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## WOMAN AMONG SEVEN HELD FOR CABLE THEFT

Railway Police have busted a gang of criminals involved in the copper wire theft here in Kashmir capital Srinagar. A Railway Police official said police have arrested seven thieves including a

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## MEDICAL EMPLOYEES PEN-DOWN STRIKE HITS ROUTINE SERVICES IN JAMMU

Medical employees in most government hospitals across the Jammu region observed a three-hour pen-down strike Tuesday in support of their various demands including



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Secret griefs are more cruel than public calamities

- Voltaire

## NEWS DIGEST

### 8 Militant Associates Arrested: Police

Srinagar: Police on Tuesday claimed to have busted a Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) module in south Kashmir's Awantipora by arresting eight militant associates of the outfit. Based on specific input, several suspects were **More on P6**

### No New Covid Case In Valley

Srinagar: No fresh cases of novel Coronavirus were detected in Kashmir Valley on Tuesday while three new cases of infection were reported from Jammu division of the Union Territory. While Kashmir Valley **More on P6**

### Missing Teenager Found Dead

Srinagar: A teenager, who went missing two weeks ago, was found dead on Tuesday in Damhal Hanjipora area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district. According to reports, the body of 15-year-old Muzammil Wani of Kutpora Shopian was found dead near Vishow Nallah at Aadbal Watoo **More on P6**

### Man Arrested For Harassing Girl

Jammu: A person, who had been allegedly harassing a girl after creating a social media account in her name, was arrested from Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, police said on Tuesday. Accused Rohit Sharma, a resident of Prowa Jagir in Jaganoo area, was identified and traced with **More on P6**

# Policeman Killed, Daughter Hurt In Soura Attack

Saifullah Qadri 3rd Policeman Killed In Last 19 Days



Residents of Anchar Soura, many among them children, watch blood stained spot where policeman fell to the bullets of gunmen on Tuesday

Zaid Bin Shabir

Srinagar: Unidentified militants on Tuesday shot dead a policeman and injured his minor daughter in a broad daylight attack in Soura area of this capital city, officials said.

Around 5:00 pm Tuesday, unknown pistol-borne militants appeared in Ganai Mohalla in Soura area and fired shots from point blank range at the police constable Saifullah Qadri who was leaving home to drop his nine-year-old daughter for tuition, officials said.

In the attack, Qadri and his daughter Safa sustained

gunshot injuries. Both of them were removed to the nearby SK institute of medical science (SKIMS) for treatment. However, Qadri, who had sustained multiple gunshot injuries in the militant attack, was declared brought dead by the doctors.

"He had received bullets in his chest and neck. He had already passed away when brought to the hospital," SKIMS Medical Superintendent, Dr Farooq Jan told Kashmir Observer.

However, Qadri's daughter who has received bullet injury in her wrist is stable.

Qadri is second policeman from Srinagar, **More on P6**

## 3 Civilians Injured In Grenade Attack

At least three civilians on Tuesday were injured when unknown militants hurled a grenade upon government forces in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. According to officials, unknown militants lobbed a grenade towards a joint team of police and CRPF at the busy bus stand in Yaripora area of the district on Tuesday evening.

The grenade, they said, landed in a drain and exploded with a bang leaving at least three people injured. All the injured were shifted to district hospital wherefrom one of them was referred to Government medical College (GMC) Anantnag.

According to officials, the joint party fired few rounds in the air before cordoning off the area to nab the attackers. A local news agency **More on P6**

## LG, Omar Condemn Killing

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday condemned the killing of a policeman in Soura area of the city. National Conference, Congress, People's Conference also condemned the police constable's killing. Constable Saifullah Qadri was shot dead and his nine-year-old daughter injured when MILITANTS fired indiscriminately at them outside their home in Soura on the outskirts of the city, officials said here. **More on P6**

BANIHAL SHOCKER

## Panel To Probe 'Wrong Death Declaration' Of Newborn

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: The Directorate of Health Services here Tuesday constituted a four-member panel to probe a complaint against the Banihal Community Health Centre where a newborn was allegedly wrongly declared dead just after her birth, officials said.

Headed by Sanjay Turkey, Assistant Director (schemes), DHS Jammu, the committee has been asked to submit its report

within two days, they said.

The baby girl had survived miraculously after a local resident objected to her burial in his fields without his knowledge, forcing her family to dig up the grave within an hour of the burial.

The incident sparked protests inside the CHC Banihal, also known as sub-district hospital Banihal, by the relatives of the girl against the medical staff, prompting the block **More on P6**

## Delimitation Panel's Final Order Sent To LS, RS Secretaries

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The final order of delimitation commission that redrew Jammu and Kashmir's electoral map has been sent to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha secretaries for laying it in both Houses of the Parliament.

According to documents, the final order of the commission has been sent to the secretaries of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for being laid before the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. The documents also state that a copy of the final order was

also sent to the Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir for laying it on the table of the Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

While the report is expected to be tabled in the Parliament in the monsoon session in July-August, it would be laid before the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir only after holding of elections in the UT. Jammu & Kashmir is without its Legislative Assembly for the past three-and-a-half years. On May 5, 2020, the delimitation commission **More on P6**

# LG Visits Family Of Slain KP Employee In Jammu



Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday evening visited the house of slain Kashmiri pandit Rahul Bhat here and offered condolences to his family, officials said. Bhat (35), who had got the job of a clerk under the special employment package for

migrants in 2010-11, was according to police, shot dead by Lashkar-e-Taiba militants at his office in the Chadoora area of central Kashmir's Budgam district on May 12.

Sinha visited the bereaved family at Ban Talab in the outskirts of Jammu and expressed his condolences to his parents, wife and other members of

## KPs Continue Protest, Demand Relocation Outside Valley

The protest by Kashmiri Pandit employees over the killing of their colleague Rahul Bhat entered 13th day on Tuesday as the protestors did not resume duties even after assurances given by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha during his visit to Sheikhupura migrant camp. The employees continued their protest saying they **More on P6**

## RAHUL'S WIFE SAID AN ASSURANCE WAS

given that she will get a better job besides the expenses for the education of her daughter would be borne by the government. The agitated Kashmiri pandits are demanding adequate compensation and a government job for the wife of the deceased.

MILITANT FUNDING CASE

## Yasin Malik Likely To Be Sentenced Today

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: A Delhi court is likely to pronounce on Wednesday its judgment on the quantum of punishment for convicted Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik, who had earlier reportedly pleaded guilty of all the charges including those under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), in a militant funding case.

Special judge Praveen Singh had on May 19 convicted Malik and had directed NIA authorities to assess his financial situation to determine the amount of fine likely to be imposed.

Malik is facing a maximum punishment of death



penalty, while the minimum sentence for the offences committed by him is life imprisonment.

On May 10, Malik had told the court that he was not contesting the charges levelled against him that included section 16 (terrorist act), 17 (raising funds for terrorist act), 18 (conspiracy to commit terrorist act) and 20 (being member **More on P6**

# How Perfume, Meat, LoC Make Kashmir Wildlife 'Most Targeted'

Swati Joshi

A recent rare picture of Kashmiri stag called Hangul might've left sundry awestruck, but the population of this critically-endangered species is decreasing at an alarming rate in the valley.

According to the findings of Wildlife Trust India, Hanguls, markhors and the Himalayan musk deer are among the most targeted species in Jammu and Kashmir.

As the only Asiatic survivor of the European red deer family, Hangul has been already declared as critically-endangered species in Kashmir. Hangul was distributed in a radius of 40 km spreading from Karen in Kishenganga to Dorus in Lolab valley, Erin catchments



in Bandipora to Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh, as per Kashmir's shikar map prepared by Maharaja Hari Singh.

With continuous encroachment of land, this wildlife species loss their habitat and got confined to Dachigam National

Park and adjoining protected areas, notes a research paper by Riyaz A Bhat.

The latest population monitoring survey of Hangul conducted by the Wildlife Department revealed that the number of Hangul in Dachigam and nearby areas is 261. It also mentions a sharp decline in the fawn-female and male-female ratio of Hangul.

Musk Deer

Native to Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nepal, musk deer was supposed to be extinct in 1948 until they were sighted in 2009.

The musk deer popularly known as Kasturi in the Himalayan regions are categorized as endangered species.

According to a research, seven species of musk **More on P6**

# Nomads Fear Losses As Unseasonal Snowfall Makes Chenab Valley Cold

Press Trust Of India

Bhaderwah: Unseasonal snowfall in the higher reaches of Chenab Valley has left hundreds of nomadic families in distress as they are compelled to halt their onward journey along with their livestock.

Cold wave conditions have engulfed the upper reaches of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts, triggering panic among the nomads who have started their bi-annual migration from the plains in the union territory and Punjab.

Officials said fresh snowfall was reported in Kailash Mountain Range, Kainthi, Padri Gali, Bhaal Padri, Seoj, Shankh Padar, Rishi Dal, Gau-Peeda, Gan-Thak, Khanni-top, Guldanda, Chhattar Galla and Asha Pati Glacier surrounding Bhaderwah Valley since Monday night.



The unseasonal snowfall was also reported from Braid Bal, Nehyed Chilly, Sharonth Dhar, Katardhar, Kainthi, Laloo Paani, Kaljugasar, Duggan Top, Goha and Sinhan Top besides the high altitude meadows of Gandoh. These high altitude and vast grazing meadows remain

inhabited by the Gujjar and Bakarwal tribes during summers.

Due to unseasonal snowfall and severe cold conditions, hundreds of tribal families have been stuck either on the road sides or on the lower reaches at different parts of Chenab Valley, an official said. **More on P6**



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# Cannes Filmmakers Urge France To Face Colonial Past In Algeria, Africa

AFP

Film-makers are holding up a mirror to France over its colonial past at the Cannes festival, helped by star power and a growing French readiness to face up to injustices committed notably in Africa.

The colonization of Algeria and the horrors of the Algerian war of independence (1954-1962) deeply scarred both nations and continues to mar relations, but was hardly discussed in France in public for decades.

Although President Emmanuel Macron has acknowledged crimes committed — including a massacre by police of Algerians in Paris in 1961 which he called “inexcusable” — his government has ruled out “presenting an apology” for France’s colonial past.

