an emptiness, a deep void which never gets filled in. A mere thought of you not around is intimidating.

"A man in whose lap he cradled a huge peep of chickens. The man of virtues and discipline; beauty and simplicity." Your aura is everything I wish for myself. You were a man of silence and those few words you would speak remain of utmost importance. Mamma always quotes you when she wants us to gain the courage to live this life. And I'm thanking you for accepting me the way I was. Mischievous and hopping around. I remember when one day I bumped scooter into the wall and mamma was mad at me, you saved my life. She used to fear a lot but you words took all the insecurities out of her.

You even knew how much I adored flowers. It was spring, perhaps the last one you lived with us. There were flowers all around and the red velvety roses were dangling from the fence. You called me and you said, "Come, I'll show you something that'll make your day". When I saw the roses, I was elated but what made me happier was the happiness which shined on your face. You said, "Take pictures, they're there for few days only." I never knew you too were like them. Looking beautiful, vibrant but ephemeral.

Life is inevitable, we got to live it anyway but death is the only certainty I know. People have left this Dunya before you and even after you, I saw people leaving for heavenly but the morning you breathed everything out even that beautiful soul is nightmarish. I feels like yesterday, you were



After Isha, that quality time of few hours with your family is the strongest of memories. I have everything guarded inside the suitcase caged in my chest. A few words, plenty silence and that calm smile would light up our conclave

talking to me about my health. Those simple things you used to talk about

are sublime. I keep contemplating your everyday routine. It's you who not by

scolding but with your actions taught me the most beautiful lessons to live

through this world.

Your day used to start at 2:30am. You would always look for jiya to keep alarm for you. Though anyone could do it for you but it was her you trusted in this matter. Ma'Shaa Allah, it was so beautiful to see you avoiding all risks in this regard. I would get jealous of her at times but at the same time you were the only person for her too and your bond was serene. She misses you terribly. I've never seen her cry the way she cried when you left worldly to meet your Ishq e Haqeeqi.

You would pray tahajjud and no one would see you till it's time for fajr. I remember how you used to Knock on every door to wake them up for morning prayer. It's inspirational, Ma'Shaa Allah to see you heartfully obedient to your Lord. So pure and aesthetic. After fajr, you would keep moving the beads of rosary and your lips, and with each beat of your heart keep chanting the names of Allah[®], make dua'as and meditate till sunrise. Your distance from people and closeness to Allah[®] is something of prime meaning to me. Someday, I aspire to wake up with this trait ingrained in my skin and bones.

Everyday, you used to do your chores for the sake of your Creator; working and earning for your family, listening to your most favorite Shaykh, naats, Qura'an and amid busyness, you would always pray on time.

After Isha, that quality time of few hours with your family is the strongest of memories. I have everything guarded inside the suitcase caged in my chest. A few words, plenty silence and that calm smile would light up our conclave. Then you would sleep. Amid all this, a day came when you slept to never wake up. Abba, you left too early and with you my home is lost, I'm abandoned.

Nothing changed after you. Our hearts beat at the same pace, Boba keeps talking to you and I believe, "Soulmates never apart, in each other they reside for eternity." She now keeps praying for you, and finally she added something to her signature Dua'as. Abu works harder to to meet the rising demands of livelihood. Sometimes, it gets tough for him to reachout like you but Allah[®] is with Him, alhamdulillah. He's a good human

being. Mamma is following your advices, facing head on the challenges of life. She lost her father a month ago but her hopes are still high. She is the centerpiece of our strength and patience. Aagha is taking care of his family and they're living happily. Didi and her family will soon shift in their new house in'Shaa Allah. A month after you, we welcomed Aani ji's second son, Ahmed. Subhan Allah, all the little ones are growing well. Badi Khala is as usual busy with her family and so are her beautiful daughters, Ma'Shaa Allah. I wish Jiya gets nikkah-fied sooner. I keep telling them but they keep sidelining my opinions. And, your relatives, who never visited you when you were longing for them, also come to home and keep saying good things about you. I hope they'll understand that love and respect given to living is much more valuable than showering it on dead.

I keep dreaming about you, I see you leaving for Umrah, talking to Abu and Agha, attending congregational prayers, kissing my forehead, consoling me and much more. When I wake up, my eyes are already wet, my heart screaming but I hush myself, pray for you and strat away my day. Abba, not having you around is the scariest thing I've lived. I'm happy but. I'm happy you met you Lord, the ecstasy I long for. I'll meet you, sooner or later, In'Shaa Allah. Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah for you to be my Grand. Till my homecoming, I'll be writing to you. I'll be piling up my submerged emotions and adjourning them for the day we meet. I'll strain my every nerve to imbibe the values you taught me, seek Allah's pleasure and forgiveness with each sunset and live, until certainty embraces me too.

Abba, words are not adequate for all things. I might've failed in writing to you. But, even if you're not with me, I always feel you, in the soft subtle breezes, in the morning melodies of birds, in the 'Adhaans', Allahu'Akbar, in each "Prayer" Subhaan'Allah. You're the person who taught us about togetherness and the power of sabr, how can you not live in each one of us?

May Allah[®] raise your ranks among His most beloved servants. May your names be among the residents of Jannah. Was-salaam Al-ikraam

Between Grief and Grieving | How your brain copes with grief, and why it takes time to heal

BERLY MCCOY

Holidays are never quite the same after someone we love dies. Even small aspects of a birthday or a Christmas celebration — an empty seat at the dinner table, one less gift to buy or make — can serve as jarring reminders of how our lives have been forever changed. Although these realizations are hard to face, clinical psychologist Mary-Frances O'Connor says we shouldn't avoid them or try to hide our feelings.

"Grief is a universal experience," she notes, "and when we can connect, it is better."

