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## 58% Households In J&K Provided Tap Water Under Jal Jeevan Mission: Report

**Zaid Bin Shabir** 

Srinagar: Under the Modi government's ambitious Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Jammu & Kashmir has seen a substantial growth in providing tap water connections in rural households, as the UT achieved 58 percent household tap water connectivity this year.

These facts emerged from Jal Jeevan Mission's 'Jal Jeevan Samvad' report for 2022 that was tabled by the central Government in September. The project is being completed

A New Corrupt-Free

System Established In J&K: LG

Says No One Indulging In Corrupt Practices Will Be Spared

in a phased manner under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission'.

According to government data, out of 33 states and UTs, J&K ranks 18 in India with 10,63,237 households being provided tap water as on 29 October, 2022. However, with 58 percent J&K surpasses India's national average of 53.32 percent in Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC).

Even though J&K has managed to provide tap water to 58 percent households there are still 7,71,953 households that are to be given a proper tap

Vigilance Awareness Week, an of-

ficial spokesperson said Monday.

corruption, he said, the LG ad-

ministered the integrity pledge

to Administrative Secretaries,

Deputy Commissioners, Heads of

Departments, senior officers and

officials to mark the beginning of

the Vigilance Awareness Week

Observing that the most pow-

erful weapon against corruption

is active citizenry, the spokesper-

son said that the LG urged all to

join hands and pledge to root this

and Transform which we have

chosen is the right path to move

ahead. Some people are mak-

ing deliberate attempts to derail

this journey but we will never let their nefarious designs succeed,"

Tolerance

Corruption on More on P6

menace out of the system. "The path of Reform, Perform

across the UT of I&K

Commissioners.

Divisional

the LG said.

Leading the crusade against

water connection in the UT. As per the data available, there are 18,35,190 households in total in J&K that were registered under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The data further said that 1118 villages in J&K reported 100% tap connection and 73 villages are certified. Ganderbal and Srinagar are the only two districts in J&K that have been declared as a 100 percent 'Har Ghar Jal' district. In Gujarat and Srinagar, households in rural areas have access to safe drinking water through taps under the 'Har **ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE SOURCE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM** 

along with maintaining inter-departmental coordination for the effective implementation of the project. Every single complaint from the citizens regarding water supply should be addressed on priority."

Ghar Jal' mission. There are 41,551 and 10,407 households in Ganderbal and Srinagar, respectively that have access to safe drinking water.

As per the data, Ramban, Kathua and Udhampur have

the least number of households that have access to tap water connections. "There are 3260 villages in I&K where work on watersupply is still in progress and

have already formed a Village Water and Sanitation Committee and 6009 villages have made a Village action plan. "There are no villages in J&K with a gray water management plan,"

the report added. More on P6

2509 villages in

J&K are those

where water-sup-ply work is yet to start,"

the report observed.

6,322 villages in J&K

## **Son Murders Mother For Money** In Mattan, Arrested

**Anantnag:** Jammu and Kashmir police on Monday claimed to have solved mysterious death of a lady by arresting two accused persons including her elder son involved in her murder, who had a criminal conspiracy to snatch money from the deceased.

A police spokesman in a statement said that on 21-10-2022, information was received by Police Station Mattan District Ananthnag to the effect that a lady namely Razia Akhtar, wife of Manzur Ahmad Khan of Kehribal, aged about 45 years had slipped from a concrete slab.

"She was shifted to GMC Anantnag for treatment. The doctors have declared her brought dead," the statement said. Due to her prolonged matrimonial dispute, various allegations and counter allegations were making rounds in societal circles, it added. More on P6

## **4 JKP Officers Awarded HM's Spl Medal**

**Agencies** 

**Srinagar-** Four police officers from Jammu and Kashmir were among those who were awarded with the Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal for the year 2022.

According to a list, DIG Jammu, Vivek Gupta, SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli, SDPO Gandhi Nagar Sachit Sharma and SGCT Vicky Kumar were among those who were awarded with the medal, reported news agency KNO.

"These medals were conferred for special operations with regard to managing terrorism, border disputes, arms and narcotics," it reads.

The Ministry of Home Affairs declares 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal-2022' for four special operations conducted by security forces in the areas of **More on P6** 

# **Kashmir Braces Up For Wet Spell, Growers Worried**

MeT Rules Out Possibility Of Heavy Snowfall Till Nov 4

**Zaid Bin Shabir** 

**Srinagar:** The weather department on Monday forecast mainly light to moderate rain and snowfall over middle and higher reaches of Kashmir but ruled out the possibility of heavy snowfall till November 4.

Deputy Director, meteorological department in Srinagar, Mukhtar Ahmed said that precipitation is expected over the middle and higher reaches of the Union Territory from the evening of 31st October. "But, we are not ex-

severe

precipitation in this system. It will be a light spell of rain and snow," he said.

From November 1st afternoon- November 4 evening, he said, the weather would remain cloudy to occasionally sunny

"From 4 t h November evening, an active tem will impact the weather. The system is expected to bring light rain and snowfall at isolated places in Kashmir.

There's a possibility of light snowfall in plains on 5,6 and 7 November." Ahmed said, adding that 8th November onwards the weather is expected to stay dry till 13th November.

The official further

added that the

temperatures are still around normal. "The mum temperature on Thursday had flared up by 1-1.5 degrees in all stations. There won't be a massive change in the minimum temperature

in the coming More on P6

## **Adequate Stock** Of Essentials **Available: Admin**

he Jammu and Kashmir administration Monday said that adequate stock of all essential supplies are available throughout the Kashmir division ahead of erratic weather prediction by the MeT department. Dr Abdul Salam Mir, Director, FCS&CA Kashmir, said that adequate supply More on P6

THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE ON THURSDAY had flared up by 1-1.5 degrees in all stations. There won't be a massive change in the minimum temperature in the coming days. Around 4, 5 and 6 November, the day temperature may dip."

## **LOC Truce Gave Huge Impetus To Army's Defence Preparedness: GOC**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: The overall defence preparedness of the Indian Army has received a "huge impetus" in the 20 months since the ceasefire understanding between India and Pakistan, says Chinar Corps Commander Lt Gen ADS Auila, describing the situation at the LoC as very much under control.

However, whenever the opportunity comes, "attempts are being made to infiltrate" from the "other side" but the army is capable to foil such bids or give a befitting reply, said the commander of the Srinagar-based corps responsible for guarding the Line of Control (LoC) in the Kashmir Valley.
India and Pakistan had on

February 25 last year released a joint statement announcing a ceasefire along the LoC following talks between their



directors general of military operations. The two countries had earlier signed a ceasefire agreement in 2003 but it was repeatedly violated.

During an interaction held recently at the 15 Corps headquarters in Srinagar, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Corps, said, the situation is very much under control at the LoC or the hinterland.

"A lot of parameters are showing signs of normalcy. And, challenge for us is to ensure that we are able to sustain this ceasefire and phase of normalcy that we are seeing on a daily basis," Lt Gen Aujla said, adding that the "huge influx" of tourists this year is a "great positive" among these parameters. Asked if the ceasefire under-

standing of More on P6

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Weapons, Narcotics Smuggling

## **Police Working To Counter Use Of Drones By Pak: DGP**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Police is working to counter smuggling of weapons and narcotics from Pakistan via drones, Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh said on Monday.

'We are on the job to counter this challenge (use of drones for smuggling weapons and narcotics). Many persons involved in these acts have been arrested," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of a National Unity Day function here.

Singh said Pakistan's "nefarious designs and acts" are not a secret as attempts have been made from across the border to send weapons, narcotics and IEDs into Jammu and Kashmir through drones during the last few years.

"Many such attempts have been foiled but still a significant



quantity of weapons and narcotics are coming in. Lashkar is the main smuggler of these items. It has the support of the establishment as drones are flown from the areas where rangers and Pakistan army are deployed. If there is no support from the Pakistan establishment, these activities cannot succeed," he added.

Talking about More on P6

## BLACK SHEEP ON THE BASIS OF PREJUDICE AND NO ONE SHOULD protect or defend those indulging in corrupt

practices, howsoever highly placed the offender may be. The whole administrative setup should adopt a common approach to make the working of administration more effective."

**NO ONE SHOULD BE DECLARED** 

## **Changed In Kashmir**

**Observer News Service** 

Jammu: Launching a direct at-

tack on successive regimes for

allegedly encouraging corrup-

tion in Jammu and Kashmir,

Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha said on Monday that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

guidance, a new transparent cor-

ruption-free system has been es-

tablished in the Union Territory

become an accepted social norm

in the UT. In the last three years,

under the guidance of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, a new

system has been established in

Jammu and Kashmir," Sinha said.

ruption-free J&K and no one in-

dulging in corrupt practices will

while virtually attending the

UT-level inaugural function of

be spared," he added.

"It's our resolve to build cor-

The LG made these remarks

corruption-free

"Before 2019, corruption had

in the last three years.

transparent

he Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) on Monday ordered change in the school timing with effect November 1 in Kashmir Valley. As per the DSEK's order, the class work in all the government as well recognized private schools of Kashmir Division shall be from 10 am to 3 pm within the Municipal limits of Srinagar. The class work in schools falling outside the Municipal limits of Srinagar, it said, will be from 10: 30am to 3:30pm.

"The order/ instructions shall be adhered to strictly by all the concerned institutions. Any deviation in this regard More on P6

# **Along LoC: Police**



overnment forces on Monday foiled an infiltration bid by folled an innitiation.

killing a Pakistani terrorist in Keran sector of North Kashmir's Kupwara district, police said. "One Pakistani terrorist/infiltrator got neutralised by army in Keran Sector (Jumagind area) in Kupwara district," the Kashmir Zone Police tweeted. Search operations are underway in the area and further details are awaited, police said.

## **Murder Accused Held In Udhampur**

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en days after a man was killed in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, police on Sunday claimed to have solved the case with the arrest of the alleged killer. Police found the body of one Amit Gupta, a resident of Shakti Nagar, near Prince Cafeteria in Mand on October 20, they said. Police detained some suspects, including Tarun Sharma, who lives in Mand. During sustained questioning, Sharma confessed to have killed Gupta over

> a financial dispute, they said. Sharma was arrested and booked under section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code, they said.

