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8 Years Later, Flood-Hit Houses Rendering Many Roofless In Kashmir

Farzana Bashir

On the window of her rented room in Srinagar's Nowpora area, Zareena Farooq is trying to visualize the fretful flood scenes of 2014. Although eight years have already passed since that catastrophic fall, she's still carrying the dreadful deluge with her.

"How can I forget it," says Zareena, almost choking with emotions. "I lost everything in that fall including my beautiful home."

In the beginning of 2014, Zareena's well-to-do husband had availed a bank loan for boosting his business but later that year he had lost everything

in floods. He couldn't pay his debt on time and ended up selling his properties, including his house.

"We were given some token relief by the government and left to fend for ourselves," Zareena says. "It was a natural calamity, a humanitarian crisis. The government should've helped us rebuild our lives, rather than letting banks dictate and devour our addresses in the name of interests."

While some people rebuilt their houses from scratch, others couldn't due to paucity of means. Many houses that withstood the deluge were eventually declared unfit for living. Among them was Mohammad



Shafi's Srinagar shelter.

"We were living in Munawarabad in our flood-hit house all these years until we

vacated it last year," says Shafi, a 57-year-old sales executive in a private company. "But now, we're forced to live on rent

because our house has become prone to accidents."

After floods, the government distributed relief among the victims whose houses were damaged in the deluge. "The government did help us but our damage was much bigger than they estimated in their records," Shafi says.

"Our houses weren't considered damaged and we were forced to live in flood-stricken shelters. In all these years, government should've helped those who were not able to rebuild their residences."

As per a study—A satellite-based rapid assessment on floods in Jammu & Kashmir—September, 2014—by the department of environment &

remote sensing and the ISRO, the 2014 floods inundated 557 sq-km of Kashmir and affected at least 22 lakh people. The natural fury stranded thousands of people inside their submerged homes and cost the economy more than Rs 100 crore.

Four years after that flood, the government approved 4,442 houses in JK under its Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (urban). However, as of January 2018, hardly eight shelterless families were provided with the house—three in Budgam, four in Baramulla and one in Kupwara.

The assistance to the flood victims was disbursed from state disaster relief fund, the Prime Minister's **More on P10**

Govt Submits ATR On Wular Conservation In Court

Auqib Javed

The government has submitted an action taken report (ATR) before the High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh highlighting a number of measures taken for the conservation and preservation of Wular lake—one of the largest freshwater lakes in South Asia.

The ATR was submitted by the Chief Executive Director Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA), T Rabi Kumar before the High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh.

On August 2, the court directed the government to file an Action Taken Report (ATR) regarding detailed status about utilisation of funds, encroachment status of Wular lake, staff strength of authority and latest position of lake conservation manners taken by said Authority to conserve the lake.

Hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), filed by Kashmir Environmental Protection, a division bench of Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri observed that sufficient funds were being provided by the Centre for the conservation and preservation of the lake.

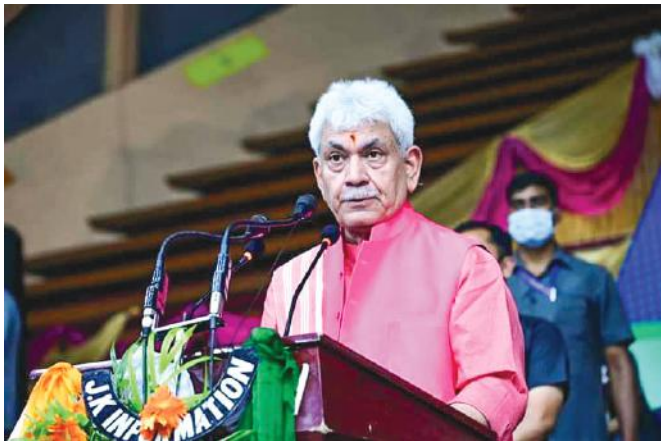
In response to the submission, the government submitted the latest progress with regards to encroachment status and lake conservation and management action programme.

The government submitted that the demarcation work was started with the establishment of WUCMA in the year 2012 and the whole exercise was completed by 2016 Wular lake is fully demarcated with concrete boundary pillars all along its periphery.

They said that the boundary line is digitized with each boundary pillar duly geo referenced.

"The net area of Wular Lake at present is 130 square kilometer with an encroachment of 380 Kanals and 11 Marlas," the government said, adding that "the area under encroachment is 0.001%. Eviction of 20 Kanals and 11 Marlas have been achieved **More on P10**

Whosoever Tries To Disturb Peace Will Not Be Spared: LG



Agencies

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that situation has improved to a greater extent in Jammu and Kashmir and whosoever tries to disturb the atmosphere of law and order will not be spared at all.

Sinha also said that efforts will be made to establish peace in J&K while strict legal action will be taken against the militants and their sympathisers and whosoever tries to disturb the atmosphere of law and order will not be spared at all.

The LG while addressing a gathering during a function in Jammu said that efforts by the government to establish peace in Jammu and Kashmir will

continue and strict action will be taken against those who disturb the peaceful environment and they will not be spared.

"About 182 militants have been killed this year, 44 of whom were foreigners besides 89 terror modules have been busted," he said, adding, that such people were always bargained to 'buy peace, but this will not happen now, peace will be established.

The LG also said that his government will decide the fate of daily wagers as soon as their demand is legitimate and the government will not be able to deny them.

"A committee has been formed in this regard which will submit its report this month about the daily wagers," he said. (KNS)



Two women carry drinking water towards their huts in the scenic Tosa Maidan meadow in central Kashmir's Budgam district on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

SRINAGAR RING ROAD PROJECT

HC Scraps Govt Notification On Land Acquisition

Zaid Bin Shabir

Srinagar: The High court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Wednesday declared a notification to acquire land issued under erstwhile state's land acquisition act for Srinagar ring road as null and void.

While disposing of the writ petition filed by residents of Wathoora Budgam, a division bench of Chief Justice Pankaj Mittal and Justice Puneet Gupta declared the land acquisition proceedings initiated in 2017 for construction of Srinagar Semi Ring Road as null and void.

The division bench said that the writ in the nature of mandamus is issued declaring that land acquisition proceedings pursuant to the notification



dated 20.03.2017 issued under Section 4 of the J&K Land Acquisition Act (now repealed) stands lapsed under Section 11-B of the Act for want of making an award within a period of two years from the date of declaration.

"The writ petition is, accordingly, allowed," the court observed. The court further said

that it is an admitted position that the urgency provisions under Section 17 of the Act were not invoked and the possession of the land continues to be with the petitioners.

"The respondents have not brought on record any possession memo to show that they have taken possession of land notified to be acquired in accordance with law so as to vest it with the State," the order reads.

The court further observed that since the declaration under Section 6 was made on 08.08.2017, therefore, the award ought to have been made by 08.08.2019 i.e., within two years.

"However, from the objections of the respondents, it is evident that **More on P10**

Kashmir Lost 30,000 Hectares Of Paddy Land In Past Decade



Agencies

Srinagar: Land under paddy cultivation in Kashmir is on decline as around 30,000 hectares of land has been lost since 2013.

Official documents reveal that 2012-13 the land under paddy in Kashmir was 162,309 hectares while the production was 621.64 metric tons with the yield of 38.3 quintals per hectare.

In 2013-14, the land under

paddy in Kashmir was 158,356 hectares while the production was 693.64 metric tons with yield of 43.8 quintals per hectare while in 2014-15 the land under paddy in Kashmir was 155,432 hectares while as the production was 240.92 metric ton with yield 15.5 quintal per hectare, it adds.

In year 2015-16 the land under paddy in Kashmir was 141,340 hectares **More on P10**

Govt Officials Told To Wear Formal Dress In Offices, Courts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The government of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday asked all the officers and officials to follow proper formal dress code while attending any court of law or office in Jammu and Kashmir.

In an order issued here, the government stated that any deviation will not be acceptable and the erring officer and official will be strictly dealt with under law.

"In the case titled Mohammad Abbass Parray Vs State of J&K in SWP No. 282/2017, the Hon'ble Single Judge while finding an Officer of the State Government present in person not in proper dress passed a directive and observed the Chief Secretary of the State of Jammu and Kashmir is expected to register the concern of the Court as regards the casual approach adopted by the officers **More on P10**

S H O R T T A K E S

Army Chief Begins 2-Day Visit To Ladakh

Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande on Saturday carried out a comprehensive review of the overall security situation in eastern Ladakh, two days after Indian and Chinese militaries began disengaging from Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area in the region.

The Army said Gen Pande witnessed Parvat Prahar exercise besides interacting with officers and troops deployed in the region. The exercise featured a display of operational capabilities by **More on P10**

Gujjar Muslim From J&K Nominated To RS

Gulam Ali, a Gujjar Muslim from Jammu and Kashmir, was on Saturday nominated to Rajya Sabha by the government. This is perhaps for the first time a Gujjar Muslim from the region has been sent to the Upper House as a nominated member. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (a) of clause (1) of article 80 of the Constitution of India, read with clause (3) of that article, the President is pleased to nominate Shri Gulam Ali to the Council of **More on P10**

59 Fresh Corona Cases In J&K

Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday recorded 59 fresh COVID-19 cases that pushed its infection tally to 4,78,685, officials here said. The death toll due to the viral disease stands at 4,784, they said. Of the fresh cases, 13 were reported from the Jammu division and 46 from the Kashmir division, the officials said. The number of active COVID-19 cases in the union territory stands at 480. So far, 4,73,421 people have recovered from the disease, they said. (PTI)

Mughal Road Reopens For One Way Traffic

Mughal road, connecting Shopian with Poonch and Rajouri districts, has been thrown open for one-way traffic this afternoon, officials said. DTI Mughal Road Mohammad Aijaz Miraz said that a portion of the landslide which had led to its closure has been cleared near Poshana. Work to clear the remaining portion of the landslide is under progress, he said. Official sources said that men and machinery were pressed to clear the thoroughfare this morning. **More on P10**

Parts of J&K Receive Rainfall

Parts of Jammu and Kashmir received rainfall even as weather department here on Saturday forecast scattered showers and thunder in next 24 hours. A meteorological department here said that "scattered light rain/thunders" were also expected for subsequent two days. He said that Srinagar received 3.0mm of rainfall in last 24 hours till 0830 hours, Pahalgam 0.4mm, Kupwara 10.8mm, Jammu 33.8mm, 0.4mm in Kathra and 1.2mm in Kathua. **More on P10**

School Renamed After Slain Cop Inaugurated

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray on Saturday inaugurated Martyr Abdul Hameed Chara Memorial Government Boys Middle School Kupwara which was renamed after police constable, Abdul Hameed Chara, who was killed in the line of duty. Chief Education Officer Kupwara, Abdul Hameed Fani, Teachers, school children were present, besides, Next Kin and Kith of Martyrs were also invited on the occasion. Meanwhile, **More on P10**



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Scholarship Name 1: GSK Scholars Programme 2022-23

Description: GSK Scholars Programme 2022-23 aims to support meritorious and financially constrained students who are pursuing first-year MBBS programme from government colleges in India.

Eligibility: First-year MBBS students with at least 65% marks in Class 12 can apply. The annual family income of the applicants must be below INR 6,00,000 from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 1,00,000 per year

Last Date to Apply: 15-10-2022

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/GSKP2

Scholarship Name 2: Keep India Smiling Foundational Scholarship and Mentorship Programme for Sportsperson and Individuals

Description: Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd. is giving young students an opportunity to pursue their academic/career aspirations by providing them with scholarships for education. This scholarship program aims to provide foundational support to individuals, who are deserving & meritorious but may lack the resources to pursue their dreams.

Eligibility: For individuals helping others, the applicants must be graduates and involved in activities like teaching a group of underprivileged children or providing sports training

to them. For sportspersons, applicants must have represented the state/country at the state/national/international level in the last 2/3 years. They must be ranked within 500 in the national ranking/ within 100 in the state ranking. They must be aged between 9 and 20 years. The annual family income of



all applicants must be less than INR 5 Lakhs per annum.

Prizes & Rewards: Selected scholars can avail scholarship award of INR 75,000 per year for up to 3 years

Last Date to Apply: 31-12-2022

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/KSSI2

Scholarship Name 3: Kotak Kanya Scholarship 2022

Description: Under the CSR Project on Education & Livelihood of Kotak Mahindra Group Companies, Kotak Education Foundation invites applications for Kotak Kanya Scholarship 2022 from Class 12th passed girl students, who have secured more than 75% and whose annual family income is less than or equivalent to INR 3,20,000. The scholarship aims to help meritorious girl students from underprivileged sections of society to pursue professional graduation courses from acclaimed universities and colleges.

Eligibility: Meritorious girl students who have secured admission to 1st year graduation programmes in professional courses from institutes of repute (NAAC/NIRF accredited) can apply. Professional courses include professional graduation courses like Engineering, MBBS, Architecture, Design, integrated LLB, etc. Applicants must have scored more than 75% marks in their Class 12th board examinations.

Annual family income must be INR 3,20,000 or less from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 1.5 lakh* per year

*Disclaimer: Please note, the renewal of the scholarship every year will be at the sole discretion of the Kotak Education Foundation

Last Date to Apply: 30-09-2022

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/KKGS12



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1.	Construction of Ramp for Differently Aabled Persons in different departments at main campus, University of Kashmir.	6.01	300/-	12,020/-	08-09-2022 to 22-09-2022 (6.00 PM)	23-09-2022 (11.30 AM)	"CEE" & "DEE"
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3.	Civil/ Sanitary repairs/renovations for Quarter No P-15 at Main Campus, University of Kashmir.	2.19	200/-	4,380/-	08-09-2022 to 22-09-2022 (6.00 PM)	23-09-2022 (11.30 AM)	"DEE"
4.	Providing and Fixing of Vitrified Tiles for quarter No.P-05 with minor allied works at main campus University of Kashmir.	1.22	200/-	2,440/-	08-09-2022 to 22-09-2022 (6.00 PM)	23-09-2022 (11.30 AM)	"DEE"

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Police Takes Exception Over Assault of Youth By Woman

Agencies

Srinagar: Days after a video-clip went viral on social-media sites showing a woman purportedly assaulting a youth near Sri-Pratap Park in Lal Chowk, district police Srinagar has asked citizens not to take law into their own hands and instead inform law-enforcement agencies for redressal of their grievances.

Senior Superintendent of Police Srinagar Rakesh Bhalwal said that it was unpleasant to watch the video. "I strictly ask people not to take law into their own hands, there are various means through which any aggrieved citizen can seek action against anyone, but then engaging in such an act is simply unacceptable", he said. "There are law-enforcement agencies like police and courts to deal with such things and if anyone comes across any misbehavior, he or she can even contact us on our helpline numbers", he said adding we also have dedicated women's cell functioning round-the-clock to facilitate the women.

"No act of such type is acceptable", the police officer reiterated. The woman seen in the video has been accused of falsely suspecting a youth of stalking her daughter. "The woman will be produced before a magistrate for good behaviour bond under sec 107 of CrPC", sources said. (GNS)

21st National Neuro Pedicon Conference Begins In Srinagar

Agencies

Srinagar: The 21st National Neuro Pedicon 2022 conference began on Saturday at SKICC Srinagar in which neurologists from prestigious institutions across India are participating to share their experience with doctors of Kashmir.

Dr Muzzafar Jan Professor and head of Department of Paediatrics GMC Srinagar in his welcome speech said that Neurological diseases are very common in children and "we need to keep ourselves updated and that this conference is being held here after 33 years.

He said that conferences and workshops become means to share



ideas and experiences and he expressed hope that in the next two days they will be able to gain much experience from renowned doctors attending the conference.

"Neurological prob-

lems are very common in children and 10-15 percent of hospital admissions have neurological issues," he said, adding that they have tried to accommodate most of the neurological disorders.

He thanked the government for upgrading the pediatric section of GMC Srinagar from 250 bed GB Panth to 500 bedded super speciality hospital Bemina, which will be functional in a weeks' time.

"We are also planning to make a paediatric super speciality training institute and in next 10-15 years, we shall have trained pediatric super specialists in every nook and corner of J&K," he said.