“I think you could say that I’m obsessed by the Algerian war,” French director Philippe Faucon told AFP at the Cannes festival. His film “Les Harkis” tells the story of Algerians who fought alongside French troops against the independence movement, only to be left behind for the most part when France pulled out of Algeria, and facing the vengeance of the victo-



rious Algerians. The movie places the responsibility for this “criminal betrayal” and the subsequent massacres of Harkis firmly at the doorstep of then-president Charles de Gaulle. “It is necessary to recall this story and look the truth in the eyes,” said Algerian-born Faucon, although historical “complexities” make easy judgments impossible. Fellow director Mathieu Vadepied also warned against facile conclusions about France’s forced re-

cruitment of Senegalese soldiers for its World War I war effort, the subject of his film “Tiraillleurs” (“Father and Soldier”). French superstar Omar Sy — who has won a huge international following with his roles in “Untouchable” and the Netflix smash hit “Lupin” — plays the lead in the story about a father and a son who are both forced into the trenches. “My idea is to put things into question,” Vadepied told AFP.

“Question France’s historical relationship with its former colonies, what do we have to say about that today, do we even know what we did?” While rejecting any “frontally political” approach, he said that “if we deny the facts we can never move on, we need to tell these stories, everybody needs to know them.” The idea was however “not to guilt-trip people, but to recognize the painful history and free our-

selves.” Sy, the France-born son of west African immigrants, told the audience at the film’s opening night: “We have the same story, but we don’t have the same memories.”

The second Cannes week will see the screening of “Nos Frangins” (“Our Brothers”) by French director Rachid Bouchareb who in 2006 sparked a nationwide debate with “Indigènes” (“Days of Glory”), a film about the contribution of North African soldiers to the French Free Forces during World War II.

In his latest movie, he tells the story of Malik Ousseine, a student killed in 1986 and whose name resonates deeply among French minorities.

On the night of December 6, 1986, two police officers beat to death the 22-year-old French-Algerian on the sidelines of a student protest in Paris.

He had not been involved in the demonstration, and his killing became a turning point — triggering weeks of unrest and leading to the unprecedented conviction of the officers involved.

It took 35 years for the death of Malik Ousseine to be recounted on-screen.

از نیابت ہر وہ شورہ با اجلاس ارشاد احمد ملک  
عنوان: مضمون درخواست منجانب : شکایت منظور و ختم منظور احمد ڈار  
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I have lost my Driving License somewhere bearing DL NO: Jk0120200001273. Now I am applying for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the RTO Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Farhan Zahoor  
S/O Zahoor Ahmad Bhat

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### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

#### NOTICE



Where as a joint application has been recieved from owner.

Shri : Mohammad Irfan Khan

S/o: Mohammad Aziz Khan

R/o: Tharti Mendhar Poonch



as Transferor) & Shri. Faiz Hussain S/o Mohd Fazal R/o Bhati Dhar Poonch.as Transferee) for transfer of Tata Sumo Maxi Cab Carriage route permit No.1434/CC/ Budgam vehicle No. JK04C -8325.

Now it is therefore notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit/vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM. 939  
Dated 24/05/2022

Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my disability certificate during 2014 floods. Now I am applying for the duplicate of the same. If anybody having any objection in this regard, he/she may file the same with the concerned department within seven days from the publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained after stipulated time.

Shafat Rafiq Dar  
S/O: Mohd Rafiq Dar  
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Contact: 9149561913

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## Tutor Required

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Al Misda Masoom Mir  
Father's name: Irshad Ahmad Masoom Mir  
Address: Old Chanapora, Srinagar  
Contact: 6005496724

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Gh Mohd Sofi  
S/o Gh Hassan Sofi  
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### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING KUPWARA

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#### E-TENDER NOTICE NO:-001 of 2022-23 DATED:- 21-05-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K (UT) , e-tenders in SINGLE COVER SYSTEM are invited on item rate basis from approved Contractors /Reputed Firms/companies shown as under for the below noted work:-

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02	Construction of Food store at Khumriyal at Panchayat Shumriyal	4.85	DEE	200		1 Month	B2V3	Shumriyal	Wavoor
03	Construction of Food store at Khumriyal at Gundgaheer	4.85	DEE	200		1 Month	B2V3	Gundgaheer	Sogam
04	Repair/renovation of fencing and electrification of Panchayat Ghar Sever	3.59	DEE	200		1 Month	B2V3	Sever	
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06	Construction of 02 No. of wells at Ganapora	1.50	DEE	200		1 Month	B2V3	Lalbugh	Qaziabad
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11	Construction of 03 No. of foot culverts at Wajhama	1.49	DEE	200		1 Month	B2V3	Wajhama	Qaziabad
12	Construction of Community Meeting Hall at Wavoor A near Panchayat Ghar	9.50	DEE/CEE	300		1 Month	B2V3	Wavoor A	Wavoor
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15	Construction of fencing around graveyard dozipora phase 2nd at Meelyal	1.90	DEE	200		1 Month	B2V3	Rashanpora A	Meelyal
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Position of AA = Accorded  
Position of funds = Available

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice.	21-05-2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents.	23-05-2022 to 30-05-2022
3.	Bid Submission Start Date.	23-05-2022 from 10.00 AM
4.	Bid submission End Date.	30-05-2022 up to 03.00 PM
5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	30-05-2022 at 4PM in the office of Ex. Engineer, REW Kupwara

#### Critical Dates Table

1) Special Condition; As per Govt Order No 251 –FD of 2020 Dated 17-09-2020. Allotment of work can be limited to members of respective Gram Panchayat. How over in case of sufficient bidder could not participate in the particular Panchayat Halqa, the bidders from adjacent Panchayat could also participate.

2) The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into treasury under Major Head 0515-OR's the bidders must upload the scanned copy of treasury acknowledgment slip.

4) Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.

5. All Bidders have to submit/Upload Bid Earnest money i.e. 2% of the Advertised Cost of the work in shape of CDR/FRD Pledged to Executive Engineer REW Kupwara Which shall be released after fixation of contract..

6. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 03 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

7. The date and time of opening of technical bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message one their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of all e-Bidders shall be opened on same Web site in the office of Executive Engineer REW Kupwara (tender receiving authority).

8. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.

9. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-

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b. Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c. Failure of successful to execute the agreement within 25 days after fixation of contract.

10. Instruction of bidders regarding e-tendering process:-

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

27. Even after the work is allotted to the contractor/agency and there is a complaint regarding the documents submitted by him on the basis of which contract has been awarded and if it's found that the documents are not genuine and are fake, then his contract shall be terminated and the concerned Agency / Contractor shall be BLACKLISTED for participation in all the future tenders of the Of Rural Engineering Wing Kupwara.

Executive Engineer  
REW Kupwara

NO.: XEN/REW/KUP/  
Dated 21/05/2022

DIPK-2530/22

### Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

#### NOTICE



Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr./Mrs Aaqib Hussain Shah & Others S/o Bashir Ahamd Shah R/o Sindoo Shirmal Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor,

(seller) owner of the vehicle Truck Bearing Regd. No. JK22-3699/Commercial/ Non Commercial ) covering under R/P NO: ----- And Mr./ Mohd Afzal Bhat S/o Gh Mohammad Bhat R/o Khanmoh Sgr (Parti No 2nd ) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned .

No any representation/ objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.  
No : ARTO/Spn/179  
Dated 24-05-2022

S/D Asst Regional  
Transport Officer Shopian

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### Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian

#### NOTICE



Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr./Mrs Abdul Wajid Khanday S/o Mohd Siddique Khanday R/o Pinjura Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle Bearing Regd. No. JK22- 3954 (Commercial/ Non Commercial ) covering under R/P NO: -----

And Mr./ Hujatul Ramzan S/o Mohd Ramzan Bhat R/o Tachloo Shopian (Parti No 2nd ) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Pinajura Shopian.

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## TEDx NIT Srinagar Organizes Competition For College Students

Observer News Service

Srinagar: TEDx National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Tuesday organized the State-level 2 Mini TEDx for college students. Around 150 students participated in the event.

The participating students were selected after being the winners of the Phase 1 Mini TEDx competitions taking place at their respective colleges.

The event was presided over by Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal. He said such events inspire the students to accelerate in their careers and are important for all-

and being selected for the Phase 2 competition.

In this elocution competition, the participants from different colleges delivered their own TED talks in regard to the theme, "Interpreting the Future".

Dr. Nufazil Altaf, Dr. Mohammad Rafiq, and Dr. Nasir Butt from the Department of Humanities, Social Science and Management were jury members for the competition.

The competition was followed by the felicitation ceremony for all the winners of the Phase 2 Mini TEDx competitions for both school and col-



lege-level students.

The top 50 winners from among thousands of students, who participated over the course of Phase 1 and Phase 2 Mini TEDx competitions, will now be invited to attend the main event of TEDxNITSrinagar on 28th May 2022.

round development.

"Life is challenging for so many, there are hurdles everywhere and to overcome them, there is a need for motivation," Prof. Sehgal congratulated the students for winning Phase 1 of the Mini TEDx competitions

SDA Removes Encroachments In Various City Areas

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) carried out inspection to remove encroachments at various areas under its jurisdiction on Tuesday.

"The vendors who were illegally operating their business on the footpaths and main roads were removed. Apart from this action was also initiated against the shopkeepers who had installed the goods in the corridors creating hurdles for the general public in their

free movement" SDA in a statement said.

The anti-encroachment drive was mainly held in the Batamaloo neighborhood of the city.

SDA further advised people not to indulge in any illegal constructions on Government land.

"The action against such constructions and encroachments shall continue in future. Any structure raised without obtaining building permission shall be sealed and demolished as per the provision of COBA Act 1988".



## NYC Employees Protest, Demand Regularization Of Services

Agencies

Srinagar: National Youth Corps (NYC) Employees on Tuesday held a protest demonstration in Srinagar demanding immediate regularization of their services.

Hundreds of NYC employees assembled in the press enclave at Lal Chowk and staged a sit-in protest.

They said they were engaged on merit basis and by not regularizing them the government is playing with their future.

Stating that NYC Association time to time demanded the Government to come up with a comprehensive policy by which the future of 8000 NYC remains secure, the protesting youth said the Government gave only verbal assurances.

They also said the administration had done nothing at ground level and now it has backtracked from his promises made with NYC youth.

The protesting NYC youth said that they have been working in different departments for the last 12 years with the hope that they will be regularized when vacancies are available.

They alleged the government has betrayed them by calling them volunteers.

"We are not volunteers as it was the BJP Government which gave us SRO 520 in the year 2017," they added and requested the LG Administration for regularizing their jobs, enhancement of wages and extending them benefit of health insurance policies.

Asif Ali Bhat, president NYC Employees' Association said that the then LG assured us that we are going to seek vacant vacancies and will firstly regularize you there in the departments where you are deployed as per your qualification and then the left out vacancies shall be forwarded to recruitment agencies. He assured us about timely completion of the process to end the sufferings of NYCs.

