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Earphones, Strolls, Wrong Turns – How Lives Are Derailing in Kashmir

Zaid Bin Shabir

Even before a train would arrive at Budgam terminal on the misty morning of November 15, came a familiar newflash about a man losing his life on tracks.

The fresh fatality quickly shifted focus to Kashmir's terminal deaths being shrugged as the sporadic calamity.

While officials blame casual walks and carelessness for these derailed lives, people assert that such deaths are inevitable due to proximity of railway tracks with their farms

and habitats.

Before the recent railway casualty, a Pulwama man was mowed down by a train in South Kashmir on July 2022, while in February this year, Zakir Khatana, 25, of Lolab was killed after hit by a train near Wanabal, Budgam.

Zakir was crossing railway track when hit by train. This was second such incident in 24 hours. Earlier, a man was crushed to death by a moving train at Budgam railway section.

The data clearly suggests a clear hike in these deaths since 2017. Around seven people lost



their lives on rail tracks of the valley in 2017. The number grew to 12 in 2018.

While six people died in

2021, some five people have already lost their lives in the calendar year.

Notably, no death was

reported in 2020 due to the Covid lockdown.

Despite these low-intensity deaths escalating tragedies in Kashmir, people are wondering about a way out.

"We live in constant fear," Mohammed Aftab Bhat, a Budgam resident living near a railway track, told Kashmir Observer.

"Any of our moves here or there is actually becoming a casualty. Our children are not able to move out. We live under the perennial threat of losing our lives."

Kashmir got its first train service in 2013. It was

inaugurated by then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

"The train was termed as a sign of development," said Muzaffar Ali, another Budgam resident, "but it has only tormented our lives. We've seen a lot of people losing their lives on these killer tracks."

In many places, Muzaffar said, trains pass through no-man's land. But here it goes through agricultural lands," he said. "What do they expect, we shouldn't venture out?"

Around 19 trains are operational in JK, with seven trains regularly **More on P6**

Mercury Falls Ahead Of Snow Forecast In Valley

Agencies

Srinagar: The mercury recorded a considerable dip in the Kashmir Valley on Thursday amid a forecast of another spell of rain and snowfall from this weekend.

A meteorological department official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 1.2°C against 2.4°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.6°C above normal for the summer capital during this time of the year, he said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 3.6°C against 4.7°C on the previous night, while in Pahalgam, the mercury settled at minus 3.4°C against minus 2.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.4°C below normal for the south Kashmir resort, he said.

Kokernag recorded a low of 3.1°C against 3.2°C on the previous night and it was 1.5°C above normal for the place, he said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 3.6°C, the same as on the previous night, the official said. It was 2.1°C below normal for the world famous **More on P6**

J&K Polls Will Be Held At the Right Time: Riji

Says EC An Independent Body, Govt Doesn't Make Anyone 'Dance To Its Tunes'

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju on Thursday said the Election Commission is an independent body and while the government provides help to the poll panel for smooth functioning, it does not make anyone "dance" to its tunes.

Speaking to reporters in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, the minister also said the media does not talk about the development that has taken place in Jammu and Kashmir as a result of the DDC elections but only about assembly polls.

District Development Council elections were held in Jammu and Kashmir in 2020, a year after the erstwhile state lost its special status following the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution and was divided into two union territories.

Responding to a question about the Opposition's charge that the EC is acting on the



directions of the government and the BJP, Rijju said the poll panel is impartial and independent.

"Being the administrative minister in charge -- the Election Commission of India reports to the law ministry -- I want to say that the Election Commission of India is an impartial, transparent, empowered and independent body," he said.

The government's role in the poll panel, he said, is limited to making arrangements for its

smooth functioning.

"The government provides help to the Election Commission because without government help neither the courts can function nor any other institution. It is the duty of the government to make arrangements so that these institutions can function but we do not make anyone dance to our tunes," he added.

Asked when assembly elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir, Rijju **More on P6**

'People Of Kashmir Were Kept In Dark For 70 Years'

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju on Thursday said that people of Kashmir were kept in dark for 70 years and they have suffered a lot but now they want love and relief. Talking to reporters after his visit to Ashmuqam here, he said that history cannot be changed but people of Kashmir were kept in the dark for 70 years.

"Truth was concealed for over 70 years but I brought the Parliament record of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru before people as history should be presented in its true form not as per opinion because we can't change history," he said.

"People of Kashmir have suffered a lot of difficulties, suppression and other things but time has now **More on P6**

Land Allotment Of 586 Unit Holders In Limbo

J&K Govt Issues Show Cause Notices For Their Failure To Respond



Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday issued final notices for cancellation of land allotment to 586 entities which failed to set up units under the much-touted 'new industrial development scheme.'

Notices have been issued as these units failed to deposit the land premium and execute lease deed, according to a top official. The step has been taken to provide opportunity to others in the long queue.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration in January

2021 announced a new industrial development scheme (IDS) with a total outlay of Rs 28,400 crore to encourage new investment and take industrial development to the block level.

Approved by the Government of India, the new IDS was not only meant for ushering in an era of socio-economic development of the region, but also take development to the block level and far-flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The final notice was issued by Jammu & Kashmir State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCO) **More on P6**

Police Warns Against Naming 'Hit List' Scribes

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police on Thursday cautioned media houses against revealing the names of journalists dubbed as military agents in a purported list, issued by the Resistance Front (TRF).

"It has been noticed that many media houses are irresponsibly discussing names of journalists regarding the online anonymous threat. Media houses are requested not to fall for sensationalism & to behave responsibly not endangering the safety & security of their fellow journalists", Srinagar Police said in a Tweet.

The fresh police advisory followed the resignation of at least five journalists from local publications after a threat letter naming over a dozen journalists surfaced on social media.

TRF recently issued an online threat to a few media houses in the Valley "for their traitorous" acts and "nexus" with army and police. Srinagar police has already registered **More on P6**

Cricket Match Turns Ugly At AMU Poonch Student Beaten, Battling For Life

Press Trust Of India

Aligarh (UP): A minor tiff during a cricket match turned violent and a student of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) got injured allegedly after being hit on the head, a varsity official said.

Sajid Husain, a native of Jammu and Kashmir, was rushed to the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College in an unconscious state, he said.

Husain is in ICU and his condition is said to be serious, AMU spokesperson Omar Peerzada told PTL.

According to the

spokesperson, Husain and Shobhit Singh, who had allegedly hit him with a cricket bat, are second-year students of AMU's Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology.

A large group of students blocked the campus' centenary gate following the incident on Wednesday evening, he said.

The students demanded immediate rustication of the attacker, according to a senior university official.

Peerzada said immediately after the clash, Singh was escorted out from the hostel and later handed **More on P6**

Agriculture, Farmers Remain Government's Top Priority: LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: Asserting that agriculture and farmers remain top priority of his government, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that in last two years his administration has created an enabling environment for transforming agriculture & allied Sectors in order to increase farmer income, ensure food security & accelerate Jammu and Kashmir's economic growth.

The LG made these remarks while inaugurating the Kisan Mela organised by SKUAST Jammu at the Baba Jitto auditorium of the University, here on



Thursday, an official spokesperson said.

Addressing the gathering of farmers and agriculturists from around the country, Sinha said that the five-day **More on P6**

Hails JKRLM, Meesho Pact

The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that from last two years his administration has been working towards re-imagining the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir and providing a strong market linkage and e-commerce platforms to exploit the potential of artisans. Sinha made these remarks during the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **More on P6**

Govt Orders Probe Against President ULB Anantnag

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir Government has ordered an inquiry into allegations against president municipal council Anantnag.

The Housing & Urban Development Department has appointed Haris Ahmad Handoo, vice-chairman Srinagar Development Authority (SDA), as inquiry officer to enquire into the allegations against president Municipal Council Anantnag. Hilal Ahmad Shah of Jammu & Kashmir Apni Party is president of the urban local body.

According to an order, Principal Secretary, Housing

& Urban Development Department, Dheeraj Gupta has ordered the inquiry under section 26 of Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Act-2000.

"As a principle of natural justice, reasonable opportunity of being heard shall be afforded to the president concerned," the order states.

The H&UDD has appointed Rafeeq Ahmad, deputy director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir as presenting officer in the case.

The inquiry shall be completed within a period of 15 days. Under section 26 of the Municipal Act, the Government is empowered to remove a President or Vice-President from **More on P6**

Mughal Road Reopens For Traffic



Authorities on Thursday reopened Mughal road, connecting twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri with Shopian, for traffic. The vehicles were permitted to move after snow clearance work was completed on the thoroughfare, officials said. The road **More on P6**

Engineer Falls In ACB Net

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday arrested an Engineer of the Rural Development Department (RDD) for demanding and accepting a bribe. Ghulam Hassan Rather, a resident of Gojura in Central Kashmir's Budgam district was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 15,000, reports said. Two cheques were also seized from Rather, who is posted as AEE in R&B Division Uri. The officer was taken to police station Sadar as part of further investigations. According to a local news agency KDC, the arrest of Rather was made **More on P6**

Retired ZEO Stabbed To Death

A retired government official was stabbed to death while two others, including a woman sustained injuries following a dispute in the outskirts of Jammu city. Babu Ram, a retired zonal education officer (ZEO), was working in his fields in Narayana Khour village of the city outskirts when a man identified as Ashok Kumar attacked him with a sharp edged weapon, reports said. Two locals identified as Sita Devi and Vaneet Kumar also suffered injuries when they came rushing to save the retired government officer. All the injured, reports said, were rushed to the hospital for treatment. However, the former **More on P6**

Bear Captured In Ganderbal

The wildlife department officials on Thursday captured a black bear that

was roaming for several days in Gutlibagh area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. The bear, according to the locals, was caught from Mufti Mohalla locality of Gutlibagh, much to the relief of the residents. In-charge, Wildlife Control Room Ganderbal Shabir Ahmad told a local news agency KNT that the bear was later shifted to Dachigam National Park here in this capital city. **More on P6**



2 Pvt Labs, Two Dental Clinics Sealed

Two private diagnostic labs and an equal number of dental clinics on Thursday were sealed by authorities in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir. Sub-Divisional Magistrate Thathri Athar Amin Zargar, Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Yaqoob Mir and other concerned officials today conducted inspection of clinical establishments in and around Thathri town, an official spokesperson said. During the inspection, it was found that a diagnostic laboratory, a collection centre and two dental **More on P6**

Search Operation Held In Budgam



The government forces on Thursday carried out a cordon and search operation in Durbugh Doyun village of Central Kashmir's Budgam district. Quoting sources, a local news agency KNT reported that after receiving inputs about the movement of militants, joint forces including army, CRPF **More on P6**



The One Vegetable Brain Experts Want You to Eat for Better Cognition as You Age

Sarah Pflugrad, MS, RDN, CSCS

More and more people are in search of the best diet for brain health that will keep you sharp well into your golden years. The combination of an overall healthy diet and lifestyle will have a positive effect on your cognition, and knowing which foods to eat is a first step in the right direction.