He also said that the infant mortality rate has gone from 32.4 in 2015 to 16.3 in 2020 and for the first time in the last five decades Neonatal mortality rate has touched single digit which is 9.8 now. (KNO)

Golpora, Shalina Residents Urge Authorities To Macadamize Roads

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Locals from Golpora, Summerbugh and Shalina localities in the city outskirts have complained of bad roads. Locals from these localities say they have long complained of bumpy rides but authorities have failed to get the roads blacktopped.

Residents say the link road from Lasjan Bridge to Pampore is in shambles and authorities have turned a blind eye to their problems.

"The roads in our locality are full of potholes and travelling has become very difficult. The vital road link connecting Srinagar to Pulwama internally has not been macadamized from the last few years", said Touheed Hussain, a resident of Golpora.

"Authorities are delaying macadam-

ization for reasons better known to them" he added.

Locals say all these localities are hubs of construction business including bricks and other material yet no one pays heed to the crumbling road infrastructure.

"In my living memory, I have never seen this road getting macadamized, all the building materials needed in the city comes from our locality yet our roads remain the same" said Kifayat Hussain, a resident of Shalina.

"This is a typical example of Chirag Tale Anhera" he said.

Usually roads are blacktopped during the start of the summer months but as the summer season is coming to an end, locals fear a long winter with bad roads awaits them.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Chief R&B Chief Engineer Er Rafiq Ahmad Rafiq said he will look into the matter.

"Breastfeeding Mothers Have Less Chances Of Acquiring Deadly Diseases"

Agencies

Srinagar: Breastfeeding can help protect babies against some short and long-term illnesses and diseases and breastfeeding mothers have less chances of deadly diseases besides that breastfed babies have a lower risk of asthma, obesity, type 1 diabetes and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), said a senior paediatrician Dr Muzaffar Jan.

Dr Jan who is head of department of paediatrics Government Medical College Srinagar said that breastfeeding has no parallel and it is best for both mother and children as it helps in brain development of the baby.

"Babies who aren't breastfed often fall ill and the rate of exclusive

breastfeeding is around 60 percent and we are making efforts to make it 100 percent." He said.

Mobile addiction of children affects their eyes besides that it creates weight problems and affects the holistic development of the children and gradually it affects their other things, he said adding that parents must involve their children in outdoor games and interact with them and minimize their screen time.

Dr Jan said that conferences help us in sharing knowledge and experiences and it will help in upgrading knowledge of our doctors which will help us in treatment of patients as well.

"As medicines keep on changing, we get updated about the latest medicines in such conferences which helps us in treatment of patients," he said. (KNO)

Justice Magrey Reviews Facilities For Inmates At Central Jail

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, accompanied by Additional Chief Secretary Home, R K Goel and other senior officers of government and Legal Services Institutions Saturday visited Central Jail Srinagar to take stock of the condition of Central Jail Srinagar including facilities for inmates.

On the occasion,

Justice Magrey was presented guard of honour by the CRPF.

Afterwards, DGP Prisons, H K Lohia, accompanied Justice Magrey to male and female blocks of the inmates.

Justice Magrey had interaction with the inmates there regarding the facilities being made available to them. He directed the legal services officers to ensure that no UTP should remain unrepresented in the court.

Later, Justice Magrey

visited the vocational centres including barber shop, bakery, tailoring centre, carpentry, kitchen, hospital, VC facility, e-mulakat centre, Gymnasium and Drug De-addiction Centre.

Justice Magrey appreciated the efforts made by the government in general and the department of Prisons in particular for maintaining high standards of living in jail and providing all the basic facilities like hygienic food, medical facilities and skill training to the inmates.



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This Day In History

- 1906 - Mahatma Gandhi coins the term "Satyagraha" to characterize the Non- Violence movement in South Africa.
- 1909 - Max Wolf rediscovers Halley's comet
- 1910 - 1st commercially successful electric bus line opens (Hollywood)
- 1914 - Australia invades New Britain, defeating a German contingent there.
- 1926 - Spain leaves League of Nation due to Germany joining
- 1939 - Iraq and Saudi Arabia declare war on Nazi Germany
- 1941 - FDR orders any Axis ship found in American waters be shot at on sight
- 1941 - World War II: The U.S. Navy is ordered to attack German U-boats.
- 1943 - US & Australian troops join in Salamaua, New Guinea
- 1967 - Indian/Chinese border fights
- 1967 - US Surveyor 5 makes 1st chemical analysis of lunar material
- 1985 - Intl Cometary Explorer (ISEE 3) passes Giacobini-Zinner by 7900 km
- 1995 - Soyuz TM-22, lands.
- 1997 - After a nationwide referendum, Scotland votes to establish a devolved parliament, within the United Kingdom.
- 1998 - Independent counsel Kenneth Starr sends a report to the U.S. Congress accusing President Bill Clinton of 11 possible impeachable offenses.
- 1998 - Opening ceremony for the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Malaysia is the first Asian country to host the games.

From KO Archives

Census Held Up, Div Com Cajoles Union Leader

Observer News service

Srinagar: The second and final Phase of the census operation in Kashmir, scheduled to begin today, failed to take off with most government employees detailed for the purpose not reporting for duty following militant threat to eliminate those taking part in the exercise.

Director census of Jammu and Kashmir Feroz Ahmad said he had not received any information about the progress of the operation till 1500 hours, today. He said the operations had begun in Jammu and Ladakh regions. "I can't say if the operation had begun in Kashmir valley. I can't even say that the operation had not begun at all", he told reporters.

However, he said the job of the directorate of census is to dispatch the material to the concerned wards which has been completed in time. In Srinagar, the material had not been received by the staff in 15 segments. He said the position would become dear in a few days.

Official reports reaching here said the employees did not receive the material and did not take part in the operation. But officials in the divisional commissioner's office here claimed, that, employee turned up to collect the census material in Budgam, Anantnag and Kupwara districts.

"The exact information from all over the Kashmir valley is not known, especially in Srinagar", the officials said adding the director of census has been summoned to obtain information about progress of the operation.

A PTI reporter who visited the directorate of census and other areas in the city found that out of 98 employees in Brain-Nishat in ward number one, only five employees turned up to receive the material for the area.

Two prominent government employees unions, State Employees Con-ference and Employees and Workers Confederation had directed the staff not to endanger their lives by participating in the operation in view of militants' threat to train their guns on those taking part in the exercise.

Over 22,000 enumerators were trained to conduct the census, to be concluded on September 30, he said adding the first phase was undertaken from May 16 to June 5 this year. House listing with the civic and other amenities available at the household and locality levels was done during the first phase which, however, went off without any problem.

An official handout issued here today said the divisional commissioner had a detailed discussion with the representatives of some employees' organisations and assured them the government would take all possible steps to ensure their security. The statement claimed the representatives informed the divisional commissioner that "they had neither issued any statement to boycott the census duty nor have intention to do so".

(Kashmir Observer, September 11, 2000)

India Issues Advisory Outlining Risks For Students Planning To Study Medicine In China

Agenceis

Beijing: India has issued a detailed advisory for prospective students wanting to study medicine in China, cautioning them of the pitfalls, including poor pass percentage, mandatory learning of official spoken language Putonghua and stringent norms to qualify to practise in India.

The advisory was issued as thousands of Indians studying in Chinese medical colleges are currently stuck at home for over two years due to Beijing's covid visa ban. According to official estimates, over 23,000 Indian students are currently enrolled in various Chinese universities. A vast majority of them are medical students.

After over two years of covid visa restrictions, China has recently started issuing visas to a select number of students to return. However, most of them struggled to return as there are no direct flights and the two countries are still in talks to work out limited flight facilities keeping in view Beijing's quarantine restrictions.

The Chinese medical colleges, meanwhile, began enrolment for new students from India and abroad.

Against this backdrop, the Indian Embassy in Beijing issued a comprehensive advisory on Thursday for students from India wanting to study medicine in China.

The advisory has results of the studies, which outlined difficulties faced by Indian students in China and the stringent norms they face to qualify for practising medicine in India.

A striking feature of the advisory is that only 16 per cent

of the students passed the required test between 2015 and 2021 to qualify to practise in India.

Only 6,387 out of 40,417 students who appeared in FMG (Foreign Medical Graduate) Examination of the Medical Council of India (MCI) from 2015 to 2021 have cleared it.

The pass percentage of Indian students who have studied clinical medicine programmes in China in that period in 45 accredited universities was only 16 per cent, the advisory underlined.

"The prospective students and parents may please note this fact while deciding on seeking admission in Chinese universities for clinical medicine programme," it said.

On the costs, it said the fee structure is different for different universities and advised students to check from the university directly before taking admission.

The advisory listed 45 medical colleges designated by the Chinese government to provide medical degrees in five-year duration plus a one-year internship. Indian students are advised not to seek admission other than in those 45 colleges.

The Chinese government has "clearly mentioned in their official communication that foreign students can join medical programmes in only 45 universities in English language".

"They cannot join the clinical medicine programme in China which is offered in the Chinese language. They have also clearly stated that any university offering clinical medicine programmes in bilingual mode (English and Chinese language) is strictly forbidden," the advisory said.

King Charles III Proclaimed Britain's Monarch In Historic Ceremony

Agenceis

London: King Charles III pledged to follow the "inspiring example" of his mother, late Queen Elizabeth II, as he was proclaimed Britain's new monarch on Saturday in a historic ceremony of the Accession Council that was televised for the first time in history.

"God save the King" were the words with which those gathered reaffirmed the proclamation made by the clerk of the council. Charles then made his proclamation speech, which began with the "most sorrowful duty" to announce the death of Queen Elizabeth II, "an example of lifelong love and selfless service."

"My mother's reign was unequalled in its dedication and its devotion. Even as we grieve we give thanks for this most faithful life," said King Charles III.

"In taking up these responsibilities I shall strive to follow the inspiring example I have been set in upholding constitutional government and to seek the peace, harmony and prosperity of the peoples of these islands, and of the Commonwealth realms and territories across the world," he said.

The throne had passed to the 73-year-old former Prince of Wales following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday and Saturday's ceremony marked his formal declaration and oath taking at St James's Palace in London.

King Charles was joined by his wife, Queen Consort Camilla, and his son and heir Prince William – the new Prince of Wales, who added their signatures to the formal proclamation documents.

Charles confirmed the tradition of surrendering all revenues and the Crown Estate to the country in return for the Sovereign Grant that covers royal costs in the UK.

The King had travelled back from Balmoral Castle in Scotland on Friday, where the Queen's health deteriorated and she breathed her last.

Flags lowered atop the palace



in mourning for the late Queen were brought back up to full mast after the Accession Council proclamation, which followed a wave of further proclamations across the UK to go into Sunday – when flags will return to half-mast in a state of mourning for the Queen.

"As the Queen herself did with such unwavering devotion, I too now solemnly pledge myself, throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the constitutional principles at the heart of our nation," Charles said in his first televised address as King on Friday evening.

"And to my darling Mama, as you begin your last great journey to join my dear late Papa, I want simply to say this: thank you. Thank you for your love and devotion to our family and to the family of nations you have served so diligently all these years. May 'flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest'," he said.

Soon after a Principal Proclamation was read in public for the first time by the Garter King of Arms from the balcony overlooking Friary Court at St James's Palace, accompanied by a 41-gun salute fired by The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery at Hyde Park in London.

The Privy Council, which includes politicians, senior members of the clergy and Supreme Court justices, first gathered without the King to proclaim the new monarch and arrange business relating to the proclamation.

Following the proclamation, King Charles III held his first Privy Council meeting and made his personal declaration to "assume the duties and responsibilities of sovereignty" and follow in the footsteps of his late mother.

On Friday, the King held his first audience with British Prime Minister Liz Truss at Buckingham Palace, soon after he was greeted with applause and cheers by large crowds gathered at the palace gates in mourning for the Queen and to catch a glimpse of the new monarch and his Queen Consort.

"It was so touching to see so many people... It's a moment I'd been dreading, but one must try and keep going," Charles was heard saying to Truss, in a brief clip released of his first audience as the Prime Minister expressed her condolences.

While formal details are to be released by Buckingham Palace, it is expected that the Queen will lie in state at Westminster Hall in London for the public to pay their respects.

In the coming days, the Queen's coffin will depart her Balmoral estate for the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh – the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland.

From here, it will be taken in procession to St. Giles' Cathedral in the city, where the Queen will lie at rest, allowing the public to view her coffin. The coffin will then move to London, ready for lying in state for around four days before her funeral.

Will Be More "Dangerous" If Jailed, Warns Imran Khan On Terror Charges

Agenceis

Islamabad: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chief Imran Khan on Thursday threatened that he would become more dangerous if sent to jail while expressing displeasure over the heavy deployment of police outside the Islamabad High Court during the hearing of a terrorism case filed against him.

PTI chief has been booked in a terrorism case on the complaint of Islamabad Saddar Magistrate Ali Javed for threatening a female judge of the federal capital, during the rally held on August 20.

Khan on Thursday arrived at the Islamabad High Court (IHC) amid tight security. Hundreds of security personnel had been deployed at the court since noon, The News International reported.

Before Imran left his Banigala residence, several PTI leaders arrived at the court, but security officials stopped Fawad Chaudhry, Shehzad Waseem and others as their names were not found on the list provided by the Registrar's Office.

Speaking to reporters, Imran expressed displeasure over the heavy deployment of police and other law enforcement agencies at the court. He wondered who the authorities feared, as they had deployed a heavy contingent of police outside the IHC.

Imran refused to speak more, saying his comments might be misconstrued by the court and said that he will speak after attending the hearing, The News International reported.

Talking to the media persons after the court decided to indict him in the contempt of court case, Imran told reporters that he wanted to contextualise his statement in the court regarding the woman judge but was not given the opportunity to do so.

"Every statement has a context. The country is regressing day by day, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) report has shown it. They can do whatever they want, but the only solution to the instability is fresh elections," he added.

Imran said he did not victimise any of his opponents in his tenure adding there were some cases that were mishandled, but he came to know about them afterwards. The PTI chief rejected speculations about backdoor contacts with some 'important' figures, The News International reported.

Asked if he had met an important official who was also in touch with PMLN leader Nawaz Sharif, Imran said nothing of the sorts had happened. Security officials installed barbed wires and barred people without passes from entering the court premises.

Those who had to appear before the court in different cases were allowed in only after undergoing strict checking. Two senior superintendents of police (SSPs) were among 778 police personnel deployed at the court, which was also being monitored by the Safe City cameras.

The former PM is currently on bail till September 12. He was issued a notice by Islamabad Police for failing to appear before the Joint Investigation Team in the terrorism case.

The authorities had asked the former prime minister to appear before the investigators at 3 pm Friday, reported Samaa TV.

Imran Khan has issued a notice asking him to appear before the JIT and submit his clarification.

Imran Khan had obtained bail from an anti-terrorism court in the case, the notice read. Despite the court order, the former PM neither appeared before the investigators nor submitted his reply, reported Samaa TV.

19 Dead In Maharashtra During Immersion Of Ganesh Idols

Agenceis

At least 20 persons died, 14 of them due to drowning, in various incidents that occurred during the immersion of Ganesh idols in parts of Maharashtra, police said on Saturday.

The 10-day Ganesh festival, which had started on August 31, ended on Friday.

In Wardha district three persons drowned at Sawangi, while another one drowned at Devli, an official said. Two persons drowned in a pond in Yavatmal district when they went for immersion of idols, he said. In Ahmednagar district, two persons died of drowning in separate incidents at Supa and Belvandi, he said, adding that two others died in Jalgaon district of north Maharashtra.

One each died in Pune's rural part, Dhule, Satara and Solapur city, he said. Four persons died in a road accident at Sakardara area of Nagpur city during Ganesh immersion, he said.

In Thane, a 55-year-old woman was killed and four others injured after a tree collapsed on a Ganesh pandal in Kolbad area amid rains. The incident occurred on Friday night, a civic official said.

"A huge tree fell on the pandal while the aarti of the Lord Ganesh was going on as part of the immersion of the idol. The woman, Rajashri Wala-

valkar, was seriously injured in the mishap. All of them were rushed to a hospital, where she was declared brought dead," the official said.