Bhat stressed that the government of Jammu and Kashmir is well aware about the fact that the NYC, REK, REZ and REJ employees are not getting the legally justified wages.

Meanwhile, the NYC employee's association appealed to the government to regularize their services at the earliest. (CNS)

## Woman Among Seven Held For Cable Theft

Agencies

Srinagar: Railway Police have busted a gang of criminals involved in the copper wire theft here in Kashmir capital Srinagar.

A Railway Police official said police have arrested seven thieves including a woman who were involved in the theft of OHE copper wire on the railway track at kilometer 56.7 committed during the intervening night of 30 and 31 March this year.

All these criminals have been arrested from Shergari Haft Chinar and Parimpora areas of Srinagar city.

After this theft incident police had registered an FIR vide number 4/202 under section 379, 427, 411, 109

IPC and 104, 109, 174 Railway Act of GRPS Srinagar.

The Railway Police official identified the accused as Iqbal Sheikh of Kolkata presently living at Haft Chinar, Shair Ali of West New Delhi presently living at Haft Chinar, Sahil Sheikh of New Delhi, presently living at HMT Srinagar, Haroon Suhail of New Delhi, presently at HMT, Suhaq Saleem of Kolkata, presently at HMT, Shaheen Sheikh of New Delhi presently at HMT and Nargis Alias Panna, a local of Haft Chinar Srinagar.

Police said that the stolen property recovered from the gang include OHE Copper Wire worth Rs 180,000, one Auto-Rickshaw (JK16-1304) and weapons of offence including hexa

blade, cutter, rope and earthing wire.

While talking about the modus operandi of the gang, police said that the group has been found committing the OHE wire thefts in the jurisdiction of GRPS Srinagar on the track sites by resorting to consumption of drugs provided by the accused lady and using the auto-rickshaw under question and the weapons of offence for the commission of crime.

"The accused lady herself is dealing with the scrap and is using the stolen property for crime. The accused are being interrogated about their involvement in other such similar cases registered in the GRPS Awantipora." (KNT)

### Office of The Regional Transport Officer Kashmir

#### NOTICE

Whereas, a joint application has been received from Shri Farooq Ahmad Sheikh S/o GHulam Qadir Sheikh R/o Nowgam Sgr (Transferor) and Mohd Sidiq Najjar S/o Ghulam Mohd Najjar R/o Central Avenue Ellahi Bagh Buchpora (Transferee) for transfer of Maxi Cab carriage route Permit No 5119/mc Covering Vehicle No JK01M-2049.

Now, therefore, it is notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit / vehicle shall be filled in writing in the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir. Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer.

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Regional Transport Office, Kashmir

## UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

### Office Of The Executive Engineer, Construction Division

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S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc in shape of E-Challan (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Time and Date for Submission of Bid	Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Pilot Plant in the Department of Food Science and Technology at Main Campus.	45.00Lacs	Rs.1100/-	05-Months	24-05-2022 to 06-2022 (6.00 PM)	08-06-2022 (11.30 AM)	"AAY" & "BEE"

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I have lost the RC of my vehicle Bearing registration No JK03J-6199. Now I am applying for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO ANANTNAG within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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Assistant Regional Transport officer  
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Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

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Phone No. 0194- 2427478

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M/s Qutn Mills I/E Khunmoh Srinagar stands formally registered with those office under No. 01/003/08891/PMT/MSME dated 01.11.2015 for the activity of " Manufacture of corrugated Card Board Boxes " as proprietorship concern of Zubair ul Nisar S/o Nisar Ahmad R/o Tulsai Bagh, Srinagar. Now the Proprietor intends to induct two more partners namely 1. Mohammad Rajab Reshi S/o Haji Ghulam Ahmad Reshi R/o Brane Nishat, Srinagar, and change of name & Style from M/s Qutn Mills I/E Khunmoh Srinagar to M/s Reshi Enterprises , I/E Khunmoh, Srinagar. If any person having any objection for the said changes , he will contact to General Manager DIC Srinagar within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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ISHA	9: 12

## This Day In History

- 1923 - Britain recognizes Transjordan with Abdullah as its leader
- 1938 - Spanish Civil War: The bombing of Alicante takes place, with 313 deaths.
- 1940- German troops conquer Boulogne
- 1941- 5,000 drown in a storm at Ganges Delta region in India
- 1943- Trident conference in Washington, D.C. (operation plan '43 against Japan)
- 1944-Partisan leader Tito escapes Germans surrounding Bosnia
- 1945- Arthur C Clark proposes relay satellites in geosynchronous orbit
- 1946- Jordan gains independence from Britain (National Day); Abdullah ibn Hussein becomes king of Jordan
- 1949- Chinese Red army occupies Shanghai
- 1953- 1st atomic cannon electronically fired, Frenchman Flat, Nevada
- 1961- NASA civilian pilot Joseph A Walker takes X-15 to 32,770 m
- 1963- Great Britain ends its amateur-professional classes in cricket
- 1979 - Israel begins to return Sinai to Egypt
- 1982 - Iranian troops reconquer Khorramshahr
- 1982 - STS-4 vehicle moves to launch pad
- 1983 - Fire in Nassermeer, Egypt, kills 357
- 1983 - France performs nuclear test
- 1985 - Cyclone ravages Bangladesh; 11,000 killed
- 1989 - Mikhail Gorbachev elected Executive President in the Soviet Union
- 1992 - Oscar Luigi Scalfaro elected President of Italy

## From KO Archives

## Centre-JK discuss truce plan

Delhi asks J&K to prepare action plan on CBM's

Observer News Service

Srinagar Centre today asked the Jammu and Kashmir Government to prepare a comprehensive time-bound action plan to implement the Confidence-Building Measures (CBM's) announced In India and Pakistan in the recent joint declaration and on the physical structures needed to implement them.

Meanwhile Centre and J&K government are actively considering a ceasefire with militants in the state. This was revealed by the union home secretary V K Duggal during a press conference here today.

Asked whether there would be a ceasefire between the security forces and the militants, he said; "That is the objective, and I have spoken to the state governor and the chief minister about this but it has to be a consultative process."

"The main important CBM is dialogue process. Any CBM which involves the movement of people, transport, goods and services and implementation of trade needs a dialogue process... When can we start and how can we start." Mr Duggal said.

He said the central government would provide all infrastructure support to the state administration for opening meeting points between the Kashmiris of India and Pakistan, increasing bus services across the border and facilitating trade through the new routes.

He said the other important component of the CBMs is the infrastructure needed to implement them.

"The slate government has been asked to prepare the report? What all it can handle and where it needs the support of the central government so that we can consider that," he added.

"PM Manmohan's intentions are very clear on this. We have specific instructions that these CBMs should be taken forward most-religiously and in a dedicated time-bound manner. Money and resources should not act as constraints in implementing these measures," he added.

On possible talks with separatist leaders. Duggal said Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was opposed to talks with Hurriyat Conference.

"The Prime Minister is most open to talks with anybody who has a concrete plan However, a mechanism has to be put in place for holding such talks," he told reporters. Duggal said important and positive steps were being taken in Kashmir to restore normalcy. "The return Kashmiri Pandit migrants, and the Amarnath yatra are positive steps. I think Kashmir is on its way to peace.

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K O V I E W

New Economic Bloc

With an eye on the rising economic and military challenge from China, the United States launched Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) in the presence of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The IPEF has twelve initial partners with India one among them. The deal assumes profound significance in the backdrop of the ongoing war in Ukraine. At the root of it, the war is an ambitious bid by Russian president Vladimir Putin to challenge the US-dominance in the world and in this he seems to have a not-so-tacit support by his friend, the Chinese president Xi Jinping.

The conflict stems from Russia's legitimate fears of being encircled by the west and the NATO military bases reaching its doorstep. Many of the Eastern European countries which were once a part of the USSR-led Warsaw Pact have become a part of NATO, heightening Russia's insecurity. The growing likelihood of Ukraine also joining NATO became the last straw for Putin. While it is nobody's case to countenance the invasion of a sovereign smaller country by its powerful neighbour, the solution to the evolving fraught situation can be resolved if the US-led West and Russia sit down and work towards addressing each other's grievances and fears.

At the larger level, the war has become a great power battle royale. America faces one of its severest tests as the world's sole superpower. Some western experts have already written the epitaph of America's unipolar moment. In that sense, it would be interesting to see who blinks first in this great power war of nerves. And that could decide the new superpower of the world. But America, despite its recent setback in Afghanistan, its failure to have its way in Syria in the teeth of the opposition from Russia and Iran, remains the world's No 1 power. Its GDP and defence expenditure remains several times higher than its nearest competitor China. But in Ukraine, we are at an interesting moment in history. The outcome of the war will determine the new global geopolitics if not the new superpower of the world.

But as the IPEF would have us believe, the US has sought to demonstrate that far from being hemmed in by the Russian invasion, would only further expand its global footprint. By launching IPEF, the US has sought to further encroach into what China considers its sphere of influence. And in response to Ukraine war, it has sought to further aggravate the situation by encouraging Finland and Sweden, Russia's neighbours to join NATO. This has created a very fraught geopolitical situation and we can only hope that its end result is not more war.

OTHER OPINION

Price pinch

Rural wages have been falling, unemployment is high, and inflation has been squeezing demand for non-agricultural goods emanating from the rural sector. In rural India, the food price inflation has doubled from 3.94% in March 2021 to 8.04% in March 2022. Despite signals of impending inflationary pressures building up, the Reserve Bank of India had held on to its accommodating stance for too long by keeping interest rates low. The RBI has started to increase its policy rates at long last. But this was done only after the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States of America started to raise interest rates. Now the government has stepped in by reducing duties on fuel to soften prices at the retail level.

In the months of March and April, there was a sharp rise in demand for consumer goods but the spiking price levels suddenly brought down demand in a significant way. Expectations about future demand are bleak and, according to experts, would remain soft in the coming quarters. Producers are facing high input costs and are feeling compelled to pass them on to consumers. With squeezed margins and falling demand, they are unlikely to expand going forward. High inflation and falling demand are likely to create a situation of stagflation. International conditions are unlikely to improve, with major supply chain disruptions and contraction in international trade. With a depreciating rupee, import costs are going to go up, fuelling further inflation. In the domestic economy, prices and interest rates will climb in the coming months. Unemployment would rise and growth rates take a dive. The rural sector would suffer the most. Usually, when there is a rural economic crisis, the way out is the creation of jobs and incomes in the urban sector. This time, the urban sector is heading for a slump. The complexities of the international situation seem unfamiliar to all. The future is uncertain and an economic crisis is looming on the horizon.

