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# Covid-19 Resurgence: Govt Braces For 4th Wave In J&K

Health Dept Puts Staff On Alert, Face Masks Made Mandatory In 3 Kashmir Districts

As the daily Coronavirus cases continue to spike in the Union Territory after a five month decline, the Jammu and Kashmir administration is gearing up to tackle the possible fourth wave of Covid-19. with three districts in the Valley making face masks mandatory at public places.

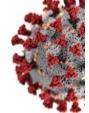
According to officials, wearing of face masks has been made compulsory in Srinagar, Ganderbal and Bandipora districts in a bid to curb the spread



of COVID-19. An order issued by the

Assembly Polls In J&K EC's Prerogative: Gol

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad pointed



### **Daily Cases Cross** 300-Mark After Six Months

he daily Coronavirus cases crossed 300-mark in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, the highest ever spike in the last six months, while one more person succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. In Kashmir Valley, 146 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus were reported More on P6

out the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in UT of Jammu & Kashmir. The order stated that various preventive measures are recommended by the Ministry

of Health and Family Welfare

Government of India such as wearing of Face Masks, maintenance of social distance and hand sanitisation etc from time to time as effective means of COVID-19 containment

ensure strict implementation of all preventive measures such as usage of face masks and maintenance of social distance in all the public places across the District to minimise the spread of covid-19 infection," it added.

The order stated that in view of the above and in order to safeguard public health, use of face masks shall be compulsory at all public places in District Srinagar, with immediate effect till further orders.

"Moreover, all district and sectoral officers More on P6

### **Rain Forecast For 4 Days From Today**

Agencies

Srinagar: The meteorological department on Tuesday predicted dry weather in next 24 hours and rain and thun-derstorm during July 20-24 in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Dry weather is expected for most part of the day. However, a brief spell of Rain/ Thunderstorm may occur towards late afternoon/evening, although chances are less," a meteorological department official here said about the forecast for Tuesday.

Regarding subsequent five days, he said, rain/thunderstorm was likely (50-60%) at scattered places of Kashmir and at many places of Jammu (mainly in morning hours) during 20-24th.

Meanwhile minimum temperatures recorded More on P6

### **J&K Govt Provided** 30,000 Jobs Since **2019: MoS Home**

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: Nearly 30,000 people have been recruited in the public sector by the Jammu and Kashmir administration since 2019, Lok Sabha was informed

on Tuesday. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai also said employment for 5.2 lakh people is estimated to have been created through self-employment schemes from August 2019 up to June 2022.

The government of Jammu and Kashmir has carried out recruitment in the public sector taling 29,806," he said replying to a written question.

The Article 370, which gave special status to More on P6



A farmer sprinkles pesticides inside his vegetable field in the outskirts of Srinagar city on Tuesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

### Delhi:

**Press Trust Of India** 

Conducting Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir is the prerogative of the Election Commission (EC) and the poll body has initiated the process to revise the electoral rolls there, the Centre informed Parliament on Tuesday. Union Minister of State for

Home Nityanand Rai said this in a written reply to a ques-

tion in the Lok Sabha on when the situation in Kashmir would be brought to normal so that the democratic process can be started "The

Election of India Commission has initiated revision of electoral rolls of voters of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The decision to schedule elections is the prerogative of the Election Commission of India, Rai said, replying to the question from Dravida Munnetra

Kazhagam (DMK) member A Ganeshamurthi. The minister said the government had constituted a delimitation which has notified orders on March 14 and May 5 on the delimitation of the parliamentary and legislative assembly constituencies of the Union Territory.

Thereafter, the EC has initiated the process to revise the electoral rolls in Jammu and

Replying to another question, Rai said the government has a policy

zero tolerance militancy against and the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved significantly There has been a substantial decline in the number of

militant attacks, from 417 in 2018 to 229 in 2021, he added. The minister said the govern-

ment has taken various measures to restore normalcy in the Kashmir valley, including putting in place a robust securityand-intelligence grid, proactive operations against militants, intensified night patrolling and checking at More on P6

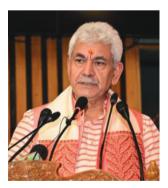
### Directive To Home Dept

# **Unfurl Tricolor On All Offices: LG**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed the home department to ensure Tricolor is unfurled at all the offices of its different wings including police stations, besides identification of the families and houses of freedom fighters where police bands will play tunes.

The LG passed these directions on Tuesday while chairing a meeting of senior officials to review the preparations for 'Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in the Union Territory, an official spokesperson said.



During the meeting, he said, the LG was briefed by Commissioner/Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj department, Mandeep Kour about the More on P6

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the offices of its different wings including all Police Stations. Swachhata

Abhiyan shall be organised at all the panchayats as well as urban areas."

### **'Deprived People Getting Equal Rights In J&K'**

sserting that his government is working relentlessly for the welfare of the farmers, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that a large population which was deprived of progress and prosperity for decades is now getting equal opportunities and equal rights in the Union Territory. "In the last two years, we

have come out with a viable strategy to More on P6

### **Govt Forces Begin Hunt For LeT Module In Pir Panjal Press Trust Of India**

Jammu: A Lashkar-e-Taiba module has brought four of its militants to the Pir-Panjal belt of Jammu region from Kashmir, prompting the police and security agencies to send teams to hunt them down, officials said on Tuesday.

The security forces unearthed this information while & interrogating the members of the twin modules busted by the police in Rajouri recently.

"Three to four terrorists have been brought to Pir Panjal belt (Rajouri-Poonch districts) from Kashmir (recently by a module). They have been kept there (in hideouts)", Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu, Mukesh Singh said.

"We are hopeful to nab them soon." he added.

The ADGP said according to



records, only three militans are active in Jammu as most of those operating in the region have been arrested.

The forces have also identified three other top militants belonging to Jammu region but are operating from Pakistan as Qasim, Kubair and Bashir.

The two modules busted in Raiouri were instrumental in bringing the More on P6

# security forces personnel and 37 civilians lost More on P6

THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

HAS INITIATED REVISION OF ELECTORAL

ne Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Tuesday said 182

civilians and security forces personnel were killed in the

In a written reply the MHA said 437 militancy-related incidents

were reported in 2020 and 2021. In these two years, 104 security

force personnel and 78 civilians lost their lives, the Ministry said.

In 2020, 244 militancy- related incidents took place in which 62

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Killed In J&K Since 2020: MHA

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**Pistol In Jammu Observer News Service** 

**Man Arrested With** 

he police have arrested a man with a country-madepistol in Jammu on Tuesday, officials said. During a routine check, a pistol was recovered from 24-year old Akshay Kumar, who runs a drug

the name of Ayodhya foundation, they said. He was arrested and a case under the Arms Act has been registered,

officials added.

rehabilitation centre at Gharota in

### **SIA Carries Out Raids In Baramulla**

**Observer News Service** 

►tate Investigation Agency Jammu on Tuesday conducted raids at multiple locations in North Kashmir's Baramulla district in connection with a militancy-funding case registered at Gandhi Nagar Police Station in Jammu.

According to a statement, SIA Jammu with the help of District Police and Civil Administration of Baramualla conducted well coordinated raids at multiple locations in Nambla area of Uri in connection More on P6

### **Anjuman Seals JK Bank In Budgam**

H O R T

**Observer News Service** 

fter a dispute over rent with bank authorities. Aniuman-e-Sharie Shiayan Tuesday sealed the local branch of Jammu Kashmir Bank in Central Kashmir's Budgam district. The local Augaf Committee run by the socio-religious organization sealed the bank branch during morning hours. A top leader from Anjuman declined to comment over the issue saying it is an internal matter. When contacted, the Circle Head, JK Bank told news agency More on P6

### **Eight Gamblers Arrested In City**

T A K E

**Observer News Service** 

olice on Tuesday claimed to have arrested four alleged gamblers in a raid in Babademb area of this capital city. A team from police station Khanyar carried out an input based raid in Babademb area of the city and arrested four gamblers, a police spokesperson said Tuesday. Besides playing cards, he said, an amount of Rs 22000 was recovered from the spot. However, 4 more gamblers, he said, taking advantage of More on P6

### **Female Fraudster Held In Handwara: Police**

**Observer News Service** 

olice on Tuesday claimed to have arrested a female fraudster in Chogal area of North Kashmir's Kupwara district. "A complaint was received by Police Post Chogal wherein the complainant had stated that one person (name withheld) resident of Yunsoo had taken money from the complainant in lieu of providing a heavily fabricated order of appointment as SPO, thereby defrauding the More on P6

### **Man Held With Arms In Shopian: Police**

**Observer News Service** 

olice on Tuesday claimed to have arrested a person along with arms and ammunition in Dragad area of Zainapora South Kashmir's Shopian district.

A senior Police officer told a local news agency GNS that a man identified as Bilal Ahmad during checking at Naka was arrested with arms and ammunition by a joint team of Police, army's 44RR and 178 BN CRPF. A case has been registered in this regard and More on P6



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# Kashmir Observer

# **Conservation Actions Work To Save Species**

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esearch shows species on the brink of extinction have successfully been saved. Applying the same approaches more broadly could help the planet.

It was a target the world spectacularly missed: By 2020, the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained.

It was an Aichi Target, set in 2010, that stemmed from the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. By the time of a 2020 review, most indicators of the 20 Aichi Targets had continued to decline.

But research from 2020 shows the goal is in fact, eminently feasible. Conservation efforts between 1993-2020 prevented the extinction of 2848 bird and mammal species. Were the same approach applied to other creatures many could be saved from extinction. It's information that augurs well for the future of other threatened species. Researchers around the world collaborated on the study, which was published in the journal Conservation Letters, and featured in the Convention's 2020 review. To be included in

the study, species had to have been listed on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red List' of threatened species at any time since

The researchers looked only at birds and mammals listed in the categories of extinct in the wild, critically endangered or endangered at some point since 1993. They also needed to have ongoing threats at that time, and to have benefitted from conservation ac-

Frogs, lizards, fish, plants and other life are still hugely important to eco-systems around the world, but the researchers focused on birds and mammals because they had the most comprehensive Red List data available to make realistic and comparable assessments. These criteria left them with a shortlist of 39 birds and 21 mammals.