Broccoli is on the list of cruciferous vegetables, which also includes nutrition powerhouses like cabbage, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts. Including more of them in your diet is linked to a number of benefits, like lowering inflammation and protection against cancer, according to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

And now, emerging research suggests that compounds in broccoli and other crucifers may have impressive effects on keeping your brain healthy as you age.

We asked William Li, MD, a physician, scientist, president and medical director of the Angiogenesis Foundation and author of Eat To Beat Disease: The New Science of How Your Body Can Heal Itself, for his thoughts on

eating broccoli to his patients and the possible effects on cognitive health.

Why Broccoli Is Good for the Brain

1. It Contains Sulforaphane

While sulforaphane is probably a new word, it soon may become as standard in your nutrition vocabulary as beta-carotene or flavonoids.

This is the compound in broccoli, and all cruciferous vegetables, that scientists are focusing on for its benefit in brain health, according to a March 2021 review in the International Journal of Molecular Sciences.

It's important to point out that the majority of the research on the link between sulforaphane and the brain has been done on animals or in test tubes. But experts say those studies have shown a decrease in inflammatory compounds linked to Alzheimer's Disease, which is significant info for older adults, according to the International Journal of Molecular Sciences review.

Small studies done on humans have shown sulforaphane may play a positive role in treating autism and schizophrenia, and potentially, other brain-related conditions, according to a May 2022 re-

view in General Psychiatry.

"This bioactive compound stimulates the body's defense mechanisms leading to improved circulation, nerve cell development, gut health and immunity while lowering inflammation," Dr. Li says.

It's worth noting that the few sulforaphane studies done on humans have shown positive benefits using supplements or high-potency extracts, which may not be comparable to the amount of sulforaphane available in foods.

2. It's Rich in Vitamin K

Vitamin K is often taught as a necessary nutrient for blood clotting, but it does so much more than that, especially when it comes to your brain function.

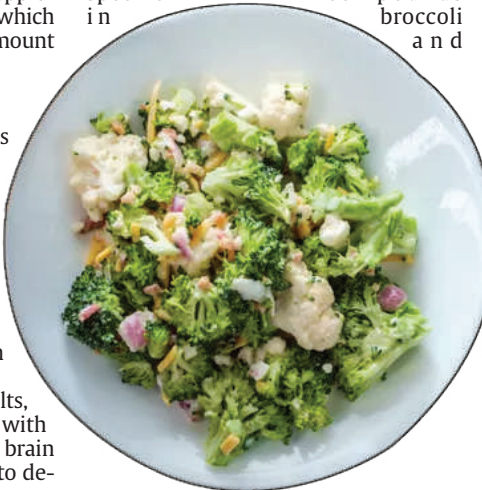
Dr. Li touts the importance of vitamin K for the brain. "Vitamin K2 is a special form of vitamin K that can lower inflammation and has antioxidant properties, which can protect brain cells."

In a study with 325 older adults, researchers found that those with higher levels of vitamin K in the brain were 17 to 20 percent less likely to de-

velop dementia or mild cognitive impairment, per the April 2022 research in the Alzheimer's Association Translational Research and Clinical Interventions.

3. It's High in Fiber

While we wait for more human studies to explore the link between specific compounds in broccoli and



improved cognitive function, one sure thing is that the benefits of fiber in broccoli are not disputed.

The connection between eating fiber and cognition might not be obvious, but there is evidence that what happens in the gut affects the brain.

The gut-brain connection explains the concept that the central nervous system and gut microbiome communicate bi-directionally. In other words, the state of each one affects the state of the other one, and what's going on in your gut may influence brain plasticity and cognitive function, according to an April 2015 review in Annals of Gastroenterology.

"Broccoli also contains dietary fiber that promotes gut health by feeding the good bacteria in the microbiome," Dr. Li says. "Well-fed gut bacteria produce their own substances that have been shown to improve metabolism, lower inflammation and help ward off harmful visceral fat." And all of this affects your brain.

In a 19-year-long study, researchers found people who ate the most fiber (an average of 20 grams per day) had the lowest risk of dementia, and

people who ate the least fiber (an average of only 8 grams per day) had the highest risk, per the results in the February 2022 issue of Nutritional Neuroscience.

How Much Broccoli Should You Eat?

There is no general recommendation for how much broccoli you should eat daily, but there is a recommendation for how many fruit and vegetable servings you should get in a day.

In a study that analyzed the diets of over 66,000 people, researchers found that eating five servings of fruits or vegetables per day provided the most health benefits, according to the March 2021 results in Circulation.

"I recommend eating broccoli to my patients because it is a nutritious vegetable with bioactive compounds — including sulforaphane — that support their body's health defense systems, and so, aid and protect their brain function."

Work to get anywhere from 1/2 to 1 cup of broccoli a couple of times per week, and keep a wide variety of cruciferous vegetables in your diet for the most benefit.

Does Flour Go Bad? Here's When You Should Replace Your Baking Staples

Ariel Klein | RealSimple

If you step inside anyone's pantry, chances are you'll find all the necessary baking essentials. But the question is: how long have they been sitting on that shelf? Whether you're an avid baker or someone who gets an occasional craving for homemade chocolate chip cookies, it's important to know how to keep those staple ingredients fresh so you can use them for as long as possible.

Let's be honest, most people are guilty of buying a bag of flour or a canister of baking soda and using it over the course of several years without thinking twice. The truth is, using expired baking ingredients can greatly alter the taste and texture of your scratch-made sweets. Before you purge your pantry of these items, there are a few things to look out for to see if they need to be replaced, or can still be used to create a bevy of delicious baked goods.

Does Flour Go Bad?

Have you ever noticed that flour almost always comes in a giant paper bag? While flour is considered to be non-perishable, it will certainly go bad if left in that bag for too long. In fact, flour will only stay fresh for about three months if not stored properly. That's why you should transfer any store-bought flour to an air-tight container after you open it. By moving the flour to a designated food storage container, you can extend

its shelf life for up to two years.

If you use alternative types of flour, like oat or almond flour, make sure they're also stored in a similar air-tight container, because they will spoil much faster than all-purpose white flour. If stored properly, almond flour has a shelf life of about one year.

Does Sugar Go Bad?

Unlike flour, granulated white sugar truly has an indefinite expiration date, especially when stored in a dry, dark place. This is the reason why foods like jelly and peanut butter can stay good for so long—because sugar acts as an effective preservative.

However, brown sugar is a bit different because it hardens when it's exposed to air. That's why you'll notice that brown sugar turns into a brick when left in its original packaging. To make the most of your brown sugar, store it in an air-tight container and use it within two years for optimal freshness and flavor. You can also store brown sugar in the freezer, but keep in mind that it will need to thaw for a few hours before use.

Confectioners' or powdered sugar can also last a lifetime if stored the same way. However, just like white and brown sugar, if confectioners' sugar is exposed to moisture or air, it won't taste as good. Your best bet is to transfer any type of sugar to an air-tight storage container and keep in the back of the pantry.

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Sub: Deletion of conditions for qualifying criteria in respect of e-NIT No. 19 of 2022-23 dated 11/11/2022 uploaded under Tender ID 2022_IFC_194229_1

CORRIGENDUM -I

In response to the Chief Engineer Kmr. Jal Shakti (I&FC) Department Srinagar's No DB/8861-62 DATED 15/11/2022 The Conditions No. VI "The contractor should possess the experience having successfully completed works during last five years ending 31/03/2022 which should be any one of the similar nature works of one - 80% or two- 50 % or three -40%" mentioned at page No. 04 of tender documents of this Office e-NIT No. 19 of 2022-23 dated 11/11/2022 issued under no I&FCDB/5305-5339 Dated 11/11/2022 and uploaded under tender ID 2022_IFC_194229_1 is hereby withdrawn. However, the contractor must possess the experience of executing civil engineering works. All other terms/conditions a stipulation as contained in the eNIT shall remain unaltered/unmodified.

No: IFCDB/5457-86

Dated 17-11-2022

DIPK-13616/22

Executive Engineer Irrigation & FC Division Baramulla



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PUBLIC NOTICE:

ATTENTION- TRANSGENDER PERSONS OF DISTRICT SRINAGAR

Subject: Implementation of Recommendations emanated from NHRC's Research study.

Pursuant to the Recommendations of National Human Right's Commission (NHRC) regarding adoption of adequate measures to remove the structural barriers in employment of Transgender persons and to create a data-base of TG's and hold exclusive Job fairs, workshops on career planning, resume development etc. all the educated unemployed Transgender persons of District Srinagar are hereby informed/advised to get themselves registered on the J&K Employment Portal "www.jakemp.nic.in" through an online, convenient, cost free and user friendly process. The desirous candidates have to visit www.jakemp.nic.in and follow the steps (as detailed below) to get themselves registered on the portal as a Job-seeker. This portal has been integrated with the NCS (National Career Service) portal and the person once registered on J&K Employment gets a direct access to avail multiple services offered by NCS like career counseling, participation in online Job-fairs, Aptitude tests, Job-matching, Making of Video Resumes, information about Job vacancies, TCS ION Training etc. Further to reach out to the educated unemployed youth/transgender persons and facilitate their Last Mile Employability (LME) in the Public, Private and Self employment Sectors, the desirous Transgender persons are invited to visit this office located at Rajbagh, Srinagar (Mantoo House, opposite Gold's Gym) and seek proper guidance/facilitation from the Career Counselling Officer and Employment Officer on any working day.

STEPS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR GETTING REGISTERED WITH EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT AS AN UNEMPLOYED YOUTH/JOB-SEEKER:

- > Browse on www.jakemp.nic.in
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- > Note down your unique Application ID.
- > Again visit www.jakemp.nic.in
- > Click again on Job-seeker.
- > Click on login with your username and password.
- > Fill all your details (carefully).
- > Click on Qualification details.....continue.
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- > Click on Submit.
- > Once submitted, the NCO Code will be assigned online by our office and then you can download/print out the Registration card.

For further queries feel free to contact on 0194-2310513 during the office working hours.

No. DE&CC/Sgr/Coun/2022-23/2779-82
Date: 16-11-2022.

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Sd/
Sheeba Inayat (JKAS)
Deputy Director Employment
DE&CC, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the renewal of my fertilizer license bearing no: CA0BF148 under the name & style "Urea, DAP, MOP, NPK, Calcium Nitratric, Micro Booster". If any body having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Chief Agriculture Officer District Baramulla within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Abdul Rashid Yatoo
S/o Mohammad Akbar Yatoo
R/o Goshbugh Pattan

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The name of my son has been wrongly written as Mohammad Amin Mir while as his correct name is Mohammad Amaan Mir which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Madina Public High School Nooripora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Irshad Ahmad Mir
F/o Mohammad Amaan Mir
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NOTICE

Subject: Re-Revised Answer Keys of the OMR Based Written Examination for the post of Paravet - regarding.