Telegraph India

The Future Is Post-Western

This current chapter of Western-run human history must be flung shut.

Yannick Giovanni Marshall

We need a global cultural revolution. A bringing to a sudden end this half-millennia long faith healing show where a perspiring West preaches humanistic values and economic prosperity while cutting holes in the pockets of an entranced colonised world.

We need not only an end to the world order set up by Western hegemony but an end to the appreciation of the West. We need the rage we feel after looking out at the charred remains of our earth under centuries of Western rule to mature into an act. The act of putting the West aside.

There must be an ushering in of a new day on earth where pulling our bodies, our lives, our lands back from the hammer-pry of colonialism is not deliberately misreported as "clashes" where white racists who deliberately hunt and deliberately kill Black elders in communities deliberately ruined by white racists are not immediately comfort-blanketed with reports of being "troubled". Where our chanting to be allowed to live – and the inevitable procession of mourners come down upon by apartheid's police forces – are no longer deliberately misframed as culture wars or intractable conflicts. This current chapter of Western-run human history must be flung shut.

We should have been more desperate for a post-Western world. A world where it is odd for white-skinned refugees to have every type of door flung open for them at the sight of their Primark shopping bags while it is routine for darker-skinned refugees to be force-fed toilet water in the American borderlands or sold on Libyan slave auction blocks.

Odd, reporters openly calling for guerrilla resistance against oppression in Ukraine while the killing of Black people whether by drone strikes in Yemen or by an American in a grocery store must be responded to with pacifism.

Odd. Not hypocritical. Unintelligible. Dark-skinned refugees horsewhipped by American border agents in cowboy hats. Shot at by Europeans while on unseaworthy crafts sutured together with Hadiths and Psalms. Pointed at to explain resurgent Nazi sentiment. Ordered to let white people board first during evacuations. Referred to as crime waves and invaders while flaxen-haired refugees benefit from Fortune 500 company fundraisers, Airbnb programmes and win singing contests. Odd. Not hypocritical. Unintelligible.

It must be accepted now that the West, however mythologised, be it American-led "democracy" or classical "Western" political ideas, has proven that it does not have the necessary intellectual or political infrastructure to put down its perpetually rising Nazism. It has proven inadequate to the task of not harming the vast majority of humanity. Its ideas and institutions have proven incapable of destroying and ridding itself of colonial racism – if it is to be accepted that the project of the West is something other than the project of colonial racism.

The apologists will bring you Locke and Rousseau and protest that the West brought you life, liberty and the social contract. They are careful not to reveal that in the Atlantic Ocean of the fine print, sharks were learning to trail the slave ships, waiting like yelping dogs for the feast of live Africans dumped over the starboard side. They will say we brought you the telegraph and the railway but will not mention the jokes they made at the indentured South Asians they sent to be mauled by lions in East Africa as they laid the tracks. Nor their hunting of families in Tasmania, nor the women abused at the Kamiti concentration camp accused, like the American "negress", of subverting the aims of the settler state. They will say one-day delivery but say nothing about the suicide-prevention nets and the urine in driver's bottles to keep up the pace.

Whatever it takes to leave racism and thus hatred of the vast majority of people on the earth behind, the Western world does not possess and will never possess. That alone disqualifies it from continuing any further.

And if we are wrong, if a non-racist enlightenment is indeed, for real this time, just around the corner, if it only takes a bit more patience as the liberal has promised since hansom cabs and the French Revolution then let us jump the gun. They are not the only ones allowed to be too hasty. Let us rid ourselves of association with the West, even if it is in error. Become too rushed, too reckless in our leaving it. Commit oversights. Forget to include the West in the vision of the future as if it were a slave in their declarations and charters and constitutions. Let us be dogs no longer sat-



isied to chase after the mechanical rabbit. Hang tomorrow. Arrest patience. White supremacists are not the only ones who get to make the world. The wretched of the earth can seize the reins and are free to crash the horse.

The West is kept in the breast pocket of every one-man race riot the colony provides with an AR-15. In a locket of every in-training genocide assisted by the algorithms of tech profiteers who look the other way as convincingly as the port cities of the triangular trade. Nudged along by a hate group accepted as a political party and the television personalities of a white nationalist media empire more impactful than all of the early 20th century lynch mob-inciting US newspapers combined.

Wherever there is a group touting Western civilisation and values an ethnic slur is not far behind. An unfairly graded Black student, a pogrom-preparing fascist club is not far behind. If that group praises the West as the champion of women's rights, it will also lead the charge to end those rights. Where it celebrates Western humanism it will be the first to dehumanise. Values its secularism it will crusade. Western cosmopolitanism? Inclusivity? It will volunteer as border minutemen. Where it celebrates Western rationality and scientific advancement it will cling to biological determinism and the racial classificatory charts of the 1700s. "The West" is a Trojan horse for the racist.

The West is trafficked on the dark web and 8chan, Twitch and sung by all the new Nazi parties. Pounded at the lecterns of celebrity racist professors and top podcast hosts who are carried atop shoulders of incels who blame caricatures of "the Blacks" for their perceived lack of

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desirability instead of the stench of their expired worldview. Well, let there indeed be a "Clash of Civilisations", or rather a clash of the Western traditionalists who hold that the colonised can be hurt with impunity and the anti-colonial world. The post-Western world. An insurrection of the good equipped not with open arms and listening, but rubbish bins.

It is time for putting aside the West. Abandoning the sycophantic enthrallment with their architecture, croissants smeared with contraband West African chocolate, and end to lusting after their fashion brands. A devaluing of their political institutions as far as their political institutions have devalued our lives. Smash the crystal wine glasses, case the cello, drop the overvaluation of all things "European" so that its stock market crashes in a way that it can never recover.

A cultural revolution is not a sideline cause when Occidentophilia excavates mental and economic resources more efficiently than their mining corporations steal raw materials. When it fuels fascism and leads Indigenous libraries to a self-immolation that burns more brightly than a crop-dusting of agent orange. When it makes resistance hesitant.

The colonised's admiration of the West is fatal. It seconds the white supremacists' supremacism. Confirms for them that they are indeed right pulling our people from evacuation transport because they are superior. That their innocents' deaths shall launch a thousand warships and ours a stern comment about how the right is mainstreaming extremist rhetoric. It affirms for the race "massacrist" in training that the West is indeed coveted and they are right to leave us dying in the streets, struggling in cuffs, or warehoused in prisons. It buoys every racist commenter that responds to the dishevelled migrants fleeing from colonial violence with "if we are so bad why are people crossing our borders". It tells them it is indeed the moral superiority of the West that we are running to. Not the ruins of imperialism. Not the wars they have implanted, cultivated and nurtured. The forests they've set alight.

"Now, comrades, now is the time to decide to change sides ... We must abandon our dreams and say farewell to our old beliefs and former friendships. Let us not lose time in useless laments or sickening mimicry. Let us leave this Europe which never stops talking of man yet massacres him at every one of its street corners, at every corner of the world."

Now. Now is the time. Now at the junction of the climate's end and the unlimited takeover attempts their liberal governments grant fascists. When Congolese are killed after Western traffic stops, when the Congo is killed by Western mining corps, it is full passed the time. When their most reputable papers misrepresent the killing and the funeral of a journalist. When our people are killed for existing. It is time.

They cannot quit colonialism. Leave this West. Let us see if we cannot build a world on mangos and abolition.

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Far from Smart City

It is evident that development in Kashmir happens on a very passive scale. We are too far from what a 'smart city' should be like. Kashmir is not even properly developed as a 'city' as of yet, leave apart being a smart city. One of the many loopholes is the deteriorating condition of the roads. Almost every road in the city has developed potholes and craters, causing severe inconvenience to road users every day. The authorities

seem to pay no heed to this issue. The condition of the roads is deteriorating more and more day by day, while no one takes any notice. While several roads have remained damaged for a long period of time, the condition of these roads keeps deteriorating every year after seasonal rains and snowfall, and it should be an annual practice to mend the roads but alas these roads have remained damaged from years now. In fact, even during the process

of building roads or repair work, the authorities don't seem to pay any heed to the quality of construction material or labour work either. Also, while the poor condition of roads causes inconvenience to commuters, it also becomes a cause for many accidents. To improve the condition of roads, the government should give contracts for making roads to only those contractors who assure quality work and give guarantee of repairing roads within

stipulated time frame. The authorities concerned should make a separate inspection team for roads whose main responsibility should be maintaining the quality of roads throughout the city. The government must start doing what it is actually supposed to do, and take steps to maintain Kashmir as a city before opting to make it a 'smart city'.

Sara Shafi

# Reading For Pleasure

Mool Raj

Reading is likely to become a habit and necessity at the same time. It might help someone find ways to solve some big riddles of life. For others, it can turn into an addictive practice — reading for the sake of pleasure. The aim, purpose and meaning of reading could be different for different people. An old dictum ‘we are what we eat’ might be replaced by a new one: ‘we are what we read and how we define our reading’. Both the content and aim of our reading decisively influence, in an

“Publishing of a book of any sort cannot be likened to introducing an ‘item’ or ‘object’ for sale. No doubt, book publishing has become an industry but the book itself cannot be equated with a ‘thing’ to be passively yet joyfully consumed and discarded

interactive way, our perception of life, events and universe. A book and the way we read it can change our worldview and nurture new emotions. Pleasure is arguably one of the strongest drives behind most of our pursuits.

At times, it grows so strong that it can surpass the principle of reality. Fight and flight are termed as two most common behaviours of all living beings; they either wrestle with or run away from danger. In deciding to fight the danger, you go with the principle of reality; in choosing escape you vote for the principle of pleasure. Fighting is meant to putting your best abilities to test in quite uncertain conditions. On the other hand, seeking pleasure merely means seeking a place to hide and nourishing your ego.

All pleasure-seekers are egotists. The people who read books for the sake of pleasure build a fort where their ego acts like a king — a king who only listens. In Italo Kalvino’s A King Listens, the King is asked to stay immobile and just listen. “The head must be held immobile; always remember that the crown is balanced on

your pate, you cannot pull it over your ears like a cap on a windy day”. The head used to enjoying the heady idea of reading remains immobile. It relishes ecstatic rhythms, descriptions, narrations even some ideas found in books but avoids negotiating and interrogating them. Negotiations and inter-

and interrogations. How eccentricity and self-centredness justify their ‘flight’ from a demanding situation has been illustrated by Ghalib in the following couplet.

Even in devotion we are

fers us alternatives. It provides us with a third eye to see events that have happened in the near or remote past or are happening right now or might happen in the outside world and in human heart and psyche.

The third eye of a book is created out of the words which are not innocent; they point to something in one or the other way.