Meanwhile, at least 11 persons, including a nine-year-old girl, were injured after suffering an electric shock at Panvel in Raigad district during a procession. The incident took place on Friday evening at Wadghar Koliwada after a cable of an electric generator snapped, an official said. "At least 11 persons who were part of the procession came into contact with the cable and sustained injuries. The injured include four children, he said.

While some of them were rushed to a private hospital, others were taken to a state-run hospital in Panvel, he said adding all are responding well to the treatment.

Some law and order related incidents were also reported in parts of the state during the immersion of idols. A scuffle broke out between the supporters of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray at Tophkhana in Ahmednagar district, an official said.

In Jalgaon, a group of people hurled stones at the mayor's bungalow during the Ganesh immersion procession, he said, while minor incidents of scuffle between groups were reported in Pune city and rural part of the district as well as Chandrapur.

UK Home Secretary's Father Says His Goa Property Grabbed, Probe Ordered



Agenceis

Panaji: UK Home Secretary Suella Braverman's father has complained that his two ancestral properties in North Goa have been grabbed by an unidentified person, following which the Special Investigation Team of the state police has filed a case and launched a probe, an official said.

Braverman, an Indian-origin barrister, was appointed as the UK's new Home Secretary by Prime Minister Liz Truss earlier this week. Braverman's father, Christie Fernandes, has complained that his two ancestral properties collectively admeasuring 13,900 square metres in Assagao have been grabbed. Superintendent of Police (SIT) Nidhi Vasan told reporters on Friday.

Based on the complaint, the SIT has registered the First Information Report (FIR), he said, adding that an investigation into the case has begun.

Fernandes complained that

some unidentified person through power of attorney had filed inventory proceedings with respect to the properties bearing survey numbers 253/3 and 252/3 in Assagao village owned by him and his family members, police sources said.

As per the complaint, the inventory proceedings were filed prior to July 27 this year and he came to know about it in August.

Mr Fernandes filed the complaint to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, state Director General of Police Jaspal Singh and Goa NRI Commissionerate through an e-mail.

When contacted, Goa NRI commissioner Narendra Sawaikar told PTI that the e-mail was received last week by his department, which was forwarded to the state home department.

"The NRI Commissionerate does not have powers to investigate such cases. Hence, we forwarded the complaint to the home department," he said.

Iran closes borders on Arbæen pilgrims for health, security concerns

Agenceis

TEHRAN: All border crossings leading to Iraq have been closed on Arbæen pilgrims due to the worrying situation of health and security inside Iraq.

In the wake of worrying incidents that happened at the Shalamcheh and Mehran borders and serious threats to the health and security of the pilgrims, high-ranking officials decided to close borders until further notice, IRIB quoted Majid Mir-Ahmadi, the head of the Arbæen pilgrimage headquarters, as saying.

A lack of appropriate infrastructure in Iraq for accepting the pilgrims on one hand and hot weather, on the other hand, convinced us to take the decision, he explained.

Mojtaba Khaledi, the spokesman for the Iranian Medical Emergency Organization, announced on Thursday that 10,325 pilgrims have been referred to healthcare stations having signs of heatstroke.



The Arbæen pilgrimage, which is one of the largest religious gatherings in the world, comes 40 days after Ashura, the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussein (AS), the third Imam of Shia Muslims, and the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Each year, a huge crowd of people flocks to Karbala, where the holy shrine of Imam Hussein (AS) is located, to perform mourning rituals.

This year Arbæen falls on September 17.

Before the outbreak of coronavirus, some 2 to 3 million Iranians attended annually in the Arbæen march. However, last year, the rituals were held virtually to avoid the transmission of the disease.

NEWS MAKERS

In 'Taken' Movie Style, Mumbai Man Rescues Kidnapped Daughter From UP

Agenceis

Mumbai: A daily-wage labourer rescued his 12-year-old daughter who was allegedly kidnapped from near her house in suburban Bandra in Mumbai and taken to Uttar Pradesh, police said on Saturday.

The accused identified as Shahid Khan (24) was employed in a garment manufacturing unit in Bandra and the victim's family lived in the same locality, an official said. The accused had allegedly asked the girl to accompany him for some shopping on September 4, but instead took her to Kuria, from where he boarded a bus to Surat with her and later reached Delhi by train, he said.

The girl had given some excuse to her mother before stepping out of the house, and when she did not return, her parents lodged a police

complaint and a case of kidnapping was registered, he said.

The girl's father, who is a daily-wage labourer, enquired with neighbours and people in the locality and zeroed in on the accused with the help of the police, quite similar to Liam Neeson's character in the film 'Taken'.

After finding out that he hailed from Aitroli village near Aligarh, the victim's father contacted the family of the accused and managed to rescue her with the help of local

police and villagers, he added.

"My daughter said the accused had raped her in an inebriated state in the bus to Surat," the girl's father claimed, demanding an FIR under relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act (POCSO) be registered.

An FIR under section 363 (kidnapping) has been registered and more sections will be added once the victim's statement is recorded, an official from Nirmal Nagar police station said.



Devotee Chops Off Tongue, Offers It To Deity In UP



Agenceis

Kaushambi, UP: A devotee at the Maa Sheetla temple here chopped off his tongue and offered it to the presiding deity, police said on Saturday.

The devotee, identified as Sampat (38), a resident of Kaushambi, has been admitted to the district hospital and his condition is serious, they said.

Sampat and his wife Banno

Devi came to the temple where they performed worship after taking a dip in the Ganga river. After completing the 'parikrama' (circumambulation) of the temple, he cut his tongue with a blade and presented it at the temple's 'chaukhat' (door frame), Station House Officer of Karha Dhaam police station Abhilash Tiwari said. Devi said her husband had expressed a desire to visit the temple on Friday night.

Doctor Duped Of Rs 93,000 By Man Posing As Army Official In Madhya Pradesh

Agenceis

Dr Rajkumar Mathur was called by a man who identified himself as an Army havildar posted in Jammu and Kashmir, said Tilaknagar police station in charge Manju Yadav.

Indore: A 70-year-old doctor in Indore in Madhya Pradesh was duped allegedly by a man posing as a military havildar, a police official said on Saturday.

Dr Rajkumar Mathur was called by a man who identified himself as an Army havildar posted in Jammu and Kashmir, said Tilaknagar police station in charge Manju Yadav.

"The accused said his younger brother required surgery for kidney stones for which he needed



60,000. Amid the conversation on online transfer of this amount, the accused managed to siphon off 93,871 from the doctor's account," Mr Yadav said.

A case has been registered under Indian Penal Code and Information Technology Act provisions and a probe was underway, the official added.

J&K Body Calls for Blacklisting Some Bangladesh Colleges

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Days after Kashmiri students died in Bangladesh, Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Consultancy Association, Suhail Ahmad Khan on Saturday said that the colleges who have failed to ensure better facilities to the students will be blacklisted.

Addressing a news conference here, Khan, as per the news agency KNO, said that it is unfortunate that an MBBS student from Kashmir, who died in Bangladesh didn't even get the ventilator when she was battling for her life.

"After her death, her body started decomposing as the au-

thorities there didn't provide a mortuary box till the body was sent home. It was only possible when the students from Kashmir there contributed from their own pocket and provided 50,000 dollars to ensure the body is kept in a mortuary box till it is sent to her home for last rites," Khan said.

Furthermore, Khan said that the colleges in Bangladesh trap the students during admission and later push them to the wall.

It has been now decided to blacklist all those colleges where the students from Kashmir are being pushed to the wall by not providing facilities to them, Khan said

73% Educators in J&K Govt Schools Teach Primary, Upper Primary Level Students

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Of total teachers posted at government-run schools of Jammu and Kashmir, at least 73 percent of educators were only teaching the Primary and Upper Primary Level students, reveals official figures.

It was leant that at least 37 percent of educators were teaching the Primary Level students only.

Besides, it also states that over 36 percent of the teachers were teaching the students of Upper Primary Level only.

According to the figures maintained by Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), there were a total of 1,016,72 teachers in School Education Department across Jammu and Kashmir out of which at least 38,300 teachers

were posted at Primary Level only followed by 36,908 at Upper Primary Level.

UDISE has also maintained that only 15,570 teachers were teaching the secondary level students in Jammu and Kashmir.

Likewise, the figures also reveal that only over seven percent of teachers were posted at senior secondary level. "At this stage, only 7839 teachers were teaching the students."

The data also states that only 2893 teachers were teaching the students at both Pre-Primary and Primary level followed by 85 teachers at secondary and senior secondary level.

It also reveals that only 21 teachers were teaching the students of Primary and Upper Primary level and 56 teachers at Upper Primary and Secondary level respectively—(KNO)

SCERT's Seminar, Exhibition Keep Creativity Torch Aflame

Event Part Of Jawahar Lal Nehru National Science, Mathematics And Environment Exhibition Initiative

Farooq Shah

SRINAGAR: Scores of students from various government schools from all the ten districts of the Kashmir Division took part in a seminar and an exhibition of models related to science, math, and the environment on Saturday in the sprawling auditorium of the State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) in Bemina.

The exhibition, which was attended by numerous experts in the field and a representative of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Dr. C.V. Shimray, who had flown in from New Delhi, is a component of a program run by the NCERT since 1971 with the goal of promoting, popularizing, and instilling a scientific temperament in young people.

The Jawaharlal Nehru National Science, Mathematics, and Environment Exhibition (JNNSMEE), which is held at venues around the nation, is a platform for kids to demonstrate their aptitude in science and math as well as how they have applied these subjects to many aspects of daily life.

The three top models were identified by the experts after

they evaluated each of them and assigned grades based on merit. Similarly, the finest three student speakers were chosen after they listened to their speeches on diverse topics related to science, math, and the environment.

An SCERT official stated that the models would go through more review and enhancements before possibly being displayed at the national level.

While appreciating the young students, Dr. Shimray stated that their active participation abundantly demonstrated the scientific temperament we wish to foster in the children.

"The fact that the pupils are now thinking creatively and beyond the box is more significant and encouraging," she said. "It's important to support this since it will eventually result in something real."

According to Dr. Shimray, the aim of her visit is to acquire a sense of the situation on the ground, to hear directly about the difficulties that the students face, and to offer support for their initiatives.

Later, as a form of encouragement, appreciation certificates were awarded to the exemplary students.

Civil Society Hails LG's Amnesty Scheme For Power Consumers

Trade Bodies Demand Extension Of Amnesty Scheme To Industrial, Commercial Sector

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the backdrop of one time amnesty scheme launched by the Government for domestic power consumers on Thursday, representatives of several Trade Associations Saturday called on Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, Nitishwar Kumar here at Srinagar.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, MD KPDC, Mohammad Yaseen Chowdhury, Chief Engineer KPDC, Javid Yousif Dar and all senior Engineers and Officers were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the representatives of the trade Associations welcomed the decision taken by the Government with regard to waiver for domestic power consumers of J&K on the interest accumulated in the power bills on account of non-payment of timely dues.

They expressed their gratitude to Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha for providing one time amnesty for domestic power consumers.

The representatives demanded for extending the ambit of the power bills amnesty

scheme to commercial and industrial category consumers so that they are benefitted from the amnesty scheme.

With regard to the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) approved by Government of India, the traders also hailed the initiative to improve the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability by providing result-linked financial assistance to DISCOMs for strengthen supply infrastructure based on meeting pre-qualifying criteria.

The Principal Secretary listened to all the suggestions and demands of the traders fraternity of Kashmir and assured them that their demands will be looked into on priority.

Pertinent to mention that the One time amnesty/waiver for domestic power consumers was approved by the Administrative Council (AC) which met in Srinagar under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

With the decision more than 5.50 lakh domestic consumers will be benefited by waiving off an amount of Rs. 937.34 crore, accumulated as surcharge or

interest, on account of non-payment of timely dues.

The Administrative Council has provided this last opportunity to the consumers in view of not being able to avail the benefits of last scheme due to spread of Covid-19 pandemic during the scheme period.

The new scheme envisages that the outstanding principal amount arrears accumulated upto 31.03.2022 after waiving off 100% interest/surcharge shall be paid in a maximum of twelve monthly (12) installments.

The scheme further entails that the failure of payment of any installment/installments within the prescribed twelve (12) months period shall invite penalty and legal action under Electricity Act, 2010, in addition to the accrual of compound interest on the outstanding dues.

The Traders, businessmen, Hoteliers, Houseboat owners among other stakeholders participated in the meeting and requested the government to accord due consideration to their demand for extending Amnesty Scheme to Industrial and Commercial establishments.

J&K People Desperately Want Assembly Polls: Bukhari

Observer News Service

SAMBA: Asserting that the people desperately want assembly elections for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Saturday said that Jammu has major role to play in upcoming elections by isolating the divisive forces that are bent upon destroying peaceful communal atmosphere.

The political alienation of the people is widely being felt that is why there is desperation for assembly elections for the first time unlike the past, Altaf Bukhari said while addressing a one day worker's convention in Ramgarh in Samba District. The worker's convention was organized by Advocate Sahil Bharti under the guidance of Provincial President, Jammu, S. Manjit Singh.

On this occasion, dozens of people including Advocates joined the Apni Party in presence of the Party President and other senior leaders. Altaf Bukhari welcomed them into the Party fold and hoped that their joining would strengthen the Party.

Bukhari said BJP has betrayed the people of Jammu even after ruling Jammu and Kashmir indirectly through Lt Governor and Advisors from Delhi.

"They came to power by turning Jammu against Kashmir for political gains like NC, PDP and Congress Party but later they betrayed the trust of the Jammuites who gave them 25 assembly seats in erstwhile State of J&K. Within 24 hours, they joined hands with PDP and formed a coalition Govt bringing miseries for the people of both the Regions," he said.



He further said that "BJP do not respect the sentiments of the people. They want power and to serve their political purpose." He appreciated the people of Jammu for accommodating the people who migrated due to violence and other reasons from Kashmir and other parts of Jammu region and settled in Jammu.

"People of Jammu have a big heart as they accommodated the people from all regions, and religions including Kashmiri Pandits, Kashmiri Muslims and others. Jammuites have maintained communal harmony despite all odds and attempts by the enemy of peace," he added while appreciating the people in general.

He said "The historic Dogra State was downgraded into two Union Territories and the Article 370 and Art 35A were scrapped for the political interest after snatching all the basic rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. As the Govt of India and Bureaucracy are enjoying the power, they do not want assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir which is being demanded by the people of the erstwhile State from both the Regions. It is for the first time after 1947 that people are demanding assembly polls as it has never happened in the history of Jammu and Kashmir."

He said that the BJP has allowed the non-locals to extract

natural resources and sell them at higher rates due to which the construction cost has increased. This emerging situation has snatched the source of employment for hundreds of local people across Jammu and Kashmir and made them helpless.

"We will not tolerate policies which are against the interest of the people. If the Apni Party forms the next Govt, we will push outside Lakhanpur all the non-locals who have exploited the natural resources," he said.

He said that they have witnessed the BJP Rule in which no development and instead unemployment has increased manifolds with the cancellation of the selection lists. "Jammu remained the worst hit with the BJP's selective approach and appealed to the people to give a chance to the Apni Party to form a majority Govt in Jammu and Kashmir. We are committed to provide equal opportunity for development, employment and other opportunities," he said.

Under present Govt, he said one can find only outsiders as Govt officials in the Civil Secretariats and District Administration while the local Govt officials who work on merits have been sidelined.

"If we come to power, we will replace the non-local Govt officials and the local Govt officials will get the preference to ensure justice with the local population of Jammu as well as Kashmir," he said.

For this, he asked the people to vote for the candidates of Apni Party in the upcoming assembly elections as it would end their suffering and provide them an opportunity to get their issues resolved by their representatives.

Normalcy Returns To Rajouri Town After Curbs Lifted

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Normal activities resumed in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri town on Saturday as restrictions imposed under CrPC section 144 were lifted by the authorities, officials said.