All the candidate who have appeared in the OMR based Written Examination for the temporary position of Paravet only advertised vide University advertisement notification no. 05 of 2022 held on 30th October, 2022 (Sunday) are hereby informed that in supersession of the revised and final answer Key(s), notified vide notice no AU/EC/R-5/2022/1511-1513 dated 03-11-2022; following is put to the notice of all concerned;
The Final Re-Revised answer key in respect of hiring of Paravet positions only is notified on the University website <https://www.skuastkashmir.ac.in> for the information of all the concerned.
The revised result shall be notified separately as such the result declared vide no. AU/EC/2022/R-5/1561-1564 dated: 09-11-2022 for the position of Paravets may be treated as null and void ab-initio.

Sd/-
(Dr. Aziz Mujtaba Aezum)
Asstt. Controller of Examinations

No. AU/EC/R-5/2022/1594-96
Dated: 17.11.2022

Popular Musician Ustad Mushtaq Saznawaz Passes Away

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Prominent Sufiyana musician Mushtaq Ahmad Saznawaz passed away after a brief illness at his residence Danamazar Srinagar, family sources said. He was 60 and is survived by 3 children.

A popular name in Kashmiri Sufiana music, Mush-taq superannuated from the Information Department in the month of July 2022. He was the son of late Ustad Ghulam Muhammad Saznawaz Mushtaq was a very popular musician.

Dr.Rafeeq Masoodi, Former ADG Doordarshan & Secretary Cultural academy has condoled the demise and termed it a huge loss to the traditional sufi music of Kashmir. He expressed sympathies with the Saznawaz family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

The Joint Director Information Kashmir division, Inam-Ul-Haq Siddiqui has also condoled the demise of ace Santoor player and Sufiana Maestro of Kashmir, Mushtaq Ahmad Saznawaz, who was also an ex. officials of the department after passed away on Thursday following a brief illness. In this connection, a condolence meet was chaired by the Joint Director at Division Office, Rambagh in which all the officers including Deputy Director (PR), Bilal Mukhtar; Assistant Director, M Aslam Khan; Cultural Officer, Burhan Hussain and employees

participated.

The officers and employees expressed deep sorrow and grief over the demise of Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Saznawaz who retired from government services a few months before.

On the occasion, the participants also highlighted his contributions in the department and the field of music and said that his death is a



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great loss to the entire Valley.

The officers and employees also offered their deepest condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and courage for the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.



3 Residential Houses Damaged In Blaze At Alamgari Bazar

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Three residential houses were damaged in a fire incident in Shalla Bagh, Alamgari Bazar locality of Srinagar on Thursday. Fire inflicted heavy damage on two houses, the adjacent house was also partially damaged in the incident.

However, the source of the fire incident remains unknown. Locals said the congestion in the locality and the lack of fire gaps is the reason other houses in the vicinity caught fire.

The fire incident has rendered four families homeless. The affected families alleged that the personnel from the Fire & emergency Department did not reach on time, however officials denied these allegations.

A Fire and Emergency

Department official said they received a phone call at 10:05 a.m. that fire had erupted at Alamgari Bazar of Srinagar.

“We summoned neighboring fire stations and with the effort of our staff the fire was confined to the involved property. We made every effort to prevent the fire from spreading to other structures” he said.

National Conference Chief Spokesperson and In Charge Segment Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq also visited the fire victims and expressed solidarity with them and assured them that their plight will be raised with the competent authorities for swift redressal.

Later in the day, on the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, a team of District Administration visited

Alamgari Bazar area in Eidgah Tehsil of the City where two residential houses were engulfed in a fire incident.

On the occasion, the team provided immediate assistance to the fire victims consisting of four families residing in the houses which got damaged in a massive fire incident.

The team assessed the damages caused due to the fire incident and expressed sympathy with the affected families on loss of property.

On the occasion an immediate assistance in the form of 40 blankets, 20 mattresses, 20 bed sheets and 4 kitchen sets, in addition Rs 20,000 were also provided to all four affected families each Rs 5000 out of Red Cross fund of District Administration Srinagar.

Two Day Workshop On Midwifery Initiative Kicks Off At SKIMS

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A two day capacity building workshop kick started on Thursday at SKIMS, Soura, which is being jointly organized by National Health Mission Jammu and Kashmir, PGIMER Chandigarh and UNFPA New Delhi.

Under the initiative, the Government of India aims to reduce unnecessary intervention during childbirth, reduce the caesarean rate and balance the burden on doctors. A new Cadre of Nurse practitioners’ midwives has been created to support the women throughout their

pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum stage. The midwives are going to be trained for 18 months as per the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) standards at National Midwifery Training Institutes (NMTI).

The NPMs will run a full fledged ANC clinic, a midwifery led labour room and postpartum clinic in the high case load facilities. In the MLCU, they will manage normal, uncomplicated deliveries and collaborate with the obstetrician to manage complications.

Dr Qazi Haroon, State Programme Manager, NHM J&K and Incharge

Maternal Health presented an overview of the Midwifery initiative.

The workshop was inaugurated by Ayushi Sudan, Mission Director, NHM, J&K. She said that after this training of midwives as per ICM standards they would become an asset for the healthcare system. ‘This is by far the most structured approach for checking the ever-growing C- section rate in the hospitals across India’, she added. Dr. Parvaiz Koul, Director SKIMS, Srinagar, assured full support to this initiative and welcomed PGIMER and UNFPA faculty for the two day workshop.

World Heritage Week: Archaeology Deptt To Hold Exhibitions

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As part of World Heritage Week celebration from 19th to 25th of November 2022, the department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums is going to organise two Mega Exhibitions in Srinagar.

The Exhibitions will be held at Art Gallery Sher-Garhi Complex Old Assembly Complex, Srinagar on the theme ‘Rare Manuscripts and Archival

Heritage’ while another at S.P.S Museum Lal Mandi Srinagar on the theme ‘Monumental Glory of Kashmir’.

The department has requested all the Heads of the Educational Institutions to visit the above mentioned venues along with their students. There will be ‘No Entry Fee’ for students as well as the general public by visiting these two special exhibitions, so that the students will get awareness about the Rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

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The RFP Document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the JK Govt. website <https://jktenders.gov.in/nicgep/app> from 19-11-2022 to 19-12-2022.

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This Day In History

- 1421 - Southern sea floods 72 villages, killing estimated 10,000 in Netherlands.
- 1497 - Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama reaches the Cape of Good Hope.
- 1667 - Treaty of Bongaja: King Hassan-Udin of Makasar & VOC.
- 1738 - France & Austria sign peace treaty.
- 1742 - Prussia & Britain sign anti-French military covenant.
- 1803 - Battle of Vertieres, in which Haitians defeat French
- 1833 - Netherlands & Belgium sign Treaty of Zonhoven.
- 1901 - The USA and Great Britain sign the Second Hay-Pauncefote Treaty, or Interocceanic Ship Canal Treaty.
- 1918 - Latvia declares independence from Russia.
- 1918 - Belgian troops re-enter Brussels, lost to the German invaders on 20 August 1914.
- 1936 - Germany & Italy recognize Spanish government of Francisco Franco.
- 1941 - Mussolini's forces leave Abyssinia/Ethiopia.
- 1950 - South Korea President Syngman Rhee forced to end mass executions.
- 1955 - Bell X-2 rocket plane taken up for 1st powered flight.
- 1956 - Morocco gains independence.
- 1957 - Tunisia refuses Russian weapons.
- 1961 - JFK sends 18,000 military advisors to South Vietnam.
- 1963 - King Hassan II opens 1st parliament in Morocco.
- 1964 - J. Edgar Hoover describes Martin Luther King as "most notorious liar".
- 1968 - Soviets recover the Zond 6 spacecraft after a flight around the moon.
- 1970 - Linus Pauling declares large doses of Vitamin C could ward off colds.
- 1970 - Netherlands & Albania form diplomatic relations.
- 1970 - Russia lands self propelled rover on Moon.
- 1971 - China performs nuclear test at Lop Nor, PRC.
- 1973 - Arab oil ministers cancel the scheduled 5 percent cut in production for OEC.
- Spain's parliament establishes democracy after 37 yrs of dictatorship.
- 1976 - Yanks sign free agent Don Gullett.
- 1978 - Great Britain performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site.
- 1979 - Ayatollah Khomeini charges US ambassador/ embassy espionage.
- 1980 - Honduras & El Salvador signs peace (after "soccer war" 1969)
- 1983 - Argentina announces its ability to produce enriched uranium for nuclear weapons.
- 1991 - The Croatian city of Vukovar surrenders to Yugoslav People's Army and allied Serb paramilitary forces after an 87-day siege.
- 1993 - Black & white leaders in South Africa approve new democratic constitution.
- 1993 - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) passes US House of Representatives.

From KO Archives

J&K Has First Internet Kiosk

Observer News Service

Jammu- Based on the recommendations of the National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development, the Department of Telecommunication has decided to provide accessibility of the Internet Services to the general public through Central Telegraph Offices (CTOs), Departmental Telegraph Offices and Telecom Centres.

As part of the endeavour, Jammu Telecom has launched its first Internet Kiosk at Departmental Telegraph Office, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The Internet Kiosk would be open to general public from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Users can download any information from internet if he/she desires on a floppy. Usage would be allowed as per the rates fixed viz. Rs. 25/- upto 15 minutes, Rs. 45/- upto 30 minutes and Rs. 80/- upto 60 minutes. Maximum period of usage allowed would be two hours.

The Jammu and Kashmir Circle of Telecommunication has planned to start more such Internet Kiosks after gauging the response to the present one. According to DoT, the usage of one's own floppy would not be allowed. For using the services, information would be available with Junior Telecom Officer, Incharge, Departmental Telegraph Offices, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. ,

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Receding Pandemic

In a clearest sign so far that the Covid-19 pandemic is on its way out, the Centre on Wednesday announced that face masks are no longer compulsory during air travel. The latest decision has been taken in line with the government's policy of a graded approach to COVID-19 management response. The airlines have been told that the in-flight announcements henceforth may only mention that passengers should preferably use mask in view of the threat posed by COVID-19. They have also been told that any specific reference to fine or penal action for not wearing the mask should be eschewed. Up until now, the use of masks or face covers while travelling on flights was mandatory.

The centre's fresh directive follows the receding threat from the pandemic. This is apparent from the new Covid numbers. India only logged 635 new coronavirus infections in the last 24 hours, while the active cases declined to 7,175, according to the latest data from the Union Health Ministry. Similarly fatalities have been reduced to just eleven. The active cases comprise now 0.02 per cent of the total infections and the national COVID-19 recovery rate has increased to 98.79 per cent. We seem to have come a long way when we realize that on January 25 this year India crossed the milestone of four crore infections.

Though India has recently witnessed the emergence of a new Omicron sub-variant XBB, which has led to some minor outbreaks here and there, the overall trend remains one of a steep decline in the cases. Though there is some cause for optimism here, things could still turn messy if the existing pandemic-related precautions are thrown to the winds. The Omicron wave early this year was gigantic in nature but its fallout was cushioned by the relatively moderate nature of the virus.

