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Wheels Of Success

Once Defunct, JKRTC Now Generates Revenue; Secures Jobs In Its New Journey

Auqib Javed

Srinagar: After running in losses for decades due to mismanagement and financial discrepancies, the government-run Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) is finally scripting a success story by generating daily revenue of Rs 18 lakh per day in the Union Territory.

An official told Kashmir Observer that the corporation which was on ventilator because of huge losses is getting a new lease of life as the government has taken several steps to revive it. Post abrogation of Article 370, the government

constituted a high-level committee to examine alternative models and options for the revival of corporation.

Rakesh Kumar Srangal, Managing Director JKRTC, told Kashmir Observer that the government is very serious in reviving the corporation and to further expand its reach with an aim to recover the losses

suffered by the state exchequer.

The MD said the corporation has included a fleet of 1000 vehicles to its kitty which comprises 300 new buses and equal number of trucks.

According to data, shared with the Kashmir Observer, the corporation has a total strength of 1000 vehicles—550 passenger buses and 450

No Of Vehicles : 1000

PASSENGER BUSES	550
TRUCKS	450

DISTRICT SERVICES

120



trucks and 120 district services.

It further reveals that the JKRTC operates over 120 routes in different districts of the Kashmir Valley. A total number of 100 tourist service divisions have been launched.

The corporation offers transport services on Srinagar to Jammu, Srinagar to Leh Srinagar to Kargil and Srinagar to New Delhi routes, besides inter-district services for Poonch, Rajouri and

Srinagar.

Habibullah Reshi, Deputy General Manager JKRTC told Kashmir Observer that the corporation has also launched 40 e-buses in the UT with 20 each for Kashmir and Jammu.

He said that the electric buses project started under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles (FAME) initiative across India, to promote the culture of electric vehicles in India.

He further said that electric buses are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including a real-time tracking system, in both capital cities. **More on P6**

Govt Transfers Five JKAS Officers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday ordered transfer and posting of five JKAS officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect.

According to an order, Ravinder Kumar Anand, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Samba, has been transferred and posted as General Manager, DIC, Ramban, against an available vacancy.

Ms. Sanna Khan, JKAS, Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director, Rural Sanitation Jammu, as per the order.

Manu Hansa, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, School Education Department, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Samba.

Piyush Dhotra, JKAS, General Manager, JKRTC, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Jammu, vice Vijay Kumar, JKAS, who **More on P6**

HM Calls For 'Meticulous' Ops To End Militancy In J&K

Reviews UAPA Cases, Stresses On 'Timely & Effective' Investigation

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday directed security forces to continue their coordinated efforts through meticulous and well-planned counter-terrorism operations to wipe out terrorism. He also said people of Jammu and Kashmir would decisively defeat the proxy war with the help of security forces," an official statement said.

At a review meeting on security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, Shah said the militant eco-system comprising elements that aid, abet and sustain the "terrorists and separatists" campaign to the detriment of the well-being of common man requires to be dismantled.

"Union Home Minister asked security forces and the police to

continue with the coordinated efforts through meticulous and well-planned counter-terrorism operations to wipe out terrorism. He also said people of Jammu and Kashmir would decisively defeat the proxy war with the help of security forces," an official statement said.

Shah reviewed the working of the security grid and on various actions being taken to reduce the incidents of militancy over the last few years.

He appreciated the efforts of the security agencies and administration of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for the successful conduct of the Amarnath Yatra this year, which was held after a **More on P6**



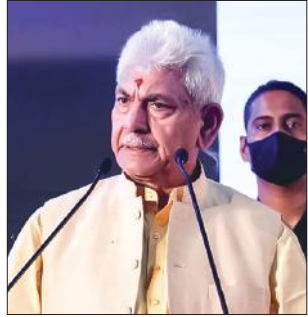
An elderly man carrying supplies on his horses in a remote village of mountainous Union Territory of Ladakh. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

J&K's Economy Living Up To Expectations After Aug 2019: LG

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir's economy has been living up to the expectation since August 2019, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that in the financial year 2021-2022, Micro small & medium enterprises (MSMEs) export registered 54% growth and importer-exporter registration has gone up by 173% in the Union Territory.

Sinha made these remarks



during the inauguration of the 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit at

New Delhi on Thursday, an official spokesperson said.

He said that the Expo provides a much needed platform to SMEs, startups, trade, industry, service providers to explore new opportunities, buyers-sellers meet, sharing knowledge about central/state's/UTs schemes etc.

Expressing gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi for bringing a revolution in the MSME sector, the LG, as per the spokesperson said that in the **More on P6**

J&K HAS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING horticulture markets in the country. Our strengths in natural resources & skilled workforce, best in class incentives through new Industrial development Scheme are well known and makes J&K an ideal MSME destination."

J&K Bank Seeks To Tap 'Accelerated Growth Phase' In UT

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Bank aims to tap the benefits of the phase of accelerated growth driven by various measures taken by the Union Territory administration, especially in infrastructure, agriculture and tourism sectors, a top bank official said.

"We see a new phase of accelerated growth unleashing in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in infrastructure, agriculture, agro-based industry and tourism sectors. Being a major player with around 65 per cent market share here, we see J&K Bank as major beneficiary of this imminent growth dynamic," MD and CEO of the Bank Baldev Prakash told PTI.

Prakash listed various steps initiated in the Union Territory

as the key enablers for the growth, including the industrial economic package backed by an industry-conducive policy, digitisation of land records, creation of land banks, and government's keen focus on attracting investments into the region by increasing the ease-of-doing business amid improving law and order environment.

"Also, with the roll-out of UT government's recent industrial policy package of over Rs 28,000 crore and reported investment proposals of above Rs 50,000 crore materialising in the region, we feel very well-placed to leverage and capitalise on the evolving opportunities both on the lending front as well as savings accruing from the employment generation and overarching **More on P6**

3 Infiltrators Killed Along LoC In Uri

Three militants were killed as government forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Thursday.

The militants tried to sneak into this side of the LoC near near Madiyan Nanak post in the Kamalkote area of Uri sector in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, they said

Srinagar-based PRO, Defence, Col Emron Musavi said an operation was launched following an input from the Army's intelligence agencies about a possible infiltration

2 'Militant Associates' Held In Bandipora

Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested two alleged Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant associates at a checkpoint in Bandipora district of North Kashmir. Acting on specific information about the movement of LeT militant associates, a checkpoint was established by police and army's 26 Assam Rifles near Lal Qilla Mode Pethkote, a police spokesperson said Thursday. During checking, he said, the joint party intercepted a Scorpio (JK05H-0622) and arrested two militant associates of Lashkar identified as **More on P6**

'Extortionist' Held With Fake Pistol

Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested an extortionist with a fake pistol in Natipora area of this capital city. Umer Qadir Dar of Harnambal Zaffar colony Natipora was using fake Pistol for intimidation, police said on its official Twitter handle. The police



also claimed recovery of two mobile phones, one laptop from the possession of the alleged extortionist. "On this, case under FIR No. 66/2022 registered at Kothibagh Police station," the police said. (ONS)

2 Die Of Covid, 229 Test Positive

Jammu and Kashmir reported on Friday 229 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus while two more people succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. According to officials, Kashmir Valley registered 188 new cases of Covid-19 while 41 others were detected from various parts of the Jammu division on Thursday, thus taking the total number of people infected since the onset of pandemic in J&K to 476932. In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar registered the highest 61 new cases of virus, Budgam 31, **More on P6**

Renowned Activist Syed Nasrullah Is No More

Prominent trade union leader and a renowned social activist Syed Nasrullah Shah passed away on Thursday after a brief illness. Nasrullah, 73, passed away on Thursday morning at the Valley's tertiary care hospital SKIMS, Soura after a brief illness. Born in 1949, in a humble family in Zoonimar, Srinagar, Nasrullah is mostly known for his Public Interest Litigation (PIL) pleadings against red-tapism. He filed 600-odd petitions during his 'half-century' activism career. An Alumni of Islamia College of science and commerce, **More on P6**

Patwaris Call-off Strike After 2 Days

After observing pen down strike for two-days, the Patwaris on Thursday called-off the strike following the assurances from the government that all their pending demands will be looked into at earliest. Addressing a news conference here, Abdul Majeed Malla, president of All J&K Patwari Association, said that the pen down strike has been called off and all the employees will join their duties from tomorrow. "There was a positive response from the government. Today, the Chief Secretary held a **More on P6**

2 held With Rare Medicinal Herbs

Two people were arrested for carrying rare banned medicinal herbs in Bangus area of North Kashmir's Kupwara district, police said Thursday. Aamir Hussain Sheikh and Sadiq Ahmad Khandil, both residents of New Gabra Kernah were arrested by a team of Border Police Post Bungus during patrolling at Dhani Behak, a police spokesperson said. The duo, he said, were travelling with horses laden with bags when they tried to flee from the policemen. During search of the bags, the spokesperson said, around 2kgs of endangered medicinal herbs **More on P6**

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60% Of Used Cooking Oil Finds Its Way Back Into Food Stream, Says Study

Press Trust Of India

Next time you gorge on a pile of fried snacks at a roadside eatery, think again. A recent survey report has revealed that almost 60% of used cooking oil (UCO), which, according to scientists, raises the risk of contracting non-communicable diseases, including cancer, heart ailments and organ damage, often finds its way back into the food stream. Observer Research Foundation (ORF), in association with Koan Advisory Group and Finland-based Neste, in a report revealed that the re-use of UCO by commercial food business operators (FBOs) is pervasive, especially among small establishments and street vendors, who often utilise black, smoked oil till the last drop. As many as 505 (101 large-sized and 406 small-sized) food business operators (FBOs), including street



vendors and small establishments, across four metros -- Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi and Chennai -- were surveyed in the study. According to Dr Amit Javed, Director, Gastrointestinal Surgeries, CK Birla Hospital, Re-using cooking oil causes free radicals in the oil to get released. These free radicals are carcinogenic. Reusing cooking oil may lead to stomach cancer and cancer in the food pipe, apart from heart disease. Cooking oil mustn't be reused even once. Regulatory agencies have prepared guidelines on the proper use of cooking oil, which must be adhered to, in the interest of public health and wellbeing." In India, consumption of UCO in any form is strictly prohibited under food safety guidelines. The Food and Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative under which UCO was collected and converted to biodiesel -- to combat the health menace. "The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has regularly advised Food business operators (FBOs) to replace cooking oils when the Total Polar Compounds (TPC) levels reach 25%, as reusing cooking oil aggravates risks of atherosclerosis, hypertension, liver diseases, and Alzheimer's. Proper enforcement of regulatory guidelines on the management of UCO is critical in the interests of public safety, health and well-being, said Oommen Kurian, Senior Fellow, Health Initiative, ORF, and co-author of the report. By directing used cooking oil from human consumption to renewables production, India can mitigate the public health risk and combat the climate crisis simultaneously, said Steven Bartholomeusz, head of public affairs in the Asia-Pacific region at Neste, a company specializing in renewables. The report underlined the need for greater collaboration among the government food safety authorities, networks of doctors, nutritionists and experts and private sector organisations to create an evidence-driven regulatory and policy framework that drives behavioural change and consumer awareness reducing the diversion of toxic waste oils back into the system.