The border town witnessed a curfew-like situation on Friday as District Magistrate Vikas Kundal issued prohibitory orders to maintain law and order in the wake of a land dispute between two communities.

As the day passed off peacefully with no untoward incident being reported from anywhere, the restrictions were withdrawn.

However, police and paramilitary forces remained deployed



in strength in sensitive areas, the officials said.

The executive magistrate, first class, Rajouri, had ordered the attachment of the piece of land in Rampur village under section

145 of the CrPC till the case is decided by a court of law.

Section 144 of the Code Of Criminal Procedure prohibits the assembly of four or more people.

Job Racket: 6th Arrest Made, Police Forms SIT

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by SDPO Kothibagh to investigate a case regarding cheating of job aspirants of lakhs of rupees by promising them jobs in Jammu and Kashmir.

The case (FIR No. 73/2022) under 420, 468, 120-B IPC of Police Station Kothibagh was registered recently and so far at least six persons have been arrested including one reportedly affiliated with 'Muslim Rashtriya Manch'- an arm of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The latest to arrest in the case is a resident of Seeloo Babagund

Baramulla who as per sources is working as an orderly in JKPSC. "He is the 6th person to be arrested in this case. Due to larger ramifications, SIT formed to investigate this case," a senior police officer said.

The SIT has been asked to take up the investigation of case "forthwith" and has been asked to "ensure submission of timely progress report to SSP Srinagar on fortnightly basis till filing of chargesheet."

The members of the SIT include SHOs of police station Kothibagh, Maisuma, Investigating Officer of police station Kothibagh, An ASI of Kothibagh Police station besides Reader to SDPO Kothibagh and Reader to SP East.

IMHANS Holds Workshop On Child Development Disorder & Disabilities

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Five days training workshop on "Child Development disorder and disabilities" in collaboration with NIMHANS Bangalore is being conducted by IMHANS Kashmir.

The five day training program that started from 8th of September 2022, is being facilitated by resource persons from NIMHANS that include Dr. Shekhar Seshadri (Senior Professor NIMHANS- Child and Adolescent psychiatry and Advisor SAM-VAD) and Dr. Harshani Manohar (psychiatrist NIMHANS).

The inaugural session of the program was attended by principal Government medical college Srinagar-Dr. Samia Rashid, HOD IMHANS Dr. Maqbool Dar, Senior Professor IMHANS Dr. Arshid Hussain, Professor Dr. Zaid Ahmad Wani Incharge CGWC, Dr. Yasir Rather Incharge DDC.

The opening remarks were given by Dr. Maqbool Dar (HOD IMHANS) who discussed the brief history of psychiatry in Kashmir and highlighted the achievements of IMHANS Kashmir and Child Guidance and Wellbeing Centre (CGWC).

Dr. Samia Rashid (GMC principal) deliberated on developmental disorders and their impact on children and adolescents. She also congratulated everyone for their efforts to bring forth this collaboration between NIMHANS and CGWC IMHANS for initiating such ca-

capacity building exercises.

The Training program is focused on covering various Child development disorders like Autism, ADHD and Learning disorders in children and adolescents. The teaching methodology is based on interactive methods like role play, discussing case vignettes and discussion on movies. The training program aims to capacitate the participants on better understanding and management of neurodevelopmental disorders.

The training program aims at capacitating professionals such as Psychiatrists, Social workers, Clinical psychologists and other therapists working in disability sector such as- remedial educators, occupational therapists and speech therapist. More than 50 professionals are sought to be capacitated during the training program.

The program entails a detailed analysis and discussion on topics such as evaluation and interventions for children with intellectual disorder, autism Spectrum Disorder and its early intervention, attention Deficit hyperactivity Disorder, specific Learning Disability, psychiatric comorbidities in children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disorders

Given the increasing incidences of these neurodevelopmental disorders among children/ adolescents it becomes imperative to develop capacity for early timely intervention

Eradication Of Drug Menace Moral Responsibility Of All Employees: Govt

Asks Them To Participate In 'Pledge Ceremonies' To Be Organized In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Government on Saturday said that it was "moral responsibility" on part of its all employees to work towards eradication of drug menace while it asked them to participate in "pledge ceremonies" to be organized across all offices of different departments, boards, organizations and agencies against it.

"Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyaan involving multilevel approach and encompassing various departments and offices as well as public representatives is being organized across the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir,"

reads a circular issued here. The exercise is an earnest effort to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving the goal of a substance abuse free Jammu and Kashmir, it said.

"The region is facing the menace of drug abuse which has a devastating impact on the addict, individual, family and the society at large."

As a part of the ongoing abhiyaan, different activities have been prescribed in terms of instructions notified on 03 September. "However, with a view to expand the outreach of the abhiyaan to every nook and corner, it is imperative that every individual including all employees of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir participate

in the abhiyaan as a moral responsibility and work towards eradication of the menace of drug abuse," the circular reads.

As an endeavour in this direction, the government said it has been desired that all employees of Government of Jammu and Kashmir shall participate in pledge ceremonies to be organized across all Government offices of different departments, boards, organizations and agencies.

"All employees shall participate in the noble cause and vow to fight the menace individually as well as collectively as a part of the society, to protect our future generations from the perils of drug abuse," the government said, adding, "The Government of India has also enabled a web-link for the online pledge against the drug abuse which is live as Mv/in/fightaEainstrugabuse/."

Accordingly, all Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Heads of Departments and Deputy Commissioners have been to ensure participation of all employees working under their respective control in pledge taking ceremonies which shall be organized in their offices besides other such similar ceremonies during the course of the abhiyaan. "Further, it may be also ensured that all employees register their pledges on the web portal of Government of India"



J&K's CEO To Proceed On Deputation With ECI

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Government of India on Saturday appointed Jammu & Kashmir's chief electoral officer Hirdesh Kumar as deputy election commissioner, Election Commission of India.

According to an order, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Election Commission of India for appointment of Hirdesh Kumar, IAS (AGMUT: 1999) as deputy election commissioner, Election Commission of India with pay at Level 14 in the Pay Matrix, for a tenure of five years from the date of assumption of charge of

the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Umesh Sinha, AS (UP: 1986).



Hirdesh has been appointed as deputy election commissioner at a time when his statement that 20-25 lakh voters would be added during the special summary ordered by the ECI.

Sources told a local news agency KNO that ECI would soon appoint a new CEO of J&K.

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Shades of Persia
Shubhanjana Das

Art and craft practices in Kashmir are not only markers but also the result of political, cultural, and artistic exchanges with erstwhile Persia and beyond. Over the past few centuries, these crafts have absorbed local tradition, resulting in a visual vocabulary that is Kashmir's own.

The third generation of the handicrafts dynasty of Suffering Moses, Muzaffar Sadiq's familial history is a case in point. He recounts that his ancestors were brought from modern-day Iran to the Kashmir Valley at the mandate of the 13th century Muslim saint-reformer Shah-i-Hamdan and then the 15th century emperor known as Badshah (Sultan Zain-ul-Abidin) to teach the locals the finer handicrafts of papier-mâché and wood carving.

Along with similarities in the linguistics, architecture, literature, art, cuisine, and the cultural traditions, the sartorial resemblance with Iran is also prominent.

"It is for these and other cultural influences that Kashmir is often termed as the Iran-e-Saghir in the academic parlance," states Prof. Mushtaq A. Kaw, Former Director, Centre of Central Asian Studies and Dean College Development Council, University of Kashmir.

"The Kashmiri dress has the Afghan, Bukharan and Iranian influence. However, it is distinguishable by needle, stitch or embroidery works of various sorts, motif and floral designs."

Traditionally, the kurta-salwar, made of wool, cotton and silk, resembling an Afghani Khan dress, layered with a woollen-cotton made pheran, going from the neck down to the knees, besides a Kashmiri pashmina or tus shawl spread over the shoulders and a skull-cap constituted the men's dress.

For women, it was salwar-kameez made of wool, cotton and silk, designed with intricate embroideries, donned with a woollen-cotton made pheran, besides a dupatta or head-scarf called kasaba in Kashmiri, and a pashmina or tus shawl worn over the shoulders, notes Prof. Kaw.

Besides giving warmth, the pheran is roomy enough for the kangri, a winter essential, which generates additional heat to the body against chilly winters.

Sadiq points that the 8-9 months long extreme winter isn't the only natural influence on Kashmir's clothing traditions; the motifs used by karigars in papier-mâché and wood-carving as well as on textiles borrow heavily from the valley's biotic elements.

Along with the omnipresent paisley, gulaab (rose), pamposh (lotus), the kingfishers of the Dal Lake, and the Chinar leaves are some of the most recognisable motifs embroidered on Kashmiri clothing.

The founder of design house Raffughar, Wajahat Rather, notes how some artisans would refer to a certain colour scheme as 'harud', meaning 'autumn' in Kashmiri, indicating "how they follow and harmonise colours by looking at nature. They never get it wrong".

The climatic conditions in Kashmir also dictated the fabrics that were predominantly produced locally. While cotton cultivation was not productive due to its poor yield, extensive green regions provided an adequate grazing ground to sheep. As a result, wool was produced in a much larger ratio.

Beside this, there were abundant mulberry trees in the areas of Kishtwar whereupon silk worms were raised upon the mulberry tree's leaves. Presently, the majority of the fabrics used in Kashmir are made in mills, imported from different parts of India, as well as outside the country.

The luxurious and super-fine pashmina, raffer, and silk, however, continue to act as canvases for the painstaking embroidery practiced by Kashmiri karigars such as kashida, sozni, kani, and aari, among others.

One of these embroidery forms now coveted world over is the exquisite and exclusive tilla embroidery done on pherans using gold and silver metallic threads, a wedding trousseau essential for every Kashmiri Muslim bride.

However, Gulzar notes that tilla is now getting a contemporary spin for everyday wear. "5 out of 10 clients are asking for tilla embroidery nowadays, be it in their stoles, scarves, or kurtis in silk, georgette, crepe, or velvet," he says.

Gulzar also notes that an increasing share of his local clientele now opts for made-to-measure clothing in traditional textiles but contemporary silhouettes over readymade ensembles.

Designer and stylist Shahid Rashid Bhat, whose designs are heavily informed by Kashmir's nature and its rich artistic history, agrees that contemporisation is key in order to sustain certain embroidery and clothing traditions of Kashmir.

He, too, observes that "the youth of Kashmir wants to amalgamate the old and the new. They want to flaunt Kashmiri traditions, but with a contemporary twist."

From using traditional embroidery outside shawls and the salwar kameez to rethinking the silhouette of the pheran for the modern clientele, there are multiple innovative design opportunities that contemporary Kashmiri designers are now exploring, albeit on the foundation of its perdurable artisanry.

For Wajahat Rather, the traditional pheran itself championed modern sartorial trends like sustainability, zero-waste, androgynous designs, and relaxed fits. "Even though this vocabulary was not there, pheran was all this, even when the fashion world wasn't talking about it," he says.

He also goes back to the pheran as well as the enduring embroidery forms of Kashmir for his collections with an effort to innovate them.

Both Rather and Bhat echo that even in the face of rampant mechanisation and replication in the handicrafts industry, the intricacy, quality, and durability of embroideries and art forms done by hand will continue to remain inimitable and coveted around the world. "Kashmiri handmade fabric has been sustaining despite the Industrial Revolution in the past and free market economy in the present," observes Prof. Kaw.

Former Top Cop's
Kashmir Chronicle

Late cop-governor Ved Marwah's 12-year-old book, "India in Turmoil", makes more sense than generic garbled opinions on Kashmir; however, a lot is left to be read in between the lines.

Yash Daiv

One can imagine top cop and former governor Ved Marwah as a schoolboy in Peshawar during 1947. He must've been 13 years old when he saw the long convoys of trucks carrying Pathans from tribal areas of Pakistan. They were raising weapons in the air, vowing liberation of Kashmir. These people were revered by the government as was even apparent to his adolescent self, he claims.

He records such observations in the book, 'India in Turmoil'. It's the kind of hardcover you would rarely expect on the shelves of a quaint café situated thousands of kilometres away from Kashmir. I got my hands on this 2009 edition — a commentary on shortcomings of decision-making and internal security threats to India — at a coffee shop in Pune.

The intention of picking it up was simple: I wanted to know how Marwah, spent his childhood in Pakistan, has observed the security issues of India (especially Kashmir), left-extremism and the quest for a solution.

Marwah does not mince words while describing India's posture in the introduction. He labels India a soft state where the rule of law is often shuttled around in vote-bank politics. He writes, "All pervasive corruption is eating into the vitals of the Indian state. In public perception, most, if not everyone, politics and administration are corrupt. Corruption flows from top to bottom, and one sees new acceptability to blatant corruption at the highest echelons in administration."

Concerning Kashmir, which comprises 100-odd pages, the ex-cop laments the growing ineffectiveness of the government. He has described the chronology of problems through decades concisely.

He begins with Hari Singh "being cornered" into signing the Instrument of Accession, so that army could be sent to Srinagar in response to the "liberation army" from Pakistan. India then handed over the reins of Kashmir to Sheikh Abdullah, who demanded autonomy much to the horror of Jawaharlal Nehru, who wanted his "friend" on board to validate his secularistic stance.

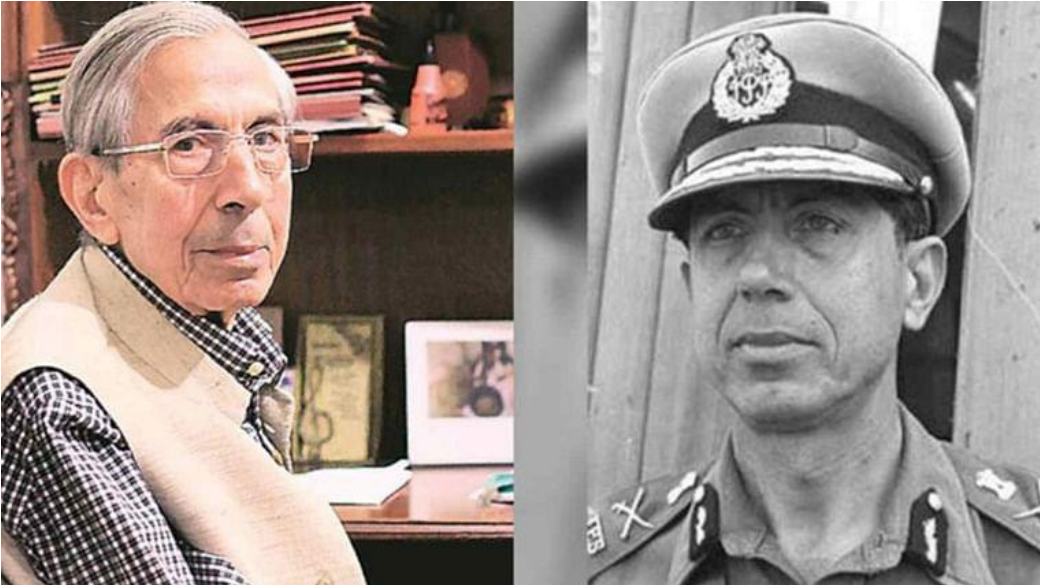
Abdullah's arrest, Marwah says, incited the separatist movement and then on, birthed many internal issues and carnages.

In the solution section of the book, Marwah perhaps has said the most sensible thing anybody has in a while.

While rebuking division of Kashmir on any lines (he heavily criticises the proposal of seven regions based on ethnic lines), he states that New Delhi "should not interfere". Only if the governments over the decade had heard its worker bees!

Despite such laudable assertions, Marwah's account of Kashmir comes with its own set of problems.

The narrative lacks editorial deftness — a lot is left for the reader to guess. For instance, while talking about the Hari Singh phase, the



ex-cop completely omits the Maharaja's intentions while acceding to accession. They've been perhaps best laid by Journalist KS Komireddi in his "Malevolent Republic: A Short History of the New India". He states, "He (Singh), anxious to keep the Muslim socialist out of power, insisted on retaining some of his royal prerogatives."

Moreover, Marwah — in his black-and-white style of saying things — has employed the word Jihad in its most negative connotation, despite several researchers and linguists demanding decorum while using ambiguous

words (The Cambridge Companion to New Religious Movements states that Jihad is "a hard term to define").