O'Connor, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Arizona, studies what happens in our brains when we experience grief. She says grieving is a form of learning — one that teaches us how to be in the world without someone we love in it. "The background is running all the time for people who are grieving, thinking about new habits and how they interact now."

Adjusting to the fact that we'll never again spend time with our loved ones can be painful. It takes time — and involves changes in the brain. "What we see in science is, if you have a grief experience and you have support so that you have a little bit of time to learn, and confidence from the people around you, that you will in fact adapt."

O'Connor's upcoming book, *The Grieving Brain*, explores what scientists know about how our minds grapple with the loss of a loved one.

INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHTS ON THE GRIEVING PROCESS

When we have the experience of being in a relationship, the sense of who we are is bound up with that other person. The word sibling, the word spouse implies two people. And so when the other person is gone, we suddenly have to learn a totally new set of rules to operate in the world.

The "we" is as important as the "you" and "me," and the brain, interestingly, really does encode it that way. So when people say "I feel like I've lost part of myself," that is for a good reason. The brain also feels that way, as it were, and codes the "we" as much as the "you" and the "I."

ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GRIEF AND GRIEVING

Grief is that emotional state that just knocks you off your feet and comes over you like a wave. Grieving necessarily has a time component to it. Grieving is what happens as we adapt to the fact that our loved one is gone, that we're carrying the absence of them with us. And the reason that this distinction makes sense is, grief is a natural response to loss — so we'll feel grief forever. A woman who lost her mother as a young person is going to experience that grief on her wedding day because it's a new moment where she's having a response to loss.

But "grieving" means that our relationship to that grief changes over time. So the first time, maybe even the first 100 times, you're knocked off your feet with grief, it feels terrible and awful and unfamiliar. But maybe the 101st time, you think to yourself, "I hate this, I don't want this to be true. But I do recognize it, and I do know that I will get through the wave."

ON THE EMOTIONS INVOLVED IN GRIEVING

The range of emotions that someone experiences when they're grieving is as long a list as the range of emotions we have in any relationship. Commonly there's panic, there's anxiety, there's sadness, there's yearning. But what we sometimes forget is that there's also difficulty concentrating and confusion about what happens next.

I am often struck by the intensity of the emotions. Grief is like someone turned up the



I think when you care for someone who is going through this terrible process of losing someone, it really is more about listening to them and seeing where they're at in their learning than it is about trying to make them feel better. The point is not to cheer them up. The point is to be with them and let them know that you will be with them and that you can imagine a future for them where they're not constantly being knocked over by the waves of grief

volume dial all of a sudden. The emotion that I think often interferes with our relationships and friendships when we're grieving is anger, because the anger feels so intense. You have someone blow up at a dinner party and you think, "What's happening with them?" And then to try and remember, "Oh, they're grieving and everything is amped up a little bit."

ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR BRAINS

We have neuroimaging studies basically of grief, of the momentary reaction where you have that emotional yearning experience. There are less than

a handful of studies looking at more than one moment in the same person across time — so looking at their grieving trajectory. What we know right now in these early days of the neurobiology of grief is really coming from snapshots.

Having said that, one of the things that we know is that grief is tied to all sorts of different brain functions we have, from being able to recall memories to taking the perspective of another person, to even things like regulating our heart rate and the experience of pain and suffering. So lots of different parts of the brain are orchestrating this experi-

ence that we have when we feel grief.

ON PROLONGED GRIEF

When you're knocked over by that wave of grief, you want to know, "When will this end?" From a research perspective, there is a very small proportion of people who might have what we now call prolonged grief disorder, something we start looking for after six months or a year [after a death or loss]. ... And what we are seeing, [in such cases], is that this person has not been able to function day to day the way that they wish that they could. They're not getting out the door to

work or getting dinner on the table for their kids or they're not able to, say, listen to music because it's just too upsetting. So these types of concerns ... suggest it would be helpful to intervene and get them back on the healing trajectory where they will still feel grief, but they will adapt to it differently.

The older term that we were using for a long time was "complicated grief." And although prolonged grief disorder is the term we've settled on, there's a reason that I like the term complicated — because it makes you think of complications.

As an example, one of those is the grief-related rumination that people sometimes experience. The better term for that that people will recognize is the "would've, should've, could've" thoughts. And they just roll through your head over and over again. The problem with these thoughts — we sometimes call "counterfactuals" — is that they all end in this virtual scenario where the person doesn't die. And that's just not reality. And so, by spinning in these thoughts, not only is there no answer — there are an infinite number of possibilities with no actual answer of what would have happened — but it also isn't necessarily helping us to adapt to the painful reality that they did die. And so our virtual version is not really helping us to learn how to be in the world now.

It's less than 10% of people who experience prolonged grief disorder. And what that means is 90% of people experience difficult grief and suffering, but don't have a disorder after losing a loved one. I think it's so important to remember that ... because we don't want to hide grief away ... in a psychiatrist's office or a counselor's office, except in indications where that would be helpful to get people back on track.

ON HOW TO SUPPORT GRIEVING PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

I think when you care

for someone who is going through this terrible process of losing someone, it really is more about listening to them and seeing where they're at in their learning than it is about trying to make them feel better. The point is not to cheer them up. The point is to be with them and let them know that you will be with them and that you can imagine a future for them where they're not constantly being knocked over by the waves of grief.

ON LOSING PEOPLE TO THE PANDEMIC

One of the topics I think is not much in the national conversation is that so many of the deaths of our loved ones happened in hospitals, emergency rooms and ICUs — and we weren't there to see it. And that is for a very good reason, because we were trying to stop the spread of COVID. So having family members in hospitals did not make sense.