They make us feel good or bad; moreover they

throne even for a moment. “You would have nothing to gain by moving, and everything to lose. If you rise, if you take even a few steps, if you lose sight of the throne for an instant, who can guarantee that when you return you will not find someone else sitting on it?”

A king is denoted by the fact that he is sitting on the throne, wearing the crown, holding the scepter. Now that these attributes are yours, you had better not be separated from them even for a moment. “A pleasure-seeker is advised by his ego that if he rises above his pleasure and starts thinking or begins to interrogate the view a book has taken toward the world, he or she will lose his throne of eccentricity.

Moving is thinking, a preferring of cerebral hunt to intuitive pursue. When you take a book as an event, you affirm that that event needs to be comprehended at two levels: sensual and cerebral. At a sensual level, a book might be equally pleasurable and painful; it can arouse pleasant or/and bad feelings; it may make you feel optimistic or/and pessimistic about the things addressed in it. It is the way the book not only engages your most powerful part of being but also takes you into the mode of fight, into interrogating things courageously. When you decide to fight there are equal chances of success and failure: joy of victory or melancholy of defeat.

An egotist, necessarily surrounded by quirky emotions, is scared of defeat, of an error a thinking mind can commit. In case of defeat or error, he or she strives to justify it by some sort of ‘logic’. Ali Jawad Zaidi in the following couplet seems to bespeak pleasure-seekers’ logic to validate their failures.

Who says we came empty handed from the company of our beloved. We got pleasure of ache and revelry of feeling from there. Comprehending books at sensual level moves us into the cerebral plane, where we negotiate with and interrogate their themes, their ways of argumentation and the reasons of choosing one particular style by their authors. Books ‘produce’ knowledge, feelings, perceptions and meanings by employing culturally acquired human faculties.

If we avoid interrogating how books make us feel or perceive things, we subscribe to the idea that knowledge transmitted through books is sacredly ultimate and unchallengeable, not mundanely transitory. At the cerebral plane, a book proffers a certain type of belief: whatever we come across in a society was humanly generated and it can only be understood and dealt with through humanly produced texts. Pleasure-seekers take all these things for granted.

The author is a writer and columnist

tions are crucial parts of the principle of reality.

Egotists like to talk boastfully about their experiences of pleasure. They mention authors and titles of books they have read with love and fondness. Sometimes they talk about their merits and demerits which are solely based on their personal likes and dislikes. Those authors are ‘great’, and deserve all superlatives whose writings they can enjoy while the authors whose writings demand deep, pure reflection of intellect are declared unhesitatingly ‘small’. Their pleasure becomes a yardstick of evaluating the literary merits of authors. This way, they find another means to assert their eccentricity. Any kind of eccentricity leaves no room for negotiations

So unconventional and eccentric that if we find doors of Ka’ba closed we prefer to retreat. Each book is like a Ka’ba with closed doors. Instead of opening the doors themselves and exploring the world inside, the pleasure-seekers like to cast an appreciative look on the embellishment of doors and make a scurry flight. What happens if books are not negotiated with? What occurs if the doors of a book remain closed?

Publishing of a book of any sort cannot be likened to introducing an ‘item’ or ‘object’ for sale. No doubt, book publishing has become an industry but the book itself cannot be equated with a ‘thing’ to be passively yet joyfully consumed and discarded. Every book signifies a birth of an ‘event’ in society. It of-

make us believe or refute things. In reality, language is political and ideological at its very semantic level. So when you decree that this or that book was just pleasurable — or a wonderful read and an ecstatic experience — you are endorsing uncritically and in an ambiguous way the third eye’s view. You also position yourself in the real world as well as the world of ideas and books. You position your feeling of pleasure as superior to your thinking; you take pleasure in affirming the already existing ideas, the previously conceived world views.

A book is reduced to a thing like a throne of a king of Italo Calvino who was confined to his throne and advised not to move away from the

# Bots of Twitter

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Twitter reports that fewer than 5% of accounts are fakes or spammers, commonly referred to as “bots.” Since his offer to buy Twitter was accepted, Elon Musk has repeatedly questioned these estimates, even dismissing Chief Executive Officer Parag Agrawal’s public response.

Later, Musk put the deal on hold and demanded more proof.

So why are people arguing about the percentage of bot accounts on Twitter?

As the creators of Botometer, a widely used bot detection tool, our group at the Indiana University Observatory on Social Media has been studying inauthentic accounts and manipulation on social media for over a decade. We brought the concept of the “social bot” to the foreground and first estimated their prevalence on Twitter in 2017.

Based on our knowledge and experience, we believe that estimating the percentage of bots on Twitter has become a very difficult task, and debating the accuracy of the estimate might be missing the point. Here is why.

What, exactly, is a bot?

To measure the prevalence of problematic accounts on Twitter, a clear definition of the targets is necessary. Common terms such as “fake accounts,” “spam accounts” and “bots” are used interchangeably, but they have different meanings. Fake or false accounts are those that impersonate people. Accounts that mass-produce unsolicited promotional content are defined as spammers. Bots, on the other hand, are accounts controlled in part by software; they may post content or carry out simple interactions, like retweeting, automatically.

These types of accounts often overlap. For instance, you can create a bot that impersonates a human to post spam automatically. Such an account is simultaneously a bot, a spammer and a fake. But not every fake account is a bot or a spammer, and vice versa. Coming up with an estimate without



a clear definition only yields misleading results.

Defining and distinguishing account types can also inform proper interventions. Fake and spam accounts degrade the online environment and violate platform policy. Malicious bots are used to spread misinformation, inflate popularity, exacerbate conflict through negative and inflammatory content, manipulate opinions, influence elections, conduct financial fraud and disrupt communication. However, some bots can be harmless or even useful, for example by helping disseminate news, delivering disaster alerts and conducting research.

Simply banning all bots is not in the best interest of social media users.

For simplicity, researchers use the term “inauthentic accounts” to refer to the collection of fake accounts, spammers and malicious

edges that the actual number of inauthentic accounts could be higher than it has estimated, because detection is challenging.

Inauthentic accounts evolve and develop new tactics to evade detection. For example, some fake accounts use AI-generated faces as their profiles. These faces can be indistinguishable from real ones, even to humans. Identifying such accounts is hard and requires new technologies.

Another difficulty is posed by coordinated accounts that appear to be normal individually but act so similarly to each other that they are almost certainly controlled by a single entity. Yet they are like needles in the haystack of hundreds of millions of daily tweets.

Finally, inauthentic accounts can evade detection by techniques like swapping handles or automatically posting and deleting large volumes of content.

The distinction between inauthentic and genuine accounts gets more and more blurry. Accounts can be hacked, bought or rented, and some users “donate”

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their credentials to organizations who post on their behalf. As a result, so-called “cyborg” accounts are controlled by both algorithms and humans. Similarly, spammers sometimes post legitimate content to obscure their activity.

We have observed a broad spectrum of behaviors mixing the characteristics of bots and people. Estimating the prevalence of inauthentic accounts requires applying a simplistic binary classification: authentic or inauthentic account. No matter where the line is drawn, mistakes are inevitable.

Missing the big picture

The focus of the recent debate on estimating the number of Twitter bots oversimplifies the issue and misses the point of quantifying the harm of online abuse and manipulation by inauthentic accounts.

Through BotAmp, a new tool from the Botometer family that anyone with a Twitter account can use, we have found that the presence of automated activity is not evenly distributed. For instance, the discussion about cryptocurrencies tends to show more bot activity than the discussion about cats. Therefore, whether the overall prevalence is 5% or 20% makes little difference to individual users; their experiences with these accounts depend on whom they follow and the topics they care about.

Recent evidence suggests that inauthentic accounts might not be the only culprits responsible for the spread of misinformation, hate speech, polarization and radicalization. These issues typically involve many human users. For instance, our analysis shows that misinformation about COVID-19 was disseminated overtly on both Twitter and Facebook by verified, high-profile accounts.

Even if it were possible to precisely estimate the prevalence of inauthentic accounts, this would do little to solve these problems. A meaningful first step would be to acknowledge the complex nature of these issues. This will help social media platforms and policymakers develop meaningful responses.

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# Arson in Andhra Town Over Renaming District, Minister's House Torched

Press Trust of India

Amaravati: Arson broke out in Amalapuram town in Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday when police resorted to lathi-charge at people who staged a protest against the proposed renaming of the newly-created Konaseema district as B R Ambedkar Konaseema district, with a number of police personnel left injured and the protestors opposed to the name change allegedly setting the houses of state minister P Viswarupu and a ruling YSR Congress MLA P Satish on fire.

While the ruling party blamed unnamed forces behind the arson, all opposition parties hit out at the Jagan Mohan Reddy government over its "gross failure" in controlling the situation. The opposition parties appealed to people to observe restraint and ensure peace returned to Konaseema.

State Home Minister Taneti Vanitha said some 20 police personnel were injured in stone pelting by the mob while the protestors torched a school bus. Prohibitory orders under Section 144 CrPC were clamped in Amalapuram even as additional police forces were rushed in to bring the situation under control.

Eluru Range Deputy Inspector General of Police G Pala Raju, who rushed to Amalapuram, said they were observing restraint and trying to bring the situation under control. He said the injured police personnel were "not in danger."

Trouble started when the police allegedly prevented leaders of the Konaseema Sadhana Samiti from going into the district Collector's office for submitting a memorandum against renaming the district and



resorted to a lathi-charge.

The Samiti was opposed to the proposed renaming of the newly-created Konaseema district as B R Ambedkar Konaseema district.

As police tried to chase the Samiti leaders and workers away, stone pelting ensued. As trouble broke out, shops in the town downed their shutters even as the protestors allegedly went berserk and first set a school bus on fire.

They later went to the house of Transport Minister Viswarupu and torched it. Sensing trouble, police had by then moved the family members of the ministers out to safety.

Later, the protestors targeted Mummidivaram MLA Ponnada Satish's residence and set it on fire.

"It was such a horrifying thing when a mob of 1,000-1,500 persons came and burnt our house. They were carrying petrol in bottles, which clearly indicated that they did all this intentionally," Satish said.

He and his family members were, however, moved to safety.

The state Home Minister Vanitha told reporters at the Secretariat here that some parties and anti-social elements apparently instigated the arson.

"It is unfortunate that over 20 police personnel sustained injuries in the incident. We will conduct a thorough investigation into the incident and bring the culprits to book," she added.

Principal opposition Telugu Desam Party, BJP, Jana Sena and the Congress hit out at the government over its gross failure in controlling the Amalapuram situation.