SAD DEMISE OF SYED NASARULLAH



With profound grief we inform the demise of Syed Nasarullah Shah (Retired Administrative Officer J&K Judiciary) R/O Tengpora , Zoonimar , Srinagar on Thursday August 25th 2022 Inna Lillahi Wainna Illahi Rajioon. Ijtemaye Fateha will be held on Saturday 27th August at his ancestral graveyard located at Tengpora, Zoonimar.

BEREAVED

Sons , Daughters & Wife
Contact Nos
Syed Kaleemullah 8494095481
Syed Samiullah 6005454258

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Spouse of Ghulam Qadir Dar of Rambagh Srinagar is No More

With profound grief and sorrow it's to be informed that wife of Ghulam Qadir Dar resident of Rambagh Srinagar has left for heavenly abode.

Ina lil la hi Wa Ina illahi Rajaoun

May Almighty Allah granther highest place in Jannah. Ameen.

Fateh-e-Khawani will be observed on Sunday, 29th August 2022 at ancestral graveyard at Rambagh at 10:30 morning.



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Bereaved:

Ghulam Qadir Dar, Nazir Ahmed Dar, Riyaz Ahmad Dar,
Mohammad Shafi Dar, Burhan Hussain,
Hotel Zam Zam Srinagar Family, Hotel New Naaz Jammu Family

GOVT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING KUPWARA

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: 115 of 2022-23 DATED: 24 -08-2022

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

SNo	Name of Work	Panchayat	Block	Advertised Cost in (Rs. Lacs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document in Rupees	Earnest Money	Time of Completion	Head of Account
01.	Construction of Tile Path and P-bund at various spots in Mawer Payeen	Mawer	Mawer	5.20	DEE/CEE	300	10400	45 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
02.	Improvement of link road with drain near Sardar Shah Lone Harri	Lone Harri	Meelyal	4.00	DEE	200	8000	45 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
03.	Construction of Footpath with drain at different spots at Meelyal-B Block:Meelyal	Meelyal-B	Meelyal	3.00	DEE	200	6000	30 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
04.	Construction of Culvert on link road Shiekh Mohalla Farkin Ward No. 05	Meelyal	Meelyal	3.00	DEE	200	6000	30 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
05.	Construction of Tile Path village Kundiyan phase 2nd	Pathroo	Keeran	4.00	DEE	200	8000	45 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
06.	Construction of Fencing at Janazgah Samarg	Samarg	Rajwar	2.36	DEE	200	4720	30 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
07.	Construction of drain from Darul Uloom to Bunpora Changimulla	Changimulla	Rajwar	2.00	DEE	200	4000	30 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
08.	Construction of stair case at Khari Mohalla Lachampora Ward No. 2	Lachampora	Rajwar	2.43	DEE	200	4860	30 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
09.	Construction of Tile path Shiekh Mohalla Zachaldara-A	Zachaldara-A	Rajwar	3.00	DEE	200	6000	45 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
10.	Construction of Pwall NLO Shakeela Begum W/O Lt Gh Hassan wani Behnipora	Behnipora	Rajwar	1.50	DEE	200	3000	30 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
11.	Construction of Fencing with Power bricks around graveyard at Lachipora Phase -I (Ornamental Grills)	Lachipora	Rajwar	2.50	DEE	200	5000	30 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
12.	Construction of road from Brand road to Hussian & others ward No. 7 at dogerpura	Dogerpura	Kalaroos	5.00	DEE	200	10000	45 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
13.	Development of Playground at Gugloosa-A	Gugloosa-A	Trehgam	2.00	DEE	200	4000	30 days	CD & Panchayat 2022-23
1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice					24-08-2022			
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents					24-08-2022 TO 29-08-2022			
3.	Bid submission Start Date					24-08-2022			
4.	Bid Submission End date					29-08-2022 up to 3PM			
5.	Date & Time of Opening of Bids (Online)					29-08-2022			

Position of AA = Accorded
Position of funds = Available

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

- Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into treasury under Major Head 0515-OR's the bidders must upload the scanned copy of treasury acknowledgment slip.
- Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.
- All Bidders have to submit/upload Bid Earnest money i.e. 2% of the Advertised Cost of the work in shape of CDR/FRD Pledged to Executive Engineer REW Kupwara .
- The date and time of opening of technical bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message one their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of all e- Bidders shall be opened on same Web site in the office of Executive Engineer REW Kupwara (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-
 - Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid /tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and condition of the bid.
 - Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - Failure of successful to execute the agreement within 25 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction of bidders regarding e-tendering process:-
 - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "downloads" option as well as from "bidder Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.
 - To participate in bidding process. Bidder has to get ` digital signature Certificate (DSC). As per information technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
 - The bidder have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
 - The DSC and registration shall be in the same name otherwise tender shall be rejected.
 - Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
 - The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
 - A bill deposit @ 10% shall be deducted from each running bill, and same shall be released after DLP Period.
 - Scanned copy of cost of tender documents in shape of Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer REW Kupwara must be uploaded with the technical documents of the bid. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (bill of quantities) contents .in no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
 - Price escalation and Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include Price escalation and all taxes up to completion of work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

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Police Public Meet Held At PS Harwan

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A Police public meeting was held at Police Station Harwan which was chaired by Superintendent of Police (SP) East Srinagar Mr Saahil Sarangal(IPS).

The meeting was attended by a large number of people and they highlighted various issues belonging to their areas.

Speaking on the occasion, SP East thanked the people for participating in the meeting and providing valuable suggestions.

Referring to the grievances highlighted by the participants, SP said that the issues raised would be taken up with the concerned authorities for immediate redressal and added that police will provide its legal support as and when required for the betterment of the society accordingly.

Sahil sought the cooperation from people in eradicating the drug menace from the society.

Station House Officer (SHO) Harwan Shri Kushab Kumar (Michael) and other officers were also present in the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, SP said that such meetings are conducted to solicit the suggestion and support for better policing and would be conducted in the future as well.

Eidgah Not A Playground, Meant Only For Prayers: Darakhshan Andrabi

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Waqf Board chairperson, Darakhshan Andrabi said that Eidgah is meant for prayers and not for playing.

She said some people have illegally constructed houses and running businesses there which goes against the norms and is illegal.

"It is a land measuring 650 kanals meant for waqf which is being exploited by



those playing and has been divided into three parts by people. All three parts of the divided land are part of Eidgah" she said.

She further said there are rules and regulations for everything and unfortunately some people are on a looting spree which cannot be tolerated at any cost.

It is Pertinent to mention, the Waqf board has recently taken a series of measures to end the previous practices including fixing the new rent, removing the Mujavirs and their donation boxes from the shrines.

SKUAST-K's RCRQA Lab Qualifies National-Level Proficiency Test

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Science and Technology of Kashmir has achieved another feat as its Research Centre for Residue and Quality Analysis (RCRQA) laboratory has qualified national-level Proficiency Tests and Inter-Laboratory Comparison.

RCRQA, a National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited laboratory serves the purpose of certification and testing of the products to be exported to various International destinations.

The laboratory possesses all high-end instruments with an expert technical team having experience of more than 10

years in the domains of Mass Spectrometry, Chromatography and Spectroscopy.



The next target for RCRQA is to increase the pesticide molecules from 10-100 under the NABL scope.

The laboratory will also take up testing

of Aflatoxins, and antibiotics and also initiate the analysis of heavy metals and their speciation with hyphenation techniques.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, has congratulated the team manning the RCRQA lab. He directed that the lab should integrate NABL with FSSAI so as to adhere to strict regulations from the EU and other foreign countries.

RCRQA is likely to be up-scaled for the Export Inspection Council so as to get more samples from the Northern part of the country and ultimately achieve the NABET accreditation.

KU Hosts Sufi Festival In Remembrance Of Hazrat Baba Bulleh Shah (RA)

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Kashmir University's Department of Students' Welfare (DSW) on Thursday organized a mega Sufi Festival under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the celebration of the country's 75th year of Independence.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan graced the occasion as chief guest, while Maj Gen S.P.S. Vishwasrao, GOC 31 Sub Area, was the guest of honor and Registrar Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir was the special guest at the glittering opening ceremony.

The day-long festival which saw a massive participation of students, faculty and staff was organised in remembrance of Hazrat Baba Bulleh Shah (RA).

Spectacular performances which enthralled the audience at the varsity's sprawling Convocation Complex included performances by Mizraab Group, KU's students from Institute of Music and Fine Arts, Asif Faiz, Nargis Khatoun and Waqar Khan.

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said she is glad to see huge participation of students and staff in

the festival which offers an opportunity to young artists to showcase their talent.

She complimented the DSW for organizing the festival and hoped that such events will continue to be organized in future as well.

In his special remarks, Dr Nisar said the University of Kashmir is open to provide a platform to young artists to exhibit and promote their creativity and artistic endeavors.

In her welcome address, Dean Students' Welfare Prof Aneesa Shafi gave details of the event and also highlighted the universal message of Sufism related to peace, brotherhood and harmony as propagated by Hazrat Baba Bulleh Shah (RA). She also gave a brief of activities of DSW involving the student community.