But it means that people are without these memories of watching their loved one become more ill and watching those changes that happen in their body that prepare our mind for the possibility that they might die. To go through that process without those memories makes it much harder to learn what has happened. So many people feel it hasn't really sunk in yet that they're gone.

What I don't hear very often is the fact that with COVID, the loved ones that are left behind made the sacrifice of not being with their loved ones in the hospital in order to stop the spread. And that sacrifice needs to be recognized, I think. In part to help people heal, so that it's understood why they're having such a difficult time. And to elevate the understanding that they did something for the greater good — and they gave up something while they did it.

— NPR

Clashes Break Out In Tripoli, Drive Rival Libyan PM Away

Agenceis

Cairo: An attempt by one of Libya's rival prime ministers to seat his government in the capital of Tripoli triggered clashes Tuesday between competing militias, forcing the newly appointed premier to leave the city.

The development underscored the fragility of the situation in the war-racked country while the two rival prime ministers traded accusations for the escalation.

Prime Minister Fathi Bashagha's office said he had arrived in Tripoli with a number of Cabinet ministers early Tuesday three months after his appointment to lead an interim government.

The move was likely to fuel more tensions between Libya's rival administrations and in the morning, local media reported clashes between different militias and rival forces in central Tripoli and elsewhere in the city.

The Tripoli-based government of embattled Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah slammed his rival, describing Tuesday's developments as an armed group's desperate attempt to spread terror and chaos in the Libyan capital a reference to Bashagha.

Residents reported hearing heavy gunfire across the city. There was shooting and gunfire everywhere, said Salim Ahmed, a schoolteacher. Some Tripoli schools suspended classes.

Bashagha's office said he and his ministers later left Tripoli for the sake of the security and safety of citizens and to stop the bloodshed. Bashagha tweeted that they had entered the city peacefully, without using violence but were met with a dangerous military escalation from armed groups loyal to his rival.

The U.N. special adviser on Libya, Stephanie Williams, urged calm and for rival parties to engage in talks to resolve their disputes.

Conflict cannot be solved with violence, but with

dialogue and mediation, she tweeted, adding that the United Nations is ready to host all parties in helping Libya find a genuine, consensual way forward towards stability and elections.

Bashagha, a former interior minister, was named prime minister by the country's east-based parliament in February. But Dbeibah, a wealthy businessman, has refused to step down, insisting he will hand over power only to an elected government. Both hail from the powerful western city of Misrata.

Jalel Harchaoui, a Libya researcher, said the violence that unfolded during Bashagha's brief presence inside Tripoli reflected his clear failure." Dbeibah enjoys the support of well-financed armed groups not only in the capital but also in Misrata that are fierce opponents of east-based military commander Khalifa Hifter, with whom Bashagha is now aligned, said Harchaoui.

The latest violence is likely to undermine ongoing talks in the Egyptian capital between east-based parliament and the High Council of State, an advisory body from western Libya, on constitutional amendments for elections.

The U.S. Embassy urged Libya's rivals to agree on a constitutional basis leading to presidential and parliamentary elections in a realistic but aggressive timeframe.

The only viable path to legitimate leadership is by allowing Libyans to choose their leaders. The constitutional talks underway in Cairo are now more important than ever, it tweeted.

Over the weekend, rival militias clashed in Tripoli's neighborhood of Jazour. No casualties were reported but local authorities said there was damage to infrastructure, including a power plant.

The U.N. mission in Libya condemned the clashes, and said they involved indiscriminate fire and the alleged use of heavy weapons in the densely populated neighborhood.

Govt Extends April GST Payment Deadline Till May 24



Agenceis

New Delhi: As taxpayers face technical glitches on the GST portal, the government on Tuesday extended the due date for April tax payment till May 24 and has directed Infosys for early resolution of the problem.

The due date for filing FORM GSTR-3B for the month of April 2022 has been extended till 24th May 2022, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said in a late-night tweet.

Earlier in the day, the CBIC had said that a technical glitch has been reported by Infosys in the generation of April GSTR-2B and auto-population of GSTR-3B on the portal.

"Infosys has been directed by Govt for early resolution. Technical team is working to provide GSTR-2B & correct auto-populated GSTR-3B at the earliest," the CBIC tweeted.

GSTR-2B is an auto-drafted Input Tax credit (ITC) statement

which is available to every GST registered entity based on the information furnished by their suppliers in their respective sales return form GSTR-1.

GSTR-2B statement is usually made available to businesses on the 12th day of the succeeding month, based on which they can claim ITC while paying taxes and filing GSTR-3B.

GSTR-3B is filed in a staggered manner between 20th, 22nd and 24th of every month for different categories of taxpayers.

"Considering the difficulties faced by taxpayers in filing their GSTR-3B for the month of April 2022, a proposal to extend the due date of filing GSTR-3B for April 2022 is under active consideration," the CBIC tweeted.

On Sunday, GST Network, which provides the technology backbone for Goods and Services Tax, had issued an advisory saying that in a few cases, certain records are not

reflected in the GSTR-2B statement for the period of April 2022 and asked taxpayers to file GSTR-3B return on a self-assessment basis.

"The technical team is working to resolve this issue for the impacted taxpayers and generate fresh GSTR-2B at the earliest. In the interim, affected taxpayers interested in filing GSTR-3B are requested to file the return on a self-assessment basis using GSTR-2A," the GSTN had said. GSTR-2A is a system-generated statement of inward supplies.

In 2015, Infosys was awarded a Rs 1,380 crore contract to build and maintain the GST system.

AMRG & Associates Senior Partner Rajat Mohan said "technical glitches on the portal would derail the tax filings for millions of taxpayers in the current month. For the benefit of all the businesses, the government must either extend the timelines for tax filings or waive the late fees payable on delayed filings".