At least 2848 bird and mammal extinctions were prevented between 19932020. At the same time, 15 confirmed or strongly suspected bird and mammal extinctions were documented, including one since 2010, a pretty brown bird called the Alagoas foliagegleaner (Philydor novaesi), that lived in the forests of Brazil.

This means the number of extinctions would have been up to 4.2 times higher for 19932020, had conservation ef-



forts not intervened.

For some species, such as the Hawaiian crow or ?alala (Corvus hawaiiensis), it was clear how humans had intervened: these creatures were extinct in the wild' meaning their only remaining examples were in zoos and con-

servation breeding programs. Captive breeding programs helped 63 percent of species overall.

For many of the creatures, their remaining population was on islands, where they were able to persist away from invasive predators, such as cats

and rats. Controlling invasive species helped 66 percent of species. The other winning strategy was to protect the remaining habitat of the threatened species, as human expansion through hunting and farming were two of the biggest threats. Introducing legislation

to protect animals from hunting or collecting was especially helpful for the mammals in the study.

Two formerly extinct in the wild species were successfully reintroduced to their former homelands since 1993: Przewalski's horse (Equus ferus) and Guam rail (Hypotaenidia owstoni).

Not all species in the study have been complete conservation successes. For example, for the vaquita (Phocoena sinus), a Mexican porpoise, just six individuals were known to remain in September 2018. A costly ban on gillnet fishing may have slowed the catastrophic decline but with illegal use still rife, it appears to be failing to halt it. Conservation may have avoided extinction so far, but it is still a significant possibility, if not likely.

The conservation actions were implemented by a combination of governments, non-government organisations, zoos, scientists, volunteers and others. Despite the good news, many of the species in the study remain highly threatened. Most require continued care and substantial investment to ensure their survival. The threats to these and other species remain present and growing. Even greater efforts will be needed to prevent the extinction and improve the status of the 6,811 species currently assessed as critically endangered on the Red List.

### 'Covid Infection Doubles Risk Of Mental Health, Financial Issues In Older Adults'

**Press Trust Of India** 

lder adults infected with COVID-19 may be twice as likely to develop mental health problems such as depression and anxiety, and suffer from financial difficulties, according to a study. The research, recently published in the journal PNAS, used data from 5,146 adults between the ages of 52 and 74 to examine the

researchers said.

The study also found that 12 per cent of people with probable infection had anxiety, compared with 6 per cent of those without the viral infection.

These adverse effects lasted for up to six months after the presumed start of infection and appeared to worsen, the researchers said. A follow-up assessment between November and December 2020 estimated that the prevalence of

An estimated 40 per cent of older people with probable COVID-19 infection experienced more financial difficulties in June and July 2020 than before the pandemic, compared with 20 per cent of those without infection.

Feelings of loneliness were also twice as high in older people with probable COVID-19 infection than in those who didn't get infected, according to the researchers.



immediate and longer-term impact of COVID-19 on their mental health, well-being, social interactions, and financial outcomes. Participants provided data before the pandemic (2018-19) and at two COVID-19 assessments in

The results showed that 49 per cent of older adults with a probable COVID-19 infection had clinically significant depressive symptoms, compared with 22 per cent of those without infection, between June and July

"There is currently little evidence on the impact that contracting COVID-19 infection may have on an individual's mental health, personal finances, and social relationships," said study lead author, Ellie Iob, from the University College London, (UCL) in the UK. "However, our study shows that older adults with probable

COVID-19 infection experienced higher levels of depression and anxiety, poorer quality of life, elevated feelings of loneliness, and greater financial difficulties compared with those without probable infection, lob said. These issues were evident both in the acute phase of the infection and up to six months later, the

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depression and anxiety among older people with probable infection was 72 per cent and 13 per cent respectively, compared with 33 per cent and 7 per cent in those without infection, they said. Such increase in the prevalence of mental health problems during the first year of the pandemic might be due to further months of COVID-19 control measures and restrictions to personal

However, monetary worries eased by November 2020 and no significant differences were found between those who had a probable COVID-19 infection and those who didn't, they said.

"These results suggest that the adverse psychosocial impact of COVID-19 infection is long-lasting and more broadly present across the population," lob said.

"We encourage anyone who may be experiencing issues with their mental health or well-being to speak to their GP (doctor)," he added.

The authors of the study acknowledged some limitations to their study.

The classification of probable infection was based on self-reported symptoms and not confirmed by a laboratory test, so not all participants classified as suspected COVID-19 cases might have actually contracted the infection,

the researchers said. Symptoms of COVID-19 were also only ascertained at the first COVID-19 assessment in June-July 2020, and therefore researchers could not determine the duration of symptoms and identify people with long COVID, in which the symptoms last longer than 12 weeks, they added.

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### **Broker's Body Retrieved From Jhelum**

Srinagar: Body of a 34-year-old Srinagar-based broker was retrieved from river Jhelum, almost two weeks after he had gone missing, official sources said.

They told GNS that the person, Shameem Ali Nath son of Late Ali Mohammad Nath of Chattabal Guzerbal, had gone missing around evening of July 5. After failing to find him, the family lodged a missing report at the nearest police station after five days. "Body was spotted by some passersby inside river Jhelum at Maloora, following which a police team reached the site and retrieved it," they said, adding, "Later he was identified as Shameem Ali Nath". (GNS)

### **Admin Orders Probe Day After Hazratbal Man's Family Allege Negligence**

Agencies

Srinagar: The district administration Srinagar on Tuesday ordered a probe into the death of a man from Hazratbal area of Srinagar, who died at Khyber hospital on Monday evening following which the family alleged negligence.

Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Muhammad Aijaz Asad, constituted a committee of doctors to conduct in-depth probe into the death of a man at Khyber hospital.

Whereas it has come to the notice of the undersigned that an individual, Tariq Ahamd Dar S/O Ghulam Hassan Dar R/O Chatterhama, Hazratbal has died at Khyber hospital, Srinagar on July 18, 2022 allegedly due to medical negligence," the order reads.

Accordingly, a committee of doctors, is hereby constituted to conduct in-depth inquiry into facts and circumstances of the case by examining the materials on record, and shall investigate the subject matter.



# **Gulshan Books Opens Outlet At Srinagar International Airport**

Sved Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In a move which has brought cheers to book lovers, Gulshan Books Kashmir opened a book outlet at Srinagar International Airport on Tuesday.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Owner Gulshan Books Sheikh Aijaz said the bookstore was operational some years back.

"The government had decided to privatize the space so we had to shut the bookstore. Now that the space is again in the hands of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) we have ac-

quired the space on contract" Aijaz said.

Aijaz said they have signed the contract for a time period of nine months which can be extended

The opening of the bookstore at the airport is expected to boost book

sales which had significantly dropped since the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic.

"After the coronavirus pandemic there has been an increase in the sales of books and expect good

### Hijama Therapy Getting **Popular Among City Dwellers**

Srinagar: A youth from Srinagar who is now an expert in Hijama or cupping therapy is making attempts to reintroduce prophetic medicine for treating people suffering from different ail-

The therapy is used for better circulation of blood and detoxifies the body.

Basit Bashir, a youth from Srinagar has received cupping training from 'Cupcare Training Institute' Mumbai a few years after which he subsequently joined Rajasthan Jodhpur in Acupressure, acupuncture and cupping therapy for two years following which he

opened his own ISO certified clinic at Pandach crossing on the outskirts Srinagar where he is treating hundreds of patients with different ailments.

He told KNO that he could have ioined the family business but witnessing the rise of depression cases in Kashmir, he decided to open a Hijama clinic.

"So far thousands of patients have visited my clinic and over 97 percent of patients have recovered very well," he said.

Basit who is also specialist in acupuncture and Chiropractic with diverse

range of experiences is presently organizing free Hijama camps.

'My aim behind organising free Hijama camps is just to create awareness so that people will use traditional remedies to treat different ailments with no side effects," he said.

Ailments like chronic pain and mi-



graines, immune enhancement, disease prevention, anxiety, depression, health maintenance and various ailments can be treated by cupping therapy, he said.

Basit said that with unemployment increasing rapidly in Kashmir, youth can easily get training in this field and make a career out of it.

Notably Hijama or cupping therapy is an ancient form of alternative medicine in which a therapist puts special cups on your skin for a few minutes to create suction. (KNO)

### Office Of the Commandant: 57 BN BSF: PO- Handwara, Distt-Kupwara (J&K)

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### **B.Ed Students Urge KU To Provide Them Reading Material**

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The B.Ed students of 1st and 2nd Semester pursuing the course in distance mode from Kashmir University urged the authorities to provide them with reading material as they are nearing exams.

The students said their 1st and 2nd Semester said that their exams are commencing from August. 2022 they alleged the Univerauthorities have failed to provide them with hard copies of books

and other material. Director

Kashmir University Distance Education Tariq Ahmad Chisti said the University has been providing them are yet to get it" he

said. "There were some issues which led to the delay in sending the material to the students'

### There were some issues which led to the delay in sending the material to the students

students with the reading material offline and they can get books from the University Library

"Many of the stu-

dents have got the reading material, some of

Tariq said. He said he will look into the issue and make enough time and reading material to prepare for

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### This Day In History

- 1933 In London, 500,000 march against anti-Sem-
- 1943 US Joint Chiefs of Staff question Admiral Chester Nimitz over the landing on Gilbert Island
- 1944 US invades Japanese-occupied Guam 1944 - Adolf Hitler survives an assassination attempt
- led by German army officer Claus Von Stauffenberg 1947 1st political action of Netherlands Army on Java and Sumatra
- 1949 Israel's 19 month war of independence ends
- 1953 USSR/Israel recover diplomatic relations 1953 - The United Nations Economic and Social Coun-
- cil votes to make UNICEF a permanent agency 1954 - Armistice for Indo-China signed, Vietnam sep-
- arates into North and South 1956 - France recognizes Tunisian independence
- 1956 Great Britain refuses to lend Egypt money to build Aswan Dam
- 1958 King Hussein of Jordan breaks off diplomatic relations with UAR 1960 - Sirima Bandaranaike becomes 1st female pre-
- mier of Ceylon
- 1960 USSR recovered 2 dogs; 1st living organisms to
- return from space
- 1962 France & Tunisia recover diplomatic relations 1969 - 1st Moon Landing: Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin from Apollo 11, 530 million watch live global
- 1975 India expels three reporters from The Times, The Daily Telegraph, and Newsweek because they refused to sign a pledge to abide by government cen-
- 1976 US Viking 1 lands on Mars at Chryse Planitia, 1st Martian landing
- 1976 Vietnam War: The US military completes its troop withdrawal from Thailand.
- 1977 The Central Intelligence Agency releases documents under the Freedom of Information Act revealing it had engaged in mind control experiments.