Cultural Officer KU Shahid Ali Khan conducted proceedings of the programme, which was attended by senior officers of KU including Deans, HoDs, Controller of Examinations, Media Advisor, besides teaching and non-teaching staff members.

The Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries later felicitated the artists who performed at the event with mementoes.

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- 1071 - Battle of Manzikert: Seljuq Turks led by sultan Alp Arslan beat and capture Byzantine Emperor Romanos IV Diogenes
- 1957 - USSR announces successful test of intercontinental ballistic missile
- Invention Morris Mini-Minor
- 1959 - British Motor Corporation introduced the Morris Mini-Minor,
- 1974 - Guinee-Bissau becomes independent of Portugal
- 1974 - Soyuz 15 carries 2 cosmonauts to space station Salyut 3
- 1978 - Soyuz 31 carries 2 cosmonauts (1 East German) to Salyut 6
- 1981 - Space Shuttle vehicle moves to Launch Complex 39A for STS-2 mission
- 1981 Voyager 2 takes photos of Saturn's moon Titan
- 1982 - NASA launches Telesat-F
- 1996 - US President Bill Clinton signs welfare reform into law, representing major shift in welfare policy
- 1997 - Beni-Ali massacre in Algeria; 60-100 people killed.
- 2002 - Earth Summit 2002 begins in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 2004 - Germany wins its first ever Olympic women's field hockey gold medal with a 2-1 win against the Netherlands in Athens
- 2008 - Russia unilaterally recognizes the independence of the former Georgian breakaway republics Abkhazia and South Ossetia.
- 2012 - 15 year-old New Zealand golfer, Lydia Ko, becomes the youngest LPGA Tour event winner and the first amateur winner since 1969
- 2014 - Democratic Republic of Congo's health ministry informs the WHO of an outbreak of Ebola; later confirmed as a different strain to that affecting west Africa
- 2014 - Israel and Hamas accept another ceasefire
- 2017 - Violent clashes after conviction of spiritual leader Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh kill 31 in Panchkula, 120 admitted to hospital
- 2017 - Half a million people take part in a peace march in Barcelona, following terrorist attacks

From KO Archives

Officer Shifted For 7th Time, Goes On Leave

Observer News Service

Srinagar - The principal secretary, revenue, Sonali Kumar, has proceeded on leave following the recent transfers and postings in the state administration.

The high-ranking bureaucrat has been transferred for the seventh time in the changes announced yesterday.

During the two-and-a-half year tenure of the coalition government, Kumar has been shifted \$ax times from her posts.

Before the coalition government* came to power, Sonali Kumar had been made the commissioner secretary, education, on May 1, 2002.

Soon after the new government took over, she was transferred to the technical education department as commissioner secretary in November

2003. In February the next year, she was transferred to industries and commerce, and four months later, in July 2003, to the higher and technical education department

After serving on that post for one year, she was transferred again in July 2004, and made the principal secretary of the forest department. The government shifted her again in April 2005, this time to the health and medical education department.

Yesterday's revamp, which made her the principal secretary of the revenue department, was the sixth time she was transferred in 2-and-a-half years.

Fed up with the repeated transfers and postings, Sonali Kumar, has gone on leave in protest, sources told the KNS. She has asked the government to grant her leave till October.

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K O V I E W

Jammu Earthquakes

After nine back-to-back temblors of magnitudes 4.1 and 3.2 hitting Jammu this week, experts have warned of a bigger earthquake in the region and asked people to take precautionary measures. A major earthquake, according to experts, is preceded by smaller ones. So, this should be a cause of concern for the people. More so, when Jammu and Kashmir is an earthquake-prone region falling in Seismic Zone-V.
In 2005, around 80,000 people were killed in the quake across the Kashmir divide with the disproportionate loss of more than 75000 lives in Pakistan Administered Kashmir and around 1400 on this side. Thousands of residential houses were toppled, and the public infrastructure damaged.
An institutional answer to a massive quake calls for an effective immediate response, and which sadly in our case is always missing. The reason is that our state has always been lax on disaster preparedness. Older a calamity, lesser the urge to prepare for its recurrence. For example, over the past decade, our building codes continue to remain lenient and our builders take short-cuts. Similarly, there hasn't been any focus on the safety of our schools which are housed in buildings vulnerable to high intensity tremors. If government needed a reminder, the succession of quakes in Jammu division has handed it one. There is a critical need to enhance the level of our preparedness to face calamities of the egregious scale, like earthquakes and floods. We hope the government gets its act right this time.

Already, a study by a prominent US seismologist Roger Bilham has warned that Kashmir Valley is likely to be hit by an earthquake of largest ever magnitude. But the study has not specified any particular time-frame. In what can be an apocalyptic scenario, Bilham said the quake could trigger landslides that would dam the river Jhelum, He also urged India and Pakistan to develop a cooperative mechanism to deal with the aftermath of a mega-quake in the union territory. But ever since the 2005 earthquake which initially alerted the government and the people to build stronger, reasonably quake-resistant structures, the complacency seems to have again set in. The fresh quakes have thus come as an important reminder to us to become more mindful of our vulnerability to the natural disasters and take pro-active measures to lessen the damage should, God forbid, we experience another disaster. It is incumbent on the government not only to get its act together but also create public awareness to help people better prepare for a possible future calamity.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Keep it simple: On Aadhaar-voter ID linking

But repeated cycles of elections have allowed for a cohesion in this process with voters allowed to register based on proofs of their age and current place of residence. With the increase in the school-educated population, and most Indian citizens living in houses whose addresses are to be mentioned in several identity documents, registering to vote is a relatively easy process. This begs the question as to why election authorities are coercing citizens to mandatorily link registration in voter rolls with their Aadhaar number, as recent reports have indicated. In December 2021, the Lok Sabha passed the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill seeking to link the voter identity card with the Aadhaar number in order to avoid errors such as voter duplication on the electoral roll. But the Government and later, ECI authorities, have insisted that this process would be voluntary.
The Aadhaar number is not a proof of citizenship and is meant to be issued to residents, while only adult citizens who are resident in India are eligible to vote. Instrumentally speaking, matching the Aadhaar number to the electoral roll in order to perform verifications is not a foolproof process. The Internet Freedom Foundation has cited data to show that self-reported errors in the Aadhaar database are higher than those in the electoral database. There is also evidence that Aadhaar-linkage with voter identity cards, as in the Assembly elections in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh recently, for example, led to the arbitrary deletion of eligible voters on a large scale. Besides, with the Aadhaar number now being used to access a variety of services, linking to voter IDs, when aggregated from booth level data, can possibly lead to misuse by agencies that can access them to profile voters based on harvested information. The absence of a data protection law heightens the risk of this possibility as well. Scholars studying elections in various countries have averred that simplicity of design and effectiveness of constitutional institutions such as the ECI have gone a long way in easing voting and setting India apart as an electoral democracy. The insistence on linking Aadhaar with the voter ID militates against these principles. The ECI should limit itself to utilising existing proofs for voter authentication and Aadhaar declaration should remain voluntary.

The Hindu

Strength In Numbers

The RBI central board guards the guardian of the monetary system in the country. Yet, it suffers from chronic vacancies.



Amol Agrawal

The case of local boards is interesting. RBI has local boards for the four major regions—northern, southern, western and eastern. The government appoints five members to each of the four local boards and the local boards then nominate one member to the central board

On August 11, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued three press releases re-nominating four directors to the Central Board of the bank. As per RBI Act (1934), 'the general superintendence and direction of the affairs and business of the Bank shall be entrusted to a Central Board of Directors'. The Act adds that the central board to have 21 directors: one Governor, four Deputy Governors, ten Directors who are experts from different fields, two government officials and four directors from local boards. The Governor and the four Deputy Governors are official directors whereas other 16 are non-official directors. The central government appoints all the 21 directors to the board.

The case of local boards is interesting. RBI has local boards for the four major regions—northern, southern, western and eastern. The government appoints five members to each of the four local boards and the local boards then nominate one member to the central board. The idea behind the local boards is to add regional diversity to the Central Board.

On analysing the current breakup of the Central Board, we see that it has 15 directors. The missing directors are from outside experts category (four) and local boards (two). Within local boards, northern has two members and eastern has one member. The RBI website says that the local boards in the western, eastern and southern areas are not functioning due to lack of quorum. Only the northern board is functional.

While it is perfectly fine to have these positions remain vacant once a while, it has become more of permanent feature of late. The RBI board is a very important governance body as it makes all the major decisions pertaining to the central bank.

The importance of the RBI central board was seen during the 2016 demonetisation. De facto, the government announced demonetisation, but de jure, it was done by the central board. Section 26 (2) of the RBI Act says that 'On recommendation of the Central Board the Central Government may, by notification in the Gazette of India, declare that, with effect from

such date as may be specified in the notification, any series of bank notes of any denomination shall cease to be legal tender.' The government used this section and demonetised 500 and 1,000 rupee notes as legal tender.

It is interesting to note that on the eve of demonetisation, the RBI board had just 10 filled positions. It is unclear how such an eminent board took such an important decision of enormous consequences with less than 50% board membership? RBI had raised concerns over the rising vacancies in the central board. Raghuram Rajan, in his last speech as RBI Governor, highlighted the important oversight role played by the board, and said "Vacancies in the RBI Board, which have remained

appointments need to be planned and decided well in time.

Apart from unfilled board positions, the appointment rules need to be amended. As per the RBI Act, the Governor and Deputy Governors cannot have a term more than five years, and are eligible for reappointment. The directors appointed from local boards and external experts have a term of four years and can be reappointed only for two terms or eight years (either continuously or intermittently). The two government nominees shall hold office under the pleasure of the central government! Ideally, both official and non-official directors should be given a long term, fixed and non-renewable contract. Long term and fixed means the tenure should be for a reasonable

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unfilled for many months now, should be filled quickly so that the full expertise and oversight of the Board can be utilized."

The RBI board continues to remain without full strength. It is difficult to track the RBI board's occupancy real time because of retirement and appointments/ reappointments. One way to track the board is via RBI's annual reports. RBI annual reports show that the board has not been full in any of the years since demonetisation. The occupancy was 17 in 2017-19 and fell to 11 in 2020-21.