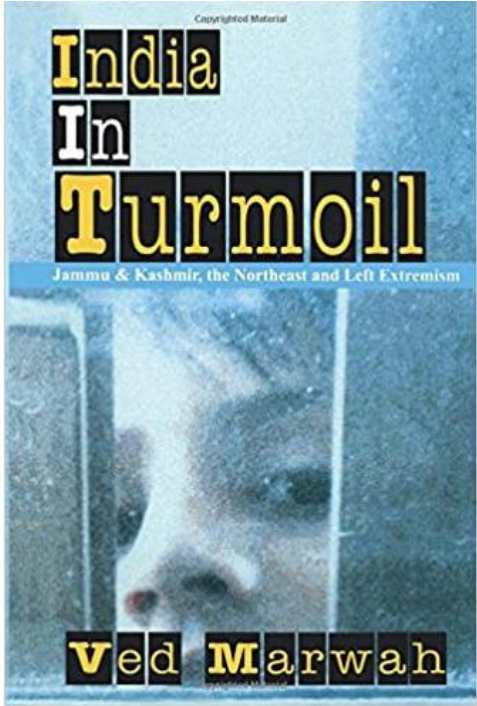
Also, Marwah's nonchalant reference to Kashmir's sovereignty as a "mere theory" back in 1947 (which, he says, eventually escalated) impinges the narrative flow. His objective telling of events fails to capture the complexity of the sentiment that has become a genetic code of sorts.

The emotion was rife even during the Partition, as was described by American journalist Margaret Bourke-White, who was in Kashmir during that momentous time. She detailed the territory as "heaped with rubble and blackened with fire". Locals were mourning the martyrdom of a local leader, thus being far from the idea of ascension and closer to the notion of freedom and autonomy.

Further, the objectiveness derails in between when Marwah reverts India. He claims that India had rejected the Two-Nation theory and still hopes that Hindu and Muslims will live in harmony on the land. The naïve thought is slightly outlandish since he chose to write it down after major communally violent milestones — Babri, Godhra, etc.

The flaws aside, the concise history is readable, but under supervision. With an inherent sense of responsibility missing among social media patrons, who feel Kashmir is inscrutably infested with violent ideas (a garish failure of mainstream media for having carved it in their minds), it has become all the more important to guard the sanctity of the subject.

I find myself going back to the initial thought: What was this book doing on a quaint café's shelf? Who put it there? From the copy in my hand, it could be safe to assume that the previous reader was interested in a few paragraphs. If any of those were read out of context, the picture would be different.



Women Should Fight
For Balance Not Equality
Women demanding equality with men
are making a mockery of themselves.

Nahila Bashir Malik



Women should invoke their powers and fight for what God has given them, without limiting themselves to social media-male bashing.

We need to kill patriarchy with its all roots but this idea is not something new.

We've all the literature available in the world. I really doubt if any other religion, book stress on women affairs as much as Quran does it.

The fact that we choose to read neighbour's book and skip the one

that lies on our shelf creates cancel.

Though man is responsible for giving birth to patriarchy, gullible woman is equally responsible for this menace. They've limited their horizon around this menish thing.

I remember every woman who calls herself brave and yet utters, "Bi chas zanan mehnou" (I'm woman) to show that she owns a sense of security.

Interestingly, a married couple in our village sometimes back was

expecting a baby. The husband desired a daughter but it was his wife who kept telling him that she shall only give birth to a boy.

Incidents like these give birth to a fractured society where man keeps yelling at her woman and a woman acts total number eventually.

The problem is way big to be sold in couple of days, and obviously it will take some time to get it resolved on ground.

I leave you with a thought in the end; fight with men for equality and then burn the language itself because it's manish too.

Fight for balance and lay the foundation of who you are. Shun ignorance and take pride in being a woman, because that's what you are — a jewel beyond man's possession.

Seeking light from a faraway source when a glowing lamp is already in our house looks a tad uncanny. The whole point of making this argument is not to question anyone's choice of inspiration though, but to analyse our own illusions.

Kashmir's Aerospace Girl

Aashiq Hussain Andrabi

Faiqa Anbreen is an aerospace engineer pursuing doctorate in Engineering and Mathematics in United States. As a young girl fascinated by physics and mathematics, she made up her mind to be "among stars" after watching televised crash of the celebrated Indian astronaut's space shuttle. Faiqa's resolve to make a name in a male-dominated profession has already made her an inspiration for many youngsters back home.

In a candid chat with Kashmir Observer, the aerospace girl talks about her passion and profession.

PLEASE TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY?

Well, I'm a Ph.D. student in aerospace engineering and computational mathematics at California State University and Claremont Graduate University. I also work for Safran as a proposal engineer.

Safran is an international high-technology company catering to aviation, space and defense markets.

I did my initial schooling from Sheikh-ul-Alam Islamic Model (SIM) School, Charari Sharief and later on joined Delhi Public School (DPS), Srinagar where I passed my Senior Secondary School Examination.

Both these schools had a constructive role in shaping up who I am today. SIM offered a decent environment to be able to ask questions but DPS offered more resources and a platform to develop a multi-dimensional personality.

Later on, I started my career at Amity University where I finished Bachelors in Aerospace Engineering, and then I came to US for Masters at California State University.

AEROSPACE IS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST ENGINEERING STREAMS, HOW DID YOU GET INTO IT?

As a curious child, when someone used to ask me about my career goals, my response would be "a scientist".

When you start learning about great scientists like Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein, it gets quite fascinating to know how they came up with such complicated laws and equations. Only with time, one realizes that it takes an enormous effort and dedication to be a scientist.

I've always been interested in reading about planets, stars, and creation of the universe and would ask teachers questions to which sometimes they wouldn't even have answers.

In 2003, I watched space shuttle Columbia disintegrating on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere. Returning from a space mission, it took precious lives of six astronauts. It may sound counterintuitive that a disaster helped me shape up an idea in my head that I want to become an aerospace engineer.

Kalpana Chawla, the first Indian



astronaut, got killed in that accident. Reading her biography has always been exciting. What she studied and how she reached NASA always intrigued me. It was this event that in some way helped me to decide and pursue Aerospace Engineering as a career choice.

But now, all the research I am doing is more motivated by working on something that furthers the aerospace technology and solve some of the unexplored problems of computational fluid dynamics.

THROUGHOUT YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY, WHAT KEPT YOU MOTIVATED, FOCUSED AND ENERGIZED TO KEEP GOING?

I feel as humans, we continue to keep finding the meaning of life. There's a curiosity and inquisition that keeps pushing you to know more about this universe and existence. And I consider science feeds to that curiosity within me.

Aerospace is all about physics and mathematics. Those things keep me interested and motivated.

I still sometimes go back to read Class 9 Physics textbook, where we start understanding physics at a detailed level. Physics is at the heart of the whole universe. The manifestations of the subject amaze me, from the order of the universe to the music; it keeps me glued to what I'm studying and what I want to do in

the future.

Besides, I have always tried to be well-balanced in everything I do.

DATA SHOWS THAT THERE AREN'T MANY WOMEN IN THIS AREA. SO HOW DOES IT FEEL TO CREATE A NICHE IN A MALE-DOMINANT FIELD?

Taking up aerospace engineering after Class 12 was like jumping into a dark well. I didn't know anyone in this field I could consult, I hadn't checked any statistics. All I was doing was following my instincts and believing in myself. I always focused on the work rather than the difficulties and limitations.

Now when I look at the number of women in aerospace, I have had situations where I have been the only woman in a group of male engineers doing projects or working with them. This not only inspires me in many ways but also makes me realize that we should have more women in this field.

When I look back, I don't see many precedents among women to follow from Kashmir but I think there are a lot in the coming generation who have demonstrated enormous interest in the field who look up to me as a precedent. And I try my best to pass on my experiences to whoever approaches me.

KNOWING YOURSELF IS THE BEGINNING OF ALL WISDOM. WHAT'VE YOU LEARNED ABOUT YOURSELF IN THIS JOURNEY?

It's certain that we live life forwards but it's amusing that we learn and understand about life backwards.

When we look back at the phases of life we have lived, the reflections of those become the steps of the staircase of experiences we climb on, towards more meaningfulness. It has been a natural progression towards learning about sensitivities and human biases, only after being exposed by living on my own in foreign lands from the last 11 years.

The most important learning that I would like to share is being open to criticism and thank your critics for they are the people who help you in becoming better and bigger.

Taking criticism is very hard and people usually get offended by it, but for me, I've only realized how important feedback is for personal as well as professional growth.

Also, we are unknowingly wrapped up in a number of biases and the whole struggle is to take yourself out of them one by one.

I see life in pieces. For a moment I live in those small pieces. And it's only when you look back, you're able to see what the journey was about.

YOU SAID SINCE YOUR CHILDHOOD DAYS YOU WERE KEEN ABOUT GIVING BACK TO

THE SOCIETY. HOW DO YOU INTEND TO DO THAT NOW?

Well, my idea to giving back to humanity is to develop faster planes one day. It's one of my core interests.

I'm part of JK Scientists, an NGO run by Kashmiri scientists and professionals all over the world. Also, whenever I'm home, I try to be part of student outreach programs to interact with students and mentor them.

WITH ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOING UP IN SPACE ONE DAY?

I've always had this dream of traveling to space and wanting to be an astronaut.

But being an astronaut is like one in a million jobs which literally takes a lot of learning and experience to get selected. The work I have done so far is just the stepping stone, but to go to space one day I have a thousand miles to go. For now, it looks like a distant dream, but I will keep dreaming.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE YOU'VE FACED AS A WOMAN IN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY?

It's very important to have good self-esteem and to keep reminding yourself that you're not alone, and there're other women out there in diverse fields. You've to keep feeling it and be confident that you can

compete with men at the same level.

That's a bit challenging when you talk in general terms but personally speaking, I haven't faced any challenges that I can count on. I've found great mentors and colleagues who I learn from every day and who've always been there to guide me through.

WHAT'S THE MOST MEMORABLE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE HAD AS AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER?

Well, it was to work as a design engineer for A350 which is the latest Airbus aircraft. I have designed some parts which are flying onboard A350. I cherish that most memorable opportunity.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY TO RECOVER FROM THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19?

As per the estimates by the aircraft manufacturing giants Airbus and Boeing, the aerospace industry is expected to recover by 2023.

Already, the pandemic has impacted the aerospace industry very badly. We are seeing grounding of fleets, thousands of planes that should be in the sky are lying on the tarmac. There is the cancellation of orders of new planes, slashing down of expected aircraft deliveries for this year, and retiring of old fleets like Boeing 767.

Also, airlines around the globe are seeking help from the governments to avoid a potential collapse. The number of aircrafts in passenger service fell by more than 60 percent from the start of the year. It will take time to bring the production rate back to what should have been now.

ANY WORD FOR PEOPLE BACK HOME?

My interactions with Kashmiri students make me believe that children aren't allowed to pursue their dreams easily, especially girls.

Parents impose their opinions and career choices on their children without considering what talent and interest the child has.

Students should stay persistent with what they want to do in life. They must believe in themselves, and make the people around them believe in their talent. Don't give up easily on your dreams.

For parents out there, I would say believe in your children, empower and guide them by letting them learn on their own by experiencing and exploring.

Family is the one of the most important influences in a child's life and family support plays a significant role in our success as individuals and as members of the society.

Personally speaking, my parents especially my mother always supported me to do what I was passionate about.

For those who want to pursue a career in aerospace, I would say read and familiarize yourself with the field and understand what you are getting into. It is a very vast field and has a lot of opportunities to explore.

In a NUTSHELL: Festive Fall in Kashmir

The walnut season starts every autumn and engages growers across the valley for the organic harvest.

But the fear of fatal falls has paled some of these celebrations now.

Abid Bhat

With the arrival of autumn in Kashmir, Zameer Qadir gets eager for the 'labour of love'. By that time of year, dozens of his walnut trees in his hometown Harwan Srinagar bear the organic fruit. The harvest season sends out festive vibes and engages most of his community members. But this year, the fear of fatal fall from trees has made it a somber season for his grower clan.

In the face of these deaths termed "occupational hazards", many are battling for adopting scientific methods to sustain the industry spread over 89,000 hectares of land in Jammu and Kashmir. With an export commodity worth Rs 120 crore a year, walnuts constitute almost 98 per cent of the annual dry fruit in Kashmir.

But even though the seasonal casualties have casted their shadow on the harvest season, Qadir and clan are going traditional about it. The harvest cycle starts with the tree climbing. The grower plucks the walnuts by either shaking or striking the nut-laden branches. Some strike the tree with stick from the ground itself—but climbing, as Qadir explains, ensures maximum produce without much damage to the tree.

But this is where the entire process has become perilous in the ongoing harvest season. Slips from trees and fall on the ground have paled the festivities. The end result of the climbing is an assembly of green walnuts in a wicker basket. "The very eagerness to relish

these fresh nuts often leaves hennaed stains on one's hands and lips," Qadir says. "They're being relished for their rich taste and content."

But for the larger commercial purposes, the growers skin their green shell shortly after plucking. The process, Qadir says, is painstaking — testing the very patience of the grower class. However, like in everything else in Kashmir life, the female folk remain at the forefront of this process as well.

"They make the job much easier for us," Qadir asserts. "They're best in separating chaff from grains — given their regular household habits." Once skinned, walnuts are taken out from the green stack and assemble separately. Collected in wicker baskets, the walnuts then pass through the cleaning process at the fresh water stream. The growers huddle around the baskets to ensure the meticulous cleaning.

But the 'hard-nut-to-crack' leaves greasy strains behind, and thus makes the entire cleaning process quite an arduous task for the growers. However, to avoid staining, the walnut growers wear a fresh pair of footwear during the cleaning process.

Once done with washing, the growers seep out water through porous basket base and take the harvest ashore. A basketful of washed walnuts are then taken out from the banks for the next step.

The growers then take walnuts for the sun-drying in a handcart. They are being carefully spread on the ground to achieve the desired results. Once dry, the walnuts are then fed to the market.



Sustained rise in antimicrobial resistance in India: ICMR study

A big chunk of patients in India may no longer benefit from carbapenem, a powerful antibiotic administered mainly in ICU settings to treat pneumonia and septicemia, as they have developed antimicrobial resistance to it, an ICMR study has found.

The data analysis done between January 1 and December 31, 2021 pointed towards a sustained increase in drug-resistant pathogens, resulting in difficulty to treat certain infections with available medicines, senior Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) scientist Dr Kamini Walia, who led the study, said.

"Antibiotic resistance has the potential of taking the form of a pandemic in the near future if corrective measures are not taken immediately," she said.

The ICMR study report was released on Friday. The data collected from the network has enabled compilation of drug resistance data on six pathogenic groups on antimicrobial resistance from the country.

Data collected from the network is used to track resistance trends and to better understand mechanisms of resistance in the key priority pathogens using genotypic characterisation and whole genome sequencing (WGS).

This is the fifth detailed report on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) trends and patterns from the country published by the ICMR. This year's report also carries hospital-acquired surveillance data.

According to the ICMR report, resistance to Imipenem, which is used to treat infections caused by bacteria *E. coli*, has increased from 14 per cent in 2016 to 36 per cent in 2021.

The trend of decreasing susceptibility of bacteria to specific antibiotics was also observed with *Klebsiella pneumoniae* as it came down from 65 per cent in 2016 to 45 per cent in 2020 and 43 per cent in 2021.

The susceptibility term here is used to describe



the vulnerability of the bacteria to the antibiotic.

Carbapenem resistance isolates of *E. coli* and *K. pneumoniae* are also resistant to other antimicrobials making it very challenging to treat carbapenem-resistant infections.

The resistance to broad-spectrum antibiotic carbapenem in respect to infections caused by *Acinetobacter baumannii* bacteria was recorded in 87.5 per cent of the patients who were part of the study, limiting the availability of treatment options, the ICMR report said.

Susceptibility of the same bacteria to minocycline is close to 50 per cent, making it the most susceptible antibiotic after colistin for *Acinetobacter baumannii*, it stated.