## **Mughal Era Pashmina Carpet Fetches 5M Pounds**

rare Mughal era pashmina carpet from the 17th century has been sold for a whopping 5.42 million pounds in London. The 9 feet by 8 feet carpet had an estimated price of £2.5 million to £3.5 million, but finally sold for almost double that. The carpet which is now almost square was earlier over 14 feet long. Three smaller fragments from the same carpet are known to have survived, two are in museums, the third is privately owned.

"Due to the fragility of the silk and the finely spun pashmina pile very few examples survive, making a carpet of this size and condition an extraordinarily rare survivor from the golden age More on P6

#### 2 OGWs Held In **Pulwama: Police**

olice on Monday claimed to have arrested two overground workers of Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) from Pulwama district in South Kashmir. Adnan Shafi Bhat of Ashmander and Yawar Rashid Sheikh of Karimabad were arrested by a team of police, army's 55RR and the personnel of CRPF 182 battalion, a police spokesperson said Monday. The duo, he said, were associated with proscribed terror outfit JeM. "During investigation 02 grenades were also recovered upon their disclosure. The arrested duo was working as associates of terror

outfit JeM and was tasked to carry

out attacks on Non local labourers

in the area," the spokesperson said.

He said that More on P6

## **Scooty Rider Killed In Collision**



scooty rider on Monday was killed in a road accident in Shopian district of South Kashmir. Mohammad Yousuf Dar was critically injured when his scooty and an auto rickshaw collided in the Kiloora area of the district on Monday morning, reports said. Dar was rushed to the district hospital Shopian for treatment. However, he succumbed to his injuries. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident and started an investigation.

## **School Timings Pak Terrorist Killed**

# Google Buys Al Avatar Startup 'Alter' For \$100 Million

Aims To Improve Its Content Game And Compete With Tiktok

IANS

ech giant Google has acquired Alter, an artificial intelligence (AI) avatar startup that was working on using AI to generate avatars for social media users and brands to express their virtual identity.

According to TechCrunch, Google bought the startup for about \$100 million in an effort to improve its content game and compete with TikTok.

The acquisition was completed about two months ago, but neither company made a public announcement.

Some of the top executives of Alter have updated their LinkedIn profiles to reveal that they have joined Google without acknowledging the acquisition, according to the report.

A Google spokesperson confirmed that the company had acquired Alter but declined to comment on the financial terms of the transaction, it added.

Alter started as Facemoji,



a platform that offered plugand-play technology for helping game and App developers add avatar systems to their Apps.

Among its investors are Play Ventures, Roosh Ventures and Twitter, which invested \$3 million in the startup. Later Facemoji rebranded as Alter.

Alter founders Jon Slimak

and Robin Raszka did not respond to a request for comment, reports TechCrunch.

Meanwhile, Google has recently rolled out custom emojis to its Chat for personalised experience. Emojis are a great method for users to express themselves in Google Chat, the tech giant said in a blogpost.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

# Directorate of School Education, Kashmir

Subject: - Change in classwork timings.

Order No: 517 DSEK of 2022 Date d: 31 -10-2022

The classwork in respect of both Government as well as recognised Private Schools of Kashmir Division w.e.f 01.11.2022 shall be as under:-

S.NO	AREAS	NEW TIM- INGS
1	Schools falling within Srinagar Municipal limits	From 10. am to 3.00 pm
2	Schools falling outside Municipal limits of Srinagar District and other areas of Kashmir Province.	From 10:30 am to 3:30 pm

The order/instructions shall be adhered to strictly by all the concerned institutions. Any deviation in this regard shall be viewed seriously.

(DIRECTOR) School Education Kashmir

Dated 31.10.2022 No:DSEK/PS/91 DIPK-12625/22

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sub: calling of objections in change of name of electric connection it is notified for the information of all concerned that we (Mrs Saleema Akhter wife of Mr Mushtaq Ahmad Malik originally resident of Buchpora Srinagar and Ms Misra Bano wife of Mr Abdul Ahad Bhat originally resident of Khanyar Srinagar and others) presently Khaimulla Ganderbal are the joint owners and in possession of newly purchased two storey residential house along with shops situated at Khaiamulla, Ganderbal. The electric connections of both House and the shops are vet in the name of previous owners namely Mr Mohammad Yagoob Malik and Mr Showkat Ahmad Malik with Consumer IDs = 1. 10109 (House) 2. 10308 (Shop) and installation Nos 15440 (h) 15641 (s) respectively. Now the ownership of these two electric connections are required to be transferred to the above named joint owner Mrs Saleema Akhter wife of Mushtag Ahmad Malik & Others Any body having any objection in ths regard he/she may in the office of Assistant Electric Engineer, J&K PDD, Ganderbal within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

It may be noted that no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated time of 07 days.

Mrs Saleema Akhter wife of Mr Mushtaq Ahmad Malik originally resident of Buchpora Srinagar Presently Khaimulla Ganderbal
 Ms Misra Bano wife of Mr Abdul Ahad Bhat orginally resident of Khanyar Srinagar Presently Khaimulla Ganderbal

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#### **Notice Inviting Tender**

e-Tenders are invited from interested vendors for managing the complete assessment activity starting from application management till the result generation for PGDBA Admission Test of the year 2023 through the Central Public Procurement Portal http://eprocure.gov.in.

Interested agencies are requested to attend the Pre-bid meeting at 3:00 PM on 07-11-2022 and to submit their bids with relevant supporting documents by 5:00 PM on 17-11-2022. For details and updates, visit our website: <a href="https://www.isical.ac.in/tenders">https://www.isical.ac.in/tenders</a>.

Sd/-**Dean of Studies** 

CBC 39103/12/0010/2223

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

# OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING BARAMULLA

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No: - 194/Xen/Rew/Bla/2022-2023 Dated.29/10/2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

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S.	Name of Work	Est. Cost	Cost of T/	EMD	Time of	Class of	Major Head	Position of
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2	C/O Solid waste segregation shed near irrigation fall at Duroo B under SBM_G II year 2022 23 Block Zaingeer	3.90	200	7800	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
3	SBM G II year 2022 23 Block Zaingeer	3.90	200	7800	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
4	C/O Solid waste segregation shed near Jamiya Masjid Syed Kamalu Dein Brath Kalan under SBM_G II year 2022_23 Block Zaingeer	3.90	200	7800	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
15	C/O Solid waste segregation shed near Eidghah road Nabli Warpora B under SBM_G II year 2022_23 Block Zaingeer	3.90	200	7800	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded

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

Z.		
	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	29-10-2022
	Period of downloading of bidding	From 29-10-2022 to 08-11-2022 up to 6:00 PM
	documents	
	Bid submission Start date	29-10-2022
	Bid Submission End Date	8-11-2022 up to 6:00 PM
	Date and time of Opening of Bids	Technical Bids will be opened on 9-11-2022 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and
	(Online)	Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:07.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt)that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat. In the event of inadequate response to a tender , participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted.
 If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost, his bid will be automatically rejected.

• In case of dilemma/confusion, the rate and the unit against any item shown in Boq, the SOR rate along with its unit will be applicable.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No. in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).

The date and time of opening of Bids 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. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.

3. All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular of Finance Department.

4. The IST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of allotted cost of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% performance security.

4. No: 1713-20 Dated: 31-10-2022 **DIPK-12600/22** 

Executive Engineer. REW Baramulla

# ادارہ فلاح عام (وقف) کا جنز ل اجلاس 6،نومبر 2022ء کو

ادارہ فلاح عام (وقف) جو پچلی چاردہائیوں سے فلاح و بہبود کے میدان میں شددومہ سے
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## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR INVITING ONLINE APPLICATION Date: 21 October 2022

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has been established by Ministry of Education, Government of India an independent/autonomous, self-reliant and self-sustained premier testing organization.

NTA will be conducting the All India Sainik Schools Entrance Examination (AISSEE)-2023 for admission to Class VI and Class IX in 33 Sainik Schools across the country, for the academic year 2023-24. Sainik Schools are English medium residential schools affiliated to CBSE. They prepare cadets to join the National Defence Academy, Indian Naval Academy and other Training Academies, for Officers.

Ministry of Defence (MoD) has approved 18 New Sainik Schools, which operate in partnership with NGOs/private schools/State Governments. These approved New Sainik Schools function under the aegis of Sainik Schools Society. Admission to the Sainik School stream of Class VI of the New Sainik Schools, for the academic year 2023-24 is also through AISSEE 2023.

Date of exam	08.01.2023(Sunday)			
Mode of exam	Pen paper (OMR Sheets based)			
Paper pattern	Multiple Choice questions			
Exam cities	As mentioned in the Information Bulletin			
Eligibility for admission to Class VI	Candidate should be between 10 and 12 years as on 31.03.2023. Admission for Girls is open in Class VI only in all Sainik Schools.			
Eligibility for admission to Class IX	Candidate should be between 13 and 15 years as on 31.03.2023 and should have passed Class VIII, from a recognised school, at the time of admission.			
Exam fee	General/OBC(NCL)/Defence/Ex-servicemen-Rs 650/- SC/ST-Rs 500/-			

Scheme/duration/medium/syllabus of examination, list of Sainik Schools/New Sainik Schools and their tentative intake, reservation of seats, exam cities, passing requirements, important dates, etc., relating to the exam are contained in the Information Bulletin hosted on www.nta.ac.in/ https://aissee.nta.nic.ac.in Candidates who desire to appear in the exam may read the detailed Information Bulletin for AISSEE 2023 and apply online only at https://aissee.nta.nic.ac.in between 21.10.2022 and 30.11.2022. The exam fee is also required to be paid online through payment gateway, using debit/credit cards or internet banking.

cbc 21354/12/0007/2223 Senior Director, NTA

4th Phase of Back to Village

## **Atal Dulloo Inspects** Various Public Facilities At Fakir Gujri

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, on second day of his visit to remote and hilly area of Fakir Gujri in Harwan Block of Srinagar District as Visiting Officer under ongoing 4th phase of "Back to Village" programme conducted onsite inspection of various facilities being provided to the people. He also took stock of the various development works in Harwan Block.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aijaz Asad accompanied the Additional Chief Secretary during his visit.

At Nayabat Office, Harwan, the Additional Chief Secretary inspected the Patwar Khanna and took stock of its functioning and services being provided to the people. He enquired about the service mechanism and facilities being extended to the people related to Revenue matters. He also received feedback about the online public ser-

vice delivery system. On the occasion, the ACS directed the concerned Revenue authorities to ensure people do not face any difficulty for want of basic revenue documents.

