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## Hospitals Too Far For These Kashmir Villagers

### Agencies

**Anantnag:** Poru Kalnag village in the Kokernag area in South Kashmir is around 40 km from the district headquarters of Anantnag. A remote area located on a hillock, this village has around 250 households with a population of 1,100. Overlooking the beautiful mountain range of Pir Panchal, the view here may be scenic but the village lacks even the most basic facilities, especially health care. The fact that there is no road connectivity to nearby hospitals and medical centres further compounds the situation.

"The village has witnessed the



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deaths of at least 10 people en route to the hospital. The government has forgotten us, and failed in delivering even basic health care. There is no proper road connectivity and patients

and their attendants are forced to walk 6 km to get to the main road before they get transport to reach the sub-district hospital, which is 12 km away," says a local resident Qasim Boker.

**WE VISITED SEVERAL ADMINISTRATIVE** offices and apprised higher officials about our grievances, but all our pleas have fallen on deaf ears as no one is taking our plight seriously. We are only being given hollow assurances."

This dilapidated road heading towards the village is an evidence of poor connectivity in the area, which has adversely impacted access to health facilities for the residents.

Narrating an ill-fated incident, Boker said "In 2010, Mirza Akhter, a 30-year-old mother of two daughters, died on the way to the hospital. Before that, she had led a normal life. It was a hot summer day and she began experiencing chest pain. Her family members tried to get her to the nearby hospital on a cot carried by the locals. Unfortunately, she died before even reaching the road. Had there been proper health facilities here, she might have survived."

"In 2018, Bibi Boker (27), who was suffering from kidney failure, died on the way to the hospital. In 2021, Abdul Aziz Lone (60) and Mohammad Abdullah

Bimla (70) both died on the way to the hospital due to high blood pressure," added Boker.

"We are only being given hollow assurances"

Since Poru Kalnag village is located on hilly terrain, it also witnesses the frequent movement of wild animals. Locals find it very dangerous while treading the hilly routes in the dark, in case of medical emergencies.

"In 2019, local resident Ghulam Nabi Lone lost two children in a single incident. His sons, Arif Ahmad (22) and Sameer Ahmad Lone (19), died after they slipped into a deep gorge near the village. Their neighbours tried **More on P6**

## MeT Predicts More Rain In Next 24 Hrs

### Agencies

**Srinagar:** The weather department on Saturday forecast more light rain and thunder over Jammu and Kashmir in next 24 hours even as minimum temperatures recorded a drop in the Valley with mercury settling below 3°C than normal in Gulmarg. "There is possibility of isolated to scattered light rain and thunder for next 48 hours in J&K," a meteorological department official said.

Regarding rainfall in the last 24 hours till 0830 a.m, the official said Bhaderwah received 37.4mm followed by 12.7mm in Gulmarg, Qazigund 12.6mm, Pahalgam 10.3mm while other places less than 10mm of rain.

The minimum temperatures also recorded a drop at most places in Kashmir Valley and Jammu division.

Srinagar, the MeT official said, recorded a low of 19.1°C against 20.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.2°C above normal during this time of the year for the summer capital, the official said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 17.8°C against 18.7°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.6°C above normal there, he said.

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 14.4°C against 15.6°C on the previous night and it was 0.8°C above normal for the south Kashmir resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of 16.8°C against 17.3°C last night and it was 0.1°C above normal for the place, he said.

World famous Gulmarg resort, the MeT official said, recorded a low of 9.5°C against 11.8°C and it was 3.0°C 'below' normal for the north Kashmir place.

Kupwara town saw a low of 17.6°C against 17.2°C on previous night and it was 0.2°C above normal for the place during this time of the season, the official said.

Jammu recorded **More on P6**

## Two Week Old Militant Killed In Baramulla

### Two Soldiers, Cop Also Injured In Exchange Of Gunfire

### Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** A two-week old militant on Saturday was killed while two soldiers and a policeman injured in an encounter in Kreeri area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

In the early hours of Saturday, a joint team of police, army's 29RR and SSB 2nd Battalion laid a siege around Wanigam Bala village of Kreeri and launched a cordon and search operation, a police spokesperson said. The search operation, he said, was launched on the specific information about the presence of a militant in the village.

During the search operation, the spokesperson said, as the joint team approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding militant fired indiscriminately upon them.

"The fire was retaliated effectively leading to an encounter. In the initial exchange of fire, 2 Army jawans and a police personnel received injuries and were shifted to hospital for treatment where their condition is stable," he said.

In the ensuing encounter, the spokesperson said the lone militant was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of encounter.

The police identified him as Akhtar Hussain Bhat **More on P6**



A girl waves a flag inscribed with 'Ya Hussain' as others look at the men raising a huge black flag along the foreshore road on the beginning of Muharram, the new Islamic year, also observed as the month of mourning by Shia community members. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Despite Covid Surge, Hospitalization Minimal In Kashmir

### Less Than 2% Of Total Active Cases Have Been Hospitalized: Officials

### Zaid Bin Shabir

Srinagar: Despite the rapid surge in daily Coronavirus cases, the rate of hospitalization due to the sub variant of Omicron continues to be very low in Kashmir Valley with substantially fewer cases requiring ventilator support, oxygen support and ICU admission, officials said Saturday.

A top official of Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHKS) told Kashmir Observer that less than 2 percent of total active cases in Kashmir have been hospitalized, that too, with non-lethal complications.

"The hospitalization rate in Kashmir is substantially lower than what we've seen in the first two waves. DRDO's



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Covid hospital in Khonmoh hasn't received any patients. Similarly, the leading hospitals in Kashmir have received very few cases and some haven't received any cases at all," said the official, wishing anonymity.

While underlining the need of vaccines, the **More on P6**

### J&K Adds 700 More Cases, Two Covid Deaths

The daily Coronavirus cases continue to show an upwards trend in Jammu and Kashmir, as 703 more people tested positive for virus, while two more people succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, Kashmir Valley reported 494 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus while 209 others were detected from various districts of Jammu division thus taking the number of people infected since the onset of pandemic in J&K to 464062. **More on P6**

## Amid Protests, 5 KP Employees Shifted To Jammu

### Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** The Jammu and Kashmir administration has transferred five Kashmiri Pandit employees from Kashmir to Jammu, a step welcomed by the community members who have been on a strike for over two months in support of the demand for their relocation over safety concerns.

The Landscape division of the Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) last week ordered the transfer of five in-charge assistant engineers, all Kashmiri migrant employees, from Kashmir Valley to Jammu.

It was not clear immediately whether these were stand-alone transfers or the administration was planning

to relocate these employees.

In three separate orders issued by the executive engineer of the Landscape division Kashmir on July 19 and 22, the engineers -- Neetu Koul, Sunaina Raina, Sidharth Bhat, Sawan Koul and Sami Pandita -- were directed to report to the assistant executive engineer (R&B) landscape subdivision 3rd in Jammu.

Nearly 4,000 Kashmiri Pandits are working in different departments in the valley after their selection under the prime minister's employment package. They have been on an indefinite strike in support of their demand for their relocation outside the valley since the killing of their colleague Rahul Bhat. **More on P6**



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### Two Hybrid Militants Held In Sopore: Police

Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested two hybrid militants of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) from North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Around 5:30 pm Saturday, a joint team of police, army's 32 RR and CRPF 92 battalion established checkpoint at Hadipora Rafiabad, a police spokesperson said Saturday. During naka checking, he said, two suspects coming from Loriham link road towards Hadipora tried to escape **More on P6**

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## S H O R T T A K E S

### House Collapse Kills Two In Reasi

Two persons were killed and four others injured after a mud house collapsed due to heavy rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Saturday, officials said. The incident took place in the high-altitude Khanikot Doka area where the victims had gone to graze cattle, they said. Six people were living in the mud house. Due to heavy rains, it collapsed, resulting in the death of a man and a woman **More on P6**

### Kargil War: Point 5140 Named As Gun Hill'

To commemorate the victory of Indian armed forces and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the gunners in 'Operation Vijay', Point 5140 at Drass in Kargil has been christened as Gun Hill', a defence spokesman said on Saturday. The Regiment of Artillery, with lethal and accurate firepower, was able to have a telling effect on the enemy troops and their defences, including Point 5140, which was the key factor in the **More on P6**

### CRPF Constable Held At Srinagar Airport

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) constable was detained at the Srinagar International Airport on Saturday after airport security recovered live rounds and a tear gas shell from his baggage. Constable Rana Pratap of 161Bn CRPF was detained on Saturday morning at the drop gate of Srinagar International Airport after the security personnel found two live AK rounds, 1 INSAS round and 1 teargas **More on P6**

### Woman Electrocuted To Death

A woman died due to electrocution on Saturday in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. 45-year-old Haleema Begum, wife of Mohammad Rafiq Bomla, received an electricity shock after she accidentally came in contact with a live wire at her home in Bonali village of Boniyan on Saturday morning, reports said. Due to the impact of the shock, reports said, the woman died on the spot. Meanwhile, a case has been registered in this regard. (ONS)

### Four Gamblers Arrested In Sopore

Four gamblers were arrested by police during a raid in Sopore town Baramulla district, officials said Friday. A team of cops from police post Fruit Mandi raided an orchard in village Mazbugh of Sopore and arrested four gamblers from the spot, a police spokesperson said. He said in the raid carried out on specific information; police recovered playing cards and an amount of Rs 10050 from the gambling site. **More on P6**

### Woman Injured In Bear Attack

A woman was attacked and injured by a black bear on Saturday in Tral area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district. 42-year-old Maimuna Bano was busy in the yard of her house in Kahlil village when a bear appeared there and attacked her, reports said. Under attack, the woman raised an alarm after which her family and neighbours chased away the beast. The woman, reports said, was removed to a nearby hospital with serious injuries. **More on P6**





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# Greening The Greyfields: How To Renew Suburbs For More Liveable, Net-Zero Cities

## The Conversation

Our ageing cities are badly in need of regeneration. Many established residential areas, the greyfields, are becoming physically, technologically and environmentally obsolete. They are typically located in low-density, car-dependent middle suburbs developed in the mid to late 20th century. Compared to the outer suburbs, these middle suburbs are rich in services, amenities and jobs. But the greyfields also represent economically outdated, failing or undercapitalised real-estate assets. Their location has made them the focus of suburban backyard infill development. Unfortunately, the current approach typically cuts down all the trees and creates more car traffic as resident numbers grow. A new kind of urban regeneration is needed at the scale of precincts, rather than lot by lot, to transform the greyfields into more liveable and sustainable suburbs. It calls for a collaborative approach by federal, state and local governments.