Hezbollah, Allies Lose Their Majority In Lebanon Parliament

Agenceis

Beirut: Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group and its allies have lost the parliament majority they had held since 2018, according to final results from the Lebanese elections released Tuesday. Hezbollah's most vocal opponents and more than a dozen independents have made gains, the results show.

The Hezbollah-led coalition won 61 seats in the 128-member legislature, a drop of 10 members since the last vote was held four years ago. The loss was largely due to setbacks suffered by Hezbollah's Christian partners, the Free Patriotic Movement founded by President Michel Aoun, and several of Hezbollah's traditional allies who lost seats.

The biggest winner turned out to be the nationalist Christian Lebanese Forces party led by Samir Geagea, one of the harshest critics of Hezbollah and its Iranian backers. Another big winner is Druze leader Walid Joumblatt whose group won all eight seats they were running for.

The Lebanese Forces now has the largest bloc in parliament with 19 seats, overtaking Hezbollah's main Christian allies of the Free Patriotic Movement. The movement now holds 17 seats, a drop of three seats from the previous vote.

Despite the setback, Hezbollah and its main Shiite ally, the Amal group of Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, retained the 27 seats allocated to the Shiite sect.

Independents and newcomers, including those from the 2019 protest movement, scooped 14 seats. That was a major achievement considering they went into the vote fragmented and facing intimidation and threats by entrenched mainstream parties.

Their showing sends a strong message to ruling class politicians who have for decades held on to their seats and despite an economic meltdown that has impoverished

the country and triggered the biggest wave of emigration since the 1975-90 civil war.

The results also portend a sharply polarised parliament, divided between pro and anti-Hezbollah lawmakers who will find it difficult to work together to form a new government and pass laws needed to enact reforms for a financial recovery in Lebanon.

With two main blocs Hezbollah and the Lebanese Forces opposed to each other, analysts said the results could lead to more paralysis at a time when the country desperately needs unity.

The spokesman for the UN Secretary-General, Stephane Dujarric, called for the swift formation of an inclusive government that can finalise an agreement with the International Monetary Fund and accelerate the implementation of reforms necessary to set Lebanon on the path to recovery.

The UN urged the new Parliament to urgently adopt all legislation necessary to stabilize the economy and improve governance, Dujarric said.

The biggest loss came to Hezbollah's allies with close links to Syrian President Bashar Assad's government, including deputy parliament speaker Elie Ferzli, Druze politician Talal Arslan who had held a seat for three decades, Asaad Hardan and Faisal Karami, son of late premier Omar Karami.

Sunday's parliamentary elections were the first since Lebanon's economic meltdown began in late 2019. The government's factions have done virtually nothing to address the collapse, leaving Lebanese to fend for themselves as they plunge into poverty, without electricity, medicine, garbage collection or any other semblance of normal life.

The vote is also the first since a deadly explosion at Beirut's port in August 2020 that killed more than 200, wounded thousands and damaged parts of the capital. (AP)

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HM Shah Orders

directed that all arrangements, including additional electricity, water, and telecom facilities be made.

He also stressed for enhancement of mobile connectivity along the yatra route as he directed that earth moving equipment should be placed at vantage points to clear the route in case of landslides.

This is the first yatra after the COVID-19 pandemic and due to the high altitude, adequate arrangements will have to be made for yatis who have any health-related problems, he said.

The home minister asked for an adequate number of oxygen cylinders, medical beds at an altitude of more than 6,000 feet and deployment of ambulances and helicopters to deal with any emergency medical situation.

All categories of transport services should be increased during the Amarnath Yatra for the convenience of passengers.

During the meeting, it was also decided to enable WiFi hotspots to ensure connectivity throughout the 39 km of the yatra route from Pahalgam in south Kashmir. The other route is through Baltal in central Kashmir where a pilgrim treks for nearly 15 km.

The yatra, which presents a big security challenge for the government, could not take place in 2020 and 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic and was cut short in 2019 just before the abrogation of Article 370.

About three lakh pilgrims are likely to take part in the pilgrimage that is expected to end on August 11.

About 12,000 paramilitary personnel (120 companies) in addition to Jammu and Kashmir Police are expected to be deployed along the two pilgrimage routes, one from Pahalgam and the other via Baltal, officials said.

Drone cameras will help the security forces to ensure the protection of the pilgrims.

Besides the Amarnath pilgrimage, the meetings also reviewed the security arrangement especially in the wake of several targeted killings, including of Kashmiri Pandits, in Kashmir.

There has been a spurt in attacks on non-Muslims and outsiders living in the Kashmir valley since the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution in August 2019 which accorded special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

The security review comes following a spate of killings in the union territory.

On May 12, Bhat, a government employee, was killed by militants inside his office in Budgam district. A day after, police constable Reyaz Ahmad Thokar was shot dead by militants at his residence in the Pulwama district.

Also last week, four pilgrims were killed and at least 20 injured when the bus they were travelling in caught fire near Katra in Jammu. Police suspect a sticky bomb might have been used to trigger the fire.

Bhat's killing triggered protests by members of the Kashmiri Pandit community who staged protests in the Valley demanding enhanced security and transfer of government employees to safer locations.

On Sunday, the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), a conglomerate of major J-K parties, urged Kashmiri Pandit employees not to leave the Valley as it was their home and it would be painful for all.

Top officials of the ministries of health, telecom, road transport, civil aviation and IT took part in the meeting to discuss logistics for the annual pilgrimage to the cave shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva at an altitude of 3,888 metres.

India Rejects

and engage in baseless and provocative anti-India propaganda," he said.

Bagchi said the entire territory of the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh "have been, is and shall always remain an integral part of India."