"The arson in Konaseema, known for its peace, is unfortunate. The Home Minister made baseless allegations on a delicate issue. This is completely a failure of the government and the police," Telugu Desam chief N Chandrababu Naidu said in a statement.

Jana Sena chief K Pawan Kalyan lashed out at the Home Minister for blaming the opposition parties over the Amalapuram incidents.

"It is nothing but an effort to cover up the government's failure in maintaining law and order. The ruling

party is only seeking to push the blame on to the opposition to cover its failures," Kalyan said.

State BJP president Somu Veerajulu strongly condemned the incidents and blamed the government for failing to ensure peace.

"The government should take responsibility for its failure to maintain peace in Konaseema," he added.

State Congress president Sake Sailajanath too blamed the government over this. Former Director General of Police V Dinesh Reddy, too, found fault with the police.

"Instead of blaming I can say it is failure of police. (When I was) DGP of combined AP, such incidents were never allowed to boomerang on this scale," Dinesh Reddy said in a social media post.

He recalled that he worked as SP of the erstwhile East Godavari district for a long period and people of Konaseema were found to be peace-loving. "I am shocked at the turn of events," he added.

On April 4, the new Konaseema district was carved out of the erstwhile East Godavari.

Last week, the state government issued a preliminary notification seeking to rename Konaseema as B R Ambedkar Konaseema district and invited objections, if any, from the people.

Viswarupu said the proposal to rename the new district was based on the demand raised by all political parties.

In this backdrop, the Konaseema Sadhana Samiti objected to the proposed renaming of the district and wanted the name Konaseema retained.

# HDFC Bank Parivartan Launches Scholarship To Support Women Athletes

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Mumbai: HDFC Bank & GoSports Foundation jointly launched "Unstoppable - Karke Dikhaungi" a two-phase scholarship programme for women athletes, and coaches. The programme, under the aegis of Parivartan -HDFC Bank's umbrella brand for all social initiatives, will identify talented female athletes from across the country and support their pursuit of sporting excellence.

Conceptualised by GoSports Foundation, the initiative will focus on development of Women in Sports in India. The Foundation will curate and implement the programme, with HDFC Bank as the exclusive partner for 3 years.

India's sportswomen face a plethora of challenges. The programme aims to tackle these challenges. Along with supporting their competition and travel, training, equipment, coaching, and sports science requirements, the programme will work towards increasing equality and inclusivity in Indian sports by creating new women champions and role models for society.

The programme is inviting applications from deserving state-and-national level athletes across sporting disciplines – Olympic, Paralympic, Winter Games and Motorsports. It aims to support a diverse set of athletes to help them achieve their sporting potential.

Applications are open for a month from May 24th to June 24th, 2022. Shortlisted athletes will be called in for internal evaluations and further shortlisting for the next stages. This would include feedback from coaches and experts, interview rounds and due diligence. The selection process for athletes would take close to 100 days.

Finally, 20 athletes will be awarded scholarships and holistic support for their sporting journeys and crucial junctures in their careers. The top 100 shortlisted athletes, in the third round of this process, will have access to education workshops on multiple pertinent topics throughout the year.

In the second phase of the programme, applications will be opened for coaches as well for yearly scholarships. Similar to athletes, they will be offered financial and non-financial support for their growth and development.

The programme will provide yearly financial scholarships ranging Rs 5-10 lakhs on an average to athletes, and around Rs 5 lakhs to coaches.

"As a socially responsible corporate citizen we want to do our part to nurture sporting talent in the country," said Ashima Bhat, Group Head-CSR, Business Finance and Infrastructure, HDFC Bank.

"Parivartan, our flagship CSR programme, acts as a catalyst to bring about good in society," said Ms. Nusrat Pathan, Head CSR. "Apart from the infrastructure challenges faced by athletes, women in sports face the additional burden of battling societal and cultural dogmas."

During the launch, Ms. Deepthi Bopaiah, CEO of GoSports Foundation said, "Over the decades, there have been many special milestones created by women sporting champions, who have scripted history and have contributed towards changing stereotypes, breaking barriers and inspiring communities through sport."

The programme also focuses on crucial aspects such as Menstrual Health and Hygiene, Mental Health and Safe Spaces for women in sport to relax and recharge, and Prevention of Sexual Harassment.

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### Policeman Killed

and third from the Valley killed by militants in over a fortnight. On May 7, Constable Ghulam Hassan Dar, working as a driver in the newly introduced Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), was shot dead by militants near Aiwa Bridge along the busy Dr Ali Jan road.

A week later, Constable Reyaz Ahmad Thoker was shot dead inside his house in Gudoora village on May 13.

"Qadri was with his daughter Safa when militants fired at him at a point blank range outside his house. Safa may not have been on the target of the militants as the initial report suggests that when the first bullet hit Qadri, his daughter may have anxiously hugged her father and in the same breath, the second bullet supposedly for Saifullah, hit her right arm," a police source told Kashmir Observer.

The initial probe, the source noted, also suggests that at least 3 militants may have been involved in this incident.

As per sources, Qadri, who was currently serving in the J&K Police's Special Operations Group (SOG), was fired at least 4 times from a pistol at a point blank range.

If sources are to be believed, then several SOG personnel including Qadri had already been warned to avoid visiting home for a few days.

"However, it looks like Qadri could no longer stay away from his daughter and went back to his home, ignoring the issued warning," The source said.

Meanwhile, in a statement issued here, a police spokesperson said that it has been learnt that militants fired indiscriminately upon Saifullah Qadri outside his house, leaving him and his daughter injured.

Qadri, he said, succumbed to his injuries at the hospital while the condition of his daughter is stated to be stable.

"Police has registered a case under relevant sections of law and initiated investigation. Officers continue to work to establish the full circumstances of the terror crime while the whole area has been cordoned off with the help of reinforcement and search in the area is going on," the spokesperson said.

Talking to journalists on the sidelines of the wreath laying ceremony of slain policeman, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said that the "perpetrators of this barbaric terror act" will be brought to justice very soon.

He also said that entire society including families of the militants should condemn the attacks on unarmed policeman and her nine-year-old daughter.

"We pay our rich tributes to the martyr for his supreme sacrifice made in the line of duty and stand by his family at this crucial juncture," Kumar said.

### 3 Civilians Injured

GNS quoted BMO Yaripora Dr Nighat saying that 25 persons were received at the hospital but they had no splinter injuries.

"They were given the first aid and discharged," she added.

### LG, Omar Condemn

"I strongly condemn the cowardly terror attack in Soura, Srinagar. I assure the people that those behind this despicable attack will not go unpunished. I salute the martyr Policeman SgCt Saifullah Qadri. His service to the nation and supreme sacrifice will always be remembered," LG Sinha tweeted.

"My thoughts are with the bereaved family. I pray for the speedy recovery of his daughter," he added.

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah

also condemned the killing.

"I unequivocally condemn this attack on Constable Saifullah Qadri of J&K police in which he lost his life. The cowardly attackers not only killed Const. Qadri but also injured his 7 year old daughter, who I understand is out of danger.

"May Allah grant Const Qadri a place in Jannat & may his family find strength to bear this great loss. A special prayer for the injured daughter for a quick & complete recovery," Omar tweeted.

People's Conference led by Sajad Lone condoled the killing of the cop.

"Heartfelt condolences with the family of policeman Saifulla who was fired upon by terrorists killing him & injuring his daughter in broad daylight at capital Srinagar. May the departed soul find peace in heaven & prayers for the injured daughter," the party said in a tweet.

Congress also condemned the attack on a police cop, daughter in Soura, Srinagar.

Strongly condemning the attack, JKPC Chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma has said that such targeted attacks are part of a nefarious design but the forces behind such attacks shall never succeed.

"The government must check such attacks and ensure the Safety and security of innocent Citizens in kashmir," Sharma added.

### Polls In J&K

March 14 dealing with the number of constituencies reserved for various categories and the second of May 5 dealing with the size of each constituency -- will come into effect together from May 20, the notification said.

### LG Visits Family

the family, the officials said.

After the Lt Governor left the house, Rahul's father Bitu Jee Bhat said Sinha assured his family of all possible help from the government.

We were assured that the government will do whatever possible to provide relief to us, he said.

Rahul's wife said an assurance was given that she will get a better job besides the expenses for the education of her daughter would be borne by the government.

The agitated Kashmiri pandits are demanding adequate compensation and a government job for the wife of the deceased.

### KPs Continue

won't resume duties till their demand for relocation outside Kashmir is met.

Shouting slogans against district administration, the protestors raised slogans like "we want justice".

Sinha on Monday visited the Sheikhpora migrant camp where Kashmiri Pandit employees have been protesting the killing of Rahul Bhat, and assured them that their problems will be addressed honestly.

Bhat (35), who had got the job of a clerk under the special employment package for migrants in 2010-11, was shot dead by Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists at his office in the Chadoora area of central Kashmir's Budgam district on May 12.

Sinha, during his interaction with protesting employees, admitted he was late in visiting the camp.

Referring to the demand for providing a government job to Bhat's wife, the LG said her qualifications will be checked and whatever is feasible will be provided. Sinha told the protesting employees that the pain he felt over Bhat's killing was no less than what they felt.

There is nothing more unfortunate for the head of an administration than the killing of a government employee, he added.

Sinha expressed hope that the employees "will soon feel that many things have been done".

"I want to assure you that I will honestly try

that there is a redressal of your issues and that you live with your families at ease," he LG said.

"This administration is committed to the welfare of its employees. There is a need to see our intention. There is no need to have any ill-feelings... I want to assure you that your problems will be addressed honestly and judiciously," Sinha said.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir had last week directed deputy commissioners to accommodate Kashmiri Pandit employees close to their places of residence or at district headquarters, whichever is feasible for them.

### Panel To Probe

medical officer to suspend two employees posted at the labour room, and order a probe.

Director Health Services, Jammu, Saleem-ur-Rehman took the incident seriously and constituted a four-member committee and asked it to submit its report within two days.

The other members of the committee include Jyoti Bahu, Bio-Medical Waste Management Nodal Officer DHS Jammu, Ramban District Hospital Pediatrician Narinder, and Ramban District Hospital Gynecologist Shabir, according to an order issued by Saleem-ur-Rehman late Monday evening.

The officials said the committee members are on their way to Banihal hospital to probe the matter and fix responsibility.

The baby was admitted in the government-run super specialty G B Pant children hospital in Srinagar Monday, after being referred from the Banihal hospital.

The baby belonged to Basharat Ahmad Gujjar and Shameema Begum, who had a normal delivery Monday morning at the sub-district hospital. They hail from Bankoot village, 3 kms from Banihal town.