The ACS also interacted with the people visiting to Nayabat office for availing different services.

While visiting the Government Middle School, Fakir Gujri, the Additional Chief Secretary inspected various classrooms and interacted with students and the staff. He also inspected the services being provided to students through a Mid-day meals.

The ACS also inspected PHC, Fakir Gujri and took stock of its functioning and the healthcare facilities being provided to the patients. He also had an appraisal about the availability of medicines and staff at the Health centre.

The ACS urged the staff of the PHC to discharge duties with more dedication and zeal and ensure all possible patientcare facilities to the people visiting the centre.

With regard to supply of Ration, the ACS also inspected the local Ration Store and took onspot assessment of the ration distribution system in the area.

During his visit, the Additional Chief Secretary also inspected the ongoing work on development of sports playfield at Astanmarg being executed at an estimated cost of Rs 17 lakh.



## **Srinagar District Selected For National E-Governance Gold Award**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Srinagar District has achieved a major milestone by getting selected for Nae-Governance Gold Award for Project/ Initiative 'Gaash' under the category of "Excellence in District Level Initiative in e-Governance" of the National Awards for e-Governance Scheme 2021-2022.

The Gaash project is an e-Learning initiative of District Administration Srinagar with special emphasis on gamified learning in the age group 12-18. With the introduction of the project

a number of students as well as teachers showed enhanced interest in the project resulting in overall improvement in academic performance.

Through the project Gaash, the students were able to understand basic concepts in science and mathematics very easily in comparison to normal class room transactions.

Speaking about the project Gaash, the DC Srinagar said that the project has been very helpful in making Education more effective while being enjoyable through gamification of conceptual content. He said it will also provide a compre-

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hensive understanding of learning outcomes for all stakeholders in education–schools, parents and students, besides empowering students with cutting-edge edu-technology to help them realise their full potential.

The DC also said that the effort is factored by use of digital technology pursuing next generation reforms and innovations by adopting emerging technologies and use of ICT Management.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha in his Tweet has congratulated the Deputy Com-

Mohammad Aijaz Asad and his team for getting selected for the project "Gaash" for National e-Governance AWARD under the category "Excellence in District Level Initiative in e-Governance.

In his Tweet, the Lieutenant Governor has quoted" A well-deserved Gold for Team @srinagaradmin in e-Governance." The tweet further added," Congratulations and best wishes for outstanding work @asadamaijaz and officials for translating the grand vision of digitally empowered society into reality.'

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## This Day In History

- 835 All Saints Day made compulsory by Pope Gregory IV throughout Frankish Kingdom
- 996 First recorded use of modern name for Austria in the 'Ostarrîchi Document'
- 1570 All Saints Flood, tidal wave in the North Sea devastates the coast from Holland to Jutland; killing more than 1,000 people.
- 1721 Prince Eugenius of Savoye unveals statue of
- 1755 Lisbon earthquake kills more than 50,000 in Portugal
- 1834 First published reference to poker (as Mississippi riverboat game)
- 1894 Vaccine for diphtheria announced by Dr Roux of
- 1894 Nicholas II becomes the new Tsar of Russia after his father, Alexander III, dies.
- 1897 Italian football club Juventus F.C. is founded by students in Turin as Sport-Club Juventus
- 1902 France and Italy sign an Entente under which Italy agrees to remain neutral if France is attacked: this is France's attempt to neutralize the Triple Entente
- 1911 The first aerial bomb is dropped by an Italian pilot on Turkish troops in Libya during the Italo-Turkish War
- 1913 Less than a week after the US non-intervention promise, President Woodrow Wilson demands that Mexican dictator Huerta resigns
- 1917 In WW I, the 1st US soldiers are killed in combat 1928 - Graf Zeppelin sets airship distance record o
- 1942 10th day of battle at El Alamein
- 1944 World War II: Units of the British Army land at Walcheren in the Netherlands.
- 1947 UN trusteeship for Nauru granted to Australia,
- 1951 First atomic explosion witnessed by troops, New Mexico
- 1956 Delhi becomes a territory of Indian union
- 1956 Nobel for physics awarded to Shockley, Brattain
- & Bardeen
- 1962 Greece enters European Common Market 1962 - USSR launches Mars 1; radio contact lost before
- arrival at Mars
- 1974 UN affirms independence of Cyprus
- 1985 Netherlands decides definitive sites for cruise missiles

- 1990 Last of Margaret Thatcher's original government resigns, Deputy PM Howe

## From KO Archives

# Keep Off My Turf, CM Tells Army

Observer News Service

RINAGAR: The chief minister would rather have the army brass minding its own business and not stepping on his turf. "These army men are being prompted from the wings to make these statements, the chief minister commented on remarks made by the new army chief, General Padmanbhan, about the Kashmir issue. Dr. Abdullah obviously finds it amazing that even the director general of the CRFF should air his views about a political solution to the Kashmir issue. "I can't under¬stand why army men issue statements on political matters. If they have a solution, it is for the defence minister to make the announcement," he said in the course of the press conference, This side of Kashmir is Hindustan, and the other is Paki-

stan, he said when asked what, in his view, was the solution. He said he wanted autonomy for both parts of Kashmir. He said the further division of the state was not the correct

approach as it would lead to the dismemberment of India. If the state were to be divided on communal lines, it would be a vindication of the two nation theory, he said.

To a question on plan funds, he said discussions with the union finance ministry had been held up because of some dis¬parities in figures. He intends to fly to New Delhi tomorrow to meet the Union Finance Minister in case latter has returned to the capital, he said.

(Kashmir Observer, November 01, 2000)

## Workshop On 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment At Workplace' Begins At KU

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan on Monday inaugurated a two-day capacity building workshop on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace'.

The workshop has been organized by the University's Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said the administra. tion is fully determined to create a congenial workplace atmosphere for its students, faculty and staff across its campuses.

Urging greater sensitization of university stakeholders about prevention of sexual harassment at workplace, Prof Nilofer underlined the key role that the ICC can play to make a difference in this

Complementing the ICC for holding the twoday workshop, the Vice-Chancellor urged Committee to formulate

a roadmap on holding more such awareness programmes in future, including those at the community level involving other varsity departments like the Law, Sociology, Social Work, Home Science etc.

Prof Pam Rajput, Professor Emeritus, Punjab University Chandigarh and Former VP, National Alliance for Women Organizations, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the "interventionist role" that the University can play to share knowledge and sensitize the society at large against

harassment of women.

## Police Arrests Drug **Peddler In City**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Police on Monday said that they arrested a drug peddler in Srinagar. In a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, police said that they have arrested a drug peddler in Srinagar and have recovered contraband substance from his possession.

"On specific informa-

tion, ANTF Kashmir (a specialized unit of J&K Police to check the rising menace of narcotic drugs) has arrested drug peddler Mohammad Shafi resident of Shopian from District Srinagar. During the search, Heroin worth lacs was recovered from his possession. He has been shifted to the police station where he remains in custody" police said.

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## Contest in Gujarat

AP leader Arvind Kejriwal is in Gujarat to campaign for the Assembly polls early next year. Kejriwal is trying to fill in the vacuum created by the depletion of the Congress party as a viable opposition. He isn't only doing that: he is also trying to beat the BJP at its Hindutva game by plying a Hindutva lite version of the ideology. And in the AAP leader's attempt to do so, he has even shocked the BJP by demanding that images of Hindu deities Lakshmi and Ganesh be printed on currency notes for the economy to do well. He has now also sought a uniform civil code - one of the BJP's core electoral planks - and sought its nationwide implementation. Last month he emerged from the Somnath temple with a tripund on his forehead and rudraksha around his wrists. Earlier, he has also chanted the Hanuman Chalisa and flagged off pilgrim trains to the temple town of Ayodhya. And so far this politics has paid off for him in Delhi and subsequently in Punjab.

Will AAP be able to position itself as a credible political alternative in what is an all-important state for the BJP? Only time will tell. But Gujarat is not just any other state. It is from here that the phenomenon of prime minister Narendra Modi began. Competition is getting tougher with Congress also in the process of rejuvenating itself by hitting the road. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is currently undertaking a padyatra to reconnect Congress with the people. The public response has so far been good. And the participation of people is growing with every passing day. It remains to be seen whether this public outreach could translate into any electoral gains for the party in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

However, with its recent landslide victory in Punjab, the AAP is on a roll. It hopes to replicate the performance in Gujarat. Kejriwal has shown political skills to get his party up and running out of nowhere. He could very well do so in Gujarat by peddling the Hindutva card. But it is also true that prime minister Narendra Modi's charisma is still fresh and abiding and that too in his home state where his remarkable journey began. So, it would be next to impossible to dislodge him in Gujarat. With every passing year, his political appeal and constituency have grown stronger and wider while that of Congress has correspondingly shrunk. But there are still two years to go before the general elections are held, and much can change during this time. Two years is a long time in politics. The outcome of the polls in Gujarat and Himachal could very well set the stage for 2024. More so, the one in Gujarat.

## OTHER OPINON

## Tipping Point

ountries around the world are failing to live up to their commitments to fight climate change, pushing the planet towards a future marked by intense flooding, wildfires, drought, heat waves and species extinction, according to a report issued by the United Nations this week. Another study by The Lancet raised concerns not only about the direct health consequences of dependence on fossil fuels and rising temperatures, including heat-related mortality, pregnancy complications and cardiovascular disease, but also the indirect costs, such as the effects that drier soil could have on malnutrition and how a changing climate can expand habitats suitable for mosquitoes that, in turn, would lead to a spike in dengue fever and malaria, both of which ravage Bengal and Calcutta. Each study on the changing climate throws up alarming results, even as governments globally have their heads buried in the sand.