### How do we do this?

Our free new e-book, Greening the Greyfields, sets out how to do this. It draws on ten years of research that led to a new model of urban development. This approach integrates two goals of urban research: - ending the dependence on cars caused by a disconnect between land use and transport - accelerating the supply of more sustainable, medium-density, infill housing to replace the current dysfunctional model of urban regeneration. - Greening greyfields will help our cities make the transition to net zero emissions.

### Why do we need to regenerate these areas?

We need to shrink the unsustainable urban and ecological footprints of suburban cities. Neighbourhoods need to become more



resilient, sustainable, liveable and equitable for their residents. Urban regeneration must also allow for the COVID-driven restructuring of the work residence relationship for city residents. This involves relocating urban places so they become more self-sufficient as 20-minute neighbourhoods. Their residents will have access to most of the services they need via low-emission cycling and walking, as well as public transport. Current attempts to increase residential density and limit sprawl in most Australian cities tend to focus on blanket upzoning in selected growth zones. The resulting backyard infill involves a few small homes, which is all that is allowed on each block. Density increases only marginally, so there are still too few housing options for residents who want to be close to city services and opportunities. Piecemeal infill redevelopment often degrades the quality of our suburbs. The loss of trees and increase in hard surfaces worsen urban heat island effects and flood risk. And a lack of convenient transport options for the extra residents reinforces car de-

pendence. We need more strategic models of suburban regeneration.

### Why do this at the precinct scale?

Urban regeneration is best tackled at the scale of precincts. They are the building blocks of cities: greenfield sites continue to be developed, and old brownfield industrial sites are redeveloped, at this scale. Design-led precinct-scale regeneration can maximise co-ordination of aspects of urban living neglected by piecemeal lot-by-lot redevelopment. Think local health and education services, small shops, social housing, walkable open space, public transport and even regenerated biodiversity. Model precincts like WGV, in a greyfields suburb of Fremantle, have very successfully demonstrated how regeneration can produce high-quality, medium-density housing and net-zero outcomes. However, this development was on an old school site, so there was no need to combine individual blocks into a precinct-scale site. There were also no resi-

dents that needed to be engaged though WCV became very popular because of its attractive architecture and treed green spaces.

### What are the key elements of this model?

Greyfield precinct regeneration has two sub-models: place-activated and transit-activated. A place-activated precinct may shorten travel distances for residents by providing services and amenities, but does not in itself increase public transport. For transit-activated precincts, good public transport increases land values, which makes these regenerated greyfields even more attractive.

Mid-tier transit like trackless trams is an ideal way to enable precinct developments along main road corridors. Local governments are recognising this around Australia. Greyfield regeneration can begin with a strategy of district greenlining. Redlining was an American planning tool to exclude people of colour from a neighbourhood. Greenlining is the opposite: it includes the whole community in

greening their neighbourhood. This strategic process would identify neighbourhoods in need of next-generation infrastructure. Projects of this sort require a precinct-scale vision and plan. State and municipal agencies can do this work. It would include: - physical infrastructure energy, water, waste and transport - social infrastructure health and education - green infrastructure the nature-based services we get from planting and retaining trees and enabling open space and landscaped streets. The City of Maroondah in Victoria provided an early demonstration of how this can happen. It produced a set of playbooks to show how other municipalities, developers and land owners can replicate the process.

Greening the greyfields will deliver the many benefits associated with more sustainable and liveable communities. However, these outcomes depend on more comprehensive, design-led, integrated land use and transport planning. Property owners, councils, developers and financiers will have to work together much more closely and effectively than happens with the business-as-usual approach of fragmented, small-lot infill, which is failing dismally. New laws and regulations will be needed to change this approach.

### Better Cities 2.0?

Precinct-based projects offer a model for net zero development of our cities.

Greyfield regeneration is an increasingly pervasive and pressing challenge for our cities. It calls for all levels of government to work on a strategic response. We suggest a Better Cities 2.0 program, led by the federal government, to establish greyfield precinct regeneration authorities in major cities and build partnerships with all major urban stakeholders. It would set us on the path to greening the greyfields.

## The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

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مضمون کاغذات درخواست منجانب مشر زریلد زری احمد سائل کتزرہ بمرا د عطا گی بیکوارڈ ایسرفکیٹ تحت SRO 294

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ایلف رفیق دفتر	زری تعلیم	15 سال	
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## Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir

Scholarship Name 1: HDFC Bank Parivartan's ECS Scholarship 2022-23

Description: HDFC Bank invites applications from students studying in Class 1 to postgraduation level. The scholarship supports meritorious and needy students belonging to underprivileged sections of society.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open for Indian nationals only. The students must be studying in any of the standards between Class 1 to 12, Diploma, Undergraduate or Postgraduate (including professional and non-professional courses) level. The applicants must have passed their previous qualifying examination with at least 55% marks and their annual family income must be less than or equal to INR 2.5 lakh. Preference will be given to those applicants who are facing a personal or family crisis that has occurred during the past three years, due to which they are unable to continue bearing the cost of education and are at risk of dropping out.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 75,000  
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Scholarship Name 2: Rolls-Royce Unnati Scholarships for Women Engineering Students 2022

Description: Rolls-Royce India Private Limited invites applications from girl students who are pursuing undergraduate engineering courses. The scholarship is meant to financially support meritorious girl students in completing their engineering programme.

Eligibility: Open for Indian girls who are currently pursuing 1st/2nd/3rd year of engineering courses in fields like Aerospace, Marine, Electronics, Computers, etc. at an AICTE-recognized institution. Applicants must have scored more than 60% marks in their Class 10 and 12 board exams.

Prizes & Rewards: INR 35,000  
Last Date to Apply: 01-08-2022  
Application mode: Online applications only  
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/UNS4

Scholarship Name 3: The Tata Capital Pankh Scholarship Programme

Description: Tata Capital Limited invites applications from students studying in Class 6 to 12 and undergraduate (general and professional) courses. The scholarship is meant to support meritorious students who belong to economically weaker sections of society.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open for Indian nationals only. The applicants must be studying in Class 6 to 12 and undergraduate (general and professional) courses. They must have secured at least 60% marks in the qualifying examination. The annual family income of the applicant must not exceed INR 4,00,000 from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to 80% of the tuition fees  
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Application mode: Online applications only  
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For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu Kashmir U.T., e – tenders are invited (in Single Cover System) on "item rate basis" from Registered/Approved and valid Civil class of contractors/agencies registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments and whose registrations are renewed for current financial year for the following works:

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Improvements of water supply scheme by way of laying of pipes from Paharthan Filtration via Lasipora at Paris. Under PRI 2022-23.	16.29	1000/-	32,580/-	20 Days	BEE / CEE	PRI 2022-23	1 <sup>st</sup>
Distribution of water pipes at Chinar Mohalla, Wuddar Mohalla at Putlibagh and repair of water supply pipes at Alipora. under PRI 2022-23.	6.68	500/-	13,360/-	10 Days	CEE / DEE	PRI 2022-23	1 <sup>st</sup>
Providing /Laying fitting of main line from Dedina to Pethpora Waterwani and fitting of Distribution system at Pethpora and from main road to Imambara Khan Mohalla ward No.05. under PRI 2022-23.	6.49	500/-	12,980/-	10 Days	CEE / DEE	PRI 2022-23	1 <sup>st</sup>
Construction of pipeline 4INCHdia (Providing / laying and fitting of 80 mm dia pipes) part 2nd at Qadipora from waterwani to qadipora. under PRI 2022-23.	6.47	500/-	12,940/-	10 Days	CEE / DEE	PRI 2022-23	1 <sup>st</sup>
Improvements of water supply scheme at new colony Brail to Abadpora ward 2. under PRI 2022-23.	3.50	300/-	7,000/-	8 Days	DEE	PRI 2022-23	1 <sup>st</sup>
Repairs of water supply for Atipora Pasru and Bongam Sholipora "B" under PRI 2022-23.	3.00	300/-	6,000/-	8 Days	DEE	PRI 2022-23	1 <sup>st</sup>
Improvements of pipe lines at different spots at Daharmunah Under PRI 2022-23.	2.27	200/-	4,540/-	8 Days	DEE	PRI 2022-23	1 <sup>st</sup>

Position of AAA:- Approved;

Position of funds:- Assured;

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktendersgov.in>  
From 29-07-2022 (10:00 a.m) 10-08-2022 (04:00 p.m)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: [www.jktendersgov.in](http://www.jktendersgov.in) As per schedule of dates given below

TABLE (II)		
01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	29-07-2022
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 29-07-2022 10:00 a.m. To 10-08-2022 04:00 p.m.
03	Bid Submission Start Date	29-07-2022 10:00 a.m.
04	Bid submission End Date	10-08-2022 Upto 04:00 p.m.
06	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	11-08-2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam)

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money, CDR/FDR (the Date of CDR must be after the date of issuance of this NIT) and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam) on 11-08-2022 at 11:00 a.m. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

No:- PHE/Bud/3011-45

Dated: 29-07-2022

**DIPK-7000/22**

Executive Engineer,  
PHE Division Budgam.



## KU's B.Ed Students Demand Deferment Of Exams

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The B.Ed students of 1st and 2nd Semester Batch (2020-22) registered through the Directorate of Distance Education (DDE), of the University of Kashmir are demanding their exams be re-scheduled which commences on the 10th of August 2022.

Jammu & Kashmir Students Movement (JKSM) said that the students who are going to appear in the examination in the second week of August are yet to receive the study material from the Directorate of Distance Education.

Notably, the admission process for B.Ed students of Session 2020 was completed in October last year.

"We have to appear for exams of two semesters in August and the preparation gaps between papers are 1 or 2 days which is very less, DDE has not provided any study material to us either,"

said a student.

Gazi Muzamil, President of JKSM while expressing great resentment over the proposed date sheet of B.Ed 1st & 2nd Semester said that, "DDE, Kashmir University has failed to provide study material for which students had paid their money despite a passage of over 9 months."

It should first provide the study material to its enrolled students and then issue a fresh date sheet, Gazi added.

JKSM requested the Controller Examination Kashmir University to look into the matter and issue a fresh date sheet and Director DDE to provide study materials to students as soon as possible without giving them further mental trauma.

It also requested the Vice-Chancellor Prof Neelofar Khan to intervene and keep a close watch on DDE functioning so that its students don't face any issues vis-a-vis their studies.

## Workshop On 'Preparation Of Visual Teaching Aids' Held At IASE



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Art, IASE Srinagar organized a five day workshop on the theme of 'Preparation of Visual Teaching Aids', in the Fine Arts Lab of the college.

Initiative for the event was taken by the college Principal, Prof. Dr. Seema Naz who inaugurated the programme and also delivered a welcome address.