Currently, it is at 15. The unfilled positions are always from the categories of local boards and external experts. The economy has faced multiple crises in this period, from the banking crisis to the pandemic, and a fuller board if not a full one would have helped RBI tide through the crises better. The reappointments are also not time-bound. The tenure of two non-official board members ended on August 7, 2022, but they were reappointed four days later, on August 11, 2022. These crucial re-

period and the government cannot remove/disqualify the directors barring for serious misconduct. Typically, the government appoints Governors/ Deputy Governors for three years, which is really short. A non-renewable clause will strengthen the autonomy of the central bank as officials will not seek a second-term.

Roman author Juvenal famously asked 'Who will guard the guardians?', which has led to the philosophical question as to how power can be held to account. The central bank is a guardian of our monetary system and thus is very powerful. The central board not just guards the guardian, but also holds it accountable too and can play its role effectively but only if the members are in adequate number.

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On Self Medication

Many thanks to Kashmir Observer for publishing a very useful and informative article on the dangers of 'self-medication' online. ("The rise of 'Dr. Google'", Aug. 24). Living in the e-world, naturally the internet is an endless source for information. And for many of us, it is our 'first go-to' for just about everything we want

to know. It is also a tempting tool for medical self-diagnosis, but which one should be extremely careful of. For their illness, the temptation of people to treat themselves through online medication is totally wrong and highly dangerous.

When you self-diagnose, you are essentially assuming that you know the subtleties that diagnosis consti-

tutes. This can be fatal as people who assume that they can surmise what is going on with themselves may miss the nuances of diagnosis. Says eminent Radiation Oncologist Sean Vance: "The wealth of medical information we have at our fingertips can be empowering. But we need to be really choosy about the sources we are using, especially when searching

topics like cancer, stroke and heart attack." The problem with seeking medical advice through the internet is that you could end up being provided with completely incorrect information, which could become an added detriment to your health.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

What is “ME TIME” and How Does it Improve Your Mental Health?



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“Intelligent living simply means recognizing the perishable nature of Life and choosing not to postpone happiness. It means focusing only on what matters most to you, on what you love doing. A simple beginning can be made by investing in your “Me Time”, in one hour on yourself daily – start with your health and with what you are deeply passionate about, what makes you come alive! When you do create that one hour for yourself, you will, magically, see how you gain control of the remaining 23 hours of the day!”— AVIS Viswanathan

Do you ever feel like there is never a moment of peace in your life?

Are your family, your friends, your partner, and your coworkers, all constantly demanding your time and attention?

You're not alone, so don't worry. The demands of modern life—doing business, having a job, taking care of a family, and engaging in social obligations—can be too much to handle. Whatever your lifestyle requires, you must watch out for burnout.

We frequently put everyone else's demands ahead of our own because we don't want to appear selfish or feel guilty, but this approach is unhealthy.

It's crucial to give yourself some “me time”; otherwise it seems practically difficult to schedule time for ourselves in a constantly buzzing society. There are numerous excuses for delaying “me time” until tomorrow, but when tomorrow finally comes, the situation is still the same. The key to practising self-care and being your best self is understanding why, how, and when to have a “me time”.

SIGNS THAT YOU NEED SOME “ME TIME”:

Sometimes it can be difficult to recognize the indications that you might benefit from spending time alone. Few signs, among others include:

- having a bad mood
- readily getting annoyed by sometimes insignificant things
- getting easily bored in social interactions
- a feeling of being overwhelmed or overstimulated
- having difficulties in focusing.
- feeling uneasy and anxious in social situations

The good news is that some “me time” can have a big rejuvenating effect even if you are battling with any of the above mentioned signs. According to one study, those who claimed to spend 11% or less of their time alone felt less stressed out during subsequent challenging social situations.

WHY IS “ME TIME” BENEFICIAL?

1. REDUCE TENSION AND RELAX

If you don't make “me” time a priority, you'll feel more drained, frazzled, and rushed. Being under constant strain will make you more stressed out and lead to burnout. Take a break to relax, get your energy back,

and reduce your stress levels.

2. RESET YOUR BRAIN TO INCREASE YOUR PRODUCTIVITY

Having a never-ending to-do list and working non-stop is unhealthy. The human brain was not designed to maintain focus for long periods of time. If you want to remain productive, you must take frequent breaks. You'll feel refreshed and be able to get back on track if you engage in fun activities during such breaks.

3. INCREASE FOCUS AND FACILITATE PROBLEM-SOLVING

If you've been trying to concentrate on finishing a task or resolving a problem but you don't seem to be making any progress, take a break. Your brain won't be under as much stress if you are engaged in activities you enjoy. When you don't try to force the answer, you'll frequently discover that it just comes to you.

4. SPEND TIME REFLECTING UPON AND UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF BETTER.

Every so often, we need to pause and assess where we are. What matters most to us? What are our guiding principles? What are we aiming for? On occasions, we can become so preoccupied with daily activities that we lose sight of our values and our identity. We risk feeling unsatisfied and unhappy if we don't match our activities with our values.

5. STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

Making your needs a priority shows others that you value your own needs. Others may start to take advantage of you if you don't respect yourself. People will value you if you value yourself.

You will feel more energised, healthier, and happier after spending time with yourself, which will improve your ability to care for and support the people you value.

6. BETTER BALANCING OF WORK AND LIFE

It is easier to achieve a better work-life balance when you are aware of how important taking care of yourself is. Instead of taking on every work, issue, or chore that comes your way, you learn to say “no” and walk away. This makes it possible for you to better handle the crucial aspects of your lives.

7. INCREASED WELLBEING

We feel better when we are engaged in the activities we enjoy. Happier feelings increase our optimism, well-being, and sense of fulfillment. Making time for enjoyment, relaxation, or self-care enhances our wellbeing and sense of self worth.

WHAT SHOULD OUR “ME TIME” INVOLVE?

1. DECIDE ON A TIME

Consider the best time for you to be by yourself. Make sure others are aware that they shouldn't interrupt you during that time by adding that time to your schedule.

2. MINDFUL BREATHING

When you only have a few minutes, concentrating on your breath is a potent technique to restore your mind-body connection. Your body can turn off any stress that

has been unconsciously triggered by consciously taking deep breaths in and out. This switches your body and mind back to “rest and digest” mode from “flight or fight.”

Pay attention to various areas of your body as you breathe in and out. This heals your spirit and the link between your mind and body.

In fact, starting a regular meditation practice will provide beneficial long-term effects like improved memory and concentration.

3. DISCONNECT FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

Eliminate any sources of distraction, especially those that encourage social comparisons, such as social media. Instead of concentrating on what other people are doing, you should think about focus more on your own thoughts and pursue your own interests.

Disable all of your phone's notifications, and make sure someone knows how to contact you in case of emergency. Then, unwind. Use this time to indulge in a sleep or some journaling, concentrating solely on that activity while keeping a positive self-image.

Pick up a real book (not one on a device), worthy to read. Feel it in your hands, and note how it was made. Take note of the book's pages, weight, type and size of fonts, and binding and then drown yourself in its content.

4. GET INNOVATIVE

Many people hold jobs that do not allow room for creativity, whether because of business policies, safety concerns, or legal requirements. Therefore, one excellent approach to spend your “me time” is to indulge in hobbies that you may not have engaged in since you were a child. It includes activities such as creating crafts, playing a musical instrument, having hands on pottery or painting.

You can decide to enroll yourself in an online course to learn a new hobby.

5. INVEST IN BETTER PERSONAL CARE

Try to dedicate two hours to taking care of yourself. Take a bath and indulge in aromatherapy products to create a spa like experience at home. Take long, deep breaths and picture any tensions or negativity you may be holding onto being washed away by the warm water while you enjoy the environment you have created.

Everyone has a different need for “me time”, thus there is no ideal quantity. Identify some activities you could enjoy performing alone, then begin to practise. Try finding a balance between “me time” and social time that suits your particular needs. Some people might only need a few minutes every now and then to lift their spirits, while others might need longer periods of “me time”.

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BJP "Purifies" Rajghat With Ganga Water After AAP MLAs' Visit

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New Delhi: The BJP on Thursday sprinkled 'Ganga jal' on Rajghat after AAP legislators had visited the memorial, and its MP Manoj Tiwari took the point further by comparing Arvind Kejriwal to Joseph Goebbels and accusing him of lying repeatedly.

The Delhi unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) also hit out at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), saying its various allegations were like a "movie script" meant to mislead the public on the "scam" in Delhi's now-scrapped excise policy 2021-22.

The BJP alleged that by visiting Mahatma Gandhi's memorial Rajghat, AAP supremo Kejriwal has desecrated the place and the BJP workers sprinkled 'Ganga jal' there to "purify" it.

Reacting to the AAP's claims that the BJP was trying to poach its MLAs with an offer of 20 crore each to switch sides, Tiwari said that every-day the AAP was coming up with old "movie scripts" to divert the public from the real issue.

"This is a total flop show of the AAP. Kejriwal ji you have to speak on the excise policy but your silence on this issue says a lot. You always come up with the same old, worn-out movie script to divert public attention. Arvind, you have become a descendant of Goebbels,

who used to think that if you keep telling the public a lie, they will start believing it as a truth," Tiwari said.

Goebbels was the propagandist minister in Adolf Hitler's Nazi government.

Tiwari said those indulged in the "liquor scam" visited the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi.

"Are these descendants of Goebbels even worthy of visiting the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi?" Tiwari asked.

He said that the Delhi government's excise policy was opposed by everyone including women and children in the city. Public is demanding answers about the controversy surrounding the excise policy.

"You (Kejriwal) are busy in diverting the issue after gobbling up the public money. You should answer that why your excise policy was taken back as soon as the CBI enquiry was ordered?" Tiwari asked.

BJP MP from west Delhi Parvesh Sahib Singh also hit out at the AAP and said the party was doing "theatrics" instead of coming clean on allegations of "scam" in the excise policy.

"Arvind Kejriwal, who is hand-in-glove with the liquor mafia, desecrated the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi, who used to speak against liquor. Our party workers will sprinkle Ganga water to purify the place," Singh said.