Spiralling energy costs, soaring inflation and the geopolitical fallouts of the war in Ukraine are on the minds of the global fraternity, relegating the climate emergency to the back-burner of policymaking. There is enough in the latest reports to set the alarm bells ringing and the CoP-27 summit, which begins in November, would be a litmus test for nations. Of course, the history of climate summits is one of failure to pass this test. CoP-26 in Glasgow had set its targets too far into the future to be of use. India's pledge to achieve net zero emissions by 2070 is a case in point. This collective inertia is proving to be fatal. The Lancet report, for instance, identified newer constituencies being affected by the rising temperature. Adults older than 65 years and children younger than one year of age are two such groups, who were exposed to 3.7 billion more heatwave days in 2021 than annually in 1986-2005; heat-related fatalities have increased by 68% between 2000-04 and 2017-21. Established vulnerable groups remain in peril. According to the World Bank's Groundswell report, up to 216 million people could be compelled to leave their nations by 2050 as a result of the emergence of climatic catastrophes such as water scarcity, decreased food yields and rising sea levels

One major point of failure of climate summits concerns the onus of taking historical responsibility for climate change and make reparations. The developed world refuses to adequately compensate poor and developing countries, which would bear a disproportionate share of the disaster, so that the latter can take mitigatory action. Could nimble imagination resolve the discord? Alaska set up the Alaska Permanent Fund, which mandates that the country's mineral wealth belongs not to the government or to the private players but to all its citizens, including the unborn, entitling them to annual dividends from activities like oil drilling. If implemented on a global scale, the idea of the environment as a universal asset-based resource that can be used to fund change may save the planet.

Telegraph India

## On Vigilance Awareness Week

# **Calling Out Corruption**

Use B2V4 as a platform against Corruption

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

igilance Awareness Week is observed every year between October 31st to November 6th. The aim of observing vigilance week is to encourage all stakeholders like Govt institutions , citizens and private sector to collectively participate in the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness on it. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) spearheads the anti corruption campaign and under its orders anti corruption seminars and conferences are organised across India for the last several years. The Central Vigilance Commission has the mandate under the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 to fight corruption and to ensure transparency in public authorities. The CVC has powers to monitor all vigilance activities in public authorities working under the Central Government. In addition, CVC also advises public authorities under control of Govt of India on planning, executing and reviewing their vigilance work in order to bring out systemic improvement in governance. This year's Vigilance Week has a great significance with regard to Jammu & Kashmir as the same corresponds with Back to Village season 4 (BTV4).

#### CS for open discussion on corruption

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta during his virtual inspection of several panchayats during the ongoing Back to Village (B2V-4) programme encouraged the people living in villages to hold open discussions on corruption during Gram Sabhas. In an official statement carried by several local newspapers, the Chief Secretary said that the Government has taken numerous measures to introduce transparency and eliminate corruption in the system. "Public participation and scrutiny will ensure corruption-free delivery of governance", Chief Secretary also said while addressing several panchayats of Mahanpur, Majalta, Panassa, Plahi in Jammu through virtual mode. He also spoke to the members of these panchayats to get their feedback about the B2V season 4 programme and impressed upon them to take forward the sanitation works being carried out under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin phase II.

## Vigilance week background

Every year Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) coincides with the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Home Minister who is known for his honesty and integrity. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) which is the apex integrity institution at national level endeavours to promote integrity, transparency and accountability in public life. The Vigilance Awareness Week every year is part of the multifaceted and comprehensive approach of the CVC to eradicate corruption by encouraging citizens. Goyt officials and private sector players to fight against the corruption and to create awareness about it so that society is protected from getting affected with corruption. This year's theme for Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) is "Corruption free India for a developed Nation"

Several reports of the World Bank reveal that corruption hampers the development of nations and the infant mortality rate in such countries with high levels of corruption. Infant mortality is about three times higher and the literacy rate is 25% lower in countries with higher degrees of corruption. No nation has been able to completely eliminate corruption, but studies show that the level of corruption in countries with emerging market economies is much higher than it is in developed nations. Conflict hit countries like Syria, Somalia, South Sudan, Congo have highest levels of corruption and developed nations like Denmark, New Zealand, Finland, Sweden and Singapore have lowest levels of corruption in the world as per the studies carried out by Transparency International a Berlin based NGO

## Corruption in J&K

Corruption in India is a matter of serious concern. This is affecting the growth and economy of the country not only at national level but its impact is quite visible in states



As the Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) coincides with the Back to Village season 4 in Jammu & Kashmir, I believe, this is the right time to highlight the issues of corruption at panchayat level and local school students, religious and social leaders be asked to speak on the subject during BTV4 meetings

and even at local level as well. From Gram Panchayat to offices of various Ministries in New Delhi, corruption is prevalent. A study conducted by Transparency International in 2005 said that more than 62% of Indians had at some point or another paid a bribe to a public official to get a job done. In 2008, another report revealed that about 50% of Indians had first-hand experience of paying bribes or using contacts to get services performed by public offices, however, in 2019 the Corruption Perception Index of Transparency International ranked India 80th place out of 180, reflecting a little decline in the perception of corruption among people. In Jammu & Kashmir the LG Administration headed by Manoj Sinha is also trying its level best to eradicate corruption. Infact the Jammu & Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) is trapping public servants red handed accepting bribes but still the level of corruption isn't coming down. From allotment of houses under PMAY, Free LPG under PM's Ujjwala Yojna and payment of MG-NREGA wages people are being forced to pay bribes in rural areas. Similarly in urban areas municipal officials fleece people while giving them building permissions. In Govt jobs also bribes are demanded and accepted. had to cancel the selected list of Police Sub Inspectors early this year and the case has been given to CBI now as there were clear cases of corruption and paper leak. India's trucking industry is forced to pay billions of rupees in bribes every year to various regulatory and police officials on state and national highways. The Corruption undermines political development, democracy, economic development, the environment, people's health and much more. It is, therefore, imperative that the public be sensitized and motivated towards efforts for

## weeding out corruption. Integrity Pledge for Citizens

An integrity pledge is taken by Govt officials during the Vigilance Awareness Week (Oct 31st to Nov 6th) every year. The integrity pledge reads as:

I believe corruption has been the major obstacle to economic , political and social progress of our country. I believe that all stakeholders such as the Government , citizens and the private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption. I realise that every citizen should be vigilant and commit to the highest standards of honesty and integrity at all times and support the fight against corruption. I therefore pledge

To follow probity and rule of law in all walks of life

To neither take nor offer bribe
To perform all tasks in an honest and

transparent manner
To act in public interest

To lead by example exhibiting integrity in personal behaviour

To report any incident of corruption to the

appropriate agency
Taking this pledge by Govt officers in Govt of India offices, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) has become a routine exercise now. Very few Govt officers act upon this and the same officers who make people, Govt officials to take the pledge are involved in corrupt practices. Infact J&K Govt through an order issued by General Administration Department (GAD) on 30.10.2022 has directed that pledge against corruption be taken during B2V4 meetings in every village. Let us hope that all the Panchayat Secretaries, Sarpanches, Panches and other officials including the Visiting Officers will abide by the Pledge they will be taking.

## Conclusion

As the Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) coincides with the Back to Village season 4 in Jammu & Kashmir, I believe, this is the right time to highlight the issues of corruption at panchayat level and local school students, religious and social leaders be asked to speak on the subject during BTV4 meetings. I would request all the Chairpersons of District Development Councils (DDCs) and Deputy Commissioners to hold discussion and debate on corruption and its negative impact on society during Back to Village meetings and Gram Sabha as suggested by the Chief Secretary. In addition to Integrity Pledge ceremonies, seminars and conferences should be held to celebrate Vigilance Awareness Week at district , tehsil and block level and people be made aware about laws that help reduce corruption like RTI Act, PSGA etc. I also request the Director Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) J&K and ACB SSPs to hold debates in colleges and schools during the Vigilance Week.

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## Welcome Move by BCCI

he decision by BCCI, the biggest cricket board in the world, to pay both sexes the same international match fee recently was a watershed moment for the empowerment of sportswomen. It is a great step forward for the women's game and the third such significant

move this year toward closing the enormous gender gap that afflicts the sports field globally. It will encourage a lot more girls to pursue professional cricket with the support of their parents. The BCCI's action is expected to encourage the grooming of numerous additional young females who have as-

pirations of donning the national jersey. The competitive spirit so fostered should increase the talent pool and produce stronger dream teams that compete for international accolades, popularity, and branding. This could therefore pave the way for top female players to reap rewards in the shape of

better endorsements and sponsorships for cricket competitions of all kinds. The board's decision is timely because our current crop of women cricket players is at their best and peaking.

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# FREEZE FRAME

# Growing Tribe of Child Kangri-Sellers in Kashmir

A juvenile Kangri seller's street struggle might've lately activated the community against the child labour, but the menace is pervasive and awaits a proactive community response.

#### Saima Shakeel

In a sleepy Budgam hamlet's twig field strewn with haystacks and mud boilers, little Iqra arrives holding hem of her larger that the cost of her classes.

The depravity back home has made her mother's soiled pheran.

fore the eight-year-old gets sucked into Kash- for her fraught family.

mir's exploitative labour venture on the brink of closure due to miserable market.

another earning hand. Grown beyond her age, Her outing looks like a playful routine be- she says her small helping hand is a little hope













Iqra isn't alone. There's Saima, Kousar and Beenish — all part of the ongoing season of Kangri-making in Kashmir.

Following their elders' footsteps, these barely preteen girls wake up early, finish home errands, attend school and come back to complete their

"We strike balance by working extra hours on our studies at home in ne evening." Beenish, a girl with shy smoke-smeared face, says but it's important for our survival."

Most of these kids who should've been fully engaged in learning and playful activities are mainly slogging for the sake of their families. Their stark reality as shown by the twig fields of Budgam makes their

The family pathos is a common pattern in these child labour chronicles of Kashmir.

Child labour, by definition, is a physical work separating children from their childhood, education, growth and normal development.

Despite strict laws prohibiting this menace, over one lakh child labours of Jammu and Kashmir are silently serving sectors like handcraft, agriculture and automobile workshops.

Many of them are also working as domestic help, vendors and bus

Some of these kids can be seen making rounds of urban marketplaces and malls selling socks and handkerchiefs.

At the city outskirts, little Muskan is helping her father selling corns on street. She runs here and there to deliver the delicacy. This physical toil leaves her breathless, but she's duty-bound to market her family produce. "This is for our family survival," she replies when asked about her

street engagement. "I come here after attending my school. My father But while the corn-seller's little daughter plays his salesperson, some urban automobile workshops are filled with young Imtiyazs.

The barely ten boy from Qamarwari area of Srinagar was cleaning spare parts of a car with black automobile oil in a container at a city

He arrives early at work and leaves at sundown. After putting nearly 9 hours of work, he barely makes Rs 300 a day.

"This income hardly suffices my family needs, but I'm happy that it's putting food on our table," Imtiyaz says. "It's much better than begging." With the resolve to fight for their families, these child labourers can be seen working in different labour markets.