But the continuously mutating sub-variants of the Omicron virus could in time trigger yet another wave. So people have to continue to take care. It is too soon to abandon the masks or give up the use of sanitizers. The Standard Operating Procedure remain as relevant as it did when the pandemic broke out in early 2020. Meanwhile, we can celebrate our triumph on the Covid pandemic with the least number of Covid cases and fatalities to date. In Kashmir too, the drastic reduction in Covid cases is a cause for celebration. It is also a boon for tourism which has witnessed a bumper year so far with over one crore people visiting the union territory. We can't afford to let this momentum slow down.

OTHER OPINION

India's Leadership at G20

It was inevitable that the G20 summit would be overshadowed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and that the divisions over this conflict would resonate in the meeting. In terms of the size of their economies and their stage of development, the G20 is a diverse group. Most countries want to see Russia and Ukraine resolve the conflict at the talks table, and are alarmed that those that lecture others on diplomatic resolution continue to pour significant money and national energies into this war. No country wants this war, but not everyone is on the same page over an outright condemnation of Russia. This is why, as Prime Minister Joko Widodo of Indonesia said, the discussion of the conflict was the "most contentious" at the summit. Russian President Vladimir Putin did not attend the summit, and sent Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in his place, who lashed out at the assembly for politicising the war.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi — whose advice to President Putin in September that "this is not the era of war" is said to have played a role in hammering out the joint declaration — underlined the challenges India will face during its presidency: "Geopolitical tensions, economic slowdown, rising food and energy prices, and the long-term ill-effects of the pandemic". He rightly stressed that peace and development were essential for people to reap the fruit of economic development. Modi has promised that India's leadership of the G20 will be "inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented", hinting that Delhi is planning to push a global campaign for a sustainable lifestyle, LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment). The theme of India's G-20 chairmanship, as announced earlier this month, is "One Earth, One Family, One Future". For India, this is an opportunity to make a concerted push for the global south. A debt crisis haunts many middle income economies. Climate change, and finding the money to make the "clean" transition, is another challenge. This is an opportunity for India to make a mark as a global leader. Delhi must avoid the temptation to turn its presidency into a gimmicky year-long "festival of India" in the run-up to the 2024 general elections.

Despite the fraught session, the summit had consequential bilateral interactions, including a first meeting between Prime Minister Modi and the new British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Sunak's green light to the reciprocal "young professionals scheme" under which the UK will give 3,000 visas to Indian graduates in the age group of 18-30 to live and work in the country for two years is likely to smoothen the path towards a quick finalisation of the Free Trade Agreement which hit a road bump last month. The meeting between US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping may not have helped them to find common ground, but the important takeaway from this, which India, as a Quad ally must note, is that the two sides are engaged.

Indian Express

The headline story in world football this summer concerned young French phenomenon Kylian Mbappe's decision to sign a three-year contract extension with Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) at the expense of pursuing his lifelong dream move to Spanish giants Real Madrid. PSG, which is owned by the state-funded Qatar Sports Investments (QSI), made the 23-year-old Mbappe the highest-paid footballer in the world, and even reportedly gave him a \$125m signing bonus, a virtually unheard of fee for a team retaining its own player.

These stories showcase the ubiquitous place that football has come to hold in the Middle East and, in turn, the region's impact on football globally.

In a far less reported story, in late May the Argentine national football team cancelled a scheduled friendly match against Israel, responding to calls to pull out of the match by the Palestinian Al-Khader Football Club, whose 19-year-old player Mohammad Ali Ghoneim was shot dead by Israeli occupation forces in April.

Elsewhere in recent weeks, the Egyptian national football team found itself at the heart of a major regional crisis. Following its shocking 2-0 defeat to Ethiopia in the qualifiers for next year's Africa Cup of Nations, emotions ran high as fans and political officials could not help but draw connections between the team's performance on the pitch and Egypt's ongoing feud with Ethiopia over its construction of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, which Egyptians consider an existential threat to the country's access to Nile waters.

In other news, Miguel Salgado, the 17-year-old son of former Real Madrid and Spain defender Michel Salgado, was recently called up to represent his country's under-20 team - that country being the United Arab Emirates, where the elder Salgado has worked since retiring from football a decade ago.

Together, these stories showcase the ubiquitous place that football has come to hold in the Middle East and, in turn, the region's impact on football globally. Football has long been the most popular sport in much of the Middle East, capturing the imagination of millions of people, channelling their aspirations, and uplifting legions of fans in the process.

Broader phenomena at work

More than a game, however, football has also emerged as a crucial marker of the levers of political and economic control, as well as an instrument in the hands of those who would challenge the reigning order.

Ever since Fifa shocked fans around the globe in 2010 by granting Qatar hosting rights for the 2022 World Cup, journalists, academics, activists, political leaders and lovers of the game the world over have clamoured to make sense of the decision and weigh the implications of a small Arab state serving as home to the most popular sporting event on the planet.

And while questions regarding labour rights, soft-power politics and the role of money in football have loomed over much of the conversation around the 2022 World Cup, others have seen how football offers a lens to identify broader phenomena at work in the region.

It is in that spirit that we approached our work on Football in the Middle East: State, Society, and the Beautiful Game, a new book in which 12 scholars offer insights into how football has become an arena of contest and dispute across a



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Abdullah Al-Arian

wide array of issues.

One of the first things that becomes apparent is that football's legacy in the Middle East long predates the point at which it began to play host to a World Cup, or leverage unparalleled oil wealth in the European transfer market.

Indeed, European colonial officials introduced football to the region over a century ago, as part of efforts to cultivate "properly obedient individuals" out of colonised subjects.

In turn, nationalist struggles led by local elites incorporated a strong belief in organised sports as a marker of cultural and civilisational advance, with the creation of the Egyptian football league a case in point.

Egypt's supporters cheer ahead of the FIFA Arab Cup 2021 semi-final football match between Tunisia and Egypt at the 974 stadium in the Qatari capital of Doha on December 15, 2021.

As the early iterations of storied football clubs as Al-Ahly and Zamalek demonstrate, the establishment of a national league created a new terrain on which questions of national identity, social class, economic mobility and the distribution of political power would play out.

Success and failure on the pitch would reflect fierce competition among nascent sporting institutions over access to resources, promising players and the hearts of Egyptian fans across the country.

Tense relations

It was no surprise, then, that in the aftermath of Gamal Abdel Nasser's rise to power in a post-colonial Egypt, football yet again served as a site of political struggle, this time between Egyptian citizens and an emerging authoritarian regime that sought to control the lives of millions of passionate fans. As his popularity rose, Nasser was named honorary president of Al-Ahly, and proceeded to appoint a trusted military official to head the Egyptian Football Association.

Soon after, Nasser spearheaded the establishment of the Confederation of African Football in 1957, and inaugurated the Africa Cup of Nations at a time when Egypt was facing international isolation following its standoff with former colonial powers Britain and France. Egypt lifted the trophy in the first tournament, and to date has won more African cups (seven) than any other country.

unisia supporters pose for a picture ahead of the FIFA Arab Cup 2021 final

football match between Tunisia and Algeria at the Al-Bayt stadium in the Qatari city of Al-Khor on December 18, 2021.

In time, states would more frequently project their political agendas onto their national football teams. At the 1998 World Cup, a group stage match between Iran and the United States offered a stage upon which to play out years of hostility between the two nations, dating back to the 1979 Iranian revolution.

The build-up to the match, which Iran won 2-1 in dramatic fashion, featured intense media scrutiny and charged political sentiments expressed by fans on both sides, while the American and Iranian heads of state attempted to seize the moment to offer conciliatory gestures amid otherwise tense relations.

Incidentally, Iran and the US are set to meet in Qatar's Al Thumama Stadium in another group stage showdown later this year. In the wake of an escalating regional rivalry and stalled attempts to restart the Iran nuclear deal, the match is sure to take on far greater meaning than the result on the field.

Popular mobilisation

Beyond attempts to prop up authoritarian rulers or challenge rival states, passion for football has also been invoked in the course of popular mobilisation.

During the 2011 Arab uprisings, football fan groups such as Al-Ahlawy Ultras in Cairo played an important role in the mass protests confronting the regime of Hosni Mubarak, bringing a wealth of experience in confronting security forces and challenging state power.

More recently, the Hirak protest movement in Algeria, which sought to prevent ailing dictator Abdelaziz Bouteflika from running for a fifth consecutive presidential term, incorporated in their anti-regime street protests the popular cheers, chaabi folk songs and tifo visual displays usually reserved for match days.

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So too has the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement, launched by Palestinian civil society, seized upon football's global appeal to call upon fans, clubs, national teams and their sponsors to observe the cultural boycott of Israel in response to its

continued occupation of Palestinian land and human rights abuses against Palestinians.

Building upon the sports boycott targeting apartheid South Africa, the BDS movement has succeeded in highlighting the plight of Palestinians in part through campaigns such as the successful cancellation of the Argentina-Israel match and the call for teams and fans to boycott Puma until it ends its sponsorship of teams based in illegal Israeli settlements.

As several scholars argue in Football in the Middle East, observing elements of football's role in society can offer a useful lens to examine deeper issues affecting populations, beyond players and fans.

Refugees who fled to neighbouring Lebanon following Israel's forcible expulsion of hundreds of thousands of indigenous Palestinians in 1948 continue to live as stateless residents, denied many basic rights and access to dozens of specified professions.

Lebanon's football league has institutionalised these discriminatory practices by placing quotas on the number of Palestinian players allowed at each club and even denying them the opportunity to play as goalkeepers.

Gender discrimination

Similarly, football can provide a means by which to both expose and challenge gender discrimination. In Turkey, for instance, the women's game has been subject to unequal treatment, resulting in female footballers experiencing high wage disparities, inadequate medical care, limited access to facilities and greater career insecurity compared with male players.

In Iran, the ban on female fans in stadiums has been challenged not only by Fifa and international human rights organisations, but by the spectators themselves, in a series of tense confrontations.

Moreover, the lead-up to the 2022 World Cup has helped shed light on a number of issues of significance to the Gulf region in particular. The Qatar national team players who will participate later this year include full Qatari citizens, long-term residents born in the country and naturalised citizens who came from elsewhere.

Nevertheless, be it in media interviews, social media posts or celebrations on the pitch, the performance of national identity by squad members often challenges preconceived notions concerning identity and citizen-

ship in Gulf states.

On the question of migrant labour rights, preparations for the World Cup have exposed a global audience to the abuses inherent in the kafala system that governs labour relations in the Gulf.

As state authorities, global construction firms and recruitment agencies oversaw major projects, from stadiums and training facilities to hotels and a citywide metro system, an international pressure campaign urged Qatar to reform its labour practices.

The government announced a series of reforms in 2017, and the following year saw the International Labour Organization (ILO) open an office in Doha, where it has reported on changes to the conditions of migrant workers.

Rise of the Gulf states

The 2022 World Cup has come to symbolise the role that cash-rich states play by shifting the centre of gravity in world football. Indeed, the past two decades have witnessed significant transformations in the sport, with the increased globalisation and commodification of the game.