### Delimitation Panel's

unveiled the final electoral map of Assembly and Lok Sabha segments of Jammu and Kashmir.

The panel has given six additional assembly seats to Jammu region, taking the number to 43 from 37, whereas the Kashmir region got one additional seat, taking the number from 46 to 47--(KNO)

### Yasin Malik Likely

of terrorist gang or organisation) of the UAPA and sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 124-A (sedition) of the IPC.

The court had, meanwhile, formally framed charges against Kashmiri separatist leaders including Farooq Ahmed Dar alias Bitta Karate, Shabbir Shah, Masarat Alam, Md Yusuf Shah, Aftab Ahmad Shah, Altaf Ahmad Shah, Nayeem Khan, Md Akbar Khanday, Raja Mehrajuddin Kalwal, Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali, Shabir Ahmad Shah, Abdul Rashid Sheikh and Naval Kishore Kapoor.

The charge sheet was also filed against Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin, who have been declared proclaimed offenders in the case.

### Nomads Fear Losses

"We are stuck with our sheep and goats in the open on the road sides without food and fodder and are compelled to survive under open sky," Bashir Bau (69), who belongs to the nomadic Gujjar community, said at Guldanda on Bhaderwah-Pathankot highway.

Hailing from Lakanpur in Kathua district, Bau claimed that he lost nearly 15 lambs and goats over the past few days due to intense cold.

"We are in a fix and unable to decide whether to stay back or go ahead," he said.

Sain Mohammad of Kathua's Basholi said

they were heading towards Padri meadow with their cattle when they were caught in the inclement weather and forced to stay back at Sarthal.

"We are finding it extremely difficult to arrange fodder for our animals. If the weather shows no improvement, we will have to face huge losses," he said.

According to the 2011 census, high altitude meadows of Chenab Valley, which spread from Bhaderwah to Jawahar tunnel (Banihal) and Marmat (Doda) to Paddar and Marwah (Kishtwar), house 30,000 nomads and lakhs of their cattle, including sheep, goats, buffaloes, horses and mules during summer months.

However, some tribal organisations claim that the number of the nomadic population has increased to more than one lakh.

"We are heading for a major crisis and the government agencies need to come forward for our rescue," General Secretary, Anjuman-e-Taraqqi Gojri Adab, Jan Mohd Hakeem said.

Hakeem said over one lakh Gujjar and Bakarwal tribes move towards the high-altitude meadows and vast grazing fields of Chenab Valley every year during summers from the plains of Jammu, Kathua, Samba in Jammu and Kashmir, and Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Hoshiarpur districts in Punjab.

The meteorological department has predicted improvement in the overall weather conditions from Wednesday morning.

### How Perfume, Meat

deer are endemic to the mountains of Asia, and six of these are listed by International Union for Conservation of Nature as endangered.

"Most of the current habitats of Kashmiri musk deer will disappear in the 2050s or the 2070s except in Uttarakhand and west Nepal and their adjacent areas in Tibet," the research said.

Poaching and habitat destruction, experts believe, are the two major activities that are responsible for the decline in their population.

The male musk deer are mainly poached because of their scent glands—considered more valuable than gold—used to produce perfumes and traditional medicine.

### Markhors

Markhor is the world's largest species of wild goat having a limited geographical distribution in India, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan. In India, the wild goat species is only found in Jammu & Kashmir.

According to a survey conducted by Wildlife Trust India in 2004-05, 35 markhor groups comprising of 155 individuals were sighted in Hirpora and Kazinag.

The survey mentions that poaching has been the main threat to markhors in J&K due to which the wild goats were reduced to near extermination.

Most of the areas where markhors were found were inaccessible during winters due to heavy snowfall which helped the locals to kill it for meat, mentions the survey, adding, "Markhor meat is locally regarded as the tastiest wild meat."

According to the survey, shelling along the Line of Control (LoC) for many years has also affected the population of markhors.

Another similar report about the status of markhors in J&K, states that intensive grazing by the livestock of Bakkarwals has made the areas inaccessible to markhors which has led to the shrinking of the available habitat space for the wild goat.

### Snow Leopards

The species are found in the higher Himalayan and trans-Himalayan landscape at an altitude between 3,000 and 5,400 meters.

Within India, they're found in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh.

According to a research by Supriya Bhatt, India's leopard population has declined by 75-90% between 120 and 200 years owing to threats such as the depletion of prey population, destruction of habitat, human-leopard conflict, and poaching.

"Widespread conversion of the biodiversity-rich habitats into land for cultivation and human habitation has resulted in extensive habitat loss for wildlife including leopard," mentions the study by Athar Noor on the density of leopard in the forest of Dachigam National Park and north-western Himalaya. "The low densities of prey represent an alarming status of the species."

Another cause for the decline of the population of snow leopard is human-wildlife conflict. According to Census 2011, Jammu & Kashmir has a population of 1.25 crores as compared to a population of 1.01 crore in 2001, leading to an increase in land demand, food, raw materials, and many other resources that are procured at the cost of nature.

### 8 Militant Associates

arrested and further leads were developed that lead police and security forces to bust a militant module of JeM operating in Awantipora, a police spokesperson said Tuesday.

He identified the alleged militant associates as Mushtaq Ahmad Dar, Ishfaq Ahmad Dar and Manzoor Ahmad Dar, all residents of Wagad, Fayaz Ahmad Rather, Shabir Ahmad, Mohd Latief Rather and Waseem Ahmad Bhat, resident of Pastuna, besides Sheeraz Ahmad Mir of Aripal.

"Incriminating materials including ammunition were also recovered from their possession. Besides, vehicle used in the commission of the crime has also been seized," he said.

The spokesperson said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused were involved in providing shelter, logistics and transportation of arms/ammunition to two active Jaish militants Asif Sheikh and Ajaz Bhat.

"In this connection, a case vide FIR No. 75/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Tral and further investigation is in progress," he added.

### No New Covid

reported no cases on Tuesday, three people tested positive for Coronavirus in Jammu district, taking the number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic in J&K to 454207, officials said.

"Moreover, 04 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 02 from Jammu Division and 02 from Kashmir, they said.

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.

### Missing Teenager

village in Kulgam on Tuesday afternoon. His body was taken by a police team for carrying out medico-legal formalities.

According to the family, Wani had gone missing from the Darul Uloom on May 9.

"A probe has been initiated into the matter," officials told a local news agency KNO

"He was studying at a Darul Uloom in Shopian's Pinjora area and was also studying in class 9th," they added.

### Man Arrested

the help of the department's technical team, a police spokesman said. Further investigation is underway, he added. (PTI)

## J&K Has A Special Place In PM's Heart: Power Minister



Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Union Minister Krishan Pal Gurjar on Tuesday said that Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' is the main mantra of present dispensation towards ensuring holistic development of all regions of the country with emphasis on unattended parts.

The minister of state for Power and Heavy Industries said Jammu and Kashmir has a special place in the heart of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The central government has put an end to corruption ensuring a more responsive and accountable governance to people at door steps. Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas is its main mantra towards ensuring holistic development of all regions of the country with emphasis on unattended parts, he said.

Gurjar concluded his two-day tour of Samba district with e-inauguration of several mega development projects besides attending a Public Outreach Programme at Jakh village of Vijaypur.

The projects inaugurated included 4 km road in Papad Avtara constructed at a cost of Rs 173.48 lakh, up gradation of PMGSY road in Taloor costing Rs 129.80 lakh, Water Supply Schemes at Smailpur, Kartholi, Rajinderpura, Lower Birpur and Gurha Salthia commissioned under Jal Jeevan Mission involving an amount of Rs 1029.53 lakh, an

official spokesman said.

"Hitherto neglected regions in J&K are now experiencing a new era of growth and development with the launch of several initiatives like establishment of AIIMS, IITs, enhanced road and Railway networks, 'Har Ghar Nal, Nal Main Jal', 24 hour electricity among others" the minister said.

Responding to issues and concerns raised by the people of the district, he assured that all these grievances and demands will be taken up at the appropriate forum for an early redressal.

Earlier, the minister distributed assistive aids including hearing aids and wheelchairs among the Social Welfare Department beneficiaries besides giving away sanctioned loan amount to beneficiaries of various employment generation schemes.

Gurjar also inspected stalls established by different departments to raise awareness among people about various government schemes and programmes meant for their socio-economic emancipation. He appreciated the efforts of the administration in creating widespread awareness about the schemes.

He also exhorted upon the public to reap benefits under various government sponsored schemes including PMAY, Jan Dhan Yojana, Social Security Schemes, Financial inclusion Schemes, employment generation schemes and others.

## NIESBUD Holds Week Long Entrepreneurship Development Programme For Youth Of J&K



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Dr. Poonam Sinha, Director, National Institute For Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development (NIESBUD) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government Of India Tuesday inaugurated a week long Entrepreneurship Development Programme for the youth of Jammu in association with NSTI Srinagar and Govt Polytechnic College for Women Jammu and Kashmir.

In her inaugural address, Dr Sinha highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship culture among the farming community and marked the various opportunities in the sector.

Dr Sinha briefed the participants about the different programs by NIESBUD and various

opportunities in the entrepreneurship sector. She expressed her views on the scope of entrepreneurship in Jammu and Kashmir, handholding and mentoring of entrepreneurs, value addition and marketing of the produce at national and international level. She asked the participating entrepreneurs to become job providers rather than job seekers. Dr Sinha further said that the promotion of entrepreneurship culture among the youth could make a big difference and will contribute to the overall development of the economy.

Guest speakers on the occasion, including Shri D.K. Singh, Chief Consultant NIESBUD, gave a detailed lecture on agripreneurship and agripreneural opportunities, government schemes and support ecosystem for youth.

## Medical Employees Pen-Down Strike Hits Routine Services In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Medical employees in most government hospitals across the Jammu region observed a three-hour pen-down strike Tuesday in support of their various demands including convening the departmental promotion committee (DPC) meeting pending for four years.

The strike which started around 10 am badly affected the Out Patient Department (OPD) facility as well as routine surgeries but the emergency services continued unaffected, officials said.

Blaming the strike on the government, Jammu and Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (Gandhi Nagar) president Rakesh Bakshi said the administrative department of health & family welfare has failed to

their demands peacefully over the past four years but no action was taken.

"We have genuine demands which need to be addressed by the government. The last DPC meeting was held over four years ago which otherwise is supposed to be held every six months," he said.

He said the strike was successful across the Jammu region as the employees responded to the call and staged peaceful demonstrations inside the hospitals during the strike period.