Students from 1st Semester B.Ed and 2nd Semester IG B.Ed/M.Ed participated in the event.

Dr Seema emphasized that this is the golden opportunity for the freshers to learn preparation of teaching aids from waste and low cost

material. She highlighted the importance of the workshop and encouraged all the participants.

40 In-service and pre-service students took part in the event for all the days and worked with great interest and passion and produced 27 teaching aids on different concepts of education such as scientific, historical, mathematical and geographical.

This was the first attempt of students who got familiar with methodology and visual teaching considered an essential component of teacher training. They also got educated by making the models that this type of supplement can easily make our teaching and learning more pertinent and interesting.



Children wave a religious flag as youth hoist Muharram Banners (not in picture) on Foreshore road in Srinagar. KO Photo Abid Bhat

## Aspirants Smell Foul In Recruitment Of Registrars At GMC Srinagar

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Aspirants who filled applications for the post of Registrars/Demonstrators at Government Medical College Srinagar allege extension given by the concerned authorities to fill the application is to buy time.

The aspirants also allege that the "dilly delaying tactics" are aimed at making the ineligible candidates eligible.

Pertinently, the Government Medical College Srinagar on 19th May, 2022. Vide Advertisement no.192 of 2022 had invited applications for the posts of Registrar/Demonstrator on tenure basis in various disciplines.

"Candidates interested in applying for Medical College,

Srinagar Registrar/Demonstrators posts at Government should download the respective application form Government Medical College, from the GMC website between 23-05-2022 to 30-06-2022" The notice stated, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer.

Later, on 28th July, 2022 The Government Medical College issued an "Extension Notice" citing poor response from the aspirants.

"Due to poor response to this office Advertisement Notice No. 192 of 2022 Dated. 19-05-2022 the date for submission of application invited for Registrar/Demonstrator posts in the various disciplines of Government Medical College and Super Specialty Hospital, Srinagar is hereby extended Up to 31st August 2022"

the notice states, a copy of which also lies with Kashmir Observer.

Responding to the allegations, The Principal Government Medical College, Srinagar Dr Samia Rashid rubbished the allegations as baseless.

"The only reason the extension notice has been issued is that there has been a poor response to the posts advertised" Dr Samia said speaking to Kashmir Observer.

"The eligibility for the post of Registrar is to have post-graduation degree, exams of our post-graduation students are starting from yesterday and we are not waiting for them" she added.

"The participation of more eligible candidates makes the recruitment better"

## Three Thieves Arrested In City, Stolen Property Recovered

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police on Saturday said they have arrested 3 thieves including a lady and recovered stolen property worth 6.5lakhs & cash amount of Rs1, 10,500 from their possession.

On Wednesday, Police Station Shergarhi received complaint from Kartik Sardar son of Sitaram Sardar resident of Hogli Kolkata West Bengal working as a goldsmith at Sarai Payeen Srinagar stating therein that during the intervening night of

26/27 July 2022 some unknown burglars have barged into his jewelry workshop and stole gold Jewelry items.

In this regard, a case vide FIR No. 60/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Shergarhi and investigation was set into motion.

During the course of investigation, the investigation team after examining technical evidence and CCTV footage near the place of occurrence were able to identify one accused person namely Tahir Ah-

mad Mir son of Sonaullah Mir resident of Harden Silver Khurhama Lolab Kupwara. Subsequently, after strenuous efforts he was arrested within two days and on his confession two more accused persons involved in commission of crime were also arrested. They have been identified as Jabeena W/O Tahir Ahmad Mir resident of resident of Harden Silver Khurhama Lolab Kupwara and Irshad Hussain Yattoo son of Muhammad Akbar Yattoo resident of Sultanpora Pattan Baramullah.

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Sgr-Jammu highway - ( Open )  
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FAJR	4:04
ZUHR	12:37
ASR	5:32
Magrib	7:36
ISHA	9:09

## This Day In History

- 30 BC - Battle of Alexandria: Mark Antony achieves minor victory over Octavian, but most of his army subsequently deserts, leading to Octavian's invasion of Egypt
- 432 - St Sixtus III begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 781 - The oldest recorded eruption of Mt. Fuji (Traditional Japanese date: July 6, 781)
- 1291 - Egyptian Mamelukken occupies Akko, crusaders driven out of Palestine
- 1423 - Hundred Years' War: Battle of Cravant - the French army is defeated by the English on the banks of the river Yonne in Burgundy
- 1498 - Christopher Columbus discovers the island of Trinidad on his third voyage
- 1655 - Russo-Polish War (1654-1667): the Russian army enters the capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, Vilnius, which it holds for six years
- 1658 - Aurangzeb appoints himself Mughal emperor
- 1667 - Peace of Breda: 2nd English war-Suriname vs New-Netherlands ends
- 1777 - Marquis de Lafayette, 19, made major-general of Continental Army
- 1790 - 1st US patent granted, to Samuel Hopkins for a potash process
- 1813 - British invade Plattsburgh, NY
- 1877 - Second Russian assault on Plevna, Turkey fails, during Russo-Turkish War, 7,300 Russian casualties
- 1901 - Abraham Kuyper becomes premier of Netherlands
- 1914 - German Emperor Wilhelm II threatens war, orders Russia to demobilize
- 1917 - World War I: Battle of Passchendaele (Third Battle of Ypres) begins, goes on to cause approximately 500,000 casualties
- 1925 - Last allied occupying troops leave Ruhrgebiet
- 1929 - Aristide Briand becomes premier of France for the 6th time
- 1936 - IOC awards Tokyo, Japan 1940 Summer Olympic Games (later cancelled, Second Sino-Japanese War)

*From KO Archives*

## Kashmiris Take To Soccer For Relief

Observer News Service

**S** RINAGAR- As peace slowly takes root in Kashmir, people are taking to soccer to forget the sound of gunshots and grenade blasts.

Football used to be played in the picturesque valley until the advent of militancy. Now, with the threat of this menace dwindling, hundreds of fans recently turned up at a polo ground to see a game of soccer.

The Jammu and Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) is taking the lead in organising matches so that traumatised people can forget their miseries.

I think that people are getting a better opportunity and finding and finding relief by watching these matches after two-three years," claimed Zameer Thakur, the president of the association

Residents welcomed the resurgence of soccer in the valley.

Sayed Ahmad, a resident, said that for the past two years these matches were being organised and there was enjoyment around.

Over 300 budding players between 8-15 age groups participated in a JKFA championship in May, organised with Brazil's Troia's International Sports Academy

(Kashmir Observer, 31 July, 2007)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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No: JKHPMC/e-NIT No.98 of 2022  
Dt: 28-07-2022

Subject: Date Extension Corrigendum-1 w.r.t Notice 98 of 2022, dated 29-06-2022.

Keeping in view several requests received from the prospective 'Bidders' in respect of the "e-Tender" for "Request for Proposal for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Equipment Including construction work for new 5000 MT Controlled Atmosphere (CA- Store) under Greenfield at Behrampora, Baramulla, J&K", Last Date of Online Bid Submission is hereby extended by a spell often (10) days period and as such the Last Date of Online Bid Submission would be up to 08-08-2022. Subsequently the Bid Opening Date would be 10-08-2022.

Moreover, the Pre-Bid Meeting Note(s) has been published on the web portal and reply to all the queries received shall be done in due course of time.

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Twitter Talks



“Didn't Putin predict all this? Now that climate change is mothballed, Biden would have a trillion in hand. Why can't part of it, say 50-50, be given to Germany, Italy, Ukraine as a grant to tide over the existential crisis? They were steadfast allies - at least, present-day rulers!”

@BhadraPunchline

“IMF's just-released World Economic Outlook estimates from 2021 to 2023 India's growth rate each year will be less than the previous. This resembles what happened after 2016 & did deep damage to the economy. It's important to take corrective action, not live in data denial”

@kaushikcbasu

ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Hostel Girls

The report about 40 odd minor girls lodged in the Gujar and Bakarwal hostel in Srinagar being subjected to sexploitation allegedly by the male staff deployed there could not have come at a more inopportune time. The girls in 12-13 year age group and enrolled with the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Rajbagh, in 6th and 7th classes have recently been lodged in the facility being managed by Gujar and Bakarwal Advisory Board of the state government's Social Welfare Department. According to reports, the girls used to be generally melancholic at the school which prompted the staff to delve a bit deeper into it. Eventually, they broke down to narrate their woeful tales of harassment and exploitation allegedly by the male staff. They were told to slip into their beds in undergarments and to keep the doors of their rooms open from inside. The staff allegedly molested them asking them not to disclose anything about it to anybody lest they would face dire consequences. Shocked at the revelations, the school authorities informed the deputy commissioner who lost no time to visit the institution to ascertain the first hand information about the murky goings-on in the hostel. He is reported to have assured early action in the matter. Because the government is yet to clear its position about the report, one really does not know what action has been taken these past days to ensure the safety of the highly vulnerable girls in the hostel. Given the lethargic responses of the functionaries in several of its outfits, even as the chief minister is at pains to lend some promptitude as part of introducing new work culture, the extremely sensitive matter might have lapsed into the easy-going bureaucratic procedures without any steps being taken at ground zero to save the girls.

Come as it does at a time when the troubled region is aghest at a disgraceful sexploitation scandal involving a galaxy of high-profile people, including sitting and former ministers, members of legislature, top bureaucrats, police and security forces officials and business-men, the Gujar and Bakarwal hostel happenings assume a monstrous import, particularly because the facility is managed by a government outfit, the Gujar & Bakarwal Advisory Board, whose head, Haji Buland Khan, would have us believe an enquiry was being held into the allegations. We are told the government does not have female wardens and other staff to man the facility where young girls have been lodged for their care and education. Because of this unconvincing reason, the Board has posted a male warden aided by male assistants at the hostel. Nothing could be more atrocious than having young male staff to look after scores of poor, albeit gullible, girls segregated from their families and parents, perhaps on the specious plea of bringing them out of their traditional backwardness. One could ask Khan, who happens to be one of the self-proclaimed representative of the poor folks, why couldn't the Board find suitably qualified female staff for the hostel when the number of unemployed job seekers among women must be running in tens of thousands? In a socially and morally fragile system where even ministers and legislators are accused of having traded in young girls who could have been as good as their own daughters, and where various administration and police officials can turn into pimps, the posting of male staff to take care of female inmates of a government institution could be disastrous for all of them. In such a scenario, the possibility of the wardens degenerating into a similar role cannot be ruled out altogether. While in case of the sex scandal, the kingpin, Sabina, after all is a private individual who allegedly turned her home into a brothel, in the case of the hostel, it happens to be a government outfit which may have set the stage for undesirable purposes.