In *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, another bacteria which causes infections in the blood, lungs (pneumonia), or other parts of the body after surgery, there is a consistent increase in susceptibility to

all the major antipseudomonal drugs in the last few years, Dr Walia said.

"There is a need to strengthen and improve diagnostic labs to promote rational use of antibiotics. Antimicrobial prescriptions should be based on definitive diagnosis and not on presumptive diagnosis. Several broad-spectrum antimicrobials are being used for syndrome management," Dr. Walia said.

"The resistance level is increasing to 5 to 10 per cent every year for broad-spectrum antimicrobials which are highly misused. With no new antimicrobials in the pipeline to treat drug-resistant infections, it is very important that we use judiciously what we have. There is also increasing levels of resistance of antifungals. Previously not many labs were doing fungal cultures and antifungal susceptibility.

"The ICMR AMR network has developed this

over the last few years and now many labs are reporting antifungal susceptibility rates giving an idea on antifungal resistance rates. The use of antifungals was particularly high during the Covid pandemic," she said.

According to the ICMR report, in *Staphylococcus aureus*, which causes a wide variety of clinical diseases such as skin infections like abscesses and boils and sometimes pneumonia, endocarditis and osteomyelitis, susceptibility to erythromycin, clindamycin, ciprofloxacin, co-trimoxazole and high-level mupirocin was more evident in MSSA (Methicillin-Sensitive *Staphylococcus Aureus*) when compared to multi-drug resistant strains such as MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*).

MRSA rates are increasing each year from 2016 to 2021 (28.4 per cent to 42.6 per cent). Enterococci is another important pathogen which is quickly evolving and drug susceptibility has changed considerably in the last few years.

Several fungal pathogens like *C. parapsilosis* and *C. glabrata* are showing increasing resistance to commonly available antifungal medicines such as fluconazole, thus requiring close monitoring in the next few years.

Among diarrheal pathogens like *Diarheagenic E. coli*, *Shigella* spp. and *Salmonella* that cause large proportions of diarrhoea cases in India, norfloxacin susceptibility was very poor. Empirical use of norfloxacin for the treatment of bacterial diarrhoea is strongly discouraged. Dr Walia said.

There has been no significant change in the overall antimicrobial susceptibility pattern of *Salmonella* Typhi or *S* Paratyphi A from India with the pattern remaining uniform across all the participating centres in the AMR network.

S. Typhi is 100 per cent susceptible to cephalosporins and azithromycin. Other drugs which retained good susceptibility for *Salmonella* Typhi or S. Paratyphi A are ampicillin, chloramphenicol and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION CHADOORA

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

NOTICE INVITING FRESH TENDERS

E-NIT No. 142 of R&B/ET/ 6175-84 of 2022-23

Dated: - 09/09/2022

SINGLE COVER SYSTEM

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

SN	Adv. Cost (Rs.In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees}	Earnest Money (In Rupees}	Time of completion (days)	M.H.OF Account	Class Of Contractor	AA NO & DT	TS NO & DT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Construction of drain from Main road to H/O Gh. Hassan Ganai Via Railway Track with links at shankerpora.	18.00	800.00	36,000.00	30	4515-PRI	B/C	151 DDCB OF 2022-23 DT 08/08/2022
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Position of AAA: - Accorded,
Position of funds: - Available.

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	09/09/2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	09/09/2022
3	Bid submission Start Date	09/09/2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	15/09/2022 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	15/09/2022 at 4.10 PM in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan (deposited in MH: 0059) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender receiving authority).

Note:- The Date of Treasury Challan and Earnest Money / Bid security must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date. Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

3. The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora within 07 (Seven) days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for beyond bid validity.

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

Note:- The Bidders shall mention the name of the advertised work/ reference to NIT & S. No. on the EMD / Bid security (CDR/FDR/BG) while submitting the bidding documents, in order to avoid using the same multiple times for multiple works.

5. The date and time of opening of Financial Bids of a responsive bidder shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.

6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

7. The earnest money/ performance Security 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 conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

6(A). Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

6.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate [DSC]' as per information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

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

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

6.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original documents related to the bid shall be submitted by LI before issuance of Allotment in his favour.

6.6. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including earnest Money Deposit, tender documents fee in terms of soft copies and all other documents required as per NIT with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained for technical evaluation in the form of hard copy. However in case of any clarification the bidders all have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
6.6(A) Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found forged/fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be recommended for blacklisting and debarred from taking part in tendering in PWD/Other Departments for a period of one year in the first instance, besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

8. For item rate method 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 upto completion of the work. 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.

9. The %age rate method requires the bidder to quote a percentage above / below / at par at the bottom of the BOQ percentage template for the work. The percentage quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. 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.

10. 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.

11. Price escalation and Taxes: No price escalation shall be permissible. The deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor for the gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

13. In case of CRF and any other specified project. The relevant guidelines standard bidding document shall be followed.

14. Instructions to Bidder (ITB)

14.1 All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria/ qualification information with their bids:-

- Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business
- Cell No. and Correspondence address & e-mail
- Scanned copy of e-challan and earnest money
- Scanned copy of Registration Card with latest renewal.
- Scanned copy of Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No.
- Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B I.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the latest quarter/latest

Month to the Issue of NIT.

No. 6175-84

Dated: 09/09/2022

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Chadoora

DIPK-9698/22

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

SPL SUB DIV. TANGDAR

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

e- NIT No.95of 2022-23 of Special Sub Division Tangdar Endtt.No.4074-82

Dated: 07.09.2022

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on a %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and another state/ Central Governments for the followings works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	E/ Money In Rs	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time for completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Refurbishing of old block of SDH Tangdar into Maternity block and birth waiting room.	50.00	100000	1600	45 days	Samridh Seemay-oujana	AAY BEE

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08.09.2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	08.09.2022
3	Bid submission Start Date	08.09.2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	16.09.2022 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	17.09.2022 at 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer, Spl Sub Div Tangdar

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Spl Sub Division Tangdar (tender inviting authority) The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% additional performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after the successful completion of the defect liability period of the work. The EMD of 2 successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance Security.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical 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 conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
 - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
 - The bidders 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 bid.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

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 reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Spl Sub Division Tangdar and Bid Security Declaration must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), CDR/FDR/BG (earnest money/bid security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- 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.
- Price escalation and Taxes:- 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.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)
 - All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-
 - Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address.
 - Treasury Challan &/CDR/FDR
 - Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No.
 - Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of the preceding Month to the issued of NIT
 - The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
 - Non attendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder.
 - All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.
 - Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including earnest money and tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises

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Executive Engineer
Spl Sub Division Tangdar

Passenger Vehicle Dispatches Rise 21% In August As Chip Supply Improves



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: As per the latest data released by industry body SIAM, passenger vehicle (PV) dispatches to dealers stood at 2,81,210 units last month, against 2,32,224 units in August 2021.

Passenger car wholesales were up 23% at 1,33,477 units last month, as against 1,08,508 units in the year-earlier period, SIAM said.

Utility vehicle dispatches were higher by 20% at 1,35,497 units in August, as compared to 1,12,863 units in the same month a year ago.

Similarly, total two-wheeler wholesales increased to 15,57,429 units last month, compared to 13,38,740 units in the year-ago period, a growth of 16%.

Motorcycle wholesales grew by 23% at 10,16,794 units in August 2022, as compared to

8,25,849 units in the year-ago month.

Scooter sales were higher by 10% at 5,04,146 units last month, as against 4,60,284 units in August 2021, SIAM said.

Total three-wheeler sales rose to 38,369 units last month, against 23,606 units in August 2021, up 63%.

Sales across segments rose by 18% to 18,77,072 units in August this year, from 15,94,573 units in the same month last year, SIAM said.

The increase in dispatches from manufacturers to their dealers comes on the back of improvement in semiconductor shortage issues and also preparation to meet festive season demand.

"While a good monsoon and the upcoming festive season is likely to increase demand, SIAM is keeping a close watch on the dynamic supply-side challenges," SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said in a statement.

Dulloo Reviews Progress Of CSS Implemented By LDB Across J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo chaired a meeting to review the progress on several Central Sponsored Schemes (CSS) being implemented by Livestock Development Board (LDB) of Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

During the meeting, Atal Dulloo took district-wise review of schemes implemented by LDB and the progress achieved on implementation of these schemes. He impressed upon the officers to work with full commitment and dedication so that the desired results can be obtained on ground.

During the meeting, the ACS also discussed ways to improve milk production rate across Jammu & Kashmir. He asked the officers that field staff needs to

be trained so that they can contribute to the objective of amplifying milk production here.

The ACS reviewed progress on uploading data on the Information Network for Animal Productivity and Health (INAPH) online platform. He asked the officers to expedite the process of uploading data on the portal.

During the meeting, Atal Dulloo also took stock of setting up National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) call centres in Jammu and dictated that the same be set up throughout J&K as early as possible.

The meeting among others was attended by Secretary in APD, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Special Secretary, APD, Director Finance, APD, CEO, LDB, Jammu/Kashmir and other concerned officials of the department both in person and through video conferencing.

There Is Great Scope For Niche Crops: Dir Agri

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR:The Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Saturday visited Gulab Bagh zone of district Ganderbal to take stock of various agriculture activities in the area.

During the visit, the Director also visited some agri-entrepreneurs who have established their units in the area and interacted with them.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship in agriculture and allied sectors and said that the department is endeavouring to attract

more and more educated youth towards the agriculture sector so that the entrepreneurship culture in the sector could be promoted.

He also marked the importance of niche crops like cocks comb, for the area and said the under integrated system of farming such crops could complement the overall income of concerned farmers.

"As per our agro climatic conditions niche crops have a great scope and the efforts by the department are for their promotion on scientific lines", he added.

Iqbal impressed upon the concerned

India's Rice Exports May Fall By 40-50 Lakh Tonnes Post Ban On Broken Rice, 20% Duty

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India's rice exports could fall by 4-5 million tonnes (MT) this fiscal year due to the ban on broken rice as well as export duty on non-basmati rice, except for parboiled grains, exporters said.

India, which commands 40% share in the global rice trade, exported 21.23 MT of rice in 2021-22 fiscal as against 17.78 MT in the previous year. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the exports were at 9.51 MT in the 2019-20 fiscal.

During April-August period of the current financial year, government data, showed that the country had already exported 9.35 MT as against 8.36 MT in the year-earlier period.

"The exports may fall to 16-17 MT in this financial year because of the ban on broken rice



and 20% export duty," All India Rice Exporters Association (AIREA) former president Vijay Setia told PTI.

He said the country was exporting non-basmati rice for \$380-400 per tonne, lower than the rate of shipments from other countries.

The price realisation is "expected to improve at par with our competitors" after these

decisions, Setia said.

On Friday, food secretary Sudhanshu Pandey explained the rationale behind the ban on exports of broken rice.

There has been an "absolutely abnormal" rise in shipments of broken rice and broken grains were also not available in sufficient quantity for animal feed as well as ethanol blending programme, Pandey had said.

EU Nations Struggle To Find Joint Approach On Energy Prices As Russia Chokes Off Supplies



Press Trust Of India

BRUSSELS: European Union nations struggled to find common ground Friday on ways to shield the population from dramatically increasing energy prices that threaten to plunge millions into cold and poverty over the winter as Russia chokes off natural gas supplies.

As tensions with Moscow mount over the war in Ukraine, the energy ministers of the EU's 27 nations could not paper over differences on whether and how to impose a price cap on Russian natural gas, with ever-recalcitrant Hungary refusing to agree, saying it would go against its supply interests. Other countries differed on whether a price cap should apply only to Russia or to other producers, too.

An immediate solution had not been anticipated at Friday's meeting, but it indicated how Moscow's gas restrictions and threat of a full cutoff has dominated the political agenda of a rich bloc of nations struggling to ensure basic services like heat and light. "Russia has used its gas supplies as a weapon to foster an energy crisis next winter but also to weaken our economies and divide, politically, the European Union," EU Energy Commissioner Kadri Simson said.

"We have to ensure that their efforts will fail," Czech Industry Minister Jozef Sikela, chair of the emergency meeting, exhorted his colleagues: "We cannot be blackmailed."

He hoped to overcome other differing views on proposals to bring natural gas and electricity prices back to affordability.

The measures range from windfall levies on oil and gas companies whose profits have risen along with skyrocketing prices to boosting cash for companies to keep operating as they struggle with volatile energy markets.

Several ministers said reaching an agreement would not be easy, given each country's energy mixes, supplies and needs, but they conceded that time is of the essence if the most vulnerable people across Europe are to receive timely assistance.

Russia has cut back supplies of natural gas that power factories, generate electricity and heat homes, driving up energy prices to record highs and fuelling inflation that is poised to tip Europe

into recession later this year.

Irish Minister Eamon Ryan insisted that action must be taken "within weeks, not months."

"This coming fall, when we're really going to see the high prices having effect, that's when we need the support, that's when we need to get some of that money," he told reporters in Brussels.

The ministers might agree to provide support to struggling companies forced to buy energy supplies at inflated prices and back measures on ways to impose reductions in electricity use similar to those already agreed on gas.

"There is no time to wait, and we have to be swift and united," Sikela said.

Despite the urgency, with several northern nations feeling the first chill in the morning air announcing the onset of autumn, the ministers will only give guidelines to the EU's executive branch, the European Commission, which will present a proposal for the member states next week.

At that point, the EU nations will reassess again, and the hope is that a decision can be made early next month.

The commission has already called for a price cap on Russian natural gas and is seeking a "solidarity contribution" from European oil and gas companies that have made extraordinary profits from the rise in energy costs.

German Economy and Energy Minister Robert Habeck also said it's important to find a way to uncouple natural gas prices from the costs of all other forms of energy, particularly relatively cheap renewables, "without destroying the market mechanisms."

India Opts Out Of IPEF's Trade Pillar; To Wait For Final Contours



Press Trust Of India

LOS ANGELES: has as of now opted out of the trade pillar of the 14-member Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), but has decided to join the remaining three subjects pertaining to supply chains, clean economy and fair economy.

Briefing media after the conclusion of the two-day IPEF ministerial meet here, Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal said that India would continue to engage with the trade track in the IPEF and will wait for the final contours to be decided on the trade pillar before it formally joins that pillar.

"On one pillar which deals primarily with trade, the contours of the framework particularly, any commitments required on environment, labour, the digital trade, public procurement are

certain areas in which a broader consensus has yet to emerge amongst all the nations.

"We have yet to see what benefits member countries will derive and whether any conditionalities on, for example, the environment may discriminate against developing countries who have the imperative to provide low-cost and affordable energy to meet the needs of a growing economy," Goyal has told reporters here.

All the other 13 Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for prosperity countries have joined the four pillars -- trade, supply chains, clean economy and fair economy.

A ministerial statement on three subjects -- supply chains, clean economy, and fair economy -- and a ministerial text on trade pillar was issued after the ministerial meeting.

Arise Honda Launches 'Honda Dio Sports'



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Arise Honda Hyderpora Bypass Srinagar on Saturday launched the Honda Dio sports.

The unveiling was done by chief guest Bhanu Sharma Assistant Manager Direct sales - Government section of HMSI. Managing director of Arise Honda Sajad Ahmad Beigh and Sales Manager Sohail Bhat were present to grace the occasion.

In the event, the customers were informed about the features

of the scooter such as modern camouflage graphics, Sportier alloy wheels, silent ACG Starter.

New Honda Dio sports is available in 2 colours with ex showroom 71900. Honda Dio sports is readily available at our dealership. Further now you can book the vehicle from the comfort of your home without stepping out.

The customer needs to logon to www.arisehonda.com and book any Honda vehicle and get the delivery at your door step, Sohail further added.

Flood Losses Likely To Slash Pakistan's GDP

Press Trust Of India

ISLAMABAD- The massive losses from the catastrophic monsoon rains and floods in Pakistan, the war in Ukraine and other factors may force it to slash its GDP growth rate for the financial year 2022-2023 from five per cent to three per cent, according to media reports on Saturday.