They treat their work as some kind of moral duty for their families, but the fact that it's coming at the cost of their normal upbringing and classroom activities makes it a clear violation.

As per the International Labour Organization (ILO), about 152 million children aged 5 to 17 are engaged in child labour worldwide.

Boys and girls, reports say, are equally involved in child labour, with girls far more likely to be involved in domestic work. "Poverty is the biggest cause of child labour in India," UNICEF states.

The menace is equally being multiplied by the absence of educational infrastructure and a lack of awareness in Kashmir countryside. J&K, as per Kailash Satyarthi Children Population report, will have 64.26 thousand projected child labour population in 5-14 years age group

In fact, the foundation has ranked J&K 3<sup>rd</sup> in terms of child labour which gives enough indication about the prevailing grim scenario.

Be it the twig fields of Budgam or the automobile workshops of Srinagar, observers say, the child labour is a stark reality of Kashmir and

needs a collective community response. "We need to evolve a scholarship for these poor children," says Sameer Ali, a social activist part of many child-welfare initiatives in Srinagar. "At the same time, we need to sponsor skill program for their family members so that they will earn their living with dignity."









# National Unity Day Observed With Great Enthusiasm Across Kashmir

Srinagar: The birth anniversary of first Home Minister of India Late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was celebrated today as National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) across Kashmir.

A pledge taking ceremony was held at all the district headquarters where the respective District Development Commissioners administered the oath among the district and sectoral officers and took pledge to dedicate themselves and their services to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and to strive hard to spread this message among the fellow countrymen.

On the occasion, the DDCs highlighted the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in upholding the Unity of the nation. They informed that the leader worked on national integration and devoted his life to the nation.

At Srinagar, a Run for Unity was today organized by the

& Sports (YS&S) and Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) in Srinagar starting from the Wazir Bagh area to mark the celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

The Run was flagged-off by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad after administering a unity pledge to the participants.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the DC underscored the significance of observing the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. He said the day not only commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, but also reaffirms the inherent strength and resilience of the nation to withstand threats to the unity, integrity and security.

District Youth Services & Sports Officer Balbir Singh, District Coordinator Srinagar, senior Officers and Officials from YS&S Department also attended the event.

At Budgam, On the eve of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National monies were held at all government offices in Budgam.

A pledge taking ceremony led by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid was also held at Conference Hall Budgam, officers and officials took pledge for unity.

Similar pledge taking functions were held in other Government offices, education institutions and all the 296 panchayats across the district.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that the District Administration is committed to follow the principals and teachings of Sardar Vallabhai Patel and ensure a strong and United society.

Various unity runs were also organized in the district wherein youth gave the message of unity and peace.

At Baramulla, a pledge taking ceremony was held in DC Office Baramulla wherein District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed

oath among district officers and other participants.
She also highlighted the im-

portance of National Oneness and paid rich tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in uniting the country.

Later, the DDC also flagged-off the 'Run for Unity' race from Showkat Ali Stadium in which a large number of students participated. The race was organized by District Administration Baramulla in collaboration with 3 Battalion BSF.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC highlighted the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in upholding the National Unity. She emphasized that there should be the spirit of unification among us to ensure unity, integrity and security of the nation.

The National Unity Day was also observed across all the Sub-Divisions and Tehsil headquarters of the district with great fervor that witnessed participation of a large gathering of

At Anantnag, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom today Administered the oath/ pledge to the District / Sectoral Officers regarding the observance of National Integrity Day at DC Office, here.

The officers pledged that they will strive for upholding National Integrity.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the citizens of India must strive for making the Nation prosperous and work for the welfare of the people.

Speaking about the ongoing B2V4 program, the DC said that directions have been issued to visiting officers to administer the pledges in their allotted Panchayats. He said that the administration and the society must work together towards the welfare of the society.

The pledge taking ceremony was attended by ADDC, ADC, ACR and employees of the DC **BACK TO VILLAGE-4** 

# Advisor Bhatnagar Tours Ganderbal, Participates In B2V4 Programme

Distributes Land Passbooks, RBA Certificates, **Income Certificate Among Beneficiaries** 

**Observer News Service** 

Ganderbal: As part of Government's ambitious initiative to listen the issues of people at their doorsteps through Back to Village Programme Phase 4 (B2V4), Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today took an extensive tour of Kangan sub-division of Ganderbal district and participated in ongoing activities under B2V4 held at Panchayat Ghar Wussan-B Kangan.

During the visit to Panchayat Ghar Wussan, Advisor Bhatnagar had detailed interaction with Panchayat representatives and general public of the area. He took note of issues concerning development and welfare of their respective areas and asked the people to have maximum participation in B2V4 programme as it has been initiated for their welfare.

The Advisor also interacted with the visiting officer and officials of line departments and obtained feedback regarding various ongoing development works being executed under different flagship schemes in the Sub-division.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted the objectives of the programme and said that the programme is a milestone in achieving rural development and 100% saturation of social welfare schemes adding that the Union Government and UT Government is committed to develop J&K as one of the most developed regions in the country. He added that various developmental initiatives have been taken already and the cooperation of common masses is must for ensuring peace and development in whole J&K.

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#### **58% Households**

Announced on 15 August 2019, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is being implemented in partnership with States to make provision of tap water supply in adequate quantity of prescribed quality with adequate pressure on a regular and long-term basis to every rural home by 2024.

In 2022-23, under the central Government's share for J&K's Jal jeevan Mission, the opening balance was 605.71 crore, Allocation 3,039.11 crore, Assured fund 3,644.82 crore, Available Fund 605.71 crore and Expenditure 168.27 crore.

It is pertinent to mention here that Lieutenant Governor (LG), Manoj Sinha had said that the government is determined to provide tap water connection to every household in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Ensure sustainability of the source water supply system, along with maintaining inter-departmental coordination for the effective implementation of the project. Every single complaint from the citizens regarding water supply should be addressed on priority," the Lt Governor told the officials.

The Jal Jeevan Mission in J&K aims to provide 100% Functional household Tap Connections (FHTC) at the rate of 55 LPCD as per BIS 10500 standard by 2024 with central assistance (90:10 for J&K). The guidelines of the mission also stipulates 5% community contribution towards in-village nined water supply infrastructure through cash, labor and material besides O&M of the schemes by PRIs.

## **Son Murders**

"Accordingly, a Police Party was deputed from the Police Station Mattan, who after inspecting the scene of crime has raised questions on the pattern of fall as it seemed suspicious. The Police decided to initiate proceedings under section 174 CRPC and the dead body was taken into the possession and medico-legal formalities were conducted. The legal heirs of the deceased have broken the doors of the mortuary and have tried to take away the dead body," the statement said.

Police spokesman said that the pattern of injuries on the dead body did not correlate the Sequence of injuries one could possibly get in a slab fall. "The assistance of the technical team of the District Anantnag was sought and on the basis of technical data various possibilities of death narrations were filtered out. Few suspects were identified and were called for questioning. During the course of questioning several contradictions were noted which were further worked on and two suspects were zeroed down namely Aqib Ahmad Khan, son of Manzur Ahmad Khan of Kehribal (Elder Son of Deceased) and Abid Hussain Ganie, son of Farooq Ahmad Ganie of Kanganhal Achabal A/P Her Mohalla Kehribal.'

"These two persons have committed this offence for monetary motivation. Both of them have had a criminal conspiracy to snatch money from the deceased. At 1500 hrs Abid Hussain Ganie (co accused friend) had visited the house of the deceased lady where his son namely Agib Manzur Khan was waiting for him. Both of them have tried to snatch money from the deceased which has eventually led to a

"Accused 1 has smashed his mother and has forcefully punched her and she fell down in the kitchen. A big stone was brought by the Accused with the assistance of co accused. Accused 1 has then smashed the head of the deceased lady and has caused a grievous head injury and the Lady

has finally succumbed to these injuries. Then both the accused persons have tried their best to portray it as a death of accidental slab fall. They have changed the place of the body, have brought it outside and have set the house articles in order. The chappal of the deceased was placed on the slab.

"Both the accused persons have then fled away from the scene along with the money. Both the persons have joined the family members in a normal manner and have taken the lady to the hospital. They have joined the people who have smashed the door of the mortuary in order to conceal themselves and to give this incident a normal colour," the statement said, adding that during the course of further investigation a disclosure memo was prepared and the weapon of offence was recovered.

Police said that a case under FIR number 95/2022 under section 302, 34 IPC was registered and further investigation was taken up. "Both the accused persons are arrested and the investigation is going on," police said.

## 4 JKP Officers

terrorism, border action, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling and rescue operations.

The list includes 13 awardees from Telangana, 16 from Punjab, 19 from Delhi, 4 from Jammu and Kashmir and 11 from Maharashtra.

## A New Corrupt-

the ground has brought transparency in Governance and ensuring benefits of good governance reach the last person in the queue without any discrimination," he added.

The LG, as per the spokesperson said that the system is being strengthened through the use of cutting-edge technology and administrative reforms leaving no scope for randomness and discretion.

"We continue to build an efficient, transparent and accountable system at all levels for seamless delivery of services," Sinha said.

The LG, the spokesperson said, observed that honesty, integrity and moral values are the real capital of a society and for I&K to become Aatma-Nirbhar, all have to work for a shared ambition to create a future in which everyone live these values for a better life and developmental efforts yield desired results.

Sinha, he said, commended the Anti Corruption Bureau for working tirelessly to prevent and investigate corruption-related matters and bringing culprits to Justice.

According to the spokesperson, the LG asked the Anti Corruption Bureau to work with redoubled determination to further strengthen the people's trust. He said that offenders in the system are being identified and this year, action has been taken against 445 accused.

"Vigilance department in J&K administration is the need of the hour. We have to set big goals and make collective efforts to speed up our socio-economic development and achieve the targets within the timeline. The policies and decision-making must reflect the people's participation, their needs and aspirations," the LG said.

"No one should be declared Black sheep on the basis of prejudice and no one should protect or defend those indulging in corrupt practices, howsoever highly placed the offender may be. The whole administrative setup should adopt a common approach to make the working of administration more effective." he added.