Unfortunately, the state government fails to draw its lessons from the bitter experiences it has aplenty. Instead of putting forth the silly excuse of female staff not being available to man the hostel, it could have shelved the idea, at least until suitable female staff could be deployed. Or else, some Anganwari workers available with Social Welfare Department in thousands, who are believed to be drawing their wages or salaries allegedly without doing any work, could have been posted, even as a temporary measure, at the hostel to take care of the girls. It is time the government, particularly the Board, came clean on the issue and also initiated urgent steps to ensure the safety of the hostel inmates. Taking cognizance of the girls' allegations, the Board should immediately dismissing those accused of molestation after which they should also be arrested and handed an exemplary punishment, indeed, to send the right signal across all the government institutions where males and females work under the same roof. It goes without saying that the mere statement of the girls before the school authorities is sufficient to proceed against the wardens. As per Apex Court orders, no further evidence is required to substantiate the charge.

The article is an editorial from KO's archives and was originally published on July 7, 2007

Amir Suhail Wani

Can we make marriages a little simpler? Can we wake up collectively to call of conscience and relinquish those habits which add to the complications of marriage and turn it into impossibility for those who can't afford to keep up with the “Evolving Models of Serving Guests' '?

The marriage ceremony has just finished and now dogs are rolling on the leftover meals disposed of at the street corner. The river stands strangled as it fails to carry down the massive plastic mess packed in huge polythene bags – another class of leftover garbage from the ceremony. The father/mother who just finished licking their fingers are now contemplating as to how they can arrange for such a feast over their daughter's marriage. These are but a few of the aftershocks of marriage in Kashmir – an occasion of sanctity that has now expanded into full scale ostentatious machinery with nuts and bolts getting added to it each day. Over the years, we have heard religious clerics, social activists, civil society and other sections of society forewarning us of our extravaganza, spendthrift and excesses committed on the events of marriage. Is there anybody listening to the call? People are indeed listening, but not to these sermons which call for cutting down the expenses on marriage, but to those who call for innovations, additions and making marriages more complex. An entire industry has emerged, catering to our tastes for extravaganza, show off and the insane competition of surpassing one another in spendthrift and ostentatious showbiz. Marriage was supposed to be an occasion of joy, not only for the couple but all the members of family and extended family. But this occasion of joy is preceded by insurmountable odds where the family is compelled to arrange for lavish feast, humongous gathering and niceties of hundred thousand breeds which bring more depression and less joy. There are numerous other issues revolving in the orbit of marriage from the issue of dowry to adding on of complexities each year. Here we shall confine ourselves to the immediate but oft ignored issue of resource wastage on marriages and the implications thereof on the individual and the society.

Given the global hunger index and the grotesque images emerging from African and Sub-Saharan countries, where children are dying of hunger for the want of food are both shaking and awakening in their nature. One is shaken to the core to see people crying and dying for a loaf of bread and even a cursory look at the abundance we are blessed with awakens us to thanksgiving and satiety. One is simultaneously awakened to the importance of food, the consequences of its shortage and the need of consuming food judiciously



without wasting an iota of it. Is this awakening reflected in our lives and do we caution ourselves against the evil of wastage? The blatant answer is a resounding NO, we are least sensitive to this menace of wasting food and wasting it like anything. It is said that figures speak loud and clear? “India wastes 68,760,163 tons of food every year which means 50 kgs of food is wasted per person every year in India (50kg/ capita). China also wastes a large quantity of food i.e 91,646,213 which is around 64 kgs / capita. However, as the population of China is much higher this is still less when we compare this with developed countries like Australia, France and Germany where per capita food waste is 102, 85 and 75 kgs respectively. The US and Japan waste 59 and 64 kgs/ capita food every year as well”. Few years ago, a report claimed that the food wasted in France was enough to feed ten million people – as bright a perspective as it is dizzying. Back home, how do our consciences afford to throw away the leftover rice, salad, water bottles and other eateries in huge quantities at a time when we are well aware of hunger and its global consequences? Can we do ourselves, our environment and our conscience a simple favour by having as much on the plate as much we can consume, with the prophetic saying “Food for two is enough for three and food for three is enough for four” never missing from mind.

But the issue of resource mismanagement in our marriages doesn't stop at the wastage of rice and other eatables, but extends to the oddity of lavish decorations, myriad customs and litany of protocols to be observed in the spirit of religious fervour. Nobody denies the fact that this process of turn-

ing our marriages into occasions of blindfold spendthrift hasn't complicated the very solemnization of marriage and there are people who have crossed the age of marriage just because their meagre resources disqualified them of the privilege. The number of unmarried girls and boys is on the steep rise and one, if not the only reason, being the expenses incurred on the occasion of marriage. This social insensitivity, the assent granted to excesses and extravaganzas at the cost of simplicity and modesty has set such an ill precedent that nobody has the courage to break the cycle - those who do are covertly seen as agents of regression, social backwardness and social outcasts.

Can we make marriages a little simpler? Can we wake up collectively to call of conscience and relinquish those habits which add to the complications of marriage and turn it into impossibility for those who can't afford to keep up with the “Evolving Models of Serving Guests' ”? Does it behove the conscientious citizens of a society with problems surrounding it like a ring of fire to indulge in a fool's play of multiplying social ills? We are not denying and nobody can deny people their right to celebrate, to live a prosperous and dignified life, to invest in their joys, but what if all this comes at the cost of promoting social evils and making the lives of those who are economically less privileged more difficult?

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

The author is a Srinagar based columnist

The Varieties of  
Climate-Driven  
Medical Risk

Aditi Hazara

the ten-year survival rate of breast cancer patients whose treatment was directly interrupted by Hurricane Katrina was markedly worse than that of a control group.

Likewise, indirect exposures to chemicals, water- and airborne pathogens, and particulate air pollution from natural disasters are known to increase the risk of cancer. During Hurricane Harvey, for example, chemical plants and oil refineries were flooded, releasing cancer-causing substances into the surrounding environment. And researchers warn that currently inert chemicals like the insecticide lindane may become carcinogenic as the planet warms.

Wildfires pose similar threats, not only by destroying homes and health-care facilities but also by churning out harmful ambient particulate matter that increases the risk of death from lung, breast, and liver cancers. Heart attacks, strokes, and respiratory conditions such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease often follow in the wake of the flames. New research, conducted over the course of 20 years, shows that people living within 50 kilometers (31 miles) of wildfires in Canada had a 10% higher risk of incident brain tumors and a 4.9% increased risk of incident lung cancer compared to people living farther away.

While relief efforts necessarily

focus on the immediate aftermath of disasters, these direct and indirect health effects tend to persist. Without greater efforts to maintain continuity of care, the annual wildfire season may come to be known as cancer season.

We urgently need more equitable approaches to address the heightened risks of cancer and chronic disease following climate emergencies. Mobile alerts and checklists for chronic-disease care can help save lives during emergencies and evacuations. In addition to ensuring safe shelter, disaster-preparedness protocols should also include measures to provide common prescription medicines, telehealth, virtual mental-health services, virtual crisis training for health-care providers, and resource-stratified treatment guidelines.

Among the many tragedies of the climate crisis is that those who contributed the least to the problem stand to bear the brunt of the costs. To address this inequity, the Union for International Cancer Control (and its partners) has launched the Access to Oncology Medicines Coalition to improve access to cancer medicines in low- and lower-middle-income countries.

A related issue is the health sector's carbon footprint. Here, surgical care is notable for its contributions to greenhouse-gas emissions. Administering the anesthetic sevo-

flurane for one hour is tantamount to driving an internal combustion vehicle 20 miles, and an hour's worth of desflurane is approximate to driving 400 miles. As a result, the Michigan Medicine Department of Anesthesiology has introduced a Green Anesthesia Initiative to explore ways to reduce the field's emissions, such as by promoting greater use of sevoflurane instead of desflurane. Recently, health-care leaders have pledged to cut greenhouse-gas emissions.

Finally, though we know that people displaced by climate change are subject to a range of health risks, more research and education is needed to improve our understanding of this broad, complex issue. For example, there is more to learn about how scorching heat waves, water scarcity, food insecurity, comorbidities, and the dehydrating effects of cancer treatment might amplify disparities associated with poor cancer outcomes for people displaced by climate emergencies.

Addressing the burgeoning climate-driven health crisis is a moral imperative for the World Health Organization, governments, health-care professionals, and health advocacy groups. Our ability to lead healthy lives depends on having a healthy planet. As the climate changes, so must our health policies and protocols.

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# Idea of Karbala

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KARBALA is a combination of two words meaning a place of trial and tribulations. It conveys profound depths of emotional and spiritual associations. It has a seminal place in Muslim history and consciousness. In many ways it is also cathartic. The Prince of Martyrs, the grandson of Holy Prophet (PBUH), standing against falsehood and tyranny was martyred here in the year 1680 AD Ashoora – tenth of Muharram, the most solemn and somber date of Muslim calendar.

"Imam Hussain's sufferings is recalled by Shia and non-Shia alike in Muslim fight for self worth. His actions and attitudes, his serenity under siege are inspirational for Muslims," writes Ed Hussain in House of Islam. Karbala is remembered and recollected in detail as a pall of melancholy descends, pathos and sobriety permeates the ambience. Martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) gave rise to a new history. It elevated the great Imam to a living presence. Karbala continues to ignite imagination. Martyrdom forms the central part of Karbala. Karbala spotlights the injustices of the past and inherent injustices of this world. Imam Hussain (AS) and his gallant and gentlemanly companions made Karbala a high point in the defiance and resistance to the injustice and tyranny. The companions choose a certain and imminent martyrdom.

"We will fight with you until we reach our destiny," Imam Hussain(AS) recited a verse of the Holy Quran known to all Muslims. "To God we belong and to God is our return". Karbala is a passionate yearning of Islamic Ideal. It is spiritual and strenuous longing of seemingly elusive values of purity, piety, equity and liberality. Martyrdom of Imam Hussain has sowed the seeds of a "complete revolution in the consciousness of Muslim community," says Reza Aslan.

"The march of Muslims to Karbala is endless; it is remembered in epic dirges. And for Shias and Sunnis alike Karbala was not some 1340 years ago "it feels as if massacre happened in our life times that we failed to come to Imam Hussain's (AS) aide. This guilt tugs at Muslim conscience" writes Ed Hussain in House of Islam. So lamentations are atonement for sin. 'Aza' or mourning achieved its full expression and form at Karbala. The refusal to give up piety and purity for politics and power led to Hussain's martyrdom. An effort at conciliation and amity by him was rewarded with poisoning. The goodness, as a result, was in a rapid retreat. The debilitation of Islamic Ideal was near complete. Forward thrust of material historical forces was daunting and overwhelming, but moral



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world acutely needed an arrival of a paragon of ethical defiance. It was not crude attempt at power as Tarique Ali claims. The Marxist historian tries to demean moral resistance. He fails to perceive spiritual impulse of individuals and expeditions. The erudite Scholar, Karen Armstrong is more apt in 'The Battle

for God'. '.... believing the poignant spectacle of Prophet's family marching in the opposite direction to tyranny would bring Ummah back to more authentic practice of Islam'.