"The delimitation exercise in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is a democratic exercise based on principles of extensive stakeholder consultation and participation," he said.

Bagchi asked Pakistan to refrain from effecting any further material changes in the status of Pakistan controlled Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh (PcJKL) and vacate the Indian territories that are under its "illegal and forcible occupation".

"We reiterate that Pakistan must immediately cease anti-India cross-border terrorism and shut down its infrastructure of terrorism; stop the grave and persistent human rights violations in Pakistan occupied Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh (PcJKL); refrain from effecting any further material changes in the status of PcJKL, and vacate Indian territories that are under its illegal and forcible occupation," Bagchi said.

Employee Killed

lobbed hand grenade inside a newly opened wine shop in Baramulla. 04 employees got injured. One among them succumbed to his injuries. All are from Jammu division. Area cordoned and search started to nab culprits," police posted on its official Twitter handle.

Soon after the attack, police, army and paramilitary CRPF personnel reached the locality and started a search operation to nab the attackers. However, no arrests were made when the last reports came in.

Meanwhile, in a statement issued here on Tuesday evening, a police spokesperson said that two bike-borne militants stopped near the newly opened wine shop at Dewan Bagh Baramulla and hurled the grenade.

"The pillion rider wearing a Burka walked to the window of the said wine shop and dropped

a grenade inside the said wine shop through the porthole window and thereafter fled away on the bike from the spot," he said.

In this incident, he said, four employees of the wine shop received splinter injuries, and one among them succumbed at the hospital later.

The spokesperson said that a case has been registered in this regard under relevant sections of law and investigation is in progress. Pertinently, a year after abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, the government in 2020 identified 183 places, including 67 spots in the Kashmir Valley for opening up liquor outlets on a large scale.

The Excise Department identified spots/ places in all four districts of south Kashmir—Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag followed by Srinagar, Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Budgam.

Baramulla with 18 spots topped the survey list compiled by the Excise Department, while Srinagar remained second with eight identified places. Ganderbal and Budgam had seven identified spots each, Shopian six, Anantnag and Kulgam five each, Pulwama and Kupwara four each, while Bandipora had three proposed liquor outlet spots.

KPs Continue Protest

Rahuls will you kill, each house will produce a Rahul") has become the war cry at the protest sites across the valley.

IGP Vijay Kumar, who visited the protestors at two sites, urged Kashmiri Pandits not to leave the valley under fear as it would be a victory for "Pakistan and terrorists".

"You don't have to be scared, you should not leave from here. If you go to Jammu or any other place, that is the agenda of Pakistan and terrorists. So we have to work together to defeat the agenda of the enemy," he said.

Kumar said there will be a permanent peace in Kashmir in the near future.

"Police, army and CRPF together will eliminate all of them (terrorists) within one-and-a-half year. A permanent peace will come by eliminating the militants, for that you will have to be patient and not get carried away by political parties," he added.

The IGP asked the protestors to vacate the road at Anantnag and hold the sit-in protest inside their colony due to safety concerns.

"I have visited the other camps also, they are protesting there as well but within the colony. Sitting on the road is dangerous as the militants can throw a grenade while passing by on a bike or in a cab," he said.

Kumar told the protestors that protesting is no crime or sin. You should protest but not on the road.

"There are two aspects one is to provide security and the second is to follow the standard operating procedure. This is totally unsafe to

sit on a dharna on the road; you can sit on the dharna inside. When army police and CRPF are attacked, civilians are sitting ducks."

Kumar said there was an extensive exercise going on with respect to the security of the migrant employees.

"The security of the camps (colonies) will be enhanced. Employees posted in remote areas will be brought to the district headquarters.

"Besides providing security, the other aspect is to reduce the number of terrorists. Right now their numbers have come down significantly out of frustration they are hitting soft targets like off-duty policemen or minority community members or migrant labourers," he added.

KP Couples

expressed by the KP members especially the employees working under PMRP following the killing of their colleague in Chadoora, the administration has decided to place the couples at one place of posting. "It won't be like the husband will be in one district and the wife in another. They will share the same place of posting," he said.

The Divisional Commissioner said that no KP employee would be posted in remote area where he or she can become a soft target for militants. "There will be no more remote area postings for KP employees irrespective of their gender," he said.

Pole said that the administration was also working on providing safe and secure accommodations to KP employees across Kashmir. "It will be ensured that KPs feel safe and secure at the places they will be putting up," he said, adding that other measures are also in the pipe-line that will be accordingly taken.

The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir visited Vessu, Qazigund along with IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar and held a face to face interaction with the protesting KPs. The KPs are up in arms since the past one week against the killing of their colleague Rahul Bhat. Bhat was shot dead inside Tehsil office Chadoora, Budgam last week.

His killing evoked massive protests and condemnations from KP community and the civil society. The KP had threatened to leave the Valley enmass if administration failed to take concrete measures for their protection and safety.

Civic Body Seeks

between 10 pm to 6 am. "Our corporator brought the resolution on illegal loudspeakers. It was tabled here in the House and passed," Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta told reporters, adding that the administration will act on it.

As the Congress opposed the resolution, Gupta said, "There was no need for any opposition on this as it pertains to all religions."

He was of the opinion that only those public address systems with requisite permissions should be allowed within a permissible decibel.

J&K Has Second

use a government health facility," the report noted

Among the indicators released for the erstwhile state of J&K, several were based on education, educational freedom, economic contribution, economic freedom, household management and decision-making, perceived status within the household, and health that have always maintained an influence on the status of women in J&K.

J&K Logs Five

of the winter capital and two from Srinagar district in the Valley, taking the total number of people infected since the onset of the pandemic in J&K to 454153.

Also, the officials said that the death toll in the pandemic remained unchanged at 4752 in J&K, as no fresh fatality was reported during the last 24 hours.