The 2008 purchase of Manchester City FC by an Emirati royal investment group, followed soon after by QSI's acquisition of PSG, ushered in a new era of Gulf states becoming major players in Europe's top leagues. Beyond the results on the field, these states have leveraged their prestigious holdings in the pursuit of soft power diplomacy and geopolitical interests.

In 2015, for instance, the Guardian reported that members of Man City's front office had lobbied the British government to launch an investigation into the Muslim Brotherhood as an extension of the Emirati government's region-wide crackdown against the movement. The recent acquisition of Newcastle United by the Saudi Public Investment Fund prompted allegations that the regime was engaged in sportswashing, particularly in light of its recent torrent of human rights abuses both at home and abroad.

Elsewhere, the war over football broadcasting rights took centre stage during the blockade of Qatar by a quartet of neighbouring countries that began in 2017. A pirate satellite signal based in Saudi Arabia called "beoutQ" operated for two years, undercutting the Qatari-run beIN Sports network, which holds broadcasting rights to the world's most watched football competitions.

Looking ahead, the future of football in the Middle East is likely to be even more intertwined with the broader political, cultural and socioeconomic developments in the region. As the beautiful game's reach expands ever further into society and becomes more deeply enmeshed within state and corporate interests, it is sure to raise new questions regarding consumerism and sustainability, national interests and labour rights, regime stability and political freedoms.

As the highs and lows of the game reverberate far beyond the field, it becomes clear to all that football is more than just a game.

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MINDFUL FRIDAYS

STUDENTS, STRUGGLES AND SELF-CARE

We asked our interns at KO, some of whom are still students, what they do to take care of their mental health. Here's what they said.



When I feel stressed as a student, I review whether I am being disciplined in my practice of Islam or not. Focusing on salat is therapeutic for both spiritual and mental health



KO Web Desk

With rise in division between classes, inflation, job scarcity after covid and scant funding towards education, high stress is a common phenomenon. While multiple aspects of a person's life can help anchor them, symptoms of mental illness are best addressed by a professional. After a person has had a chance to do that, other

things can help them further.

When I feel stressed as a student, I review whether I am being disciplined in my practice of Islam or not. Focusing on salat is therapeutic for both spiritual and mental health. Prayer removes stress and desolation and gears me towards hope and action.

Spending quality time with friends is a wholesome way to de-stress for me as well. Watching a TV show together, making a cup

of tea and just talking, helps me enter a shared space where I don't have to carry my worries alone.

Similarly, speaking to my family and listening to how their day went helps me get outside my own head and lend an ear to those I care about. Thinking about how to fulfill my duties to someone else allows me to draw a line between self-reflection and an individualist focus.

MEHNAZ RASHID

I have been witnessing lows for a long time because of my academic workload and lately, I have realised how disastrously I used to cope with them. When the low used to be at its lowest, I always used to eat a lot, but it would only help for a short time. I used to feel more hungry after, which is why I gained some weight. That was grimmer.

Today, after this realisation, I avoid stress eating and try to engage in other activities. Though I used to listen to music constantly, I am



NAJMUSAQIB MIR

Growing up in a patriarchal society, where masculinity is seen as an embodiment of physical and emotional strength, a discussion surrounding mental health is seen as an expression of weakness for us. So many of us don't explicitly share with others what we're going through but mental health does play a significant role in our lives. It can affect anyone anywhere and doesn't discriminate between different genders and age groups.

As a student, I feel a healthy body and a healthy mental posture is absolutely necessary for our overall personality and career development. Yet, the latter isn't prioritised in our schools and colleges. None of us, among the student community, could perceive the amount of mental unease associated with the pandemic and the world after it. We lost and suffered the most.



RAEES AHMAD

Now, when I make efforts in my academic life, very often, I feel distressed. If I don't get the desired results, it challenges my mental well being. I think it's one of the most common sources of our mental maladies as students. We want to get what we deserve. We make efforts to succeed, and if the progress doesn't match our expectations, the result is hitting the rock bottom. In such a situation, I prefer to spend some time alone till I feel normal. I drown myself into deep introspection and self-reconciliation and tend to sort out what went wrong.



Five Simple Mental Health Habits



Muskan Chaudhary

Everyone has days where getting work done seems like a distant impossibility. A pile up of assignments to finish, classes to read for, laundry waiting to be sorted. Tie ticks by but you are unable to gather the will to make things happen. It might be stress, anxiety or exhaustion – whatever the root cause, such an experience is always unwelcome, especially during a busy week. Thus, anyone who is in an environment where such experiences are abundant and to be expected – especially those who are students – have developed their own ways of getting unstuck from this pattern.

Here are five things that I find helpful in managing my mental health on a difficult day

1) DOING ONE THING AT A TIME

Often when we are stressed with a lot of work pending, we try to multitask to get everything done on time. In my experience, this has only ever resulted in more stress and a bunch of work just halfway done. To avoid this, try to make a list based on priority and work your way down that list one by one. Even if you don't manage to finish everything on the list, you are likely to be satisfied with what you have actually managed to complete.

2) TAKING A NAP

There is a certain romanticism attached to the idea of a tired student labouring away with their head down in their books. We have all seen that student or been like that one time or the other. However, this image is not an ideal everyone should aspire to. In fact, trying to work through your exhaustion is not just physically unhealthy but mentally extremely taxing. So, when tired, drink some tea and try to take a nap. When you get back to work after, you will notice what a difference it makes to study with a clear, well rested head.

3) TALKING TO SOMEONE

Oftentimes, being unable to function 'productively' can be a source of great frustration. In fact, it might be frustration that is keeping you stuck in place. In times like these, though it is difficult, sharing your frustration with a friend is very comforting. It doesn't have to make everything automatically right but it helps to voice what you are feeling.

4) DOING SOMETHING YOU ENJOY

Slogging through a day of dreary work that you have to do but don't want to do is like a nightmare. There can be days when not even the threat of deadlines and grade cuts can inspire you to work. On days like these, instead of letting the lethargy set in, try to take out some time to do something that brings you joy. It can be taking a walk, listening to music or even looking out a window. Big or small, doing something that makes you genuinely happy can give you enough strength and motivation to get through the rest of your day.

5) DOING NOTHING

In our late stage capitalistic society, these words might inspire dread. The pressure to be productive, to use your time 'meaningfully', can be suffocating. Even hobbies and holidays make people determined to do the most possible. Even so, sometimes, I do nothing. Sit down and just breathe. Lie down in the sun. Close your eyes. Just existing is as valuable and necessary as anything else that 'needs' to be done. Just existing is enough, too.

Saurabh Bhagat Reviews SVEEP, Special Summary Revision Of Baramulla PC Asks Officers To Work In Mission Mode Ensuring Registration Of All Eigible Voters



Observer News Service

Baramulla: Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology Department, Saurabh Bhagat, who is also Electoral Observer for Baramulla Parliament Constituency, today visited Baramulla and chaired a meeting with all district officers to review activities being carried out in the district under Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation Programme (SVEEP) to spread awareness about the 'Special Summary Revision.'

After a comprehensive discussion on the subject, Commissioner Secretary directed the concerned officers to adopt a multipronged strategy and work in mission mode to ensure registration of all eligible voters in the district.

Commissioner Secretary exhorted upon the officers to work with added zeal and proficiency to increase the percentage of enrolment in

the district. He stressed upon them to step up their activities and ensure that no person, who has attained the age of 18 year, should remain uncovered under Special Summary Revision. He also exhorted upon the officers to work in tandem and maintain coordination so that the best results could be yielded at ground level. He also gave various other directions to make the system more vibrant.

Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish, apprised of the SVEEP and other related activities being carried out in the district for disseminating awareness among the people. She informed that workshops on electoral awareness under SVEEP are being organized by the district administration in schools, college and every Panchayat in the district.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sopore, Parvaiz Sajad, EROs, AEROs, SDMs, Joint Director Planning besides other functionaries of concerned departments were present in the meeting.

SC To Hear Plea Of Navlakha, NIA Today In Elgar Parishad-Maoist Link Case

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court agreed to list for hearing on Friday a fresh plea of activist Gautam Navlakha, who has not been put under house arrest despite the apex court's direction in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist link case.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud on Thursday took note of the submissions of senior lawyer Nitya Ramakrishnan, appearing for Navlakha, that the apex court's November 10 direction to shift him from Navi Mumbai's Talaja prison to house arrest owing to his deteriorating health has not been complied with so far.

Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta, appearing for the NIA, said the accused, instead of giving the address of his house, has given the address of the library-cum-office of the Communist Party and moreover, a separate plea would also be filed during the day.

"The Communist Party, in any case, is not a banned organisation," Ramakrishnan said.

The SG said the probe agency was also in the process of filing an application and both the pleas can be listed together.

The CJ suggested that the plea of Navlakha be listed on Friday and the probe agency can mention its application before the bench.

The law officer, referring to some facts of the case, said both the applications needed

to be heard together on Friday. The submissions were allowed.

On November 15, the top court cleared the hurdle for the release of Navlakha from Navi Mumbai's Talaja prison by waiving the requirement of a solvency certificate for availing the benefit of house arrest.

Prior to this, the top court had on November 10 allowed the 70-year-old Navlakha to be placed under house arrest owing to his deteriorating health.

It had said that to avail the facility of house arrest, Navlakha will provide local surety of Rs 2 lakh by November 14.

While ordering that Navlakha be placed under house arrest, the bench comprising Justice K M Joseph and Justice Hrishikesh Roy had noted that the activist has been in custody since April 14, 2020, and prima facie there was no reason to reject his medical report.

It had said that Navlakha does not have any criminal background except this case and even the Government of India had appointed him as interlocutor to hold talks with Maoists.

Putting a number of conditions, it had also said Navlakha will not be allowed to use a computer and Internet during his house arrest.

"Petitioner will not use a computer, Internet or any other communication device while under house arrest. He will, however, be permitted to use a mobile phone without Internet, provided by police

personnel on duty, once a day for 10 minutes in the presence of the police," the bench said.

The apex court had also said that Navlakha shall not be allowed to leave Mumbai and he will not attempt, in any manner, to influence witnesses during his house arrest.

Television and newspapers will be allowed, but these cannot be Internet-based, it had said.

It had allowed the Maharashtra Police to search and inspect the residence and said the accommodation would be under surveillance.

Navlakha would not be allowed to leave the house except for walks in the company of police personnel, it said. He would also be permitted to meet his lawyers as per Jail Manual rules and intimate police personnel in case of a medical emergency, the apex court had said.

The activist had appealed to the apex court against the April 26 order of the Bombay High Court dismissing his plea for house arrest over apprehensions of lack of adequate medical and other basic facilities in Talaja jail near Mumbai, where he is lodged.

The case relates to alleged inflammatory speeches made at the Elgar Parishad conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, which the police claim triggered violence the next day near the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial on the outskirts of the western Maharashtra city.

Swiggy Launches Food Delivery Services In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Swiggy, India's leading on-demand convenience platform, has announced the launch of its food delivery service in Srinagar. Swiggy serves millions of customers in close to 500 cities across India and has begun staffing for its operations in Srinagar providing both direct and indirect employment locally.