### From KO Archives

JKAP man on killing spree

### Kills SHO, driver; wounds DSP

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR - A station house officer (SHO) of the Kashmir police and an SRTC driver were killed and a deputy superintendent of police injured when a member of the J&K Armed Police opened indiscriminate fire on his superiors near, the Deshnami Akhara building on the Budshah Chowk here this morning.

A member of the J&K Armed Police (JKAP) opened unprovoked fire on his officers who were overseeing security arrangements for the departure of the Chari Mubarak (Holy Mac.o) from the Deshnami Akhara at around 8 this morning, the ONS said.

The station house officer of the Maisuma police station, Ghulam Nabi Parray, and an SRTC driver, Basheer Ahmad Khan, were killed on the spot, and the deputy superintendent of police '(DSP) for security, Ghulam Jeelani Baba, was injured. The driver was present at the scene in connection with

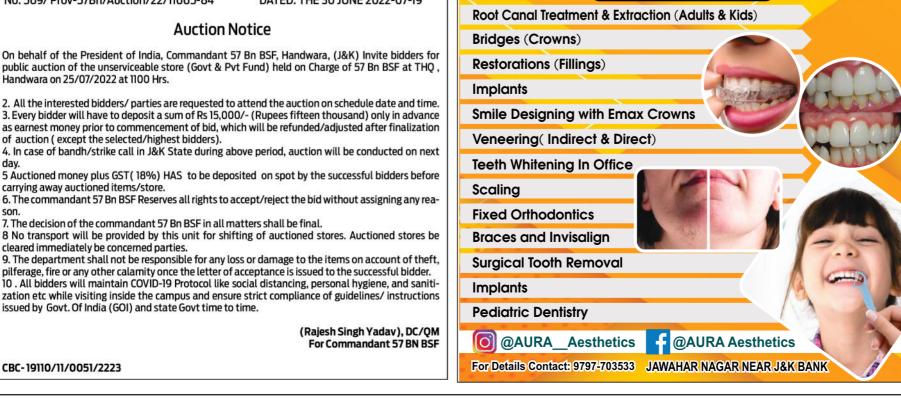
The injured DSP was rushed to the SMHS hospital where doctors referred him to the SKIMS. His condition was reported

The attacker, Kabeer Singh of the 9 Bn JKAP, hailing from Udhampur, was immediately taken into custody.

He had fired 23 rounds from his service carbine, and only five bullets were found in the magazine after the attack. The attack was deliberate, and the DSP was the actual-target, the CNS quoted sources as having said. A criminal case has been registered by the police.

Heartrending scenes were' witnessed as the body of the slain driver arrived home in Gurgari Mohalla, Nawab Bazaar. The driver was a father of five children, four of them girls, and the sole earning hand of the family

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### KO VIEW

# Congress' J&K dilemma

ver since it lost ground to the BJP in the 2015 Assembly polls, the Congress in J&K has struggled to get its act right. Over the last year, the party has witnessed some rumblings in its ranks. A section of the party leaders had last year revolted against the then state president Ghulam Ahmad Mir who recently resigned paving the way for a new president, who is yet to be elected. As things stand, veteran Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad seems to have majority support in the party. He is also the only leader believed to have a significant support base in the union territory and hence the chorus within the party to make him the chief ministerial candidate. According to reports, the Congress high command has now principally agreed to the demand of the party leaders that Azad be named as the Chief Ministerial face.

In December last year, Azad addressed around ten impressively attended rallies in parts of the Jammu division and southern Kashmir, something that at the time greatly contributed to the revival of political activity in the union territory.

But the question is whether the Congress high command would appoint an Azad loyalist as the new state president? More so, at a time when Azad has fallen foul of the Gandhis and is part of the G23, the group of Congress leaders seeking reforms within the beleaguered national party. Whatever decision the high command takes would be critical for the revival and the survival of Congress in the union territory. The party has witnessed a steep fall in its electoral fortunes in the state turned union territory since the landslide victory of the BJP in the Jammu division in the 2015 Assembly elections. The saffron party won 25 of the 37 seats in the division enabling it to be a part of the coalition government with the PDP which got 28 seats. Earlier, from 2002-2015, Jammu and Kashmir had three successive coalition governments - PDP-Congress, NC-Congress and PDP-BJP.

The coalitions began with the advent of the PDP in 1999. The party formed by the former Congress leader Mufti Mohammad Sayeed and his daughter Mehbooba Mufti morphed into a credible Opposition by 2002 when it ended the NC's vaunted political hold on Kashmir in the then Assembly polls. The new reality turned Congress into a kingmaker over the following twelve years. With the Valley's seats split between them, the NC and PDP were hardly in a position to form the government without Congress's support. But in 2015 polls when Congress was decimated in Jammu, the BJP stepped into the breach, obliging the single largest party PDP to share power with the saffron party. But it would be interesting to see whether Congress can reassert itself in the UT under a new president with Azad as its chief ministerial candidate.

### OTHER OPINON

### At 2 Billion!

"t's true that the country has vaccine manufacturers of proven capability and its child immunisation projects helped mobilise a cadre of reliable vaccinators. Yet the Covid inoculation drive posed unprecedented challenges regulators had to work on compressed schedules and vaccine hesitancy tested the persuasive powers of local officials and healthcare workers. It wasn't always smooth sailing. The supply mechanism broke down when the Centre left the states to their devices during the second wave and it required the Supreme Court's nudge, in June last year, for the vaccination drive to gather momentum.

Last week, the Centre began a special 75-day drive in which the third precautionary dose is being administered free at all government vaccination centres. This is a welcome initiative. The jury, though, is still out on the efficacy of the current lot of vaccines against the sub-variants of the Omicron strain that is responsible for most of the Covid infections today. Conversations in several developed countries have moved on to countering these relatively less virulent strains that leave lingering effects on patients. Last month, pharma majors Pfizer and BioNtech announced that a booster dose of their vaccine candidate had yielded a "significantly higher response against Omicron" in clinical trials. Experts, however, caution against laying much store on these initiatives, given the virus's capacity to develop vaccine-resistant versions. They also point out that regular administration of boosters is not feasible. Some experts believe that the answer to this predicament lies in a pan-variant vaccine, one that can tackle all coronaviruses. As in most aspects of the pandemic, there is no unanimity amongst experts on this question. That said, at least 10 universal candidates are in different stages of development. India should not be an outlier in these experiments.

Last month, in recognition of India's position on intellectual property rights on vaccines, the WTO agreed to waive patents on Covid vaccines. Vaccine manufacturers in India shouldn't lose this opportunity to initiate conversations with laboratories where work on the universal vaccine is on — other than pharma majors, these include universities and non-profits. If need be, the government should enable such efforts. The lessons from the past one-and-a-half years should guide the next round of vaccinations.

The Indian Express

# Biden's Tour de Saudi Arabia

Joe Biden's West Asian tour should have been utilised to reset the American ties with different regional players and lay foundations for a more robust engagement but the results seem to be rather disappointing



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and President Biden bump fists ahead of their meetings in Jeddah. Saudi Press Agency/AP

Asad Mirza

merican President Joe Biden was on a four-day trip to Israel and Saudi Arabia, his first trip to the Middle East since taking office last year, with a lot of expectations about resetting the ties with Saudi Arabia and also giving a new direction to US policies in the Mid-

The visit started with meetings in Israel to expand security ties and discuss Iranian 'belligerence' in the region. He next went to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where he attempted to reassure regional leaders and the rest of the world that his administration remains committed to actively engaging in the Middle East and counter any Russian or Chinese plans to expand their geopolitical influence.

### **US-Saudi Ties**

Coming in the backdrop of the continuing Russia-Ukraine war and eniralling global oil prices the visit was also seen as a rapprochement by the U.S. President to the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman (MbS), who he blamed for the assassination of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, and thus pave the way for softening the Saudi stance on increased oil production.

However, the manner in which the two leaders greeted each other with a fist bump has been criticised both by fellow Democrats and Republicans, due to its undiplomatic nature and also as a middle ground to thaw the ice, perhaps on the advice of their key lieutenants.

Also, the version given by Biden and Saudis as to whether the President admonished MbS seem to vary, thus indicating that the President was ready to give up his old stance for the Saudi agreement to increase its oil production; though ultimately he got no such assurance.

The meetings in Jeddah largely seemed to go along with the planned reset of the U.S. relationship with the kingdom, and Biden announced several new areas of cooperation aimed at reshaping US-Saudi rela-

However, the President did strike an optimistic note that regional leaders would soon take action given that the next OPEC meeting will take place in early August, after his parley with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) leaders in Riyadh.

### **U.S.-Iran Ties**

Biden is also under pressure to counter Iran's growing influence in the region and during the visit, he made a commitment to the U.S. playing a large role in the Middle East for years to come.

In Israel, Biden repeatedly vowed to ensure that Iran does not acquire a nuclear weapon and said he believed diplomacy remained the best avenue to keep Tehran from obtaining one.

Biden has pushed for a revival of the Iran nuclear deal, which former president Donald Trump withdrew the US from in 2018, as he faces increasing pressure from key Middle East allies to produce a plan to Iran has cosied-up to Russia significantly in recent years and the Chinese have made themselves more useful both to the Saudis and Emiratis in defence and trade sectors.

### The New Approach

His critics say that Biden, to an extent, continued with the old American baggage and if he really wants to restate the American foreign policy for West Asia and its Arab allies, it will have to adopt a more proactive and less preachy stance with a new perspective too. Biden himself said during the trip that he continues to believe that diplomacy is the best way to achieve a new outcome.