Imam Hussain's journey was the ultimate act of courage, the noblest self sacrifice, made in the state of higher consciousness and with

full knowledge of its import. Karbala is a classic struggle of good and evil. Martyrdom is primal and Abel is ante-diluvian precedent. Martyrs are altruistic and represent virtues. Expedience subordinates ethics, martyrdom revives it after every Karbala. Karbala is 'tajdid'- renewal. It prevented stultifying of Is-

lamic Ideal. Martyrdom is spiritual. Mendacious and a materialist cannot experience it. Martyrdom is about austerity and arduousness, an epicurean cannot perceive it. Martyrdom is the realization of the piety of the protest. A martyr embodies idealism, he is unmindful of consequences. The lines of T.S. Elliot scribbled for the different context are relevant here:

And do not think of fruit of action  
Fare forward  
Not farewell,  
But fare forward voyagers.

The martyrdom at Karbala sent shock waves throughout the world. Elegies are still written. Martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) is eternal, it transcends sects, schisms and spans. "In the distant age and climate," says historian Edward Gibbon "tragic scenes of the death of Hussain (AS) will awaken the sympathy of the coldest readers". The martyrdom of Karbala left behind a complex legacy, both pacific and subversive. Lesley Hazleton, a respected scholar of Islam has a lesson from 'Karbala Paradigm'. It is particularly pertinent for the west. She counsels 'the Karbala story has endured and strengthened not least because it reaches deep into the questions of morality of idealism versus pragmatism, purity versus compromise. Its DNA is the very stuff that tests both politics and faith and animates the vast and often terrifying arena in which the two intersect. But whether sacredness inheres in the Prophet's blood family as the Shia believe or in the community as a whole, as Sunnis believe nobody in the west should forget that what unites the two main branches of Islam is far greater than what divides them, and the vast majority of all Muslims still cherish the ideal of unity preached by Muhammad (PBUH) himself – an ideal the more deeply held for being so deeply broken'.

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## The Importance of Muharram and What to Do



LAMISA KHAN

Muharram marks the start of the Islamic calendar. The Islamic year consists of 12 months and lasts for around 354 days depending on the lunar cycle. It is known as the month of remembrance, when many significant events in Islamic history took place.

"Verily, the number of months with Allah is twelve months (in a year), so was it ordained by Allah on the Day when He created the heavens and the earth; of them four are Sacred. That is the right religion, so wrong not yourselves therein" (9:36)

Whilst traditions may vary between different Islamic sects, it is common to fast on the ninth and tenth day of the month following the Sunnah of the Prophet. Observing fast on the Day of Ashura is a penitence of a year of sins.

The Prophet said: "Fasting the day of Arafah I hope Allah will expiate thereby for the year before it and the year after it, and fasting the day of Ashura I hope Allah will expiate thereby for the year that came before it." [Muslim]

"The prayer of the fasting person will not be refused." [Al-Bayhaqi, Saheeh]

As many of us fast during Muharram, we should take this opportunity to make dua and renew our intentions for the year ahead. Muharram is a time of ends, change and new beginnings. We often are afraid of change and uncertainty but it is important to remember that Allah (SWT) is the best of planners and we should embrace the future with faith in him.

Change itself can be difficult for us to face but it is a reminder that attachment itself can be a challenge for the heart, from matters related to relationships, to money to materials things or even plans we may have for our lives. We should learn to trust in Allah's plans.

What you can do?

1. Fasting expiates sins.
2. Charity: Giving sadaqa especially in the form of spending on the family.
3. History: Many talks and lectures around Muharram will focus on the history of Ashura, it also helps to provide context which in turn can bring you closer to Allah.
4. Acceptance: With change, acceptance is a large part of the journey. Spend time reflecting after Salah on changes that are taking place in your life or looking at concepts like Qadr and Tawaakul which help to understand that our life is in Allah's hands.
5. Reading the Quran: If you are unable to fast, reading a transliteration of the Quran or doing Dhikr in solitude or with a group can really help you to feel the months blessings, remember any gathering for the sake of Allah will also be filled with barakah and the Angels will join you.

Abu Hurairah and Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: The Messenger of Allah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said:

"When a group of people assemble for the remembrance of Allah, the angels surround them (with their wings), (Allah's) mercy envelops them, Sakinah, or tranquillity descends upon them and Allah makes a mention of them before those who are near Him." [Muslim].

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## ODAK MOMENTS



A beekeeper wearing Bee veil as he poses for photo at a honeybee farm in the outskirts of Srinagar. There are hotspots known to be favourites for honeybee tourism in Kashmir valley. Highest spatial honey production found in Pulwama followed by Anantnag, Baramulla, Srinagar, and Kupwara. Around 70,000 honey bee colonies have come up in different regions of Kashmir valley.

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## Over 5 Crore ITRs Filed So Far As Deadline Ends Sunday



### Agenceis

New Delhi: More than 5 crore income tax returns have been filed till late Saturday evening, the department said, a day before the ITR filing time for the financial year 2021-22 ends.

The department issued a public message through its official Twitter handle asking taxpayers, largely individuals and salaried class, to file their returns within the due date of July 31.

"#FileNow to avoid late fee," it said.

The department said over 5 crore ITRs for the assessment year 2022-23 were filed up to 8.36 pm on Saturday.

The CBDT also issued an order stating that Aykar Seva Kendras (ASKs) or Income Tax help centres across the country will remain open on Sunday and additional receipt counters will be opened, wherever required, to "facilitate filing of tax returns by the taxpayers."

Officials said the finance ministry and the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), that frames policy for the tax department, are continuously monitoring the ITR filing exercise.

A "war room" of technical experts working on the portal and the social media team of the CBDT that is gathering individual and public responses to the filing are working together 24x7, a senior officer told PTI.

The officer said issues related to the e-filing portal are being addressed promptly and a response to each and every query raised by the taxpayers

is being provided.

Asked about the demands being made over the social media and through representations sent to the CBDT to extend the ITR filing deadline of July 31, officials said they are looking at ensuring that "filings are done smoothly till the deadline and nothing more is on their mind right now."

The department's Twitter handle responded to some messages that said the e-filing website was not working by stating:

"As informed by our team, the e-filing portal is working fine. May we request you to retry after clearing the browser cache. If you still face any issues, pl share your details (with PAN & mobile no.) at mailto:HYPERLINK "mailto:orm@cpc.incometax.gov.in"orm@cpc.incometax.gov.in"HYPERLINK "mailto:orm@cpc.incometax.gov.in"orm@cpc.incometax.gov.in. Our team will connect with you."

According to data updated till July 28, around 4.05 crore ITRs were filed and among this the number of returns verified/validated by taxpayers stood at 3.09 crore.

The number of returns that were processable among these were 2.80 crore and out of this 2.41 crore or 86 per cent were processed, the data said.

The e-filing of ITRs by various categories of taxpayers is done at the web portal -- "http://incometax.gov.in".

About 5.89 crore ITRs were filed during the last time or the 2020-21 fiscal by the extended due date of December 31, 2021.

## Iraqi Protesters Storm Parliament In Baghdad, Set Up Sit-In

### Agenceis

**Baghdad:** Thousands of followers of an influential Shiite cleric stormed into Iraq's parliament on Saturday, for the second time this week, protesting government formation efforts lead by his rivals, an alliance of Iran-backed groups.

The alliance showed signs of internal division, with some calling for counter-protests a development that would raise the spectre of civil strife while others later urged for dialogue.

Iraqi security forces initially used tear gas and sound bombs to try to repel the demonstrators, followers of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Once inside, the protesters declared an open-ended sit-in and claimed they would not disperse until their demands are answered. As the numbers of protesters swelled, the police backed off.

An expected parliament session did not take place and no lawmakers were in the hall.

By late afternoon, the Ministry of Health said about 125 people were injured in the violence 100 protesters and 25 members of the security forces.

Parliament Speaker Mohammed Halbousi suspended future sessions until further notice.

Earlier in the day and heeding al-Sadr's calls, the demonstrators used ropes and chains to pull down cement barricades leading to the gate of Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, which houses government buildings and embassies.

The development showed al-Sadr was using his large grassroots following as a pressure tactic against his rivals, after his party was not able to form a government despite having won the largest number of seats in the federal elections held last October.

With neither side appearing willing to concede, and al-Sadr intent on derailing government formation efforts lead by his rivals, Iraq's limbo and political paralysis has ushered in a new

era of instability in the beleaguered country.

Al-Sadr has used his followers as leverage against rivals and ordered them to occupy the parliament in the past as in 2016, during the administration of Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi.

Now, 10 months since the last elections, the political vacuum is shaping up to be the longest since the U.S.-led 2003 invasion to oust Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein had reset the country's political order.

Al-Sadr's rivals in the Coordination Framework an alliance of Shiite parties backed by Iran and lead by former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki showed signs of internal divisions later on Saturday.

At first, the alliance called for peaceful counter-protests to defend the state, raising fears of possible street clashes and inter-ethnic violence.

Civil peace is a red line and all Iraqis must be prepared to defend it in all possible, peaceful, means, the alliance said.

Later, Hadi al-Amiri, an alliance leader, issued a statement inviting our "dear brother" al-Sadr to a serious dialogue to find a way out of the impasse. Al-Maliki also issued a statement, saying the day's tumultuous events had prompted him to call for dialogue with al-Sadr.

Al-Maliki is al-Sadr's chief rival and both men are powerful in their own right.

The United Nations expressed its concern of further instability and called on Iraqi leaders to de-escalate. Voices of reason and wisdom are critical to prevent further violence. All actors are encouraged to de-escalate in the interest of all Iraqis," the U.N. said.

In a speech, caretaker Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi called for restraint. The political blocs must sit down and negotiate and reach an understanding for the sake of Iraq and the Iraqis, he said and ordered security forces to protect demonstrators.

Shiite leader Ammar al-Hakim

who is allied with the Framework but has announced he would not participate in the next government echoed al-Kadhimi's words and called for both sides to make concessions to avoid the irreplaceable loss of the homeland.