Swiggy is bringing the choicest food options in the city to the doorsteps of consumers in Srinagar, coupled with the superior customer experience that the brand is known for. These include a range of legendary eateries, trendy new cafes, ice cream parlors, and national and international Quick Service Restaurants (QSRs) across Rajbagh, Hazratbal and Lal Chowk areas of Srinagar. More than 75 restaurants in the city are already available on the food ordering and delivery platform and Swiggy hopes to serve customers across Srinagar soon.

"Srinagar is synonymous with rich, wholesome and flavourful food," said Sidharth Bhakoo, VP of Food Marketplace, Swiggy. "The restaurant scene here is a perfect mix of traditional and fast food, making it a food lover's paradise. From Kashmiri Wazwan to Pizza, foodies in the city can enjoy food from the finest neighborhood restaurants on Swiggy with just a touch of a button."

Over the years, Swiggy has become the go-to destination for food delivery in India by bringing convenience, choice,

reliability and a great food-ordering experience. Known for its reliable delivery, Swiggy helps users with easier discovery of food and restaurants, personalized suggestions, faster order placement, and a seamless ordering and tracking experience. Recognizing Srinagar's love for food and its fast-changing tastes, Swiggy now brings its signature offerings to the city.

Swiggy will deliver numerous benefits to both restaurants and foodies in Srinagar. All Swiggy One members will enjoy benefits such as free delivery and zero surge charges.

Swiggy for Food lovers: Swiggy connects foodies with the choicest restaurant options; with over 75 of the best restaurants in the city, including Le Delice, Books and Bricks, Pappa Roti, Shan-E-Kashmir, Krishna Vaishno Dhaba, Wok To Walk, The Grand Kaiser and many more. To ensure consumers have access to the best restaurants in the city, Swiggy will deliver from a wider radius of as much as 8 km and also offer multiple payment options. Consumers can not only order from these restaurants without any restrictions on the minimum order value but also track their orders live on the Swiggy app.

Swiggy for Restaurants: Swiggy provides city restaurants with the tools and technology to reach new customers across Srinagar. In addition to driving order volumes through the platform, partner restaurants can strengthen their delivery services, brand equity and recall value by coming on to Swiggy.

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Earphones, Strolls

carrying almost 30,000 passengers, including students and employees, on the 137-kilometer Baramulla-Banihal sector.

"Most of the railway casualties are genuine cases of carelessness," SaqibYousuf, Chief Area Manager Srinagar, Northern Railways, told Kashmir Observer.

"Despite repeated warnings, people casually walk on these railway tracks unmindful about train timings and speed. It's an offense to walk on tracks. People should understand that."

Besides counseling people, Saqib said, railway authorities have always stressed upon the train drivers to use whistling more frequently especially in critical areas.

"Many of the victims were hit by a train as they were wearing earphones and carrying mobiles in their hands," the railway officer said.

"People have to act responsibly to keep such incidents at bay in future as it is not possible to deploy manpower all along the tracks."

Mercury Falls

skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, the official said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at minus 0.1°C against 0.8°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 0.1°C above normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 10.7°C against 11.7°C on the previous night. It was 1.6°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 4.8°C (1.8°C above normal), Batote 4.0°C (1.3°C below normal), Katra 10.6°C (0.1°C below normal) and Bhandarwah 1.6°C (0.8°C below normal).

In Ladakh's Drass, the world's second coldest place after Siberia, the minimum temperature settled at minus 12.2°C

While mainly dry weather has been forecast till Friday, the MeT office said on November 19th (late afternoon) to 20th November (morning), light rain/snow is expected over many places of Kashmir Division especially over higher reaches and plains of Kupwara, Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal and parts of Srinagar and Budgam districts. "Mostly dry weather is expected over the Jammu division during next 1 week."

Police Warns

a case and launched an investigation in view of the threats issued to journalists.

On Thursday PTI quoting intelligence sources reported that the threat letter may have originated from Turkey.

The report named Mukhtar Baba and said he was suspected as a "mas-terminid" behind the threats.

Baba used to work for various newspapers in Kashmir. He was a resident of Srinagar in the 1990s and is believed to be now living in Turkey, it said.

"Baba is suspected to be in touch

with six associates in the Valley, and two of them have been identified", it added.

J&K Polls Will

said they will be held at the right time.

"DDC elections were held in a wonderful manner and because of those elections so much good work is happening. You won't write about the development, you will only harp on about elections.

"Those elections will happen in time because the dates have not been announced yet," he said.

'People Of Kashmir

come that they need love, care and relief. The Modi government is working on it, that is why I visited Harde Kichru village in Anantnag," Rijiju said.

"We have made a provision to have special courts for trial of heinous crimes like rape, murder and other such crimes and we brought criminal amendment bill in year 2018," he said.

A road map for fast track courts besides fast track special courts under POC SO Act has been made so that perpetrators will be dealt with strictly, he said.

"Our aim is to make the law of the land very strong so that if any crime takes place whosoever be the perpetrator, law will deal with them strictly," he added.

Rijiju said the aim of the government is to benefit people so that every scheme reaches people at their doorsteps. "It is being ensured that everybody gets equal rights and nobody will be spared if anybody will play mischief," he added.

Land Allotment

Managing Director Smita Sethi on Thursday. These allotted units include 462 in Kashmir valley and 124 in Jammu region. These units were granted 500 to 600 acres of land in dozens of industrial estates set up by J&K government.

Of these 423 units were given allotment of lands by J&K Small Scale Industries Development Corporation Limited (SICOP) and 163 by SIDCO.

"As per record 586 allottees (of Industrial units) have not given any response and are liable for cancellation in terms of Jammu & Kashmir Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30 despite repeated notices", Sethi said in final and show-cause notice for cancellation of the allotment order.

The notice further said that as per the directions of administrative department of Industries and Commerce on November 4, 2022, a final notice of 15 days is being served to all the (389) allottees from the date of issuance of this notice, who did not respond to earlier notices, to deposit the payment and complete formalities.

"Failing which it shall be presumed that they have nothing to say in their defence and the allotment order shall be deemed to have been cancelled or withdrawn ab-initio, if no convincing response is received during this period", Sethi said.

She further said that in accordance with procedural guidelines to the Jammu & Kashmir industrial land allotment policy, 30 days notice was served upon the unit holders, who failed to deposit the payment and complete the requisite formalities.

"Additionally a show cause notice of seven days and final notice of five days was also served through email. They again failed to deposit the due amount and complete the necessary formalities", MD said.

"There are 4500 applications in queue for grant of allotment in setting up units in J&K. If they don't respond, there are others in the queue", Sethi told PTI.

These units are bringing an investment of over Rs 3,000 crores and generating a job market of 7,000.

As per the notice SIDCO and SICOP issued land allotments or letter of intent (LOIs) in terms of Industrial Policy 2021-30 in compliance to the approval accorded by high level land allotment committee in its first meeting held on July 1, 2021 & December 30, 2021.

As per terms and conditions of allotment orders, the allottees were required to deposit the land premium, execute lease deed and complete other formalities within 60 days time frame from the date of issuance of said allotment order. However some unit holders have failed to deposit the due amount & complete the necessary formalities within the stipulated time period, Sethi said.

Jammu & Kashmir Land Allotment Policy, 2021-30 provides land allotment process and envisages that in case of non-execution of lease deed, including non-payment of payable premium, even after the expiry of notice period, the land allotment shall be cancelled by the concerned industrial development corporation immediately, she said.

As per the procedural guidelines, allotment policy provide that in case of failure on the part of allottees to make total payment towards premium within stipulated time from the date of allotment letter, violation of any condition of the lease deed, failure to come into production within stipulated time, among others, the concerned estates officer shall immediately take necessary action for determination of the lease deed and eviction of the allottees under the said act and rules made there under.

Jammu and Kashmir has received investment proposals worth Rs 31,000 crore and has notified a new central sector scheme worth Rs 28,400 crore which is likely to provide employment to over 4.5 lakh people, the Rajya Sabha was informed in December last year.

MoS Home Nityanand Rai said that the government has received investment proposals worth approximately Rs 31,000 crore.

Poonch Student

over to the police. A case under section 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code

has been registered at the Civil Lines police station, officials said.

The students of the technical college boycotted classes in protest.

According to the AMU Proctor Syed Waseem Ali, the centenary gate has been reopened after the students were persuaded to withdraw their blockade and were assured that strong action will be taken against anyone found guilty after the due process of investigation is carried out.

Singh has been suspended with immediate effect and the university campus has been declared out of bounds for him, pending further inquiry, he said.

Police patrolling at the entry points at the AMU campus has been intensified as a precautionary measure, he said.

Agriculture, Farmers

assembly of farmers, industry, entrepreneurs, experts will help in developing linkages between various stakeholders to benefit the farming community.

"Kisan Mela will showcase and deliberate upon the theme of diversification in agriculture which is not only important for assured income to our farming community but also in making agriculture systems more sustainable in the future," the LG said.

Underscoring that agriculture and farmers remain the top priority of the government, the LG said that in last two years, an enabling environment has been created for transforming agri & allied sectors in order to increase farmer income, ensure food security and accelerate UT's economic growth.

Appreciating the Apex Committee for formulating a future strategy for small and medium-sized farms to ensure access to more profitable markets with reduced cost of farm inputs, Sinha said the holistic development is aimed at IT interventions, infusion of capital, value addition, processing, branding & marketing of agricultural produce supported by agri-business innovations to create employment.

"Prime Minister has assured all possible cooperation and support from the Central Government in implementing the recommendations and projects proposed by the Apex Committee," he added.

On the occasion, the LG initiated the functioning of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Ramban and Kishtwar districts, virtually.

"With the operationalization of Krishi Vigyan Kendras at Ramban and Kishtwar today, all districts of Jammu Division now have functional KVKs dedicated towards conducting quality research and ensuring extension services," the LG said.

He said that the admin's integrated approach with the focus on efficient use of bio-resources for food, feed and industry will be able to tackle challenges arising out of globalization and climate change.

"We are determined to transform subsistence agriculture into sustainable commercial agriculture economy

with emphasis on ecosystem services and restoration & sustainable utilization of biodiversity," Sinha added.

Hails JKRLM,

Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (Umeed) and Meesho, India's fastest-growing internet commerce company here at Raj Bhavan on Thursday, an official spokesperson said.

The MoU is aimed to support the growth of 1,800 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by providing them an online platform to launch and grow their business and empower the rural women entrepreneurs.

Congratulating women entrepreneurs of SHGs and Meesho officials on the occasion, the LG said that the partnership will help in building lives and livelihood for rural communities and provide greater access to economic activities, financial independence to rural women entrepreneurs.

"The partnership of Rural Livelihoods Mission and E-commerce giant Meesho is a significant step in making niche products of Jammu and Kashmir available to the wider customer base, providing SHGs global market to grow their business, and making them Aatma-Nirbhar," Sinha said.