Purpose Of Judicial Writing Is To Not Confuse The Reader: Supreme Court

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court has asked the constitutional courts to structure their verdicts in a litigant-friendly language, saying "the purpose of judicial writing is not to confuse or confound the reader behind the veneer of complex language".

The top court said "many judgments do decide complex questions of law and of fact. Brevity is an unwitting victim of an overburdened judiciary. It is also becoming a victim of the cut-copy-paste convenience afforded by software developers".

It said citizens, researchers and journalists continuously evaluate the work of the courts as public institutions committed to governance under law and judgment writing is hence a critical instrument in fostering the rule of law and curbing rules by the law.

The top court, which was dealing with a Himachal Pradesh High Court verdict, said it is "incomprehensible" and the court found it difficult to navigate through the "maze of incomprehensible language in the decision".

A bench of justices DY Chandrachud and AS Bopanna, in a verdict last week, laid down the principles to be adopted by the constitutional courts while writing judgments, including in complex matters.

The judgment pronounced by the bench on August 16 was uploaded on the top court's

website on Wednesday.

The bench passed the verdict on an appeal filed by the State Bank of India and others in a matter arising out of disciplinary action against an employee.

The top court had last year stayed the high court order and said no coercive action should be taken against the bank and others in accordance with the award of the Central Government Industrial Tribunal (CGIT).

It said, "The judgment of the division bench of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh is incomprehensible. This court, in appeal, found it difficult to navigate through the maze of incomprehensible language in the decision of the high court. A litigant for whom the judgment is primarily meant would be placed in an even more difficult position. Untrained in the law, the litigant is confronted with language which is not heard, written or spoken in contemporary expression."

It said judgments of the high courts and the Supreme Court also serve as precedents to guide future benches and a judgment must make sense to those whose lives and affairs are affected by the outcome of the case.

"The purpose of judicial writing is not to confuse or confound the reader behind the veneer of complex language. The judge must write to provide an easy-to-understand analysis of the issues of law and fact which arise

for decision. Judgments are primarily meant for those whose cases are decided by judges. Confidence in the judicial process is predicated on the trust which its written word generates. If the meaning of the written word is lost in language, the ability of the adjudicator to retain the trust of the reader is severely eroded," the bench said.

The top court remanded the case back to the high court to be considered afresh and noted that earlier also, it had remanded matters to the Himachal Pradesh High Court due to similar judgments "so that orders could be passed afresh in language which is capable of being understood".

The top court said amidst an overburdened judicial docket, a view is sometimes voiced that the parties are concerned with the outcome and little else.

"This view proceeds on the basis that parties value the outcome and not the reasoning which constitutes the foundation. This view undervalues the importance of the judicial function and of the reasons which are critical to it. The work of a judge cannot be reduced to a statistic about the disposal of a case. Every judgment is an incremental step towards consolidation and change," it said.

The top court added that adhering to precedent, the judgment reflects a commitment to protecting legal principles and this imparts certainty to the law.

Sonali Phogat's Family Alleges She Was Raped By Her Assistant

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Panaji: Sonali Phogat's brother Rinku Dhaka has filed a complaint with Goa Police, alleging that his sister was raped and murdered by her personal assistant Sudhir Sangwan and his friend Sukhwinder.

In the complaint, Rinku stated that Sonali, who was a BJP leader, had spoken to her mother, sister and brother-in-law a few hours before her demise on August 23. He claimed that during the conversation Sonali had complained against her staff.

Rinku alleged that Sonali's PA raped her after adding drugs to her meals.

"She (Sonali) said Sangwan had given her food laced with some intoxicant, raped her and made a video and was threatening to make the video viral on social media," the Police complaint read.

The complainant also claimed that Sangwan also threatened Sonali of destroying her political and acting career and seized her phones, property records, ATM cards, and house keys.

Speaking to ANI, Sonali's nephew Moninder Phogat said, "Hume shak nhi hume yakin hai ki aisa hua hai unke sath (We are sure that our sister was raped and murdered)."

Sonali, the BJP leader from Hisar in Haryana, was brought dead to the St Anthony Hospital at Anjuna in North Goa on

Tuesday morning. While preliminary reports suggested that she died of a cardiac arrest, her family members suspect foul play.

Sonali's family members are not satisfied with the post-mortem being conducted in Goa. Sonali's brother Rinku Dhaka said that he will get the post-mortem done again in AIIMS, New Delhi.

"We are not satisfied here. We will get the post-mortem done again in AIIMS Delhi. We are not being heard here. My sister was committed to the BJP but not a single BJP leader came here to help us. We want justice," Rinku said.

Claiming that his sister was poisoned, he said, "I have seen my sister's body and her face, ears are blue and this happens when the poison is inside the body, not in a heart attack. My sister was healthy."

Meanwhile, Yashodhara, 15-year-old daughter of the BJP leader, sought justice for her mother.

"My mother deserves justice. The case requires proper investigation and the culprits should get strict punishment," she said.

Sonali, who hailed from Haryana, contested the last Assembly election from Haryana from the Adampur constituency on a BJP ticket against Kuldeep Bishnoi. She also appeared in the reality show 'Bigg Boss' in 2020.

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Once Defunct

Reshi told Kashmir Observer that there are 20 routes for the corporation to be operated in the city and the department has also launched a special fleet of 5 buses for ladies in Srinagar city.

Reshi said they have a manpower of over 1900 employees, including 300 on consolidated bases.

Pertinently, the Comptroller Auditor General (CAG) report in 2021 revealed that the Government-run Corporation has suffered a shortfall of Rs. 165.22 crore.

The report said that the company has witnessed reverse growth in the last five years. It states that even though 20 per cent 'Paid up Share Capital' increased from Rs 204.74 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 245.57 crore in 2018-19, JKRTC faced a 33 percent increase in accumulated losses from Rs 1,229.56 crore to Rs 1,639.01 crore which shows that public funds infused by the government were not efficiently used by officials.

However the UT administration is pushing more money and has made a plan to make the once 'bankrupt' corporation a profitable enterprise, the officials said.

Srangal told Kashmir Observer that since the corporation came into existence, no new fleet was added, rather the corporation was being run on old buses.

"But in 2020, the government started new initiatives to review it. We have received a new fleet of buses and 56 new buses will arrive in the month of September," Sangal said.

He further added that UT's transport corporation is the only corporation in the country that is running cargo buses also.

"The purchase of over 96 new trucks is also in the pipeline and we will get them this year only," Srangal said, adding that the "New fleet has revived the lost credibility of the corporation. We're hopeful that we will start earning profit."

He said that the JKRTC is earning a good revenue from the trucks being used by the department of Food Civil Supplies and Public Distribution for supplies.

Apart from this the department has also added many semi-deluxe buses, and sleeper coaches to the fleet.

The MD said the purpose of reviewing the corporation seems to be fulfilled.

He further said that the government is minimising the human intervention of the employees against whom regular complaints of corruption surface.

"Everything will go online from booking tickets and tracking the movement of crew members," Srangal added.

To overcome the shortage of staff, he said that the government will soon start a recruitment drive in the UT.

An official from the corporation said that revenue of Rs 18 lakh per day is generated from the twin divisions of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Rs 10 lakh is being generated from Kashmir Valley while Rs 8 lakh from Jammu province," the official said, adding that they disburse an amount

of Rs 4 crore and Rs 75 lakh per month as salary to the employees.

Govt Transfers

has been asked to await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department.

Maxium Gorkie, JKAS, Deputy Director, Rural Sanitation, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu.

HM Calls For

gap of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The home minister said it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to have a prosperous and peaceful Jammu and Kashmir, and to achieve this, the security forces should strive to make the border and the LoC impregnable.

"Once the fear of cross-border movement of terrorists, arms and ammunition is eliminated, the people of Jammu and Kashmir would decisively defeat the proxy war with the help of security forces," he said.

The meeting reviewed the cases registered under the UAPA and it was stressed that the investigation should be timely and effective. The agencies concerned should work on improving capacities for ensuring quality investigation, he said.

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and senior officials of the central government, the Army, and Jammu Kashmir government attended the meeting.

The security review comes following attacks on security personnel, infiltration bids and killings in the Union Territory.

Three infiltrators were killed by security personnel along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Kamalkote sector of Uri on Thursday.

There have been at least three infiltration bids by militants from across the border in the last four days in Jammu and Kashmir.

A group of militants tried to infiltrate into the Indian territory in the Pallanwala sector of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday night. Alert troops fired at them, forcing them to retreat.

On August 21, soldiers deployed in the Jhangar sector of Rajouri's Naushera spotted the movement of two to three militants on the Indian side of the LoC and challenged them, officials had said.

One of the militants tried to flee, but was injured in firing by the soldiers and captured alive. The two other militants managed to flee, they said.

On the intervening night of August 22 and 23, a group of two to three militants tried to infiltrate in the Lam sector of Naushera. As they moved ahead into minefields, a series of mines got activated and two militants were killed on the spot.

Militants attacked an Army camp in Rajouri district on August 11, killing four soldiers. The two attackers were gunned down after the pre-dawn suicide strike that marked the return of "fidayeen" attackers to Jammu and Kashmir after more than three years.

The government had informed Parliament that till last month, as

many as 118 civilians, including five Kashmiri Pandits and 16 other Hindus and Sikhs, were killed in Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution in 2019.

The killings of Kashmiri Pandits triggered protests by the members of the community, who demanded enhanced security and transfer of government employees to safer locations.

In May, four Hindu pilgrims were killed and at least 20 injured when their bus caught fire near Katra in Jammu. Police suspect a sticky bomb might have been used to trigger the fire.

Article 370, which gave a special status to Jammu and Kashmir, was abrogated on August 5, 2019 and the state was bifurcated into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

3 Infiltrators Killed

bid along the LoC.

"On the afternoon of August 24, multiple ambushes were laid to trap the infiltrators. Intensive electronic surveillance of the suspected area led to the detection of the (infiltration) attempt at 7 am on August 25, he said.

Col Musavi said militants were hoping to use the cover of thick undergrowth, foliage and rainfall and low clouds to infiltrate.