But to achieve that outcome, he'll have to pursue soft-diplomacy also. Additionally, the U.S. should try to give-up the mentality to solve every problem or conflict with mili-

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contain Iran. But hopes appear to be fading that a deal will materialise, and the President acknowledged that the U.S. is "not going to wait forever" for a response from Iranian leadership.

### **U.S.-Israel ties**

America's relationship with Israel has also been strained in recent years. Obama and former Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu shared a strained relationship over Palestine, and the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran also soured the relations.

But the Biden administration's renewed efforts to re-implement the Iran nuclear deal, coupled with warnings over Israel's expansion of settlements in the West Bank, have further complicated U.S. -Israeli relations again.

In addition, the US is also worried about the growing Russian and Chinese influence in the region.

tary means and tactics, instead it should try to focus and see the alternative opportunities available to help the people of the Middle East achieve greater freedom and prosperity which they desire.

For this, the renewed American focus should prioritise its interests through better security management for itself and its allies. Ensuring that terrorist threats from the Arab world should remain a focus of U.S. engagement in the region.

Further, it should focus on the economic welfare of the region. The Middle East's energy resources remain critical to the global economy. In addition, the U.S. should try to foster lasting economic ties with emerging centres of innovation in the region.

Additionally, it should focus on values and rights, which the United States supports i.e. religious freedom, women's rights, and freedom of expression. These should be promoted through its soft diplomacy or public diplomacy channels. There is a huge aspiration amongst the people of the region to fill-up the chasm between what is available and what they wish for, ensuring dignity and prosperity for all.

At the same time, it should try to engage more with the young generation amongst the Arabs, the 13th edition of the Arab Youth Survey found that over 90% of Saudi youth, who form nearly two-thirds of the country's population, see the U.S. as an ally. This should be its target

It should focus on boosting bilateral ties in new areas such as tourism, information technology, and clean energy and focus less on the energy sector.

It should launch joint initiatives on human security challenges such as in the health sector, economic security, human rights, and climate change. It should engage in renewed diplomatic efforts to end conflicts in Syria, Yemen, and Libya. Try to contain and engage Iran with diplomacy backed by a balanced regional security strategy. Renewed diplomacy with Iran must include America's regional security partners in order to produce lasting results. It should strive for greater regional integration with renewed and inclusive diplomacy on the Arab-Israeli front, too.

Overall, the visit failed to accomplish what Biden wanted to achieve in the region, and for any success the U.S. will have to fully recalibrate its policy towards the Middle East. Iran and Israel in the short-term for long-term gains and keeping the Russians and Chinese at bay in the region.

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# Radio Relevant

s the medium of mass communication, radio is always fascinating and has its hold on people even in the face of stiff competition from other mass communication channels, such as television. Though radio is largely a commercial broadcasting service across the country, community radios still hold their forte in rural India. The importance of community radio has been predominantly felt during the Covid-19 pandemic when radio networks have played a crucial role in disseminating credible information about the deadly virus.

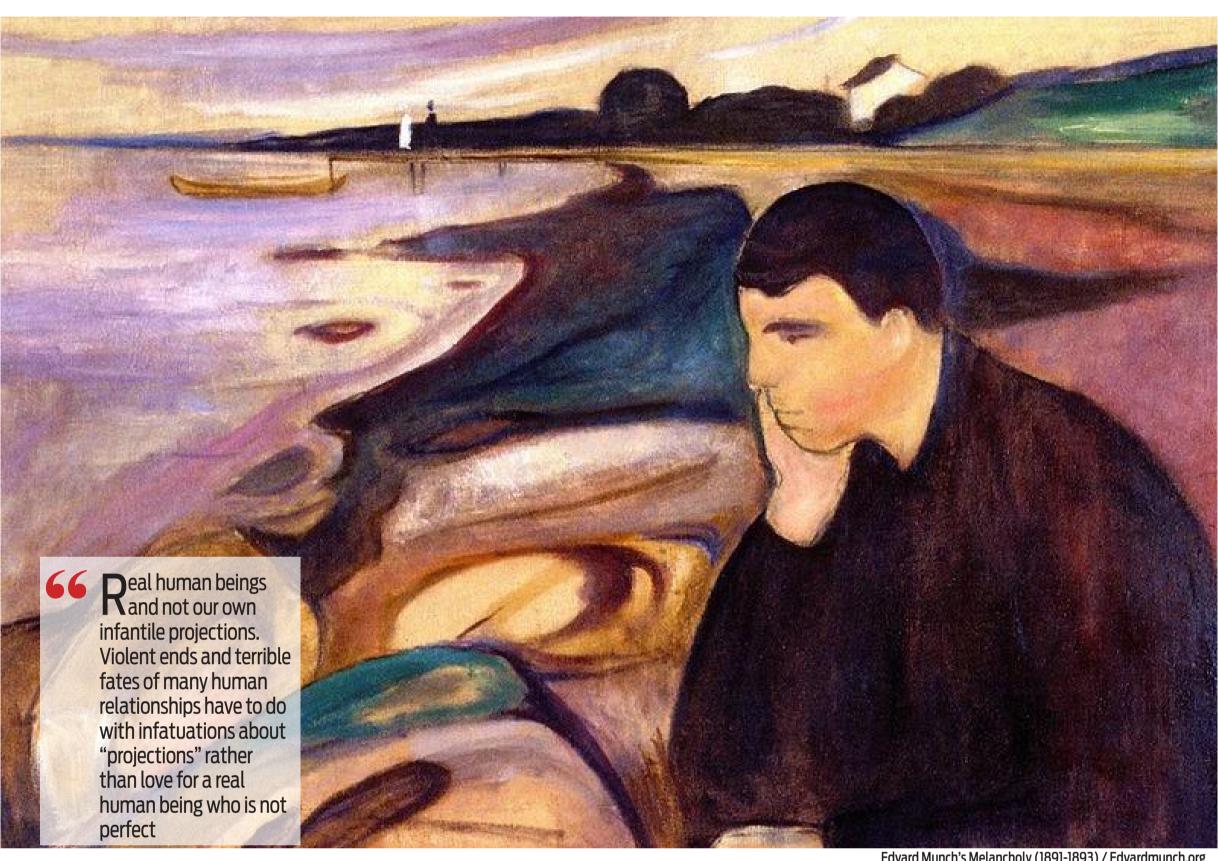
In fact, for millions of rural India radio is the only window to the outside world, and naturally community radio stations have emerged as a vital channel, especially during the last two years when the country went into

frequent lockdowns. Reportedly, until the end 2021, India had little over 300 community radio stations, which is a significant increase compared to previous years, and reflected a rising trend that had developed over the past decade.

These community radios are well managed, controlled, and owned by the communities they serve. For those who may not know, when Kerala got India's first Covid-19 case, community radios were first pressed into action across rural areas in the State to broadcast vital messages about the pandemic and its related programmes for more than seven hours

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# Psyche of Relationships and Heartbreaks



Edvard Munch's Melancholy (1891-1893) / Edvardmunch.org

This goes without saying that human beings are very complex multilayered beings. Whether it be our body or deep psyche or the spirit within us, each level of being has its own reality which needs to be understood as much as we can. All Prophets, sages, mystics across all wisdom traditions from time immemorial have advised us that 'self knowledge' is the road to salvation. The more we know ourselves, the more we save ourselves from unknown/unconscious elements/complexes/alienations. Alienation from body, psyche and spirit generates its own corresponding set of diseases. Self knowledge, on the other hand, leads to de-alienation which in essence is the cure.

One of the dimensions of the self is our "psyche" which has its own dynamics like that of the body. It has its own psychic energy which influences and impacts us in its own way. Let us give an example before we come to the discussion at hand. Say for example a "superiority complex" which is an unconscious "pattern' or "lens" or "disposition" of psychic energy, through which an individual acts and assumes that they are superior to others. These people actually 'genuinely' feel that in fact that is the case even though it is a mere delusion created by their own individual psyche (having certain psychological reasons) but they are under its unconscious possessionunaware of its puppetry. These people, quite expectedly and naturally, create bitter irritation in other people due to their behavior. They then get psychologically frustrated simply because the people around them rather than buying into their complexes, ridicule them silently which constantly fly at their face, hinting at their pathology. Only if they, accidently, bump into their own psychic complex (within) by some sort of introspection-would they realize where the dragon actually lies. Ignorance regarding our own "unconscious", therefore, causes all sorts of "possessions" (a sort of "tasrup" to use the Kashmiri word) which "unconsciously" drives us or controls us without us being aware. That is why self knowledge (here on the level of psyche) immediately leads to cure/ liberation/enlightenment.

In most cases of relationships followed by heartbreaks, the psychic violence that characterizes them occurs due to unconscious workings of the psychic energy. One of these aspects that we are going to look up in this article is the "Anima" figure in the male psyche (and similarly animus figure in feminine psyche) which has a great role to play in certain terrains of relationships and its

"Anima", in Jungian Psychology, basically refers to the personification of the feminine energy within a man. Biologically, we may say that every man possesses female sets of X chromosomes (in addition to masculine Y) which reflect in certain degree in his morphology but deep down it has a strong psychic presence in every man. "Feminine psychic energy" represents feelings, moods, tenderness, capacity for personal love, owing to its connection with "womb" which represents nature and nurture. Anima therefore, influences man through deep unconscious "feelings"/hunches/irrational sixth sense/moodiness/fixations, etc.

The character of one's 'anima' is largely shaped by one's own mother as Marie Louise von Franz has noted. The point is that the mother represents the whole world for an infant. This is his most immediate experience of the whole world. Mother introduces the "tone" of the world to the child. To put it in crude terms, if the mother is sort of insensitive or cold (or if the child has wrongly "assumed" so) then it has extremely negative influence on the man by indoctrinating general depressed moods in him. Such men are largely cynical towards life, suspicious of everything and unable to trust life per se. But this negative case, as we may expect, is quite rare. What is more common and which also forms the main subject of our article, is when mother has extremely positive influence on the child. The world, in as something "loving"- one enjoys being at the centre of attention i.e. child becomes habitual of crying and brooding over and she, for sure, will come to lift him up and love him. This has deepest psychic presence within child and remains unconscious so to speak.