Throughout the day, al-Sadr supporters many had come not just from Baghdad but other provinces as well in order to stage the sit-in continued to throng the parliament building, raising the Iraqi flag and portraits of al-Sadr.

They chanted against the intrusion of foreign states, a veiled reference to Iran.

It was the second time in four days that the cleric ordered his followers to take their cause inside the Green Zone.

On Wednesday, after protesters stormed the parliament in a similar fashion, they left shortly after getting inside, at al-Sadr's command. Wednesday's show of force came after al-Sadr's rivals had made a step forward in their government formation efforts by naming Mohammed al-Sudani as their nominee for the premiership.

Inside the parliament, as the day unfolded, the defenses of the security forces grew less intense and many were seen sitting and conversing with demonstrators.

Later, some protesters began moving from the parliament toward the Judicial Council building.

We came today to remove the corrupt political class and prevent them from holding a parliament session, and to prevent the Framework from forming a government, said Raad Thabet, 41.

We responded to al-Sadr's call. Al-Sadr's party exited government formation talks in June, giving his rivals in the Coordination Framework the majority they needed to move forward with the process.

Many protesters wore black to mark the days leading to Ashura, which commemorates the death of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Mohamed and one of Shiite Islam's most important figures.

## Shah Says Zero-Tolerance Policy Towards Drugs Showing Results, Stresses On Centre-State Coordination

### Agenceis

Chandigarh: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the Centre's zero-tolerance policy towards narcotics is showing results and emphasised that states work in tandem with the Centre in the fight against the scourge of drugs.

Shah, who was on a day-long visit to Chandigarh, also spoke about steps being taken by the Centre to weed out the problem of drugs while asserting that the zero-tolerance policy towards drugs was necessary to achieve the objective of a healthy society and prosperous nation.

Also, it was important from the security point of view as "the dirty money which is generated from the drug trade is used in activities against the country", the minister said after inaugurating a two-day national conference on drug trafficking and national security.

The conference is organised by the Narcotics Control Bureau. Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla and NCB chief SN Pradhan were present in the conference.

Shah also spoke about establishment of fast-track and exclusive courts for drugs-related matters.

Pointing out that the drug problem was more in Punjab, Shah assured complete support of the Narendra Modi government to the state for its fight against the menace.

He said the Centre will set up a forensic lab and a small centre of NCB in Punjab.

"Today Punjab CM is here. Everyone is saying this drug problem is more in Punjab and I feel that drug problem is more in Punjab. It is a border state and if the problem

is more then we will have to make more efforts.

"If the state government allots land, the Centre will set up a forensic lab in Amritsar and a small centre of NCB for training purpose," he said.

Laying emphasis on joint efforts for solving the drug problem, Shah said, The Government of India stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the Punjab government to fight drug menace. We know we have to pull out the youth of Punjab from the drug menace. We stand with whatever efforts it makes."

While spelling out steps to check drug abuse, Shah said there has been a 200 per cent increase in the number of cases registered. During the past seven years (2014-2021), there has been a 260 per cent increase in arrests made, he said.

Shah said 1.52 lakh kg of drugs were confiscated between 2006-2013 while 3.3 lakh kg of drugs were seized between 2014-2021.

Between 2006 and 2013, Rs 768 crore worth of drugs were seized and the figure went up to Rs 20,000 crore in the 2014-21 period, he said.

Shah said when Narendra Modi became Prime Minister in 2014, the government of India adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards drugs, while adding the fight against drugs, which was progressing swiftly and in the right direction, has started showing results.

Shah said that drugs adversely impact the younger generation, harming it like termites, and stressed that the government was committed to eliminating the scourge. "We have to weed it out completely," he said.

Coinciding with the conference, nearly 31,000 kg of drugs were destroyed by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) teams in Delhi, Chennai, Guwahati and Kolkata in the virtual presence of Shah.

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### Hospitals Too

to ferry them to the hospital on cots but unfortunately, both of them died on the way," Aijaz Ahmad (28), a village panchayat member, informed 101Reporters.

So grim is the situation here that the residents find themselves struggling for even the most basic facilities.

"We don't even have a medical store here, leave alone a proper health centre. Even for basic check-ups such as blood pressure or blood sugar, we are forced to walk for miles. It gets worse during the harsh winter. School children, senior citizens and patients are the worst sufferers of this neglect by the local authorities. The government is falsely claiming to have connected all the villages with the tehsil and district headquarters," Bokar pointed out.

"We visited several administrative offices and apprised higher officials about our grievances, but all our pleas have fallen on deaf ears as no one is taking our plight seriously. We are only being given hollow assurances," Ahmad added.

"In case of emergencies, there is every chance of fatality"

When contacted the chief medical officer (CMO) of Anantnag, Dr Mohammad Zagoo called it an "administrational issue". "I've heard about the lack of basic healthcare facilities in the village and I assure you that I will take it up with the Anantnag district administration. If they provide us feasibility there, we will establish a centre," he said.

Dr Zagoo further informs us that the Government of India has launched the National Health Rural Mission (NRHM) to address the health needs of the vulnerable sections of society. He explains that under the public health umbrella, the sub-centre serves as the first level of contact with a community of 5,000 people. For a lower population of 1,000, the first responders are Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), who provide medical aid to the needy, especially to women and children.

Maryam Bibi (45), an ASHA worker in the village, is witness to the miseries of the people. "The residents face a lot of hardship in summer as well as in winter. In the event of a snow-fall, which could be three to four feet high, approaching the main road takes hours due to the slippery conditions. I mostly deal with pregnant women in this area and have so far, helped out in at least 400 deliveries at their homes. In case of medical emergencies, there is every chance of fatality as the patients do not reach the hospital on time," Maryam informed 101Reporters.

Maryam Bibi, an ASHA worker, has facilitated over 400 deliveries in and around the village of Poru Kalnag

"In 2018, Parveena Banoo (28) a pregnant lady went into labour, and as the family was carrying her towards the hospital, she delivered

twins on the way. One of the babies died immediately due to the lack of proper medical attention during the delivery. There are many such horrendous tales of deaths, but who listens to the woes of such ill-fated people," she added.

"All medical facilities available", claims BMO. Meanwhile, Dr Gowhar Ali, block medical officer (BMO) of Kokernag, claimed: "We treat almost every patient at the sub-hospital in Kokernag, as nearly all the facilities are available. We conduct general surgeries, deliveries, lower segment caesarean section (LSCS) and, if needed, patients are kept under observation too by admitting them into our health facility."

Dr Ali also supervises the sub-district hospital at Kokernag.

Local politician and advocate Mohammad Saleem points out that the right to health is a fundamental right that has been granted by the Constitution of India to every citizen of this country. "As a political worker, I will raise the issue with the administration," he promised.

Even in these modern times, people from far-flung areas are dying due to lack of basic health care. The government claims to have done a lot in terms of developing health facilities in rural areas, but in villages like Poru Kalnag, when people fall seriously ill, they're not sure if they will even make it to the hospital," Saleem commented on the dismal state of affairs. (IANS/ 101Reporters)

### MeT Predicts

a low of 25.1°C against 25.2°C on the previous night. However, it was 0.3°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 18.8°C, Batote 18.7°C, Katra 22.8°C and Bhadarwah 19.1°C, the official said. (GNS)

### Two Week

alias Abid Bhai of Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) from Trich village in the neighbouring district of Kupwara.

Bhat, according to police, had gone missing two weeks earlier on July 16.

According to the spokesperson, incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including 01 AK-47 Rifle, 03 AK-Magazines, 07 AK-Rounds, 01 Pouch and 01 Bag have been recovered from the site of encounter.

All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation. In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated," he said.

"People are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," he added.

### Two Hybrid

through the orchards after observing the forces carrying out searches. The duo, he said,

were chased and apprehended by security forces. During searches, the spokesperson said two pistols and two pistol magazines with 11 rounds were recovered from their possession.

The police identified the duo as Tariq Ah Wani and Ishfaq Ah Wani, both residents of Rangreth, Srinagar.

The spokesperson said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused are hybrid militants of LeT and were in constant search of an opportunity to carry out strikes on security forces and civilians.

"In this FIR NO 90/2022 U/S 506/IPC 7/25 IA Act 13 ULA (P) Act registered in Police station Dangiawacha, Rafiabab Further investigation is still going on," he added.

### Despite Covid

official said that the reason behind lower hospitalization rate is the hybrid immunity developed among people due to vaccines and the earlier infections. "The weaning period of these vaccines is usually 6-9 months, which means that people have to get a booster shot to keep their immunity intact".

While the recent surge in new cases have led to a rise in the valley's active caseload and boosted fear of a possible fourth wave, doctors in Kashmir say that most of the fresh cases have mild symptoms.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Medical Superintendent SKIMS, Dr. Farooq Jan said that despite a surge in cases, the hospitalization rate is very low.

"The number of cases that require hospitalization is exceptionally low. Even though the cases are rising every day, there is no rise in hospitalization.

Considerably lower cases were kept on oxygen support," Dr. Farooq Jan said, adding that there's no need to panic.

Medical Superintendent, SMHS Hospital Dr Kanwaljeet Singh said that while there's a surge in positive cases in Kashmir, most of the patients are managed at home as the symptoms are very mild.

"There's an uptick in everyday testing at our hospital but as of now, there are a very few cases that have required hospitalization. We've kept about 17 beds for Covid patients but the new admission rate is still very low. Hypothetically speaking, if we get more than 5 cases on a daily basis, then more caution needs to be taken, otherwise the present situation is nothing to panic about," Dr. Kanwaljeet Singh told Kashmir Observer.

### J&K Adds 700

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar registered the highest 240 new cases of Covid-19 followed by Baramulla with 101, Kupwara 43, Budgam 42, Anantnag 32, Bandipora 16, Kulgam 13, Ganderbal 6 and Shopian 1. Pulwama in South Kashmir was the only

district in the Valley where no fresh case of virus was detected.

In the winter capital, they said, Jammu reported a maximum of 109 new cases of virus, Udhampur 20, Doda 19, Rajouri 16, Kishtwar 15, Ramban 11, Poonch and Kathua 6 each, Samba 5 and Reasi 2.

Also, the officials said that two more people died of Coronavirus related complications in Jammu division during the last 24 hours. So far, the pandemic has claimed lives of 4770 people in J&K— 2341 in Jammu division and 2429 in the valley.

"Moreover, 458 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 212 from Jammu division and 246 from Kashmir division," they added.

### Amid Protests

Bhat was shot dead by terrorists inside his office in Budgam district of central Kashmir on May 12.

Hundreds of the employees have already returned to Jammu and are holding regular protests at the office of relief commissioner, while their colleagues in the valley are on protest at their camps, despite repeated attempts by the government to end the impasse by assuring their relocation at safer zones within the valley.