"The contact with the terrorists was established at about 8.45 am on August 25 in the forward areas of the Indian side of the LoC, leading to heavy exchange of fire in which the terrorists were killed, he said.

The spokesman said the detailed search of the area was concluded at 2 pm and bodies of three terrorists, two AK rifles, one Chinese M-16 rifle along with other war-like stores were recovered.

"Indian Army's successful operation has not only led to the elimination of three Pakistani terrorists, but also has resulted in thwarting Pakistan's nefarious design and intent to disrupt peace, prosperity and normalcy in J-K, he said.

The use of electronic surveillance and intelligence-based operations continue to be mainstay of the Army's operations against Pakistan-sponsored terror in J-K, Col Musavi said.

Earlier in the day, the Kashmir Zone Police tweeted, "Army and Baramulla Police #neutralised 03 #infiltrators (FTs) near Madiyan Nanak post in #Kamalkote sector of #Uri. More details to be followed."

J&K's Economy

last 8 years the MSME sector has undergone very rapid change.

"New strength, resilience and global competitiveness of MSMEs will make India a preferred destination for manufacturing for the world," the LG said.

Sinha, according to the spokesperson, said that the Indian MSME sector today can be described as magical, steadfast, magnificent enterprises, which is contributing nearly 45% of overall India's exports.

"The number of initiatives under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan is driving economic progress and social development," Sinha said.

"MSME is the nerve center of the country's business. Our focus is to rejuvenate traditional MSME's with

greater access to credit and market linkage to ensure a higher growth trajectory for MSMEs," he added.

The spokesperson further said that the LG termed productivity, connectivity & standardization as three important factors for MSME's sustained growth.

"Vocal for local, District Export hubs, GeM portal, market linkage of domestic & global value chains, all these interventions are results of Hon'ble Prime Minister's efforts to ensure that MSMEs contribute to realize the vision of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat & Aatma Nirbhar Jammu Kashmir," the LG said.

The LG said that the industry-centric policies, provisions of financial assistance, handholding to new and existing enterprises have encouraged MSMEs and other industries in J&K.

"The business ecosystem is exuding confidence. After August 2019, J&K's economy has been living up to the expectation. In FY 2021-22, MSMEs export registered 54% growth and importer-exporter registration has gone up by 173%. Strategic focus on food processing, handicraft & organic products has stimulated the economic growth," the LG said.

"J&K has one of the fastest growing horticulture markets in the country. Our strengths in natural resources & skilled workforce, best in class incentives through new Industrial development Scheme are well known and makes J&K an ideal MSME destination," he added.

Highlighting the government's endeavours to empower MSMEs, the LG, as per the spokesperson said that JKTPO is continuously organizing buyers-sellers meetings, exhibitions, and capacity building programs to provide entrepreneurs with requisite support for their businesses.

"In the last financial year, J&K Bank was given a target to provide credit facility to the accounts of 60,000 entrepreneurs and we have ensured credit of Rs 3579 crore to 81,238 accounts, very well exceeding the target," Sinha said.

The spokesperson said that the LG also informed that MSMEs from the manufacturing and service sectors contribute 8% to the GSDP of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our GDP in this financial year is estimated to reach Rs 2,03,716 crore which will be 7.5% higher than last financial year," Sinha said.

"J&K is making rapid strides in both manufacturing as well as the service sector. Setting up a biotech park at Kathua will help us to exploit the opportunities in sunrise areas and further open up opportunities in the knowledge economy," he added.

The spokesperson said that the LG highlighted the need to adopt a holistic approach to tackle fast-moving global business scenarios and advised all stakeholders to pay special attention to three priorities- sustainability in business, brand-building with focus on market & customer research and quality, time bound service & value addition.

Sinha, he said, also visited the stalls of MSMEs & other stakeholders from J&K displaying the local products.

J&K Bank Seeks

economic development," he added.

At the national level, Prakash said the country's economic recovery, as per the RBI, is showing signs of broadening despite having to deal with the geopolitical implications of Russia-Ukraine conflict, besides challenges of high inflation and widening trade deficit.

"With country's hugely improving ties with developed economies of the world vis-a-vis other Asian powers, we see the growth opportunities for India getting brighter as it continues to emerge as preferred alternate destination for investment and outsourcing in its neighborhood. In short to medium term, such an attractive investment climate with enhanced Foreign Institutional Investment (FI) inflow will surely spur faster growth in the country's economy," he said.

However, for smaller banks like J&K Bank with a limited presence in rest of India and a very small share in the business, the impact of macro-economic factors is relatively minimum, he said, adding, "In rest of the country, we have to look for our share in business pie and take it."

On improving the efficiency and productivity, he said, the bank plans to outsource most of the micro and para-banking services like utility bill collection, remittances and small payments to business correspondents.

"This will not only reduce the burden of Bank but ensure the viability of all the business correspondents while taking the services closer to the doorsteps of our customers especially in rural and semi-urban areas," he added.

Besides, to augment retail lending, the bank is engaging direct selling agents while exploring tie-ups with fintech players to bring innovative technologies in its business processes like customer on-boarding, retail lending, credit underwriting.

"The aim is to improve customer experience, make our business processes efficient, besides achieving better risk mitigation," he said.

"In short to mid-term, we also plan to automate all our resource-intensive operations at the back-end through a comprehensive business process re-engineering which is an important element in our business transformation project to achieve over 90 per cent of our transaction on digital platforms. The front-end resource base shall be entirely trained and deployed for sales and marketing purposes," he said.

Renowned Activist

Nasrullah also worked actively on the issue of Achan Dumping Site. He joined Judiciary as a stenographer in 1967 and retired as Chief Administrative Officer in 2007.

His death has been widely mourned.

2 'Militant Associates'

Mohd Yousuf Wani and Manzoor Ahmed Shah.

"During search, huge cache of arms and ammunition including 03

Pistols along with Magazines, 24 9mm Rounds, 05 Hand Grenades, Fake Police Identity Card, 01 Blanket and a fake Identity Card of Health Department and other daily use items were recovered from the said vehicle," he said.

During preliminary investigation, the spokesperson said, it was revealed that the arrested duo was in close touch with some active militants of LeT and were tasked to revive the militant folds by "motivating youth to join terrorist ranks and spread terrorism" in the district.

Besides, he said, the accused were also tasked to provide logistic support to the LeT militants.

"Timely action/arrest of these terrorist associates averted a major terror activity in the district. In this connection, Police has registered a case under relevant sections of law and further investigation is in progress," the spokesperson added. (ONS)

2 Die Of Covid,

Baramulla 30, Anantnag 15, Kupwara 14, Kulgam 19, Pulwama 7, Ganderbal 5, Bandipora 4 and Shopian 2.

In the winter capital, they said, Jammu reported a maximum of 22 new cases of infection, Samba 7, Udhampur 4, Kathua and Ramban 3 each and one each in Doda and Poonch districts. The three districts of Reasi, Rajouri and Kishtwar reported no new cases of Covid-19.

Also, the officials said that two more people died of Coronavirus related complications in Jammu division during the last 24 hours. With two more deaths, the overall fatality count due to pandemic reached 4781 in J&K

"Moreover, 395 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 91 from Jammu division and 304 from Kashmir division" they added. (ONS)

Patwaris Call-off

meeting with us in which he assured us that all the genuine demands will be resolved shortly," he said.

"Among several demands, some include grade pay issue of graduate Patwaris, enhancement from 2400 to 2800, direct recruitment of Naib Tehsildars through promotions on the basis of service records and other," he said.

"We are hopeful that the assurances given by the government will be ensured on the ground," Malla said and thanked the administration for listening to the pleas of the employees.

2 held With Rare

(Saussurea Costus) was recovered from their possession.

"They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No.58/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Qalamabad and investigation has been initiated," he said.

"Police has resolved to act tough against individuals involved in any illegal trade and other criminal activities," he added. (ONS)

Lumpy **SKIN** Disease

Govt Constitutes Task Forces For Jammu, Kashmir Divisions

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the wake of outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has constituted two dedicated task forces, one each for two divisions of the UT.

These task forces to be headed by scientists from SKUAST K/J along with other members from Animal Husbandry departments to monitor the spread of the disease in real time and suggest strategies for its control.

In addition, a notification was issued under Section 6 of Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009 declaring 9 districts of J&K as controlled areas for the purpose of the Act. Subsequently, in pursuance of the notification an order was issued imposing complete ban on import of bovine animals from outside the UT as well as inter district movement of these animals within the UT of J&K.

Vaccination Drive against the LSD has started in a campaign mode in both the Divisions and susceptible population is being vaccinated in the form of ring vaccination around the respective epicentres on war footing to control the spread of disease, besides all bio security measures which include use of fly repellents, fogging, isolation



and treatment of affected animals are being adopted. District level RRT's visit all the epicentres of infection for controlling its spread.

The Agriculture Production Department (APD) is abreast of the situation in the UT and Additional Chief Secretary APD, Atal Dulloo is personally monitoring the evolving situation on daily basis. Farmers are being advised to establish close liaison with Animal Husbandry Authorities and cooperate fully in control and immunization programs. APD Department has started dedicated helpline 1962 to assist farmers in case of any eventualities related to the disease.

The sample for confirmation of LSD are being sent to NIHSAD, Bhopal on daily basis, however two BSL-II Labs have been set up at Jammu & Srinagar to conduct the testing for LSD in J&K only which will start functioning within weeks time and surveillance of the disease shall disease shall be taken up in a large scale for controlling the disease.

Govt Frames UT, District Level Committees For Implementation Of PACS Project

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Government on Thursday constituted a UT level and District level committee for implementation of centrally sponsored scheme "Computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS)".

As per order issued by Secretary to the Government Dr Piyush Singla, Administrative Secretary Cooperative Department will be chairman of the UT level committee while as concerned DC will be chairman of the district level committee.

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of Union territory Level and District Level Implementation & Monitoring Committee(s), for implementation of Centrally Sponsored Project "Computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS)" in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," reads the order.