The reason most people suffer terrible heartbreaks, which cripples them from within, debilitates them to the point that nothing makes sense or nothing consoles them, is that they have not yet been able to "consciously" distinguish between the "mother" and the "world". Deep down, the unconscious psyche "expects" the world to behave the same way the mother does. The world and the girl that one has fallen in love with, so to speak, are not the "mother". One may hear people suffering from a heartbreak say that "she left me stranded and strangled, I was brooding over and she did not come to wipe off my tears and console me. How could she do that"! This is a deep psychic "habit" and expectation, it is tantamount to a mother forsaking a child, hence such tragic psychic shock and pain takes place. The boy has not fully (down to the level of his unconscious) yet been able to distinguish between "loving mother" and "real harsh nature outside". One may note that this "unconscious" often surfaces up when people in love call each other "baby"!

The only way to treat this problem and the pain of psychic shock is to simply understand its genesis and true nature. The moment "unconscious" becomes "conscious", (i.e. when one recognizes where it is coming from), one is instantaneously cured, because it no longer remains "unconscious" which used to exercise tremendous "unknown" control on us (from the dark). Truth sets us free, as old wisdom says, as testified by modern psychoanalytic clinics. Only way to treat these pathologies is through the discovery of "truth".

Extremely loving experience of this sort of 'unconscious anima' makes men into sentimentalists/ touchy. They lose contact with reality and this is the typical symptom For example we may see when such men fail in some exams or some other thing in life, they immediately become sentimentalists to such an extent that they become psychologically ascetic, saying that "hell with people and world, I won't appear in any exam ever now, I want to go to mountains and live in a cave, this world is not worth it"- this is symptomatic of deep unconscious wish to recede back to the age old comforts of the "womb". This whole problem arises from the fact that the individual has not "consciously" distinguished between "mother" and the 'world" even after leaving childhood and this is exactly what the age old mythological rituals of "initiation" (like that of circumcision and various other rituals which have lost their meaning in modern world) aimed at i.e. beating into the conscious mind of the initiated childthe fact that he is a 'man' now-ready to face the world. The world is difficult; it is not always loving or loyal or predictable or sincere or perfect like "mother"; the struggle of life is part of our existence and realizing that fact makes us proper prepared holistic wholesome real "individuated" individuals.

This has another caveat and that is it also teaches women/mothers on 'how not to raise a child' because an overprotective mother tries to protect the child (out of love of course) but too much to an extent that it undermines the child's own independent skill set which he needs to face the world. It turns a man into a "man-child" or an "old infant". Kindly read works of Erich Neumann for further elaboration or Jung's notion of mother complex. Readers can also read Von Franz's essav "The Process of Individuation" or watch second part of her interview series "The Way of the Dream".

Here we come to another crucial point and that is the "anima" which represents the inner "perfect" ideal image of the "feminine" within the psyche of the man, gets projected onto outer women on outside. Please note that every human being, in addition to possessing an individual 'ego' which defines them, also relationships have to do with infatupossesses the full holistic Self, deep within the unconscious which is totality of all psychic energy whether masculine or feminine. Therefore, the consciousness of man, in an attempt to realize the full reality of holistic self searches for its "counterpart"/mirror image i.e. man searches for the "dream girl" of the "heart". This explains the sudden "seizure" that happens, popularly called 'love at first sight', when someone sees a woman for just ten seconds or so, exclaims oh! I know who she is, she is my 'soul mate', it is like I have known her for ages; the man is not lying, it is just that the one who he is talking about is not that girl outside but inner soul-image i.e. the perfect "anima" within. That is why, soon, as time passes, when the man "really" gets to know the girl; when the imperfections begin to surface up, he realizes that it is not what he had initially thought which is followed by psychological frustration and resentment. All this mess builds up simply because he did not fall in love with a "person" but his own anima "projection". Same applies to

This sudden "seizure" by anima/ animus projection (a sort of "tasrup") explains its tremendous power of "fixation". It is powerful because it is not done "consciously" so to speak but a pathology which has deep unconscious roots and hence such power. Old myths would depict this pathology by showing feminine in the shape of "vampires" sucking out blood of men and that is what happens to them, they literally are "preyed" upon (though by their own projections). It is for this reason "vampire" figures have been a constant presence in many human fairytales (owing to its inspiration from unconscious). Modern cinema, ironically, churns out millions of dollars showing vampire based romance/ drama stories not knowing its old mythological essence.

Therefore, the takeaway point is that we should love "people" i.e. real human beings and not our own infantile projections. Violent ends and terrible fates of many human

ations about "projections" rather than love for a real human being who is not perfect. Love does not merely need passion (owing to infatuation) generated due to do anima/animus "projection" but rather it needs "compassion" for the other person whilst recognizing him/her as a "person", knowing his/her imperfections, complexities, naiveties, insanities, frustrations and what not. Who wouldn't love fairy like perfect projections? It takes love to love real "persons". People under the possession of 'infatuations" actually love their own "feelings" and thus their own selves in the garb of "projections", rather than the outer person they claim to love, which demands real feeling of "conscious" compassion. The man (under anima possession) is still locked within infantile maternal mode of relationship i.e. "all about me"; he is not in love with the "person" but in fact is in love with the feeling of "being in love" i.e. the infantile demand of being "loved" (by mother).

Extremely good looking and successful people, for this reason, are not actually easy to love (term 'love' here is to be distinguished from 'projection'/infatuation) but rather the most difficult. These people largely magnet towards themselves a lot of "projections", therefore, it is rather difficult for them to find people who actually love them as "persons". It is for this reason that militantly asserting oneself out there too much & showing off is not a very good idea. We see, people already "market" themselves out there as "objects" by putting unhealthy overemphasis on cosmetic beauty and radical gym culture (as if participating in an investment-reward market policy) and lo and behold when the people they (hope to) love actually treat them like "objects", they generate kneejerk reaction and psychological shock. It is how we treat love that decides how love treats us back. Erich Fromm's book 'The art of loving" best elaborates upon this subject.

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PROPHET REMARKS ROW

# **SC Protects Nupur Sharma From Coercive Action**

**Press Trust of India** 

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday granted suspended BIP spokesperson Nupur Sharma protection from coercive action in connection with FIRs/complaints filed against her in several states over her derogatory remarks on the Prophet (Pbuh) made during a TV debate show.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala, while taking note of the alleged threats to life extended to Sharma after its July 1 order, also protected her from coercive action in the FIRs/complaints which may be registered or entertained in the future about the May 26 telecast.

Observing that it never wanted Sharma to visit every court for relief, the bench issued notices to the Centre and several states including Delhi, West Bengal, and Maharashtra on her plea and sought their responses by August 10.



The bench posted the matter for hearing on August 10.

On July 1, the same bench of the top court severely criticised Sharma for her derogatory comments against the Prophet (Pbuh), saving her "loose tongue" has "set the entire country on fire" and that she is "single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the

### **Political Worker Among 2 Detained For Threatening Loan Recovery Team With Gun In Jammu**

Agenceis

Jammu: Two men, including a worker of a political party, were detained on Tuesday for allegedly threaten-ing a team of bank employees with a firearm and firing a gunshot in air, police here said.

The Jammu and Kashmir Grameen Bank team had gone to the house of the accused in the outskirts of Jammu city to recover a loan, officials said.

The incident took place in Kunjwani area after the bank

officials went to the house of the accused allegedly after he failed to honour the debt after dozens of repeated reminders and requests, they said.

The main accused who fired the shots in air is still at large, they said.

There was a scuffle between the bank's team and the accused, during which he fired two shots in air, while the political worker threatened them with his gun, they said.

A hunt is on to arrest two more men, including the main accused,

# **ED Arrests Ex-Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey In NSE Phone Tapping Case**

**Press Trust of India** 

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday arrested former Mumbai Police commissioner Sanjay Pandey in connection with a money laundering case linked to the alleged illegal phone tapping of NSE employees, officials said.

The retired 1986-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer was taken into custody by the federal probe agency after more than seven hours of questioning in the case.

Pandey, wearing a white shirt, was seen walking into the ED headquarters here around 11:30 AM for the second consecutive day of his questioning. He met Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who is in Delhi, before that.

He has earlier been questioned by the agency in another case booked by it to probe alleged co-location scam at the NSE and at that time (July 5) Pandey was seen carrying a bag on his shoulders as he went inside the agency's office from the back gate.

The ED had last week arrested former NSE MD and CEO Chitra Ramkrishna in the case and had recently told the court that the "snooping of phone calls" at the NSE was being done from 1997. Pandey's company under scanner in this case was set up in March, 2001.

Transaction of funds worth about Rs 12 crore allegedly to Pandey and his company are under the scanner of the agency. Pandey, who studied at the IIT Kanpur and Harvard University, is expected to be confronted with Ramkrishna after it obtains his custodial remand from a special PMLA court

on Wednesday. The top cop retired from service, while holding the post of Mumbai's Commissioner of Police, on June 30, a charge he held for four-months. He was appointed to the post by the MVA government headed by former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray.

Pandey briefly served as the acting Maharashtra director general of police

or the head of the state police force. The retired top cop is facing two ED and CBI FIRs -- the alleged phone tapping case and violation of Securities and Exchange Board of India guidelines in conducting NSE's system audit.

While the ED case (in the alleged phone tapping instance) is based on the CBI FIR, it was the ED that first detected the alleged snooping of phone lines at the bourse while probing the co-location instance and it informed the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) which asked the CBI to study ED findings and probe further.

As the ED cannot file a criminal complaint under the PMLA on its own, the CBI case became a scheduled offence enabling it to file a money laundering case.

The retired IPS officer's role is being probed in connection with a company founded by him, which the CBI and ED allege, has violated SEBI norms in auditing two NSE stock brokers who were using the scam-tainted co-location facility.

The CBI FIR registered on May 19 against Pandey's company, iSec Services, redflags several violations of SEBI circular by the firm in conducting system audit of stock brokers involved in algorithmic trading using the colocation facility.

The CBI has alleged that iSec services had conducted audits of two "high risk brokers" -- SMC Global Securities Ltd and Shaastra Securities Trading Private Limited -- in a fraudulent manner when the co-location "scam" was going on.