Chairman of the National Flood Response and Coordination Centre (NFRCC), Major General Zafar Iqbal, during the joint briefing for Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, said that at least one-third of Pakistan was inundated, while the overall damages would amount to over USD 30 billion.

The state-run Associated Press of Pakistan news agency quoted Iqbal as saying that Pakistan expected a two per cent cut in the Gross Domestic Product growth figure due to a combination of crises, chief among which were the floods, the delayed approval of IMF funds, and the economic situation emerging in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine war.



UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (2nd Call)

For and on behalf of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage (%age) basis from approved and eligible Civil Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/U.T/ Central Governments for the following works

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc in shape of E-Challan (in Rs.)	Earnest Money in Rs.	Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender.	Date & Time of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Various works at Iqbal Institute of Culture and Philosophy.	16.56 Lacs	Rs.600/-	31,100/-	09-09-2022 to 22-09-2022 (6.00 PM)	23-09-2022 (11.30 AM)	"BEE" & "CEE"

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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Subject: - Application for transfer of registration certificate of Hotel under the name and style "Hotel Aroma" situated at, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Mr. Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Laharwal S/o Lt. Ghulam Rasool Leharwal and Lt. MstTaja Begum R/o Chechi Mehtan, Bagh i Mehtab, Srinagar has submitted an application for transfer of registration certificate of Hotel Aroma situated at Dalgate Srinagar in his favour .

Whereas, the Registration certificate of the said Hotel stands issued in favour of Mst, Taja Begum Vide Online Registration No.JKHT00000529 with 16(Sixteen) rooms valid upto 31/12/2023 and Mst. Taja Begum has expired on 30/04/2022 as per the death certificate submitted by the applicant.

Whereas, the applicant has submitted following documents.

1. Photo graphs.
2. Application dated 05/08/2022
3. Copy of registration
4. Death certificate.
5. Memorandum of Gift made on July 1996 between MstTaja Begum and Rafiq Ahmad Leharwal S/o Gh. Rasool LEHARWAL.
6. Intikaab Jmabadi 2005-2006.
7. Id Proof .
8. Site Plan.

Whereas, transfer of registration certificate for the Guest House is purely for the purpose of running operation management of the said Hotel and do not confer any right of ownership of the Guest House upon the transferee;

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 39 of J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12, before issuance of registration in favour of Mr. Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Laharwal S/o Lt. Ghulam Rasool Leharwal and Lt. Mst Taja Begum R/o Chechi Mehtan, Bagh i Mehtab, Srinagar the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Financial Institutions/Banks/Development Authorities/PHE Department/Electric Department that in case of any objections, the same should reach the office of undersigned within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objections received beyond a period of 07 days will not be entertained and the request of the applicant will be considered under rules, after submission of all requisite documents

No: - Reg. /H/112/DTK/354
Dated:08/09/2022
DIPK-9733-22

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism
Registration Kashmir

HC Dismisses Plea To Change Date For UPSC, FSSAI exams

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has dismissed a plea for a change in the examination date either for the Civil Services (Mains) or for FSSAI recruitment, both scheduled on September 24, saying doing so at this belated stage will cause grave inconvenience and prejudice to other candidates.

The petitioner submitted that he has worked hard for the examinations and was desirous of appearing in both. If the date for one of the two examinations is not changed, he will have to forego the opportunity to appear in one of them.

The high court said that even though the petitioner may be justified in urging that on account of the date of both the examinations being the same, he will have to forgo the opportunity to appear in one of them, it cannot be a ground for directing any change in the date of the exams.

Even otherwise, the date of September 24, 2022 for the Civil Services (Mains) examinations was announced at least two months ago and similarly the date for the examination for the post of Technical Officer and Central Food Safety Officer was made known to the candidates more than a month ago.

There is no justification by the petitioner in approaching the court at this belated stage with barely three weeks left for the examinations when all

arrangements for holding the examinations in a large number of centres all across the country have already been made by the respondents, Justice Rekha Palli said in an order passed on September 2.

The high court said the authorities are justified in contending that any change in the date of examination at this belated stage will cause grave inconvenience and prejudice to the candidates as well.

The petitioner will, therefore, have to make a choice as to which of the two examinations he wishes to appear, it said, adding that there was no merit in the petition and dismissed it.

In his plea, the petitioner claimed to be a candidate for the Civil Services (Mains) Examination to be conducted by the Union Public Service Commission on September 24 as also for the examination for the post of Central Food Safety Officer and Technical Officer to be conducted by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on the same date.

He said either of the two authorities should be directed to change the date of the examinations to enable him to appear in both of them. The counsel for the authorities opposed the plea, contending that all arrangements for the smooth conduct of the examinations at various centres across the country have already been made and any change in the date of examinations will lead to total administrative chaos.

India's Eastern-Most Military Garrison Of Kibithu Named After Gen Bipin Rawat

Press Trust of India

Kibithu (Arunachal Pradesh): The strategically key Kibithu military garrison on the banks of Lohit Valley along the Line of Actual Control and a key road in this mountain hamlet were on Saturday named after India's first Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat, around nine months after he died in a helicopter crash.

As a young Colonel, Rawat commanded his Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles at Kibithu from 1999-2000 and contributed immensely to strengthening the security structure in the area.

The military garrison looks after the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the sensitive sector. Chinese People's Liberation Army's Rima post is just opposite the Indian garrison.

Nestled in the mountainous and arduous terrain of the Lohit Valley, Kibithu is located near the LAC and is the eastern-most military garrison of India.

The small hamlet is inhabited by Meyor and Jarkin tribes.

Lack of surface connectivity with the nearest road head at Meshai precluded movement to Kibithu which was air maintained till as late as 1997. A foot suspension bridge (FSB 17) was the sole link to the eastern

bank of the Lohit River.

The garrison and the 22 km-long road stretch from Walong to Kibithu were named after Gen Rawat at a ceremony attended by Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brigadier (retd) BD Mishra, Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita and Gen Rawat's daughter Tarini.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Khandu announced a financial package of Rs 10 crore to make the garrison one of the best military stations in forward locations.

Governor Mishra said Gen Rawat's contributions to strengthening the country's defence structures are unparalleled.

The Kibithu military camp was renamed Gen Bipin Rawat Military Garrison wherein a grand gate built in local traditional architectural style was inaugurated by the governor.

The 22 km road stretch from Walong to Kibithu was dedicated as Gen Bipin Rawat Marg by Chief Minister Khandu.

A majestic life-size mural of Gen Rawat was also unveiled.

Gen Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu on December 8 last year along with his wife Madhulika and 12 armed

forces personnel.

Bad weather leading to a phenomenon called Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT) was identified as the prime reason for the crash of the IAF helicopter.

Rawat was posthumously conferred India's second-highest civilian honour Padma Vibhushan early this year.

The Army said Gen Rawat's vision and foresight were instrumental in implementing the infrastructural development and ensuring societal progress in the area.

"Gen Bipin Rawat's untimely demise in December 2021 left an irreplaceable void in the country," the Army said.

The event was attended by citizens of Kibithu and Walong.

The garrison is considered very important for its strategic location. Kibithu was first occupied by 2 Assam Rifles in December 1950 with one platoon. In 1959, the post was further strengthened with an additional Platoon.

Kibithu endured the initial onslaught of Chinese aggression during the 1962 Sino-India War.

On the termination of the War, Kibithu was reoccupied by 2 Assam Rifles in 1964. In 1985, 6 Rajput took over its defences.

Indian Sikh Man Separated From His Family During Partition Meets His Pakistani Muslim Sister In Kartarpur

Press Trust of India

Islamabad: Jalandhar-based Sikh man Amarjit Singh's happiness knew no bounds when he met his Muslim sister from Pakistan at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur, 75 years after he was separated from his family at the time of Partition.

Singh was left out in India along with his sister while his Muslim parents migrated to Pakistan at the time of Partition.

All eyes went tearful as wheelchair-bound Singh had an emotional meeting with his sister Kulsoom Akhtar at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur in Pakistan's Punjab province on Wednesday.

Singh arrived in Pakistan via the Wagah border with a visa to meet his sister, The Express Tribune newspaper reported.

Kulsoom, 65, could not control her emotions after seeing Singh. Both hugged each other and kept crying. She had travelled from her hometown in Faisalabad along with her son Shahzad Ahmed and other family members to meet her brother.

Talking to the newspaper, Kulsoom said that her parents migrated to Pakistan from a suburb in Jalandhar in 1947, leaving behind her brother and a sister.

Kulsoom said she was born in Pakistan and used to hear about

her lost brother and sister from her mother. She said that her mother used to cry whenever she remembered her missing children.

She said that she did not expect that she would ever be able to meet her brother and sister. However, a few years ago, a friend of her father Sardar Dara Singh came to Pakistan from India and also met her.

Her mother2az told Sardar Dara Singh about her son and the daughter she left behind in India. She also told him the name of their village and the location of their house. Sardar Dara Singh then visited her house in Padawan village and informed her that her son was alive but her daughter was dead. Her son was named Amarjit Singh who was adopted by a Sikh family in 1947.

After getting the brother's information, Kulsoom connected with Singh on WhatsApp and later decided to meet.

Kulsoom, despite her severe back pain, mustered the courage to travel to Kartarpur just to meet her brother.

Singh said that when he first learned that his real parents were in Pakistan and were Muslims, it was a shock to him. However, he comforted his heart that many families were separated from each other in addition to his own family.

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8 Years Later,

National Relief Fund and the Prime Minister's Development Package.

But despite this relief, Zareena remains roofless till date. She has been moving from one place to another place along with her husband and three children since that flooded fall.

After losing everything in the deluge, her husband is now driving people's cars to put food on the table of his family.

"But his low income hardly helps our family," Zareena says. "My two children were studying in private school, but we had to transfer them to a government school because our house rent is Rs. 5000 per month and house expenses are over the roof."

Govt Submits

and eviction of balance encroachment is going on."

The government further submitted before the court that all efforts are made to retrieve the balance encroachments from Lake in which officials of Revenue, Forest & WUCMA departments are working with synergy to remove encroachments from the lake.

They ensured that the encroachments under plantations and cultivations which form the "major chunk" of encroachments shall be cleared by the end of this financial year.

They said that the water holding capacity through the Wular Action Plan of Lake is likely to be completed in 2022-23 at a cost of Rs. 200 Crore.

Regarding the de-siltation operation, the government said that the major work under the Wular Action Plan under execution was to restore the critically silted up areas of the lake.

According to them, an area of 3.35 Sqkm was targeted for restoration, which was achieved 100 percent by March 2022.

They said that the present dredging operations were carried through modern technology by Culler Suction Dredger which has enabled efficient fast and quality dredging from the lake.

"...by March, 2022 a cumulative area of 4.35 sqkm of critically silted up area of Lake has been restored to its original position," the government said.

To prevent soil erosion and improve ground water recharge, afforestation activities and water conservation measures have been carried out in the immediate catchment of the lake.

"So far 16.76 lakh plants have been planted in Madhumati and Erin catchments to rehabilitate the degraded catchment," the government said in its ATR.

Regarding biodiversity conservation, the government said, focus has been given to conservation of wildlife within and outside the lake.

"Various measures have been undertaken such as patrolling on boats for the prevention of poaching. Waterbird census is being regularly conducted to monitor the abundance of the migratory bird population in the Lake," the government said.

It further added that an eco-friendly walkway is being constructed to realise the ecotourism potential of the lake. The walkway has a length of 2.5 Km which shall be completed in two years.

The government said WUCMA has organised many awareness programmes to involve stakeholders and local people in Wular conservation.

"The vision of WUCMA is the Conservation and sustainable development of Wular lake which is aimed at the restoration of Wular for ecological and economic security of the people dependent upon the lake resources for their livelihood," the response submitted by the government reads.

They further said that the dumping sites of Bandipora and Sopore towns have been shut down by WUCMA to prevent discharge of waste into the lake as these dumping sites were located close to Wular lake.

"...further, to manage waste generated by villages surrounding Wular, WUCMA has launched a pilot project for Zurimanz village in order to develop sustainable solutions for scientific waste management of these rural areas," the government said.

In response, the government said WUCMA has Engineering and Forest staff working at various levels with a total strength of 42 at present.

The government submitted that the WUCMA has been constantly endeavouring to implement the Wular eco-restoration plan in the most scientific and rational basis and it has achieved satisfactory results so far.

It may be noted, the court directed Advocate Nadeem Qadri, who assisted the court as amicus curiae in the PIL to visit the lake and bring on record his inspection report along with suggestions that he proposes to make for the development of Wular Lake.

Govt Officials Told

who, as and when required, are asked to appear before any Court of Law," reads the order.

The Court directed that the Chief Secretary shall issue necessary instructions to all the officers of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to be in proper dress as and when they have to appear in any of the Courts in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

"In case, as on date, the State Government has not notified any proper dress code in respect of its officers while they are in office or have to appear before a Court of law, the Law Secretary of the State shall do the needful, on this behalf, within a period of one week."

It added that accordingly, it is imposed upon all the Government Officers and Officials to be attired.

HC Scraps Govt

no award was made within the above period. The award was made on 11.08.2020 which is certainly beyond the period of two years from the date of declaration and could not have been made as by that time the proceedings have already lapsed," the division bench order reads

While coming hard on the respondents, including Government of J&K, the court noted that a bare reading of the Section 11-B of repealed Land Acquisition Act of J&K reveals that the award has to be made within a period of two years from the date of publication of declaration under Section 6 and if the award is not so made, the land acquisition proceedings would lapse.

While, in the objections, the respondents had stated that the final award was made on 11.08.2020, the court

observed that there was no dispute to the fact that the notification under Section 4 proposing to acquire the above land was issued on 20.03.2017.

"It was followed by declaration under Section 6 dated 08.08.2017. According to the petitioners no award was passed at least within two years of the above declaration," the order further reads

It is pertinent to mention here that the court was hearing the basic challenge that were issued against the Land Acquisition Proceedings in pursuant to the notification dated 20.03.2017 issued under Section 4 of Jammu and Kashmir Land Acquisition Act. The petitioner in the case was Abdul Salam Bhat and others from Budgam's Wathora village.

The primary argument of learned counsel for the petitioners was that the land acquisition proceedings have lapsed by virtue of Section 11-B of the Act as no award within the period of two years was passed from the date the declaration under Section 6 was issued and published.

Pertinently, last year, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh had directed the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to maintain status quo on the land required for the construction of the Srinagar ring road project.

Notably, over 500 families from Central Kashmir's Budgam district await compensation for the land acquired by the government recently for the construction of the ambitious Semi Ring Road project. According to officials, over 590 acres of agricultural land has been acquired for a 62-kilometer road project which would connect Pulwama and Ganderbal districts via Budgam through Pampore, Wathora, Budgam, Dharmuna and Narbal in western outskirts of summer capital Srinagar.

Major portion of the land measuring—400 acres of farmland was acquired in the Budgam district alone for the highway project

Kashmir Lost 30,000

while the production was 857.84 metric tons with the yield of 60.69 quintals per hectare while in 2016-17, the land under paddy in Kashmir was 141,340 hectares while as the production was 898.73 metric ton with yield 63.75 quintal per hectare.

As per document the land under paddy cultivation remained same for year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 too, however, the production increased 900.99 metric ton and yield 63.75 quintal per hectare in year 2017-18 to production of 968.83 metric ton and yield 68.55 quintal per hectare in year 2018-19 and then production of 975.38 metric ton and yield of 69.01 quintal per hectare in year 2019-20.

As per data the land under paddy cultivation in year 2020-21 and 2021-22 was same that 134,067 with production 956.17 metric ton and yield 71.32 quintal per hectare in year 2020-21 and production of 966.63 metric ton and yield of 72.1 quintal per hectare in year 2021-22.

So as per data since 2012-13 the area under paddy has decreased 28,242 hectares while the production has increased by 345 metric ton and yield in quintals per hectare has increased by 33.8 quintal per hectare.

Meanwhile experts (Plz name experts) believe that the agricultural

land is shrinking at an alarming rate in Kashmir with authorities acting as a mute spectator.