Heart Attack

Border Security Force (BSF) hospital, Bandipora, for treatment, reports said. The doctors there, referred him to Srinagar's SMHS hospital, where he was declared brought dead.

The middle-aged soldier was a resident of Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh. (KNT)

Train Crushes

not been ascertained yet, they said, adding that the body has been shifted to GMC Hospital here for a post-mortem examination and identification.

Separately, an unidentified man was found unconscious in the waiting hall at Jammu railway station, the officials said.

He was taken to GMC Hospital where doctors declared him brought dead, they said.

The body has been kept in the hospital mortuary for a post-mortem examination and identification, they said. (PTI)

Two 'Militant

personnel of CRPF 43 battalion at a checkpoint established in Chandpora area of the district, a police spokesperson said.

Besides Lashkar's incriminating materials, he said, explosives and ammunition including one hand grenade, 2 pistol magazines and 15 AK-47 rounds were also recovered from their possession

"Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 153/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Budgam and investigation has been initiated," the spokesperson added.

J&K Witnessing Tremendous Growth, Development: LG's Advisor

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar on Tuesday asserted that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing tremendous growth and development in recent years while acknowledging Central government's liberal support in this regard.

He stated this while addressing the valedictory session of two day Regional Conference on "Bringing Citizens and Government Closer Through Administrative Reforms" at SKICC here.

Complementing Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and JK Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD) for successfully conducting this innovative conference, Advisor emphasized that digitization is a route where we can address lot of problems and learn how we can institutionalize best practices and replicate those accordingly in the administration.

"Bureaucracy is government's interface and common man has great expectations with it. The entire bureaucracy should ensure satisfaction of common man by performing its three primary tasks of implementation, administration and regulation while ensuring qualitative service delivery", he maintained.

The Regional Conference was earlier inaugurated by MoS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh here yesterday.

The Conference was jointly

organized by DARPG, Government of India and ARI and Trainings besides J&K IMPARD.

The conference was predicated on administrative reforms and as such covered five sessions. The first session dealt with administrative innovations at Centre and State level, second session focused on innovations at District level, third session elaborated on "Jan Bhagidar (or People's Participation)" while the theme of "Holistic Development through One District One Product Scheme and Seamless End to End Delivery of Services without Human Intervention" was covered in the fourth session and fifth session dwelt on "Improving e-Service Delivery in J&K".

On the occasion, about 18 Prime Minister's Awardee officers gave PowerPoint presentations sharing their knowledge and experiences related to their work in their respective fields.

Pertinently, the Conference was organized as a sequel to Kashmir Aelamia - Behtar Nizam-i-Hukumat (Kashmir Aelamia Declaration - Better Governance) issued last year during Regional Conference on "Replication of Good Governance Practices" held at SKICC, Srinagar, on July 1 and 2, 2021.

Other dignitaries present included Additional Secretary, DARPG, Amarnath, Secretary, ARI & Trainings, J&K government, Amit Sharma besides other senior officers.

Director General, J&K IMPARD, Saurabh Bhagat, presented vote of thanks.



MUGHAL GARDENS IN SRINAGAR are witnessing a huge rush of tourists amidst pleasant weather in the Valley.

KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

J&K Records 77% Deficient Rainfall Since March

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir has recorded deficient rainfall since March this year, even as the upper reaches of the Union territory on Tuesday received light snowfall and rains lashed plains bringing the day temperature.

The fresh rainfall at most places of Kashmir brought respite from scorching heat to the people. However, Jammu and Kashmir as per the details gathered by a local news agency KNO has recorded large deficient rainfall since March this year.

The Union territory as per the data has recorded 77 per cent deficient rainfall from March 01 to May 11, which is considered as the large deficient rainfall as per

the categories given by the MeT.

"Against the normal 288 mm rainfall, J&K has received only 64.8 mm rainfall in the last over two months," the data reads.

Nonetheless, three districts of Jammu and Kashmir including Srinagar, Ganderbal and Baramulla have recorded deficient rainfall while rest 17 districts have been categorized in large deficient rainfall.

The three districts Baramulla, Ganderbal and Srinagar have recorded 158.1 mm, 111.8 and 92 mm rainfall respectively since March 01.

Kargil in the Union Territory of Ladakh has recorded normal rainfall, the data reads.

None of the districts in Jammu and Kashmir recorded normal or excess rainfall in the

given period.

According to the data, five districts of J&K including Kishtwar, Samba, Reasi, Shopian and Ramban have recorded over 82 per cent deficient rainfall. The data shows the districts have recorded 99, 93, 85 and 83 and 83 per cent deficient rainfall respectively since March 01, 2022-May 11, 2022.

Meanwhile, Kashmir parts received fresh rainfall on late Tuesday afternoon, bringing respite from the scorching heat, which continued from the last some days.

Officials in the Meteorological department (MeT) said that the widespread moderate rain would likely occur at some places of Jammu and Kashmir till tomorrow—(KNO)

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

Work Expeditiously On Formulation Of Action Plans: Dulloo To Officers

Asks For Designating Nodal Officers To Monitor Timely Funding, Submission Of UCs

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Animal Husbandry, Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Departments, Atal Dulloo on Tuesday emphasized upon heads of all the allied departments to work expeditiously on formulation of annual action plans for all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) to ensure timely release and utilization of funds in the Union Territory.

ACS was reviewing the progress achieved under these schemes by the respective line departments while chairing a meeting held in this regard.

Directors of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry of both the divisions, Director Sericulture and Command Area Development besides other officers and officials of these departments participated in the meeting.