Highlighting the significance of effective use of Information Technology and dissemination of the right information to all stakeholders, the LG, as

per the spokesperson, urged the Anti Corruption Bureau and Administrative Departments to work in collaboration and make the best use of digital platforms, big data technology and other latest interventions in curbing corrupt

The LG, he said, termed awareness and public participation necessary for a more effective fight against the menace of corruption and called upon all the stakeholders to play their important role in the number of programmes being organized by the General Administration Department, Educational Institutions and Anti Corruption Bureau to create greater awareness about corruption.

"I urge the people to use ACB's helpline number to inform the Bureau about any official asking for a bribe. I have the same expectation from all the officials that they will work with absolute honesty and not allow corruption to flourish in any manner," Sinha said.

The spokesperson further said that the LG asked the officers to publicize the Anti-Corruption Bureau's helpline and related activities during the Back to Village programme.

"Information about the BEAMS Empowerment Portal and other endeavours of the government to curb corruption and bring transparency in the system must reach the common man," the LG said.

Earlier, the LG also extended his greetings to the people on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and paid tributes to Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his Birth Anniversary.

"Sardar Patel is embodiment of those values which not only integrated India but also set a living example of honesty and integrity in public life. He always encouraged government officials to render their services without fear and favour," Sinha said.

## **Kashmir Braces**

days. Around 4, 5 and 6 November, the day temperature may dip," he said.

He further said that Srinagar-Jammu national Highway, Srinagar-leh National Highway, Mughal road, road connecting Anantnag-Kishtwar, Sinthan Top, Sadhna Pass and hilly roads of higher reaches like Gurez. Tulail and Karnah may be affected due the weather disturbance on 5,6 and 7 November. "People should plan their travel accordingly," Mukhtar said.

The highway is the lifeline of the Kashmir Valley and the main road link connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country. Kashmir-bound trucks laden with essential supplies and other vehicles pass through the highway and fruit carrying trucks from Kashmir head for the rest of the country through this road.

It is pertinent to mention here that the MeT department had earlier predicted snowfall and low temperatures across Kashmir valley that may lead to temporary disruption of surface transportation, mainly over Zojila, Mughal Road, Sadnatop, etc, during the first week of November.

## **Growers in Kashmir**

Amid the prediction of wet weather in the first week of November, apple growers in Kashmir are a worried lot as they can't pick apples and carry out pruning simultaneously.

Growers from different areas of Kashmir, mainly Shopian say their 30-40 percent produce is still on trees and it is impossible to completely pick the fruit within two or three days.

Orchardists say that the apple crop is still on trees as this year the market response has been poor. They said usually in the upper parts,

this is the peak apple picking season

and most of the produce is still on

trees and snowfall in coming days can prove disastrous.

"Leaves are as green as in June and plenty of fruit is yet to be plucked. At most of the places people have put the fruit on the ground in orchards, so prayers are the only way to save us," they said.

Meteorological centre Srinagar has predicted three Western disturbances are likely to hit J&K from October 31 to 08 Nov which can bring widespread

In an advisory MeT has advised farmers to harvest their agricultural products, fruits etc which are prone to snowfall & low temperature.

They advised them to carry out necessary pruning of trees and drain out excess water from orchards

#### Adequate Stock Of Essentials Available: Admin

Meanwhile the Jammu and Kashmir administration Monday said that adequate stock of all essential supplies are available throughout the Kashmir division ahead of erratic weather prediction.

Dr Abdul Salam Mir, Director, FCS&CA Kashmir, said that adequate supply has been sent to far flung areas which remain cut off from the rest of the world due to excessive snowfall.

"For the far flung areas, the CAPD has supplied ration for over six months which has been already sent to these areas considering the inc ent weather prediction issued by the MeT." he said

Areas like Keran, Karnah and other far flung areas have already received stock for the winter months, he said. "For many others, ration has been stocked for four months," he said.

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## **LOC Truce Gave**

2021 has had any impact on operational preparedness of the army, the Corps commander said there have been "many positives" related to it as the period gave time to "upgrade our

"The overall defence preparedness of the Indian Army has got a huge kind of an impetus in these last 20 months that we have been observing the ceasefire agreement," Lt Gen Aujla

"Not only has it enhanced our capabilities and capacity but many a thing, which otherwise, we would not be able to do by virtue of those fire engagements that used to take place on a regular basis along the LoC. Now we have been able to do," he said

The readiness and defence preparedness is at a "very good level" and if any reason or opportunity comes where it is needed to be displayed, then a "very different impact" of it will be seen, the commander added.

Asked about the remarks made by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Gilgit-Baltistan during the Infantry Day celebrations on October 27 at the Srinagar airfield, he said, "The army is fully prepared, whenever such a decision is taken" and when the orders come, it will come to the Indian armed

"We are refining our conventional capabilities, trainings being done and enhancing those capabilities. So. whenever it is required, there should be no looking back," he said.

Asked how the army has evolved in the last 75 years in the context of changing nature of warfare, the Corps commander said from the 1947-48 to now, in these 75 years, the "capacities and the capabilities of the Indian Army

have got upgraded multifold". Today, technology has been absorbed in the system and in the organ-

isation in a "big way", he added. "It's all getting integrated in a very seamless kind of manner. Where we were 75 years ago and where we are today, we are fully prepared to fight a very comprehensive, integrated battle which will unfold in the future by virtue of absorbing all the facets," Lt Gen

Aujla said. The GOC of the Chinar Corps said the year has been "pretty good for the

general environment of the Valley". This year, infiltration cases have been minimum, eight terrorists possibly infiltrated, three of them were eliminated. So it is the lowest in the last 32 years since the insurgency in the Valley, he said.

"We have seen a huge influx of tourists and a lot of developmental activities have taken place on the ground. In terms of terror action also, we have come down pretty heavily on them," Lt

Gen Aujla said. As far as terrorist regimes are

concerned, their entire leadership has been wiped out. And, things are looking much, much better, he said.

But still a lot of ground needs to be covered. That is where all our efforts and resources will be aligned to. God willing, in times to come, we will see a much better situation unfolding as far as the Kashmir valley is concerned," the Corps commander said.

On infiltration bids being made amid the ceasefire understanding, he said, a few days ago, "we foiled an infiltration bid in Tangdhar sector in north Kashmir".

"Efforts are on from their side so that terrorists can be let in as the opportunity comes. But we are capable that if any such incidents happen at the LoC or the hinterland then a befitting reply is given or bids are foiled. That is how this entire strategy is. It is not alone in the army, it is a synergetic kind of effort of every agency operating here whether it is the JK Police, administration or intelligence agencies,"

Lt Gen Aujla said. "In fact, I would not be wrong to say that even the 'awam', the people, has come out in a big way, in a very positive manner to support us in all our kinetic endeavours," he asserted.

## **Police Working**

the function, the DGP said the day was being celebrated as national unity

"It is being celebrated since 2014. It is also Sardar Vallahhhhai Patels's birthday who played a stellar role in national unity and integrity.

"There was a unity parade and the personnel took a pledge to protect the unity and integrity of the country. They also dedicated themselves to maintaining the internal security of the country," he added.

#### **School Timings** shall be viewed seriously," the order

**Mughal Era Pashmina** of Imperial Mughal carpet produc-

tion," said a Christie's press release. The carpet was a highlight in Art of the Islamic & Indian Worlds including Oriental Rugs and Carpets sale which totalled £15,989,352. The auction comprised 265 lots, including works of art, paintings, carpets and manuscripts from the 9th through to

the 20th century, and from Spain to

India. As per Christie's, this carpet is an important example of the new Flower Style in Mughal India which became popular in architectural decoration and the decorative arts under Shah Jahan (r. 1628-58). The style is distinguished by a wide range of flowers - roses, lilies, carnations and sunflowers among others -- depicted in profile and arranged in rows. The Flower Style in Indian art can be traced back to the 1620 visit of Mughal Emperor Jahangir (r.1605-27) to Kashmir. Mansur, his favourite natural history painter, accompanied him on the trip and produced more than 100 paintings of local flowers, three of which survive. However, it was not until after 1630 that the vast majority of court carpets woven in India reflected the new taste for the Flower Style which dominated carpet design as well as all aspects of Mughal art.

## 2 OGWs Held

incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including 01 Pistol along with 01 magazine and 12 rounds were recovered from their possession.

"Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 312/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pulwama and investigation has been initiated," he added.

BACK TO VILLAGE-4

## **CS** Inaugurates **PSGA Dashboard With Auto Appeal Features**

J&K Becomes First UT To Adopt The System

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday inaugurated the integration of Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA) portal, having Auto-Appeal System feature with the eUN-NAT here at Civil Secretariat.



In the process, J&K has become the first UT in the country to implement such a system. "This step of the government is expected to be a game changer in that it empowers the citizens and would go a long way in curbing delays in providing services to citizens, weed out red tapism, inefficiency, lethargy and culture of apathy and impunity', said CS.

With this step, the J&K govern-ment has now integrated the online dashboard (https://aas.jk.gov. in) for all citizen centric services available on eUNNAT Portal, as per the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011 (PSGA).

It made the same available online and thereby clearly showing the service delivery timelines, details of defaults and penal provisions thereof, besides genera-tion of statistics and drill down facility, together with auto escalation / auto-appeal feature.

The Government had recently ing times. It is the endeavour of partment of government of J&K.

the government to facilitate dissemination of e-Services to the

public on one hand and to monitor, analyse and - if necessary penalise the defaulters in service delivery, as per the service delivery timelines defined in this Act.

The aim of the government in incorporating the auto-appeal and auto-escalation feature in the portal is that the provisions of the PSGA get integrated into the online application processing and service delivery mechanism to be strictly adhered to.

It was given out that the dashboard shows, at a glance, the online service applications received, services delivered, applications pending, applications rejected besides other details. In coming days and weeks, all the remaining G2C services would be digitally enabled and brought on-board this single platform, as was informed during this ceremony.

It is worth mentioning that few months ago, the Government of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir had put in place a single Integrated Services Delivery Portal called e-UNNAT (https://eunnat.ik.gov. in) for dissemination of all the available online services.

This has finally met the long felt need to have a Single Portal listing all the Government to Citizen services which were hitherto available across different platforms/ domains thus facilitating ease of accessibility of services at one place to the citizens.

The software application has amended the PSGA (J&K Public been designed and developed by Service Guarantee Act, 2011) to National Informatics Centre (NIC) bring it in tune with the chang- in collaboration with the IT De-

## PM's Poshan Shakti Nirman

## Over 9 Lakh Students In J&K To Be Covered For Free Meals

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government has proposed the central government to cover over nine Lakh students for free meals under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman on an average basis during 2022-23.