They said that thousands of kanals of abi awal land have been converted into for commercial purposes across the Valley.

They believe that if the land conversion takes place with present pace time would not be far when there will be no land for paddy either.

They said that besides that trend of constructing complexes on agricultural land, farmers are also shifting to the horticulture sector.

They also said that the agriculture department has failed to provide farmers with varieties from which they could make a livelihood, farmers are shifting towards the horticulture sector and are planting apple trees on land otherwise meant for agricultural purposes.

The number of brick kilns, coming up of big complexes, residential houses and shifting to the horticulture sector have been the main reasons that agricultural land is shrinking day by day, they said.

Farmers also said that it is not possible to earn livelihood from the agriculture sector due to which most people have already shifted to the horticulture sector.

They said that they aren't even getting the amount from the paddy that they spend on it from paddy sapling plantation to threshing—(KNO)

Army Chief Begins

artillery guns and other key weapon systems.

"Gen Manoj Pande #COAS visited #LadakhSector and witnessed Exercise PARVAT PRAHAR. #COAS was briefed on operational preparedness by commanders on ground. He interacted with the officers & troops & complimented them for their steadfastness and professional standards," it tweeted.

People familiar with Gen Pande's visit said he has been briefed about the fresh disengagement process besides the overall combat readiness of the Indian Army in the region.

Commander of the Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta and other senior officials apprised Gen Pande about the overall security situation including the ongoing disengagement process in Patrolling Point 15, they said.

Gen Pande is scheduled to visit Siachen on Sunday.

The Indian and Chinese armies on Thursday announced that they have begun to disengage from the Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area of eastern Ladakh, marking a significant forward movement in the stalled process to pull-out troops from the remaining friction points in the region where the two sides have been locked in a stand-off for over two years.

There has been no progress yet to resolve the standoff in Demchok and Depsang regions.

The beginning of the disengagement process in the Gogra-Hotsprings area is an outcome of the 16th round of high-level military talks in July, the two armies said in a statement on Thursday.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said on Friday that the disengagement process in Patrolling Point 15 will be

completed by Monday.

"As per the agreement, the disengagement process in this area started on September 8 at 0830 hours and will be completed by September 12. The two sides have agreed to cease forward deployments in this area in a phased, coordinated and verified manner, resulting in the return of the troops of both sides to their respective areas," he said.

"It has been agreed that all temporary structures and other allied infrastructure created in the area by both sides will be dismantled and mutually verified.

"The landforms in the area will be restored to the pre-stand-off period by both sides," Bagchi added.

He said the agreement ensures that the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in this area will be strictly observed and respected by both sides and that there will be no unilateral change in the status quo.

"With the resolution of the stand-off at PP-15, both sides mutually agreed to take the talks forward and resolve the remaining issues along LAC and restore peace and tranquility in India-China border areas," he said.

Initially, around 30 soldiers from each side were locked in a face-off at PP-15 but the number of troops kept changing depending on the overall situation in the region. India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquillity along the LAC were key for the overall development of the bilateral ties.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas. Both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process last year on the north and south banks of the Pangong lake and in the Gogra area.

The disengagement in the Pangong Lake area had taken place in February last year while the withdrawal of troops and equipment in Patrolling Point 17 (A) in Gogra took place in August last year.

Gujjar Muslim From

States to fill the vacancy caused due to the retirement of one of the nominated members, a notification issued by the Union Home Ministry said.

Jitendra Singh, who holds several portfolios in the Union government, congratulated the latest entrant to the Rajya Sabha on his nomination.

"Ghulam (sic) Ali Khatana ji. Well deserved, long deserved ... an opportunity for you to discharge your optimum role in nation building," Singh said in his tweet.

Ali's nomination is considered to be significant as before the abrogation of Article 370, the community had little representation in legislative bodies.

The Modi government had abrogated Article 370 in August 2019 and bifurcated the erstwhile state into two Union Territories Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The article gave a special status to Jammu and Kashmir. (PTI)

Mughal Road Reopens

Meanwhile Jammu-Srinagar

highway and SSG road were through with traffic plying normally, they added. (GNS)

Parts of J&K

Regarding night temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 17.7°C against 17.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 4.0°C above normal for the summer capital during this time of the year, he said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 15.2°C against 15.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 3.5°C above normal there, he said.

In Pahalgam, he said, the mercury settled at 12.8°C against 12.7°C on the previous night and it was 3.6°C above normal for the south Kashmir resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of 15.5°C against 14.9°C the previous night and it was 3.4°C above normal for the place, he said.

World famous Gulmarg resort recorded a low of 9.5°C against 10.7°C on the previous night. It was 0.3°C above normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 14.3°C against 15.6°C the previous night, the official said. It was 2.2°C above normal for the north Kashmir place, he said. (GNS)

School Renamed

it was informed that 14 out of 17 schools have been renamed in the district so far on the names of Martyrs of respective areas as per the directions of the Government.

Addressing the students on the occasion, the DC highlighted the role of Martyrs in building a nation. He urged the students to make efforts for their overall personality development.

The DC also interacted with the family members of the Martyr and expressed sympathies with them. He assured all possible support to the family from the District Administration.

Meanwhile, the family members of the martyr were delighted and expressed their gratitude towards the Government and District Administration for naming the school after the Martyr, Abdul Hameed Chara. Later, the DC visited Government High School Magam in Handwara sub division and took part in the Anti Drug programme in the school.

Speaking at the occasion, the DC stressed upon the students to focus on their personality and career development which will assure them a prosperous life and become good citizens. He directed them to get inspiration from young officers and achievers who have made name and fame in the country in different fields.

Regarding drugs, the DC said that the drugs ruin the career and life of a person and urged the students to keep themselves away from social evils like drugs.

He said that this is the land of knowledge and gave examples of various IAS officers, Doctors, Engineers and young achievers from the district who inspire the youth.

The DC also announced that he has identified an agency which will provide free coaching to the aspirants for UPSC IAS exam in coming days.

Later, the DC distributed medals among best performing students of the school. ADC Handwara, CEO Kupwara, Dy SP and a large number of students were present on the occasion. (ONS)

J&K Pencak Silat Cup Concludes In Srinagar



Adil Khan

SRINAGAR: The three day long J&K UT Pencak Silat Cup 2022 concluded on Saturday in Indoor Sports Hall Polo Ground, Srinagar. The event was organized by Pencak Silat Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the banner of "My Youth My Pride".

DDC Member Khonmoh Er Aijaz Hussain was the chief guest and Mohammad Iqbal, Manager Sports Council was the guest of honour. The medals were awarded among the medalist and trophies and mementoes among the referee jury's and technical staff.

More than 900 participants from 16 districts of J&K participated in this event.

Speaking on the occasion, Er. Aijaz said that Pencak Silat Association is doing a wonderful work for the involvement of

youths across the state.

"I am sure that in the coming years, there will be a huge participation of women folk in the sport, which help them in carrier as well as way of self defence," he said.

Nasir Ahmad Digoo, President, Pencak Silat Association of J&K, was the organising secretary for the event. He, along with Mudassir Masoodi, District President Srinagar and district heads from other districts like Budgam, Ganderbal, Pulwama, Anantnag, Shopian, Kulgam, Bandipore, Baramulla, Kupwara, Poonch, Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar and Reasi were also present on the occasion.

The president was also flanked by Mufti Hamid Yasin, Secretary General Indian Pencak Silat Federation.

The event was monitored by Muhammad Iqbal, Incharge, Indoor Hall, Polo Ground, Srinagar.

ASIA CUP 2022 FINAL

Pakistan Stand In Way Of Sri Lanka Cricket's Rebirth



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Having witnessed a socio-economic crisis coupled with worst democratic turmoil in its history, the Sri Lankan cricket team would like to provide its countrymen with an emotional catharsis if it happens to beat a much superior Pakistan in the Asia Cup final here on Sunday.

Technically, Sri Lanka are the hosts of this Asia Cup but call it a cruel twist of fate, the tournament had to be shifted to UAE for security reasons.

It could have been infinitely sweeter had Dasun Shanaka

and his men would have played the final at the iconic Khettrama Stadium (now Premadasa Stadium) but the kind of performance they have put in the Super 4s would make anyone believe that it would be anything but easy for Babar Azam's side.

But at Dubai, buoyed by a sizeable Pakistani population bursting its lungs out, the Mohammed Rizwans, Mohammed Nawazs and Naseem Shahs would like to lift their games on the big day, which has been a tradition that is so relatable with the legacy of their national teams over the years.

In the five games so far, the Sri Lankan batters have hit 28 sixes and 62 fours, which gives a story of their approach.

Pakistan's strength is their bowling attack that has Naseem Shah, showing improvement with each passing day, along with Harris Rauf and Mohammed Hasnain.

However in Dubai, one has seen that toss has become an important factor as Pakistan aren't good while batting first and in the two games that they have lost in the tournament against India and Sri Lanka, they have batted first.

DPS Srinagar Clean Sweep Table Tennis Competitions



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Delhi Public School, Srinagar bagged first place in all categories (Boys) of Table Tennis in U-19, Singles and Doubles U-17, Single and Double U-14 levels organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, in the U-19 Girls finals, Inam Qadri of Class 12th defeated her opponent of Kothi Bagh Higher Secondary to bag the title.

Congratulating the winners, Principal Shafaq Afshan said, "Delhi Public School Srinagar takes great pride in inspiring a legacy of sporting excellence. These wins are timely reminders of this glorious legacy. Congratulations to the winners."

The Chairman Vijay Dhar also congratulated the winners and said, "We have striven hard to make DPS Srinagar synonymous with excellence and transformation. This rich haul is testimony to this quest for inspiration. Congrats to all."

Virat Kohli More Skilful Than Me, Says Sourav Ganguly



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Back in form with a blazing century at the Asia Cup, Virat Kohli has earned praise from BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, who said the star Indian batter is 'more skilful' than him as a player.

Both played aggressive brand of cricket as captains, but Ganguly said in terms of skill set, Kohli is ahead of him.

"I don't think that (captaincy) should be the comparison... The comparison should be in terms of skill as a player. I think he is more skilful than I am," Ganguly said of Kohli in the Ranveer Show on YouTube.

Having returned after a month-long break, Kohli recently recorded his first international century in 1020 days, when he slammed a 61-ball 122 not out during India's final Super 4 clash against Afghanistan in Dubai on Thursday.

Showering praise on Kohli, Ganguly further said: "We played in different generations, and we played a lot of cricket. I played in my generation, and he will continue playing, probably playing more games than I did."

"Currently, I have played more than what he has but he will get past that. He is tremendous."

LG Sinha Attends PGTI J&K Golf Open 2022 Finals



Observer News Service

JAMMU: LG Manoj Sinha on Saturday attended the finals of the second edition of "J&K Open 2022" Golf Tournament at Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Sidhra.

Organised by Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) and presented by J&K Tourism, the tournament, with a prize purse of Rs. 40 lakh, has brought together the National and International Golfers for the first time in region, marking their debut in Jammu's Golfing circle.

The tournament is part of J&K Tourism's unique initiative of promoting golf tourism in the region.

The PGTI has expanded its geographical footprint in the region with this maiden professional Golf tournament at Jammu. The tournament is in line with the

long-term objective of PGTI for promoting professional golf in different parts of the country.

Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI thanked J&K Tourism, Jammu Tawi Golf Course and the UT Administration for their support for making the tournament a grand success.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary to Government, Tourism & Youth Services and Sports; Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Minga Sherpa, Managing Director JKTDC; Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism Jammu; Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director, Tourism Jammu; Manav Gupta, Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course, besides officials of PGTI and JTGC; professional and budding golfers were present on the occasion.

YSS Anantnag Organise Marathon, DC Flags Off



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Department of Youth Services & Sports Anantnag on Saturday organised a marathon in which 250 youth in the age groups of Under-17 and Under-19 boys from different zones participated.

The marathon was flagged off by the Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Basharat Qayoom from Sarnal Dhadat at 7:30 AM before culminating at Sports Stadium Crossing Mattan.

Before the flag off Chief Guest highlighted the importance of fighting against Drug abuse. He stressed upon the youth to play an active role as responsible citizens in curbing this menace.

After the culmination of the marathon an impressive presentation ceremony was held at which Chairman Block De-

velopment Council Khowripora, Ab. Majeed distributed prizes among top ten position holders in the age Group of U-17 Boys and among top six position holders in the age group of U-19 Boys.

Waseem Ahmad and Imtial Shafi of HSS Seer bagged 1st and 2nd Place and Tehkeem of HSS NANIL bagged 3rd place in U-19 age group, while in U-17 age group Rashid Ahmad of Middle School Donipowa bagged 1st place, Fazil Qadir of HSS Mattan took 2nd and Basit Mukhtar of HS Thajiwar won 3rd place in the event.

The marathon was overseen by DYSS Officer Mushtaq Ahmed, Zonal Physical Education Officer Mattan, Zonal Physical Education Officer Anantnag, Activity Incharge M. Abbas, Technical Officials, among others.

Australia Captain Aaron Finch To Retire From ODI Crickets



Agencies

CAIRNS: Australia captain Aaron Finch says he's retiring from one-day international cricket effective Sunday after the team plays New Zealand in the third and final ODI.

A recent run of poor form has seen the 35-year-old Finch average just 3.7 runs, including three ducks, since scoring 62 runs against Sri Lanka in an ODI in June.

Cricket Australia said in a statement on Saturday that Finch will continue to captain Australia's Twenty20 side and will lead it in defence of its world title when the T20 World Cup is played in October and November in Australia.

"It has been a fantastic ride with

some incredible memories," said Finch, who played 145 ODI matches, 54 as captain.

"I have been extremely fortunate to be a part of some brilliant one-day sides.

"It is time now to give a new leader the best possible opportunity to prepare for and win the next World Cup. I thank all of those who have helped and supported my journey to this point."

One of the most damaging opening batters in the world when at his best, Finch has scored 5,401 runs in the ODI format and averaged close to 40, including 17 centuries. But he's failed to get past 20 in his last seven innings and his continuing place in the side was in doubt. (AP)

England Dismisses South Africa For 118 In Deciding Test



Agencies

LONDON: Ollie Robinson took 5-49 and Stuart Broad weighed in with four wickets as England dismissed South Africa for 118 in 36.2 overs on an emotionally charged third day of the deciding cricket test at the Oval on Saturday.

Play finally got underway after the first day was washed out entirely and the second day was cancelled as a mark of respect following the death of Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 96 on Thursday.

Players from both teams wore black armbands and there was a minute's silence in honor of the queen ahead of the

start of what has essentially become a three-day test match to decide the series, which is currently locked at 1-1.

England is already in command of the match thanks to brilliant bowling from its seam attack, notably Robinson, who claimed the third five-wicket haul of his test career after regaining his place in the team during this series following fitness issues.

He took four of the first six wickets as the Proteas slumped to 36-6 before Khaya Zondo (23) and Marco Jansen (30) led in a mini-recovery.

Robinson completed his five-fer before Broad (4-41) took the final two wickets to wrap up the innings midway through the second session. (AP)

US Open: Alcaraz On The Cusp Of Grand Slam Glory



Agencies

NEW YORK: With poise beyond his 19 years and enviable stamina, Carlos Alcaraz faced down the crowd and Frances Tiafoe on Friday night to collect another thrilling win and reach the US Open final.

Despite wrapping up the latest-finishing match in tournament history in the early morning hours on Thursday, the Spaniard had plenty more in the tank on Friday, sprinting to drop shots, pounding forehands and coolly holding serve in the tense fifth set.

"I feel great right now," a beaming Alcaraz told reporters after the win, which set up a final with Norway's

Casper Ruud on Sunday.

"I mean, a little bit tired. But right now I'm just so, so happy."

Alcaraz's run at the tournament last year came to a jarring finish when he retired from his quarter-final with a leg injury he said came from playing long matches in his previous rounds.

The stakes of Sunday's final could not be higher. The winner will walk away with their first Grand Slam trophy and the world number one ranking.

Ruud has an enjoyed a more straightforward and less talked about route to the final but will be the underdog against Alcaraz, who is 2-0 against the Norwegian including a win at the Miami Open final in April.

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