The protesters in the past had claimed that dozens of employees who are close relatives of BJP leaders were transferred to Jammu from the valley.

The All Migrant (Displaced) Employees Association Kashmir (AMEAK), which is one of the organisations spearheading the agitation, welcomed the transfer of the five engineers.

"The KP employees on agitation accepted this (transfer) as a welcome step and extended their gratitude towards UT administration for finding a suitable way..., a spokesperson of the AMEAK said.

The organisation said their agitation will continue till the last employee gets relocated or attached/deployed to the relief commissioner's office in Jammu till security conditions become conducive for them in the valley.

"We accepted the jobs because of two fundamental reasons: One, due to adverse economic conditions of displaced community living in exile from last three decades and secondly, we wanted to contribute to the cause of nation building. Most of us joined after 2014 as we have tremendous belief in the able leadership of Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) but we feel as if we have been abandoned by our leadership, the spokesperson said.

Reiterating their demand for relocation outside the valley, the AMEAK urged for revocation of the unconstitutional bond signed by employees at the time of their joining which among other things demand that the selectee agrees to serve in Kashmir and will not at no

stage opt or seek transfer outside the valley.

The bond also warns of termination of the service if the employees migrate from Kashmir for any reason at any stage of their service or if the selectee wilfully neglects or refuses to perform his or her duty in Kashmir.

### House Collapse

and injuries to four persons, the officials said.

Many goats also died in the incident, they said. (PTI)

### Kargil War: Point

early completion of operations in the 1999 Kargil war, he said.

On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army announced the successful culmination of Operation Vijay', declaring victory after a nearly three-month-long battle with Pakistani troops on the icy heights of Kargil in Ladakh.

On behalf of the Regiment of Artillery, a wreath was laid by Lieutenant General T K Chawla, Director General of Artillery, at Kargil War Memorial, Drass, the spokesman said, adding veteran gunners who had participated in the operation were present on the occasion.

Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta, General Officer Commanding of Fire and Fury Corps, also laid a wreath on the solemn occasion, he said.

The ceremony was conducted in the presence of veterans from all artillery regiments, which got the honour title KARGIL in Operation Vijay. Serving officers of the gunner fraternity were also present during the event, he added. (PTI)

### CRPF Constable

smoking shell from his baggage during screening, reports said.

Pratap, who is currently posted in Dalgate area of the city, was later handed over to police post Humhama.

According to reports, the CRPF constable was to fly to his home city Ranchi in an Indigo flight before he was detained. (ONS)

### Four Gamblers

The police identified the accused as Abdul Majeed Bhat, Abdul Rahim Lone, Ghulam Muhammad Illahi and Abdul Qayoom Mir.

"The arrested gamblers have been shifted to Police station where they remain in custody," the spokesperson said, adding, accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 161/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Sopore and investigation set into motion." (ONS)

### Woman Injured

However, the doctors there referred her to Srinagar for advanced treatment. (ONS)



## BVIEER, SCERT Hold Geospatial Workshop To Promote Sustainability In Schools

GOI liberalizes Geospatial Data sector to empower stakeholders, private enterprises

Farooq Shah

**SRINAGAR:** A three-day workshop on "Sustainability in Schools—A geospatial Approach" organized jointly by the Pune-based Bharati Vidyapeeth deemed University, Institute of Environment Education and Research (BVIEER) and the State Leadership Academy (SLA) of J&K State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) concluded at the auditorium of the S.P Higher Secondary School Srinagar here today.

Engagement Global, a German non-profit limited organization that provides organizational support to BVIEER, is a part of the event.

The workshop is a precursor to the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGC), which will take place in Hyderabad on 10-14 October, 2022, under the theme "Towards Geo-enabling the Global Village," according to the organizers.

BVIEER also acts as a nodal agency in capacity building for geospatial technologies for the Department of Science and Technology (DST), government of India.

Vice-principal BVIEER, Prof Shamita Kumar said although more than 190 countries participate in the UNWGC, which is essentially a government initiative, the Indian government wishes to highlight projects carried out by youth, civic society, and academic institutions that are in line with the SDGs.

According to Ms Samruddhi Patwardhan, Program Officer, BVIEER, "this is a first in India initiative where spatial technology, which was being used by scientists at ISRO and other government authorities for various research activities, would be made available to students across the country to map initiatives around their school premises and communalities."

"The Government of India has decided to liberalize the Geospatial Data sector to empower all the stakeholders including the private enterprises," reads the official website of UNWGC. "This has been done in order to make the sector open to all the stakeholders of the Indian Geospatial Eco-system towards making the geospatial data a key currency of the domestic economy."

Speaking at the closing cer-

emony, Dr. Ata-ul-Munim Tak, Personnel Officer, Directorate of School Education (DSEK), asserted that "sustainability, sustainable development, and spatial planning were intrinsically linked".

According to Dr. Tak, "Spatial Integration" refers to the integration of multiple planning-relevant entities such as land uses, planning institutions, and stakeholders. It "expresses the potential for and degree of contact within and between sectors and may show the readiness to cooperate."

In addition to Ms. Patwardhan, the BVIEER delegates included Dr Aravindh R. and Dr. Madhurima Dey, who emphasized that J&K should take the initiative on the issue and set an example for the rest of the country.

"We travelled to Orissa for the same purpose prior to this event and pleaded with the stakeholders to take the initiative seriously," Ms Patwardhan added.

"Students with the active assistance of our mentors should be able to map their initiatives, such as herbal gardens, fossil sites, forest areas, et al, in addition to keeping an eye on environmental degradation by establishing a trackable area using various applications supported by Google Earth."

Ms. Patwardhan informed that at least five schools from J&K would be chosen for the UNWGC event in Hyderabad where students would have finished their projects on sustainability.

The projects, she said, would be reviewed by a panel of international selectors before being showcased at the event.

"As a lot of government financing goes into these programs, we anticipate that the stakeholders, including the SCERT, would take the effort seriously," said Ms. Patwardhan. "We shall anticipate a recurring feedback on the matter from the SCERT."

According to Dr. Fayaz Ahmad, SLA Nodal Officer for J&K, 17 models have already been finished, and work is currently being done on a further 23.

"We'll make sure that J&K students show up in force for the UNWGC event," he stated. "A group of our mentors will evaluate the projects already under our consideration and fix any issues they find."

### MIG-21 CRASH

## Pilot Advitiya Cremated With Full Military Honours In R S Pura

Press Trust Of India

**R S PURA (JAMMU):** Flight Lieutenant Advitiya Bal (27), killed in the MIG-21 crash, was cremated with full military honours in his native hamlet in Jammu and Kashmir's R S Pura border belt on Saturday.

Thousands of locals, Indian Air Force (IAF) officers, members of the armed forces, police officers, bureaucrats and politicians cutting across political parties gathered to salute the braveheart as his family members bid a tearful adieu.

The IAF personnel offered a three-gun salute as his mortal remains was consigned to flames at his native Jinder Mehlu amid high pitched slogans - 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Advitiya Amar Rahe' - by the people.

Earlier in the day, Bal's mortal remains arrived in a service aircraft at the airforce station here. The cortege was escorted to his house by about a kilometre-long cavalcade of private vehicles and tricolour donned motorcyclists.

Air officer Commanding (AoC) Air Commodore G S Bhullar, Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Avny Lavasa and Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police Chandan Kohli laid



wreath on his mortal remains.

Since early morning, thousands of people had gathered at his home to bid adieu to their hero.

The IAF pilots -- another being Wing Commander M Rana from Himachal Pradesh -- were killed on Thursday night when their twin-seater MiG-21 trainer aircraft crashed during a training sortie near Barmer in Rajasthan.

Bal's family members expressed regret saying he died while flying an "ailing" aircraft instead of "fighting enemies".

They urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to immediately retire the entire fleet of ageing MiG-21 jets so that no more lives are lost.

Several locals said Bal was a

"new age role model" for their children and they were proud of his martyrdom.

One of them was Sanjay Singh, who is preparing for the National Defence Academy (NDA) examination gateway for candidates aspiring to join the defence forces.

Bal had celebrated his 27th birthday on July 18, the family members said.

He had joined the IAF in 2014 and was taught at Sainik School, Nagrota. His father Swarn Lal and uncle Karamveer have retired from the army.

His uncle said Bal had spoken to him over phone on Tuesday to congratulate his nephew Vaibhav on his 11th birthday.

Bal lived in a joint family with his grandparents, parents, uncles and their families.

## Over 500 Amarnath Yatra Pilgrims Leave Jammu Base Camp

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Over 500 more pilgrims on Saturday left here for the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

A total of 597 pilgrims of the 30th batch left base camp Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in the city in a convoy of 30 vehicles amid heavy CRPF security in the morning, they said.

The officials said 155 pilgrims heading for Baltal base camp were the first to leave in eight vehicles, followed by the second convoy of 22 vehicles carrying 442 pilgrims for the Pahalgam base camp of the annual pilgrimage.

The number of pilgrims visiting the cave shrine has drastically fallen in the past three days mostly due to bad weather conditions, they said, adding Saturday's was the lowest batch of pilgrims in past one week.

While 3,862 pilgrims left for the cave shrine from Jammu on Monday, 2,189, 1,147, 1,602 and 835 devotees and left for the pilgrimage from here on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, respectively, the officials said.

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

-- on June 30.

Over 2.7 lakh pilgrims have so far offered prayers at the cave shrine, housing the naturally formed ice-shivlingam, the officials said.

A total of 1,41,950 pilgrims have left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for the Valley since June 29, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

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

A total of 36 people, mostly pilgrims, have died during the ongoing yatra.

Besides, 15 pilgrims were killed in the flash floods at the Amarnath cave shrine on July one.

## Dir. Info Grieved Over Death Of Music Composer Gh Mohi-Ud-Din Khanday

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Director Information and Public Relations, Akshay Labroo has condoled the sad demise of Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Khanday, Music Composer of Cultural Unit of the department who passed away last evening.

In his condolence message, Akshay Labroo said that the departed employee was very dedicated and honest person who always performed his duties with utmost commitment and sincerity. He remarked that his death has left a big void in the department which will be difficult to fill.

The Director also expressed his deep condolences with the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to departed soul.

Meanwhile, the employees of



Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) have also expressed deep condolences with the bereaved family on passing away of Gh. Mohi-ud-Din Khanday and prayed for eternal peace to departed soul and forbearance for the family to bear this irreparable loss.

## Nine Injured In Pahalgam Road Accident

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** At least nine persons were injured after a vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a river in Pahalgam area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said.