The CBI and ED had arrested Chitra Ramkrishna in the co-location scam case probe too.

The SEBI had categorised brokers into low, medium and high risk based on their trading modes and prescribed different norms of conducting system audits according to their risk profiles through various circulars issued from time to time.

These brokers came in the category of high risk, as per SEBI guidelines, for using co-location facilities to carry out algorithmic trading in the NSE, they

The high risk brokers required a system audit of their algorithmic trading system every six months with an auditor only allowed to conduct three successive audits, the CBI said.

The company iSec Services Private Ltd, which was founded by Pandey after he resigned from Police Service in March 2001, had audited these traders during 2013-19 continuously, breaking the permissible limit of only three consecutive audits, according to the FIR.

Shaastra Securities was audited during the period April 2013-March 19 and SMC Global Securities from October 2012 to September 2015 by iSEC Services in breach of SEBI circular dated November 6, 2013, it alleged

It is alleged that since the company was not eligible to conduct the audit it used services one Prabhpreet Singh of S Dhawan and Associates on a payment of Rs 5,000 each for three audit reports signed by him-- November 14, 2017 and October 14, 2015 for Shaastra Securities and October 14, 2015 for SMC Global.

... Where the bill for such audit was raised by iSec Services on the trading members and payments for the same were also made to iSEC Services by the trading members," the CBI FIR alleged.

"It appears that to overcome the restriction imposed by SEBI guidelines, iSEC services... had got the report(s) for the intervening period signed by Prabhpreet Singh whereas factually the premises were visited by Naman Chaturvedi, an employee of iSEC," it alleged.

The CBI has alleged that for all purposes, the audit was carried out by iSEC Services and it simply got the reports signed from Singh who never visited the premises of the stock brokers.

"It is clear that iSEC services had fraudulently issued or got issued security and system audit certificates without carrying out actual audit on the input of a person who was not authorised to carry out such audit," the FIR alleged.

### Flipkart's **Shopsy Demand** In Bandipora **Increases By Two-Fold**

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s shopping preferences of consumers in India continue to evolve amid the increasing pace of a thriving e-commerce industry, online purchase behaviour reflects a paradigm shift over the past few years. With almost everything available at consumers' fingertips, the e-commerce industry is seeing a surge like never before. Giving insights into the growth in local businesses and sellers in tier-2 and tier-3 cities in the country, Shopsy by Flipkart shares how customer purchase patterns have shifted and become more nuanced over the months.

With comfort clothing emerging as a priority for most in recent times, customers in Bandipora are purchasing products that majorly comprise apparel and footwear. As a result, the overall demand in Bandipora has grown by 2X, with men's clothing being the highest contributor over the past month. Among others, products that are recording increased growth in the city are men's t-shirts and shoes. As a result of the accelerated traction, sellers in Bandipora have garnered a 2X growth in their sales month-on-month.

Shopsy aims to continue its endeavor to offer an expansive range of engaging products for customers at affordable prices, while being a value-based and reliable platform. Shopsy has strived to deliver on its commitment of building a community that truly levels the playing field of commerce in the country. Since its launch in July 2021, Shopsy's aim has been to make digital commerce accessible across India through a zero-commission marketplace. Today, Shopsy has over 2.5 lakh sellers on the platform who provide 150 million products for customers across India.

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### **Covid-19 Resurgence**

shall ensure usage of face masks by all officers and officials in the offices," it reads.

Earlier, authorities in Bandipora and Ganderbal districts had also made wearing of face masks mandatory at public places and government offices in view of the rise in Covid-19 cases.

The number for active Covid cases, which had dropped to just below 50 towards the end of May, rose to nearly 1,200 on Monday. While Srinagar has 390 active cases, Jammu has 519.

Meanwhile, the department of health has chalked out a strategy to meet any possible chal-

Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather told Kashmir Observer that a circular has been issued for the necessary arrangement to deal with such crises. "There will be 10-15 beds in every district hos-

pital for Covid positive patients. The staff has already been put on alert." Dr. Rather said. However, he added that there is nothing to

worry, despite the rise in cases and hospital admissions minimal. "People need to follow the SOP's, avoid gather-

ings and wear the masks now." he added. Professor and HoD Community Medicine,

GMC Srinagar, Dr S. Muhammad Salim Khan told Kashmir Observer although the admissions are less but the cases are arriving with mild symptoms. "There is nothing to worry but people need

to take precautions," said Khan who is also the Covid-19 nodal officer. It may be noted that Jammu and Kashmir reported the highest spike in the last six months with 333 people testing positive for Coronavirus on Tuesday.

### **Daily Cases Cross**

on Tuesday while 187 were detected from various districts of Jammu division, taking the number of people infected since the onset of pandemic in J&K to 457517.

Srinagar, the capital city reported the highest 95 new cases of Covid-19, followed by Baramulla and Ganderbal with 12 cases each, Budgam 11, Kupwara nine, Anantnag 5 and one case each in Kulgam and Pulwama.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 137 new cases of virus, Udhampur 20, Samba 14, Kathua nine, Rajouri three, Doda and Kishtwar two each.

Also, the officials said that one more person died of Covid-19 related complications in Jammu division, taking the overall fatality count to 4760 in J&K-2334 in Jammu and 2426 in Kashmir.

"Moreover, 70 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 30 from Jammu division and 40 from Kashmir division," they added.

### **Rain Forecast**

a jump with mercury settling above normal at all places in the J&K.

The MeT official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 20.6°C against 19.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 2.2°C above normal during this time of the year for the summer capi-

tal, the official said. Qazigund recorded a low of 18.4°C against 18.6°C on the previous night.

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 15.8°C against 15.4°C on the previous night and it was 3.3°C above normal for the south Kashmir resort. Kokernag recorded a low of 18.0°C against 17.8°C last night and it was 2.0°C above normal for the place, he said.

World famous Gulmarg resort recorded a low of 13.5°C against 11.5°C and it was 1.4°C above normal for the place.

Kupwara town saw a low of 17.8°C against 16.3°C on previous night and it was 0.8°C above normal for the place during this time of the season, the official said.

Jammu recorded a low of 27.1°C against 26.3°C on the previous night. It was 2.1°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 20.0°C. Batote 20.5°C. Katra 25.7°C while Bhadarwah had a minimum of 21.1°C, the official

### J&K Govt Provided

Jammu and Kashmir, was scrapped on August 5. 2019 and the erstwhile state was bifurcated into two Union Territories Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Jammu and Kashmir has been under central rule since 2018.

### **Assembly Polls**

"nakas", security arrangements through appropriate deployment and a high level of alertness maintained by the security forces.

Moreover, he said the government has taken several steps for the all-round development of Jammu and Kashmir, including the implementation of the Prime Minister's Development Package 2015.

Flagship programmes, the establishment of an IIT and an IIM, two new AIIMS and fast-tracking of infrastructure projects in roads and power are being initiated, Rai said.

Besides, a new central scheme is being implemented for the industrial development of Jammu and Kashmir with an outlay of Rs 28,400 crore, which would provide employment to 4.5 lakh people, he added.

### **104 Forces Personnel**

their lives. In 2021, 229 militancy-related incidents took place in which 42 security forces personnel and 41 civilians were killed.

### **Unfurl Tricolor**

arrangements being made and coordination at district, municipal corporations, and panchayat level for public participation in Har Ghar Tiranga

campaign. The LG, he said, interacted with the senior officials, Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners and said the celebration from 13 to 15 August 2022 is a matter of pride and invokes the feelings of patriotism in the heart of every

"It was informed that intensive IEC activities shall be organised by Departments of Information, Culture, Higher Education, School Education and Youth Services and Sports. Besides, Deputy Commissioners will set up panchayat level committees of officers, PRIs, Students, NCC/ NSS cadets, colleges, socio-cultural organisations, political parties and Red Cross for distribution of Flags," the spokesperson said.

He said that the Administrative Secretaries briefed the LG on the plans and preparations made by their respective departments for Har Ghar Tiranga programme under Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

He added that it was further informed that the action plan has been prepared to organise essay competition, debate and symposiums in schools Colleges on different topics celebrating the spirit of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. According to the spokesperson, the LG issued

directions for organizing competition on National Anthem Singing and felicitating the best performers at District, Divisional and UT level functions of Independence Day celebrations. Sinha, he said, also asked the Secretary RDD to procure at least one lakh flags made by the members of SHGs. The LG, he said, also instructed for identifica-

tion of the families and houses of freedom fighthere Police Bands will play tunes, besides organising one week Prabhat Pheri programs involving students, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers celebrating the memory of heroes of our freedom "Home department would ensure Tricolor is

unfurled at all the offices of its different wings including all Police Stations. Swachhata Abhiyan shall be organised at all the panchayats as well as urban areas," Sinha said, while passing directions for promoting and exhibiting the spirit of Har Ghar Tiranga through all the Government websites and Social Media Handles.

Later, Deputy Commissioners of various districts also apprised the Lt Governor about the preparations and plans for Har Ghar Tiranga programme.

### **Deprived People**

achieve the historic task of ensuring higher incomes to our farmers. We have overcome several hurdles to sustain a higher rate of agriculture & allied sectors growth and made it more equitable and inclusive," Sinha said on Tuesday.

He made these remarks while addressing the valedictory session of multi-stakeholder convention on holistic development of agriculture & allied sectors in J&K, at SKICC here on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said.

Sinha, he said, praised the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that his administration is working relentlessly for the welfare of the farmers, especially extending handholding to Small and Marginal Farmers. "A large population which was deprived of

progress and prosperity for decades is now getting equal opportunities and equal rights," the LG Appreciating the organisers for the historic

convention, the LG, as per spokesperson said that such efforts will deepen our understanding on critical gaps and steps required for transforming and rejuvenating the main pillar of our economy. "Deliberations among eminent agricultural sci-

entists, policy planners, policy makers, academia

and farmers will lead to the formulation of a fu-

turistic roadmap for rapid growth in agriculture and allied sector," the LG said. As per the spokesperson, the LG noted that the UT's Agriculture & allied sector was performing much below its potential in recent years. Sinha said that J&K administration took several measures to reverse the declining trend by filling credit gaps, diversification, high-density plantation, building storage capacity, market linkages

and extension services. "Agriculture growth last year was recorded at 3.9% and food processing at 11.18%. However, we have a huge number of small and marginal farmers who need financial support and benefits of

the central & UT schemes, and handholding to meet the challenges," the LG said.