The LG said the partnership will also provide an opportunity to both JKRLM & Meesho to scale up rural enterprises from grass root to large scale and bring the change in rural women's lives.

He also highlighted the efforts of the government for promoting women entrepreneurship by building strong grassroots institutions that can foster enduring transformation.

"For the last two years, we have been working towards re-imagining the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir and providing a strong market linkage and e-commerce platforms to exploit the potential of artisans. About 5.5 lakh women are associated with more than 64,000 SHGs and almost every panchayat has two women entrepreneurs today," the LG said.

"Greater access to economic activities for women entrepreneurs has made these Self Help Groups the backbone of the rural economy. Today's MoU will ensure the selected members of our Self Help Groups are empowered and their true potential is fully realized," he added.

The LG asserted that J&K has abundant talent in handicraft, and through this cooperation, the administration will be able to empower a large number of women which in turn will empower the community as well as the Union Territory.

The spokesperson said that JKRLM Umeed and Meesho have already identified products created by these SHGs that can be sold on the online platform, such as Chabhari and Bina grass items, papier-mâché, essential oils, woolens and crewl embroidered products, made across J&K.

He said that Sanjeev Barnwal, co-Founder and CTO, Meesho, said that the women entrepreneurs are a key

growth engine of India's economy and Meesho has empowered lakhs of them to succeed in the online world.

"We are privileged to work with Umeed-JKRLM and the J&K Government to further our mission of democratizing e-commerce," Barnwal said.

"Through this partnership, we hope to amplify our efforts in that direction and enable these Self-Help groups from J&K realize their full potential. We will provide them with all the tools and guidance they need to grow their business online with Meesho," he added.

Govt Orders Probe

his/her office on the ground of abuse of his powers or of habitual failure to perform his duties.

"Provided that no removal of the president or vice-president shall be notified unless the matter has been enquired into by an officer, appointed by the government and the president or vice-president, as the case may be, has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard," the law states.

Earlier this year, the government removed president Municipal Committee, Awantipora, Bilal Ahmad Bhat on the grounds of abusing his official position—(KN0)

Mughal Road

had been closed for nearly four days after fresh snowfall around Pir Ki Gali, reported news agency GNS

DySP Traffic Rajouri-Poonch Range, Aftab Bukhari confirmed the opening of the road for traffic.

Engineer Falls

after an FIR was registered under section 7 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in Police Station ACB on the basis of a complaint.

Retired ZEO

ZEO succumbed to his injuries. Two of the injured were referred to the GMC, Jammu for advanced treatment.

Meanwhile, Police have arrested the accused and recovered the weapon of offense.

2 Pvt Labs, Two

clinics are running their business without provisional registration certificate as required under Clinical Establishment Act.

The team headed by SDM Thathri sealed the four establishments. Further, the CMO asked all the laboratories, nursing homes and other like establishments to apply online for provisional registration certificate under Clinical Establishment act, if not obtained yet, to avoid legal action under rules.

Search Operation

and Police launched a search operation in the village that falls in Chadoora town of the district.

The door-to-door searches were underway when this report was being filed.

Kashmiri Journalist Bags Humanitarian Award For Covid Work

Press Trust Of India

NEW YORK: An Indian journalist has been honoured with a humanitarian award here for his work and efforts in helping scores of people impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly during the deadly second wave in India.

Danish Manzoor Bhat, originally hailing from Kashmir Valley, was honoured with Jaipur Foot USA's first Global Humanitarian Award this week at a ceremony held at the Consulate General of India in New York.

The award has been constituted to honour and recognise "selfless work of Indians" who went above and beyond to help those in need during the difficult years of the pandemic.

Bhat is the Editorial Director, Asia and Senior Vice President Editorial and News Innovation at Newsweek. The award was presented to Bhat by Consul General Randhir Jaiswal and Jaipur Foot USA Chairman Prem

Bhandari, a press release by Jaipur Foot USA said.

The release added that during the hardest initial days of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bhat helped over 300 patients and tele-triaged 460 patients in need.

Through social media, he connected the most needy patients with beds, ICUs, hospitals, critical medicines and ambulances.

The release added that in Karnataka, Bhat's unique initiatives like #BengaluruHeals and #SakOximeter gained momentum and helped thousands of Covid patients and their families in need.

He collected and distributed more than 1000 oximeters in Bengaluru to those who couldn't afford them, bringing these essential supplies to the doorsteps of patients. His efforts also ensured that these oximeters were kept in rotation enabling more patients to use them.

He also supports 'Rescuing Indians', a not-for-profit that helps Indians stranded overseas.

Developed, Prosperous J&K Is PM's Dream: Minister



Observer News Service

KUPWARA: Union Minister of State for Petroleum, Natural Gas, Labour and Employment, Rameshwar Teli Thursday said that the benefits of developmental initiative of Union Government have been percolating down at gross root level in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir including far flung Kupwara district.

The Minister, who reached here for a day long visit under Union Government's Outreach programme, said this during a well attended function at Galizoo, in the out skirts of Kupwara Town.

The Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a dream to make Jammu and Kashmir a developed and prosperous UT, adding that the outreach programme envisages to look after the implementation of Union Government's developmental schemes and welfare programmes at ground level.

He urged upon the people to take advantage of the schemes of the Government. He said administration is making all possible efforts to saturate the central sponsored people friendly schemes.

The Minister said that Kupwara is a very beautiful place with abundant scope for development of tourism sector. He assured the people that he will take up the matter with Tourism Ministry at union level. He said other issues will also be discussed with concerned Ministries.

The Deputy Commissioner

Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray also spoke at the occasion and welcomed the Minister. He also gave a detailed brief regarding saturation of government schemes during the recently concluded ambitious B2V4 programme.

The Vice Chairman DDC also spoke and projected the developmental issues of the district.

Earlier, on his arrival at Galizoo, the Minister inspected various stalls displayed by different departments and interacted with the stall owners.

He took keen interest with the local items displayed on the occasion and asked the concerned to involve more and more youth with the entrepreneurship and self employment programmes.

He also distributed various benefits including Golden Health Card, Soil Health card, E-Shram cards and sanction letters under PMEGP among the beneficiaries. He also distributed cheques among various specially abled persons. The Minister handed over keys of commercial vehicles among 5 youth under Mumkin Scheme to enable them to earn their livelihood.

The Minister also inaugurated Indoor Sports Complex at Sports Stadium, Galizoo. The Complex was completed at a cost of Rs.1 crore. The Indoor Stadium is meant for sports activities to boost the physical activities of the youth of Kupwara especially during the winter season. The Minister himself participated in the game of badminton.

The Minister also inaugurated Power Receiving Station worth Rs. 538 lakh at Galizoo. The Station will benefit Kupwara Town, Zangli and Salkoot areas and also relieve existing 2x10 MVA Receiving Station Tikker.

The Minister inaugurated E-Shram Registration Camp at same place.

The Minister distributed gas connections under Ujjwala scheme at Galizoo among the deserving women beneficiaries.

The Minister inaugurated Steel Girder Bridge (92 meter Span) at Kanthpora in Lolab Valley of Kupwara district. The bridge, completed at a cost of Rs.635 lakh, will add connectivity to dozens of villages in the area including Putshia, Doniwari, Kanthpora and Peer Mohalla.

In the afternoon, the Minister interacted with DDC Councillors, BDC Chairpersons, PRIs, besides public delegations including senior citizens, Traders Federations, youth Culbs and SHGs at DC Office Complex Kupwara and received feedback regarding implementation of developmental programmes of the Government.

Earlier, the Minister received a detailed feedback from the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara regarding developmental profile of the district. The Deputy Commissioner briefed the Minister about implementation of the development schemes and welfare programmes of the Government.

Govt Forms CS-Led Panel For Implementation, Monitoring SATAT In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Government on Thursday formed a Coordination Committee for implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) in Jammu and Kashmir.

The SATAT Scheme is an initiative by the government of India with the objective of setting up Compressed Biogas production plants, and make it available for market use for automobiles

Headed by Chief Secretary, 11-members committee comprises of Administrative Secretaries of Agriculture Production Department, Housing and Urban Development Department, PWYR&B Department, Power Development Department, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, Science & Technology Department, Rural Development Department, Cooperatives Department, Transport Department and representative of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

The committee has been asked to prepare UT level action plan for SATAT covering plant locations, assessing feedstock availability and Compressed Biogas (CBG) potential and off-take plan.

It has been also tasked with Creation of UT level ecosystem for setting up and associated activities of Compressed Biogas (CBG) projects and Coordination among various stakeholders of SATAT initiative and to implement single window clearance for CBG projects/expediting clearances at central and UT level agencies for establishing CBG projects.

Its terms of reference also include financing of CBG projects, coordination and support as well as bench marking of technology and cost of CBG projects and empanelment of institutions/ technology providers.

It has been also tasked with to create synergy with CGD (City Gas Distribution) entities for marketing of CBG; To create enabling mechanism for establishing biomass/organic waste supply chain for ensuring sustainable supply of biomass/organic waste for CBG projects; To create ecosystem for marketing of FOM (Fermented Organic Manure) and liquid FOM; To provide a platform for stakeholders to discuss issues related to CBG projects and To propose fiscal incentives and initiative for CBG plants. (GNS)

Ganderbal Boy Cracks NEET In 3rd Attempt

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a perfect example of 'never lose hope', a young boy from this central Kashmir's Ganderbal district has qualified for NEET UG 2022 in a third attempt that too through self-studying.

Suhail Ahmad Zargar, son of Manzoor Ahmad Zargar, a resident of Ganderbal, qualified for the coveted exam by securing 605 marks.

Suhail said the hard work and family's support paid off. He specially thanked his parents

and cousin brothers who constantly encouraged him after not being able to crack the test in two previous attempts.

"First of all, I thank Allah Almighty for bestowing me with this success. It is dream come true. After failing twice to crack the NEET, I did not lose hope and worked hard. And Allah helped me," he told a local news agency KNO.

Suhail studied at Boys Higher Secondary School Ganderbal up to 12th standard. Since childhood, he aimed to become a doctor.



Bukhari Thanks People For Attending Apni Party's Grand Rally

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari has extended his gratitude to the people for attending the party's grand rally, which was organized in SK Stadium Srinagar on November 12.

He also hailed the party leaders and senior workers for their efforts to make the grand event successful.

He was addressing an extraordinary meeting at the party headquarters in Sheikh Bagh on Thursday.

According to a press release issued here, while addressing the meeting Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "Apni Party leadership is grateful to the people who came from each and every corner of the Valley to attend the grand rally in Srinagar last week. Personally, I want to extend my gratitude to party leaders and workers who worked hard to ensure a successful event in the capital city."

He added, "The enormous public participation in our rally indicated that people fully support the

Apni Party's agenda, which is to ensure peace, prosperity, and development of Jammu and Kashmir and the political and economic empowerment of its people. The well-attended rally has reinvigorated us further to pursue our goals and people-friendly policies for a better future for J&K."