The other members of UT Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee (UTLIMC) include Representative of the Finance Department (not below the rank of Special Secretary), Registrar, Cooperative Societies, J&K and Chief General Manager (CGM), NABARD, J&K while as MD/CEO of J&K Cooperative Bank will be member Secretary of the committee.

The terms of reference of the committee will be to implement approved guidelines of "Computerization of PACS" at UT Level and provide feedback to the National

Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee (NLIMC), to guide and steer the implementation of the Project in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, to examine and recommend proposals to be taken up under this Project and any other role assigned to it by the NLIMC.

As per District Development Commissioner (concerned) will be chairman of the district level committee, while as members include Deputy Registrar Cooperatives (concerned) and District Development Manager (DDM) NABARD (concerned) besides that MD/CEO of J&K Cooperative Bank for districts of Srinagar, Ganderbal and Budgam, MD/CEO of District Central Cooperative Bank, Jammu for all districts of Jammu Division, MD/CEO of District Central Cooperative Member, Anantnag for districts of Anantnag, Shopian, Kulgam and Pulwama and MD/CEO of District Central Cooperative Bank Baramulla in districts of Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora will be member secretaries respectively.

The terms of Reference of the committee will be to act as the first line of implementation and monitoring system within the overall framework, ensuring smooth implementation of the Project as per approved guidelines and provide necessary support such as power, connectivity, etc. Identify PACS to be funded under the project as per eligibility and feasibility norms and recommend the same to the UTLIMC and any other role assigned to it by the NLIMC/UTLIMC

Intruder Injured During Narcotics Smuggling Bid In Samba

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: BSF troops foiled a major bid to smuggle narcotics from across the border and shot at a Pakistani intruder in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Thursday, officials said. According to a public relations

officer of the Border Security Force (BSF), the alert troops noticed suspicious movements of a man near the Chillyari border outpost along the international border (IB) in the early hours. The man was carrying a bag.

The troops opened fire, resulting in injuries to the intruder,

the official said.

Following a search operation, eight packets containing about eight kg of narcotics, likely to be heroin, were recovered, he added.

The official said the injured intruder managed to crawl back to the Pakistani side.

PAGD Will Never Shut Its Doors: Dr Farooq

Says Final Decision On Contesting All 90 Seats In J&K At Time Of Polls

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said a final decision on contesting all 90 assembly seats in Jammu and Kashmir will be taken at the time of polls, and that the shutters have not been pulled down on the five-party PAGD alliance.

His remarks come a day after the provincial committee of the National Conference resolved to contest all 90 seats and not in alliance with other members of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), the amalgam formed for restoration of special status of Jammu and Kashmir within the Indian Constitution.

The PAGD will never shut its doors, Abdullah told reporters here. Asked about the party's provincial committee resolution that the NC should prepare and fight all 90 assembly seats when the elections take place, he said the NC was a democratic party, but the final decision will be taken at the time of the polls.

It (the resolution) is okay. The NC is a democratic party, a democratic party and can pass resolutions, but the final decision will be taken when the time for election comes, he said. At the provincial committee meeting, chaired by NC vice president Omar Abdullah, at the party headquarters Naw-e-Subha here on Wednesday, the participants present in the meeting expressed dismay over



the recent statements, audio jingles and speeches made by some of the constituents of the PAGD targeting the NC, the party statement had said.

They felt that it does not contribute to the overall unity of the amalgam. They denounced the unfair treatment meted out to JKNC in PAGD. The participants demanded immediate course correction from PAGD constituents. The provincial committee members unanimously resolved that JKNC should prepare and fight all 90 assembly seats.

The vice president in his response acknowledged the concerns raised by the participants and reiterated that the interest of the people of J&K and JKNC will be safeguarded, the statement said.

However, the NC president said the decision will depend on the situation in J-K at that time.

"You (media) have started to decide what we will do. How will that happen. We will have to see how the situation of the state will be that time (elections), he added.

When asked about his party

expressing dismay over the recent statements, audio jingles and speeches made by some of the constituents of the PAGD targeting the NC, the party statement had said.

The statements (against NC) will come, but it should be our endeavour to show tolerance. If you cannot have tolerance, then you will not be able to do anything for the people. You should remember two things tolerance and patience. Also, one should be ready to sacrifice himself, he said.

Asked what advice he will give to Omar, the NC president said he cannot advise his son as he understands what needs to be done.

PDP, the other major constituent of the PAGD, had also downplayed the NC resolution saying it would not affect the unity of the amalgam.

"PAGD was conceived for a much larger cause than just an electoral alliance. If some constituent of the Alliance has reservations for any kind of electoral alliance, that will not impact our unity for the larger goal," chief spokesman of the PDP Suhail Bukhari said in a tweet.

Besides the NC, the PAGD, which was formed on August 4, 2019, comprises the PDP, CPM, Awami National Conference and CPI.

During the 2020 District Development Council elections, the alliance contested and won 110 seats out of 280 with the NC winning 67 seats alone.

22 Absent Employees Suspended In Budgam

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid on Thursday suspended 22 employees for remaining unauthorizedly absent from their duties.

In order to check attendance of employees, the DC conducted surprise inspections of various government offices including Tehsil Office Budgam, an official spokesperson said.

During the inspection at Tehsil Office, he said, 20 employees were found unauthorizedly absent from duties. Similarly, while checking the attendance at Government Primary School Paller, two teachers were found unauthorizedly absent from their duties.

The absent employees were placed under suspension immediately.



The DC stressed on 100 percent attendance at all offices and directed all employees to attend their duties regularly in letter and spirit.

He warned that strict action shall be taken as per the law against employees for their unauthorized absence from duties.

The DC also observed that cleanliness is not up to the mark in offices. He instructed that proper sanitation and cleanliness shall be maintained in and outside premises of all Government offices.

Hawala Case

SIA Arrests Baramulla Man Deported From UAE

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir's State Investigation Agency on Thursday arrested an accused from the Delhi airport following his deportation from the UAE in a case of hawala money recovery in which former minister

Jatinder Singh alias Babu Singh is an accused. The former Jammu and Kashmir minister, the main accused in a case related to the recovery of Hawala money meant for subversive activities, was arrested from Kathua district in April. Singh was at large since March 31 after the police busted a Hawala racket here and issued a lookout notice for him on April 6.

"Today, the State Investigation Agency arrested an accused, Farooq Ahmed Naikoo alias Farooq Tendulkar alias Umar Ghulam Hassan Naikoo of Mohalla Khawaja Sahib Barmulla, from the IGI Airport in Delhi soon after his landing," a senior SIA officer

told PTI.

Naikoo's name has figured in various terror-financing transactions during an investigation into the case. Further probe about his role and involvement is being carried out by the State Investigation Agency, the officer said.

Mohammad Shareef Shah, a resident of south Kashmir's Kokernag, was arrested with the Hawala money on March 31 from the Gandhi Nagar area of Jammu and his questioning revealed that he was tasked by Singh, a resident of Kathua district, to collect the money from Srinagar.

Shah had also disclosed the names of his foreign associates, including Javed and Khatib of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, and Farooq Khan of Toronto (Canada), officials said.

Singh was a minister in the PDP-Congress government in 2002-2005 and now is the chairman of the organisation Nature-Mankind Friendly Global Party'.

CBC Takes 'Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav; Celebrations To Uri



Observer News Service

URI: Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Uri, Harvinder Singh on Thursday inaugurated a multimedia exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organized by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.

The event was organized by CBC's Field Office Anantnag at mini stadium Uri, Baramulla. The 3-day long event is aimed at generating awareness among masses in the border town about the objectives and vision behind the celebration of Amrit Mahotsav. The multimedia exhibition showcases the freedom struggle of India through a series of photo panels, films and theme based musical programmes.

Speaking on the occasion SDM Uri lauded the valor and determination of the people of Uri in defending the nation by pushing back the tribal intruders after India's independence.

He said it is because of sacrifices of our freedom fighters and armed forces that we live in a free country. Singh urged the people to visit the exhibition to know about the unsung heroes of freedom struggle.

Joint Director CBC, Ghulam Abbass while giving a brief over-

view of the multimedia exhibition informed that the objective of the Amrit Mahotsav campaign is to foster national integration and work collectively for national development.

Abbass said that people should take benefit of the public welfare schemes launched by the government to contribute in the national development.

Others who addressed the gathering included Daljeet Singh, Sub Divisional Agricultural Officer who highlighted the efforts of the agriculture department in implementation of the schemes for farmers like PM-KISAN.

Zonal Educational Officer, Uri Chowdhary Shah Mohammad in his address informed about the developments in the education sector in Uri.

Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC informed that the 3-day event will conclude on 27th August and over the next two days different activities like Quiz, Painting Competitions, elocution, film screening and cultural programmes will be organized for students and masses. He said a similar programme will be organized in the border district Poonch from 27th to 29th August 2022.

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2. Must have age not less than 18 and more than 55.
3. Must possess minimum land holding and a shed / space for construction of same.
4. Should not have availed any benefit under any scheme for last 5 years for which he will submit an affidavit.
5. Only one member per household can apply.
6. Must possess experience in sheep farming.

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- c. Techno feasibility certificate from the concerned VAS.

IMPORTANT DATES

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2. Last date of receipt of application forms = 03-09-2022

The application form duly filled be submitted through Sheep Development Office Kulgam to this office (DSHO Kupwara) up to 06-09-2022 during office hours.

No. DSHOK/Toch/2022-23/1049-60
Dated. 24/08/2022

District Sheep Husbandry Officer
Kupwara

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3rd District Srinagar Rope Skipping C'ship Concludes



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The two-day 3rd District Srinagar Rope Skipping Championship 2022 organised by Rope Skipping Association of J&K concluded at Crescent Public School, Naseem Bagh, Hazratbal on Thursday.

In the event around 200 students from 12 government and private institutions participated. Sajid Yousuf Dar (International Football Coach) was the chief guest at the concluding function. Green Valley Educational Institute (GVEI) led the medal tally followed by MMP Gulab Bagh and Legends School. The

medal winners from the championship will now go through Coaching Camp before the UT Level Championship scheduled in the month of October.