According to the spokesperson, the LG noted that the allied activities contribute more than 15% in total farm income and said that the Dairy, Livestock, Poultry & Fisheries can become engines of high growth, and emphasized the need to make massive efforts for creating awareness amongst the farmers to tap its tremendous potential and benefit from several schemes of the centre and UT.

Sinha, he said, urged the high-powered committee of agricultural scientists being constituted under the chairmanship of renowned scientist, Dr. Mangala Rai, to prepare a futuristic blueprint which can be implemented in the next three

He further said that the LG highlighted the steps taken to exploit untapped opportunities offered by horticulture and ensuring end-to-end approach from plantation to post-harvest management and processing to marketing in order to increase the quality production and exports.

"Transformation in the agriculture & allied sector is not just about productivity but also about food security, empowerment of farmers and prosperity of small farming families. The government is determined to translate the benefits of growth into the financial security of farmers," Sinha said.

"The UT Government is providing as many benefits to the agriculture sector as available to those in the manufacturing sector, like, easy access to credit, infrastructure, pre and post harvest facilities, covering risks & uncertainties and various interventions and schemes for the benefit of farmers," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the LG also asked the NAFED to speed up the high density plantations in order to achieve the set target of 5500 hectares of high density cultivated within the stipulated time frame.

### **Govt Forces Begin**

four militants to Kashmir, he said.

Run by Pakistan-based LeT commander Qasim, the two modules operated in Rajouri-Reasi belts in the Pir Panjal belt during at least the last one year. They were instrumental in five militant attacks, collection of weapons dropped from drones from Pakistan in the Line of Control area and ferrying them to Kashmir, he said.

"They were instrumental in bringing terrorists from Kashmir to this Pir Panjal side," the ADGP

Talib alias Abu Ahmad Haider Shah of Draj-Kotranka was the commander for the Rajouri area and instrumental in almost all major militant activities and incidents in the Pir Panial area over the past three years, he said. He was arrested along with his three associates.

Qasim was monitoring the modules headed by Talib and another commander Altaf Hussain Shah to carry out militant attacks on security forces, minority communities and prominent political figures in the area, he said.

Talib and his associates have been found to be involved in five criminal and militancy cases, the ADGP added.

After his arrest by the police and on subsequent disclosures, three under barrel grenade launcher grenades, one AK-47 rifle, four AK-47 magazines (containing 120 armour piercing rounds), two pistols, five pistol magazines, a Glock pistol silencer, 49 Chinese pistol rounds, one 2-kg IED, one 5-kg IED, five remote IEDs and four pressure mines were seized, he said.

### **SIA Carries Out**

with militancy-funding case registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar vide case FIR No. 73/2022 dated 31.03.2022 under sections U/S 13, 17, 18 UA(P) Act, 1967, which stands transferred to SIA Jammu.

The statement reads that during raids, a large number of evidences with regard to smuggling of narcotics from across the border and generating funds from the same for financing militant modules, separatists, OGWs, families of killed militants have been established

"Besides, during the course of investigation, it has been found that the money generated from the narcotic substances has also been used to finance some fake journalists for creating fake and wrong narrative against the Union Territory to support and glorify militancy by using different social media platforms etc. for indoctrinating and alluring youngsters into militancy," it reads.

It reads that during raids some people who were found involved in the nexus of narcoticmilitancy financing have been arrested under relevant sections of law and investigation is proceeding to establish the involvement of some more people in the nexus who are already under

"It is pertinent to mention here that a sum of Rs. 6.9 lakhs have already been recovered by Police in the instant case."

It added that more raids are expected in coming days and efforts will continue to demolish such modules operating in Jammu and Kashmir.

### **Anjuman Seals**

Kashmir News Trust that they are in correspondence with the Anjuman Sharie and hopefully the issue will be resolved and the branch will open.

He said there is an issue with regard to the rent and the bank authorities are in touch with the proprietors of the building and the premises. (KNT)

### **Eight Gamblers**

marshy land near the area, managed to flee from the spot.

Accordingly, the spokesperson said, a case vide FIR No. 39/2022 under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Khanyar and investigation was initiated.

"During the course of investigation, four gamblers who fled during the raid were arrested and stake money of 13,500 was recovered from them which they took along while fleeing. With this, a total of 35,500 stake money was recovered in the instant case and 8 gamblers have been arrested," he added.

### **Female Fraudster**

complainant", reads a statement received by a local news agency GNS.

"Based on this, FIR No.199/22 U/s 420, 468-IPC was registered at Police Station Handwara and investigation was initiated", the statement reads, adding the accused has been arrested.

"Further investigation is underway", the statement.adds

### Man Held With

investigation has been taken up, the officer

### **Yasin Malik Deserves A** Fair Trial: Sajad Lone

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Days after Rubaiya Sayeed, sister of Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti identified Yasin Malik as her abductor in 1989, Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone on Tuesday said that Malik deserves a fair trial.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a party function here, Lone said that Malik deserves a fair trial.

"He should be given a fair trial. Justice cannot be a one-sided afagency KNO. To a question about identification of Malik and three others by Rubaiya Sayeed in the special CBI Court Jammu, Lone said it is their decision, "but those get-

ting people identified and indicted don't have the right to talk about reconciliation and dialogue".

"They have every right to identify and indict those involved. But those identifying and indicting people have no moral right to talk about reconciliation and dialogue. Priyanka Gandhi even forgave the killers of her own father," Lone said.

After Rubaiya Sayeed identified Malik and three others as her abductors, Mehbooba Mufti said she did her duty as per law. Lone was speaking to reporters fair," he told reporters, as per news on the sidelines of a function organized by Peoples Conference to welcome former deputy director Health Services Kashmir, Dr Bashir Chalkoo from Uri into

### 4,800 Pilgrims Leave For **Amarnath Shrine From Jammu**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** The 20th batch of over 4,800 Amarnath pilgrims left the base camp here for the twin base camps of the 3,880-metrehigh cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas on Tuesday, officials said.

A total of 4,898 pilgrims left Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here in a convoy of 159 vehicles amid heavy security of the Central Reserve Police Force, the officials said.

They said 1,836 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the Bhagwati Nagar camp in 62 vehicles followed by the second convoy of 97 vehicles carrying 3,062 pilgrims for Pahalgam.

With this, 1,15,656 pilgrims have left from the Bhagwati

June 29, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The annual 43-day yatra commenced from the twin base camps -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal -- on June 30.

So far this year, over 1.99 lakh pilgrims have offered prayers at the cave shrine, housing the nat-urally formed ice-shivlingam, the officials said.

The yatra is scheduled to end on August 11 on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

Thirty two people, mostly pilgrims, have died during the ongoing yatra. Another 15 pilgrims died in the flashfloods near the Nagar camp for the Valley since Amarnath cave shrine on July 1.

Similarly, Director Health Ser-

vices, from both the provinces

were told to work out block-

wise strategy and utilise ASHA

workers and other field staff to

achieve the target within stipu-

Principal Secretary H&ME

directed CMOs to start Door to

door registration drive from to-

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The Principal Secretary was

officials were also told to ramp up

Covid-vaccination numbers, espe-

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### **Dwivedi Reviews Progress Of Health Schemes Across J&K**

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Health & Medical Education (H&ME), Manoj Kumar Dwivedi on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review progress on registration of beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat-PradhanMantri Jan ArogyaYojana (AB-PMJAY) and AB-PMJAY SEHAT schemes at

Civil Secretariat here. During the meeting, the Principal Secretary called for identifying the sections of overall population and areas least registered under these schemes. He analysed that concerted efforts are required to increase saturation awareness initiatives are already numbers by extensively reaching out to the urban populations ing flash messages, broadcastof Srinagar and Jammu districts, and unregistered beneficiaries in other Districts as well.

The Chief Medical Officers were directed to identify and register left out beneficiaries from their respective districts and were told to devise and execute weekly plans and submit its report as well.

### 3 Students Go **Missing In Kupwara**, Families **Urge Them To** Return

**Agencies** 

**SRINAGAR:** Three students from north Kashmir's Kupwara district have gone missing and their families have appealed to them to return home.

Families of the three students Irfan Mushtaq Wani (studying in 8th class and aged 13-years) son of Mushtaq Ahmad Wani of Kawari Kupwara, Nasir Fayaz Dar (12th class, 18-years-old) son of Fayaz Ahmad Dar of Woskura Handwara and Bilal Ahmad Dar Wani (11th standard student, 17-year-old) son of Mohammad Amin of Kawari Kupwara said that the trio left their respectively homes for school on July 18 and did not return back since then.

"Today we lodged a missing report at Hatmulla police station," Mushtag Ahmad, father of Irfan Mushtaq, told a local news agency GNS over phone.

"We appeal to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and SSP Kupwara to intervene and see that they return home without any harm." He said Irfan's mother has been crying as she and other family members are worried about the son. A police officer confirmed that the missing report has been filed with the concerned police station.

# **Govt To Start Computer** Skill, Awareness Courses From Class 6 To 12

**SRINAGAR:** The government on Tuesday decided to introduce computer skill and awareness courses from Class 6th to 12th.

It also said that the course will be run on pilot basis in 200 Higher Secondary Schools, High Schools and Middle Schools identified by Project Director Samagra Shiksha and Chairman JKBOSE where ICT and Computer Labs have been established.

According to reports, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, B K Singh has said that the National Institute Technology (NIELIT) has presented a proposal with regard to introduction of computer based courses from Class VI to XII.

"The content of syllabus of the NIELIT— an autonomous scientific society under the administrative control of Ministry of Electronics and Information



Technology was examined by the JKBOSE to ascertain the feasibility for introduction of these courses as per the syllabus framed by of Electronics and Information NIELIT in the existing curriculum of JKBOSE," reads the order.

It also reads that the JKBOSE has recommended that the syllabi designed by NIELIT for erence shall be given to lectur-Computer Skill and Awareness Courses from Classes 6-12 shall be adopted in totality except BOSE in consultation with NILIET Chapter 6 of Class 6th titled 'Understanding Financial Liter- done," reads the order—(KNO)

acy and e-Governance Services' as the same is also covered in Class 7th and 8th.