ACS enjoined upon the officers to designate the nodal officers in each of the department who would monitor and follow up release of funds from the central government besides timely submission of Utilization Certificates. He directed the Directors of Finance and Planning of each department to coordinate with field offices regard-

ing plan formulation, timely submission for approval, regular monitoring and registration of expenditure as per the approved action plan.

Dulloo asked the officers to accelerate sponsorship process of all the projects under NABARD. He also asked them to work for extension of Saffron Mission and PARVAZ for overall benefit of farmers in J&K.

He asked the officers to work towards enhancing the income of small and marginal farmers who constitute about 90% of farming community in the UT. He emphasized the need of replacing the traditional practices and agricultural input material by new varieties so as to exponentially increase returns for these marginal farmers. In this regard, he also made a mention of collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

It was informed that an amount of Rs 38.34 crore has been spent by different wings of AP&FW department under CSSs including NMISA, PMFBY, NMAET, NFSM, PMKSY and others till March, 2022. In addition, an amount of Rs 7.50 crore has been spent by the department under NABARD sponsored projects in the UT.

Govt Revamping SCERT In A Big Way: B K Singh

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SRINAGAR: Appreciating efforts of Education Department towards promoting all parameters of education sector in Jammu and Kashmir, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, B K Singh, on Tuesday said that a multi-pronged strategy is being ensured to make the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) as number one institution of the country.

Principal Secretary was speaking at a two day orientation workshop of master trainers and resource persons organized by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) at District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Srinagar.

"J&K administration is implementing a slew of innovative measures towards revamping SCERT into the most excellent entity across the nation. Appointment of highly qualified and expert staff through nominations and selections besides ensuring exceptionally accountable and transparent functioning of the Council are some of the plans in this regard," Singh maintained.

He stressed on creating a working synergy between the NIOS and the Education Depart-



ment to achieve the set targets in a cohesive manner.

Principal Secretary said that expertise of NIOS, which has done a tremendous amount of work over the years, can be utilized in mainstreaming the out-of-school children adding that around 45,000 out-of-school children need immediate rehabilitation.

He issued on the spot instructions to make SCERT auditorium fully functional as soon as possible.

Principal Secretary also stressed on the need to focus on output of the training given to the teachers and other resource persons. "Unless the output of the training is not measured on ground, we shall not be in a position to gauge our success," he added. "The ultimate beneficiary of any training should be the student", he maintained.

Singh, while visiting the library at the SCERT, asked the officers to focus on procuring more books especially on Science for the larger interest of students community.

"The mechanism of borrowing a book from the library is primitive," Singh observed saying that 'In an era of digital age, we can't afford to see a library functioning in any other mode but automatic'.

Later, Principal Secretary also visited the School Leadership Academy (SLA) office housed in Ustad Ghar and interacted with the staff there. He was apprised of the programs conducted by the Academy ever since its conception by Nodal Officer, SLA, Dr Fayaz Ahmad Bhat.

Principal Secretary stressed on conducting residential programs for teachers.(KNS)

Shahid Reviews Tribal Education Projects In Rajouri

Observer News Service

RAJOURI: Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary on Tuesday reviewed various tribal education projects and new initiatives in District Rajouri in coordination with District Administration and sectoral departments.

He also interacted with students in hostels to obtain firsthand assessment of facilities and obtain their feedback for new infrastructure.

Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri, Vikas Kundal discussed the progress of various projects related to education of tribal students. He informed that 20 Smart Schools in tribal areas are nearing completion and land has been proposed for two new model residential schools. The District Administration has also completed the process to start academic session two EMRS.

Director, Tribal Affairs Department, Mushir Ahmed Mirza briefed about progress on construction of new infrastructure including Eklavya Model Residential Schools, Hostels and smart class rooms apart from status of disbursement of scholarship to students. Deputy Director, Tribal Research Institute, Dr Abdul Khair made a detailed presentation about establishment of smart class rooms. District Tribal Welfare Officer, Wakeel Ahmed briefed about the recent initiative of providing transport facilities.

Dr Shahid laid down the priorities for various educational initiatives for tribal students. He

informed that Government has come up with a plan to establish a record number of hostels in all districts and 4 hostels with capacity of 125 students each are to be started in District Rajouri in current year. Two new Eklavya Model Residential Schools have also been approved to be established in blocks Khwas and Doongi besides additional allocation of funds for starting work at EMRS Kandi and completion of EMRS Gurdhan Bala.

He also dedicated modern infrastructure to the students in two hostels and obtained their feedback. He said the department has initiated process to establish smart class rooms in all the hostels besides providing modern facilities. Establishment of 4 new hostels in the district with cumulative intake capacity of 500 students, the work of which is being started in the current financial year, is expected to greatly enhance the quality education for tribal students besides creating additional facilities and intake.

Dr Shahid said the additional funding has also been sanctioned for languishing hostel projects which were abandoned due to lack of required administrative approval and source of funding under regular schemes which will benefit to accommodate more than 300 students including additional block hostel at district headquarter, hostel at kalakote and hostel at koteranka.

A number of deputations also met the Secretary and discussed various demands related to education of tribal students and shared their suggestions.

650 Pilgrims Get Training For Hajj-2022 In Anantnag

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: Over 650 pilgrims were imparted Hajj-2022 training in three different sessions at the Government College for Women (GCW) in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

During the sessions, the pilgrims were informed about the various do's and don'ts to be followed during the pilgrimage. Guidelines issued in this regard were shared with the pilgrims in a detailed manner, an official

spokesperson said Tuesday.

He said that scholars delivered lectures on Manasik-e-Haj and Ziyarath-e-Madina Munawwarah, as well as important logistic arrangements and prepared pilgrims for the Haj journey. The helpline numbers as well as contact details of accompanying Khadim-ul-Hujaj were shared with the pilgrims.