News agency KNO quoting an official reported that a Tata Sumo vehicle (JK01F-4391) overturned and fell into a river near Sangam hotel Sadhu Padav Pahalgam, resulting in injuries to nine persons.

Soon after the accident took place, locals and police launched a rescue operation during which nine injured persons were shifted to GMC Anantnag.

He identified the injured as Mohammad Maqbool son of Mohammad Rajab, Rafiq Bano wife of Mohammad Maqbol, Ghulam Mohmad son of Ali Mohammad Lone, Rizwan Salam son of Abdul Salam, Dilshada Akhter wife of Mohammad Ramzan, Mohammad Yousuf son of Abdul Aziz, Shameema daughter of Mohammad Shaban, all from Frislan, Pahalgam, Rayeesa Bano wife of Manzoor Ahmad, Shahzada Akhtar wife of Abdul Salam Shah from Ladroo.

viewed progress of Amrit Sarovars and other developmental works being executed under district capex budget.

The DC received feedback from the concerned officers and engineers and stressed upon them to redouble their efforts and ensure completion of all targeted works within the stipulated timeframe. He warned them that any kind of laxity will not be tolerated in any case.

Khalid Jahangir said administration is committed for the welfare of the society and time bound completion of developmental works is responsibility of the concerned officer/engineer.

department to ensure active participation of PRIs in the programme at panchayat levels adding that the RDD is the Nodal Agency for the programme. Other officers were also directed to take all required measures for the success of the programme.

The DC enjoined upon all stakeholders to go through the Flag Code and follow Standard protocol to honour the National Flag.

Meanwhile, the DC re-



## DC Kupwara Reviews 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Preparations, Dev Activities

Observer News Service

**KUPWARA:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Khalid Jahangir on Saturday chaired a meeting of all concerned Officers, here to review the preparations for celebrations of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme to mark the 75th Independence Day under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

The meeting discussed threadbare various issues related to successful implementation of the programme and was informed that the programme aims at to invoke a feeling of patriotism among the citizens and promote a sense of respect for the symbols of Independence.

The programme is being held from August 13 to August 15, this year.

The DC enjoined upon all officers and field functionaries to play a proactive role for successful conduct of the programme across the district. He also stressed them to ensure all necessary arrangements well in advance to make the programme a grand success.

He asked the officers of Rural Development De-

## DC Budgam Reviews Status Of Cluster Tribal Model Villages

Takes Stock Of Action Plan Under District Mineral Fund

Observer News Service

**BUDGAM:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza on Saturday chaired a meeting of officers to review status of Cluster Tribal Model Villages at Conference Hall, here.

At the outset, DC called for speedy completion of all ongoing and pending developmental works in all three villages at Lanilab and Shalnaar in Khanshab and Bonen in Chadoora.

He emphasized that work process on all projects be expedited and completed in a stipu-

lated timeframe.

The meeting was apprised about the progress of works by the concerned district heads.

The DC also reviewed the status of action plan under District Mineral Fund and instructed concerned to submit estimations of all works timely for early execution of works.

The meeting among others was attended by Director NIFT, Javed Ahmad, ADDC Budgam, Dr Akramullah Tak, GM DIC, JD Planning, ACD, SDM Chadoora, CEO, CAHO, DMO, Executive Engineers from different engineering wings and other concerned.

## Sharma Reviews Performance, Functioning Of ARI, Mining Deptts



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Secretary, Administrative Reforms, Inspections and Trainings (ARIT) and Mining departments, Amit Sharma on Saturday chaired a meeting and reviewed the performance and functioning of both the departments at Civil Secretariat here.

While chairing the review meeting of Mining Department, the Secretary took a detailed analysis of working of department. He directed the officers that daily progress on the working and seizure / penalties should be shared with the Administrative Department on a regular basis.

The Secretary further directed the officers that all legal and RTI cases must be dealt with on top priority basis and data sharing on the matter should be shared on weekly basis.

During the meeting, the Secretary also lauded the efforts of Geology & Mining Directorate for finalising the process for launch of e-Challan services in a record time. He further disclosed that this would be a

unique G2B2C initiative which will given an opportunity to public to purchase RBM and related construction material through online portal with the usage of e-Marketplace platform like Amazon and Flipkart. He added that this initiative will act as a game changer for bringing transparency, precision and swiftness in the working of Mining Department.

Meanwhile, in another meeting the Secretary reviewed performance and functioning of ARI & Trainings department.

Chairing the meet, the Secretary directed officers that the ongoing process of inspections in all Government offices of the UT should be given full impetus for finding out the status of online services, RAS integration, Aadhaar Authentication and public satisfaction about availing these services. He further informed that the department will soon organise online/virtual training on regular basis for the officers and officials working in all the departments of UT in collaboration with National Institute of Smart Government (NISG).

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE.

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

*Fresh NITNo 87 of RnB - Sopore of 2022-2023 e-tendering DATED- 30.07.2022.*

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ DOC (In Rupees)	E/Money	Time for completion of work	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M.H of Account
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
01	Upgradation of Berms/ Rightway of Sangrama Sopore road from Clock Tower to Welkin School	2.23 lacs	200/-	4460/-	15 days	09.08. 2022	DEE	4059 State-sector

Position of funds: Available

Position of AAA/TS: Accorded

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

1.	Date of issue of tender Notice	30.07.2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	30.07.2022
3	Bid Submission start date	30.07.2022
4	Bid submission End date	08.08.2022 (4.00 PM)
5	Daye and tie of opening of bides ( online)	09.08.2022(12.30 PM)

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan/ CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/ Maintenance Period.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on web Site www.jketenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of the Tender receiving authority).

5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

6.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from many approved vendor.

6.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form..

6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1

6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No:1 of 2022-23 issued under No:-369-89 dated: 20.04.2021 PWD form 25 (Double agreement form)

20. If the contractor /HMPQ quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be rejected out rightly

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT,  
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## A-Division: 14 Goals Scored



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Two matches were played on Saturday in the ongoing A-Division Annual League Football Tournament at Synthetic Turf TRC, in which Gangbugh FC and Young Downtown FC emerged as the winners with both teams scoring 7 goals in their respective matches.

In the first A-Division match, Gangbugh FC thrashed Towheed AFC Anchar by 7 goals to 0. Owais

Qayoom scored four back-to-back goals for the winning team, while Irshad, Musavir and Kamran contributed one goal each.

The second match was played between Young Downtown FC and Kashmir Heroes Academy. Young Downtown dominated the show and defeated Kashmir Heroes Academy 7-0. Sallah and Mansoor scored two goals each while Haris, Inayat and Taban scored one goal each for the winning team.

## Zonal Level Tourney Underway In Kishtwar



Observer News Service

**KISHTWAR:** Youth Services & Sports Department organised two Inter Zonal District Level Tournaments in the discipline of Cricket and Tennis Ball Cricket for U-19 Boys and Girls at Chowgan Ground and Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Playfield here on Saturday.

All Zones of the district participated in the competitions of both the disciplines.

Ram Saroop a senior official of the Department of

YSS inaugurated the competition in presence of the activity Incharge and other officials of the Department.

During matches of the tournament, Zone Kishtwar shined in All Age Groups (AAG) while performing exceptionally well.

Zone Kishtwar won the U-19 Boys cricket tourney while as Zone Nagseni won finals of the Cricket U-19 Girls competitions. The Tennis Ball U/19 Competition was won by the Zonal Team of Kishtwar.

## India Announce ODI Squad For Zimbabwe Tour



Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** India on Saturday announced their squad for the three-match ODI series to be played against Zimbabwe in Harare from August 18.

Most of the regular ODI members -- skipper Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Jasprit

Bumrah, Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya and others -- have been given rest and Shikhar Dhawan will lead the side after recently guiding India to 3-0 win in West Indies.

Pacer Deepak Chahar, who was out of action for a quite long time due to injury, has made a comeback in the team.

India's squad for 3 ODIs: Shikhar Dhawan (Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda, Rahul Tripathi, Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Sanju Samson (wicket-keeper), Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Avesh Khan, Prasidh Krishna, Mohd Siraj, Deepak Chahar.

## Weightlifter Sagar Wins India's First Medal At CWG 2022

Press Trust of India

**BIRMINGHAM:** Partially fulfilling the promise he made to himself four years back, young weightlifter Sanket Sagar won a silver medal in the men's 55kg category, putting India on the medal tally at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on Saturday.

He targeted a gold medal but injured his right elbow while attempting to lift 139kg in clean and jerk to eventually settle for a second place.

The 21-year-old managed a total of 248kg (113kg+135kg) to finish just one kilogram behind Malaysia's Mohamad Aniq, who smashed the Games record in clean and jerk as he lifted 249kg (107kg+142kg) to win the gold.

Sri Lanka's Dilanka Isuru Kumara 225kg (105kg+120kg) took home the bronze.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the young athlete.

## 2 Killed In Kabul Cricket Stadium Attack

Agencies

**KABUL:** Two people were killed in the grenade explosion that shook Kabul's main cricket stadium during a domestic league match on Friday, police said on Saturday, updating their previous casualty toll.

The blast occurred in the crowd as spectators watched a match between two teams from the local Shpageza cricket league, the Afghan Cricket Board (ACB) said.

"The blast happened due to a

grenade, two have been killed and some of our countrymen injured," Kabul police spokesman Khalid Zadran said on Saturday, adding that security forces were looking for those responsible for the attack.

"The match stopped for a while. After clean-up of the area the match restarted," Zadran told Reuters. Initially, officials including ACB Chief Executive Nassib Khan had reported four injuries and no deaths as a result of the explosion.

No ACB staff or players were hurt, Khan added.

## Barcelona Auctions NFT Of Iconic Cruyff Goal



Agencies

**BARCELONA:** Barcelona has auctioned off a digital art piece depicting an iconic goal by Johan Cruyff for \$693,000 as it seeks new revenues to battle its way out of massive debt, the Spanish club said.

Barcelona said that the auction run by Sotheby's in New York for the club's first NFT, or non-fungible token, closed at \$550,000 on Friday. The auctioneer's fees increased the final sale price to \$693,000.

The art piece depicts Cruyff's memorable goal from 1973 when the Netherlands great soared through the air with his leg outstretched to score. In the image,

Cruyff appears to be dipped in gold. The NFT is called "In a Way, Immortal," inspired by a quote by Cruyff, who left his mark as both a player and coach at Barcelona.

Barcelona has been searching for new forms of revenue as it struggles to pay down 1 billion euros (\$1 billion) of debt. That has included selling Camp Nou's naming rights to the Spotify audio-streaming service and recently selling off 25% of its Spanish league television rights for 25 years.

An NFT is a one-of-a-kind digital image that cannot be copied. There is a booming market for collectors and artists interested in this form of digital art.

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