The order further reads that 'In order to make the vocational education more job oriented and attractive, the proposal of the NIELIT was considered by the Department, in consultation with JKBOSE, JKSCERT and Samara Shiksha.'

It also said that the suggestion of JKBOSE for this course is required to be considered as a computer course as 5th Subject in Class 11th and 12th at par with computer science, IT, IP.

However, in case of Class 6th, 7th and 8th, it will be mandatory.

"Training of masters trainers by NILIET through SCERT shall start from August-01 and prefers of computer science and the evaluation shall be done by JKand continuous up-gradation be

# **Disposal Of Grievances Up By 45%** From Oct 2020 To June 2022: Govt

Within 15 Days Integrate JKIGRAMS With CPGRAMS: CS

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The disposal of grievances, registered on the JKIGRAMS, by different departments has increased manifold over the past two years and has shown at least 45 percent increase in the disposal rate from October 2020 to June 2022.

This was revealed on Tuesday in a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta at Civil Secretariat here while reviewing the implementation of JKIGRAMS.

been attributed to the incepbeing qualitatively redressed and people thereby raising the hopes of people also about the resolution of their grievances.

While chairing the meeting, Chief Secretary directed the officers to fully integrate Jammu mobile phones and Kashmir Integrated Griev- and ensure its ance Redress and Monitoring redressal in a System (JK-IGRAMS) with the time Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) in the next 15 days.

CS said that JKIGRAMS should ficials of the be fully integrated with CP- administration GRAMS. He also urged for inter- must linking LGs Mulaqat, JKIGRAMS that the puband CPIGRAMS for further lic grievances strengthening of governance are redressed mechanisms in Jammu and

He directed the officers to time. He asked ensure quality disposal of ev- the officers to ery genuine public grievance focus on the



to make the system more effective, responsive, and vibrant.

Emphasising that Govern-The significant increase in ment has brought transparency the disposal percentage has and accountability in the system through several reformation of LGs Mulagat which has tive interventions. He stressed led to a substantial increase on making every information in the number of grievances available to people so that they can have better picture of the working of government. He also asked them to make it easy

for public to lodge a grievance from their manne

CS also said that all the ofensure in the shortpossible

number of grievances disposed monthly and have a disposal study at both the administrative and at the HoD level.

During the meeting, statistical data was also provided about the JKIGRAMS and it was given out that a total of 234009 grievances have been registered out of which 225322 grievances have been disposed off which amounts to a disposal rate of 96 percent.

### **Excavator Seized For Violating Extraction Timing** At Doodh Ganga

Syed Mohammad Burhan

along with the team of officials raided Mineral Block 12, Madbal Chadoora in Doodhganga Nallah during wee hours on Tuesday.

The team was assisted by a police party from Police Station Chadoora. Officials said they seized a heavy excavator at Madbal Chadoora that was found involved in extraction before the permitted time.

"The machine was seized on the spot for violating permitted timings", they said.

District Mineral Officer Budgam, norms" he said. Dr Ghulam Din said the equipment was seized for violating

extraction timing.

'The contractor is supposed **SRINAGAR:** The District Min- to work from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 eral Officer (DMO) Budgam p.m. and he had violated the timing norms, so we seized the equipment" Din said.

He further said that the contractor had completed all the formalities and he had violated only one norm and they would impose fine on the violator.

Replying to the allegations that the extraction at Doodh Ganga is being done illegally, he said "these are mere allegations and the violator has completed all the formalities and paid fee in the government treasury, Talking to Kashmir Observer, he was fined for violating time

He said further action will be initiated against the violator.

### **J&K Marching Towards Dairy Revolution: Govt**

**Observer News Service** 

formulated attractive schemes Animal Husbandry Infrastructo improve the dairy sector in ture Development Fund, Exten-Jammu and Kashmir which is directly proportional to improving the socio-economic condition of people, an official spokesperson said Tuesday.

With an aim of Doubling Farmer's income from dairying, he said, the Administration is working tirelessly to ensure utmost priority is being extended to dairy development in the union territory by way of implementing various developmental schemes, initiatives, policies, among others. Integrated dairy development

scheme (IDDS) is another scheme which not only focuses on providing financial assistance, but also supporting the dairy producer by providing milking machine, bulk milk cooling unit at 50% subsidy. current urban growth, the dairy The scheme also provides paneer making machine, khova making, dahi making, cream separator, ice cream making machine, butter and ghee making machine, milk van, milk ATM and DG Set, to aspiring entrepreneurs who try to create their start-ups in dairy sector.

With the implementation of Rashtriya Gokul Mis-

sion, IDDS, Dairy Development Scheme (DDS), Feed & Fodder SRINAGAR: J&K Government has Development Scheme (F&FDS), sion of Kisan Credit Card facility to animal husbandry farmers, Establishment of cluster model milk villages under Tribal Sub Plan, etc, dairying with high yielding crossbred cattle is receiving an upgrade which has created employment avenues, led to entrepreneurship development and thereby generated ample scope for developing the dairy farming on commercial lines as a business enterprise.

> It is because of these schemes milk production in the Valley has grown over 250% during the last two decades and now there are more than 50,000 successful operational commercial dairy units in the valley. Despite the sector contributes to the maintenance of safe, resilient and sustainable rural areas.

From selling dry fruits in a small shop and struggling to meet his family's needs to running a dairy farm that sells around 200 litres of milk per day, Manzoor Ahmed from Bankoot Ramban prestigious flag-ship schemes, district has come a long way as an entrepreneur.

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### Government of Jammu & Kashmir

### OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER PLANNING AND PUBLICITY DIVISION

### **NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

e-NIT NO: - 11 0F2022-23 DATED: -18/07/2022

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved andeligible contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K/Central Govt. Organizations for the following works: -

S.N	NAME OF WORK	ADV. COST	Earnest	CLASS OF	Cost of Tender	THIVE OF
3.11	NAIVIE OF WORK	(Rs. In lacs)	Money	CONTRACTOR	Document	COMPLETION
01	Formation of nursery (0.5 Ha) at Chontibagh Tangmarg (District Baramulla) Co.47b/Gul Special Forest Division Tangmarg	1.51272	Bid	"DEE"	Rs.200/=	180 Calen- dar Days
02	Plant production / raising of medicinal plants (27938 Nos) in nursery beds at Chontibagh Tangmarg (District Baramulla) Co.47b/Gul Special Forest Division Tangmarg	1.05605	Security Declara- tion			
	Total:-	2.56877				

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:-https://jktenders.gov.in. Scheme: State Sector (CAPEX Budget)

Position of Funds: - Budgeted Position of AA/TS:-Accorded

Receiving/ Opening AuthorityTender Opening Committee				
Publishing Date:-	18-07-2022			
Download Start Date :	19-07-2022 from 10:00 AM			
Bid submission Start Date:	19-07-2022 from 10:00 AM			
Bid submission End Date:	25-07-2022 upto 01:00 PM			
Data of Opening of Tachnical Bid through online	25-07-2022 at 02:30 PM (In the office of the DFO Planning & Publicity Division, at			
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh, Srinagar).			
Date of opening of Financial Bid	To be opened online after evaluation of technical bids received			
01 The hids shall be denosited in electronic formation the website: - https://iktenders.gov.in				

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: - https://jktenders.gov.in The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above.

Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the

work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest in favour of DFO Planning & Publicity Division, Forest Complex, at Sheikh Bagh Srinagar. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. In pursuance to Circular No. A/Misc(2018)-III-895/J Dated: - 22-12-2020 issued by Finance Department of J&K, there is no requirement of sub-

mission of Bid Security/ Earnest Money Deposit (EMD). However, every bidder has to furnish an undertaken/ bid security declaration form accepting that if it withdraws or modifies its bids during the period of bid validity or if it fails to sign the contract or fails to submit an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security within 07 days of opening of price bid, if they are awarded the contract, they will be suspended from participating in any tender process in future till 31st March, 2023 Aforementioned undertaken/ declaration needs to be furnished as per format in Annexure-"A" duly Notarised and same must be uploaded.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as wellas from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.

The bidders have to submit their Technical & financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be

accepted in physical/hard form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.eValid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Department

The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise). The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.

The successful bidderhave to produce hard copies of original CDR/FDR and Govt. Treasury receipt after opening Technical/ Financial bid. The tender accepting Authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

duly renewed for the current year 2022-23, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt/Challan (cost of Tender Document)

If any Tenderer faces any difficulty in uploading the Tender, he can contact the Office of the DFO Planning & Publicity Division, Forest Complex, at Sheikh Bagh Srinagarduring Office hours as he can be facilitated.

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per detailed tender document. For further details, terms and conditions log on [www.jktenders.gov.in

No:-DFO/P&P/173/E-Tender/CAPEX/22-23/653-58 Dated: -18/07/2022 DIPK-6334-22

Sd/-Divisional Forest officer, Planning & Publicity Division. Srinagar

# SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The general public through the medium of this notice is informed that the building permissions were granted in the name of Mst. Zaina Begum w/o Ali Mohammad Rather R/o & S/A Padshahi Bagh, Srinagar granted for construction of two storeyed with attic residential house with compound walling and another case file of Haji Ali Mohammad Rather S/o Gh. Mohd Rather Site at Kursu Padshahi Bagh for construction of two storeyed with attic residential house with compound walling stands cancelled as the permittees/offenders have deviated/ violated both the building permissions in question and raised composite commercial structures instead of separate residential houses after obtaining the building permission in question through fake NOCs.

Therefore building permissions issued 674 of 2021 Dt: 24/3/2021 and 605 of 2021 Dt: 01/03/2021 on the basis of Fake NOCs, forgery, fraud, and cheating have been cancelled/ revoked/withdrawn vide order No. 61 of 2022 dated: 13/07/2022, hence debarring the owners/offenders not to engage in the sale of the property.

Also general public is informed that they should not purchase the said property in full or in portions as the structure is illegal/ unauthorized and in case, they do so, they shall be themselves responsible without any claim from the government or SMC.

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