"The pilgrims were advised to strictly adhere to COVID Appropriate Behaviour and follow all guidelines in letter and spirit," he added.

JAKFAS Welcomes Bhardwaj As New Financial Commissioner

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Jammu and Kashmir Finance & Accounts Society (JAKFAS) led by General Secretary, Ashraf Haq & Director General Budget, Yaqoob Itoo on Tuesday welcomed & felicitated the newly appointed Vivek Bhardwaj (IAS) as Financial Commissioner (ACS), Finance Department.

The delegation apprised him about the Jammu and Kashmir Finance and Accounts Society, its constitution, objectives, registered members, the welfare work done by the society in the last 2

years and 2nd term of the society, an official spokesperson said.

The delegation, he said, further discussed several issues and demands pertaining to the officers of J&K Accounts services especially Assured career progression and other issues confronting the cadre which stands already submitted to the concerned authorities.

"The Financial commissioner (ACS) gave a patient hearing to the delegation and assured them that all their genuine demands and issues shall be looked into in a systematic manner," the spokesperson added.

Police Arrests Husband For Abetting Wife's Suicide

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SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday arrested a man on charges of abetment of suicide regarding death of a woman (his wife) in Naushera sub-division of Rajouri district.

A police official said that information was received through reliable sources on May 15 that one Seema Devi wife of Rajesh Kumar resident of Chowki village of Nowshera was found hanging in her house and her death occurred in suspicious circumstances.

"To ascertain the cause of death an inquest proceeding U/S 174 CrPC was initiated vide DDR No 11 dated 15.05.2022 and enquiry was entrusted to PSI Vishal Kumar", the official said adding during course of enquiry, Enquiry Officer proceeded on spot and conducted all legal formalities that included preparation of the site plan and took the body in custody and after autopsy it (body) was handed over to parents (of the deceased).

"A Special Investigation Team headed by SDPO Nowshera Tufil Rishu and SHO Nowshera Rajesh Jasrotia under the supervision

of Additional SP Nowshera Amit Verma carried out further investigation and an offense under section 306 IPC has been made out against husband of deceased namely Rajesh Kumar son of Krishan Lal resident of Chowki Nowshera", the official informed on this, the inquest has now been converted in FIR No 87/2022 u/s 306 IPC which has been registered in Nowshera Police station and investigation and further legal proceedings are going on.

The official further said that the accused, who happens to be the husband of deceased, is found involved in charges of abetment to suicide and had created hard circumstances for deceased due to which she took this extreme step.

SSP Rajouri Mohammad Aslam in the meanwhile told a local news agency GNS that this is second such case worked out in Nowshera sub division in last two months and accused in both the cases happened to be the husbands of victim women.

He said that crime against women is a prime concern for police for which stern action as per laid down norms is being ensured.

Vocational Education In J&K Receiving Prime Focus: Govt '70000 Students Of 9th To 12th Being Covered Every Year'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Realizing the significance of vocational training in furthering business preferences for students, the Jammu and Kashmir government is laying focused attention on promoting this vital sector at all levels enhancing youth's technical skills for a specific job, an official spokesperson said Tuesday.

He said that the administration, as a sequel to bring about qualitative enhancement at all levels of education in the Union Territory, established State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) by merging existing State Institutes of Education (SIE) and District Institutes of Education and Training (DIET).

"The move was aimed at to mainstream teacher education

and curriculum reforms besides providing academic research, extension and training support in the field of school education throughout the UT," he said.

According to official details, the spokesperson said that Skill Hub Initiative has also been implemented in 40 schools for out of school youth under Vocational Education. Vocational Education is being imparted in 714 Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools in 14 different trades across the UT.

"Besides, with inauguration of 626 Vocational labs by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, the total number of this vital facility in J&K has reached to 850. The government is extending vocational education to 70000 students from 9th to 12th every year with most of them getting employment in their relevant

fields," he said.

As a part of National Education Policy (NEP), he said, all the students of 6th to 8th have been mapped with vocational institutes to impart the basic skills of vocational education.

"As part of NIPUN BHARAT MISSION, teaching learning material in the form of workbooks, worksheets and flash cards was provided to 522226 students of class I to V besides giving away resource material to 40318 primary teachers at a cost of Rs. 13.66 crore. Also, Rs. 4.03 crore were provided to DIETs to conduct training on FLN (Foundational Literacy and Numeracy) to make teachers abreast with new techniques of teaching," the spokesperson said.

"Besides, 100 days reading campaign was conducted successfully in the UT of Jammu

and Kashmir where more than 4 lakh students participated," he added.

To take care of basic needs of schools ensuring that learning is not affected, the spokesperson said that Rs 45.94 crore were provided to 22250 schools as Composite School Grant varying from Rs 10000 to Rs 100000 per school, of which, Rs. 4.60 crore were spent on SWACHHTA activities in schools. Similarly, payment of Rs 47.29 crore was made through DBT into accounts of 788247 students of class I to VIII as cost of two stitched uniforms @ Rs 600 per student.

"Schools with high enrolment shall be developed as Smart Schools in the coming years, which shall be saturated with all the basic facilities, official informed. He added that there shall be no Gap in the Infra-

structure and Sports facilities and teachers shall be imparted special trainings to enhance their academic standards.

To channelize youth energy, hone their personality and prepare them for future challenges, youth clubs are being formed in every panchayat of the UT with at least 5 members.

Similarly, sports and physical education grants of Rs 19.67 crore were provided to schools through district officers for procurement of sports equipment for the schools @ Rs 5000 for Primary Schools, Rs 10000 for UPS, and Rs 25000 for HS and HSS in 2021-22.

Under Right to Education, free text books of Rs 19.30 crore were provided to 550000 students of class III to VIII through Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education.

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