The Department of School Education and Literacy, PM -POSHAN division said, "UT has proposed to cover 5,30,379 children in Primary classes, 2,86,341 children in Upper Primary classes and 1,14,606 children in Bal Vatika on an average basis during 2022-23."

In the meeting PAB said that after detailed discussions, "PAB approved to cover 5,30,379 children in Primary classes, 2,86,U1 children in Upper Primary classes and 1,14,606 children in Bal Vatika on an average basis during 2022-23."

About the social audit, authorities from Jammu and Kasha social audit has been conducted in 16 districts covering 20 schools from each district. "A total of 320 schools were covered

**Press Trust Of India** 

(DIG) Udhampur-Reasi Range

Mohd Suleman Choudhary held

a crime and security review

meeting at the district police

During the meeting, the DIG

expressed concern over new

Reasi and directed officers to

Reasi district.

lines in Reasi.



Commenting on the social audit matter, the PAB had appreciated the effort made by UT. The UT was informed that under the provisions of Section scheme is mandatory.

The PAB advised to take appropriate measures for display of entitlements of children unmir informed the ministry that der PM POSHAN at prominent places easily visible to the public in all schools.

**Senior Police Officer Worried Over** 

of meeting.

The union ministry also said that during the year, if it is noticed by the UT administration that more funds are needed to 28 of National Food Security to increase in the attendance Act, 2013 Social Audit of the of children, increase in school working days or for any other reason, they may approach Government of India at any time during the year with justification seeking additional central Assistance and food grains.

"Similarly, if the central Gov-"UT was also advised to ernment observes less coverage take appropriate measures for than the approvals, the actual during 2021-22. The detailed awareness generation about releases may be restricted to accompilation reports of the social the scheme," reads the minutes tual coverage," it reads—(KNO)

He spoke with the local PRI members and visiting officers of respective panchayats of delivering 1 lakh Ayushman through video conference on Bharat Golden cards, 10 lakh the occasion and aims at vis- Land Pass Books and 2.5 lakh iting at least 300 panchayats e-Shram Cards among vari-

He maintained that they

Visiting Officer To Act As Panchayat Mentor For One Year: CS

Have To Ensure That All Deliverables Are Met Without Any Fail

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday held virtual meetings and took first hand review of the public response to the outreach Programme, Back to Village all across the UT

during B2V-4 in this manner.

Mentor for one year for their respective panchayats acting lighting Digital J&K initiative as a bridge between them and the government.

would mandatorily have to ensure that all the specified deliv- der the HIMAYAT scheme of erables have to be achieved in the Rural Development Departthe panchayat without any fail- ment and roughly 65 thousand ure. He stressed that each officer self employment opportunities would have to repeatedly visit through joint intervention of JK the village till all of them gets Bank, JKEDI and Industries Defully implemented on ground.

also been instructed to inspect at least two public works, assess their quality and submit observations in the report at the end of their visit.

The CS has encouraged Visiting Officers to take feedback on digital services and other recent developments in providing door step governance. They have also been asked to openly talk about how corruption has been curtailed through various Phase-4 currently in progress initiatives of the government, in Gram Sabhas.

Importantly, the UT administration has set ambitious goals ous other forms of assistance Dr Mehta remarked that to panchayats during the pro-Visiting Officers would act as gramme. Additionally, 1 CSC IT per panchayat would also be ensured during the period.

Around 1 lakh youth are going to receive skill training unally implemented on ground. partment would also be provid-The Visiting Officers have ed throughout J&K during B2V4.

## **B2V-4 Witnesses Massive Public Participation At Shopian**



**Observer News Service** 

**SHOPIAN:** Back to Village-4 is witnessing massive participation of people in all blocks of the district.

of activities were conducted in of these schemes to stand on all 33 Panchayat Halqas spanning across the blocks.

Land Records (S&LR), Abdul Hafiz Shah today visited Re-ban, Shopian as Visiting Offito assess the development issues of the Panchayat.

teracted with them, listened to and other developmental acthem patiently to take stock of tivities and obtained feedback their genuine demands pertain- from the general public in ing to their respective areas.

While interacting with the the Departments. people, the Regional Director said that the 'Back to Village' Programme is to ensure public full cooperation in the on-goparticipation of people in the local governance setup.

the effectiveness of welfare concerned visiting officers. schemes as well as developmental activities being executed in their respective areas.

cers of various departments briefed about the benefits of various centrally Sponsored and other welfare schemes of their departments for awareness of the general public, so On the occasion, a number that they can avail the benefits their own legs

SDM Zainapora, Mushtaq Regional Director, Survey & Ahmad was also present on the occasion.

Visiting officers across the district visited their respective cer under ongoing ambitious Panchayat Halqas and inter-"Back to Village" programme acted with the officers and officials of line departments, PRI members and general public and inspected various works implementation of schemes of

> They urged people to ensure maximum participation and ing B2V4 programme.

Baby kits under BBBP, Sports He toured Panchayat Halqa kits, Land passbooks and variand inspected development ous benefits and services were activities. He sought feedback also provided among the benfrom the general public on eficiaries of these areas by the

Visiting officers also made inspections of Schools, Government offices and Angan-On this occasion, the Offi- wari centres during their visit.

## **Govt Sets Ball Rolling For Outsourcing Apple Juice** Plant Of JKHPMC

Agencies

**SOPORE:** The Jammu

The J&K Horticultural Produce sustainability of the Corporation. Marketing and Processing Corporation (JKHPMC), which owns news agency KNO that the sucfor its operation, maintenance

and commercialization. The plant was made operational in 1985 with a capacity of

producing 10,000 metric tonnes concentrates per year. The decision to outsource the annually," they said.

plant was taken by the JKHPMC's held on July 26, 2021, saying operation of the plant by the Corporation was not a good option.

It authorized the managing

a concessional agreement with a registered company/firm/ agency associated

with the food processing sector. According to the minutes of the meet-

ing of HPMC's BoD, the outsourcing could earn reasonable royalty and would contribute to Meanwhile, locals told a local

the plant, has floated a tender cessive regimes have turned a blind eye towards the plant and it has been lying dysfunctional from the last four years. "If the plant would have re-

mained functional, it would have generated crores of rupees

Mohammad Saleem, a local board of directors in its meeting associated with the fruit business, said they used to supply the leftover apples to the unit and were earning good profits."But since the unit is director, JKHPMC to outsource not running, the leftovers are the apple joint plant by signing thrown away," he claimed.

## **IUST Organizes One-Day Seminar On Cancer Awareness**

**Observer News Service** 

School of Health Sciences and University Health Centre, Islamic University of Science and Technology Awantipora organized a one-

day seminar on cancer awareness today. Dr. Shad Salim Akhtar, Consultant Medical On cologist, Sher-i-Kashmir Insti- session congratulated the Unitute of Medical Sciences and Dr. versity and organizers for the Shabnam Bashir Senior Consultant Surgical Oncology (Breast/ Colorectal/Peritoneal Surface Cancers) New City Hospital and Hospital, Srinagar, Mubarak

the seminar. Dr. Zahida Rasool, Medical Officer, IUST presided over the welcome address for the seminar and remarked, "Cancer is a global disease which is spreading rapidly among countries. The aim of this seminar is to create awareness to get the right information and reduce the misconceptions surrounding cancer

were the invited speakers for

Speaking on the theme, Dr. Shad Salim cited cancer to be the second largest cause of death globally and talked about caused by Tobacco respectively.' common, modified and risk fac- Citing Breast cancer being the tors for cancer and its rise globally. He concluded his talk with cancer and highest in females, Dr. the hope that his interaction with students will work towards informing and sensitizing the just "Breast Cancer Awareness". younger generation about the cancer risk factors such as the Tariq Ahmad Ganaie I/C Head of use of drugs, smoking, obesity

basic knowledge of breast cancers, which is growing rapidly AWANTIPORA: Dean of Stu- in the world and in Kashmir as



Professor Manzoor Ahmad that IUST is undertaking.

During the second half of the

The seminar concluded by Dr. the Department Food Technology and especially females with the IUST, presenting the vote of thanks

conduct of such much-needed seminars.

Malik, Dean Academic Affairs IUST and the Chief Guest for the Seminar thanked the speakers for sharing the tremendous knowledge and awareness and highlighted the tremendous research work vis-à-vis health

seminar, Dr. Shabnam pointed towards factors like obesity, insomnia, stress, diet, etc. that can increase the chances of cancer. Calling Alcohol and Tobacco as the main causes of cancer, Dr. Bashir elaborated, "One in seven types of cancers is caused by Alcohol and one third of cancers is second most common form of Shabnam stressed on the "Breast Health Awareness" rather than

#### Mirwaiz Listed Among 500 **Army, JU Begins Five-Day Most Influential Muslims** Youth Festival In Bhaderwah Press Trust Of India

**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** The Army and the University of Jammu on Monday commenced a five-day youth festival at the varsity's Bhad- Col Devender Anand said. erwah campus in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The fest, titled 'Sangam 2022', was inaugurated by General of-Corps, Lt Gen Manjinder Singh in the presence of the chief guest, Maj Gen Ajay Kumar (GOC) Delta force, they said. The event is being held after a pandemic-induced break of two years following a decline in the cases, they said.

Approximately 1,200 students from 34 colleges and universities from the entire Jammu region are participating in this event, Defence spokesperson Lt

A total of 40 events including paragliding, river rafting, rock climbing, rappelling and ziplining have been planned during ficer Commanding (GOC) 16 this five-day festival, he added.

Such cultural and sporting events are a great way towards aligning the perception of youth towards a positive end and portray an overall image of the Indian Army as a harbinger of peace, the spokesperson said.

#### **Attempts To Revive Terrorism In Reasi** to counter new trends in terrorism and also monitor social JAMMU: A senior Jammu and media platforms which are be-Kashmir Police officer on Moning used to radicalise the local day expressed concern over youth. attempts to revive militancy in During the meeting, police station-wise review of prog-Deputy Inspector General

of over ground workers and

trends of radicalisation and attempts to revive militancy in surrendered terrorists.

Choudhary stressed that of-

Progress of police stations on tracing missing people, absconders, solving of theft and burglary cases and execution of court process were also dis-

officials said.

incident of killing.

cation said.

the Valley.