Among others present on the occasion Rauf Trambboo (President Ski Mountaineering Association) Peerzada Shuja (Member JK Hiking Mountaineering Club) Director, Chairman, Principal, Dean Academics, Administrative Officer, Physical Education Staff of Crescent Public School, Secretary and President of the RSAJK. The event was organised by the Rope Skipping Association of J&K in collaboration with Crescent Public School.

J&K Stadiums, Indoor Complexes Witness Mega Sports Activities



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: With the target to include around 14 lakh youth in the Phase-II of 'My Youth My Pride' programme after the successful completion of Phase-I which witnessed participation of around 9 lakh youth across J&K, the programme is a massive hit among the sporting circles of J&K.

In the Kashmir division, a number of competitions were held in North Kashmir's Baramulla, Kupwara, and Bandipora districts under the program though the 28th Master's Table Tennis Championship being held in Srinagar's Sheri-Kashmir Indoor Stadium has entered day-3.

More than 400 matches were played in the championship on Thursday. Finals in many categories of the championship were in progress when the report was being filed. In Baramulla, the bouts in Thang-Ta were held in Khushal Stadium Sopore and the finals of Kho-Kho were held in Uri. Government Higher Secondary Uri clinched the title by beating Government Middle School Uri in a very close-fought contest.

Ghulam Abbas, Deputy Director, Information presided over the function as chief guest. Events for Badminton and

Carrom were held in Baramulla Main Stadium. Similarly, many sports activities kept the stadiums in limelight with the massive gathering of sports lovers and supporters thronging the venues to witness the matches and root for their players.

District Kupwara hosted a Table Tennis event which was played in Kupwara Hr. Sec School. Weightlifting and Judo events were held in Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium Bandipora while Boxing was held in Indoor Hall Shadipora, and Pencak Silat in Sumbal.

In South Kashmir, Pulwama hosted Rugby and Soft Tennis matches in Pulwama Sports Stadium while the Indoor Hall of Rajpora was lit with Thang-Ta, Weightlifting, and Yoga activities.

In the Jammu division, hundreds of players participated in the events held for Gymnastics, Football, Hockey Judo, Yoga, Boxing, and Cricket in the Kathua Stadium and Indoor Sports Complex Billawar in the Kathua district.

"The vision to use the power of sports to prevent crime and drug abuse among youth is the main theme of Phase II of the program in addition to scouting and grooming talent," said Dr. Zaffar Iqbal Chief Accounts Officer J&K Sports Council.

28th National Masters Table Tennis C'ship In Full Swing

Advisor Bhatnagar witnesses matches, distributes prizes



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Advisor to LG, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Thursday witnessed several matches of the ongoing 28th National Masters Table Tennis Championship and participated in the prize distribution ceremony for several team events at the Sheri Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex (SKISC) here.

Speaking during the prize distribution ceremony of the championship, Advisor Bhatnagar said that Jammu and Kashmir has tremendous scope for organising sports events of National Level and the government is committed to hold sports events of National and International level across J&K. On the occasion, the Advisor also interacted with players and encouraged them to play with utmost enthusiasm and determination.

During the ongoing matches

of the championship, the paddlers from the Indian Accounts and Audit Department (IA&AD) decimated West Bengal 3-0 in the Men's 40+ final of the 28th Masters National Table Tennis Championships at the SKIS.

Following their footsteps, their 50+ squad put up a grand show to win gold against Maharashtra A in a tough final in which the IA&AD men won 3-2. The IA&AD team and other winners received the glittering trophies and medals from Advisor Bhatnagar.

Pertinently, the championship is being organised by J&K Table Tennis Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council and Indian Veterans Table Tennis Committee under the aegis of Table Tennis Federation of India. More than 1000 players and officials from 28 states, eight UTs and different institutions are competing in the championship.

UEFA Announce Champions League Group Stage Draw



Agencies

ISTANBUL: The UEFA Champions League Group Stage draw for the upcoming 2022-23 season concluded in Istanbul, Turkey on Thursday.

Holders Real Madrid were placed in Group F alongside Celtic, RB Leipzig and Shakhtar Donetsk. Bayern Munich were placed in Group C, alongside Barcelona, Inter Milan and Viktoria Plzen.

Check out the full Group Stage draw of the UEFA Cham-

pions League:

GROUP A: Ajax (Netherlands), Liverpool (England), Napoli (Italy), Rangers (Scotland).

GROUP B: Porto (Portugal), Atlético Madrid (Spain), Bayer Leverkusen (Germany), Club Brugge (Belgium).

GROUP C: Bayern Munich (Germany), Barcelona (Spain), Inter Milan (Italy), Viktoria Plzeň (Czech Republic).

GROUP D: Eintracht Frankfurt (Germany), Tottenham (England), Sporting Lisbon (Portugal), Marseille (France).

GROUP E: AC Milan (Italy), Chelsea (England), Salzburg (Austria), Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia).

GROUP F: Real Madrid (Spain), Leipzig (Germany), Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine), Celtic (Scotland).

GROUP G: Manchester City (England), Sevilla (Spain), Borussia Dortmund (Germany), Copenhagen (Denmark).

GROUP H: Paris Saint-Germain (France), Juventus (Italy), Benfica (Portugal), Maccabi Haifa (Israel).

Anderson First To Play 100 Test Matches At Home

Agencies

MANCHESTER: 40-year-old England pace legend, James Anderson, has become the first cricketer to play 100 test matches at home.

The lanky speedster from Burnley achieved this feat on first day of England's second test against South Africa at Old Trafford in Manchester on Thursday.

Sachin Tendulkar has played the second-most number of tests at home with 94 matches. Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting is third with 92 matches at home to his home. English cricketers Stuart Broad and Alastair Cook round off the top five with 91 and 89 matches, respectively.

Anderson has played a total of 174 Tests, the second most after Tendulkar's tally of 200. Cook (161) and Broad (158) are the only other English players to feature in more than 150 Tests.

Anderson was on fire on the opening day as he took 3 wickets to send South Africa packing for a measly 151/10. In reply, England were 98/3 when reports last came in.

Djokovic Out Of US Open; Can't Travel To States



Agencies

NEW YORK: Novak Djokovic will not play in the US Open, as expected, because he is not vaccinated against Covid-19 and thus is not allowed to travel to the United States.

Djokovic announced his withdrawal from the year's last Grand Slam tournament on Twitter on Thursday, hours before the draw for the event was revealed.

"Sadly, I will not be able to travel to NY this time for US Open," Djokovic wrote, wishing luck to his fellow players, and said he would "keep in good shape and positive spirit and wait for an opportunity to compete again."

Play is scheduled to begin at Flushing Meadows on Monday.

Djokovic is a 35-year-old from Serbia who owns 21 major championships, one behind Rafael Nadal for the men's record. Three of Djokovic's Slam trophies came at the US Open, in 2011, 2015 and 2018.

He also was the runner-up there a half-dozen times, including last season, when his pursuit of the first calendar-year Grand Slam in men's tennis since 1969 ended with a loss in the final to Daniil Medvedev.

Foreign citizens who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19 are currently unable to enter the U.S or Canada, and Djokovic has said he won't get the shots, even if that prevents him from playing in certain tournaments.

Asia Cup 2022: Full Schedule & Squads



The 2022 Asia Cup is a six-team tournament that will be held in UAE between August 27 and September 11. Below is the full schedule as well as the full squad list of the participating teams.

SCHEDULE

Group Stage Schedule:

27 August 2022 – Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan (7:30 PM)

28 August 2022 – India vs Pakistan (7:30 PM)

30 August 2022 – Bangladesh vs Afghanistan (7:30 PM)

31 August 2022 – India vs Hong Kong (7:30 PM)

1 September 2022 – Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh (7:30 PM)

2 September 2022 – Pakistan vs Hong Kong (7:30 PM)

Super Four Schedule:

3 September 2022 – B1 vs B2 (7:30 PM)

4 September 2022 – A1 vs A2 (7:30 PM)

6 September 2022 – A1 vs B1 (7:30 PM)

7 September 2022 – A2 vs B2 (7:30 PM)

8 September 2022 – A1 vs B2 (7:30 PM)

9 September 2022 – B1 vs A2 (7:30 PM)

Asia Cup 2022 Final Schedule:

11 September 2022 – AIS Cup 2022 Final – Team 1 (1st Super 4) vs Team 2 (2nd Super 4) (7:30 PM)

SQUADS

Group A

India: Rohit Sharma (c), KL Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Deepak Hooda, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh, Avesh Khan. Standby: Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel, Deepak Chahar.

Pakistan: Babar Azam (c), Shadab Khan, Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider

Hong Kong: Nizakat Khan (c), Kinchit Shah, Zeeshan Ali, Haroon Arshad, Babar Hayat, Aftab Hussain, Ateeq Iqbal, Aizaz Khan, Ehsan Khan, Scott McKechnie (wk), Ghazanfar Mohammad, Yasim Murtaza, Dhananjay Rao, Wajid Shah, Ayush Shukla, Ahan Trivedi, Mohammad Waheed.

Group B

Afghanistan: Mohammad Nabi (c), Najibullah Zadran, Afsar Zazai, Azmatullah Omarzai, Farid Ahmad Malik, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Hashmatullah Shahidi, Hazratullah Zazai, Ibrahim Zadran, Karim Janat, Mujeeb ur Rahman, Najibullah Zadran, Naveen ul Haq, Noor Ahmad, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Rashid Khan, Samiullah Shinwari. Standby: Nijat Masood, Qais Ahmed, Sharafuddin Ashraf.

Bangladesh: Shakib Al Hasan (c), Anamul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim, Afif Hossain, Mosaddek Hossain, Mahmudullah, Mahedi Hasan, Mohammad Saifuddin, Mustafizur Rahman, Nasum Ahmed, Sabbir Rahman, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taskin Ahmed, Ebadot Hossain, Parvez Hossain Emon, Mohammad Naim.

Sri Lanka: Dasun Shanaka (c), Danushka Gunathilaka, Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Charith Asalanka, Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Ashen Bandara, Dhananjaya de Silva, Wanindu Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana, Jeffrey Vandersay, Praveen Jayawickrama, Chamika Karunaratne, Dilshan Madushanka, Matheesha Pathirana, Nuwanidu Fernando, Nuwan Thushara, Dinesh Chandimal.

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