Leading a separate protest, J&K Medical Employees Federation (Gandhi Nagar) president Rakesh Bakshi said the administrative department of health & family welfare has failed to

frame rules of promotions leading to thousands of vacancies.

Bakshi alleged the administration failed to resolve the permanent salary issue of Female Multipurpose Workers and other staff who are getting salaries under Head -2211 Family Welfare scheme.

"The salary of FMPPH Workers and other staff has been pending for the last five months," he said, also urging the government to register leftover government in-service Pharmacists under the new pharmacy act 1948 section 32-C, which was implemented in the union territory after the abrogation of Article 370.

He also demanded the restoration of the old pension scheme for all UT employees.

## J&K SSB Registers Highest Ever Recruitment In 2021-22

CS Directs Timely Completion Of All Recruitments Through A Transparent And Accountable Process

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday chaired a meeting to take stock of recruitments being made through the J&K Public Service Commission, J&K Service Selection Board, J&K Police Recruitment Board and J&K Bank.

The Principal Secretary, General Administration Department and concerned officers participated in the meeting.

It was informed that among all recruiting agencies, the Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board has recruited the highest number of candidates for various departmental posts through a transparent recruitment process. The figure for the financial year 2021-22 stands at 9,390.

Cumulatively, during 2021-



22, a total of 11,434 recruitments were made including 9,390, 561, and 1,483 selections by J&K Service Selection Board, J&K Public Service Commission, and J&K Bank, respectively.

It was further informed that the J&K SSB has registered the highest ever recruitment in 2021-22, since its inception by selecting 9,390 candidates. Previously, the J&K Service Selection Board recruited 8,580 and 8,115 candidates in 2009 and 2015, respectively. Pertinently, during 2019-20 and 2020-21, 3,687 and 1,447 recruitments were made by the Board.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon all recruiting agencies to ensure transparent and accountable recruitment process for selecting eligible candidates for various posts being referred by different departments, which has been the distinguishing feature of recent recruitments, providing equal opportunity to all and merit as sole criteria for selections. They were directed to complete the respective recruitment cycles in a time bound manner to optimally augment the human resource requirement of various government offices.

## BJP Only Exploited Kashmiri Pandits: Mehbooba

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** PDP President Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday accused the BJP of only exploiting the situation of Kashmiri Pandits and doing nothing for their welfare.

"The BJP has only exploited Kashmiri pandits. If anything was done for the Kashmiri pandits, like their shifting from tents to flats, it was done in Manmohan Singh's tenure, and when Mufti (Mohammad Sayeed) sahib and Omar (Abdullah) sahib were here (as CMs)," Mehbooba told reporters here.

She said it was Manmohan Singh as Prime Minister who made the PM's employment package for Kashmiri Pandits.

"The transit accommodations were also done under those governments. What has the BJP done? They have been directly ruling Kashmir for the last four years, tell me one thing they

have done for the Kashmiri pandits?" she asked.

Mehbooba said that during her tenure as chief minister, the government paid salaries to Kashmiri Pandit employees even as they stayed at home due to unrest in Kashmir.

"When the situation was bad in 2016, we gave the Kashmiri pandits salaries for 17 months while they were staying home," she said.

Mehbooba attacked the J&K administration saying there were rumours that the government has transferred over 800 Kashmiri Pandit employees – all either relatives or friends of people from the BJP – to Jammu.

"I have heard that they have transferred 800-850 blue-eyed employees under the PM's package to Jammu. So, the anger of Kashmiri pandits is inevitable when you transfer the relatives and friends of (BJP) leaders," she said.

## DC Anantnag Orders Strict Action Against Illegal Constructions

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** The District Administration Anantnag issued a circular on Tuesday directing officials to act tough against illegal constructions in the district.

The illegal construction includes those being taken up without soliciting building permissions from Municipalities/competent authorities or without applying for change of land use.

As per the circular issued, Tehsildars /BDOs/ Agriculture Extension Officers have been directed to stop all such illegal constructions until prior permission for change in land use has been sought by the parties. Further SDMs / Tehsildars have been directed to report all such cases to the registering authorities so that no sale/ transfer of such properties can be affected.

Further, Revenue/ RDD/Agriculture departments have been directed to put up an exhaustive list of all such illegal constructions along with geo tagged photographs and stop such constructions immediately while issuing notices to the defaulters.

## 3-Day Pahari Cultural Festival Opens At Uri



Observer News Service

**BARAMULLA:** In a bid to promote and preserve the traditional and cultural festivals of Jammu and Kashmir so that the younger generations are linked to their roots, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Srinagar with an active collaboration of District administration Baramulla on Tuesday kick started 3 days long Pahari Cultural Festival here at Mini Stadium Uri during which a variety of cultural and linguistic items including Pahari Tarana, Musical Items, Mushaira and Pahari Folk Dance are being presented depicting the importance of the Pahari culture.

The 3 Days Pahari Cultural Festival was today inaugurated by Chief guest, Chairperson District Development Council Baramulla Safeena Beigh and witnessed a participation of Director Tourism Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. G.N. Itoo as a special guest, SDM Uri Harvinder Singh (IAS) and all the senior officers of district, students, poets, writers, musicians, cultural activists besides a large number of people across the district.

At the outset, Chief guest along with guest of honor and other concerned inspected various kinds of stalls that were installed on the occasion depicting the culture, heritage and language of the region.

On the first day of the festival, a series of performances were showcased which reflects the cultural ethos of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

On the occasion, the poets and some renowned artists of valley together mesmerized the audience with their performance, which was equally received with great applause.

The Artists presented patriotic songs and renowned poets recited their patriotic poems in Urdu, Gojri and Pahari. A variety of cultural items were also presented which received a quite applause from the participants.

Addressing at the event, Chairperson District Development Council Baramulla, Safeena Beigh referred to the richness of Pahari language and said that it is the dominant language in Sub division Uri and has a great historic importance. She said that this socio linguistic group has been classified in the First Linguistic Survey of India.

Elucidating further, Safeena Beigh said that Pahari Culture is a rich tradition with distinct traditional Attires, Folk Songs and Language and it is the prime responsibility of all Paharis to preserve the Cultural and Linguistic traditions of the area.

The Director Tourism Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. G.N. Itoo also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the importance of preserving and protecting the culture and heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that these festivals help increase tourism and cultural exchange in the union territory as the tourists visiting here across the country or abroad show keen interest in knowing the culture and heritage of the region. He further stated that JK Tourism encourages these cultural festivals as it gives boost to the tourism sector.

He further termed the programme as a grand step in enhancing the popularity of Pahari languages.

Other speakers also stressed upon the fact that promotion of those languages is inevitable for the development of the society, as they stand as the mark of identity for the people.

### POLICE MEDALS

## NC Says Sheikh Will Continue To Rule Hearts Of People

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** A day after Jammu and Kashmir government announced that the image of National Conference founder Sheikh Abdullah embossed on the J-K Police medals will be replaced with the national emblem, the party on Tuesday hit back, terming the move as a nefarious attempt to erase history and said he will continue to rule the hearts of the people here.

With due respect to the National Emblem, these attempts to erase our history, identity and icons show nefariousness of those running the show, NC state spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar said here.

Dar said replacing names will not change anything and the NC founder and former chief minister will continue to rule the hearts of the people of J-K.

People of J-K have struggled on many fronts to be where they are now. They fought op-

pression, autocracy. No one can change that. Not by replacing/



changing names. Sheikh Sb will continue to rule the hearts of people of J-K, no matter what they or their masters do, the spokesperson said.

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday announced that the image of the NC founder popularly known as 'Sher-i-Kashmir' embossed on the J-K Police medals for gallantry and meritorious service will be replaced with the national emblem.

An order to this effect was issued by the home department.

The government had earlier renamed Sher-i-Kashmir Police Medals' as Jammu and Kashmir Police Medals'.

## JKRLM Trains 125 Women As 'DIGI-Pay Sakhi'

2000 Villages Being Covered In First Phase

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In an endeavor to promote door to door digital banking and financial services in remote areas of Jammu Kashmir, J&K Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) has trained 125 women from Self Help Groups as DIGI-Pay Sakhis in 2000 villages under Mission 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi', an official spokesperson said Tuesday.

He said that the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, led administration is taking several ground breaking steps to transform the lives of women of Jammu and Kashmir especially those living in rural areas by engaging them in gainful livelihood interventions.

He added that Governor, during the launch of Mission 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi' in the UT last year had distributed 80

Aadhaar Enabled Payment Systems (AEPs) among the DIGI-Pay Sakhis under JKRLM.

"Lieutenant Governor said that DIGI-Pay Sakhi has introduced financial inclusion within the UT's Self Help Group (SHG) ecosystem creating much needed financial access points with greater transparency even in remotest of the areas," he added.

Apart from depositing money, the village population can also avail the benefits of additional banking and financial services such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana, registration of Kisan Credit Card etc, LG added.

The spokesperson said that believing that Nari Shakti's social and economic independence is the bedrock of any nation's progress, the J&K administration has started a mass movement for socio-economic uplift of women across the UT.

He said that the three new initia-

tives of Digi-Pay, Krishi Sakhi and Pashu Sakhi besides several other programs of women empowerment such as Hausla, Tejaswini, UMEED, Rise Together will further supplement the efforts of J&K government in empowering women and making them a key partner in UT's development journey.

"In a first of its kind, J&K government is working to set up Women Industrial Estate at Udhampur Industrial Estate to further strengthen the Women Entrepreneurs Ecosystem in J&K," he added.

With increasing female literacy rate, the spokesperson said, enhanced access to quality education, encouraging more and more women to become entrepreneurs and providing financial support for the uplift of women, Jammu and Kashmir is now leading in the world of women empowerment.

Meanwhile, Rural Livelihoods

Mission, J&K has trained DIGI-Pay Sakhis in financial services training courses run by BSE in J&K. The DIGI-Pay Sakhis are also spreading awareness among rural women to avail maximum benefit of various central and UT sponsored schemes.

The Digi-Pay Sakhis are also playing a key role in giving wings to the dreams of rural women in becoming independent and progressive women, an official said.

JKRLM is not only training women associated with Self Help Groups in financial services but is giving them marketing support to sell their goods to the bigger consumer base online.

The SHG products are now available on e-commerce platforms like Amazon, Flipkart and Meesho and JKRLM is helping rural women to connect with global e-commerce platforms thus increasing the scale of their business.

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### CORRIGENDUM RETENDER

Subject: Repairs to Departmental inspection vehicle JK01L8320 and LRV Stallion Ashok Leyland

Reference: This Office NIT No: MDS/TS /2021-22/05/e\_tendering Dated: 25.04.2022 2022\_PWDJK\_166818\_1

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