Bukhari assigned the task of collecting details of detainees in every district to the district presidents of the party. He said, "As we have initiated our efforts to get jailed youth back to their homes and have formed two committees in the Valley and Jammu, all the district presidents must furnish the details about the jailed people from their respective districts."

Urging his party leaders and workers to enhance their political activities and public outreach in order to remain well-connected with people in their respective areas, Bukhari said, "The trust and faith that people have been showing on Apni Party, demands us to be well connected with masses at the

grass root level."

He asked the party leaders and senior workers to remain available in their respective areas to serve the people better during the winter. He said, "Usually, we see people facing tremendous problems during the harsh winter days. Thus, Apni party leaders and senior workers must be available to bring these issues and public grievances to the notice of the concerned officials for quick redressal. Ours is a party of the masses, and people expect our help to get public issues resolved, thus, we ought to fulfill these expectations of the people."

He asked party leaders to boost the party's membership drive in each and every area of J&K and chalk out the plans for the grand public outreach programs and rallies in different areas so that party leadership could reach out to the masses and share their ideas with them.

Bukhari urged the Administration to ensure there are minimum power breakdowns in the Val-

ley during winter. He also expressed his concern over the rise in electricity charges. He appealed to the government not to raise the electricity charges considering the deprived economic condition of the people here.

In the meeting, the leaders discussed the political scenario and certain party issues. Besides Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, the prominent leaders who were present in the meeting included, Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir, Vice President Zaffar Iqbal Manhas, Vice President Javid Mustafa Mir, General Secretary Rafi Ahmad Mir, Additional General Secretary Hilal Ahmad Shah, Provincial President Mohammad Ashraf Mir, Chief Spokesperson Javid Hussain Baigh, State Secretary Muntazir Mohiuddin, Media Advisor Farooq Andrabi, Provincial President Women's Wing Dilshada Shaheen, District Presidents from all the districts in the Valley, In Charges of all the Constituencies, and other leaders.

JD Info Kashmir Condoles Demise Of Sufiana Maestro Saznawaz

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Joint Director Information Kashmir division, Inam-Ul-Haq Siddiqui has condoled the demise of ace Santoor player and Sufiana Maestro of Kashmir, Mushtaq Ahmad Saznawaz, who was also an ex. official of the department after he expired on Thursday following a brief illness.

In this connection, a condolence meet was chaired by the Joint Director at Division Office, Rambagh in which all the officers including Deputy Director (PR), Bilal Mukhtar, Assistant Director, M Aslam Khan, Cultural Officer, Burhan Hussain and employees participated.

The officers and employees expressed deep sorrow and grief over the demise of Mushtaq Ahmad Saznawaz who retired from government services a few months before. On the occasion, the participants also highlighted his contributions in the department and the field of music and said that his death is a great loss to the entire Valley.

Western Air Commander Inaugurates IAF School Building In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The western air Commander, Air Marshal Sreekanth Prabhakaran on Thursday inaugurated the new complex of the Indian Air Force (IAF) school here, officials said.

Flanked by Rekha Prabhakaran, president of Air Force Wives Welfare Association (Regional), air officer commanding-in-chief (AOC-in-C), Western Air Command visited IAF station at Jammu on Thursday, a defence spokesperson said.

The IAF station houses 130 helicopter units known as 'The condors', which was formed in 1988.

During his visit to the IAF station, Prabhakaran inaugurated the new school building, he said.

The spokesperson said the new building is equipped with both modern and contemporary facilities developed with an aim to establish it as a 'centre of excellence' to provide technology-driven quality education to the students the wards of Air Force personnel and civilians.

On this occasion, the parents of Flight Lieutenant Advitiya Bal graciously instituted the 'Flight Lieutenant Advitiya Bal rolling trophy' for the best all-rounder, which was unveiled by Rekha Prabhakaran.

Govt. Of Jammu & Kashmir (U.T)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD(R&B) DIVISION VAILOO

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No. 162/ 7768-77of R&B/Vailoo/ 2022-2023/e-tendering/ DATED:16/11/2022

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory J&K e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. in form of Treasury challen / Receipt (in Rs)	Earnest Money (2% of Adv. Cost) (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Project Intending Department	Class of Contractor	Major Head of account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	C/O Compost pits in 05 Government Schools within the limits of MC Achabal: 1) GMS Jogigund 2) GHS Achabal 3) GMS Rehmatnabad 4) Girls High School Achabal 5) GMS Cheki Achabal	1.60	200	3200	15 days	MC Achabal	DEE Class	14 th FC Grants

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16.11.2022						
2.	Period of Downloading of bidder documents.	From	17.11.2022					
3.	Bid submission Start Date	From	17.11.2022					
4.	Bid Submission End Date	To	23.11.2022					
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	24.11.2022 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division vailoo						

1.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/ challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division vailoo (Head-0059) (tender inviting authority) and Earnest Money for 2% of Advertised Cost in shape of CDR/ FDR only, Pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division vailoo (tender receiving authority) (Name of work to be mentioned on the Treasury receipt, challan)(Refer Govt. order No. A/ 24(2017)-65 DT: 07.06.2018 & Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Ang/Kul 's No. 3867-70 dated: 04.08.2018 (The date of Treasury receipt / Challan should be between the date of start of bid end Bid submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Vailoo (Tendering Inviting Authority) . 3% Performance Security of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/ FDR by the Successful bidder. Minimum of Two bids are necessary to decide L-1 bidder in case of Contractors.

2.

The 1st Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of allotted cost as performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR within 07 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of defective liability period of the work

3.

The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance Security.

4.

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 in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division vailoo (tender receiving authority).

5.

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

6.

The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-

a.

Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

b.

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c.

Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

7.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

7.1.

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

7.2.

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

7.3.

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

6.4.

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

6.5.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including earnest Money and tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid

The Earnest money in favour of unsuccessful / Non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of Tender document Fee in original,

15.

All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate from concerned Chief Engineer/ Superintending Engineer of Enlistment Registration card.

16.

All the Bidders should upload the latest Renewal side of Registration cards.

17.

All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

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Dated: -17/11/2022
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Sd/-
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PWD(R&B) Division Vailoo

NZ vs IND: 1st T20I Today

Press Trust of India

WELLINGTON: India will aim to shed their archaic playing style for good with the help of a "young and fearless" bunch in the three-match T20I series against New Zealand, beginning here on Friday.

With the next T20 global event two years away, India have enough time to identify and groom the players for an attack-at-all costs approach displayed by England.

Hardik Pandya, who could lead the team in the next T20 showpiece, will be captaining the side in Rohit Sharma's absence.

Stand-in head coach VVS Laxman has indicated that the management will be keen to add only T20 specialists to meet the requirement of the modern game.

India also need an express pace bowler alongside Jasprit Bumrah and on that front Umran Malik seems to



be their best bet.

New Zealand, on the other hand, will field a near full-

strength side under Kane Will-

mson's leadership.
Match starts 12 PM IST.

J&K Outclassed By Punjab In Vijay Hazare

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K senior men's cricket team on Thursday suffered an eight wicket loss to Punjab at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy.

The J&K side came into the match on the back of three consecutive victories in the one-day tournament. However, they were totally outclassed by Punjab after being put into bat first.

The J&K side lost wickets at regular intervals, and would have been bowled out for a lowly total hadn't it been for Shubham Khajuria 72 (78) and Shubham Pundir 58* (74) who held the fort to take J&K to a respectable 227/10 in 47.3 overs. For Punjab, Baltej Singh and Harpreet Brar took 3 wickets each.

In reply, the Punjab side cruised to victory in just 28.4 overs. Amolpreet Singh, who was recently released by Mumbai Indians, scored a blistering 101* (63) balls to lead his side to victory. Aquib Nabi and Yudhvir Singh took 1 wicket each for J&K.

J&K now sits second in the Elite Group D with 12 points from 4 matches. Punjab tops the group with 12 points from 3 matches. J&K will next face Odisha on November 19.

IUST VC's Employees Cricket Tournament Begins



Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: Prof. Shakil A Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST on Thursday inaugurated the 3rd Vice Chancellor's Cricket Tournament, along with Inter Department Cricket Tournament (Men and Women), at Islamic University of Science and Technology. The event organised by the Directorate of Physical Education & Sports, IUST will run from Nov. 17 - 30, 2022.

Vice Chancellor said that such events are important to ensure the overall development of personality and help in mitigat-

ing the pressures that individuals battle on daily basis. He appreciated the participation of women's teams and emphasized that sports engender camaraderie and team spirit, and should form an inseparable part of our daily routine. He wished the players the best and emphasized playing the game in a good but competitive spirit.

A total of 24 teams (10 staff and 14 student teams) will be participating in the two tournaments. Present on the occasion were Dean Academic Affairs, Registrar, Dean Research, Finance Officer, other Officers, Students, Faculty, and Staff members.

World Cup: 'Iran's Focus On Playing, Not Political Issues'

Agencies

DOHA: Iranian soccer player Alireza Jahanbakhsh said on Thursday that the focus of the team at the World Cup in Qatar will be on the competition, not political issues related to the nationwide protests in the country.

Asked at a news conference whether the players would chant Iran's national anthem during the world's biggest soccer event, winger Jahanbakhsh said "celebration and chanting the anthem is a personal decision and we are trying not to make a big deal out of it".



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Ref. No. CSK/DCC-66/2022-23/1721

Dated:-15-Nov-2022

Subject: -

Notice for inviting tenders for Anti Cancer Drugs and other related supportive drugs etc.

(TENDER NOTICE)

- Sealed tenders in two cover bid system affixed with **Rs.10/-** Revenue Stamps are invited for and on behalf of Chairman Cancer Society of Kashmir from Manufacturers/Firms/Companies/Stockists/Authorised distributors for one year W.e.f. date of approval of rate contract which must reach this office by or before **01-12-2022** for the following groups.

Group-A Anticancer Drugs

Annexure A

Group-B Colostomy / Urostomy / ileostomy Bags

Annexure B

Group-C Surgical Items / Supportive Drugs

Annexure C

- The tenders should be accompanied with Earnest Money Deposit for Group "A" of **Rs. 1.00 lac**, for Group "B" **Rs, 60,000/-** & for Group "C" **Rs, 10,000/-** in shape of **CDR/FDR** to be drawn on any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank pledged to the Cancer Society of Kashmir. Without which tenders shall not be entertained.
- The tenders should be addressed to the Chairman Cancer Society of Kashmir 4-Baghi Islam Colony Lalnagar Chanapora.
- Tenders should invariably be submitted in two Bid System containing two parts as detailed below:-

Part I ----- Techno Commercial Bid in separate sealed cover

Part II ----- Price Bid/Financial Bid for all groups in another sealed cover.

Both sealed covers to be put in outer cover.

- Detailed tender notice along with list of drugs can be had from **CSK** office on all working days from **10:00 Am to 04:00 Pm.**
- Authorised distributor shall enclose copy of authorisation letter of the concerned company.
- CSK** reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/tenders without assigning any reason thereof. On acceptance of tender and its communication to the successful tenderer, the same shall be binding upon the successful tenderer with immediate effect.

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