"We made a lot of sacrifices in

order to be able to stand there

holding the tricolour. Consider-

we hope that your office would

register us as migrants just like

any other migrant," the appli-

On Thursday, authorities in

Shopian had attempted to put

on a brave face by claiming that

no exodus of Kashmiri Pandits

had taken place from the dis-

The members of the minor-

ity community, who have since

been camping in Jammu, ruled

out having any plan to return to

A verified Twitter handle

of the Information and Public

Relations department of Shop-

about leaving of "Kashmiri

non-migrant Hindu popula-

Bhat, whose brother Puran Kris-

han Bhat was gunned down,

However, Ashwani Kumar

tion" was "baseless".

ress on crime investigation,

inquests proceedings, crime

against women, action against

drug peddlers, bovines smug-glers and complaints was made,

## 13 KP Families Urge Admin To **Register Them As 'Migrants'**

keep a watch on the activities ficers should use technology

Pandit families, who migrated from a village in south Kashmir amid 'targeted' killings of demanded on Monday that the administration register them as

"migrants". Of the 13 families compris-Choudharygund village maining three had reached the city earlier.

'We have submitted a joint compelled us to leave the valapplication to the office of relief and rehabilitation commisthe wake of migration from the valley to Jammu," said V J Kaul, a representative of the families. He said they have left their

is up to the government to provide them registration. Puran Krishan Bhat was gunned down by terrorists quences, the families said on outside his ancestral house in the application. Choudharygund village on Oc-

tober 15.

SRINAGAR: Hurriyat Conference chairperson and

Islamic scholar Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has figured in

a list of 500 most influential Muslims globally along

with former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan

The annual list was brought out by the Jordan-

based Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (RISSC)

in collaboration with Georgetown University and

was published on Monday, the Hurriyat said in a

King Salman of Saudi Arabia, Ayatollah Khamenei

"He (Farooq) has been advocating dialogue

of Iran and King Abdullah of Jordan were also among

with both India and Pakistan so that the aspira-

tions of the Kashmiri people may be realised,"

the RISSC-Jordan has said about him, according

those featured on the list, it said.

to the statement.

and Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Sagar were killed in a grenade parents, wives and young kids **JAMMU:** Thirteen Kashmiri were asleep in their rented accommodation in Shopian on

October 18. In the application, the famimembers of their community, lies said they had migrated to ing the aforementioned details, Jammu following Bhat's killing in broad davlight.

"The incident of brutal killing compelled us to leave our ing 43 members, 10 had left native village to save our lives. We, the residents of Choud-Shopian district and reached harvgund, bore the brunt of Jammu on October 26. The re- militancy and shared agonies with our brethren for the last 32 years but killing of Bhat trict.

ley," they said. They said prior to Bhat's killsioner at Jammu for registration ing, a government primary of the 13 families as migrants in school was attacked but fortunately three teachers belonging to the minority community had

a narrow escape. On the same day, a letter ian had claimed that the news village out of insecurity and it was circulated on social media by jihadi groups which threatened Kashmiri Pandits to leave Kashmir or face similar conse-

"We are not prepared to live had told reporters in Jammu there in danger and shifted to that he has migrated and will Monish Kumar and Ram Jammu with our families. Our never return to the valley.

# Info Dept Gives Warm Send-

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Joint Director of Information Kashmir accorded a warm farewell to Cameraman, Shahid Hussain Mir on his superannuation on Monday

tribution of the official towards the department and congratulated him on attaining superannuation. He also wished him a happy and prosperous post

Haq Siddiqui on the occasion highlighted the con-

Deputy Director (PR) Kashmir, Bilal Mukhtar, Assistant Director, Mohammad Aslam Khan, Cultural Officer Burhan Hussain and officials of the depart-

in the department.

& Kashmir Government has set the ball rolling for outsourcing of its lone apple juice plant in Kashmir Off To Retiring Cameraman Valley, which was set up nearly four decades ago.

after rendering dedicated service in the department. The Joint Director Information, Kashmir, Inam ul

The retiring employee thanked all their colleagues for their support and cooperation during his tenure

ment also lauded the contribution of retiring official and wished him a healthy post retirement life.

## **Downtown Heroes Enter Positive Kashmir Semi Finals**



**SRINAGAR:** In the ongoing 2nd Positive Kashmir Football Invitational Knockout Tournament Heroes won the match 2-1. 2022, one quarter final match was played at Synthetic Turf TRC on Monday.

In the match, Downtown Heroes FC took on ARCO FC. In a closely contested match up, both teams were looking to attack and book their place in semi finals of the competition. However, the first half between the two teams ended 0-0.

The Heroes came out strongly in the second half and managed to take the lead early on. The team from Downtown, Srinagar then doubled their lead to put ARCO out of contention. ARCO tried to reduce the deficit and NGO in collaboration with IKSC.

managed to pull one goal back. However, the team failed to capitalise on their chances and equalise the score. Hence, the

With this win, Downtown Heroes FC booked its place in the competition's semi finals. Nabeel of the Heroes was declared as man of the match for his outstanding performance on the field.

Two quarter final matches are scheduled to take place today, Tuesday. In the first match, Syed Taj-ud-Din FC will face Ali Jana FC at 2 pm, while in the second game, Maharaja FC will play FC One at 5 pm. J&K Bank has already booked its place in the semis.

The tournament is being organised by Positive Kashmir

## 'Le Panga' Kabaddi **Tournament Held At Sopore**

**Observer News Service** 

BARAMULLA: Nowpora Sports Development Forum organised Le Panga Khel Kabaddi Season 6 concluded on Monday at Tujjar Sharif Sopore where Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar presided over as the Chief Guest. As many as 50 teams from across Kashmir province participated in the tial. She said various initiatives tournament and the Grand Fi- are being taken to promote sports nale was played between Mid- culture among our enthusiastic Line and Acme Sports Srinagar in and aspiring youth, adding that the which MidLine won by 30 points. administration is committed to de-



gathering said that sports act as the best platform where our talented vouth can channelise their poten-The DC while addressing the velop sports infrastructure.

# **Hardik To Lead India** For NZ T20 Series

ADELAIDE: All-rounder Hardik Pandya was on Monday named India's captain for the three-match T20I series in New Zealand, starting November 18, while opener KL Rahul and keeper-batter Dinesh Karthik were rested as part of "workload management of players".

Regular skipper Rohit Sharma, star batter Virat Kohli and off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin have also been rested for the New Zealand tour, where veteran Shikhar Dhawan will lead the side in the three-match

The T20 series will begin four ond match will be played on No-

days after the conclusion of the vember 20 in Mount Maunganui, while the series will conclude on ongoing T20 World Cup on No-November 22 in Napier.

The ODI series will begin on November 25 (Auckland), followed by matches on November 27 (Hamilton) and November 30 (Christchurch). Selection Committee Chairman Chetan Sharma also announced squads for the Bangladesh tour, where the team will play three ODIs and two Tests.

This is the first time that the BCCI has announced four squads at the same time.

Meanwhile, J&K's Umran Malik was recalled to the squad and vember 18 in Wellington. The sec- will compete against New Zealand in the ODI and T20 series.

## Finch 50 Helps Australia Thrash Ireland At T20 World Cup

MELBOURNE: Aaron Finch returned to form with a timely half-century but finished under an injury cloud as Australia eased to a 42-run win over Ireland at the T20 World Cup on Monday to keep their semifinal hopes alive.

Captain Finch's 63 off 44 balls helped the champions to an imposing total of 179 for five at the Gabba before Australia's bowlers led by Mitchell Starc terrorised Ireland's top order on Halloween.

Australia move to second in Group 1 behind leading New Zealand, who have a game in hand. With the top two teams advancing to the semi-finals, Jos Buttler's side to beat New Australia's big win lifted their Zealand at the same venue on 18.1 overs.

net run-rate just shy of Eng- Tuesday.

land's, putting pressure on

After a slow and awkward 31 not out against Sri Lanka in Perth, Finch started tensely with the bat but grew in confidence in partnerships with Mitchell Marsh (28) and Marcus Stoinis (35).

After spin bowling all-rounder Glenn Maxwell took two quick wickets, Starc bowled Curtis Campher and George Dockrell in a thrilling burst of fast bowling as Ireland crashed to 25 for five at the end of the fourth over.

Ireland number three Lorcan Tucker batted on and finished with a brave, unbeaten 71 but had little support from his team mates as the Irish were bowled out for 137 after

## 'Paranoid' Kohli **Denounces Leaked Video Of His Hotel Room**

**Press Trust of India** 

PERTH: A flabbergasted and "paranoid" Virat Kohli on Monday denounced the "absolute invasion" of his privacy by a fan, who shot a video of his hotel room and put that in public domain.

Kohli re-shared the video, that went viral on social media, on his Instagram account along with a message, saying he is not okay with such kind of "fanaticism". "I understand that fans get happy and excited seeing their favourite players and get excited to meet them and I've always appreciated that.

"But this video here is appalling and it's made me feel very paranoid about my privacy," Kohli, who has regained his touch during the ongoing T20 World Cup, wrote.

"If I cannot have privacy in my own hotel room, then where can really expect any personal space at all?? I'm NOT okay with this kind of fanaticism and absolute invasion of privacy. Please respect people's privacy and not treat them as a commodity for entertainment," he wrote further.

The Indian team was staying in 'Crown Resorts' and the hotel later fired the individuals involved in the incident and also issued an apology.

... we are incredibly disappointed this incident has occurred. We unreservedly apologise to the guest involved and will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure this remains an isolated incident," the hotel statement read.

'We have zero tolerance for this behaviour, and it falls well beteam members and contractors.



"Crown took immediate steps to rectify the issue, including launching an investigation, standing down the individuals involved and removing them from the Crown account. The original video was also swiftly removed from the social media platform." In the video, titled 'King Kohli's Hotel Room', a man is seen walking around the room showing Kohli's personal belongings such as health supplements, collection of shoes, his opened suitcase that contained India jerseys, caps and a pair of glasses on his table.

It appears that more than one person, possibly members of hotel staff, were inside the room when the video was shot.

Members of the Indian team on Monday left Perth for Adelaide where they play Bangladesh on Wednesday. India suffered its first defeat in the ongoing T20 World Cup when it lost to South Africa by five wickets at Optus Stadium on Sunday.

Australian opener David Warlow the standards we set for our ner too expressed anger at the incident.

